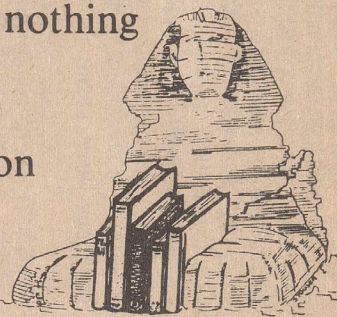


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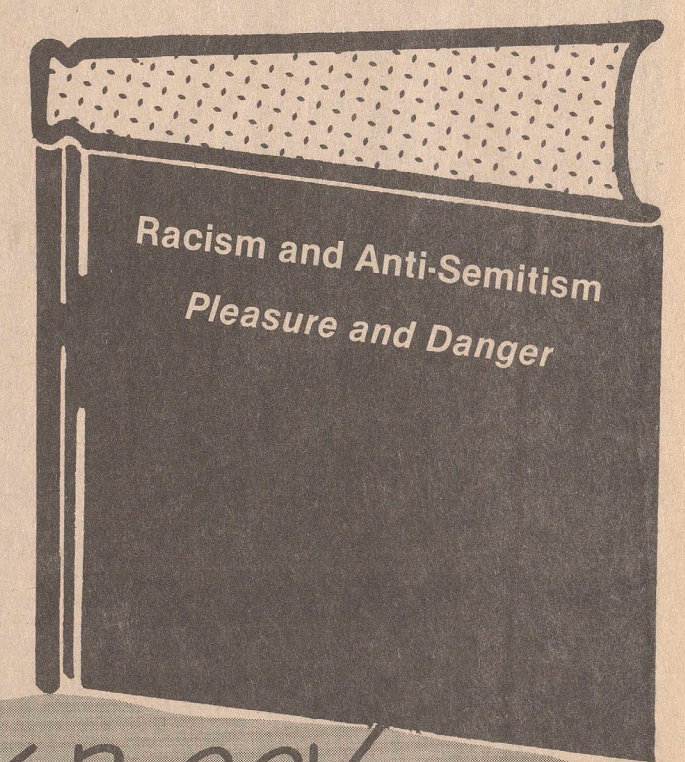
