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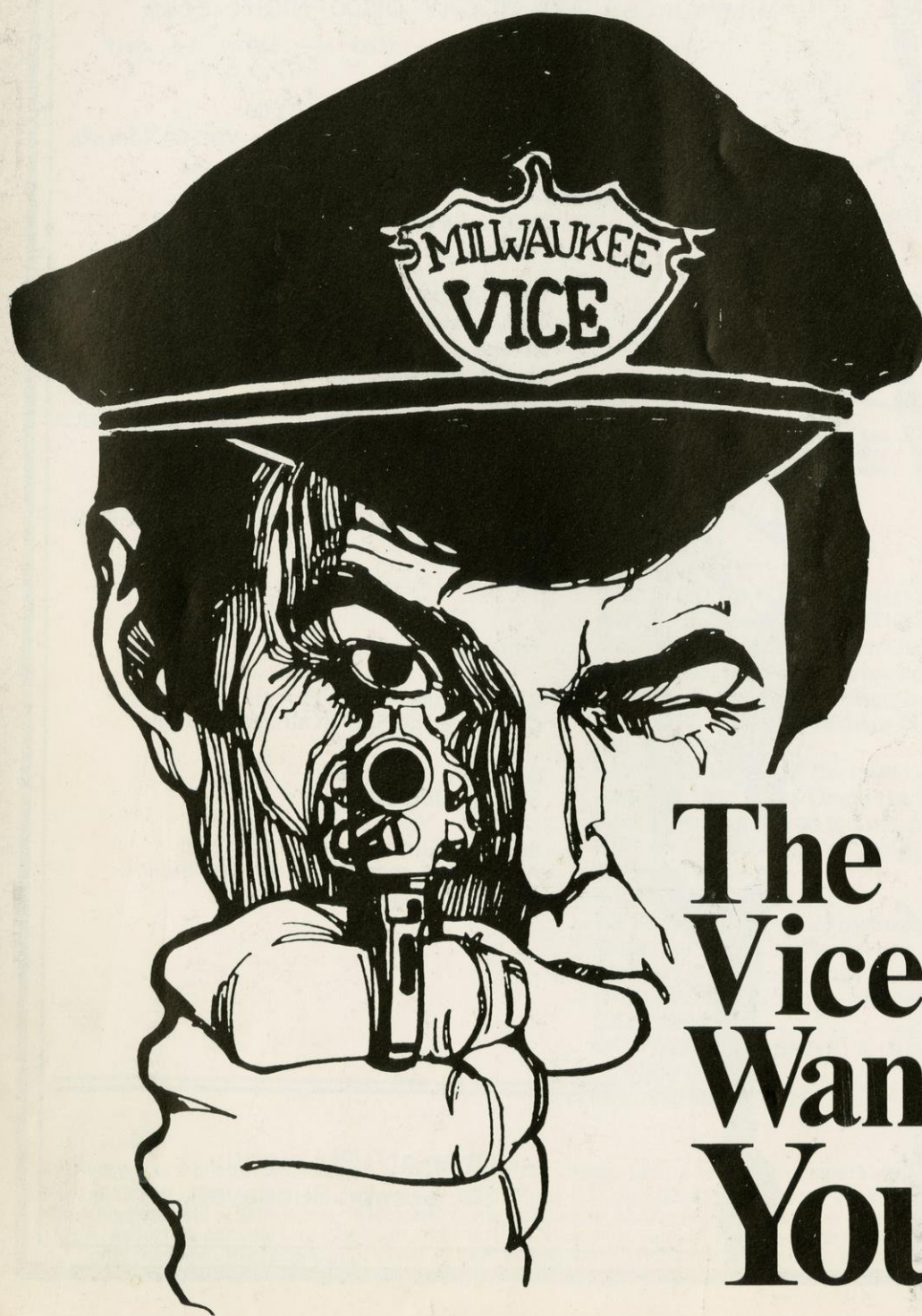
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BRIGGS FILES PETITIONS

San Francisco, CA—A ten-month threat of anti-gay legislation appearing on California's statewide ballot in November became a reality in June when Senator John Briggs filed his anti-gay school worker bill here. Shortly after filing the initiative (which contained 1,000 signatures) in San Francisco, Briggs flew to Los Angeles to file petitions of 300,000 signatures, and on to San Diego with petitions containing almost 100,000 names. These must be checked and certified by the Secretary of State, and must contain a minimum of 312,000 valid signatures.

As reported in the last issue of GPU NEWS, the Briggs bill would ban gay workers in California schools, and permit school boards to fire nongay employees who "advocate" either gay lifestyles or the passage of gay rights legislation. Even if the initiative should appear on the November ballot, its constitutionality may be questioned and it is opposed by many conservatives throughout the state. Ray Carlson, a San Francisco police officer, has urged defeat of the initiative in the **Policeman**, the usually conservative official publication of the San Francisco Police Officers Association.



John Briggs

As a result of his dismally low standing in the polls, Briggs also announced in June his withdrawal from the Republican gubernatorial primary in favor of former L.A. Police Chief Ed Davis. Davis reiterated his own opposition to the Briggs' initiative.

The scrambled financial report of Briggs' now-defunct gubernatorial campaign reveals substantial financing by a number of financial institutions, including the San Francisco Bank of London and one of the largest gas companies, Atlantic Richfield (ARCO).

Many of the listings on the reports are illegible, incomplete, and fail to comply with the law by not listing the employers of the donors. Briggs also reports large donations by himself and family members to his own campaign committees.

ARCO's contribution to Briggs' campaign were in excess of \$2,000. A boycott of ARCO and its affiliates has been announced by the Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights and the L.A.-based Lincoln Republican Club, as well as a number of California gay-rights organizations. Many of these are urging that gay people and their supporters return their ARCO credit cards.

Meanwhile incumbent Governor Jerry Brown has had several meetings with dozens of gay leaders in Los Angeles. Brown was almost denied the endorsement of the powerful California Democratic Council in March because the Gay Caucus there was disturbed about his failure to speak out on gay issues. According to gay representatives who were at the meetings with Governor Brown, he was not only well-versed in recent gay legislative activities and defeats, but has also promised to speak out against the Briggs initiative and other anti-gay campaigns.

GPU NEWS GRANT

Milwaukee, WI—The Executive Board of Liberation Publications, Inc., of Wisconsin announced in June the acceptance of a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000. The grant is provided by an anonymous individual donor, and is earmarked for provision of a one-year subscription to GPU NEWS for each legislator in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly, and each Senator and Representative from Wisconsin in Washington.

The staff of GPU NEWS has desired for some time to provide subscriptions to legislators as a source of information for them. This has not been possible on a complimentary basis, since GPU NEWS is a second-class permit mailer and the U.S. Postal Regulations prohibit general distribution of complimen-

tary copies by permit mailers.

The paid subscriptions have begun with this July issue, and will continue through the June, 1979 issue. A letter announcing the grant and subscription has been sent to each legislator. The letter notes in closing: "While we realize that not all legislators find themselves in sympathy with specific aims characteristic of the gay community locally or nationally, we are also convinced that most legislators will feel obligated to be responsibly informed of issues which effect or are of interest to a definite portion of their own constituency. . . It is our own moral conviction that informed disagreement and discussion are central components of the democratic process which we all, gay and nongay alike, value."

NOW AWARDS

Tampa, FL—The winners of the annual "barefoot and pregnant" awards given out by the Tampa Chapter of the National Organization for Women go to none other than the Florida Citrus Commission and the Tampa Vice Squad. NOW says that these groups have done the most during 1978 to denigrate women and "continue their second class status".

The Tampa Vice Squad was cited for "faithfully maintaining the double standard" by faithfully arresting women prostitutes and ignoring their male customers. The Citrus Commission was cited for ducking and backstepping the controversial Anita Bryant's bigoted anti-gay crusade.

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DEFEAT IN EUGENE?

Eugene, OR—Voters of this liberal Oregon city voted on May 23 to repeal its six-month old gay rights ordinance. In a 50% voter turnout, 22,898 voted for repeal, and 13,427 for retention (63% vs. 37%). The voter turnout was actually less than expected: the last statewide primary drew 55%.

Members of the Eugene Citizens for Human Rights expressed both disappointment with the outcome of the vote and satisfaction with other effects of the campaign, which began with six months of telephone campaigning and culminated with 600 volunteers going door-to-door the day before the vote. ECHR representatives noted that many nongays expressed for the first time staunch support for gays, and many gay persons came out publicly for the first time.

A precinct itemization of votes shows that university and liberal precincts voted 80% against repeal, while the precincts where

lumber mill and cannery workers live registered 80% for repeal. While there are 16,000 students on the Eugene campus, only 3,000 of them voted. This accounts for some of the difference between the polls taken before election (which announced a close vote) and the actual election results.

Coalitions supporting gay rights included young and old, black and white, and persons from wide economic and social strata as well. The city's normally-conservative newspaper, the **Eugene Register-Guard**, opposed repeal and ran several positive articles on gay persons and their lifestyles also. Gay activists are also happy with the outcome of the race for the state legislature. All of the pro-gay-rights incumbents were re-elected, and three incumbents on record against gay rights were ousted by others on record as favorable. In the city election one more gay-rights supporter was elected to the city council, giving

the pro-gay side an edge of 6 to 2. Oregon's gay organizations plan to push heavily for a state rights bill in 1979, and hope that the discussions and strategies in the Eugene referendum will assist in that project.

In reporting the referenda in Wichita and St. Paul in the June issue of GPU NEWS, mention was made of an ongoing referendum attempt by an anti-gay organization in Seattle. The status of the referendum petition is not yet known, and the final filing deadline is July 24.

The next gay-rights battle may be taking shape in Madison, WI, where a group of right-wing fundamentalists led by the Rev. Wayne Dillabaugh (pastor of the North Port Baptist Church). Dillabaugh's organization not only wants to repeal Madison's rights ordinance, but also to publish the names of any gay people holding elected offices in the state government. Dillabaugh noted that the entire community "is tired of their liberal policies and their sexual perversion."

A support coalition has been formed in Madison, and has held several meetings there at St. Francis Episcopal Church. The coalition will work with a new organization, Madison Gay Men and Lesbians United, in efforts to educate the public and combat the anti-rights organization. The **Milwaukee Journal** has already made its stand on gay rights clear. In an article published in May and entitled "A Matter of Human Rights", the Journal said, "The right of private sexual preference among consenting adults should be considered inherent". The editorial then went on to suggest that Dillabaugh's threatened crusade in Madison "could produce an ugly McCarthy-like atmosphere" throughout the state. The editorial was ironic because Wisconsin is McCarthy's home-state, and Milwaukee has no gay rights ordinance whatever.

GAY MORMONS

Denver, CO—Gay Mormons United (GMU), a new organization for active, inactive, and excommunicated members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, organized during the Salt Lake City Conference on Human Rights. S. Matthew Price, National Director of GMU, stated: Before organizing ourselves, we were a small close-knit group on the campus of Brigham Young University. But after hearing about all the suicides taking place, we decided to come out. Since our formation, membership has seemed to skyrocket."

In order to avoid church oppression, the group immediately moved its national headquarters from Salt Lake City to Denver. Price reports that, since their coming out individually and as a group, quite a few members have expressed their own feelings of pressure and even of personal concern for their safety.

Officially, the Mormon church's response to gayness in any form is excommunication. At Brigham Young University, there is also pressure placed upon students to act as "informants" on any other students who are suspected of being gay or of sympathizing with gays. Because of the network of student informants and other covert activities of Mormon officials, GMU has placed its mailing list in a Denver bank safe deposit box. The organization also guarantees strict confidentiality to those who write for information or are placed on the mailing list.

Local chapters of Gay Mormons United are also presently being formed. For further information on these, or on the national organization, inquiries should be addressed to: Gay Mormons United, Box 9638, Denver, CO 80209. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

FRENCH RAPE CASE

Aix-En-Provence, France—A landmark rape case, which has been in French courts for over three years, has concluded with the imprisonment of three local men for terms ranging from four to six years. It marks the first case in French jurisprudence in which rape victims succeeded in being heard by the criminal court which considers serious crimes. Although a felony under the law, rape cases rarely come to trial in France; and, when they do, charges are often reduced to the misdemeanor of assault and battery.

Defense strategists in rape cases usually utilize the doctrine of im-

plied consent; but the two Belgian women who were plaintiffs are open lesbians, which enabled their attorney to nullify this defense.

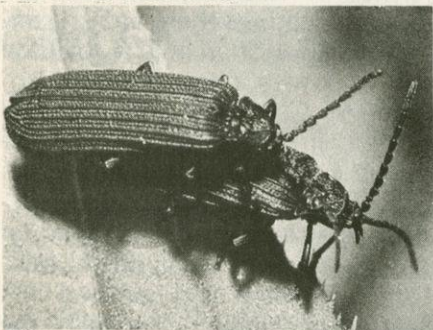
The trial, which concluded in May, provided a confrontation between French feminists and prevailing anti-feminist attitudes in Provence. There was nationwide publicity throughout France, two days of demonstrations, and star witnesses were flown in from Paris. Local men perpetrated violence against the plaintiffs and their families, and threatened and struck women journalists, lawyers, and spectators. A primary focus of hostility was Gisele Halimi, the well-

known attorney whose victory in another landmark case led to legalized abortion in France.

When defense arguments based on implied consent were overturned, the defense focused on the cultural gap between the accused men (whom their own lawyers described as "imbiciles") and their ignorance of lesbianism. This led to the presentation of data on lesbian lifestyles and sexuality, which defense attorneys hoped to use against the women. "We're in Provence," said one attorney, "These men are not capable of understanding the psychology of such women." The jury disagreed.

MILWAUKEE VICE RAID

Milwaukee, WI—On June 31, the Milwaukee Vice Squad staged a surprise after-hours raid on the Milwaukee County Zoo. The raid was the result of several weeks of undercover surveillance by several vice officers disguised as pelicans. Evidence of illegal and immoral goings-on in the rhino cages was turned up during the surveillance, which was reported in the June issue of GPU NEWS.



Arrested in the present raid were two Rhesus monkeys, four leopards, three frogs, and an undisclosed number of African beetles who were found hiding in one of the zoo storage rooms during the raid. Though the raid took place in total darkness, four officers have offered sworn testimony that they witnessed many sexual acts before and during the raid.

The two undercover agents were



assisted in the raid and arrests by six additional vice agents, forty-three uniformed officers, eighteen armored tank units, and a division of Chief Briar's Special Forces armed with mortars and automatic rifles.

Arrestees were booked on charges of sexual perversion and beastiality, as well as resisting arrest. The District Attorney has offered reduction of charges to "fouling the footpath" for those willing to plead guilty. Arraignment is scheduled for mid-July before Judge Chris Serafim.

Three days after the announcement was made by several of the beetles and two of the frogs that they would not accept the plea-bargaining offer, police officers arrived at the County Zoo and placed parking tickets on forty of the animal cages.

HOPE CENSORED

White Plains, NY—Maurice Granville, Chairman of the Board of Texaco, and John K. McKinley, Texaco's President, have demanded that Bob Hope eliminate jokes about Anita Bryant from his future scripts. The comedian has recently included a number of jibes at the anti-gay activities of Bryant in his television and stage appearances, which are generally under the sponsorship of Texaco.

