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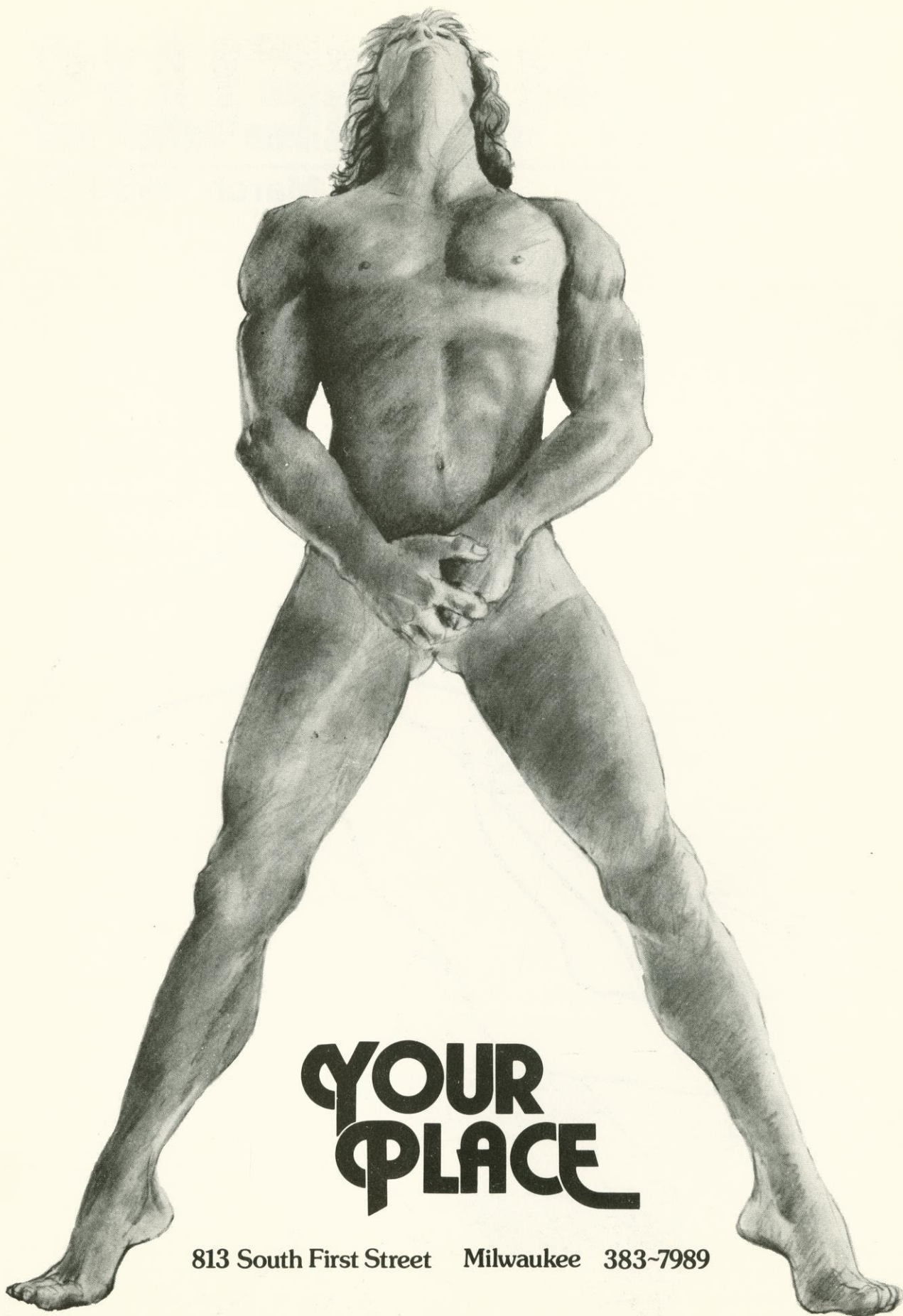
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AUSTRALIAN REPORT

Sydney, Australia—Discrimination against gays could be against the law here if the State Government of New South Wales accepts a recommendation of its own Anti-Discrimination Board. The Government commissioned an investigation by the Board, and its final report is to be handled formally by the State Cabinet early this year. The report will urge: (1) Legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment on grounds of sexual preference, (2) Major reforms to the laws against male homosexuality, which presently permit gay males to be sentenced to a maximum prison term of 14 years, and (3) Legislation against refusal of service or accommodation to gay persons.

The report highlights horror stories of lesbians and gay men receiving treatment which has at times driven them to suicide. While it comes as no surprise to



Dennis Altman

gay activists in Australia, it is causing a considerable stir in the non-gay press of Australia.

Cases include a male gay prevented from seeing his lover who was on the danger list in hospital, a lesbian teacher who killed herself after someone leaked the news of her sexuality to her headmistress, a gay woman evicted from the home she had shared with her lover of 30 years because the house became the property of her lover's next of kin on her death, and a loss of similar accounts.

Author Dennis Altman, who testified to the Board, accused the churches, the Government, and the media of holding back reform of the anti-gay laws. Moves toward reform were blocked last year by the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. Now members of the Sydney Gay Task Force are keeping up the pressure on Government and public by holding a "summer offensive" to bring gay rights to the fore.

SACRAMENTO MARCH

Sacramento, CA—More than 8,000 gay rights demonstrators marched on January 13 to show their support for legislation which would outlaw job discrimination against gays. The actual number of those who marched the 22-block route in a driving rainstorm varied from the 3,000 estimated by the **Chronicle** to 12,000 reported by one Sacramento radio station. The committee which sponsored the march had originally hoped for up to 25,000 to show their support for the legislation sponsored by San Francisco Assemblyman Art Agnos, which was already headed for a battle in the Senate's Ways and Means Committee. The bill would extend protections of the state Fair Employment Act to gays in California. Similar legislation, sponsored by State Senator Milton Marks, was introduced in the last session of the legislature, but failed. Agnos estimated that the current bill had a 50-50 chance of passage.



Among those marching and speaking at the postmarch rally were Senator Milton Marks, Senator Agnos, and Harry Britt. Assemblyman Willie Brown arrived and also pledged to work for the

bill. The two and a half hour rally was shortened by rain and cold to about 45 minutes. Nearly 400 demonstrators remained in Sacramento to lobby their legislators on Monday.

DALLAS SUIT

Dallas, TX—Donald Baker has filed a federal suit seeking to have Texas' homosexuality law declared unconstitutional. Baker, a self-proclaimed gay, seeks no damages. "I pursued this," he noted, "because I am a teacher and we teach children to have faith and confidence in the American system. We teach that people who are unjustly treated can seek redress through the system."

Baker's suit challenges the anti-gay statute under two constitutional amendments: the First, because he contends that the statute is based on religious sentiment, and the Fourteenth, because he says that it denies due process and equal protection. In the suit, Baker identified himself as a "practicing homosexual, who regularly engages in private homosexual acts . . . and who is constantly in fear of criminal prosecution."

Baker, age 32, is on sabbatical leave from the Dallas school district to earn his M.A. at Southern Methodist University. He has taught sixth grade social studies and language since 1975. Though a vocal member of the Dallas gay community, and a board member of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, he noted that his sexual orientation was never an issue with his school district employers. "I didn't bring my sexuality into my occupation because there's no need for it ever to come up. Many people knew, but did not make an issue of it because I did not, shall we say, flaunt it."

While many states have abolished statutes restricting consensual sexual activity, the Texas Legislature went out of its way to include the statute in a 1973 revision of the state penal code. Violation is a misdemeanor with maximum fine of \$200.

"This is the law that the police use to harass the gay community," Baker said. "It was written mostly out of fear and ignorance."

RABBI CALLS FOR NEW DEAL

London, UK—According to Rabbi Lionel Blue, Convenor of the Religious Court of the Reform Synagogue, rabbis should be willing to bless the homes of Jewish gay couples. Speaking to a packed meeting of the Golders Green Intergroup in London, Rabbi Blue—



Rabbi Blue

whose recently published book, **Back Door to Heaven**, describes his own gay experiences—said that this would be an effective first step toward reconciling Judaism with gayness.

At present gays are treated like the "Jews of Jews," he claimed, roundly condemning the Jewish "blanket of silence" which has stifled consideration of the subject for centuries. "You can't complain about people giving you hell if you are giving hell to others," he added. "Jews have never regarded themselves as oppressors, and many rabbis are, therefore, feeling a deep inconsistency in their attitude towards homosexuality." The lingering official attitude is that homosexuality is "nonexistent among Jews."

Although many rabbis consider the ban on homosexual behavior to

be a total one, Rabbi Blue went on to argue that the Old Testament dealt with only one expression of homosexuality—sodomy—and provided no clues to the attitude which Jews should take generally to homosexuality. Rabbi Blue is currently a member of the working party established two years ago on sexual minorities in Judaism, which is made up of 12 Reform Rabbis. Their findings will be published later this year in a pamphlet written by Dr. Wendy Greengross.

PLEA IGNORED

Cincinnati, OH—The City Safety Director, Richard Castellini, has admitted that police ignored a call for help when a private swim party for gays was attacked by a mob of queer-bashers here in July of 1979. "The Police Communications Section simply did not respond in an appropriate manner," Castellini told members of the City Council. "One member made indiscreet comments and did not properly handle the situation. He is no longer a city employee. Lambda Sports [which offered the outing] was not afforded the degree of police cooperation to which it was entitled."

Lambda Sports had rented a city park pool closed on weekends. Area residents erected anti-gay signs. About thirty-five people taunted the swimmers and later threw rocks, bottles, and debris when a police officer left his assigned post.

The Greater Cincinnati Gay Coalition use the acknowledgement of police malfeasance as "a perfect example of why we need a Human Rights Ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation." Members of GCGC also issued a statement deploring police harassment of gay businesses and individuals, and the systematic exclusion of gay persons from the Cincinnati Police Force.

CRUISING NIXED

Boston, Ma- General Cinema Corporation, the world's largest chain of movie theaters, has cancelled its agreement with United Artists, and will refuse to show the controversial film, **Cruising**, in any of its theaters. GCC's general headquarters are located in Boston, the scene of a number of protests by gay organizations against the film and its depiction of gay themes.

GCC spokesperson Sy Evans said that the chain had entered a "blind bid" on the film last fall, when it was assured by United Artists that the film would be done "with good taste." When GCC staff members and executives were finally permitted to preview the film, however, they expressed distaste both with its generally poor quality and sensationalism.

Evans explained that it is GCC's policy not to show films which are X-rated, and added that **Cruising** deserved an X-rating rather than the R-rating which the industry

provided to it.

In Milwaukee, the film opened in February at several theaters, where it has not drawn large attendance. A committee of gays was organized early in February, and sponsored several one-shot protests in front of theaters showing the film, including the east-side Downer Theater, which had just finished a seventeen-week showing of **La Cage Aux Folles**. Paradoxically, local representatives of the industry in Milwaukee noted that their original decision not to book the film widely here was changed because of the protests and publicity which the gay community provided.

The film was scheduled to open in Boston in February also, but all of its scheduled bookings have been cancelled there. Industry sources who previewed the film note that its overall poor quality and taste will mean that GCC's cancellation will probably be the first of many to come.

CENSUS

Washington, DC—The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 25% of all American households consist of persons living alone or with an unrelated person, an increase of 66% in such arrangements since 1970. The bureau also reports that 10% of all households are now headed by women, a 32% increase over the last ten years. The report goes on to note that "the proportion of family households maintained by a woman with no husband in the home is 8% for whites, 16% for Hispanics, and 29% for blacks."

The number of white males living either alone or with an unrelated person has increased 103% since 1970, while black men in such arrangements rose by 77%, and Hispanics by 109%. Increases among women living alone or with unrelated persons were smaller: 48% for whites, 53% for blacks, and 72% for Hispanics.

ADOPTION

Milwaukee, WI—A 21-year-old nursing student has been granted permission by a court to adopt his 23-year-old lover. The lover, who spoke to the press but wished to remain anonymous, explained that he and his lover believed that this was the best way to make each other heirs and to share the same name.

Judge Elliot Walstead, who granted the petition for adoption, said: "It was an unusual petition, but there was nothing to indicate they were homosexuals. And, if there was something, I don't know if it would have been any of my business."

ALASKA REFORM

Juneau, AK—Gays and other Alaskans who participate in sexual activities which are not in the "missionary position" have now had their sex lives decriminalized. Under the terms of this state's sweeping revision of its criminal code, sodomy is no longer prohibited by the 49th state. The code revision, which adds one more state to the growing list of those entering the twentieth century, was passed in 1978, but postponed for eighteen months in order to permit law enforcement agencies the time to adjust to its new provisions.

MADISON FUNDING

Madison, WI—Two projects of the lesbian and gay male communities here have received city funding because they provide services not otherwise provided by the City of Madison. The city's Lesbian Center received \$800 to maintain an information and referral service, while The United, Madison's oldest and largest gay-liberation organization, has received \$12,000 toward implementation of a lesbian and gay health care project.

IL GOV. ISSUES ORDER

Springfield, IL—Governor James R. Thompson, in an effort to purge the government of acts invading privacy, has issued an executive order aimed at prohibiting sexual harassment in its agencies. In his order, Thompson makes it clear that such harassment will not be tolerated among the 60,000 employees under his direct control.

"Sexual harassment is an offensive working condition which will not be tolerated by this administration," the Governor says. He also ordered that equal opportunity officers stationed in state agencies be trained to identify sexual harassment - of heterosexuals and homosexuals, women and men - and to investigate complaints about it from workers.

HOMO SQUADS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Netherlands—American tourists arriving at this city's airport were accosted by police officers demanding to know whether they were gay. Wearing identification badges marked, "Homo Squad," the four officers (two men, two women) questioned American arrivals during a two-hour period. Then they declared themselves off duty, and celebrated by kissing their partners (photos compliments of **Gay News**, London).

All of this is part of a campaign by COC, Holland's largest gay organization, to protest the refusal of officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to permit gay aliens to enter the United States. Many of the American travelers expressed amazement at the questioning, and denied knowledge of U.S. laws which were being used by INS officials to harass gays.

But COC was not the first group to act. An overwhelming majority of the Dutch Parliament sent an official protest against U.S. policy to the American House of Representatives. The letter, signed by 130 out of the 150 members of the Lower House of Parliament read:

"We find it unacceptable that Dutch and other non-American citizens would have to go through a humiliating procedure to determine their sexual orientation, even if such a thing were possible.

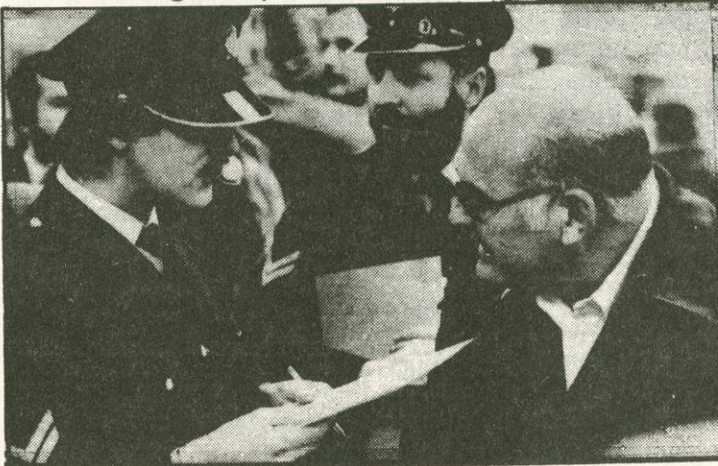


Bear Capron

"A country which claims to value so dearly a respect for human rights all over the world, by acting this way is acting directly contrary to the same respect for human rights."

The letter concludes with an appeal to Congress to enact legislation to end "this kind of grave discrimination."

Meanwhile, Bear Capron, a 29-year-old former U.S. citizen, now a naturalized Dutchman, went to the U.S. Consulate, swore an affidavit that he was gay, and invited the authorities to revoke his visa. This they did, and Bear's parents, still living in the United States, have announced that they are filing suit against the INS for excluding from entry into the U.S. a native-born American.



CRANSTON BILL

Washington, DC—U.S. Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) has introduced legislation changing the immigration law so that a homosexual alien cannot be barred on sexual grounds alone.

"The law rewards dishonesty, lying and hypocritical subterfuge," Cranston said, "and it punishes honesty and openness."

"Simple fairness demands that we put an end to a form of discrimination that not only is intellectually unsound and medically unjustifiable, but which also violates traditional American respect for the right of privacy and the dignity of the individual."

Cranston noted that the U.S. Surgeon General last summer directed the Public Health Service to discontinue examining homosexual aliens referred by the immigration service since homosexuality would no longer be considered a "disease or mental defect." The Surgeon General's ruling was based on a finding by the American Psychiatric Association in 1973 that homosexuality is not a disorder.

Cranston said enforcement of the immigration law barring "aliens

afflicted with psychopathic personality, sexual deviation or a mental defect" has been "inconsistent. . . arbitrary and inequitable." He said that only 31 persons have been denied admission to the U.S. under that provision from 1971 to 1978.

He said that ironically the situation has worsened lately because of the "eminently sensible" Public Health Service decision refusing to participate in the barring of homosexuals. Now "inexpert immigration officers acting alone" make

NY SODOMY STATUTE FALLS

Rochester, NY—The Appellate Division of The State Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that the New York state law prohibiting consensual sodomy, Section 130.8 of the Penal Law, is unconstitutional.

The court based its decision on the landmark 1965 Supreme Court decision, **Griswold v. Connecticut**. They held in **People v. Onofre** that the sodomy law violated the fundamental right of privacy inherent in privately committed consenting

the determination of whether homosexuality constitutes a disease or mental defect.

"The situation is absurd," Cranston observed.

The new legislation amends Section 212 (a) (4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to delete the words "sexual deviation" as grounds for denying entry into the U.S. The section would still bar aliens suffering from a "psychopathic personality or a mental defect."

sexual acts.