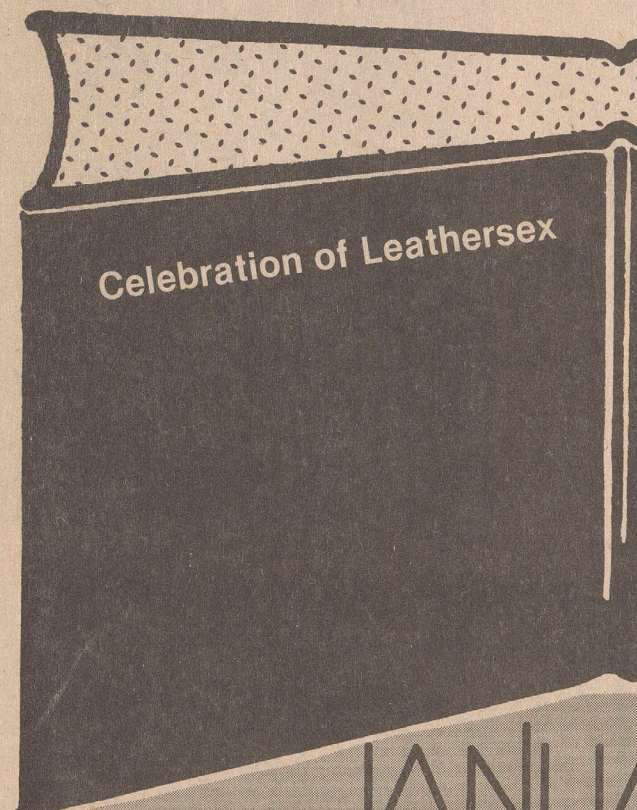
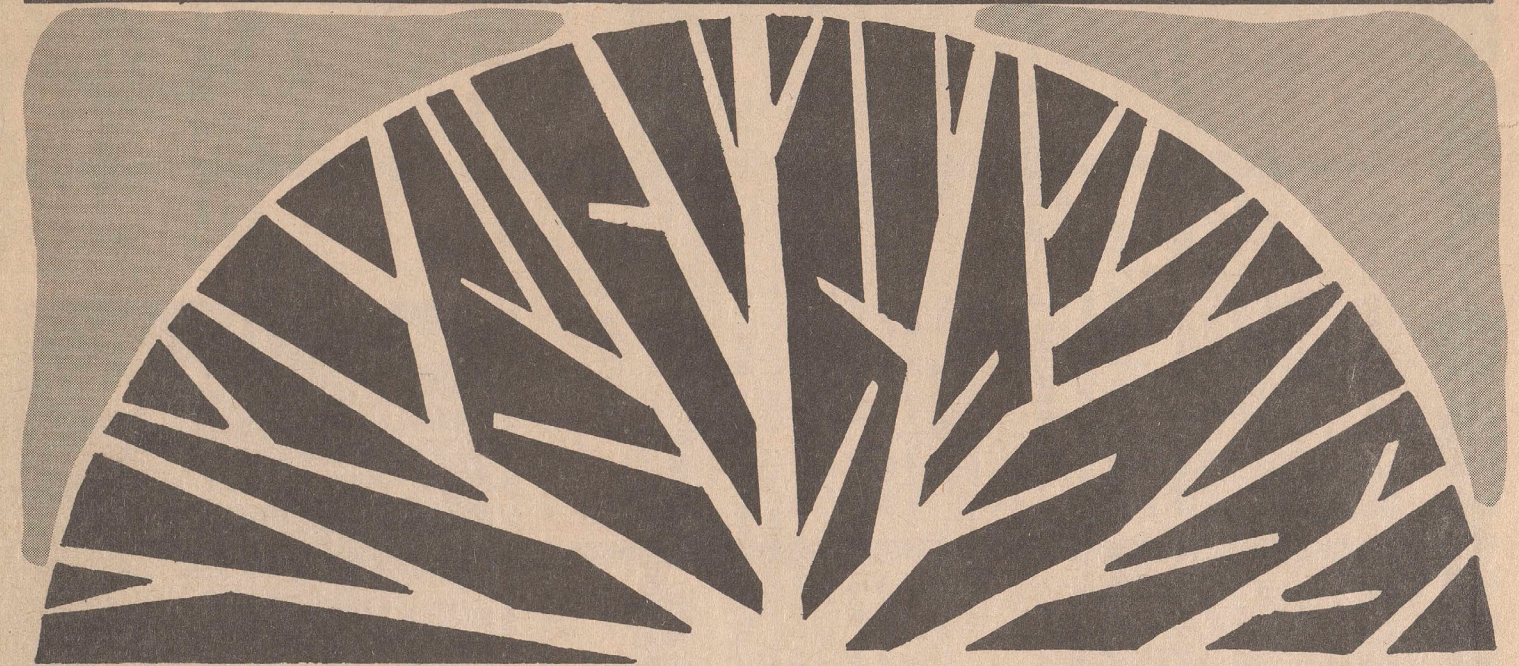
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Houston Gay Rights Squashed in Referendum