A number of gay organizations and individuals have written to Texaco to protest the company's censorship efforts. They claim that Bob Hope's counterpoint to Bryant is a necessary and honest effort to clear away distortions, and that Texaco's suppression of it constitutes one more example of the effective denial of access to the media with which gays have traditionally been plagued. Some gay organizations have begun a campaign to have supporters turn in their Texaco cards in protest.

Letters of protest may be addressed to either or both the Chairman of the Board or the President of Texaco, 2000 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY 10650.

GAY NEWS UPDATE

London, U.K.—Gay News and Editor Denis Lemon have lodged their petitions to the House of Lords for leave to appeal, following the overwhelming vote of readers in favor of carrying on the battle to overturn the blasphemy conviction. Report of the conviction and rejection of preliminary appeal arguments was published in earlier issues of GPU NEWS. A committee of Lords will meet to decide whether the publication may be given leave to appeal. If the appeal is granted, the Law Lords would then set a date for the appeal hearing itself.

At the same time, the Government released in June the results of a secret opinion poll carried out in August of 1977. The report reveals majority public support for an end to discrimination against gays in employment. 65% favored equal rights for gays, and only 19% were opposed. In contrast, a similar poll taken in the U.S. showed only 56% of Americans favoring equal job opportunities, with a whopping 33% opposed. Predictably, the UK poll showed that only gay school teachers came off poorly: 68% opposed, and 22% in favor of the idea. Finally, the British public favors the continued legalization of all sexual relations between consenting adults by a huge majority

of almost 3 to 1. It is here that American gays have a great deal more to worry about than their British counterparts.

The only political party in the UK presently favoring anti-gay legislation openly is the National Front, a neo-Nazi organization. As a result, the **Gay News** appeal has been closely connected to anti-Nazi protests throughout the UK. In late April the big event in London was the Anti-Nazi League's protest against the National Front, which took place in the East End and which was joined by virtually all gay organizations in the UK. The pink triangle, used by the German Nazis to mark the thousands of gays slaughtered in their concentration camps, has become the symbol of the gay wing of the Anti-Nazi League in Britain. The London demonstrations drew over 80,000 protesters.

In a late-breaking press-release received from **Gay News**, GPU NEWS has learned that GN and its Editor, Denis Lemon have been given leave to appeal their case to Lords. Additional good news for GN supporters is that the funds already collected for the GN Defense Fund should be sufficient to pay all additional expenses for the appeal to Lords.

SUPREME COURT REFUSAL

Washington, D.C.—Once again the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a gay-related issue. The justices declined in June to review a decision upholding the constitutionality of a North Carolina law which prohibits "homosexual acts" between consenting adults. The only justices to vote in favor of hearing the issue were Justices William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall (4 votes were required).

The defendant in the case, *Enslin V. Wallford*, was convicted on a charge of sodomy, and challenged the constitutionality of the law,

which describes homosexual acts as "the abominable and detestable crime against nature." Lower federal courts had ruled against the defendant's claim that the law was overly vague and constituted a denial of right to equal protection under the law.

Barbara Levy, Executive Director of the **Lambda Legal Defense Fund**, noted that the Court "has made it clear that it won't touch gay rights with a ten foot pole. When something comes up to them (the justices), they have not accepted the task of making a decision at all."

NOBLE IN SENATE RACE

Boston, MA—Rep. Elaine Noble has formally announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. Speaking to a cheering crowd of over 300 supporters, Noble denounced incumbent Senator Edward Brooke and insisted that she would be able to beat him in the November election.



Elaine Noble announcing her candidacy

Though Noble is an open lesbian, the nine-page press release given to reporters did not use the word "gay" nor refer to gay issues. This is consistent with Noble's oft-stated intentions to conduct her senatorial campaign with no emphasis on her sexuality.

ion at all." The decision not to hear the case, however, sets no precedents, does not mean that the Court views the law as constitutional, and has no legal effect on subsequent appeals.

In light of the Supreme Court's continuing avoidance of gay issues, Lambda Fund will be taking more actions at the state level. Levy noted that most states have constitutions "which include the same rights as the Federal Constitution. We will be challenging sodomy laws at the state level rather than go to the Supreme Court."

ANITA BRYANT UPDATE

Edmonton, Alberta—At the end of April Anita Bryant began her assault of Western Canada, singing and speaking in at least three major prairie cities. Concerned individuals in Edmonton formed a Coalition to Answer Anita Bryant, and staged a number of large demonstrations in April and May. On April 29 a demonstration was held outside the Edmonton Coliseum, where a Bryant rally was being sponsored by the People's Church of Alberta.

Memorial Day saw Bryant back in the U.S., participating in a "youth rally" sponsored by the Word of Life Fellowship in Schroon Lake, New York. Her appearance, accompanied by her husband Bob Green, capped a weekend of assemblies, seminars, and Bible study sessions. The Fellowship's camp is located about 90 miles north of Albany.

After months of speculation, a visit to Australia by Bryant now seems almost certain. **Campaign**, Australia's national gay magazine, reports that Bryant has agreed to "fly down-under" to appear on a nationally televised talk show. The show, which has no sponsors yet, will be made and then sold to TV stations throughout the country. Bryant will be flying via Australia's own Qantas Airlines, which, significantly, is also the target of a gay boycott in Australia because of its advertising support of a number of anti-gay religious crusaders last year.

The news of Bryant's visit has been greeted with shock and dismay by Australia's gay community, which is also planning various anti-Bryant rallies. Dennis Altman, senior lecturer in American Politics at Sydney University and author of **Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation**, said: "It seems that to import someone who has no claim to any sort of expert knowledge on any subject at all. . . , and who has been arraigned before a court in

California on the grounds of inciting people to commit murder, is a very strange person to bring to Australia."

In the meantime, Bryant's campaign and mail solicitations will continue in the U.S. The "Anita Bryant Ministries", which she hopes to open next year in a dozen major cities here, will be a place, according to Bryant, where "drug addicts, homosexuals, girls that are pregnant and lesbians can come and stay for a year to have their spiritual needs met." In addition to the funding of these "spiritual stations", Bryant's group also plans a monthly educational newsletter devoted to tactics for influencing legislation and education in all American communities. The newsletter will deal with "issues of homosexuality, child pornography, sex and violence on television, and prayer taken out of the school." The unsolicited mail pitch which is being sent to thousands throughout the country urges gifts of \$25, \$50, or \$100; and all donors will receive the newsletter when it begins publication.

On the brighter side, Bryant's home town, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has moved to affirm gay rights. In June the Tulsa Human Rights Commission voted to enforce the city's policy of gay rights through educational programs and moves for voluntary compliance. These policy statements were issued instead of a proposed nondiscrimination ordinance; but, unlike the proposed ordinance, they are not subject to referendum repeal or initiative. Dr. Terry Luce, chairperson of the Commission's task force which studied gay rights last year, also stated in a local interview that gay rights are not political, but human rights issues. The policy statement issued in June applies to employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Finally, in Philadelphia, (PA), a food store has revised its advertis-

ing in response to complaints by gay customers. A window display at The Fruit Lady (18th and Walnut Streets) contained an autographed copy of Bryant's **Family Cookbook**, surrounded by Florida oranges. After two days, during which many complaints were received, the display was removed. Chef Richard Hackett, whose copy of the book spurred the controversy, noted: "Obviously any shop on Walnut Street would only do this in jest. If you'd laugh her out of existence, the world would be a lot better off."

PRISON CHANGE

Washington, D.C.—The Federal Bureau of Prisons has issued a policy statement to all prison staff, prohibiting the use of such terms as "homosexual rape" and "homosexual assault". As issued by Director Norman A. Carlson, the statement said that through use of such terms, "the public is led to believe that these assaults are committed by persons who are homosexual."

The policy statement continues: "While homosexuals are frequently the victims, the vast majority of rapes and assaults are committed by persons who are not homosexual. The terminology used to describe these incidents should not create mistaken impressions by the public." In recommending the new policy, the statement that in reporting sexual assaults and rapes, "staff should use the terms 'sexual assault' or 'rape'. Care should be paid to communications with the public and media, in the use of this terminology."

Though the practical effects of the policy change are not yet predictable, gay representatives who have been dealing with the Bureau of Prisons expressed satisfaction at this newest result of their deliberations.

ARKANSAS CONVICTION

Hot Springs, AR—After seven hours of deliberation, a federal jury has found all four defendants guilty in the trial of present and former county law enforcement officers of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of a gay transvestite here. Special Justice Dept. Prosecutor Ralph Martin, in his jury summation, accused the deputy sheriffs of causing "an orgy of terror" for Lee Roy Watson, 24, who prefers to be known as Linda Sue Jackson.

Watson was arrested twice in February and May, 1977, on mis-

demeanor charges, including female impersonation while working as an Avon salesperson. He was forced to appear naked in Malvern City Jail, and, according to several eyewitness accounts, teased and beaten there by law officers. In June of 1977 he was taken to a remote spot in Hot Springs by officers, beaten with nightsticks and flashlights, has turpentine poured into his anus, and was set upon by two Doberman pinschers. One of the officers then poured alcohol on the wounds, and asked to be fellat-

ed (a request refused and withdrawn).

A physician at the trial described Watson as the most severely beaten patient he had ever treated. U.S. District Court Judge Oren Harris, who reserved sentencing until later, noted that "it must be made clear that the Constitution of the United States is for all citizens."

Watson is seeking over \$2 million in damages from the three men and one woman on trial. A fifth defendant is soon to be tried separately.

MONETTE CLAIMS BIAS

Boston, MA—At a recent press conference here gasy novelist Paul Monette has claimed that his Boston-based publisher (Little, Brown, & Co) is "burying" his book at a time when it was beginning to receive serious consideration. The book, **Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll**, was enthusiastically received both by the publisher and by reviewers, including GPU NEWS—which reviewed it very favorably. At that time, the publication editor led Monette to believe that the first-run printing of 15,000 copies would be followed by extensive advertising.

Beginning last November the author detected a change in the



company's attitude, and reported that the senior staff began quoting a line from **Newsweek** that the

nation was turning to the right in human affairs. A new jacket was designed for the book; and, despite Monette's complaint that it was patronizing, the novel was published with the new jacket, and the first printing was reduced to 7,500 copies.

Monette claims that no advertising was undertaken beyond a miniscule ad in the **New York Times**, and that few review copies were sent to periodicals and newspapers. Monette failed to mention in his interview whether the print-run and advertising commitments had been part of his own contractual arrangements prior to publication.

ISRAELI LESBIANS

Be'er Sheva, Israel—Twenty Israeli lesbians confronted feminists here at a women's conference on May 1. The lesbian group sat together and read a prepared statement asking the conference to recognize their existence within the Israeli feminist movement. The prepared statement read in part:

"The problems of women who are lesbians and feminists are many and complex. We live in a society that both created and perpetuates a negative, distorted image of women. . . . How much more so does it punish the lesbian woman,

who is neither emotionally nor socially dependent on men. The very fact of her existence constitutes a threat to patriarchal institutions."

Total attendance at the conference was about one hundred. The lesbian action was organized by Israel's new Lesbian Feminist Organization, most of whose members also belong to the mixed female/male Society for the Protection of Private Rights, Israel's 3-year-old gay rights organization. The status of lesbians within the feminist movement had been one of rejection until this action. In

1977 several open lesbians had their names removed from the group's mailing and membership list.

The Israeli feminist movement was originally begun by American immigrants who refused to accept the degraded position of women here, but the fight has been taken up recently by more and more native-born "sabras" and immigrants from African and Moslem countries. The Lesbian-Feminist Organization is now working to have itself legally registered with the government.

SEC OF STATE APOLOGIZES

Los Angeles, CA—In response to a series of protests from gays and gay-sympathizers throughout the state and country, California Secretary of State March Fong Eu has issued a public apology and retraction of statements which she made in March at a Los Angeles PTA meeting. Eu had then quoted statistics purporting to show that the majority of child molesters were homosexual males. When asked by Bea Bernstein (Parents and Friends of Gays) as to the source of her data, she replied, "From the Los Angeles Police Department". Last month GPU NEWS reported on the setting up of an anti-gay propaganda division within the L.A. Police.

In a letter subsequently released to the public, Eu states: "Since I gave that speech and used those figures, several people have told me that the figures are inaccurate, misleading, unreliable, irresponsible, and in no instance should

AMAZON IN TROUBLE

Milwaukee, WI—The Amazon Collective announced in June that their publication, **Amazon**, is in financial trouble. Inflation, new typesetting equipment, higher production costs, and continuing staff changes have contributed to the crunch.

Amazon is entering its seventh year of publication, making it one of the oldest feminist periodicals in continuous production. Short-term financial assistance is needed immediately for the production of the next issue. Fund-raisers are being planned within the Milwaukee feminist community; and long term support is being sought in the form of individual monthly pledges, increased subscription revenue, and a greater quantity of paid advertising.

Contributions or requests for information should be sent to Amazon Collective, 2211 East Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53211.

they be used. Based on information which has subsequently come to my attention, I also believe those figures to be grossly false." Statistics from professional sources outside the L.A. Police Department indicate that less than 10% of child molestation cases are of a homosexual nature.

Despite the 10% figure, former L.A. Police Chief Ed Davis has repeatedly claimed in his own campaign that gay child molestation is a major problem in Los Angeles. It was his claims, rather than the reported figures, which Anita Bryant chose to use during her own referendum campaign in Miami.

Along with her letter, Eu attached a statement of her support of all current gay-rights legislation in

California. She indicated her support of equal rights for gays in housing, employment, medical care, and credit. In another letter to San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, Eu explained that the use of falsified statistics in her speech was due to the carelessness of a speech writer.

Finally, Eu also made public a copy of the letter sent to newly sworn-in L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates (the successor to Ed Davis) in which she notes: "Given my own legislative and personal support for existing law relating to consenting adults, I would not want to leave uncorrected any false statistics which directly or indirectly vilify the gay community for sexual abuses of children."

OKLAHOMA BILL

Oklahoma City, OK—Members of Oklahoma's lower house have voted 88-2 to permit school boards to fire or refuse to employ persons who have "engaged in public homosexual conduct." The measure goes on to define this conduct as "advocating, citing, imposing, encouraging, or prompting public or private homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees." Thus, even heterosexual teachers who speak favorably for gay rights are subject

to dismissal.

Representative John Monks (D—Muskogee), the author of the bill, maintains that it will enable school districts to "deal with this degenerate problem. . . people who are mentally deranged in this way." When asked whether the bill would apply to both sexes, Monk replied: "It will cover both queers and lesbians." The bill now goes before the Oklahoma Senate for consideration. The Senate version is sponsored by Senator Mary Helm, a member of the John Birch Society.

PRESBYTERIANS SAY NO

San Diego, CA—Following months of turmoil, the Presbyterian Church has banned the ordination of practicing homosexuals as ministers. The vote came at the 190th United Presbyterian General Assembly on May 22.

A report on the agenda from a church-appointed task force urged that local churches be permitted to establish their own by-laws concerning the issue of ordaining gays. A minority report urged rejection of this recommendation, holding

that homosexual acts are sinful.

The 650 voting delegates defeated the motion for local rule and accepted the minority report. They also approved admission to the ministry of gay persons who either seek to become heterosexual or remain celibate (or, presumably, both), even if these persons openly avow their gayness. Gays presently in the Presbyterian ministry are not affected by the decision, but all those applying for ordination hereafter are affected.