The court reversed the criminal conviction of Ronald Onofre for violating the consensual sodomy law. Mr. Onofre had engaged in consensual sexual relations with another adult in the privacy of his home. This case is an important vindication of the rights of gay people to engage in private sexual acts with adults of the same sex. It is also an important victory for all of the unmarried citizens of the state of New York where private sexual conduct was criminalized by this law.

Margot Karle, counsel for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, one of the attorneys in the case, pointed out the importance of this decision: "This is the first decision by a New York Appellate Court recognizing the right of sexual privacy of adults. It is an important victory for gay men and lesbians everywhere, as well as unmarried heterosexual adults."

This decision is applicable to the western part of New York State and makes it legal for consenting adults to engage in sodomy.

The District Attorney of Onondaga County has not yet decided to appeal this case to the Court of Appeals, New York's highest state court. If that court were to sustain this ruling, sodomy would be legal for all unmarried adults in New York State.

IRANIANS URGE GENOCIDE

Washington, DC—Iranian supporters of the Ayatollah Khomeini are distributing anti-gay leaflets in the United States. Pamphlets and other materials denouncing gays have recently turned up in the nation's capital.

A pamphlet entitled **Muslims in America Support the Ayatollah Khomeini**, signed by "The Islamic Community in the United States," bitterly attacks Americans for even tolerating homosexuals. The pamphlet begins: "With at least 10-20 million publically (sic) confessed homosexual and Lesbian perverts as U.S. citizens, the United States and people, in sexually related moral social terms represents the

most morally exhausted and socially diseased (sic) country in the history of mankind."

The call for genocide of homosexuals, in keeping with the Ayatollah's sanction of the murder of all known gays, continues. The writers conclude: "Ethnically speaking, Americans are social maggots and the United States capitol (sic) building is an earth-wort (sic) temple in dedication to the material and cultural exploitation of third world people."

Fortunately for the self-professed spokespersons for all Islam, the Ayatollah has not (yet) condemned to execution those guilty of bad spelling and awful grammar.

WINDOWS DRAWS PROTEST

New York, NY—The new movie, **Windows**, released by United Artists and which opened in New York on January 18, has drawn strong protests from lesbian, gay, and feminist groups in the area. The movie portrays a lesbian as a psychotic killer who falls in love with, and then terrorizes, a nongay woman. Representatives of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Filmmakers, and the National Gay Task Force, were permitted to screen the film in advance.

Windows is produced by the same company which released **Cruising**, a film which drew similar protests late last year because of its violence and stereotyped presentation of gays. **Windows** stars Elizabeth Ashley and Talia Shire. Its release was announced by a full page ad in the **New York Times** which showed a woman holding another woman at knife-point, with the caption: "Somebody loves Emily. . . too much."

United Artists describes the film as a "romantic thriller." Ashley portrays the crazed lesbian who desires Shire, and hires a cab driver to assault her while tape-recording the faked rape. For the balance of the movie Shire hangs around socially with the detective handling her "rape" case. Ashley kills a couple of people and a cat; and, in the final scene, she lures Shire to her loft, which is equipped with only a telescope and a bed, to reenact the rape scene.

The film was written by Barry Siegel, produced by Michael Lobell, and directed by Gordon Willis. according to a press release from the Gay Media Alliance (Brooklyn), "these three men seem to have exercised every sick fantasy, fear, and hatred of women in general and lesbians in particular that they've ever harbored."

Newsweek magazine reviewed the film as a "strong contender for the worst movie of 1980"—which is

saying quite a bit this early in the year. Their review went on to suggest that the "true mystery is



how and why producer Michael Lobell made a movie out of Barry Siegel's inept, ludicrous screenplay." In a bow to the gay exploitation, the reviewer added that a

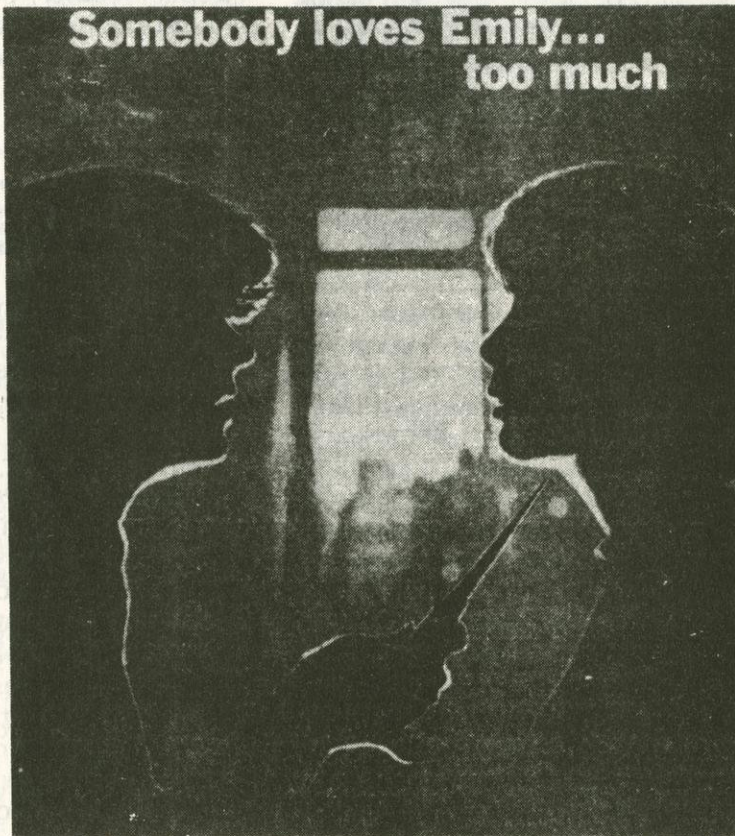
woman as attractive as Ashley would surely be neither tormented nor lacking in "girlfriends."

Other gay media representatives who have viewed the film suggested that it was so technically awful and cinematically shoddy that its sexual stereotyping emerged as almost secondary anyway. Of the three "men" who made the movie, two (Lobell and Siegel) have never made a film before.

United Artists has already hedged on a distribution date for **Windows**, moving the date from mid-January to mid-February for alleged "technical reasons." **Newsweek** suggested that, "with the proper cutting, **Windows** could probably be turned into a nice five-minute abstract film on the Brooklyn Bridge."

Those persons who wish to protest with United Artists may write Mr. Steven Bach, United Artists Corp., 729 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019; or phone (212) 575-3000.

**Somebody loves Emily...
too much**



UK GALLUPS FORWARD

United Kingdom—Almost 75% of those questioned recently by Gallup polls now believe that gays are entitled to the same job opportunities as nongays. Two years ago, when Gallup last put the question, less than 65% believed this. The increase is largely accounted for by don't-knows making up their minds in favor of gays. Opposition to gay rights dropped only by one percentile (from 19% to 18%). The new poll was conducted in July of 1979.

The same general swing was noticeable when the questionnaire came to deal with specific job opportunities following (1977 percentages given in brackets): junior school teachers, 28% (22%) should, 63% (68%) should not, 10% (11%) don't know; clergy, 42% (40%) should, 46% (46%) should not, 12% (13%) don't know; armed forces, 54% (50%) should, 35% (36%) should not, 11% (14%) don't know; and prison officers 30% (26%) should, 60% (61%) should not, 10% (13%) don't know.

Other questions unconnected with employment were:

In your opinion are there more homosexuals today than 25 years ago? Yes, 48% (43%), No 25% (23%), Don't know 28% (34%).

In your opinion, is homosexuality something a person is born with or is it due to other factors such as upbringing and environment? Born with 39% (31%), Upbringing 29% (28%), Both 19% (21%), Neither 2% (3%), Don't know 13% (17%).

Do you think homosexuals should or should not be permitted to adopt children? They should 24% (19%), They should not adopt 63% (66%), and Don't know 13% (16%).

In your view can a homosexual be a good Christian/Jew, etc., or not? Yes 77% (66%), No 10% (14%), and Don't know 15% (20%). Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal? Should 62% (58%), Should not 23% (22%),

Don't know 14% (20%).

Robert Palmer, Chair of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE), said that the figures represented "a great big shot in the arm for the gay movement." On the face of it, the much vaunted backlash which some political analysts were predicting over the past two years has failed to materialize in the United Kingdom. While those who were initially hostile to gays have become more hostile, those who were undecided have come to favor equal rights for gays in greater numbers.

The Gallup Poll, in its present form, does not supply useful data on public attitudes toward lesbians. Followup questionnaires on the Gallup Poll indicated that most of those polled identified "homosexuals" with "male homosex-

uals."

In Scotland, reputed to be more conservative, there was also an opinion poll conducted by Survey Research Associates in 1979, with sampling only on young people aged 15 to 20 (inclusive). This poll specifically alerted those polled that "homosexual" refers to men and women. Three questions were posed:

Should homosexual couples be allowed to live together? Yes 55%, No 34%, Don't know 11%.

Should homosexuals be barred from certain occupations? Yes 44%, No 48%, Don't know 9%.

Should homosexuals be allowed to marry each other? Yes 18%, No 67%, Don't know 15%.

Analysts within the gay movement regard the Scottish results as equally encouraging.

MASS CUSTODY

Deerfield, MA—Bunny King, a lesbian mother, has lost the latest round of litigation to regain custody of her children. The Franklin County Probate Court has handed down a decision stating that her lesbianism was one of the factors in denying the custody. The decision will be appealed, probably next to the Massachusetts Supreme Court according to one of King's attorneys. In the meantime, custody of the two girls, ages seven and five, will continue to remain with Magdalena Patenaude, a single mother with whom King claims to have been a lover over a five-year period. Patenaude denies this claim.

The current ruling comes almost three years after King initiated litigation. She relinquished rights to her children at Patenaude's urging at a time when, because of illness, she felt incapable of providing adequate care for them. Patenaude obtained temporary custody in May of 1976, and permanent custody the following October. King maintains that Patenaude agreed to un-

limited visitation rights at the time that she gained custody, but has since refused visitations.

When the judge issued his six-page decision, it relied heavily on King's lesbianism. The concluding sentence reads: "The environment in which she proposes to raise the children, namely a lesbian household, creates an element of instability which would adversely affect the welfare of the children." Since there is no precedent for such a decision in Massachusetts, King's attorneys believe that appeals may bypass lower courts and proceed immediately to the Supreme Judicial Court.

In order to raise money to cover legal expenses for the appeal the "Bunny King Defense Fund" has been organized, and donations are being solicited. Donations may be sent to the fund in care of Franklin County Lesbian Alliance, P.O. Box 235, Deerfield, MA 01342. Further information on the case and the fund may also be obtained by phoning (413) 772-0807.

PORNOGRAPHY REPORT

London, UK—The report of the Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship has recommended that all previous law on the subject should be scrapped and that a fresh beginning should be made by Parliament. The stated aim of the proposal has been to save the public from unwanted sexual offence, while protecting and preserving the right of those who wish to publish or purchase such matter.

According to the committee, the present law on obscenity, with its key standard of a "tendency to deprave or corrupt," has proved unworkable to the point that police and prosecutors alike have abandoned its use. The new standard is that of a publication "which, not consisting of the written word, is such that its unrestricted availability is offensive to reasonable people by reason of the manner in which it portrays, deals with or relates to violence, cruelty, or horror, or sexual, faecal, or urinary functions, or genital organs."

Material falling within the new category would be restricted to sale only in special shops which would be prohibited from having window displays or from admitting persons

under the age of eighteen, and would be required to display a notice of warning on their doorways.

A certain limited range of materials, mostly those portraying physical harm or persons under the age of sixteen as materials, would be prohibited altogether.

It would be an offence to advertise restricted materials by post, though the materials themselves could be sent by post if the purchaser requested.

The report recommends that, where an offence is thought to have taken place, it should be a matter for the police to decide whether or not to prosecute, with certain cases reserved to the discretion of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Restriction offences would be triable only by magistrates and punishable only by a fine of \$2,500. Private citizens would have no right to bring their own prosecutions.

The report does not single out homosexuality for special consideration. Its conclusions are advanced after lengthy consideration of conflicting evidence on the effects of pornography. It concludes that

there is not sufficient evidence of harm to justify stricter controls than those proposed. As expected, the committee's conclusions have been attacked by Mary Whitehouse and other conservative organizations in the United Kingdom.



HOME OFFICE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBSCENITY AND FILM CENSORSHIP

Chairman: BERNARD WILLIAMS

FILM FESTIVAL

San Francisco, CA—Frameline, a nonprofit gay film collective, will be accepting entries this spring for the Fourth Annual San Francisco Gay Film Festival to be screened during the Gay Pride Week in June of 1980. Entries will not be limited in length or format.

The Festival has been established by Frameline as a noncompetitive showcase for films by and about gay people. Last year's event included a wide variety of films from across the nation. For applications or further information, write Frameline, 330 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

MISDEMEANOR MURDER

New York, NY—According to an article in the **New York Post**, two youths who allegedly beat a 44-year-old writer to death in front of witnesses, went on trial on a misdemeanor charge carrying a maximum sentence of one year. The prosecutor is apparently willing to accept plea-bargaining to reduce the charge still further.

Barrey Ranger, 44, a playwright and poet, was killed February 4, 1978, in a scuffle with two men in a doughnut shop at 23rd Street and Seventh Avenue. Dennis Nieves and William Vidal, both 21, were arrested at the scene of the crime.

They told police that Ranger had made a "homosexual advance" and that they then punched him and dragged him outside to the sidewalk. Witnesses said that the two men then smashed his head on the pavement.

A grand jury indicted the pair on grand larceny and third degree assault. The trial judge took from December, 1978 until April, 1979, to rule that the defendants' confessions were not admissible as evidence. Later the same judge threw out the testimony of an eyewitness because the police did not hold a proper lineup.

GREEK OPPRESSION

Athens, Greece—Greek authorities have seized all remaining copies of the latest edition of **Amphi**, the quarterly journal of the gay organization AKOE. Official reasons given for the police seizures (which were made at bookshops, news stands, and the AKOE offices) center around the fact that one article contains a word translated as "prick." The Public Prosecutor of Greece has also announced that he is bringing a charge of offending public morals against AKOE.

This is not the first time that AKOE has run afoul of the repressive Greek laws. In October of 1979 the group received a notice that its tax concession was being withdrawn. The tax concession, granted automatically to every newspaper or magazine which publishes at least four issues a year, amounts to a license to purchase newsprint stock at a reduction of 40%. AKOE officials were told that the with-



Latest reports from Athens tell of growing public support for Amphi against the police. Posters like the one pictured have been appearing around the city — the black and white sticker across the top right-hand corner reads "SEIZED".

drawal order could not be appealed.

Members of AKOE, as soon as they heard that police seizures of the magazine were to take place, visited retailers to collect unsold copies. The seizures did not begin until almost three months after the order was issued, so most copies had been sold in any case.

If AKOE loses the trial, the outcome is likely to be a fine, in which case the collective could continue to publish **Amphi** despite the financial oppression which is being brought to bear on it. Some members of the collective suggested that the publicity of the seizure in Greece would force Greek citizens to oppose the generally oppressive government to a greater extent.

International pressure can also be brought to bear, because Greece's application to become a member of the Common Market is still pending. Last year, when the Greek government proposed a fiercely anti-homosexual law, they withdrew the proposal following protests from organizations in Holland, England, and Spain.

Because of the repressive environment, support for AKOE in Greece remains largely unofficial. Student groups, several left-wing political organizations, and some Greek intellectuals have rallied to their defense, however; and public demonstrations, together with a massive petition movement, are also planned. Other magazines in Greece may also be willing to assist in the battle. **Amphi** is in fact the third magazine to be seized in recent months (the other two are not gay), and editors and publishers are becoming worried for their own publications. Meanwhile the International Gay Association (IGA) is circulating information about the case to gay organizations worldwide in the attempt to continue international pressure upon the Greek authorities.

LILLIAN

Los Angeles, CA—Lillian Carter, the President's mother, has helped the Los Angeles Gay Community raise \$120,000 at its Beverly Hills dinner. She shared the spotlight at the dinner with Governor Jerry Brown, who gave his strongest pro-gay speech to date. Speaking before a group of prominent politicians at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Brown said that if elected President he would sign an executive order guaranteeing gay rights. "We're destroying the old stereotypes and entering an age when people are more tolerant," he added. "America was founded on the concept of individual freedom."

According to the **Los Angeles Herald Examiner**, gays have contributed from \$30,000 to \$40,000 to Brown's campaign in California alone during a six-week period.

So what was President Carter's mother doing at a predominately gay function designed to raise money for Governor Brown's challenge to her son? When queried about this, she responded "Is that what it is?"

CARDING BANNED

Washington, DC—D.C. Police Chief Burtell Jefferson has issued a call for strict enforcement of a law prohibiting restaurant and bar owners from "carding patrons." The process, by which patrons are required to present identification before entering a bar or restaurant, has allegedly been used to keep out both blacks and gays. "Carding," which has often been excused as an effort to prevent persons under the legal drinking age from obtaining alcoholic beverages, usually involves a request for more identification than most people are able to produce.

Owners of businesses cited for carding patrons are liable to fines up to \$50 for each person carded. Individual complaints are also subject to investigation by the city's human rights office. If that commission finds the business guilty of discrimination, its liquor license can be revoked.

TORIES SIDESTEP

Toronto, ONT—The Ontario Government has again sidestepped the issue of sexual orientation in proposed human rights legislation. Labour Minister Robert Elgie has introduced a separate bill which bans discrimination against the handicapped, but which offers no protection for gays.

When Elgie promised earlier last year to include the handicapped in a revision of the Human Rights Code, gay leaders in Canada had hoped to pressure the government to include sexual orientation. Ontario gays have lobbied for this inclusion for seven years. Their lobbying efforts increased after the Human Rights Commission recommended it in its own 1977 report, **Life Together**. By guaranteeing the rights of the handicapped in a separate bill, however, Elgie has bypassed the need to amend the Code in any way, and effectively prevented opposition parties from adding further amendments during the legislative process.

Ontario's first Gay Human Rights Day, held in November, brought the second of Metro Toronto's six mayors into the arena of public controversy for support of gay rights. Scarborough Mayor Gus Harris declared his support for "sexual orientation" amendments to the Ontario Human Rights Code, and has been barraged by letters and phone calls ever since.