By Sue Hyde

HOUSTON — Voters in a January 19 referendum squashed two six-month-old measures which would have protected gay and lesbian city workers from employment discrimination. The non-discrimination measures bombed at the polls, losing 18 percent to 82 percent. One gay activist in the city told GCN, "We got whupped."

But despite this setback, gay and lesbian organizers in the city reported their community was "more unified" than ever before, with community infighting and factionalism quelled for the time being. One man said, "We've never had a more politicized community."

The losers in the Houston referendum fight join activists in Lincoln, Neb., Duluth, Minn., Wichita, Kan., Eugene, Ore., St. Paul, Minn., and Dade County, Fla., all of whom have suffered

similar defeats. About 50 cities and 12 counties retain gay rights ordinances.

The two Houston ballot propositions did not mention homosexuality, but rather asked voters to approve or reject measures "relating to" non-discrimination hiring and affirmative action programs.

The first ballot question, defeated 198,563 to 44,706, would have amended a city ordinance guaranteeing "equal employment and income opportunity at every level of municipal government, as well as in all city programs and related activities, without regard to race, color, religion, age, disability, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation."

The second ballot question, defeated 198,563 to 43,303, asked voters to approve a resolution reading: "Nothing in the affir-

mative action program is intended to require a city department to hire or promote any person because of a person's sexual orientation. However, city departments are directed to not discriminate in the hiring, discipline, or promotion of any person based upon a person's sexual orientation."

The limited and mildly worded resolution and ordinance, approved by the council on June 19, 1984, were sponsored by Anthony Hall, a Black councilmember. The narrowly adopted measures set off a great outcry from conservatives in the city, who, led by Councilman John Goodner, collected 61,400 signatures on a petition requesting that the council either rescind its vote or put the questions to public vote. The council opted for the referendum, at an estimated cost to the city of \$300,000.

In what one local paper called a

"needless and nasty" election, the pro-gay forces working together as Citizens for a United Houston (CUH) faced a coalition of Republicans, the Chamber of Commerce, conservative white and Black religious people, and the Ku Klux Klan in their uphill battle to save the measures. (See GCN Vol. 12, No. 19)

Gay opponents studiously avoided discussing the actual measures enacted by the council. Rev. William Oliver, a straight man hired by CUH to direct the campaign, told GCN the opposing campaign "was based on misrepresentation and an attempt to play upon the fears of people homophobic about gay lifestyles ... At no point were any groups against us willing to talk about what the council did. They only talked fear."

The Committee for Public Awareness, headed by Goodner, and the Campaign for Houston, two of the anti-gay groups, pulled out all stops in their efforts to defeat the measures. They characterized the vote as deciding whether Houston would become a kind of paradise for gay people and whether the city would be vulnerable to outbreaks of AIDS if the measures were approved.

Goodner was quoted early on as saying, "The approval of any ordinance granting rights to homosexuals sends a message to the rest of the nation that Houston is a haven for gays."

And an attorney who campaigned against the measures said, "I hope [this victory] encourages them to get back into the closet where they belong. Maybe it will encourage them to change their lifestyle. Maybe it will halt the spread of AIDS."

Sue Lovell, the president of the city's Gay Political Caucus (GPC), said, "I thought it was one of the meanest, nastiest, mud-slinging campaigns ever. It was one of the cruelest attacks any gay community has ever had launched on it."

And Ray Hill, former president of GPC and now its political action coordinator, said, "[Our opponents] had their money upfront and they painted the canvas. We daubed paint on the canvas, but we never turned it around from a popularity contest on whether Houstonians liked and trusted gay people."

Hill's observation about funding of the anti-gay groups was echoed by several people GCN contacted. Citizens for a United

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On the 12th Anniversary

Fight for Abortion Rights

By Susan Arnott

BOSTON — Against a backdrop of increasingly aggressive attacks against abortion clinics throughout the U.S., demonstrations and rallies by both supporters and opponents of reproductive rights marked the 12th anniversary on January 22 of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Although the largest demonstration took place in Washington, D.C., where 70,000 abortion foes reportedly rallied to oppose what one "pro-lifer" termed "one of the greatest crimes in history — the abortion." Numerous smaller events took place in several cities by proponents of abortion rights and women's reproductive freedom.

A primary issue for abortion rights demonstrators across the country was the growing use of violent tactics by the "pro-life" movement to prevent women from having abortions. Anxiety at abortion clinics continues to rise, especially in recent weeks, as the possibility of arson or bomb attacks has dramatically increased. Other anti-abortion tactics now include photographing or videotaping of women entering clinics, copying license plate numbers of patients who are later traced and harassed, posing as patients in order to disrupt the procedures inside the clinic, jamming phone lines for days at a time, and death threats against doctors who perform abortions.

Although most clinics remain open, all have had to step up security measures against possible attacks. Some, like the Goddard Medical Associates in Brockton, Mass., have succumbed to the harassment and have discontinued abortion services.