BATH RAID FOLLOWUP



Milwaukee, WI—The May 6 Broadway Health Club raid by the Milwaukee Vice Squad has been followed by both legal maneuvers and continued police action against the gay community. On June 9 the owner of the BHC was summoned to the City Attorney's office for allegedly tending bar without a license. According to the Vice Squad complaint, he had served beer to one officer at the Inferno on Broadway, which is under the same ownership as the BHC.

Later on the same evening, police issued 32 parking citations to cars parked in the vicinity of the Inferno.

On June 7 the Lambda Legal Defense Fund held a benefit at the Baron Disco, and four Vice Squad officers, led by Howard Pegelow,

interrupted a small auction. No arrests were made, but five people received a summons to appear before the City Attorney on charges of conducting an illegal auction without a licensed auctioneer. A police photographer was called in by Pegelow to photograph about 12 bottles of wine to be auctioned. The wine was confiscated.

On June 13 the City Attorney refused to press charges. At that point Pegelow, who had unearthed a hitherto unknown state statute covering similar violations, produced a new summons for 3 of the 5 to appear the following Tuesday before the D.A. The D.A. also chose at the later hearing not to press charges.

The confiscated wine has since been returned by the police.

ALASKA VICTORY

Anchorage, AK—The Alaska State Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the right of the **Alaska Gay Coalition** to be included in the 1976-77 Anchorage Blue Book. The book is a listing of social services published by the Municipality of Anchorage, which had refused to accept the listings of any gay organization.

The Court ruled that in "deleting the Alaska Gay Coalition from the Blue Book. . . , appellees denied that group access to a public forum based solely on the nature of its beliefs. In so doing they violated appellant's constitutional rights to freedom of speech and association and equal protection under the

law."

A spokesperson for the Alaska Civil Liberties Union, the organization which originally brought the case in behalf of the Alaska Gay Coalition, said that "This case represents a major victory for free speech and gay rights in the face of recent setbacks for gay rights in other cities around the country. The Alaska Supreme Court has reaffirmed the principle that once the government makes available to some the opportunity to inform the public about matters of public concern, it may not pick and choose the speakers based upon the views they express."

Of the 18 persons arrested at the original BHC raid, five cases have already been dismissed (one after taking a lie detector test **not** administered by the police, 3 have indicated acceptance of an offer by the D.A. to plead guilty to misdemeanor or disorderly conduct, one case was sent to the City Attorney for minor non-criminal charging, one case (the owner's) is undergoing consideration for further charge reductions, and three have been charged with felony sexual perversion. Pre-trial motions for these three cases will be heard in mid-July. Five cases are still pending, not having yet been charged.

Figures have not been received from the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, but GPU NEWS has requested an accounting which we hope to publish in next month's update. Substantial funding is still needed and tax-deductible donations are being sought. See page 44 of this issue.

TEAM COPS MKE TITLE

Milwaukee, WI—A New York gay softball team took the championship on May 28 in the First Annual Milwaukee Gay Invitational Softball Title. The Eagle's Nest Softball Team won four games and lost none in the double elimination tournament. Final standings (wins/losses) for other teams were: Red Lion, LaCrosse (3,2), M&M's, Milwaukee (2,2), Wreck Room, Milwaukee (1,2), Toronto (0,2), and Your Place, Milwaukee (0,2).

The final games, played in 90-degree weather, were followed by an awards ceremony at Milwaukee's Wreck Room. Milwaukee teams also hosted visiting teams with bar-be-ques. According to Jeremy Weiss of the Manhattan Community Athletic Association, "many, many friendships were established between the visiting teams."

EDITORIAL

Many readers have written in the past weeks to compliment us on the satirical news item in the June issue which deals with the gay rhinos. So laudatory were their comments that our news staff was deftly inspired to produce the sequel which appears in this issue. It is important to realize, in reading these pseudo-reports as with some of the satirical comments made in "The Great Bath Raid of 1978" (also in this issue), that none of us believe that the recent and continuing actions of Milwaukee's Vice Squad are funny. The articles and editorials are meant to underline the fact that these police actions are genuinely silly, but their genuine silliness should not blind us to the reality of their tragic import for those who are victimized by them. The dignity and humanity of those arrested and assaulted has been attacked, and human dignity is never something to be lightly taken.

To date over a dozen gay papers throughout the United States (and two in Europe) have picked up on the story of the raid and harassment. GPU NEWS will continue to keep the national and international gay community apprised of police misconduct here in Milwaukee. Keeping the wider public informed is part of our obligation, and our contribution to the ongoing work of the Legal Defense Fund. If the assault on our own gay community is to continue, then let's make sure that it takes place in the clear light of public scrutiny and knowledge.

Continued police harassment promises only to further unify and strengthen our community, and it is a unification that is long overdue. The Legal Defense Fund needs the assistance of all persons, gay or nongay, who value human freedom and dignity. Those who cannot afford to offer money can offer their time, for workers are always needed. Those who have neither blocks of time nor money to offer can still do much: write your

legislators in protest against harassment, bring the situation to the attention of civil rights organizations or other individuals who may be supportive. Above all, stand and be counted. Remember also that the Legal Defense Fund is one of many projects within the gay community which urgently need assistance and support.

The second most written about topic in readers' mail this month was the postal increase and continued deterioration of postal service. The June issue was mailed to subscribers on May 26, the July issue is to be mailed on June 30. We try our best to come out before month's end, but delays in the postal system are beyond our control.

FEEDBACK

Dear GPU NEWS,

Only a few days ago your review of my book **Bisexuality - A Study** came into my hands. I want to tell you that I am delighted with the intelligence, sensitivity and complete understanding of what you have written.

My best regards,
Charlotte Wolff

To the people of GPU NEWS,

Well, it's been over 3 years now since I first started buying your magazine and now I finally got it together enough to subscribe. Enclosed is a check for \$12.00 (2 yrs.) and also a \$10.00 check for GPU Legal Defense Fund. I'd like to give more but... (you know how it is).

So, thank you for being around—you've given me inspiration.

Sincerely,
Ms. D.R.
Milwaukee, WI

To whom it may concern,

I am truly inspired by your magazine. The articles and book reviews are educational, as well as

The postal rate increases have also added a heavier burden to our already overtaxed production and distribution budgets. Increasing subscription rates, as a number of other publications have done, would be the easy way out. Tallying this year's shrunken dollar against rising costs in comparison to last year's budget, a subscription should cost about \$8.25 this year. Increased advertising revenues and about a 30% increase in subscriptions to date this year have enabled us to hold the line at \$7.00 per year. If you can afford the extra \$1.25 in real value, send it to the Legal Defense Fund; and be assured that we'll continue to hold the line on rising costs as long as possible.

the fictional stories are interesting and fun to read.

I have had a subscription for two years now and greatly appreciate GPU NEWS because it keeps me informed as to what is happening with the Gay Movement nationwide and in other countries.

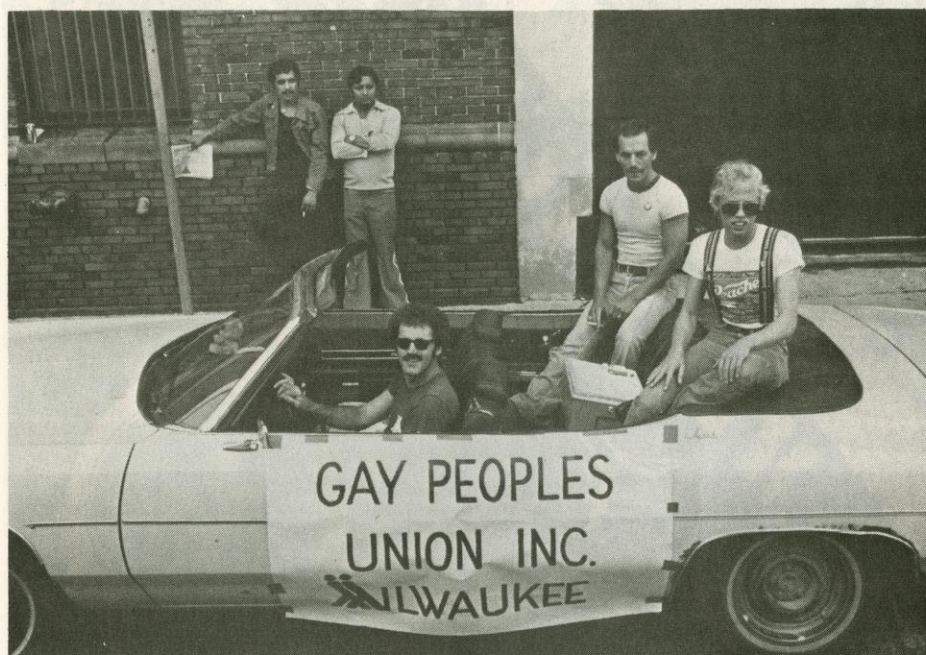
Please try to have more articles that deal with women. Here in Eau Claire we are trying to start a gay group.

I have one complaint, however. I did not receive the Oct. '77, Nov. '77, or the March '78 issues of GPU NEWS. I realize that errors may have happened and I was omitted from the mailing list, but please see to it that it does not happen again.

J.L.
Eau Claire, WI

(Editor's note: Our subscription list is computerized; so, if your address is correct on our label and you are still missing an issue, then it has gone astray in the postal service. If this happens, please let us know so that we can replace the issue, and try to find the source of the trouble.)

CHICAGO GAY PRIDE PARADE 1978

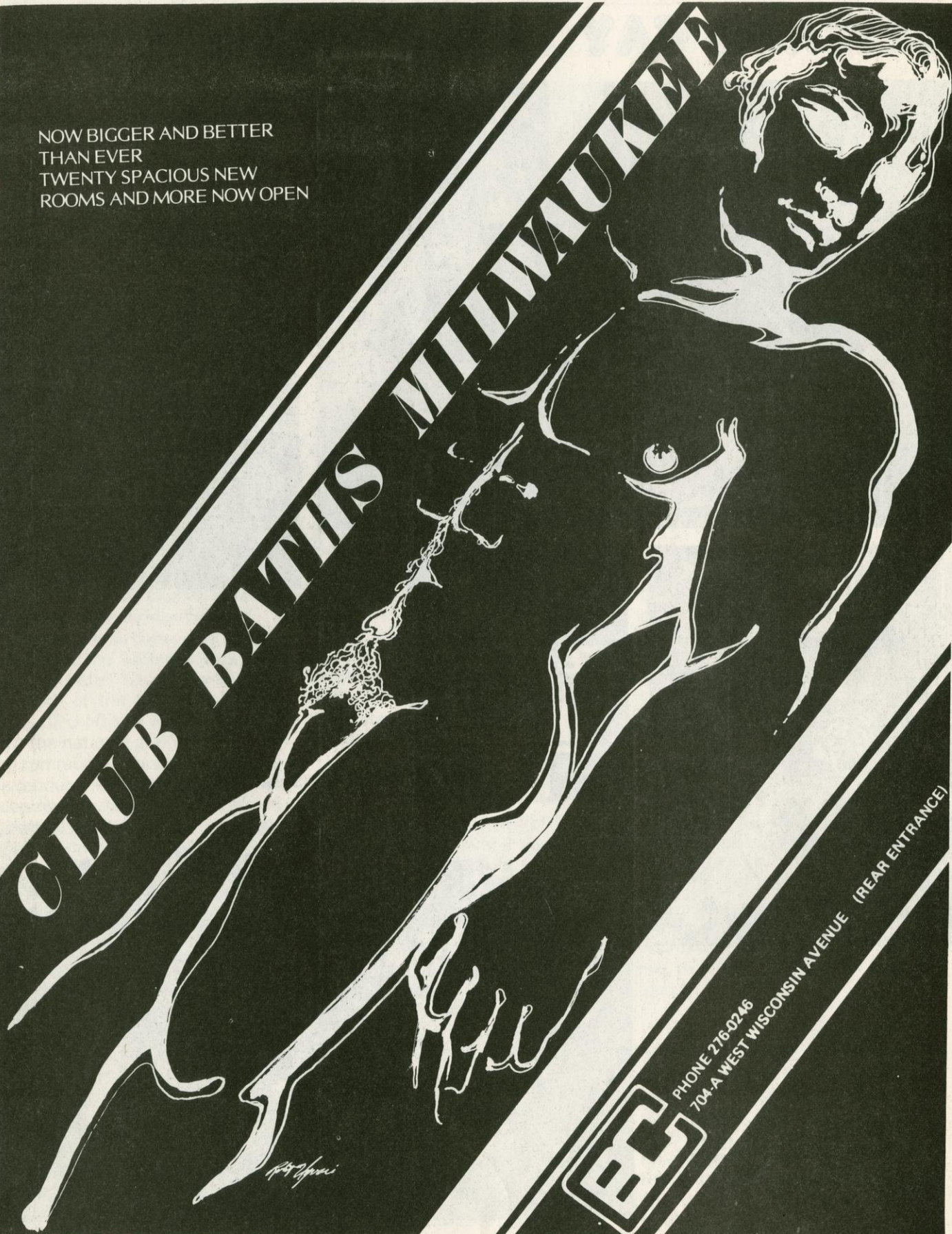


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(Editor's note: The police assault on the Broadway Health Club was reported in our last issue. Following that raid, GPU NEWS and Gay People's Union, Inc., were in contact with representatives of local papers and magazines. With only one exception, all of these agreed that professional journalistic ethics required minimal editorial and hear-say reports, and that eyewitness information should be kept to

a minimum pending completion of the charging process and consultation with defense attorneys. Additional information possessed by GPU NEWS, which may be of use in court defenses, remains confidential, and may be reported later. Our basic moral position is that our primary obligation is to safeguard and advance the defense efforts of the individual persons victimized in the raid. The account below is editorialized, and does not purport to describe the facts of the Milwaukee raid.)

The basic plot of the Great Bath Raid of 1978 is almost word-for-word the same as the script played out in many larger cities two decades ago. Apparently it took the Milwaukee Vice Squad twenty years longer to learn their parts; and, by the time they had done so, most other police agencies throughout the country had already scrapped the play as a loser. The basic scenes are simple enough:

1. Undercover police persuade, force, bribe, or cajole one or more gay persons to get bath membership cards for one vice squad member, who in turn gets cards for his "buddies".

2. Surveillance begins. If the D.A. complains that money and manpower are being wasted, lie to him: the show must go on.

3. Raid the club late at night, when many members are sleeping. Don't worry about a warrant (you can always get a friendly judge to postdate one later), and above all make sure that some gullible press-representative is there to photograph the hardworking, underpaid, overworked, understaffed, underbudgeted vice squad at work.

4. During the raid, make sure that as much property damage as possible is done. If the owner sues, you can always threaten to harass. If possible, tease, taunt, and tor-

ment as many patrons on the bath as possible. Remember, they're only queers; and it is party nite at the baths.

5. Arrest randomly only those who don't look like they can afford proper legal defense. Take your time with the arrests: remember that the officers need the overtime, and taxpayers really don't care.

6. District Attorney meets with arrestees (who are out on bail). Some cases are dismissed because even the D.A. can't read the police testimony with a straight face (strange that it should be unanimous).