"Reaction is running about

50-50, pro and con, but those opposing me are very, very bitter," Harris noted. "Some of them are apparently organizing petitions against me and so forth."

Harris spoke to a group of about 300 people assembled in the Uni-



Minister of Labour Robert Elgie

versity of Toronto's Faculty of Education Auditorium for the Gay Human Rights Day rally. He told the group to "keep battling for your beliefs until they are universally accepted. If you swim upstream long and hard enough, you'll make it. Then you can be yourselves. I think that is what you really want."

INMATE FEARS DEATH

FT. Lauderdale, FL—Jim Maslinski, 45, a prison inmate who testified against three prisoners who were recently convicted of raping an 18-year-old man, claims that "there is a contract out on my life." Maslinski said that he had been threatened with death, stabbed, burned, and beaten at nearly every new place after the Florida Department of Corrections began transferring him from prison to prison in 1978. Claiming that he

couldn't tolerate the threats any more, he escaped in 1979, got married, and got a job. Now he is back in prison.

Maslinski explained that he had volunteered to testify after walking into a shower room at the Marion (FL) Correctional Institution to find the inmate being raped. "It was just an 18-year-old boy," he said. "That's what got to me." By testifying against the other prisoners, Maslinski broke the unwritten



Number 2: Gus Harris becomes the second Metro mayor to endorse gay rights.

LIBRARY

Huntington, MA—The New Alexandria Lesbian Library, in existence since 1974, has moved to a farm in western Massachusetts from its original location in Chicago. The library will continue to serve as a national lesbian archives, with focus on collection and preservation of the varied experiences of lesbian lives and cultures. All lesbians are encouraged to visit and contribute to the library. For information write: New Alexandria Library, Box 111, Huntington, MA 01050.

inmate code.

Maslinski added that most prison officials have ignored his pleas for help; but that some officials, in an effort to help, have placed him in isolation cells normally used for "trouble-makers." Corrections officers describe this as "administrative confinement," but Florida Prison Director Louie Wainwright confirmed that it was the same as disciplinary confinement.

FEEDBACK

Dear Editor,

Just a note to tell you that I received my first issue of GPU NEWS and I am really pleased with the quality of this magazine. It's good to know that others have the same feelings as myself. I'll be looking forward to every issue from now on.

At your convenience would you please send me a list of the back issues of GPU NEWS that are available?

Again thanks to all who contribute to this publication!

Very truly yours,
Fred Thompson
New Ross, Indiana

Dear Staff,

Bravo! Others may praise GPU NEWS for various excellent and well-founded reasons. I love you especially for running **that** Lambda Torino (Italy) ad. It is simply the most screamingly funny (and bittersweet) polit-photo I've ever laid eyes on in all my closet-sprung days.

Each month I crack the latest copy of GPU NEWS, find that ad with eyes delighted anew, and grow weak with laughter as I turn into a quavering jelly. Oh! those frisky little bare-assed boys, with welts on streaking buns, being self-righteously switched by their pursuing, frumptions and prissy priest, oh! oh! oh! God forbid one of those boys, jiggling along at a forced trot, should playfully turn and "shake hands below the belt" with one or two of his enticing brothers. . . .

Yes, the Lambda Torino ad drives the little boy in **me** to laughter—and tears each month. Bravo to you for including an unforgettable picture worth 10,000 verbs. I hope those kids have grown up gay, and see today how their pain has turned into pleasure.

Warm regards,
Stephen Hunt
Chicago, IL

Dear Friends:

Here in Ft. Lauderdale (where the boys are) very few of us were aware of the strength and quality of the gay community in Milwaukee. We were delighted to receive our first copy of **GPU News**. As the marketing and advertising head of Friends of Dorothy, I would like to thank you personally for the news item which you printed in your publication concerning our efforts.

We are a fairly new company of and for the gay community, offering a complete line of gay greeting cards as well as the game, Fantasy Weekend in Key West. We're very glad that you saw fit to outline our ideas on making our cards available to gay organizations as a means of fund raising. Our aim is that of serving the gay community, rather than exploiting it.

Michael Shapiro
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Dear Friends:

My name is Scott Robertson, and I am President of the Gay Community at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. I would appreciate it if you would provide a listing of our address and hotline number [(715) 235-9426] for your readers.

We have been an organization for two years now, and as the new President, I feel that it is most important that we make ourselves known to your readers. I've been reading **GPU News** for two years myself, and feel that it is one of the best gay publications in the country.

UW-Stout is located in Menomonee, which is on I-94 between Minneapolis and Madison, making us a perfect place to stop en route between the two cities. We have many fine restaurants and motels, and are only 20 minutes by car from Eau Claire. We hope that any gay students planning on attending UW-Stout will get in touch with us, and we would also appreciate receiving information from other gay groups in the midwest.

Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Scott Robertson
President, GCS

[Editor's note: Our Directory, which we make available to gay nonprofit organizations in the midwest without charge on a space-available basis, is presently full. A new format is being considered, and will be adopted before the end of the year, and should enable us to accommodate groups now waiting for a listing space.]

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EDITORIAL

At a meeting with gay lobbyists last October, Massachusetts Representative Margaret Heckler explained that she had voted for an anti-gay amendment on legal services in 1977 because she has received many anti-gay letters from constituents, but not a single pro-gay letter during her entire term. Representative Lionel Van Beerlin (D-CA) was lobbied early this year by a former staff aide who had come out of his own closet. Thought to be a good prospect for co-sponsorship of the federal gay rights bill, Van Beerlin told his aide that he has had a grand total of two letters from constituents on the gay rights issue in the past two years (one for, one against), and that he does not see the issue as a crucial one. During still another state meeting, a **sympathetic** legislator suggested to several gays who were interviewing him that the choices facing gay people seeking legislative reform were simply two: "Get organized, or get lost." It is painfully apparent that a majority of gays have already made their option.

No, this is not one more editorial urging people to come out of their respective closets. I personally think that 99.9% of gays would be happier on the outside, but no one can force anyone to be happy; and the decision to come out of the closet is a personal one. It should not be made on political, social, or religious grounds. Let's be clear about the fact that, while I'm willing to accept (maybe not cheerfully) anyone's decision to stay in the closet, I'm willing to accept it as a decision, not as an excuse. The U.S. Postal Service delivers mail to and from closets, and many closets are equipped with all of the modern conveniences—such as telephone, television, and the ready availability of a checkbook. Most gay organizations—Gay Peoples Union is the rule, not the exception—protect their mailing/membership lists

firmly and continuously, and are not in the business of "involuntary decloseting."

You don't have to be gay to send letters to your state and national political representatives—countless numbers of nongay liberals have shown by example. Nor do you have to be gay to provide financial support to worthy gay organizations locally and nationally—unless someone believes that the Playboy Foundation or the ACLU is the ultimate closet. What you do have to be is committed and involved. Those are the same virtues which citizenship in a democracy involves, by the way; and it is no accident that gays who are not involved in their own movement are usually not involved in much of anything else either. The claim that "I must remain in the closet" has about the same force as "I am too busy to get involved"—the former is an irrational excuse, the latter is simple bullshit. If you do not have the time or the will to contribute to your own well-being, to the acquisition of your own rights, whom do you expect to do it?—the tooth fairy doesn't make closet deliveries.

I make no apologies for the angered tone of this editorial. There are literally thousands of gays in Milwaukee, and Milwaukee is no exception to the rule that one may expect about one half of one per cent of the gay population to be actively involved in the defense of their own growth and interests. That miniscule minority within a minority continues to contribute generously of time, energy, money, and talent. The rest of us have profited manyfold from their efforts: whether you are in the closet or out of the closet, the world in which you are living is a better place for gays to live than it ever has been. So getting involved is not just something it might be "nice" to do, but rather something which we owe—not just to those already involved, but to ourselves as well.

One most desperate need of the movement now, nationally and

locally is for constituent support of gay rights efforts. Write to your state and national representatives. You don't have to say that you're gay (they could probably care less), but only that you support the human rights of all persons, gay and nongay, women and men; and that you want your representatives to support those rights too. If every gay person wrote two such letters a month (that works out to an average of 60 seconds of effort a day), I suspect that the movement would make more strides this year than it has in the past twenty. If you don't know who your representatives are, phone your library. If you don't know what to write, contact your local gay organization (or any gay organization, for that matter): most have sample letters which they would be happy to provide.

And, while you're writing to your local gay organization, please consider a donation, of whatever amount. The size of the donations may well effect an organization's budget, but, regardless of size, a donation itself does something more. It says, "I know you're there, I want you to be there and I support you." To those of us working within the gay movement, there is no more welcome message in all the world.

GAMMA

is an athletics-oriented group which has interests in social and cultural activities. We are now in our third year, with activities in biking, camping, football, soccer, skiing, and volleyball.

Write to us for membership form and information. See this month's Calendar in **GPU News** for some of our activities.

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UPDATE MADISON

Senate Bill 552 was recently introduced in the Wisconsin State Senate at the request of numerous state and local organizations. The bill repeals the crime of cohabitation and decriminalizes sexual activity between consenting adults.

The bill represents a new strategy to reform Wisconsin's antiquated sex laws, and has the full support of Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison), author of Assembly Bill 514. First of all, Assembly Bill 552 includes repeal of cohabitation statutes, a move expected to bring support from heterosexuals and homosexuals alike. Secondly, SB-552 is a request bill. Rather than the usual procedure of obtaining sponsors for the proposal from inside the Legislature, various state and local organizations were contacted and asked to indicate their support by "requesting" that the bill be introduced.

Despite the fact that the bill already has the support of over fifteen groups statewide, additional support is needed quickly. It is expected that SB-552 will reach the Senate floor in early March, and from there it will move to the Assembly, where a more vocal opposition exists. **All persons are asked to write their State Senator and Representative to indicate their support.**

Hopefully, SB-552 will be the last chapter in the reform of the state's archaic sex laws. A large scale effort at lobbying is also being carried out. Contact your local organization for details, or phone the Wisconsin Privacy Coalition at (608) 255-8582.

MILWAUKEE


Responding to an expression of need from the Milwaukee gay community, GPU began in February a series of Saturday evening rap/support groups, lectures, and other social programs. After individual

sessions, the groups meet together for general discussion. Refreshments are available, and a free-will donation of \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers is suggested.

Under the supervision of the UWM Dean of Students, UWM's Gay Community is sponsoring an outreach program to lesbian and gay teenagers (under 18 years of age) in the area. The group, recognizing the limited support available for gay teens, offers a supportive atmosphere to discuss and examine the gay subculture and how it relates to development of one's personhood. The group presently meets the first and third Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the UWM Student Union, Room E301.

The second issue of **Milwaukee Update** was sent to members and friends early in February, together with announcements of special events of interest to Milwaukee gays. Our confidential mailing list, containing over 700 addresses, is now computerized and is being updated. If you received more than one mailing, please let us know (or just send us labels from both mailings), so that we can avoid duplications. If you received no mailing, drop us a line (GPU, Box 208, Milwaukee, WI 53201). The third issue of **Milwaukee Update** will be sent early in March.

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PARENTHOOD SEX, & ETHICS

by Lee C. Rice, ph. d.

The birth of the world's first test-tube baby caused a mass of publicity throughout the media, so that few readers will be ignorant of the general details of this most recent technological breakthrough. Some years ago the U.S. Congress placed a moratorium on experimentation upon in vitro fertilization of human embryos. The fact that the scenario for such experimentation moved then to England indicates that technological and scientific mandates will not obey political boundaries.

In vitro fertilization was in fact the second step of a biotechnological scenario predicted in the mid-sixties by a group of scientists involved in a project of technological forecast using the Delphi Technique (positive feedback) under a grant from the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). Artificial insemination was the first step, and has already been used by physicians, again in England, as a means of providing lesbian couples with offspring. The second step, in vitro fertilization, has a long way to go before it becomes routine; but this work is underway, with or without Congressional blessings. The third predicted stage, pegged for the mid-1980s by the forecasters, is in vitro nurturing of the developing embryo. With such a technique available, women would no longer be compelled to serve as ambulatory incubators: parenthood would be a genetic, rather than a surgical, process.

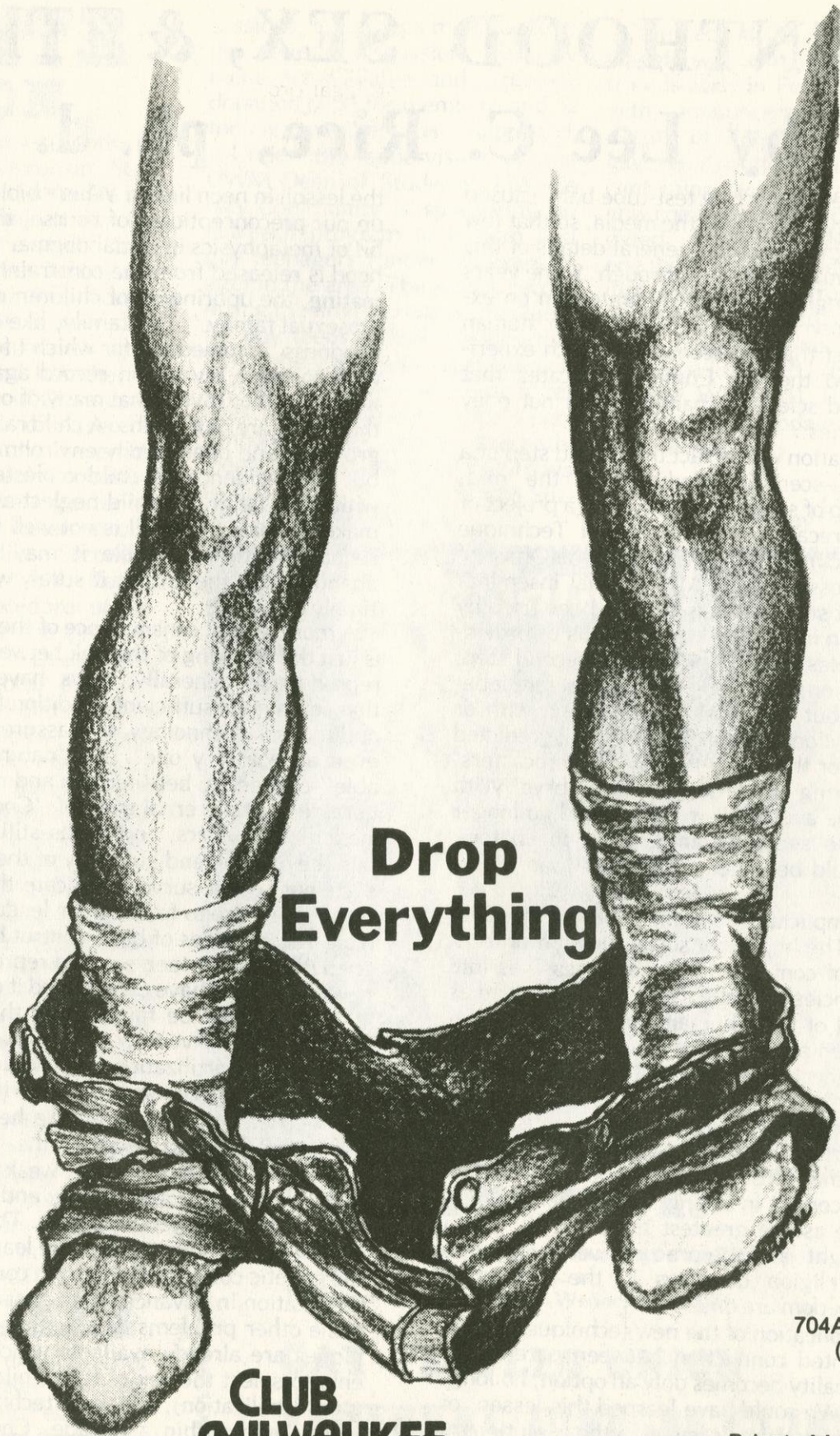
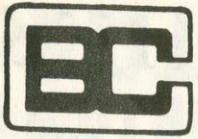
The moral implications of biogenetics are awesome, indeed. The important social function of technology is that of converting eternal necessities into social contingencies—what we formerly conceived as part and parcel of the "human condition" now becomes one option among many others. In this sense ignorance is indeed bliss, since the less we know about the world, the less we are able to control our places within it, and the less we can exercise such control the more we are at the mercy of "natural" conditions. In this sense Ms Bryant and her fundamentalists are correct in seeing science, technology, and knowledge as the greatest threat of all. Truth shines like a light, and the preconstructed darkness of primitive religion dissolves in the truth that science and freedom are one.

One easy implication of the new techniques is that the much vaunted connection between parenthood and heterosexuality becomes only an option, no longer a mandate. We could have learned this lesson, of course, from many animals lower on the evolutionary scale (for whom reproduction is often asexual, bisexual, or omnisexual); but the new techniques put

the lesson in neon lights. Where biology fails to prop up our preconceptions, of course, there is always a bit of metaphysics or social dogma. "Even if parenthood is released from the constraint of heterosexual mating, the upbringing of children requires the heterosexual family." The family, like motherhood and goodness, is something for which I for one would not wish to place myself on record against. So I shall limit myself to saying that many of our slogans about the family are half-truths. A child raised in a healthy, growing, and open family environment gains much; but the incidence of child molestation and abuse **within the family**, of child neglect and scorn, should make us realize that all is not well with this heterosexual institution. While it may not have to be abandoned in the future, it surely will require much timely repair.

A more radical consequence of the new technology is just the breaking of the link between sexuality and reproduction generally. Gays have always known that sex is not a sufficient condition for reproduction, and modern technology now assures us that it isn't even a necessary one. The "natural and unbreakable" connection between sex and reproduction was heralded as an eternal truth of "God's kingdom" by mediaeval thinkers, and it has still managed to retain the backing and authority of the Roman Catholic sect; but recent surveys indicate that a majority of catholics refuse to follow their leaders in this particular. Technologies of birth control had earlier weakened the link between sex and reproduction, and the new techniques have demolished it entirely.