On Sunday, January 20, about forty reproductive rights activists marched outside the home of Archbishop Bernard F. Law in Brighton, Mass., carrying signs saying "Motherhood by choice, not chance" and "Keep your 'Law' off my body." The pickets protested the Archbishop's stand against abortion, and criticized his recent offer of financial and

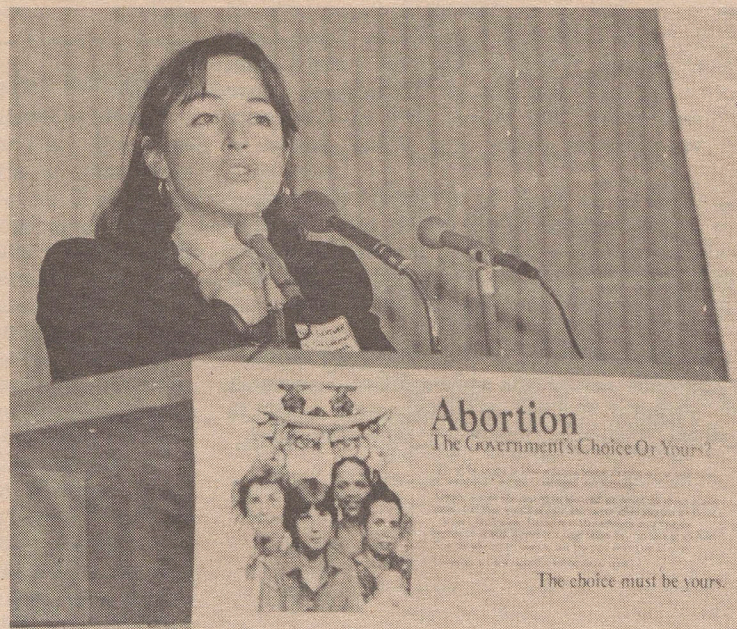
medical aid to any woman who chooses to keep her child rather than have an abortion.

On January 22, a rally in Boston sponsored by the Coalition for Choice, which represents 33 Massachusetts organizations, drew close to 300 abortion rights supporters. Speakers at the event decried the clinic attacks, and criticized restrictive legislation and cuts in abortion funding which have made abortions more difficult and dangerous to obtain since legalization.

Among the speakers was Nancy Gertner, who condemned the anti-

the grounds that it might invite an unwelcome investigation into their activities.

Gertner claimed the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 as a partial victory which guaranteed the right to abortion within certain well-defined limits. Nevertheless, she said, that right "has been chipped away over the years" by such measures as the Hyde Amendment which ended federal Medicaid funding for abortions, and by the parental consent law which requires a teenager to obtain the permission of both parents or of a judge before she can get an abor-



Nancy Gertner

abortionist assaults on clinics and assailed the federal government for its lack of initiative in investigating the attacks. Thus far, the investigation has been on a case by case basis by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Gertner cited the relegation of the investigations to this agency, rather than to the F.B.I., as an indication of the lack of seriousness with which the federal government regards the attacks. The F.B.I. has been called in by the leadership of most pro-choice organizations. Some reproductive rights activists, however, oppose increased F.B.I. involvement on

tion.

Abortion in this state is further threatened by a proposed constitutional amendment which would give the State Legislature broad power to limit, regulate and prohibit the funding and availability of abortion in Massachusetts, including the ending of Medicaid benefits to poor women seeking abortions.

The amendment would affect nearly 7,000 women, a disproportionate number of whom are women of color. It has already received initial approval by two-thirds of the Legislature and, if

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Hollywood Wins First Test "Fagots" Stay

By Christine Guilfooy

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA — In the first test of this newly incorporated city's human rights ordinance, the West Hollywood City Council has forced a restaurant to remove an anti-gay sign which had hung in the establishment since 1933.

The sign, which said "Fagots Stay Out," hung behind the bar at Barney's Beanery, a restaurant specializing in hamburgers and chili. The slogan was also printed on matchbook covers distributed by the restaurant. The sign was removed on January 15 by lesbian mayor Valerie Terrigno following an agreement between the city attorney and the restaurant's owner, Irwin Held. In addition, the restaurant agreed to remove the slogan from its matchbooks. However, Held did not acknowledge the slogan as discriminatory but said he was capitulating as an act of good will.

It is estimated that 30 percent of West Hollywood's population is gay. Recent elections produced a three-member gay majority on the five-member city council. One of the councillors, a lesbian, also acts as the mayor.