7. D.A. offers a bit of plea-bargaining. If arrestees want a jury trial, they'll be charged with manslaughter, sexual perversion, and possibly high treason (the first and third would draw a \$50 fine each, while the second carries a minimum sentence of 800 years for the first conviction). If they will cop the guilty plea, reduce the charge to jaywalking in a swimming pool. Still a felony, especially when done

in a gay club, but play down the part about the conviction record.

8. If there are any gay-libbers willing to fight anyway, delay charging. If delays are long enough, the newspapers will get tired of waiting, the queer organizations will forget about the whole thing, and just maybe the arrestees will get sufficiently frightened anyway.

9. Fade out on suitable Christian aphorisms ("decency", etc. . .).

If the above scenario looks familiar to Milwaukee gays, think again; since, with a few witty (or half-witty) modifications, it was lifted from a police raid of the Club Baths in Indianapolis almost ten years ago. The fact that it looks so contemporary should tell us all something about the mysterious workings of the Milwaukee Police and District Attorney's Office. Several of those arrested in Indianapolis did cop the plea. They were the only ones to end up with a police record, since every one of those who fought the charges won. So let's all hope that

history is ready to repeat itself here as well.

Of course there were a few neat little twists and turns to the Milwaukee saga. The bath owner was arrested for an offence which allegedly took place days before the raid. One of the persons arrested was made by the police to dance nude on the stage before being carted off. When several of those who were made to sit for over three hours in the paddywagon complained of the intense heat, the officer responded by turning it up. And, finally, one person present during the raid (and fully dressed, like many others, when the storm troopers arrived) did manage to conceal himself, leaving the club unnoticed many hours later.

Since these were professional police officers, it must be presumed that they know how to make a proper arrest so that legal requirements can be met and convictions could in principle be sought. Yet the raid was poorly planned and stupidly executed. This leaves us with the question, "Why the raid?" — the gay community, that great hotbed of rumour and innuendo, has produced many hearsay theories. Some samples:

1. Pure harassment. The Milwaukee Police Dept. has never objected to invisible queers, but we're all becoming a bit too visible for comfort these days.
2. The Captain of the Vice Squad is looking for a promotion.
3. It's budget time again, and the Vice Squad has got to prove to somebody that they're doing something to justify another chunk of tax dollars.
4. Some of the police thought that the anti-gay backlash in Wichita, St. Paul, Eugene, Dade County, etc., made the time perfectly ripe.
5. The Vice Squad officers were bored and had nothing better to do that night anyway.
6. The police were faced with the alternatives of raiding the baths or fighting street crime ("A guy could get hurt that way").

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Some of these theories are clever, some are cute, but the only honest answer is that we do not know, and shall probably never know. The Milwaukee Police Department has always moved in mysterious and secretive ways, and the Vice Squad is surely the most inscrutable of all inscrutibles. The theories are nice for late-night bar conversation, but we shouldn't confuse them with the facts, even if we don't know what the facts are.

Several points can be made as factual and certain. If anyone in the Police Department expected that this (or any other) raid will cause gays to crawl back into their respective holes, they are sorely mistaken—and twenty years too late. If nothing else, one benefit of the raid was to remind people once again of the dangers of a police force which is both secretive and irresponsible. Speaking of police harassment, how many times have I heard Milwaukee gays quip, "But that couldn't happen here." Sorry, fellows, try again.

In the American legal system, once a person is booked and charged, the next important question is how much justice he or she can afford. Gay People's Union, Inc., through the Legal Defense Fund, has resolved to answer that question: as much as it takes—and that will probably be plenty.

A hundred years from now, anyone reviewing the police raid of 1978 will probably be struck by the silliness and humor of it all. The tactics employed by the Vice Squad were not only outdated by any responsible standard of police routine, but they were also haphazard and sloppy. For those of us who are here now, laughter is inappropriate; for we are dealing with eighteen victims, real people, our own gay brothers. The proper attitude on the part of gays now is **rage**, and rage itself is a healthy and productive reaction. We are living and working in a city whose government concedes its inability to stop the sewer system from pouring endless gallons of glup into Lake

Michigan, whose air is strongly polluted, many of whose residents are unemployed, suffering from malnutrition, and poorly housed, a city with one of the highest tax burdens of any American city. And yet this city can afford the luxury of a bath raid, faced with the "threat" of private and consensual acts far from the public eye.

So speak loud and often about the waste and idiocy of this raid. It was contrary to the public good, offensive to decent standards of right and justice, and just plain stupid. The above script should be retired from the public forum once and for all: we don't need it, and we can't afford it. And don't just applaud the efforts of the Legal Defense Fund to assist the victims of stupidity and intolerance: send money. Things may get better in the by and by, but the victims are here now, and they need the support from each of us. If the notion of a "gay community" is to mean anything at all, then it must mean that, when one of us suffers, we all suffer.



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REVIEW

The Gay Health Guide by Robert L. Rowan, M.D., & Paul J. Gillette, Ph. D. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, 1978. Pp. 239, \$9.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice, Ph. D.

Robert L. Rowan is a practicing urologist and Associate Professor of Urology at New York University Medical School, as well as the author of several books and many articles dealing with modern health problems. Paul Gillette holds his doctorate in psychology, and is the author of several books and numerous articles dealing with sexual psychology, depression, and human sexual inadequacy. This new reliable and comprehensive guide is published in association with **Modern Medicine**, one of the leading health journals in the U.S., and it has received the endorsement of internists and V.D. specialists in advance of publication.

The first eighteen chapters deal respectively with venereal disease in general, syphilis, gonorrhea, nonspecific urethritis, nonspecific vaginitis, trichomoniasis, monilia-sis, lymphogranuloma venereum, granuloma inguinale, chancroid, viral hepatitis, amebiasis and shigellosis, diseases resultant from fecal contamination, congestive prostatitis, venereal warts, herpes infections, molluscum contagiosum, and lice and mites. The sub-heading for each of these chapters indicates who can contract the disease (men only, women only, or both). Each chapter is then divided into sections answering the following questions: what is it? how do you contract it? how do you know you have it? how is it diagnosed?, how is it treated?, and how can it be avoided? Without being biased or alarmist, the authors gear their presentation to the layperson, with emphasis both upon recognition of early symptoms and preventive

measures.

The last six chapters of the book deal with sexual injury, problems in sexual performance, gay preventive and curative medicine, emotional considerations, going straight, and transsexualism. The chapter on going straight offers assessment of existing therapies for sex-preference-change, noting that such options are viable considerations for persons who are genuinely convinced of their inability to live within a gay lifestyle. While some radical liberationists may take offense at the spirit of the chapter, it is sensible and unbiased. It neither urges nor promotes change, but, for those already considering such an option, it proffers information. Special health and psychological problems for transsexualism are also clearly indicated in the following chapter.

Four closing appendices deal with gay health clinics, organizations, church groups, and telephone referral services. Why authors feel constrained to put this sort of agglomerate of information at the end of general reference works

in gay areas is forever beyond me. The information is always fragmentary and incomplete, and seldom up to date. A book of this kind will be a useful reference for years to come, but the appendices are already out of date and inaccurate. The index, however, has been carefully prepared, and most of the symptoms of most of the diseases are indexed as well. This is particularly useful for someone looking for a disease when the symptoms are known or suspected.

There has not been to date such a reliable and generally comprehensive guide for active gay women and men. The author's attitude is both compassionate and nonjudgmental: aimed both at gays and concerned parents, children, spouses, relatives, and friends. For organizational libraries, collections, and general reference rooms it is an absolute must; but it should also be in every public library as well. It is accurate, up to date, and written in a language accessible to all: three properties which cannot fail to make it a winner in all respects.

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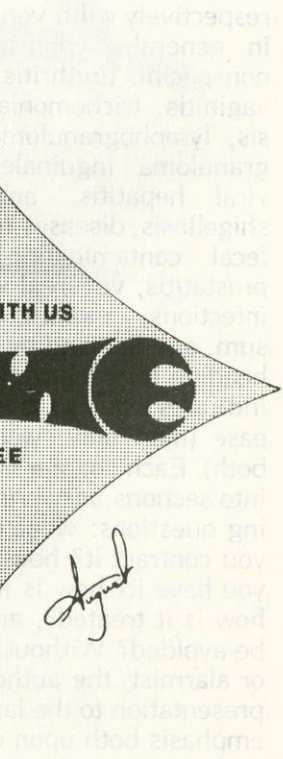
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READING WRITING

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The ironic problem with the state of current humor and satire is that so much of it is based on an illiterate medium—television. This is an understandable situation encouraged by people who prefer passive reception in front of a box to active participation with the printed word. Even when TV ridicules itself, as with **Saturday Night Live**, it depends not on fast-paced, wittily-constructed material, but on slapstick (Chevy Chase as Gerry Ford) or sight gags (the Coneheads). True, no one ever said television was intended for anything but selling and, true, slapstick and sight gags are essential elements of popular, classic humor, i.e., the Marx Brothers. It's probably un-American, or something equally specious, to admit in print a marked dislike for everything the Marx Brothers so tediously recorded on celluloid. I do so because the Marx Brothers rarely strike me as funny; they are even less consistently satirical. But then I HAVE NEGATIVE FEELINGS ABOUT THE OTHER DEMI—GODS OF American humor and satire still living, such as Art Buchwald, S.J. Perelman or Russel Baker. I also kick dogs and stick gum under theatre seats. All this only confirms again that one person's **poisson** is another's horsemeat.

There was, on this part of the ranch, an abundant lack of biting, wise satire since Sorothy Parker and Noel Coward's demise—until Fran Lebowitz came along in hardcover (**Metropolitan Life**, by Fran Lebowitz, 1978, New York: E.P. Dutton, A Henry Robbins Book, 177 pages, \$8.50). Lebowitz has been a columnist for Andy Warhol's **Interview** writing "I Cover the Waterfront." Prior to that, she wrote "The Lebowitz Report" in **Mademoiselle** where she disparaged plant lovers, debutantes, and in general, shot off a wise-ass typewriter. At last she has been collected by a smart publisher and organized between buckram. A few gays may be offended at her humor, but then we are so skilled at being offended.

The point is that she does not make jokes at our expense. What she does is tell us something about how we see ourselves and how others may see us. This

unadulterated Lebowitz is "Notes on Trick", her take-off on Sontag's "Notes on Camp":

"These are notes for Lord Alfred Douglas. . .

Tricks like to lie in bed—also in restaurants.

Tricks should never be left strewn carelessly about the house where someone might trip over them.

Tricks are attracted to bright objects. This may elude your understanding since you obviously do not share this tendency.

Occasionally a Trick will succeed so spectacularly that he will make the transition to person. When this occurs, he will assume a truly amazing imperiousness of manner. People love to feel superior to their past. . . Tricks almost always have pets. This is understandable, as everyone needs someone they can talk to on their own level. . ."

This is satire because it is an exaggeration, although not too strenuous, of fact for humorous effect. It also hurts, but everything that hurts, as some of know only too well, is not always funny. It is valuable, these sharp shavings from our scene. She manages to expand the truth just enough to see inside but not so much as to obscure the subject. It's also funny because I say so.

There are also other essays in this book, of course. In one called "The Primary Cause of Heterosexuality Among Males in Urban Areas: Yet Another Crackpot Theory," she deduces the reason for this unusual phenomenon is caused "primarily by overcrowding in artist colonies." As proof, she offers the results of a doubtful study which randomly used twenty self-acknowledged homosexual rats who lived in brownstones and doorman buildings, all with high ceilings and working fireplaces. They were moved to lofts situated on West Broadway, and quickly lost interest in their former orientation. They began drinking less expensive, but still robust, red wines, switched to a diet of natural teas and raisins, and sought the company of female rats who graduated from Bennington in the late 1960s. This should be all, and more, that anyone could ever ask for.

Finally, a short personal sketch of Fran Lebowitz: a self-admitted sackful of sloth, a degenerate and unreformed cigarette smoker, a woman with a life sentence of writing, and an epigram-maker to beat Oscar Wilde: "Until women's liberation we had nicely colored fingernail polish, now we have 'chairperson' and Erica Jong; homosexual repression gave us art, gay liberation gives us leather underwear." Actually, I think if she could have life her way, Lebowitz would like someone to pay her to stay home and read magazines.

It's ironic that a book with the integrity and intelligence of **Like a Brother, Like a Lover**, (1978, New York: Doubleday and Co., An Anchor Hardcover, 339 pages, \$10.00) by George-Michel Sarotte comes from France: these perceptions about American literature

arrive trans-Atlantically and, since we live in this glass house, we think we are the only ones qualified to throw stones. But then the French have proven considerate in giving their American cousins so much—the Capital's street plan, a certain method of kissing, the Cuisineart, probably venereal disease, and an accent that provides considerable purpose in the lives of countless **poseurs**. Like a Brother, Like a Lover is not much different, providing both a blessing and a burden. A blessing because of George-Michel Sarotte's insights, a burden because he believes the primary goals of a "homosexual lifestyle" (a phrase suitable only as the name of a pet. . .) to be satisfying yearnings for narcissism and self-eroticism.

This book began as a doctoral dissertation for the Sorbonne, was published in France in 1976 (**Comme un Frere, Comme un Amant**), and now appears in this country in translation by Richard Miller. In Sarotte's examination of American literature and theatre (the book is subtitled "Male Homosexuality in the American Novel and Theater from Melville to James Baldwin"), his principal interests are the degrees to which American society imposes an artificial ideal of virility upon its artists and the results in their art which reflect these pressures.

For the purposes of discussion, Norman Mailer is labeled "The Overt Latent Homosexual" and best explores in Sarotte's laboratory these artificial standards of **machismo**: "... (they are)... descriptions of the 'sublimation' of homosexuality into violence: D.J. and Tex (characters from Mailer's **Why Are We in Vietnam?**) love and desire each other, but they both fear the fulfillment of such desire will transform them into 'softies', into subhumans, non-Americans. Although they believe—as do Genet's studs—that 'fucking' a man makes one doubly a man, and incorporates one's partner's virility into oneself, there is always the risk that the partner will suddenly turn on you. So the desire to possess another changes into hatred and violence. . . Thus a pact is sealed: one's hatred and murderous fury are turned against the enemy, against the Nazi, the Jap, the Cong. These hunters will satisfy their homosexual desires by hunting together, by killing both beasts and men, together. This explains the emphasis on eros and thanatos in Hemmingway and D.H. Lawrence. The 'heterosexualization' of D.J. and Tex explains the sublimation of homosexuality of the guerilla comrades in **For Whom the Bell Tolls**, of Jack London's boxers, in their hand-to-hand combat. All will seal their pact in blood as did Gerald Crich and Rupert Birkin in **Women in Love**."