It would only be fair to note that the new techniques also involve new problems. To mention only one, in utero fertilization may (we are not sure) be an evolutionary mechanism for assuring a minimum of genetic defects; since only the healthiest sperm is able to reach and fertilize the ovum. With the process taking place in vitro, weak and strong sperm are placed on an equal footing; and this may increase the possibility of genetic defect. This problem could, of course, be obviated by our learning more about the genetic code; so that sperm could be selected for fertilization in advance. With that breakthrough will come other problems of genetic engineering. Techniques are already available which will enable parents to select the sex of their children (even with in utero fertilization), and these techniques will become widespread within a decade. Choosing other parameters such as eye color, height, and the avoiding of certain genetic diseases are also in the offing; and



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these will surely be available before the end of the century. Genetic engineering, like civil engineering, will require certain regulation at the social level; for society, as much as the prospective parents, has a stake in the outcome of the reproductive process, in whatever way it should be carried out. These problems incurred by the new techniques are technological; and, like all technological problems, their resolution must also be a technological one.

The prospect of in vitro nurturing (providing artificial chemical wombs for development of the embryo), which has already had some success with animal reproduction, also shows us how narrow and upon what contingencies our debate on abortion has taken place. The pro-abortionists have argued their case on the basis of the mother's right to her own body, whereas the anti-abortionist position often reduces to talk of the rights of fetal humanity. The new technologies promise that both camps may have their way. If the mother does not wish to serve as an incubator, then the community can remove the fetus without killing, and nurture it to full growth chemically. Of course such a procedure promises to be a bit expensive; but, if the anti-abortionists are serious in their feelings for the right of the embryo (as I for one suspect that many are not), then the loss is worth the gain from their own perspective. From a purely fiscal perspective the pro-abortionists always carry the day anyway, since even publicly funded abortions are cheaper than publicly supported nurseries. The moral of all this is that the anti-abortionists' efforts are misplaced. If their concern is for the well-being of the fetus, then they should be funding experimentation in chemical nurturing. The legal prohibition of abortion will merely send prospective parents to the back-alley abortionist, but providing for technological nurturing will resolve all problems simultaneously, and can in principle eliminate abortion completely, within or outside the law.

Another important moral fact about reproductive technologies is that they are not very expensive. This is important precisely because most political restrictions placed upon technologies are economic. One thinks of nuclear technology, where the withholding

of government funding can provide restricted access and control. Not the case with the new reproductive techniques, however. Withholding funds or providing legal prohibitions does not prevent research: it merely moves it underground and completely out of social control. Since these technologies are laden with social implications, however, the government would do better by providing reasonable funding; since, in this way, public access would be possible.

One of the recurrent themes of technological assessment and forecasting is the extent to which it compels us to rethink our own vision of society and of our place within it. For gays, this is no new challenge, since gay liberation also places us all on the line in this respect, gay and nongay alike. Such a rethinking is good, however, since old visions or preconceptions, while they may have served useful functions in the past, have a way of becoming calcified and inflexible (think of Ms Bryant once again). There are many who believe that the new technology poses a threat to freedom, and to liberation, by its very control; but history is not on their side in this assessment. As earlier noted, the technology of birth control actually initiated the growing separation between sexuality and reproduction; and I suspect that it is no accident that the graph of public acceptance of gay lifestyles parallels rather closely the graph of the new technologies in their separation of sex and reproduction. Breaking the link between sex and parenthood, after all, is a liberation of sorts for heterosexuals; and one liberation, I suspect, tends to foster others. If this guess is correct, then gays also have a vested interest in the new reproductive technologies. They promise to place sexuality squarely into the arena of recreational activity for nongays, where it has always been for gays. In speaking of recreational sex, I do not intend an unending round of one-night stands only. Recreation is a highly personal and communicative need for homo sapiens, gay or nongay. That nongays are able more and more to appreciate this dimension of human sexual response should be a cause for rejoicing on the part of all persons; for it is a mandate of gay liberation that, unless all are liberated, none are.

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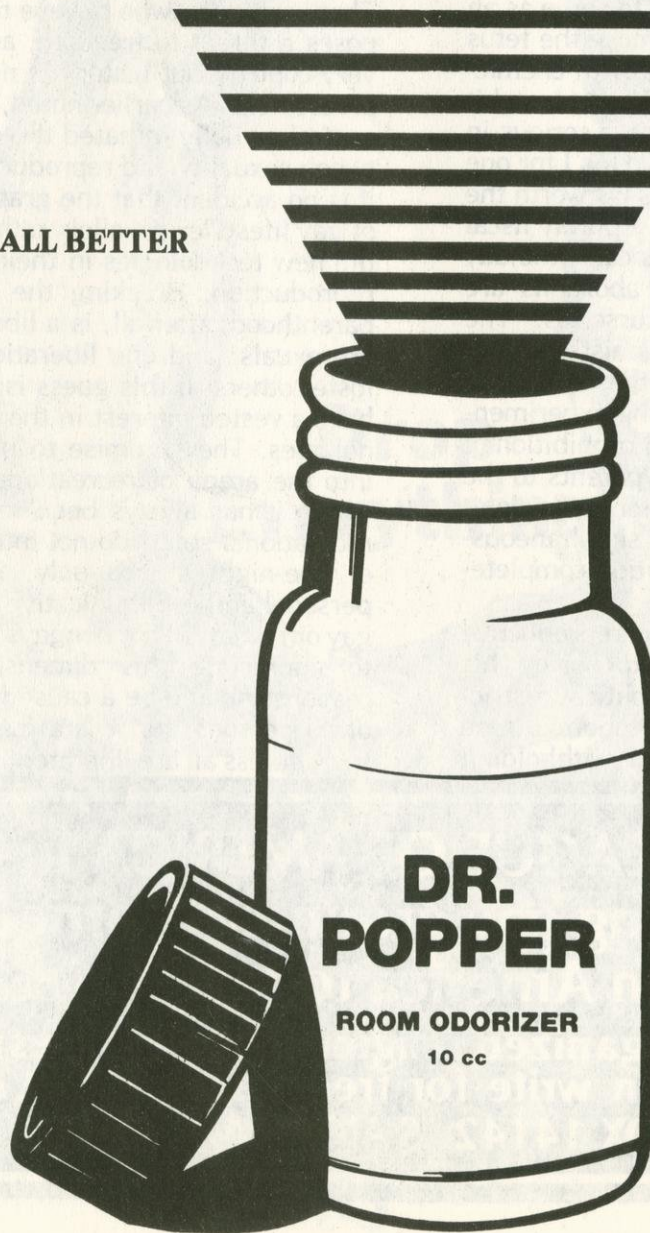
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Mad About The Boy, a musical revue of songs and sketches by Noel Coward, opened on February 14 as the first play of the Out-and-About Theatre's 1980 Season. The revue is compiled, produced, and directed by O & A's artistic director, Richard E. Rehse. Three members from last year's successful cast for **Boy Meets Boy**—Gary Batley, Sue Harrington, and John Woskoff—appear in the new revue with a singing company of eight

artists who sing and spoof their way through more than 50 Coward favorites. Music director is Patti Haigh, with art deco set design by Arnold Wong.

During February O & A also sponsored two performances by the Calliope Mime, just back from a tour of the West Coast. The program featured representative works of several mime schools, comedic and dramatic, with instrumental settings for flute, violin,

conga, and percussion.

Mad About The Boy will run through March 22, with performances beginning at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and tickets priced at \$4.00. The Playwrights' Center is at 2301 Franklin Avenue East. Reservations (332-7481) are recommended.

Above a scene from the revue, showing (l-r) George Trahanis, John Bjostad, John Woskoff, and Farrell Batley.

REVIEW

Mother Camp: Female Impersonators in America by Esther Newton. University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London, 1979. \$3.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice

This Phoenix Paperback is a re-issue of a work published with the same title in 1972. The author has added a new preface to the Phoenix edition. The original hardcover edition was not widely publicized or distributed (nor even reviewed, for that matter), so the new edition is most welcome. With the advances of gay and women's liberation, and the contemporary emphasis on the cult of masculinity within the gay community itself, drag has tended to become eclipsed—not only in the gay consciousness, but also as a topic of serious investigation.

The research for this book was traditional anthropological field work, with special qualifications imposed by time and resources, as well as the limitations of access imposed by the drag community itself. The pivotal drag queens studied and interviewed were Skip Arnold and Just Tempest. Others were interviewed, observed, and catalogued to a much lesser degree. There are thus three limitations which, though they do not effect the validity of the study, should be borne in mind as central to its scope. First, the sample space itself was small. Secondly, the drag queens studied were professionals—performing gays and gay performers. The substratum of the drag community, which I suspect still constitutes its majority, is that of nonprofessionals. Thirdly, the studies were conducted in (and for) the sixties. The gay community itself has undergone enormous change since then, and it would be unreasonable to assume that, however isolated the drag community is from the larger gay community, there have not also been extensive changes within it.



Skip Arnold

The author's working hypothesis and attitude is that society's sex roles and sex role stereotypes, especially the cult of masculinity in American society, constitute an arbitrary ideology of social and economic oppression. The drag queens, as the authors note, have much to tell us about America, and about what is wrong with America. They were the first-rank warriors doing battle with the great American ideal of "free, white, male, and twenty-one." Historically, of course, they were also the first gays to fully appreciate the darkness and restriction of the closet; and, being the first out, they were also the first to suffer the wrath imposed on those who question the dominant ideology. However far the gay movement moves from the drag sensibilities, they will remain its pioneers and its first-movers.

Drag also represents an ideal research space from a social-science

perspective. Because of their special stigmatized relationship both to show business and to the gay subcultures, drag queens tend to conceive of themselves as a group. They form tight social networks within a city, loose networks between cities, and share among themselves significant portions of their life situations. If there is anything such as a community identity, it is surely to be found as a paradigm within the drag community. Other gay subcultures (S/M, etc.) show much less community identity; and, of course, talk about the "gay community" itself as some sort of social unity is more daydream than fact.

All of the preceding has to do with origin and self-identity. A valuable aspect of Newton's study is the extent to which it underlines the paradox at the center of the social dynamics of drag. This paradox arises out of the conflict be-



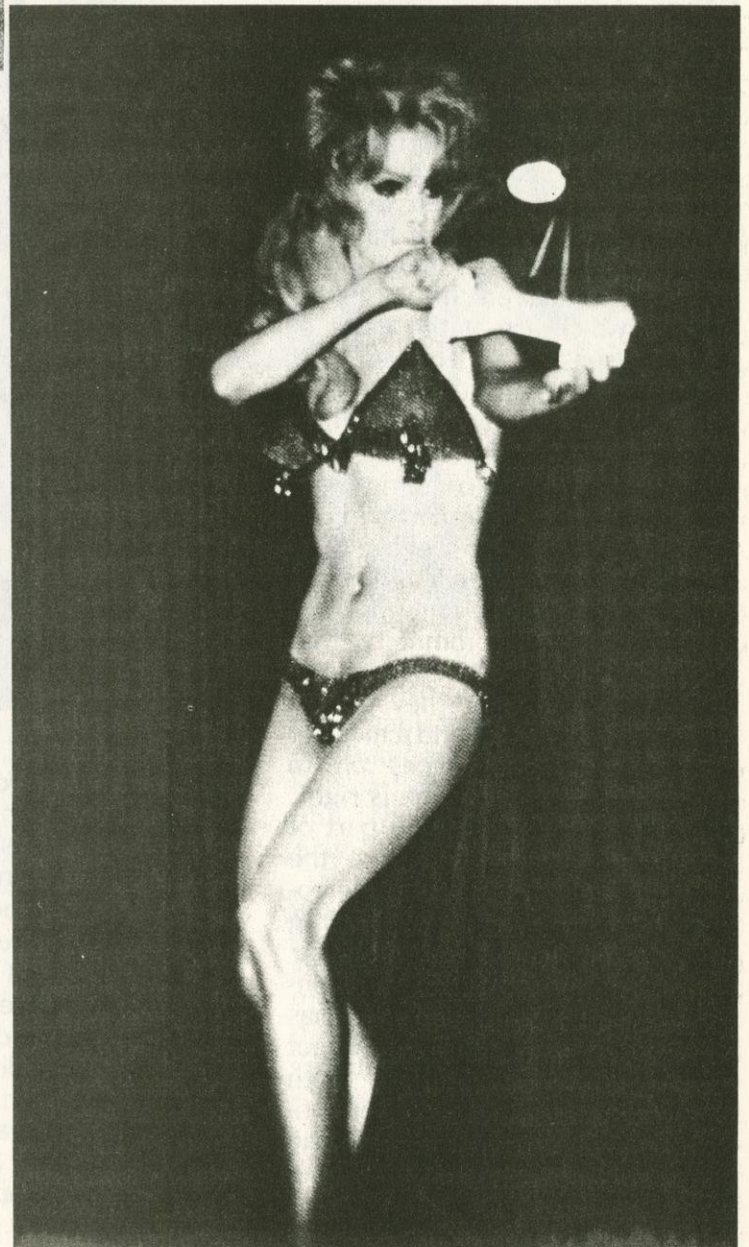
Skip Arnold with the author between shows

tween social function and perceived self-identity. The social function or role which drag played in the emerging gay movement and its relation to society at large was that of pointing out the extremities and arbitrariness of socialized sex roles. Exaggeration, camp stereotyping, and parody of these roles and stereotypes all had (and have) the effect of making us see them for what they are: impediments to human growth imposed willy-nilly by a collusion of history, ignorance, and myth.

This is the lesson which drag has taught, but it is not the lesson which emerged in the individual drag consciousness. For the drag queen generally, Newton concludes, masculinity and femininity constitute the all-inclusive framework for "approved" human behavior; and they are strongly polarized and strongly idealized. The idea of masculinity is the ultimate stereotype of manliness, the principle of aggressive brute force in the world. The ideal of femininity is symbolized for them in the word "lady," a word which confers the highest honor. Women should be "beautiful" at all times, and by this is meant Hollywood high style. In its positive forms feminine manipulation and opposition to the masculine stereotype can be term-

ed "womanly charms"; and, in the hostile form which it often assumes, it is "bitchiness." Thus the "real woman" is both beautiful and bitchy.

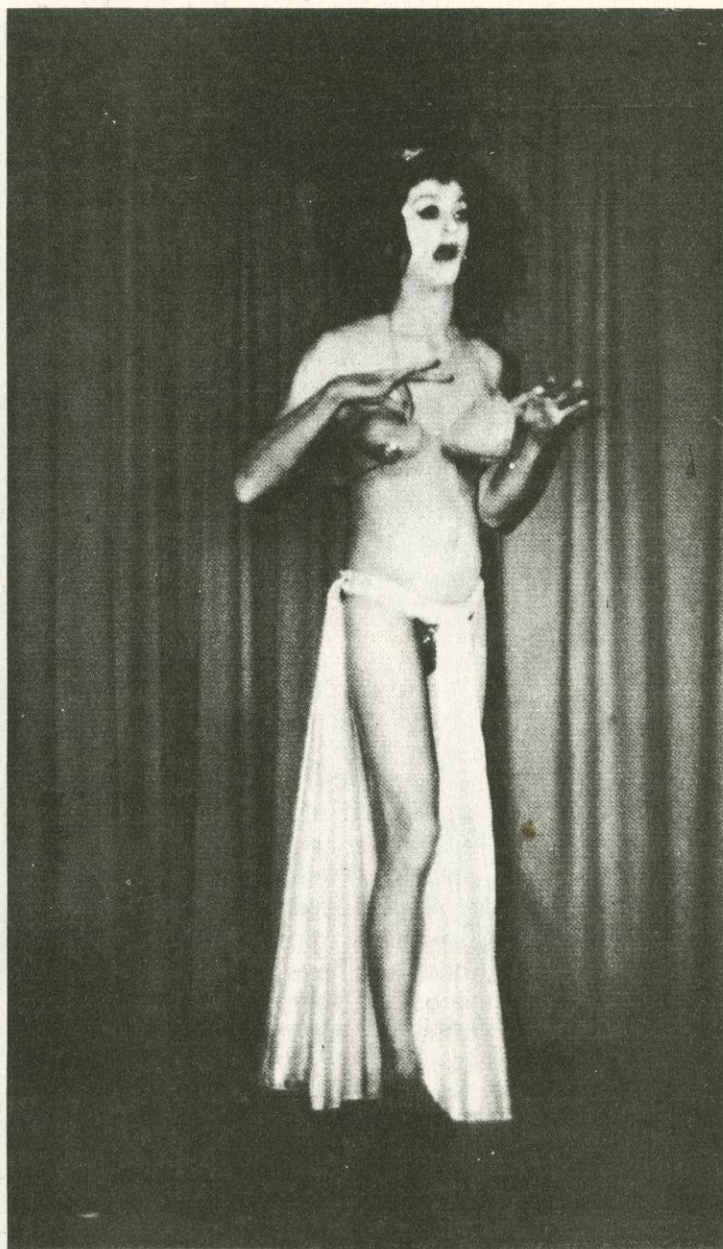
The drag view of the world as a moral order, rather than the condition in which the world finds itself, is not so well elaborated. The two most common scales which emerge from Newton's interviews are those of the "natural-unnatural" and "pure-impure," these applied mainly in terms of both sex-role behavior and appearance. They carry a heavy moral load.



Desirée (Nick Cristina)

The paradox of drag is simply that its own polarization of the masculine/feminine stereotypes was what led to their (partial) abandonment within the gay community, and their weakened hold upon society as a whole; while the drag sensibility itself is committed to them as the ultimate truths of the human situation. The drag personification of the feminine is that of a woman who has not existed in the real order of things for at least two decades (if she ever existed at all, except in Hollywood lots), and the drag idealization of masculinity is also directed at what is fast becoming nonexistent. This is not due only to social changes within the gay community. The women's movement (with which the drags interviewed were uniformly unsympathetic), changing styles (such as unisex) and lifestyles, and perhaps public education have all wrought their destructive (and welcome) effects on the very stereotypes which are at the heart of the drag sensibility. The result of these changing social patterns on the drag community itself is often, as Newton notes, one of disillusionment, cynicism, and contempt.

Newton is not moralizing in her analysis, nor does she believe that, because the drag sensibilities are in basic conflict with contemporary trends in the gay community, that drag will "die out." Few human movements die out: they simply become smaller, and find a niche of their own. Newton goes on to suggest, and I believe she is right, that roles are a necessary part of human life and evolution. If the masculine/feminine role stereotypes which are present in drag have lost their hold on the larger gay community, we should not conclude from that fact that what has replaced them is better. Without new and better models of both manhood and womanhood contemporary gay roles may possibly lead only to the dead-end dramas of domination and submission. Replacing Skip Arnold with John Rechy may seem to some of us as



Stacy Lane in comedy drag

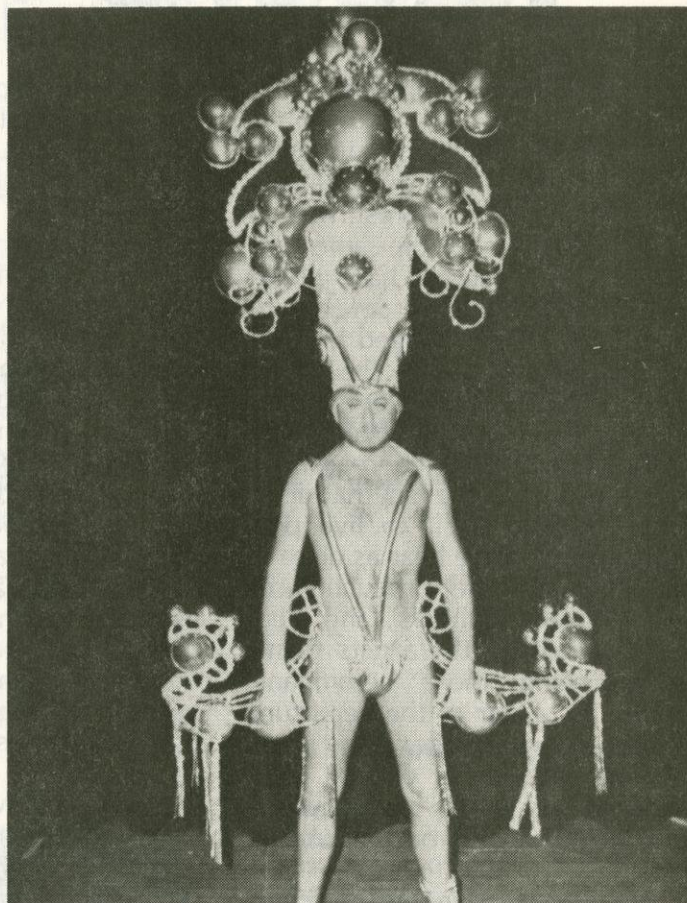
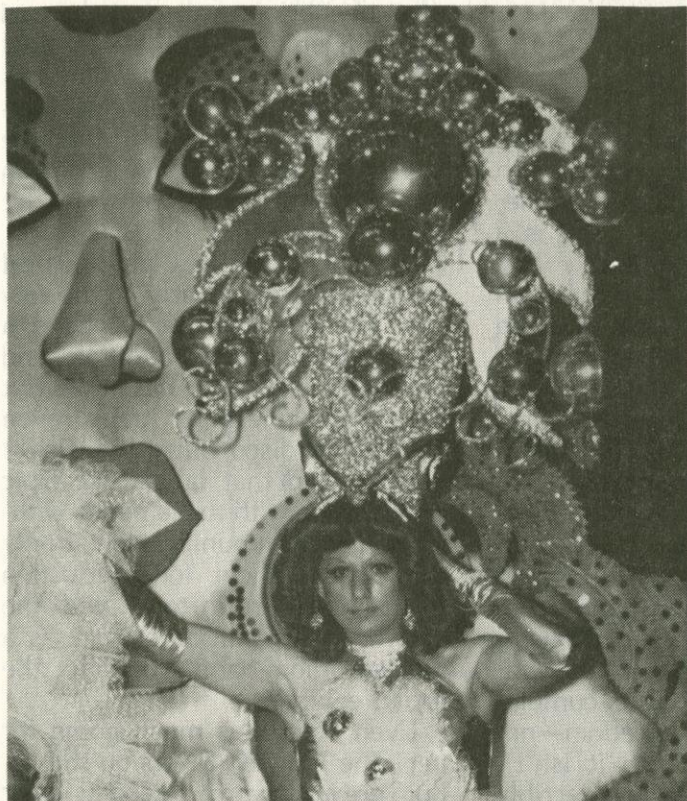
one step forward and two backward. As Newton herself remarks, simply and honestly, "I much preferred drag queens."

What will happen to drag amidst the conflicting pressures of gay liberation, the S/M trend, feminism, limited mass acceptance of the gay sensibilities, and new forms of homophobia is difficult to predict. The many contemporary gays who simply ignore drag as a dead vestige of the past are no less blind than the contemporary drags who treat it as a wave of the future. It is here to stay, and its place in the

history of the gay movement is a fixed and important one, which we forget at our own risk.

Studies of the contemporary drag subculture from both psychometric and occasionally anthropological perspectives do appear in such sources as the **Journal of Homosexuality**. They usually involve restricted questions, so what we really need is a major study like Newton's, but directed at the contemporary drag scene. Even when such a study appears, Newton's work will lose none of its importance.

NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS



Celestial Knights, one of the most prestigious of the Gay Carnival organizations in New Orleans, presented its fabulous Mardi Gras Ball on Feb. 16 in the city's beautiful Theatre of the Performing Arts.

Featuring the New Oriental Leviathan Fox Trot Orchestra, which has just completed its fourth album, Celestial Knights took "Les Plumages d'Hiver" as the theme for its second annual presentation. The Captain of the Krewe(whose name is never divulged, commented that the show was "really more Russian than French. We're doing the most spectacular sets, all glitter and icicles and snow, and the costuming defies description."



OFF THE RECORD

Ellen Foley: Nightout. Epic Records JE 36052. Stereo LP.

Until now, the record industry appears to have felt that the gay community's sole interest was in listening to disco. At the same time sales of disco records have plummeted, radio stations devoted to disco have either changed formats or disappeared; and the disco craze, except perhaps for fanatics and gay New-Yorkers, seems to be on the wane. A principal reason for this, I suspect, is the fact that disco does not lend itself to live performance: what we hear as disco is in fact really the production of sound-mixers, dubbers, and electronic switchers, the artists themselves being mere accompaniments. So, as far as the departure of disco from the center stage goes, my own attitude is one of good riddance. Its status as a musical form was always at best a dubious one.

Epic/Cleveland introduces Ellen Foley's record as the first rock record tuned to gays—"Rock goes gay" as the blurb has it. And they even managed to talk one gay marketing company (Rivendell, New York City) into buying it as a first. All that shows is that, if major labels are in search of gay dollars, they should expend a little more time in the research department. We had gay rock music four years ago with Chris Robison's two fine albums, which had, despite their production by Gypsy Frog (a small label), enjoyed good distribution. And, of course, punk rock is at least two years old in a gay setting, with the TRB. Others come to mind also, but enough is enough.

Both the TRB and Chris Robison delivered gay texts and themes in a

rock idiom which was both inventive and original. My problem with Ellen Foley is that, music-wise, I've heard it all before. She is a hard-driving, relentless, and dynamic singer, and all of that is in her favor. She may even be viewed as trendy in New York: I don't know whether that's in her favor or not. Perhaps she is being victimized by the producer or the label. Perhaps, feeling that they were being revolutionary enough making gay rock, they were afraid to venture into rock which was anything more than tried and true. Perhaps. In any case, having listened to this album several times, I can attest that its cumulative effect is one of boredom—not because it's bad (which it isn't), but because, as rock, it is terribly dated stuff.

On the positive side, Ellen Foley

has a gutsy voice. She strikes out on a path which is grinding and vengeful, even grating at times. Both sides of the album are full of beat, drive, and momentum, except for the enchanting and somewhat mysterious ballad at the end called "Don't Let Go." It's the only tune on the disc where Foley has the opportunity to display versatility, and I have the feeling that she has a lot more going for her than her producers were willing to let come through.

It is time for a new gay musical posture. Disco is clearly on the way out, and rock has always been a form of tremendous potential—and one which, I suspect, has never lost its attractiveness for gays, even during the disco blitz. It's also a healthy sign that labels like Epic are in touch with these needs within the gay community. Now if only they would shoot for production teams which are in touch with the growth and evolution of rock as a musical idiom, and would let the artists expand. . .

Even Foley has much going for her. The individual cuts on this album are each worth a good listen or two. It's only too bad that the album itself doesn't work.





I starve

without
your poking
puss
cocoa-nut
I broke
and drank and
ate.

The warmth

behind
my listening eyes
is blood
dark
to your fairness.

Sagittarius to Gemini

I have known
I must know you
Since I reached your
half-hearted heart
In this character
Of archer.

Love—

I want to change you
Into what you are already

Having loved you
with a perfect love
Imperfectly.

POETRY

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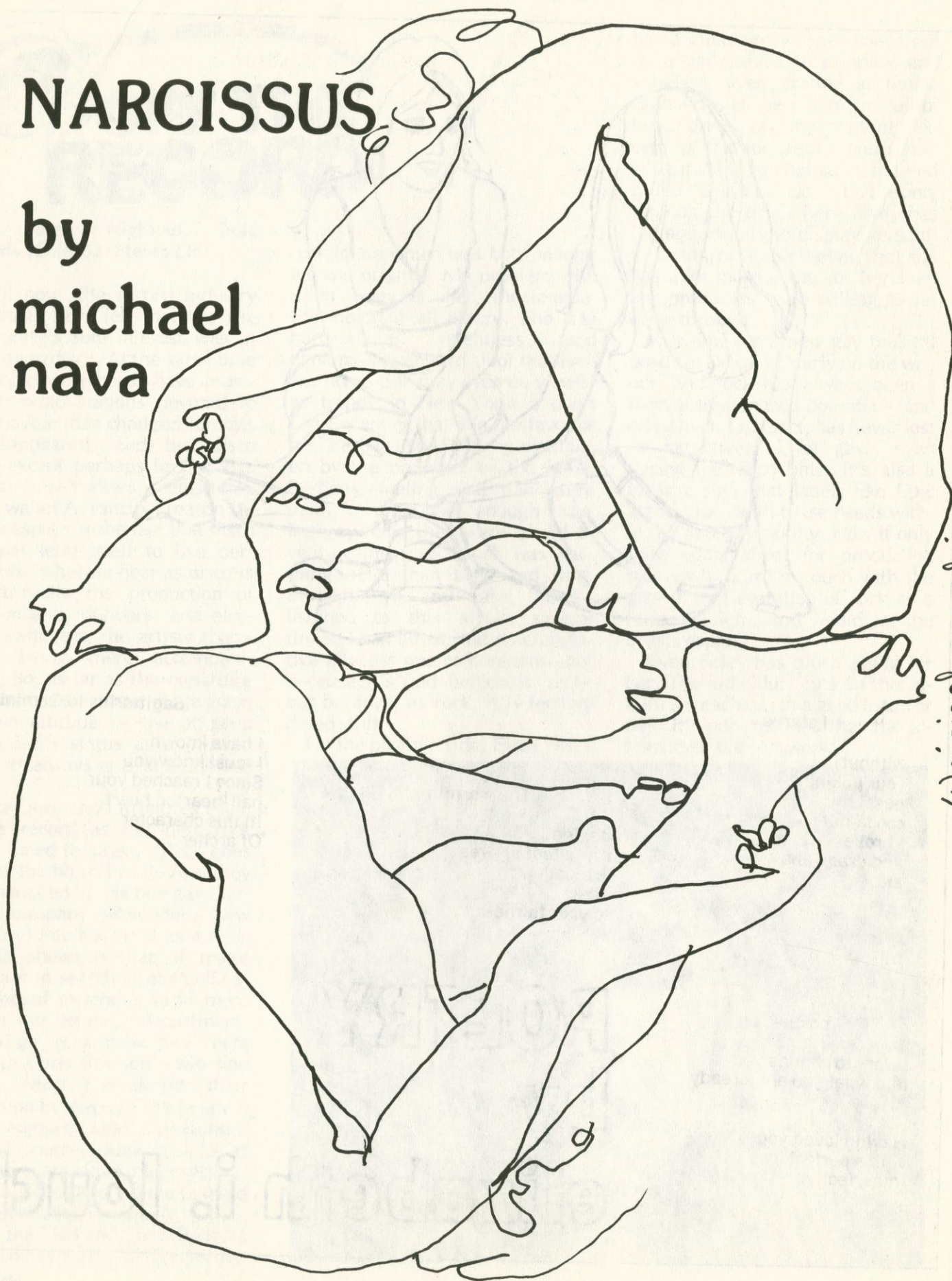
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Ruth invited me to dinner to thank me for watching her house the last three weeks she was in Boston and to learn what had become of her original sitter. I biked to her house from campus at the end of a long autumn day. The light was liquid in the sky and the suburban yards were covered with silvery leaves, tricycles, the debris of domesticity. I found her sitting on the porch step of her small house, the door open to reveal a gleaming floor and austere furnishings. I have always thought that there is something about being a single woman that pares a woman's taste to its bare, elegant essentials. I sat down beside her and breathed the scent of basil that drifted to us from her herb garden. She interrupted her cigarette to greet me.

"The wonderful thing about this mountain sky," she said, "is that it never darkens. It remains blue even at night. I'm glad to be home."

I said, "I'm glad you're back. It was a dull summer except for what happened to Mark, of course."

Her dark eyes widened. "You must tell me all about it. Let's have a drink." I followed her into the kitchen where we made ourselves comfortable at the table with tumblers of iced tea and vodka. We had a prospect of her garden where the chrysanthemums lifted their scentless lions' heads.

"So," she said, "what happened to Mark? He called me to say he was going home and asked me to find someone else to watch the house but he wasn't very clear as to why."

"He fell in love," I said.

"Really? With whom?"

"That's the mystery," I said.

II

Mark Halsey was working that summer in a restaurant called the Attica. It was a pleasant place famous for an outdoor patio which, at night, became the center of the summer's intrigues. It was the kind of place where the waiters were chosen for their looks and how well they blended in with the clientele. Mark was a perfect fit, indistinguishable from the young men who gathered there at night to admire the fit of one another's clothes. Mark was a trim blond boy with deceptively innocent eyes. He liked his job, particularly after the kitchen shut down and the Attica became the busiest bar in the city. It was then that the ice clinked with a special intimacy and the lights dimmed and the voices rose to just a decibel below the ever present tapes of Bobby Short and Billie Holiday. Mark was shamelessly flattered by his customers who sometimes left, along with handsome tips, names and phone numbers scrawled on cocktail napkins. Mark was a friendly boy and he disliked

sleeping alone; his wallet was wadded with napkins.

One night, toward the middle of July, just as the first candles were being lit on the patio, a young man came into the bar and found himself a seat at a corner table. Mark noticed him immediately. His skin was unusually pale for mid-summer but flushed and vibrant in a way that made the tanned faces around him seem as brittle and dry as old leather. His eyes and hair were black. Mark noticed, as he approached to take the young man's order, that silky dark hair rose from his unbuttoned collar to the base of his neck. One could detect beneath the simple cotton shirt a slender supple strength. He looked up at Mark, smiled, and ordered an imported beer. His teeth gleamed like coral.

There are no subtle ways to fall in love at first sight. Mark was thunderstruck. As he gave him his change, Mark glanced down the length of his arm and saw that his sleeve was shaking. He arranged his course so that he passed the table each time he went to the bar.

Late in the night, Mark saw that a young woman had positioned herself at the table across from the young man and was in the process of drinking herself into a quiet stupor. She was not extraordinary and she would have escaped Mark's notice altogether were it not for the fact that she was the only woman in the bar and that her attention was riveted on her neighbor who seemed oblivious to her. After three beers the man left and Mark hurried to the table hoping to find a name written on the cocktail napkin. He found, merely, a pile of change.

"His name is John Riley." Mark turned to the woman, who had addressed him.

"I beg your pardon. Did you say something?"

"His name is John Riley," she said. "and he's a poet. He travels on money my father gave him to stay away from me." She was drunk but coherent. "What a fool Daddy is. John's as queer as you are, my dear, but he's mine."

"Can I get you anything?" Mark asked, coldly. "Coffee?"

"Don't be rude," she said. "I'm doing you a favor."

Mark left to attend another table. When he returned, she was gone.

The next night they appeared and took up their positions. John Riley drank his three beers, the woman mixed her liquor. She said nothing to Mark after John Riley left but looked at him rather sadly when he took her empty glass. This continued. Mark began to anticipate John Riley's entrance, ready with a beer and a plaintive smile; he forgot about the woman entirely, she seemed to fade into the dimness until there was just a voice whispering for another drink. Mark hoped, in time, to coax John Riley into a

conversation but when, one night, they both failed to appear, Mark knew they would not be returning.

III

One of his regulars invited Mark to a party in the mountains. He drove all morning until he found the place, a big A-frame cabin that overlooked a lovely lake. He had scarcely stepped out of his car when his host appeared at his elbow with a drink. They made the rounds, and to Mark it seemed that he'd made the acquaintance of a colony of smiling alligators sewn to a rainbow of LaCoste clad chests.

As the sun rose higher in the sky, the pace of the party grew hysterical. The light blurred in the tall pines. Couples descended into the surrounding forest; there was a general shedding of clothes in which Mark lost his shirt; the deck of the cabin shook with dancers; the scent of pot and amyhl snaked through the air. Mark, who was neither introspective nor fastidious, found himself mildly repelled by all this activity in spite of his attempts to enjoy it. There was something about the view of the burnished lake that suggested a native innocence about the place which the revelers profaned with their gaudy nakedness. Mark poured his drink into a potted plant and fled toward the lake. He spotted a pier and, at the end of it, a seated figure. It was John Riley. Mark lit a cigarette and walked loudly to where John sat, apparantly sunning himself.