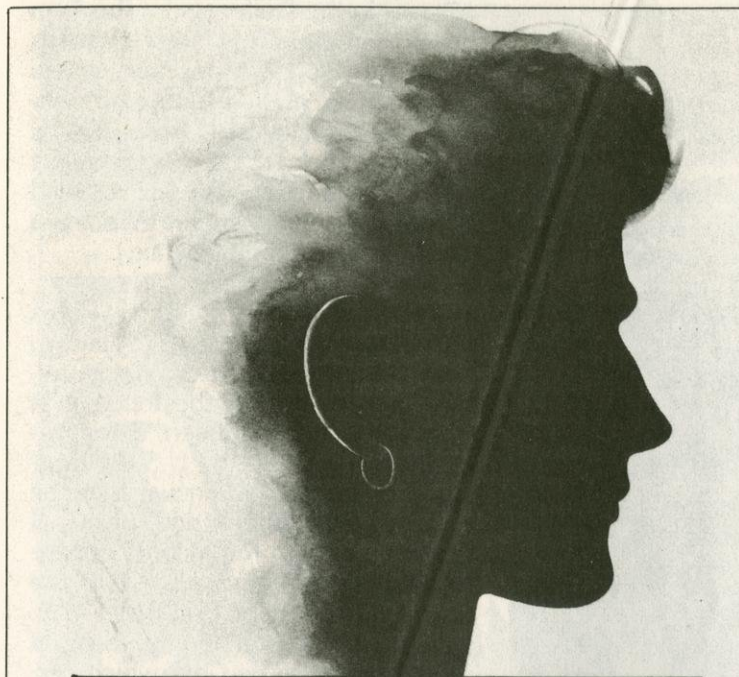
These insights into literature are original and perceptive and a good example of Sarotte's critical elegance. He manages to present a precis of a fictional work and then state his conclusions (in highest Sarbonne style) satirically with perfect sense and

direction. Sarotte sees four archetypal situations in homosexual/gay fiction: Teacher and Pupil (Anderson's "Hands", Isherwood's **A Single Man**, etc.), the Captain and Soldier (Dana's **Two Years Before the Mast**, Lawrence's "The Prussian Officer", etc.), the White and the Black (Cooper's **The Last of the Mohicans**, Baldwin's **Go Tell It On The Mountain**, etc.), and the Adolescents (Vidal's **The Season of Comfort**, Capote's **Other Voices, Other Rooms**, etc.). The importance of each archetype is examined within Sarotte's boundaries of masculine behavior. American virility is a peculiar phenomenon encouraged by imperialism, competitive sports, and religion-economics fostered at an early age—and a host of other influences that are still being discovered. The advantage in understanding these influences is the first step in altering them. No one, least of all enlightened gay Americans, would argue that a lessening of these traditional masculine constraints is a bad thing. The focus Sarotte provides us with is understanding the writing from which almost all of us gain an early picture of what it is like to be homosexual from the works we are exposed to in the varying degrees of formal education.

Of the homosexual milieu in the theatre, Sarotte asserts that **Boys In The Band** was original only so far as the play's characters were presented on stage and not in print where he believes they would have remained largely unnoticed. Sarotte examines Tennessee Williams, William Inge, and Edward Albee. The latter has been argued tediously first yes then no a homosexual until no one, with the possible exception of Albee's lover, gives a flying spit. Sarotte calls him a "Homosexual In Spite of Himself," which I find perfectly agreeable. Less agreeable is Sarotte's worrying to death that "... his (Albee's) handsome youths and good-looking blond boys appear with monotonous and revealing regularity." It is not much of a concrete example of Albee's sexuality. Sarotte may be mistaken in thinking this form of character is anything more than an Albee archetype for quintessential-Americanism, blond boys being, after all, symbols of American goodness, desirability, and youth. That they are also mistakenly homosexual symbols for the same things is probably the reason for the confusion.

The problem of etiology is covered in a chapter headed "The Circumstance of the Homosexual as Reflected in the Novel and Theatre." Following his academic framework, the author defines three categories of homosexual behavior on page and stage: "The queen (and His Stud)," "The Average Homosexual" (oxymoronic if ever there was. . .), and "The Hustler." Space restrictions disallow detailed discussion here of these types.

Sarotte's project is ambitious and well-fulfilled. It is invaluable in understanding the myths and myth-makers of homosexuals.



DANCER FROM THE DANCE

ANDREW HOLLERAN

Following are new books by or about gays appearing this summer of fall:

From **William Morrow & Co.**, 105 Madison Ave., NYC, NY 10016: **Warren, Patricia Nell; THE BEAUTY QUEEN**, 288 pages, \$9.95 AUGUST

From the author of *The Front Runner* and *The Fancy Dancer* comes this new offering billed "as the story of Jeannie Laird Colter, former beauty queen, actress, and state representative from Manhattan, who decides to run for Governor of New York and to campaign on the basis of a passionate stand against homosexual rights. . . threatening to Jeannie is a secret hidden in her own family, a ticking time bomb threatening her whole political future."

Holleran, Andrew; DANCER FROM THE DANCE, 252 pages, \$9.95, SEPTEMBER

A novelist on his first voyage out, Holleran writes of the hero Malone and his quest for love. Malone is "kind, beautiful, desired by all who know him, but

he remains strangely elusive and untouchable. His quest leads him from long nights of romantic tenderness to wildly hellish scenes of sexual surrender in gay baths, the all-night discoteques, and the bacchanalian beaches of Fire Island."

Bell, Arthur; KINGS DON'T MEAN A THING (THE JOHN KNIGHT MURDER CASE), 228 pages, \$8.95, OCTOBER

When John Knight III, heir to Knight-Ridder newspaper fortune, was murdered in his Philadelphia apartment in 1975, Philadelphia society was shaken by Knight's double life come to surface during the trial. Knight was as much a part of the world of gay hustlers and pimps as he was heir. Arthur Bell, working on this project for more than two years in addition to staff duties on the *Village Voice*, searches for answers which might explain why Knight's inability to resolve inner conflicts led him to seek sex in alleyways. Bell's own odyssey intermingles with that of Knight's, and Bell concludes with a need for a serious re-examination of the gay psyche.

Avon, 959 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10019 Gibson, Lawrence; GET OFF MY SHIP: ENSIGN BERG VS. THE U.S. NAVY, \$4.95, OCTOBER

In November 1976, Ensign Vernon Berg, a young Navy officer with top security clearance was dishonorably discharged from service because he was a homosexual. This book tells the story behind the dismissal, the initial secret interrogation session by his superiors and the sudden Navy action of overturning its original ruling and upgrading Berg's discharge which established a novel policy toward homosexuals in the services. The book, written by Berg's roommate (who also was indicted in the case) will appear as an Avon trade paperback.

Delta/New Glide, Adair, Nancy; WORD IS OUT, \$6.95, AUGUST

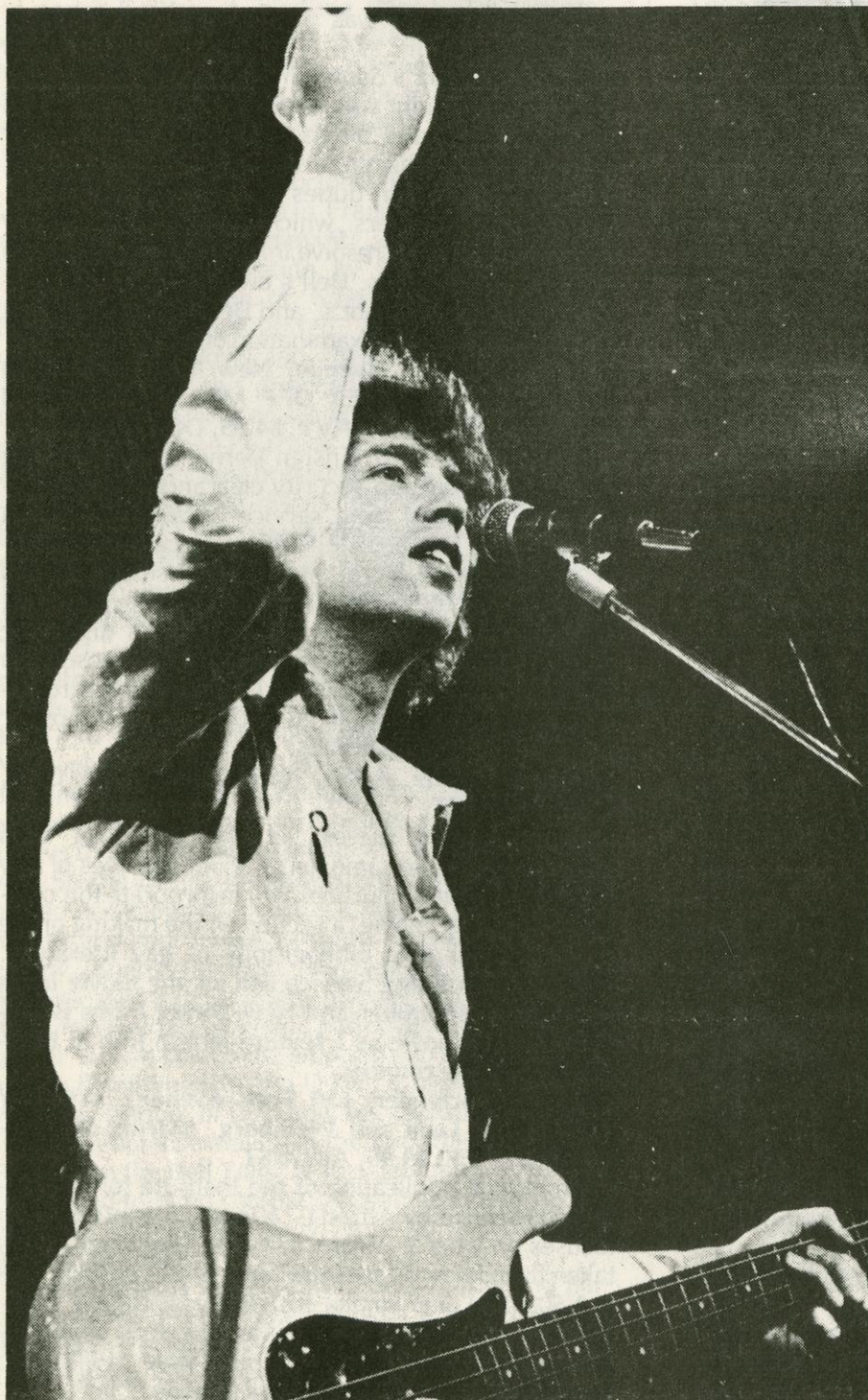
Following the success of the Mariposa Film Group's film of the same name about the lives of gay men and lesbians, this book will incorporate the complete text of the movie, a section on the making of the film and a 30-page bibliography of gay literature. **Public Broadcasting Service will air the movie in its entirety in September and New Yorker Films is distributing the movie as a feature-length film in theaters around the country.**

Simon and Schuster, 630 Fifth Avenue, NYC, NY 10020, Bell, Laan and Weinberg, Martin; HOMOSEXUALITIES, \$9.95, AUGUST

An official publication of the Institute for Sex Research founded by Alfred C. Kinsey, this publication focuses on what it means to be homosexual. It was taken from face-to-face interviews with approximately 1,500 men and women and promises to be a seminal work in the field, continuing the work begun by *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female* (1953).



OFF THE RECORD



Power in the Darkness by the Tom Robinson Band. Harvest Records (Capitol EMI) 2 record set, stereo LP, list \$8.98. [Available in Milwaukee for \$6.73 from Jack's Record Rack, 2239 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202. Mail orders add 50¢ postage, Wisconsin residents add 27¢ sales tax.]

The Tom Robinson Band (TRB as it's called by its fans) is best known for its single **2-4-6-8 Motorway**, which has been in the top five in England and has been doing respectably here in the U.S. In England it is also well known that the band's lead singer and principal composer (Tom Robinson) is openly and actively gay (the rest of the band are not). Their first U.S. album includes a single, **Sing if You're Glad to be Gay**, which certainly deserves a wide following here in the U.S. It has had considerable success in the U.K. as a gay anthem as well.

Not a band which deals in gay music alone, the **TRB** takes a wide variety of liberal stances. Its logo is the raised clenched fist, and the three non-gay band members are fully supportive of their gay member. Robinson himself is a member of **Rock Against Fascism**; the **National Abortion Campaign**; and the **Campaign for Homosexual Equality**—all British organizations. He feels strongly about his causes, and he writes lyrics and composes with the same strength and openness.

In an interview published earlier in London's **Gay News**, Robinson notes: "If every gay in Britain was to come out overnight, an awful lot of prejudice and ignorance that abounds among hets would disappear." He describes himself as a "wishy-washy" liberal, "more reformist than revolutionary", and openly concedes that his music is more important than its lyrics. The album jacket also offers a memorable quote: "I got no illusions about the political left any more than the right: just a shrewd idea which of the two side's gonna



Dolphin Taylor

Tom Robinson

Danny Kustow

Mark Ambler

stomp on us first."

"Sing if You're Glad to be Gay" is a song of overwhelming force and power. It was first performed at a gay pride rally in London's Hyde Park; and, because of its anti-police sentiments, the police threatened to arrest the band if they continued singing it at the rally. "Glad to be Gay" is a biting satire on police repression in bars and clubs, reactionary newspaper editorials, and queer-bashing. "Don't try to kid us that if you're discreet/You're perfectly safe as you walk down the street/You don't have to mince or make bitchy remarks/To get beaten unconscious and left in the dark/. . . Lie to your workmates, lie to your folks/ Put down the queens, tell anti-queer jokes." The chorus is anthem-like, and Robinson's grating vocals put the lyrics right up front; though it may take a couple of hearings for the American listener to tune in to the English accent and phrasing ("pubs", "work-mates", and "buggers" notwithstanding).

"Glad to be Gay" is recorded live, and was originally released on the **TRB Rising Up** with three other live songs which are also contained

in the U.S. album: "Right On Sister" (showing solidarity with the feminist movement), "Don't Take No for an Answer", and "Martin" (a vaudevillian tribute to a fictitious brother). Of the ten new songs included in the album, one ("Long Hot Summer") is devoted to the New York City Stonewall Riots, and argues against closetedness and political noninvolvement. Unlike "Glad to be Gay", it will not be recognized for its gay themes by nongays.

What about the music now? Though it fuses together many rock forms in a way which could be described as unique, it is not original in any spectacular sense of that overused word. On the positive side, it is a magnificently refreshing change from the escapist garbage and thoughtless fluff which is now passed off as rock in many quarters (**Fleetwood Mac**, **Jefferson Starship**, etc.). I wouldn't put it up there with the **Stones** or the **Bee Gees** either, but then it is a first album, and it certainly passes muster over 90% of the rock music currently being issued. So it's a good start, a must for any rock aficionado, and of course highly recom-

mended for gay audiences, rocksters or not.

The **TRB** is supposed to begin a U.S. tour this summer. If they turn up at a local rock club, gays should not fear visiting. The rock decor is not what you find in discos, but the rock culture is generally open and not homophobic, so it would be worth the visit. For Milwaukeans, the first stanza of "Glad to be Gay" (detailing police raids and brutality in a gay club) is just too close a description of recent police activity here to be anything but prophetic, so one can only hope that they'll turn up here sooner or later.

Finally, for the rock collectors and historians who may want posters, badges, or biogs, send several International Reply Coupons (which can be purchased at any post office) to: Tom Robinson, c/o Lindy Cooke, 25 Montpelier Grove, London N.W. 5, U.K. Robinson (in an interview published in **Zigzag**) has even promised to write gay fans in need of help with their own problems.

General verdict: terrific stuff, music, lyrics, everything. Get the album now, and keep track of **TRB**.

REVIEW

In Touch Cartoon Book of Gay Humor by Krohn. **In Touch Adult Library**, Los Angeles, 1978. \$6.00 ppostpaid from **In Touch**, P.O. Box 1228, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

And God Bless Uncle Harry and His Roommate Jack, Who We're Not Supposed to Talk About, Avon Books, New York, 1978. \$2.95.