John was staring at the water. He wore black swimming briefs and dangled his long, elegant legs over the edge of the pier. His torso, now the color of dried roses, was slightly hunched forward to disclose the fleshy lines and ridges that defined his chest, ribs, stomach. His black hair shone in the light. His back was as beautiful as the sunset.

Mark said, "Hello," and John, as though waking from a dream, looked up at him. He smiled.

"Hello," he said, "have you come to sit with me?"

"Yes," Mark said, dropping, inelegantly, alongside him. He offered John a cigarette which he took and lit and let burn between his fingers like a stick of incense. "Were you at the party?"

"No. I live across the lake." They sat in silence. Mark felt a tenderness well up within him as immense as the surface of the water. It was not merely a longing for the boy who sat beside him but, oddly, a kind of nostalgia which had no roots in anything Mark could remember. He yearned to escape himself, to become as elemental as the trees and rocks around him. All this he felt merely because he sat with a boy so splendid that the world and all its complexities had been reduced to the space that separated their fingertips. As though he read Mark's mind, John brushed his hand and said, "Would you like to see my house?"

"Yes," Mark said. They rose and walked into the forest away from the noise of the party. As they walked the trees grew thicker until it seemed to Mark that they had come a long way and the air itself changed, was colder. He regretted his lost shirt. At one point, John took him by the hand and led him like a child through a particularly dark spot. They emerged at a grassy clearing on the lake's edge. The pine had given way to aspen, the shade to light. There was a small cabin visible in the center of the clearing, its single room visible through an open door. Mark looked across the lake and stopped.

"Where's the pier?"

"On the far side," John said. "You can't see it from here." John regarded him with clear eyes which were like an animal's in their intensity. "Come," he said, and, with a fluid motion stripped and entered the water. Mark watched him, undressed, and followed out into deep water. The light shone wetly on John's chest as they drew together. Mark looked into John's eyes and saw his own face darkly shadowed there. They kissed.

IV

A brazier burned in the corner of the room. The late afternoon light seeped in through the windows and the wind moved through the trees outside with a rich archaic music. Mark lay on the thick carpet watching John, who knelt beside it, apply a clear gel to his cock. The long muscles in his arms rippled like currents of water, his beautiful chest rose and fell with his quickening breath. Mark reached out his hand and touched the tip of John's foreskin. There was an element of fear in his desire that acknowledged the strangeness of the moment and the cold perfection of his lover's body. It was as though he were being made love to by a statue and that he had been brought to life by the intensity of his passion. He felt John's cool lips on his neck and then the long cock entered in a swift painful stroke. He came almost at once but John continued to labor over him for what seemed like hours until they were both dripping with sweat and their breath beat wildly in the air. John stopped, abruptly, and rolled over to Mark's side.

"Did you come?" Mark asked. John stared at him and shook his head. "I'm sorry. Do you want me to suck you?"

"No," John said. Mark started to get up but his body felt as heavy as a stone and he dropped back. "Sleep," John said commandingly and Mark closed his eyes and slept.

V

It was dark when he woke and he heard voices coming from outside the cabin. His head ached and

his body was cold and sore as though he had been running. He got up and dressed. He saw, from the window, two dim figures at the water's edge and he stood in the doorway listening. He recognized the woman he'd seen at the bar as she stood behind John who was kneeling with his back to her.

"Are you satisfied?" John asked.

"Satisfied?" she asked.

"I could almost have forgotten if only I'd remembered to keep my eyes closed but he made a noise and I opened them and I saw myself in his eyes."

"Whose eyes?" she asked listlessly.

"His eyes," he said. "They were the color of water."

"We must go," she said.

"Now?"

"Now." As they spoke it seemed to Mark that it had grown darker where they were and they had become less distinct as though a curtain was falling around them. Now he could see nothing and all the sound around him had been extinguished as well. His senses struggled against a void that opened around him and he backed off, dizzily, stumbled and fell.

He opened his eyes. Everything was as it had been except, when he turned, there was a vacant space where the cabin had been and silence at the water's edge where John had spoken to the woman. They

were gone. Mark moved, very slowly, to where they'd been. The darkness had lifted and he could see the other side of the lake clearly. A strong sweet smell issued from the ground beneath him. He stooped over and saw that he was standing in a patch of small white flowers. He picked one and held it to his face. It seemed to breathe in his hand and the musky odor it exuded he recognized as the smell of John's body. He fled into the forest.

VI

Ruth finished her drink and poured herself another. "Who told you that story?"

"Mark did," I said, "when I came to get the keys from him."

"What nonsense you boys talk."

"You don't believe it's true?"

"Of course not. Do you?"

"Those Greek tales are all eerie enough to have an element of truth in them."

"How absurd."

"Well, there is this."

"This what?" I extracted from my pocket a brittle flower and set it on the table between us. Ruth touched a petal that crumbled beneath the weight of her fingertip. We looked at each other. She said, "No."

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JOTTINGS FROM THAILAND

BEFORE A PICNIC



BY J. D. BUTKIE

You had a heart attack inside a non-descript airport motel outside Tucson. Refusing to be ill, you took antacids for half-a-day and taught a class on Modern Art from six to eight-thirty that evening. With no appetite to appease, you adjusted your body into bed, silent witness to countless couplings and droolings, about ten. Sleep was a series of anxiety spasms: bills unpaid, exams being failed, being bludgeoned by muggers, tenure revoked, a blackmail attempt.

Before the stars were lost in desert sunlight, you dialed a student (also a registered nurse) about the difficulty. An ambulance sped one dying professor to intensive care. You survived the episode. Is all this precise? Or did I tamper with your typed words for effect?

I discovered the news a month and a week later. A letter opened in Hong Kong before a day of serious shopping off Star Ferry Terminal. "Didn't want to worry you, lover. Knew such details would serve to spoil your exploits. . ." Etcetera.

You claimed a sum of six days in I.C. (your own

abbreviated designation for official deathspace.) No clear recollections of the span of time under sedation. Hairy arms of a male nurse, whispered directions like mumbled chants of wrinkled Polish women in the front rows hours after Holy Communion. Just like you—to remember virile arms, hairy as a drill sergeant's, in the vicinity of a temporarily useless and unappetizing ball of flesh, rich with needles, coils of transparent tubing.

"No matter where you travel, you're never too far away. A young nurse (after the period of crisis) fascinated me with a semi-giggled remark. 'Who's Jo? Your wife or an old sweetheart maybe? You kept calling her name over and over all those days you were under.' Ah, if she were to know of her negligence in spelling your name, darling!"

Once back in Missouri, a fragile sleepwalker was pampered by ex-wife. Your two grown-up kids flew in without their mates from New York and Portland, even though you objected to such exaggerated fuss. I window shopped for carvings in lapis lazuli, settling instead for several figurines of alert goddesses, their

names a mystery to me still. Burmese jade, green as my boyhood lawn. (The lazuli, you see, was far too costly according to my shy companion.)

Back on board, I wrote you a note on ship's fancy stationery, the liner's insignia pretentious in strokes of gold and ruby. Sorry I used pencil, but I felt the need to erase might arise. The Greeks were wrong, I reasoned, about carnal love between old and young. Should the aging paramour burden his twitching partner with thoughts of the skull? Was shared knowledge a blessing to the pair entwined awkwardly near a garden redolent of dew and grass-strewn fruit? Or was the mock father able to banish self-indulgent reflections upon harm the future held in readiness through the 'son' by the momentary caress, moisture-laden embrace, prolonged kiss? You had taken Shakespeare's dismal sonnet advice and procreated; you had borrowed mine and established graceful rapport with the ex. You took heed of your own elixir, having encounters regularly straight across the state, from St. Louis to K.C. Partners had to be under twenty-eight, the age at which you were first successfully seduced by an older man on a hunting trip arranged by your father. Somewhere in Arkansas? How long would you wait before once again indulging in a sip or hefty gulp of that addictive brew?

I haven't heard from you since China. No card or cable today on my twenty-seventh. We've anchored

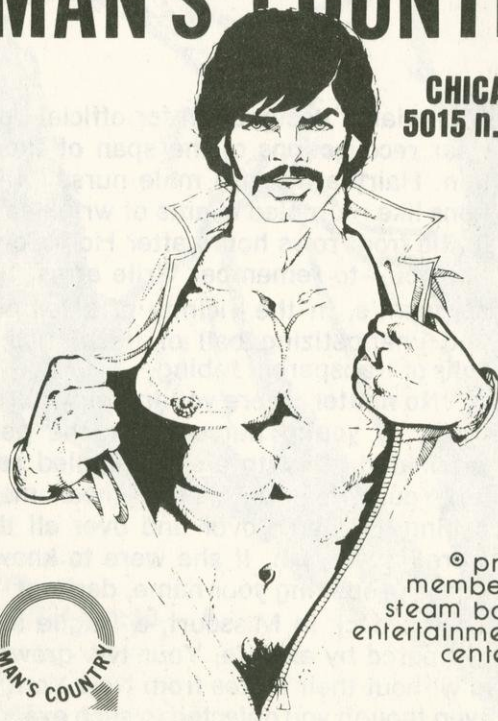
some distance from the shoreline of Pattaya, and I've already contacted an agent to arrange a few days for me and a steward in Bangkok. Will be staying at Maugham's Thai retreat, The Oriental. My brochure of the hotel indicates its ideal location, adjacent to a busy **klong**. How murky will that canal water be, I wonder. I've read somewhere that the dirtier the water the better—for the city's year-long residents, that is. Seems the children bathe and brush their teeth with the substance. Consequently, they have free-of-charge an oral vaccine. The name of Buddha will continue to be praised amid incense and tinkling bells.

I must close now in order to prepare for a native barbecue on shore. Be assured I will refrain from inquiring about the origin and subsequent preparation of the meal. Too often have I heard tales from chatty taxi drivers over in this quadrant of the globe about tasty cat, pup, and fruit bat. Recall the snapshot I sent of the butcher shop in Pusan? Four hooves, a head with tangled mane, tail—catching snowflakes weeks before spring thawed out Korea.

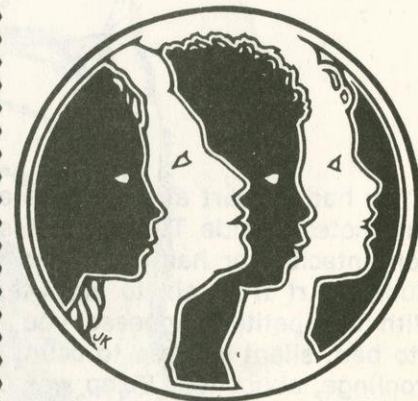
I've glimpsed my first non-circus elephant—scarred and fairly old—leashed to a palm on the beach. The animal's owned by a teenage boy in batik. For a few baht he'll allow a traveller to climb his pet and ride slowly for a mile or so along the breakers. Perhaps he'll agree to take my picture (I've grown a moustache), and you'll have a souvenir.

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HERE & THERE

Caribou, ME—A new organization has been formed by members of the gay community of Northern Maine and Western New Brunswick. Known as Aroostock Lambda, it hopes to provide focus for lesbian and gay males in rural areas to meet for mutual support. Aroostock Lambda may be contacted at Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736.

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA—A federal judge here has refused to block the deportation order against Anthony Sullivan, an Australian citizen who claimed the right to remain in the U.S. as the legal spouse of Richard Adams. Adams and Sullivan were married in Boulder (CO) in 1975 before a law prohibiting same-sex marriages was enacted in Colorado.

Gay Community News

Washington, DC—The American Psychological Association has collected information for gay applicants to graduate schools. The APA's Task Force on the Status of Lesbian and Gay Male Psychologists receives many questions from prospective graduate students who fear that being open about their sexual orientation would jeopardize their acceptance at some graduate institutions. A copy of the responses from graduate departments, listed by schools, is available from the Social and Ethical Responsibility Office, APA Monitor, 1200 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Gaylife

Houston, TX—The Gay Hispanic Caucus here presented an evening of mariachi bands, a salsa group, and a drag show at a local Houston disco in January.

Montrose Star

Southfield, MI—A bomb threat failed to dampen the enthusiasm of more than 200 persons who attended Elaine Noble's keynote address at the annual convention of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) in December. "We've gone through worse than threats," said Ms. Noble. "If anything, this kind of harassment only serves to unite us." More than 150 people attended the convention.

MOHR Information

Chicago, IL—Horizons East, a new facility featuring a coffee house and gay rap groups opened its doors here on January 11 at the Jane Addams Center of Hull House, 3212 North Broadway, in the heart of New Town.

Gaylife

Sacramento, CA—The Department of Corrections here has announced that a battery of tests administered to Dan White when he entered prison has convinced them that he did not need psychiatric care and has no apparent symptoms of mental disorder. White's attorney had pleaded his case almost entirely on the basis of deep depression and disorder.

San Francisco Sentinel

Hollywood, FL—On the eve of her television special, Anita Bryant is wringing her hands at the prospect of still another media failure. She has sent an "emergency message" to her disciples asking their help in raising "an overwhelming \$2 million" to produce a planned Anita Bryant radio program. The program, slated to begin early next year, will include such self-proclaimed bigots as Sen. Jesse Helms and Bill Bright of the Campus Crusade for Christ. Vowing that if she doesn't hear from supporters within ten days "all is off" Bryant declares that she will "not give up hope."

The Blade

Miami, FL—Metropolitan Community Synagogue of Greater Miami has been officially welcomed as a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Representatives of the Union, meeting in Toronto, voted unanimously to accept the synagogue, the second gay synagogue to be admitted to the group of reform synagogues.

Weekly News

Denver, CO—Protesting the Mormon Church's excommunication of ERA supporter Sonia Johnson, Leanne Boyd, a Denver woman who also supports ERA, has asked the elders of the church to excommunicate her as well. Boyd's bishop, Don Healey, said that he was "very unhappy" to receive her letter, and that church officials would meet with her in an effort to "change her mind."

Gay Community News

Washington, DC—The U.S. Attorney General has been requested to file suit against the Department of Defense for its failure to recognize the Metropolitan Community Church as a religious organization. MCC has been recognized as a religious organization by the federal government, and has received tax-exempt status.

Gaylife

Lansing, MI—The State Legislature has enacted a series of bills prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex or marital status in auto insurance.

MOHR Information

New York, NY—The Gay Switchboard of New York, Inc., began its ninth year of service to the gay community on January 12. The more than 80 trained volunteers are handling more than 60,000 calls per year, a 100% increase over last year. Hours of operation are from noon until midnight daily, and the number is (212) 777-1800.

Gay Community News

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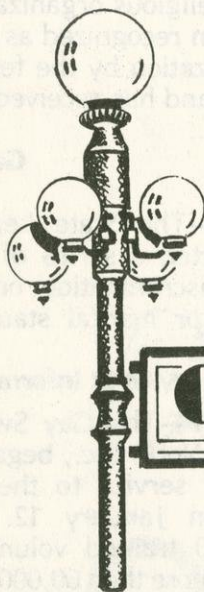
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HERE & THERE

Baltimore, MD—Following its most recent benefit dance, the Gay Community Center of Baltimore finds itself faced with a \$4,000 damage claim levied against it by Maryland's World Trade Center. The claim results from what officials consider to be "major damage" to the Center's carpeting.

The Blade

St Paul, MN—Thomas Murphy, an elementary school teacher, has lost his suit against the Holy Childhood School, whose director withdrew a teaching contract after learning that he was gay. The director, Rev. John Buchanan, refused to say how he learned of Murphy's sexual orientation.

Montrose Star

New York, NY—Renaissance House has just released the Canada and Central United States Edition of **Gayellow Pages**. Already available are editions for the West Coast, Northeast, and New York/New Jersey. The next edition will cover the South, following which the long-delayed National Edition will be available early in 1980. The regional editions are available at many local bookstores or for \$2.50 each by first class mail (\$3.00 outside North America) from Renaissance House, Box 292, Village Station, New York, NY 10014.

Press Release

Chicago, IL—The story of Paul Goldman's fifty years as a defender of gays in Chicago courts has been told in yet another nongay publication, this time in one which reaches 50,000 law students nationwide. The magazine, **Student Lawyer**, is distributed by the American Bar Association, and recently profiled the career of the man who pioneered the field of gay civil rights in the courts.

Gaylife

Houston, TX—The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) has announced that it will review any deportation orders issued by the INS against gay or lesbian Iranians now residing in the United States. The THRF announced that it was taking this action at the request of gay Iranians fearful for their safety.

Gay Community News

Denver, CO—Denver's Gay Community Center had two open houses in December. At the second such open house, held on December 16, gay religious organizations were invited to the Center, and those attending the festivities went out into the Denver neighborhoods carolling.

Gaynin'

Nashville, TN—Pierre Soupert of Vanderbilt University reports a successful first step on the road to mammalian parthenogenesis—egg development without sperm in mammals—in a set of experiments on mouse eggs. The experiments suggest that sperem contributes nothing to early embryonic development beyond chromosomes and membrane penetration.

Gay Community News

Denver, C)—Parents and Friends of Gays (PFG) now has a Denver chapter. Display ads are running each Sunday in the **Rocky Mountain News** and **Denver Post** offering PFG's counseling services to parents.

Gaynin'

Sacramento, CA—The Division of Fair Employment of the California state government has agreed to attempt to remedy housing discrimination against gays. For the first time in history gay tenants will have a state agency to assist them in California discrimination cases.

Montrose Star

Amsterdam, Netherlands—Representatives of Dutch gay groups are spearheading a project to erect a monument here to gays murdered during the reign of Hitler in Nazi Germany. There are about sixty gay groups in Germany, none of which have expressed interest in the project.

IGNA Newsletter

Washington, DC—Reps. Walter Fauntroy (D—DC) and Parren Mitchell (D—MD) are among the 21 co-sponsors of a congressional bill which would remove the name of J. Edgar Hoover from the FBI headquarters building.

The Blade

Washington, DC—In an effort to make women's books and periodicals available to handicapped readers, ten women volunteers have begun a program of tape-recording such publications. For further information, contact Feminist Taping for Handicapped Readers, c/o Susan Wood-Thompson, 1732 Willard St. N.W., Apt #1, Washington, DC 20009.

Press Release

New York, NY—Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) has recently been formed here to provide gay social services for the elderly. To give or receive assistance through SAGE, call evenings at (212) 741-2247 or write SAGE at 847-A Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014. SAGE services are wholly confidential.

Press Release

Philadelphia, PA—The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force (PLGTF) announces that Rita Addressa, a local lesbian activist, has assumed the position of PLGTF Director. PLGTF can be contacted at 3601 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104 or by phoning (215) 386-1610.

Press Release

REVIEW

Chicken: Poems by Dennis Kelly. Gay Sunshine Press, San Francisco, 1979. Paper, \$4.50; Signed edition, \$10.00; Limited hardcover edition of 26 signed copies, each with handwritten poem, price on request. [Gay Sunshine Press, Box 40397, San Francisco, CA 94140]

Chicken is an illustrated collection of boylove poetry by a Seattle author. Kelly explores various gay genres, from the epigrams of Catullus to the ideograms of Pound, in order to achieve a humorous and often thought-provoking stance



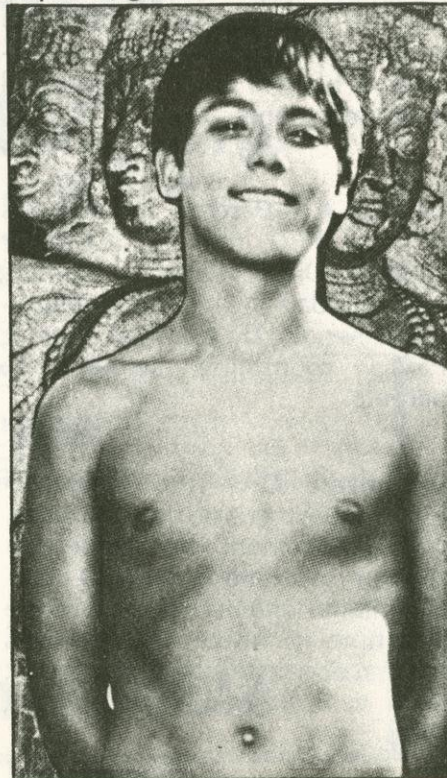
Dennis Kelly, Seattle 1979

toward boylove. Some of the almost 40 poems included have previously appeared in **Gay Sunshine**(SF) and **Fag Rag** (Boston), the balance appearing in this anthology for the first time. Graphics and collages are also by Mr. Kelly.

Most of the poems are explicitly erotic, and those which do not deal with erotic themes are immersed in erotic allusions. A good example is the "Ballad of the Imperial Goldfish." "The moon rises in the dark southeast/of things to light up the fields of Shin, for there is a boy named Ling/Chih which means Magic Mushroom &/he hunts down nightcrawlers for the/Emperor's goldfish & gets them by/the pastures south of town. With/slender fingers he pulls them out/of the moonlit dampness,

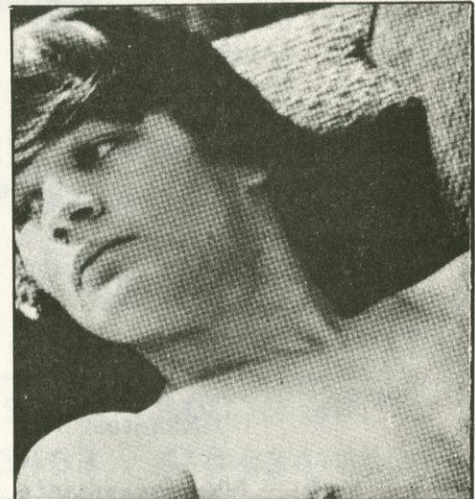


struggling/they are slipped into his basket/made from boughs of Katsura & he/plays with himself as he works/naked, pale cock against burden of/heavy curls, his basket full of/worms for the goldfish. The imperial/goldfish wait in the

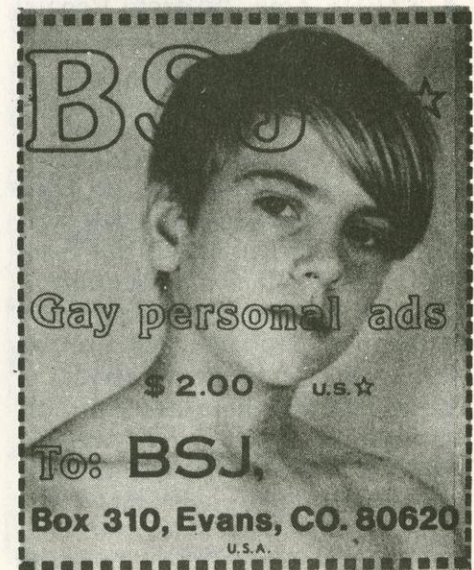


fountain as/the young imperial gardner enters/the gate, his face without moustache,/mud between toes. The boy has poked/around for nightcrawlers,/brings back mushrooms for his Emperor/to nibble, marvel at the giant carp/behind the crystal screen."

Other poems, such as "Wet-dream," "Redhead, His First Blowjob," "Melville as Size-



Queen," or "Semen Poem for Kaku Haku" are more erotic in thematic content, and will doubtless have more limited appeal to the non-paedophilic reader. The poetry is, however, of generally high quality; and it is something of a pleasure to see some wit and even mild sarcasm injected into themes which are often buried in soggy romanticism, awful lyricism, and sick-sweet sentimentality.



HERE & THERE

Mexico, DF—President Jose Lopez Portillo has unexpectedly termed abortion a barbaric practice and expressed his opposition to it. His announcement came during a growing campaign in Mexico to legalize abortion. "I think there are more civilized ways and reasonable ways of controlling the birth rate," he said in a recent news conference.

Gay Community News

Miami, FL—The Congress United for Rights and Equality (CURE) has secured approval from Dade County officials to gather signatures on a petition in the hope of placing a gay rights bill before the voters in March. CURE must collect 29,000 signatures within two months in order for the question to appear on the ballot.

Press Release

Jersey, UK—A hotel on the island of Jersey lost its discotheque license when it advertised a "gay night." A licensing court only agreed to restore the license if the hotel, the Woodlands Hotel at Grouville, promised not to advertise gay nights in the future.

Gay News (London)

St. John's, Newfoundland—Residents of a dead-end street called Dildo Place say they want the name changed. The street is named after the town of Dildo, a community about 60 miles from St. John's. A petition did not indicate why they want the name changed.

Body Politic

San Diego, CA—An arrest warrant has been issued for Gerry Sousa, a transsexual parent involved in a custody dispute over his 10-year-old son, Andrew, following his disappearance with the boy. Sousa is Andrew's natural mother.

San Diego Update

Moscow, ID—The Northwest Gay Conference is slated for March 14-16, 1980, in the university cities of Moscow (ID) and Pullman (WA). The principal conference focus will be the concerns of gays in the Pacific Northwest during the new decade. For conference information write: Northwest Gay Peoples Alliance, Box 8758, Moscow, ID 83843.

Press Release

Alexandria, VA—Rev. John O. Peterson, pastor of one of the city's most prominent black churches, has been ousted from the Alexandria Baptist Ministers Conference because he ordained a woman as deacon in his church. The conference is composed of twelve black male Baptist ministers from Alexandria and Fairfax.

Washington Star

Tampa, FL—Representatives from various gay groups in Florida have called for a march on Tallahassee for gay rights. The date selected for the march is April 27, 1980, when the legislature will be in session.

Gay Community News

San Francisco, CA—The Civil Grand Jury charged with studying the riots which broke out following the Dan White Verdict has issued a twelve-page report which accuses Police Chief Charles Gain and gay Supervisor Harry Britt of fueling the violence which erupted into the demonstrations and subsequent rioting.

San Francisco Sentinel

Washington, D.C.—According to **The Blade**, Sen. Edward Kennedy's lack of open support for gay rights is causing both misgivings and defections by gay organizations here which had originally supported his presidential bid.

The Blade

Paris, France—A bill which will completely remove homosexuality from the French criminal code has been introduced to the National Assembly by the Socialist Party and the Left Radical's Movement. The bill would reform the only two remaining articles in the code where homosexuals are mentioned. Both articles are leftovers from the German occupation.

Gai Pied

Vancouver, BC—The Vancouver **Sun**, having won a five-year court battle which allows it to reject any classified advertising from gay organizations, has now changed its policy despite the court victory. The paper published an announcement in its classified section saying that it would no longer automatically reject all gay ads.

Body Politic

Chicago, IL—A December 28 raid on the Rialto Tap by Chicago Police resulted in the arrest of 100 men on various charges of prostitution. Four bartenders were arrested for keeping a disorderly house, and 95 customers were charged with being inmates at a house of prostitution. Mayor Jane Byrne responded to the raid with strong words which received extensive TV, radio, and newspaper coverage. "We've got greater issues in the City of Chicago right now that should be priority issues." Gay community leaders here have charged that police officers also engaged in entrapment.

Gaylife

San Diego, CA—Superior Court Judge Edward Butler has upheld the traditional meaning of "House of ill fame" to refer exclusively to houses of prostitution, thus ending a year-long campaign by city prosecutors here to include peep show under the "ill fame" provisions of the law.

San Diego Update

REVIEW

My Son Eric by Mary V. Borhek.
Pilgrim Press, New York, 1979.
\$8.95.

Reviewed by Thomas Viney

Mary Borhek (a pseudonym) was born and raised in the east, but has lived most of her life in the mid-west. Having been brought up in a devoutly biblical religious household and married to a minister, she was not prepared for her son Eric's revelation that he was gay. This autobiography is an effort both to describe the manner in which she came to terms with her son's gayness and to help other parents of gays to learn to accept and honor their children's sexual preferences.

When told that Eric was gay, she was convinced that two lives had been ruined: her son's and her own . . . that she had entered a "dark tunnel" from which no exit was possible. But after months of soul-

searching and counseling sessions, her attitudes toward gayness began to change. This book is the chronicle of those changes.

Following her initial reaction of guilt, shame, and anger, Borhek's first thought was that professional psychiatric help could change her son's homosexuality; but, when Eric rejected her offer and explained that he was not eager to be "cured," she was forced to face the gay lifestyle full-force. She writes, "I began to realize that it was time for me to venture out of my little backwater and come to grips with the matter of homosexuality on a larger scale."

To do this she began reading, and she began, paradoxically, with the works of the New York homophobic psychiatrist Bieber. It gradually dawned upon her that this course was like trying to gain insight into Jewish lifestyles by reading *Mein Kampf*; but, as fortune would have it, she ran into a copy of Rev. Troy Perry's *The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm*

Gay. Borhek was heartened by this minister's reasoned defense of the gay lifestyle; and, according to her own narration, the book was a turning point from misunderstanding to acceptance.

With knowledge gained from her readings, she began to make tangible efforts to come to grips with the problems at hand. She had her son and his lover to dinner, and she attended services in an all-gay church. The more that she exposed herself to the gay world, the more

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did she come to see that gays are not the sick and pitiable individuals stereotyped by Bieber and his lot. The problems that gays have, she concluded slowly and painfully, stem not from their sexuality but from society's harsh and judgemental attitudes toward alternative sexual lifestyles.

Today Mary Borhek lovingly accepts Eric and his way of life, and she does everything that she can to help others to overcome ignorance and fear of homosexuality. She writes, "I knock on any door that comes within my reach, knowing that if I knock on enough doors, one or two are bound to open." She did fight her way through the dark tunnel—to the point where she remains active in the gay liberation movement in Minneapolis (where her son also lives)—and, by her own testament, has achieved understanding and joy.

For parents of gays, this well written work can probably achieve

pretty much the same as Hobson's **Consenting Adult** was designed to achieve, but with a trade-off. One may miss Hobson's literary "best-sellerisms" and stylistic flourish, but the present book is written from a deeply biblical context.

Indeed those (many?) of us who are not strongly into the Bible as a daily reading guide may even experience mild irritation at the author's continual flight to the Bible, in every problem situation, for inspired guidance.



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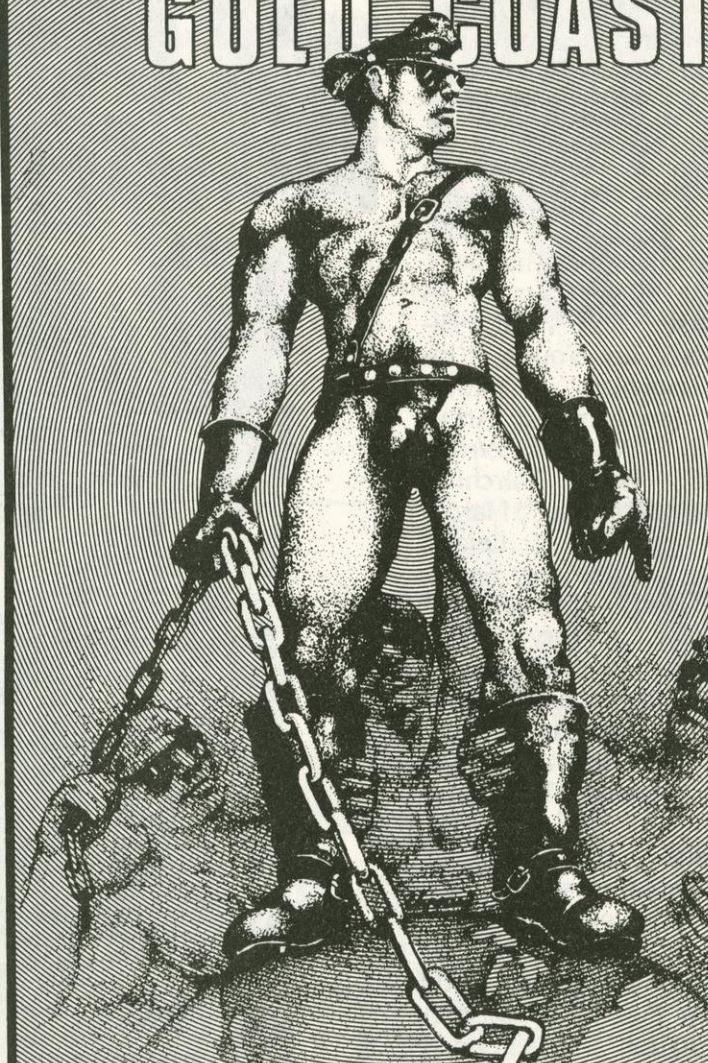


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REVIEW

The New Gay Liberation Book. Edited by Len Richmond & Gary Noguera. Ramparts Press, Palo Alto (CA), 1979. Cloth, \$14.00, Paper, \$5.95. (Ramparts Press, Box 50128, Palo Alto, CA 94303).

The earlier edition of **The Gay Liberation Book** appeared almost ten years ago, so a new one is appropriate and timely. Like its predecessor, this new anthology is devoted to gay men's liberation. It sports a foreward by Dr. Bruce Voeller and an introduction by Len Richmond, and pieces by most of the notables in the contemporary gay rights movement.

Fourteen articles are devoted to what the editors term "introspection." These are: Don Jackson, "Testament of a Gay Militant"; Paul Goodman, "Memoirs of an Ancient Activist"; Gore Vidal, "Bisexual Politics"; Ian Young, "Inside Sado/Masochism"; "Father Knows Best" (anonymous); Armistead Maupin, "Michael Writes His Parents"; Betty Fairchild, "When Your Child is Gay"; Harold Norse, "I'm Not a Man"; Leland Moss, "Sense and the Gay Sensibility"; Joel Hall, "Growing Up Black and Gay"; Perry Brass, "Games Male Chauvinists Play"; Ralph Hall, "Confessions of an All-American Boy"; Step May, "High School Days"; and Ralph Schaffer, "Will You Still Need Me When I'm 64?"

The second part, entitled "Analysis", contains sixteen articles: Tim McCaskell, "We Will Conquer a Space Filled With Light"; Abigail Van Buren, "Odd Couple"; Tom Hayden, "Beyond Anti-Discrimination Legislation"; Dr. George Weinberg, "The Other Side of the Couch"; Dr. Charles Silverstein, "Homosexuality and the Ethics of Behavioral Intervention"; Alan Watts, "No More Armed Clergymen"; Sheila Sullivan, "Looking Toward Transvestite Lib-



eration"; John Lauritsen, "Disruptions, Censorship, Bigotry"; Tom Robinson, "Sing If You're Glad to be Gay"; Jack Nichols, "Butcher Than Thou: Beyond Machismo"; Dr. Charles Silverstein, "Sexual Problems of Gay Men"; Dr. George Weinberg, "The Madness and Myths of Homophobia"; Christopher Isherwood, "Living with the Backlash"; Dennis Altman, "Fear and Loathing and Hepatitis on the Path of Gay Liberation"; Jim Rivaldo and Dick Pabish, "Learning from Harvey Milk"; and John Rechy, "An Open Letter to Anita Bryant."

Sheila Sullivan's fine article on transvestite liberation first appeared in GPU NEWS in 1974, and it is a pleasure to see it made available once again to the general public. Most of the other articles have appeared elsewhere; some appear





here in forms revised by their authors; and a few have been written especially for this volume. Given the importance of the majority of the authors, these notes (and the samplings of the authors' works which precede them) make the anthology a fine introduction to what has become the extensive literature of gay liberation.

The variety of outlooks and attitudes portrayed in the collection is a healthy index of the growth and maturity of gay liberation. The book comprises a wonderful mixture of experiences which vary from conservative through left-wing, and shows that gays indeed are everywhere. For gays or their friends, the collection has much to offer. As Voeller notes in his preface, "It is now pretty widely accepted that 10 percent of all Americans are gay; so too that the average American family comprises 4.6 persons—or two families are made up of 9.2 persons. No great mathematical leap is required to see that about **every second or third family in America thus has a gay member.** When America finally tumbles to this fact there will be some radical changes in societal attitudes. The route to these events is for all 20,000,000 of those gays with families to "come out" to one

or two or three safe persons a year . . . to give witness to who they are. If all of us did that with only three safe persons a year, 80,000,000 of America's 220,000,000 inhabitants would either be gay or know someone who is and thus change their understanding of what gays are."

In their preparation of this fine collection, the editors have done their fair share.



Len Richmond and Gary Noguera.