Beyond the welcome recognition by publishers that the growing gay market is interested in something more than nude bods, these collections are welcome in their own right. In these days of reactionary police action, fundamentalist fire and brimstone, a la Anita, and bad press here and there, the gay community can surely use a bit of levity and humor. And each of these collections is a treasure—each touching the gay funnybone at different spots, and each graphically elegant and tastefully produced.

Uncle Harry is a collection of cartoons which appeared originally in **Christopher Street**, New York City's gay monthly which began as a gay version of the **New Yorker** and has since found its own style and place in the sun. Tooted as the "first gay cartoon book," **Uncle Harry** missed that mark by only a few days (Krohn's collection appearing only a few days earlier in May). But that's about the only mark it misses. The cartoons, all of which have appeared in the pages of **Christopher Street**, are delightful. One can even date the stylistic evolution of the publication by dating the cartoons. The earlier ones are more **New Yorker** in style and content, the later ones tend to shed some of that pseudo-sophistication, and are a bit more titillating for all of that; but they are all great.

Since Krohn is the GPU NEWS cartoonist, a bit of prejudice is hardly out of place. As a cartoonist, artist, and illustrator, we think that he's the finest talent in the gay movement anywhere. His cartoons and frequent illustrations have appeared in GPU NEWS on a monthly basis for several years, and in **In Touch** magazine for almost a year.

Unlike **Uncle Harry**, however, the Krohn collection is not a set of reprints: all cartoons were done for this volume, and all appear here for the first time. There are forty cartoons in all—each occupying a separate page, reproduced on fine stock, eminently suitable for framing for those into that bag. The cover cartoon is in full and glorious color, the balance in black and white. The cartoons are a bit more ribald than the **Christopher Street** collection and are all male-oriented. Krohn is witty, talented, absolutely

marvelous. What more can be said?

A word about latching on to these treasures. The **CS** volume will probably find its way into many bookstores via Avon's distributors, so look for it there (no mail order information was included with the review copy). **In Touch** generally prefers mail order for its special volumes, so it should be ordered directly from the publisher. And, for heaven's sake, tell them you saw the review here in GPU NEWS.



"I drag you out of the sea. I build a shelter for you. I hunt for food. And now you tell me you're a lesbian."



"Look, do us a favor and stop saying: 'It's just my luck! It's just my luck!'"



A Comedy in One Act

**by
Richard
Hall**

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THE PEOPLE'S VIRGIN

CAST:

JAKE LIND—a man in his forties or early fifties

JOEY BOOMER—a man about the same age

(The set consists of a desk set in an imaginary office. At lights up, JAKE LIND is seated at this desk. He is a pleasant, affable man of middle years—humorous, without pretense, the sort one feels comfortable with at once. He is in his shirt-sleeves and is chatting with a TV camera crew just offstage)

LIND: I think I oughta come around front here. (He gets up and walks to the front of his desk and perches against it informally) More informal. . . My hair? (Pats his hair) Nobody's seen it combed in twenty years. You think I'm gonna change my image for you guys? (Laughs). . . Don't bother with that gismo, I'll wing it. . . Worried? Why? We got the votes, no matter what Van Ronk says. I'll tell you something. You put Van Ronk's brains in a bird, that bird's gonna fly backwards. (Laughs at this bit of folk-wisdom). Okay. . . (More serious, prepares to speak. A strong light focuses on his face. He speaks directly to the offstage TV camera)

LIND: Good evening, friends and fellow-citizens. I'm making this eleventh hour appearance in order to ask for your support one last time. As you know, the bill being debated in the chamber, even as I speak to you, is close to my heart. You've heard me talk about it many times. It's known as the civil rights bill for homosexuals. It prohibits job and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. (With great dignity) For more than a century, this state has led the way in reform. In justice. We got there first. Each time, there were powerful groups opposed to the new ideas, the new laws. Too expensive, they said. Coddling the poor, they said. Unfair to taxpayers, against God's will. I wish I had a dollar for every time I've been told it's God's will that people should be poor, cold, hungry, ignorant and out of a job! (Pause) Let me say that the bill being debated in the chamber. . . just a few steps from where I stand. . . belongs on the great roll-call of reform legislation. Our gay sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. . . and yes, mothers and fathers. . . deserve equal protection under the law. I urge you to call the number now being shown on your screen. Volunteers will answer it. . . and a tally will be presented to the legislators. Remember. . . justice is up to you. God bless you and good night.

(Lights down. LIND relaxes, wipes his head) Okay? . . . Thanks boys, appreciate it. Coffee and doughnuts outside. . . (He waves goodbye to the crew, then comes around and sits down, riffling through some papers.)

(JOEY BOOMER enters, hesitantly, waiting until LIND looks up. BOOMER is obviously a shy, friendly sort, perhaps even a little rabbit, though far from handsome. However, it becomes obvious that his bumbling manner hides a truly determined personality.)

LIND (looking up): Yes sir, what can I do for you?

BOOMER (apologetic): I was watching the telecast from the press room, sir. Just wanted to say. . . you were terrific.

LIND (easy, charming): Thanks. You with one of the wire services?

BOOMER (very apologetic): No.

LIND: Newsweek? Time?

BOOMER: Afraid not.

LIND (very expansive): Don't tell me, the Wall Street Journal!

BOOMER: Actually. . . (deprecatory laugh). . . I'm with the Advocate.

LIND (covering his disappointment): The Advocate? Oh sure. . . the Advocate!

BOOMER: They don't pay much. . . but they never rewrite my stuff.

LIND: An important constituency. Yessireee. . . an important constituency!

BOOMER: I wanted to be around when the chamber votes.

LIND: That should be any minute now. Any min-ute!

BOOMER: Looks good, doesn't it?

LIND: We got the votes. One, two, three. . . twenty. . . thirty. . . all we need.

BOOMER: I've been keeping track.

LIND: Von Ronk isn't gonna kill this one.

BOOMER: Still, the Church might have a few tricks up its sleeve.

LIND: If the Cardinal walked in that chamber and gave every man and woman a gold-plated toilet seat in the kingdom of heaven. . . they still wouldn't change their vote.

BOOMER: You mean we did it!

LIND: We **did** it!

BOOMER: Thanks to you!

LIND (false modesty): I had a little help. (Very expansive) I didn't catch your name.

BOOMER: Boomer. Joey Boomer.

LIND: Well, Joey Boomer, I had several million voters on my side. Men and women of conscience.

BOOMER: You know, you're a natural on TV. You project. Like. . . (shrug) Barbara Walters.

LIND (very dry): Thanks.

BOOMER: Oh, you're very masculine.

LIND: Why shouldn't I be masculine? (False laugh) I'm a man.

BOOMER: Right! (Pause)

LIND: I guess you want to start on your story, don't you, Joey?

BOOMER: (not taking the hint): It's all written.

LIND: Oh.

BOOMER: I'm just waiting for the voting. Gay history!

LIND: Well. . . (Pause). . . I hate to brush off the working press but. . .

BOOMER (coming closer): You always were a star. Even at commencement.

LIND: What?

BOOMER: Even at commencement. We both graduated from State. The same year.

LIND: Is that right?

BOOMER: I heard you give the Phi Beta oration. (admiring) I was in the front row.

LIND (very flattered): For heaven's sakes.

BOOMER: What a speech.

LIND (very pleased): Outside my mother and father there probably aren't five people in this city. . . And you

remember.

BOOMER: Sure I do.

LIND: Over twenty years ago.

BOOMER (touching his forehead): The old tape recorder.

LIND: I'll be damned.

BOOMER (quoting): "A pulse in the eternal mind no less."

LIND (overjoyed): Rupert Brooke!

BOOMER: Yep, Rupert Brooke. He was very big in those days. (Quoting) "The rough male kiss of blankets."

LIND (uncomfortable with this quote, changing the subject): My father wanted me to quote in Flanders Fields. "To you from failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high. . ." I said nothing doing. We weren't failing. If we'd failed we wouldn't have graduated, right? (He laughs at this joke, but BOOMER does not. Another awkward pause) Well. I've enjoyed talking to you, Joey.

BOOMER: Yes, your honor.

LIND: Jake, please. Classmates.

BOOMER (pleased): Jake.

LIND: The paths of life criss-cross.

BOOMER: Don't they.

LIND: Ours is not to wonder why. (Pause) Well. (He gets up and puts out his hand. BOOMER holds it a little too long)

BOOMER: Been a long time since we shook hands, Jake.

LIND (withdrawing his quickly): I don't remember we



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ever did.

BOOMER: After the debate. We shook hands after the debate.

LIND: In college?

BOOMER: Sponsored by the Republican Club.

LIND: We debated for the Republican Club?

BOOMER: We sure did.

LIND (looking around): For God's sake, don't tell anybody around here. What did we talk about?

BOOMER: Whether foreign aid to underdeveloped nations should continue.

LIND (rather grand): Well, I was **always** in favor of meeting our responsibilities on spaceship Earth.

BOOMER: You were against it.

LIND: Against it?

BOOMER: Strictly isolationist.

LIND: Good God.

BOOMER: You really put your heart into it. Just like the gay civil rights bill.

LIND: Well. . . I probably didn't feel as strongly about it as I do about the. . . gay. . .

BOOMER: You were in tears at the end.

LIND: I was?

BOOMER: You said the survival of America was at stake. **Beautiful.**

LIND (deprecating): Well, put me in front of a crowd and I get a little. . . carried away.

BOOMER: Unanimous decision in your favor.

LIND: (pleased): Is that right?

BOOMER: That's when we shook hands. I mean, to show there were no hard feelings. Just because I lost.

LIND: (magnanimous): Sorry about that, Joey.

BOOMER: (simply): That's okay. I was glad we debated. Otherwise we wouldn't have gotten to be friends.

LIND: You and I. . .

BOOMER: Yeah. We had some really good times.

LIND: Isn't that funny. I just can't. . .

BOOMER: Place me.

LIND: Yeah.

BOOMER: Lotta people have that problem. Something about me, I guess.

LIND: You aren't from Cleveland?

BOOMER: Nope.

LIND: Tallahassee?

BOOMER: Nope.

LIND: Portland?

BOOMER: Nope. Pasadena.

LIND: Joey Boomer from Pasadena!

BOOMER: That's me!

LIND (falsely): Well, sure! (Puts out hand warmly) We debated together.

BOOMER: Right!

LIND: Isn't that a coincidence, you being here tonight! Joey Boomer from Pasadena! (Pause) **California!** You lived in Sutton Hall.

BOOMER: Madison.

LIND: Of course. Madison. You went out for cross-country.

BOOMER: Swimming.

LIND: Right, swimming!

BOOMER: We used to eat at the Union. Friday nights.

LIND: Shit on the shingle.

BOOMER: That was Sunday. Friday was creamed cod.

LIND: Of course, creamed cod!

BOOMER: Awful.

LIND: Sawdust.

BOOMER: Milk of magnesia.

LIND: Ratshit, batshit. . .

TOGETHER: . . . THREE-TOED SLOTH SHIT!

(They laugh together over this bit of remembered college nostalgia)

BOOMER: (still full of cheer): I'm sure glad you remember me!

LIND: (not quite so cheertful): So. You work for the Advocate, Joey.

BOOMER (easy, confidential): I turned out to be gay. I didn't find out right away. It took a while. About two weeks. (Laughs) But that wouldn't surprise you.

LIND (suddenly on guard): That. . . wouldn't. . .

BOOMER (very easy): Not after. . . (shrugs). . . you know.

LIND (retreating from this line): Boy, this is one busy night for me, Joey. (Starts to busy himself at desk)

BOOMER: That's why I admired your position on this issue. The way you took all that flack from Van Ronk. The insinuations. The gossip. Boy, that took courage.

LIND: Politics is a dirty business.

BOOMER (quoting): "I am not a homosexual but if I was, I hope I'd have the strength to be proud of it." **Beautiful!**

LIND: Nothing but the truth, Joey.

BOOMER: Reminded me of Joan of Arc.

LIND: I've been called a lot of things, but never Joan of Arc.

BOOMER: The way you said it. Talk about conviction! Like it was true.

LIND: (icy pause) What did you say?

BOOMER: Like it was true. Like you and me. . . we never. . . (stops)

LIND (freezing): Go on, please.

BOOMER: Like we never. . . (embarrassed pause) I guess you. . . umm...forgot.

LIND (menacing): Forgot what?

BOOMER: Nothin'. . . (shrug). . . nothin'.

LIND (cold and businesslike): Are you implying that we engaged in some kind of activity together?

BOOMER: Yeah. Activity.

LIND: Of a sexual nature.

BOOMER: That was it. Sexual.

LIND (dismissing it flatly): Not possible.

BOOMER: Right!

LIND: I'm glad you agree. (Stands up) So I'll say good night, Mr. Boomer.

BOOMER: (standing up): Good night, Sir. (He starts off)

LIND: Door's right over there.

BOOMER: Right. (Pause) So it doesn't matter about the picnic?

LIND: What picnic?

BOOMER: The Republican Club picnic. When we snuck off. You and me.

LIND: I never snuck off with anyone, before, during or after a Republican picnic. The whole thing is. . . a fantasy. Of yours.

BOOMER: (mildly): Right. (pause) What about the Democratic picnic?

LIND: What. . . about it?

BOOMER: You said sex should be non-partisan.

LIND: I never said any such thing.

BOOMER: Of course, you were a little smashed.

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HERE & THERE

New York, NY—A shipment of books, phonograph records, and other supplies sent from the **Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop** to a Canada bookstore has finally been released by Customs after several months of delay.

Body Politic

Minneola, NY—Roy Slutsky, a 25-year-old former mental patient, has been found not guilty by reason of insanity in Nassau County Court in the 1977 slaying of 16-year-old Richard Lesser. A psychiatrist testified that Slutsky had a compulsion to kill after homosexual advances were made to him. His victim was not gay; but, according to the psychiatrist, Slutsky chose his victims "randomly in order to assert his manhood."

Gaysweek

Santa Monica, CA—The Westside Ecumenical Conference has narrowly turned down the membership application of the **Metropolitan Community Church, West Bay**. Though the church met the bylaw requirements, conference members opposed its membership because it ministers to gays.

Los Angeles Times

Bristol, UK—Philip Long, a member of the **Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE)** who was sacked from his job as a coach driver, has lost his claim for unfair dismissal. He was sacked after leaving a briefcase with CHE materials at the company depot. The case was taken and opened, but never returned.

Gay News (London)

Washington, D.C.—The Justice Department has reversed itself and told the Supreme Court that it feels the Federal Communications Commission ban on seven "indecent" words in radio broadcasts is unconstitutional.

United Press International

Sao Paulo, Brazil—Openly gay Brazilian journalist Celso Curi has been charged with "offending morality and decent customs" for writing about gay people, and his regular newspaper column has been cancelled. Curi's trial will be the subject of the lead article in a new journal **Lampiao**, being published by a group of gays in Rio de Janeiro. Whether press censorship laws will stop its publication is still a matter of concern, but the staff remains hopeful; since other gay journals in Brazil, though now defunct, were permitted to be openly distributed in the past.

Gaysweek

Cincinnati, OH—The Ohio First District Court of Appeals has struck down a law prohibiting a person from soliciting another person of the same sex for sexual activity when the offender knows the solicitation will be offensive. The majority opinion, written by Judge Robert Clark, Jr., stated that the importuning law was unconstitutional because it was an "overbroad restriction of speech."

Enquirer

Sacramento, CA—Workers who refuse to grant sexual favors to their bosses would be protected under a bill (AB 2858) introduced here in April.

United Press International

Nashville, TN—Governor Ray Blanton has told a radio evangelist that he will sign a new anti-pornography bill sent to him by the Tennessee House. The bill is 70 pages long, with 10 pages devoted to explicit definitions for all terms explaining what is obscene. Anyone convicted of selling pornography would be fined \$50,000 and imprisoned for a minimum of five years without chance of parole.

Tennessean

Auigusta, ME—Joseph Brennan, Maine's Attorney General, has ruled that a woman takes her husband's name as a matter of tradition "and little else", and is not required to do so. The man may take his wife's name, or both may retain their own names after marriage.

United Press International

Washington, D.C.—The **National Organization of Women**, prime mover behind the boycott of states which have not ratified the ERA, reports that the loss of convention business to date has not cost the 15 non-ratifying states over \$100 million. Many convention bureaus have published cries of anguish at the sight of many conventions moving to one of the 35 states which have ratified the ERA.

United Press International

New York, NY—The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn have criticized the proposed gay rights bill, charging that it is "harmful to the community" and an "unsound basis for human rights."

Gaysweek

Syosset, NY—Ronald Stein, a 42-year-old administrative aide at Syosset High School, has been charged with sexually abusing five girls who had been sent to him for disciplinary action.

Gaysweek

Baltimore, MD—The **Gay Community Center of Baltimore** has announced the opening of its facilities to gay women and men. Located at 2133 Maryland Avenue, the center contains a library, reading and lounge area, coffee house, and daytime game room. The center has applied for CETA funding for regular staff positions, and is in need of donations of money, time, and materials.

Press Release

LIND: The whole thing. . .if it happened, which I doubt . . .was some kind of schoolboy prank. We were probably too drunk to know what we were doing.

BOOMER: Probably. Except you gave me this. (Holds out his hand to show a ring).

LIND: I gave you that?

BOOMER: Said it belonged to your grandmother. Pretty, huh? I had it reset.

LIND: I never saw that ring before in my life.

BOOMER: (taking it off, reading the inscription): "To Jackie Lind from his Nana." Sure **sounds** like you.

LIND (beginning to be convinced) My God.

BOOMER: I bet she was a very nice lady.

LIND: So you and I. . .(he points, but is unable to finish the sentence)

BOOMER: I'll never forget it. I don't mind telling you. . .this ring has seen me through some dark times. Very dark.

LIND: My God.

BOOMER: Politics makes strange bedfellows. That's what you used to say. (Apologetically) When we were in bed.

LIND: So all those smears. . .those insinuations. . .they're true.

BOOMER: 'Fraid so. Except. . .we quit doing it.

LIND: We did?

BOOMER: You asked me to give you up. On account of your career. It was hard, I'll tell you that. I pretended it wasn't. I was brave on the outside. . .but awfully broken up on the inside. Sort of like Joan Crawford in **Mildred Pierce**. When she found out Ann Blythe is dating Zachary Scott. She thought Zachary was **hers**.

LIND: (hardly listening): So I've been living a lie.

BOOMER: Yeah. But isn't it nice to know there was somebody you cared about?

LIND (emphatic): I never had time to care about anybody. I made that clear in all my campaigns.

BOOMER: Well, you can forget it ever happened.

LIND: Forget? Now? I ran on a platform of full disclosure.

BOOMER: Yeah, but this is between us. Who's to know?

LIND: I know. And if I know, the newspapers know. I tell 'em everything.

BOOMER: Well, it happened a long time ago.

LIND: If you do it once, you'll do it again.

BOOMER: Maybe you **should** do it again. Times have changed.

LIND: The times might change but Jake Lind doesn't change. . .ever.

BOOMER: The voters don't want you to be a virgin. They **want** you to have a sex life.

LIND: Somebody from the League of Women's Voters tell you that?

BOOMER: No. But it stands to reason.

LIND: Hah! They voted for a good man. And what've they got? A lecher!

BOOMER: Virtue isn't worth anything 'til it's been tested.

LIND: A roue!

BOOMER: Dante reserved a corner of hell for people who preached morality without ever being tempted.

LIND: A libertine!

BOOMER: Don't you see? Chastity is the greatest perversion of all!

LIND: Next thing, I'll be running a goddam massage parlor.

BOOMER: But don't you see. . .we loved each other!

LIND (making a horrible face): Loved!

BOOMER: Yes, loved! We were gonna live together! Defy our parents! Walk into the sunrise holding hands.

LIND: Call the TV crew back. I wanta make a statement.

BOOMER: What kind of a statement?

LIND: I'm sick.

BOOMER: Not sick. . .**human!**

LIND: It's the same thing.

BOOMER: Why do you have to be better than anybody else?

HERE & THERE

San Diego, CA—Federal officials announced in April that the Medicare program would pay for a \$5600 sex-change operation for Bobbie Lea Bennett, 31, who has dressed and lived as a woman for three years. Bennett is confined to a wheelchair by a rare bone disease.

United Press International

Wyoming, MI—The book **Saturday Night Fever**, written from the movie of the same name, has been removed from the shelves of Rogers High School in this suburb of Grand Rapids. A parent objected to a portion of the book in which a character conjectures that God is homosexual.

Gay Light

Los Angeles, CA—The East Los Angeles Council of Priests, which has representatives from 22 Roman Catholic parishes, has unanimously endorsed a boycott of the Adolph Coors Company. The official statement, issued by Rev. Ruben Lopez, council president, supported union efforts to reach a pact which would guarantee employees "human rights and just working conditions."

Los Angeles Times

Frankfort, KY—Lieutenant Governor Thelma Stovall had the authority to veto a legislative resolution withdrawing Kentucky's ratification of the ERA, according to an official decision issued by the Attorney General's Office.

Associated Press

Belfast, N. Ireland—Police dragged Kevin Merrett, Secretary of the **North Ireland Gay Rights Association (NIGRA)** into the back of a Land Rover and held him pinned there for 15 minutes. Merrett was taking part in the picket of a local bookshop which had refused to sell **Gay News**.

Gay News (London)

Toronto, Ont—Female impersonator Craig Russell, critically acclaimed for his role in the current movie **Outrageous**, was taken to a Toronto hospital after suffering a nervous breakdown in March. Russell, an accomplished impressionist, impersonates such stars as Carol Channing, Mae West, Barbra Streisand, and Peggy Lee.

Gaysweek

Atlanta, GA—Dr. David Grimes of the Family Planning Evaluation Division at the Center for Disease Control says that circumcision is a throwback to a more primitive medical era, and "appears to lack sufficient medical justification." Noting that the primary justification of circumcision is cleanliness, Grimes also noted that this might also be accomplished with soap and water.

Gaysweek

New York, NY—Prostitution—said to be the oldest profession—now requires training programs for "women of the night" to get and retain jobs. One school of prostitution has already sprung up, offering a "Mistress of Arts" degree for those aspiring to work in brothels. The courses include "What to do if Arrested," "Professional Ethics," and "Personal Hygiene."

Human Behavior

San Francisco, CA—U.S. District Court Judge Cecil F. Poole has refused to dismiss a lawsuit in which he had enjoined the processing of Navy personnel for discharge on the grounds of homosexuality.

Bay Area Reporter

Albany, New York—The New York State Senate has passed a bill prohibiting the installation or maintenance of two-way mirrors or other viewing devices in hotel rooms, restrooms, or washrooms.

New York Times

Phoenix, AZ—Republican leaders here have thwarted an attempt to legalize adultery and cohabitation, saying that the issue is too controversial. "Passions are running too high right now," said Speaker Frank Kelley.

Arizona Gay News

San Francisco, CA—Nicholas Benton, a full-time paid organizer for the U.S. Labor Party, says that he is a candidate for governor of California. Knowledgeable sources claim that Benton, age 34, was very active in San Francisco's gay liberation movement from 1969 through 1974. Articles under Benton's byline also appeared in **Gay Sunshine** and the **San Francisco Chronicle**. Benton now denies any connection with the gay movement.

Los Angeles Times

New York, NY—Sallie Herson has been officially reinstated to a teaching position for the New York City Board of Education. She had been released from her job as peer-group counselor at Walton High School in the Bronx in November of 1976, just days after sharing with students in a rap session that she was a lesbian. With support from the Gay Teachers Association and the N.Y.A.C.L.U., Herson filed suit last year in federal court. The Board of Education initiated an informal hearing in October of 1977, and determined that she should be reinstated to a teaching position.

Gaysweek

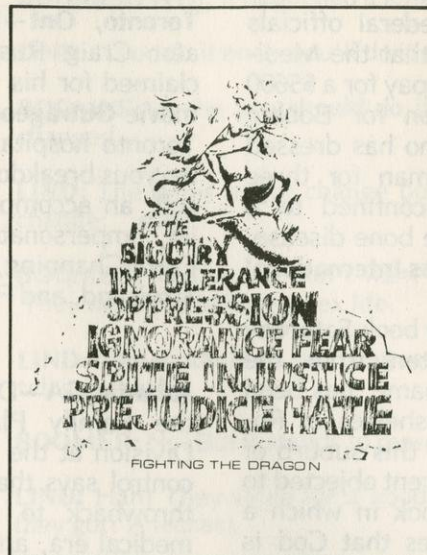
Elizabeth, NJ—The names of those arrested on morals charges on the Garden State Parkway will be released in order to deter increasing gay sex at service areas. Since the state police began the program to stop gay sex on the highway, 84 persons have been arrested and 62 summonses have been issued. More than 50% of those arrested were married parents.

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HERE & THERE

Chicago, IL—An Illinois abortion law which prohibits abortion without consent of a woman's parents or spouse has been struck down by the Federal appellate court.

Reuters

Boston, MA—The first meeting of Boston Area Lesbian and Gay Teachers took place in May at the national headquarters of Dignity. Over twenty-five women and men came together from points as distant as New Hampshire and Rhode Island to discuss problems and experiences in teaching.

Gay Community News

Washington, D.C.—The attorneys general of Missouri and Nevada have filed an unprecedented anti-trust suit in Federal Court in an effort to halt the successful boycott by the National Organization for Women of states which refuse to ratify the ERA. The states are contending that the boycott violates the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Gaysweek

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to disturb a decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals which exempts from criminal prosecution employees of a theater showing obscene films, but permits punishment of clerks in stores which sell comparable books (Maryland Vs. Wheeler, No. 77-1246).

New York Times

Chicago, IL—Feminists take the sexual initiative more frequently and get more sexual satisfaction than women with more traditional outlooks. This is the result of a study made by Virginia Abernathy of Vanderbilt University's Department of Psychiatry, and which was published in the American Medical Association's **Archives of General Psychiatry** (April issue).

Associated Press

Boston, MA—The Massachusetts Teachers Association voted at its annual meeting in May **against** a resolution which called for "severe penalties against child pornographers and those who profit from or are involved in child prostitution." Many delegates feared that the wording of the resolution would "pander to Bryant-like homophobia."

Gay Community News

East Lansing, MI—The undergraduate population at Michigan State University has elected its first openly gay candidate as student body president. Dan Jones (a junior from Shelton, CT) gained 3,436 votes, 500 more than his nearest rival. Jones, who is a horticulture major, said that his election campaign did not deal with his gayness.

Gay Community News

New Orleans, LA—A Louisiana law which gave unrestricted rights over property to husbands has been declared unconstitutional by a district court judge here. The law had declared the husband "head and master" of jointly owned property, giving him right to administer it, borrow money on it, and manage its income without his wife's consent.

Her Say

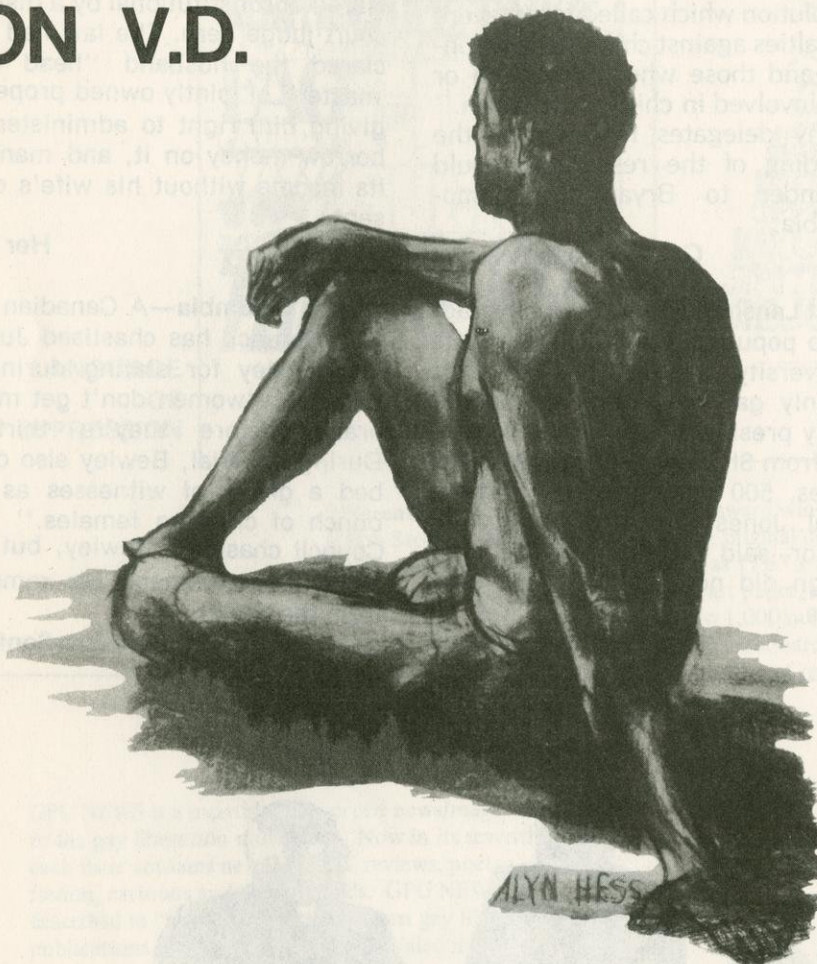
British Columbia—A Canadian Official Council has chastised Judge Les Bewley for stating during a trial that "women don't get much brains before they're thirty." During the trial, Bewley also dubbed a group of witnesses as "a bunch of clucking females." The Council chastised Bewley, but refused to recommend his removal from the bench.

San Francisco Sentinel



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(from page 34)

LIND: Because I'm a Puritan. Puritans **are** better than anybody else. Who was it came over in that cockamamie boat? Was it the Episcopalians? The Catholics? The Jews? Hell no, it was the Puritans! Lemme tell you something. The Puritans have gotten a bad press in this country! A goddam bad press!

BOOMER: The Puritans have made us all miserable for 200 years.

LIND: It wasn't the Puritans made you miserable, it was your own guilty conscience!

BOOMER: Who put it there?

LIND: Serves ya right. You were screwing around.

BOOMER: People have a right to screw around!

LIND: Not while I'm in charge! (Pause) I'll have to veto the gay rights bill.

BOOMER: What?

LIND: I can't support it now. It would be hypocritical.

BOOMER: It will still protect. . .

LIND: Protect who? A bunch of fags. Like me.

BOOMER: What about the principle of the thing? Protection for a minority? Don't you believe in that?