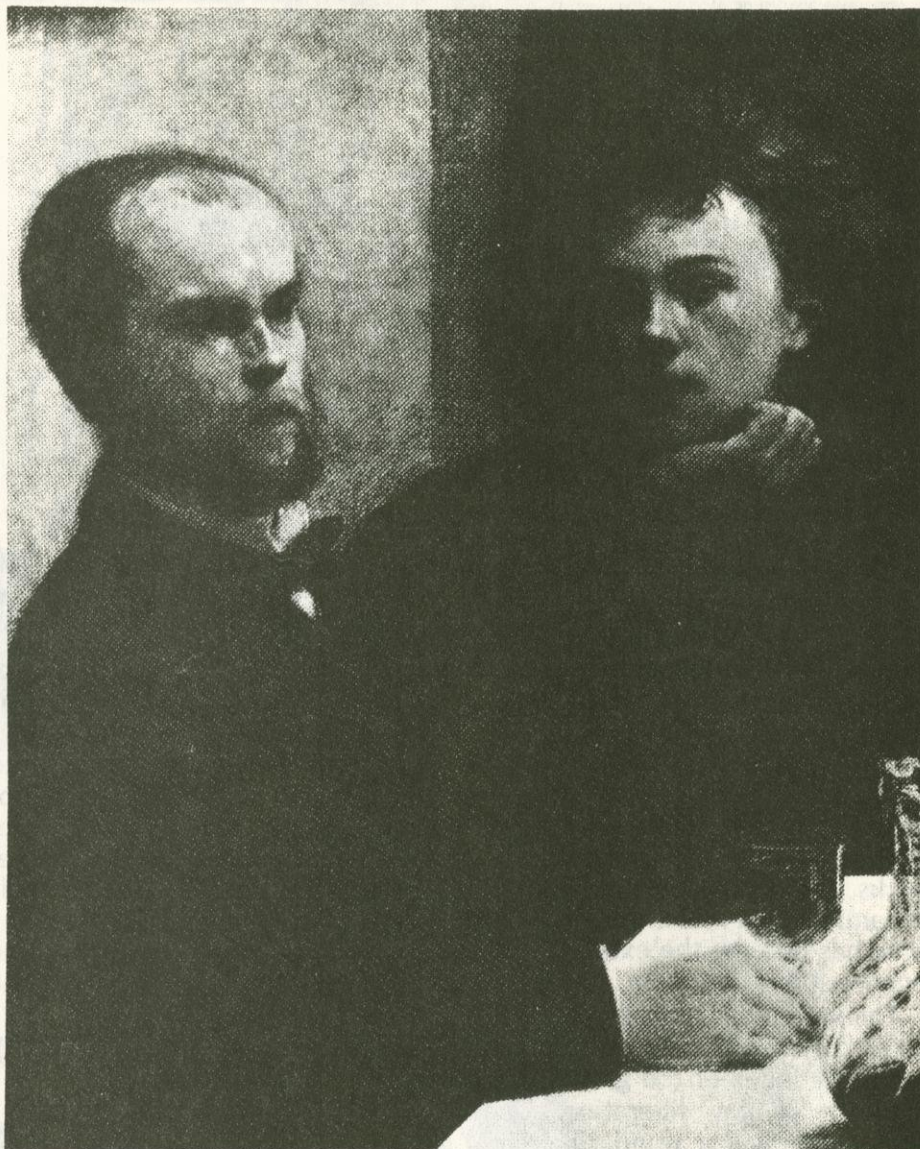
REVIEW

A Lover's Cock and Other Gay Poems by Arthur Rimbaud and Paul Verlaine, Translated by J. Murat and W. Gunn. Gay Sunshine Press, San Francisco, 1979. Paperback, in limited edition of 2,000 copies, \$3.95. Hardcover, numbered limited edition of 50 copies, \$25. May be ordered (include 75¢ postage and handling) from Gay Sunshine Press, Box 40397, San Francisco, CA 94140.

Paul Verlaine (1844-1896) was a complicated French poet. His one-time student, Arthur Rimbaud (1854-1891) was no less complicated and no less gay. Their stormy love affair is one of the central legends of the emergence of gay liberation and culture in nineteenth century France. The homoerotic themes run through the works of both poets, but those poems which are explicitly gay are usually either omitted completely, or printed without translation, in the English and American editions of their works. The situation is the same for the great gay Roman poet, Martial, much of whose most typical work remains hidden in the original Latin.

In 1891 Verlaine had begun a series of pornographic poems which he called **Hombres** (Spanish for "men"): these were not to be published until after his death in 1904. With them was published the sonnet to the anus which he had written with Rimbaud. Two very gay sonnets by Rimbaud, together with a third not specifically gay sonnet, were published in 1923 (also after his death) as **Les Stupra** ("The Orgies").

The two gay sonnets of Rimbaud are here reprinted in translation, together with two earlier works excerpted from **Poemes** and **Album dit "Zutique"** (first French edition, 1931). Of Verlaine we have a generous selection from **Hombres**, together with two selections from **Parallelement** (1894) and the



Arthur Rimbaud (right) & Paul Verlaine in Henri Fantin-Latour's painting "Un coin de table," 1872 (detail)

Oeuvres Posthumes (1903 publication in French).

The last four stanzas of Verlaine's **Mille e Tre** provide a good characterization of both the spirit and the liveliness of the translation. "Tony, well-known for his dart's great size,?Is my triumphal king, my paramount god;?He fills up all my heart with his blue eyes—/Likewise my asshole with his frightful rod.//Paul's still nipples on his athletic chest/Invite the mouth as much as his stiff prong./Frank with the legs of a dancer is blessed;/He's light as a feather—but how heavy his dong.//Cus

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March 2

GPU (Milwaukee), Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, Group discussion on "Developing a Positive Gay Identity," Paul DeMarco, Coordinator, refreshments, free-will donation.
GUQC (Davenport) Card Party, &:30 p.m., 417 West 7th Street.

March 2

Metro Christian Church (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., Farwell Center.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
Gay AA & Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meetings, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Racine/Kenosha Gays, Rap Group, 625 College Avenue, Racine.
GAMMA (Milwaukee) Gay Swimming at UWM Baker Pool, 2-4 p.m., \$1 admission.
GAMMA (Milwaukee) Gay Volleyball, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., UWM Baker Fieldhouse, \$1.
Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Volleyball (Madison) for gay men, 2:30 4:30 p.m., 425 Henry Mall, 3rd Floor.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Dracula."
Mattachine (Chicago) March Board Meeting, noon, 100 E. Ohio St.

March 3

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Potluck Dinner 7 p.m. and Business Meeting 8 p.m., Farwell Center. Free-will donation.
Gay Men's AA (Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

March 4

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
Mattachine (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

March 5

United (Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.
Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

March 6

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
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March 8

Dignity (Milwaukee) Roller Skating Party, St. Pius Rink, 7500 W. Wright St., \$4.00.

March 9

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 Gay AA & Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meetings, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Racine/Kenosha Gays, Rap Group, 3 p.m., 625 College Avenue, Racine.
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 Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Volleyball (Madison) for gay men, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 425 Henry Mall, 3rd floor.
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March 10

Gay People Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, Guest speakers Bill Meunier (Cooperation West Side Association) and Mike Kaplan (Sherman Park Community Association), "Gay Involvement in Neighborhood and Community Groups," Refreshments, free-will donation
 Gay Men's AA (Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

March 11

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March 12

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 Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

March 13

GAMMA (Milwaukee) Rollerskating Party, Rollaro Roller Rink, 5200 S. Pennsylvania (Cudahy), 9 p.m., \$3 admission.
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 Coalition (Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
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March 15

Ball Game (Milwaukee) St. Patrick Day Show by ECOM.
 Gay Peoples Union Coffeehouse, "The Alternative," 8 p.m., Farwell Center, games, entertainment, discussion, refreshments, Free-will donation.

March 16

Jodee's (Racine) St. Pat's Party, Corn Beef & Cabbage, Green Beer, begins 6 p.m.
 Metro Christian Church (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., Farwell Center.
 MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
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 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Golden Voyage of Sinbad."
 Parents (Chicago) and Friends of Gays, 2 p.m., Phone (312) 337-2424.
 Ball Game (Milwaukee) Sixth Anniversary and St. Patrick's Celebration. All day, all night. (See ad elsewhere)

March 17

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 Gay Peoples Union, Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Men's AA (Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

March 18

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
 Mattachine (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.

March 19

United (Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.
 Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

March 20

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

March 22

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Mattachine (Chicago) Banquet, 6 p.m., Courtyard Inn. Phone (312) 337-2424.

March 23

Metro Christian Church (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., The Farwell Center.
 MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
 Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
 Gay AA & Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meetings, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
 Racine/Kenosha Gays, Rap Group, 3 p.m., 625 College Avenue, Racine.
 GAMMA (Milwaukee) Gay Swimming at UWM Baker Pool, 2-4 p.m., \$1 admission.
 GAMMA (Milwaukee) Gay Volleyball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., UWM Baker Fieldhouse, \$1.
 Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Volleyball (Madison) for gay men, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 425 Henry Mall, 3rd Floor.
 Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., Monty Python's "And Now for Something Completely Different."

March 24

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

March 25

Gay VD clinic (Madison) 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
 Mattachine (Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

March 26

United (Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.
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March 29

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

March 30**PALM SUNDAY**

Metro Christian Church (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., Farwell Center.

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

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

Gay AA & Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meetings, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.

Racine/Kenosha Gays, Rap Group, 3 p.m., 625 College Avenue, Racine.

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Volleyball (Madison) for gay men, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 425 Henry Mall, 3rd Floor.

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

March 31

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

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

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Dignity/Milwaukee

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Forker Motorcycle Club

"A Men and Women Riding Club," Meets every second Sunday of the month. Write 5816 W. Carmen Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218.

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A discussion group for lesbians, Call 964-6117.

Gay Al-Anon

For lovers and friends of gay problem drinkers. Meets Sundays, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous

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Gay Overeaters Anonymous

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Gay Peoples Union, Inc.

Meets every Monday at the Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave., at 8 p.m. Business meetings the first Monday of each month. The Farwell Center is open every night from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

GPU Legal Defense Fund

Gay People's Union, P.O. Box 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. Donations to the Legal Defense Fund are tax-deductible.

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Lesbian Support Groups

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

Lutherans Concerned for Gays

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

Metropolitan Christian Church

Open to gay persons (men and women) and their supporters. Meets at 2 p.m. each Sunday at the Farwell Center. For information phone (414) 529-3639.

Metropolitan Community Church

P.O. Box 1612, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Church at 2647 North Stowell.

Milwaukee Gay Teens

A rap and support group for those 18 years and under, sponsored through the UWM Gay Community. Meets first and third Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., in UWM Student Union E-301. For information phone Greg at (414) 962-1978 or Joan at (414) 277-7857.

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Silver Star Motorcycle Club

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UWM Gay Community

Phone: (414) 963-6555.

Office: Student Union E-364.

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

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Clergy for Community Dialogue

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

Integrity/Dignity/Madison

Box 5641, Madison, WI 53705. For news of services phone (608) 257-7575.

Madison Gay Center

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

Renaissance of Madison, Inc.

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The United/Madison

206 North Brooks, Madison, WI 53715. Telephone (608) 255-8582. Call or write for information or monthly newsletter.

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Gay Students Assn./Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh, Box 51, Dempsey Hall, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Racine/Kenosha Gays

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Gays United of the Quad Cities

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CHICAGO

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Catholic Mass, Sundays at 7 p.m., 824 West Wellington, Phone (312) 549-2633 or write P.O. Box 11261, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Gay Counseling Service

Gay Switchboard

Switchboard(929-HELP) operates between 7 and 11 p.m. for visitors to the city. Counseling Service: same hours and same number.

Mattachine Midwest/Chicago

100 East Ohio Street, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 337-2424. Phone or write for information.

Maturity

For those over 40. Germania Club, 108 West Germania Place, Meets 3rd Fridays. Call (312) 372-8616 for information.

One of Chicago

615 West Wellington, Meets first Fridays. Phone (312) 372-8616 for information.

Rogers Park/Edgewater Gay Alliance

5823 North Ridge Ave., Chicago 60660. Drop-in community center 7-10 p.m. daily, potlucks, group discussion, library, and gay youth program. For information phone RPEGA Hotline at (312) 561-0277.

VD Testing & Treatment for Gays

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

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Gays United of the Quad Cities

See GUQC listing for Illinois.

Grinnell College Gay Community

Meetings held weekly. For information write GCGC, Box 1285, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 50112.

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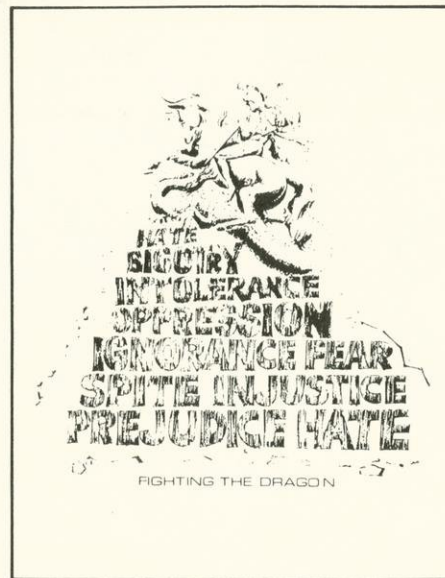
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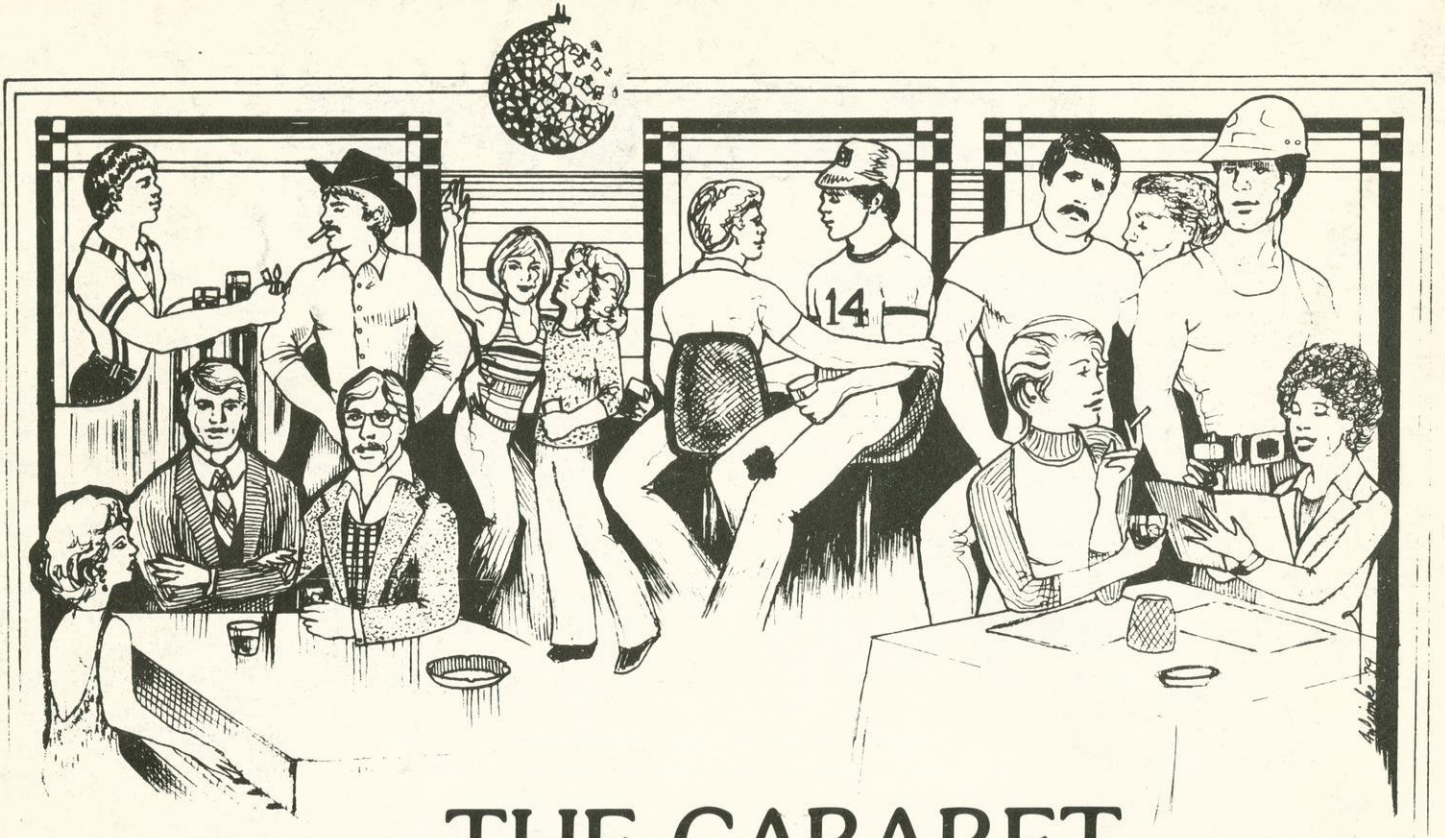
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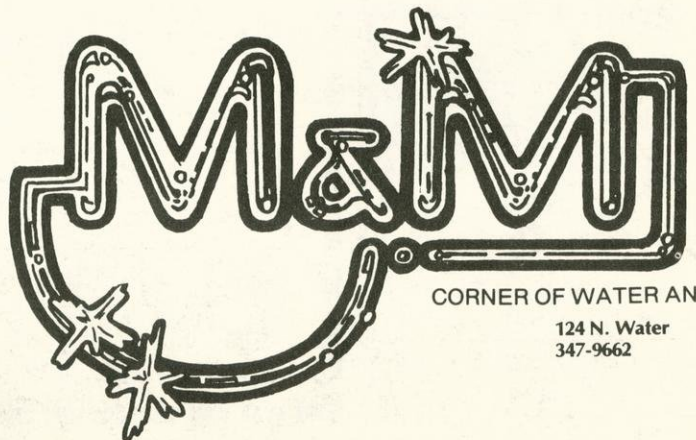
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