LIND: I do! For them!

BOOMER: What about you?

LIND: If I need that kind of protection, I'm in trouble.

BOOMER: Listen, Jake. . .

LIND: Who told you to call me Jake?

BOOMER: You did.

LIND: That statement isn't operative any more.

BOOMER (drawing closer): But Jake. . .

LIND: (picking up a letter opener): Stay away. . . stay away or I'll cut you to ribbons!

BOOMER: Don't you ever get lonely?

LIND: How can I get lonely when I got six millior people watching me every minute?

BOOMER: Six million people can't keep you warm on a cold winter night!

LIND: The hell they can't! Get away!

BOOMER: But Jake. . . tell me why! Tell me why you don't want anybody close to you!

LIND: (in a frenzy): Because. . . because. . . IT HURTS!

(Phone rings)

LIND: Don't answer that!

BOOMER: It might be. . .

LIND: I don't care what it is!

BOOMER: . . . the result of the vote!

LIND: I don't wanna hear it!

(BOOMER snatches the phone and moves away)

BOOMER: Yes. . . yes. . . he'll be delighted. . . yes, I'll give him the good news. (He hangs up). It passed.

LIND: No!

BOOMER: Thirty-five to one.

LIND: I'm finished.

BOOMER: Finished? It means you're free. **We're** free! Don't you see? We can be together again and you won't lose your job!

LIND: (weakly): You and. . . me?

BOOMER: We can move into the executive mansion. I mean. . . it's **okay**!

LIND: Move in to the. . .

BOOMER: We can even take out a bank loan together . . . file a joint tax return. . . there's almost nothing we can't do. . . Don't you see, Jake, we're free to be gay and proud!

LIND: (weakly) Gay. . . and proud. (He looks at the letter opener) Gay and. . . (He stabs himself and staggers around, then falls to the floor)

BOOMER: Jake! . . . Jake! Oh my God, Jake! (He looks around) Help! (He gets up and calls) Help! In here. (nobody arrives) Jake! Talk to me, Jake! (He puts his ear to LIND's chest, and is obviously frightened by what he hears. Then he gets an idea. He talks rapidly, in a frenzy) Listen, Jake. . . none of that was true. I made it up . . . (wild inspiration) Jake. . . The Cardinal sent me!

LIND: (opening one eye) The Cardinal?

BOOMER: Yeah, he was behind the whole thing. He said. . . there's only one way to defeat that bill. Get Jake

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REVIEW

The Legacy, a novel by Sonya Jones. The Vanity Press, Atlanta, Georgia, 1978. Paperback, \$3.95. Limited first and second editions in 1976 and 1977.

Flannel Morning: Love Songs for Dr. V., A dramatic monologue by Sonya Jones. Pen and Ink drawings by Alix Kenagy. The Vanity Press, Atlanta, GA, 1978. Paper, \$3.00. Limited first edition in October, 1977.

After the Prom. Short Stories by Hadden Luce, with introduction by Sonya Jones., The Vanity Press, Atlanta, GA, 1978. Paper, \$3.00. Limited first edition, October 1977. (Order from The Vanity Press, Box 15064, Atlanta, GA 30333.)

Reviewed by Carol Saunders

Summer appears to be a time when the small publishers and vanity presses attempt to hit markets with their largest seasonal output. From one perspective, this practice may seem self-defeating; since the biggest buying season runs from October through April. There is method in the apparent madness, however, since this principle buying season usually sees the market glutted with new offerings from the major commercial houses; and review space usually follows the lead of advertising commitments and circulation figures. Issuing books later in the year means that the small presses may often secure review space where none would have been available earlier. And, for the reading public at large the bonus is that, once the best-sellers are in circulation, the months following offer the opportunity for exploration and discovery from lesser known sources. For the gay market this dictum is twice true; for, though 1977 and 1978 have seen a mammoth swelling of interest in gay materials on the part of the large publishers, their editorial tastes have hewed the narrow line

of the tried and true, rarely venturing beyond in search of new paths and hitherto unknown authors.

Supplying in irony what it lacks in comedy or intrinsic reality, the novel makes a good companion piece to Dan Curzon's **Tim McPick**, which supplies in comedy what it lacks in continuity. I suspect that most readers familiar with academia will find both novels somewhat tedious, since many of the allusions and situations will be without experienced substance. The novel is generally well written, however, and constitutes a solid contribution to the growing gay literature. Aside from the insularity of the academic background, my quarrel with **Legacy** is similar to my reservations about **McPick**: the principle characters in both novels never do succeed in taking on human clothing. Perhaps this is less true for **Legacy**, but the reader still leaves the novel without intimate familiarity with Reid.

Flannel Morning is another story indeed. There is no editorial introduction beyond the note that the title poem first appeared in "Sinister Wisdom", but it appears that the poems (except for this first) appear one and all for the first time. Sonya Jones' first book (**The Ulti-**

The first and limited edition of **The Legacy** was warmly, though not exuberantly, received in feminist circles; and it merits access to a wider audience. It is the tale of Reid Calloway in her tenure as assistant professor of English at a college in Atlanta. Reid is an out-of-the-closet lesbian with some definite views on teaching methods and materials. The novel is an excursion into the politics, the irony, the humor, and the closetedness of the academic world. It runs through a major love affair on the part of Reid (and the death of her lover), some cataclysmic relations with her departmental head (who turns out to be a closet lesbian), some winding meetings with her motgher (who also turns out to be a lesbian)—and a surprise, if somewhat contrived ending for the var-

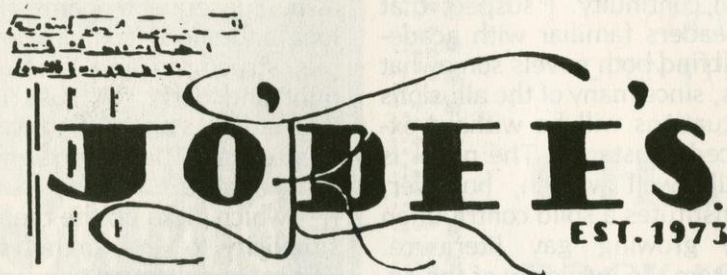
ious strands which make up the tale.

mate Dare) was also a collection of poetry, and here she is at her tried and true best. "Woman to Woman", one of the longest poems in the volume, has a haunting beauty and a fascinating simplicity all its own. Subsequent poems alternate long and short, complex and simple, structured and unstructured, light and dark. "A Kiss is Most Crucial" was one of the favorites of this reader. The volume ends with a five-stanza "Woman to Woman II", which picks up the themes and simplicity of its archetype and brings the collection to a successful and memorable close.

Hadden Luce is a wild, crazy woman who adores words, women, and wine. As some writers fall in love with narrative, and others with dialogue, so Hadden appears forever attracted to irony. Most of the stories collected in **After the Prom** are among the author's earliest, written between the ages of twenty and twenty-six. None are dated, and Sonya Jones has done some editing work as well, including updating references to lesbian and feminist writers. "Holidaze", which opens the collection, was written especially for it, and is the latest work included. There are fully a dozen short stories in the 45 pages of the volume, ranging in length from one to five pages. Some are certainly more successful and attractive than others, but it is good to have them collected together in an inexpensive format. Collectively they evidence talent and promise, and their reasonable cost and attractive format make them a worthy addition for any feminist or gay library.

It is good that all three of these volumes have emerged from private printing and circulation to a wider audience. Jointly they provide eloquent testimony to the necessity of small press publication generally. Worthwhile reading in themselves, they attest the continued growth and strength of gay and feminist literature.

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REVIEW

In a Class by Herself by Linda Crawford. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1978. Pp. 243, \$7.95.

Reviewed by Susan Conley

Summer seems to be the time for publishers to release first novels by women authors. And this summer is a good time for reading explorations, since at least some of the new candidates are gems. Linda Crawford lives in Long Island and her first novel aspires to this class successfully.

Evelyn Girard is "in a class by herself." At twenty-seven, she's a successful reporter and interviewer of the famous for a New York newspaper. She's intelligent, attractive, and, in the eyes of her mother, leading a glamorous and enviable life. Evelyn Girard is gay (incidentally), and also an alcoholic, not-so-incidentally. Her lover, Ellie, is also an alcoholic, and together they are both alcoholic.

In a Class by Herself is the story of one year in Evelyn's life—a tale of degradation, violence, sexual encounters with men who humiliate and brutalize her, and of her own lover who is unable to help her. It is a tale dotted with the appearances of various public personalities which she is called upon to interview. Midway through the year the two lovers pull up roots in New York and move to Los Angeles, in hopes that things will be better there. Their alcoholism moves with them, so things are decidedly not better there.

Evelyn survives in carrying out her interviews through the consumption of untold thousands of prescription drugs: anti-hangover drugs, vallium and anti-depressants, and more. One begins to wonder whether she is more hooked on the drugs or on the booze, only to see that the two are indissolubly joined within her lifestyle. The plight of the alcoholic is sensibly portrayed: the stark horror of it all

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comes across without the need of social commentary, and the author is wise to stick to the narrative.

From the gay perspective, Evelyn is reasonably and realistically sketched—a believable personage in all. She is not a closet case, openly gay among her friends and other gays, and able to move freely in gay and nongay circles. Both she and Ellie are given to witty irony, and they are able to sum up the idiosyncrasies of the social worlds in which they move, high society gay and straight, in a few well-chosen remarks. It is these conversational witticisms which lend much appreciated moments of humor and lightness to many situations which would be sad and dreary in their absence. Evelyn and Ellie are deeply in love—let there be no mistake about that—and they are happy to be gay, while not being movement people in any sense of that misused term. They provide believable images of the many lesbians who, happy with their lifestyle, do not frequent the lesbian bar.

Autumn, the next to last section of the novel, brings Evelyn into an AA group. The author herself must have some familiarity or experience with that which she describes, since the narrative of AA procedures and techniques is too literally true to be second-hand. The affair with the AA is, like all else in Evelyn's life, episodic and fragmentary in nature. The final section, "Spring", is not an ending of the story, but only an ending of the novel, which purports to be no more than a momentary glimpse into a personal reality.

Linda Crawford has produced a solid and readable first novel. Gayness exudes, never as a problem, but always as the lifestyle in which problems occur. **In a Class by Herself** is a welcome addition to contemporary gay literature.

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Lind to think he's gay. He'd never sign it. Conflict of interest! Integrity! He said. . . go down there, Joey and convince the mayor he's gay!

LIND: That interfering sonuvabitch.

BOOMER: If he's gay, that bill is dead!

LIND: (reviving): The whore of Babylon!

BOOMER: I'm a provocateur, Jake. . . a dirty, low-down provocateur!

LIND: (getting up, quite chattily): Well, that was a nasty little cut. (He wipes off the front of his shirt)

BOOMER: (greatly relieved, wipes his forehead): Whew. You really had me scared there. Oh, I forgot to tell you, they're sending over some reporters. They want a statement.

LIND: (quite himself): Oh. Good.

BOOMER: Gee, I'm exhausted. Maybe I better run along.

LIND: When you see the Cardinal. . . tell him (knowing

wink) tell him it's okay with the choiroyos now. I'm prepared to overlook his little. . . weaknesses.

BOOMER: Sure. Sure.

LIND: That old devil. No wonder he wears red. (Chuckles) To think I couldn't see through his tricks.

BOOMER: (at the door): I hear 'em coming. You okay?

LIND (composing himself): Never better, Joey, never better.

BOOMER: Well, I'll see you 'round. . . (Pause) Say, do you mind if I keep the ring?

LIND: (very startled): What ring?

BOOMER: The ring you. . . (Holds up his hand)

LIND (rising in anger): There never was a ring, Joey.

BOOMER: The one your grandmother. . .

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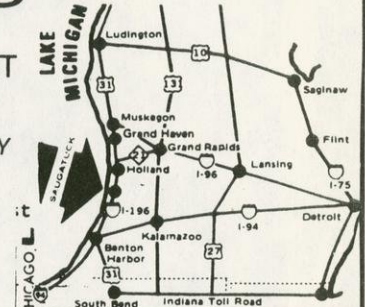


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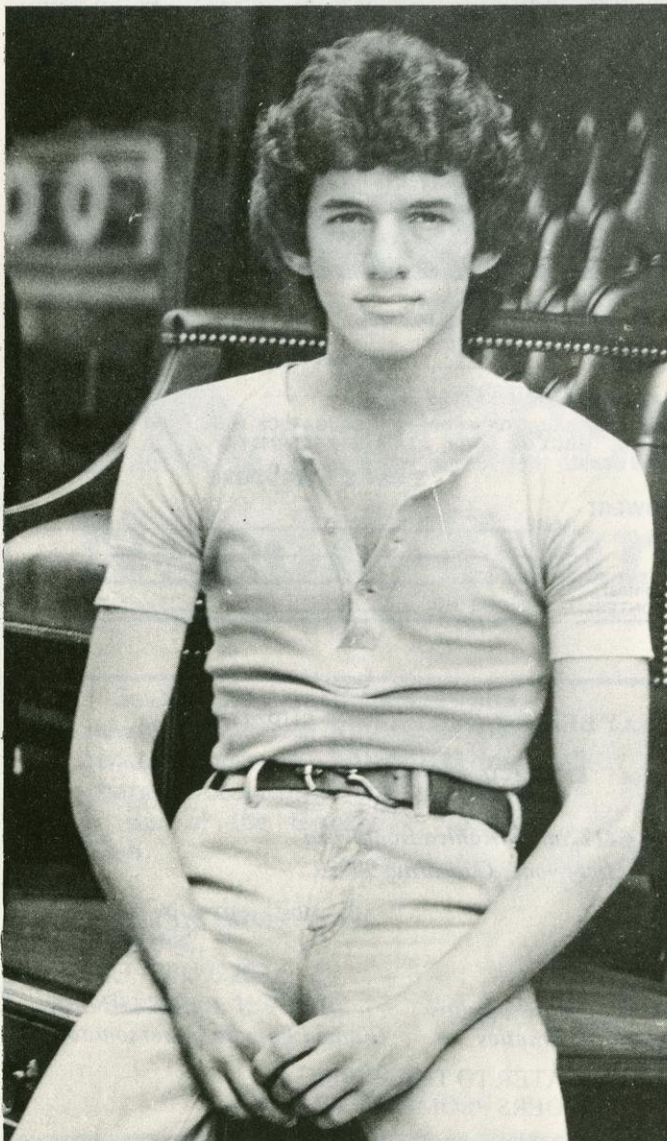
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- JULY 8** Lutherans Concerned (Milwaukee) See July 7
- JULY 9** Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m. Lutherans Concerned (Milwaukee) See July 7. National ERA March, Washington, D.C., For info call (202) 737-2295.
- JULY 10** Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Business Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
- JULY 12** Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite
- JULY 13** Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m., "Myra Breckenridge." The Baron (Milwaukee) Belated July Fourth Party.
- JULY 14** The Ball Game (Milwaukee) Christmas in July, through July 31.

- JULY 15 **Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Mr. Saugatuck Contest.**
- JULY 16 **Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.**
- JULY 17 **Gay Peoples Union, (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center.**
- JULY 19 **Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.**
- JULY 20 **Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m., "George White Scandals."**
- JULY 22 **Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Boat Show and Movies.**
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- JULY 26 **Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.**
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- JULY 29 **Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Go-Go Contest.
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