The formal complaint regarding the sign and matchbooks was initiated by councillors Steve Schulte, a gay activist, and Alan Viterbi. Schulte told GCN "[Barney's Beanery] had the sign up and distributed the matchbooks for years. [When we passed] the ordinance we knew this was the kind of thing we were trying to ban."

However, Held maintained the slogan was historical and part of the "lore" of the restaurant. The sign appeared in *Life* magazine and was also part of a sculpture done by Ed Kienholz, which, according to the Los

Angeles Times, now hangs in the Royal Dutch Museum.

Norman Levine, Held's attorney, told GCN, "There have been no claims of discrimination." Gaylee Weinberg, a spokesperson for the city, acknowledged this to be the case when she said, "There have been no registered complaints [about Barney's] besides complaints about the sign and matchbooks."

In a statement issued to the press, Held said in part, "The slogan has been used at Barney's for more than half a century. While the motive of the Beanery's original owner, Barney Anthony, in placing the sign behind the bar in 1933 can be debated, any policy of discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, or any other basis that ever existed here, long ago passed into history."

According to Jim Kepner of the National Gay and Lesbian Archives, the restaurant became a meeting place for gay people in the 1930s, prompting the sheriff's department to warn the original owner, Barney Anthony, about running a gay bar. Kepner said Anthony placed the sign behind the bar to placate the sheriff. Kepner believes the sign originally was regarded as a sham by the clients. However, over the years, it became clear gay people were not welcome and gay activists attempted to have the sign removed.

In a statement issued by Mayor Terrigno, she said, "For the people of West Hollywood, there has been nothing nostalgic about it. The words have been discriminatory and have reduced a large part of our population to the status of second-class citizens."

Although Held removed the slogan, he has maintained his right

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News Notes

quote of the week

"Almost all abortion doctors are Jews, almost all abortion nurses are lesbians, and abortion in Orange County [Calif.] is being promoted by the corrupt Jewish organization called Planned Parenthood. At the end of the day [the clinics] take the fetuses, some of whom are still clinging to life, and throw them in the garbage for cats to eat."

— from a telephone tape being played by the White American Resistance, identified as an affiliate of the Ku Klux Klan.

organizing down under

MELBOURNE — Lesbian teacher Alison Thorne has had her hopes dashed of being allowed to return to the classroom here. Thorne was transferred from her teaching post over a year ago when she spoke out against the arrests of nine gay men of the Pedophile Support Group who faced a charge of conspiring to corrupt public morals.

Despite the dismissal in May 1984 of the charges against the gay men and Thorne's 1985 appointment to teach at Tottenham Technical School, a letter from the Director General of Education in Victoria states that it is in the public interest that she remain at the regional office on administrative duties. Letters of support for Alison Thorne's reinstatement to her teaching position may be sent to P.O. Box 334, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065, Australia.

MELBOURNE — Following a 600-strong public meeting organized here in response to media scare tactics and gay witchhunting, the local AIDS action group has reaffirmed its willingness to cooperate fully with official measures to eradicate AIDS, provided the current emergency is not used to infringe upon the legal, industrial and employment rights, civil liberties, privacy and personal freedom of gay people. The group also reaffirmed its longstanding recommendation that gay men, as well as members of all high-risk groups, refrain from donating blood, and challenged the government to provide adequate funding for the work gay organizations are doing to help fight AIDS.

Official measures that gay activists here are alarmed about include legislation rushed through the Queensland State government in November, carrying a penalty of two years' jail and/or \$10,000 fine for any blood donor giving false information about eligibility to donate blood. In addition, the health ministers of all Australian states set up a National Advisory Committee on AIDS, allowing only two gay men to participate. On December 19 the health ministers met again unexpectedly and issued a statement that blood donations from male homosexuals would no longer be acceptable. The ministers agreed to allow each state government to draw up its own regulations using the Queensland government's legislative measures and penalties as a benchmark.

— filed from Sydney by Kendall Lovett

aids insurance

SANTA MONICA, CA — Coastal Insurance Company has decided to offer policies for people who believe they are in high-risk categories for AIDS, but not for people already diagnosed, according to the *Boston Herald*. Fifty policies at a cost of \$194 a year were sold within days of Coastal Insurance's announcement. The plan provides medical benefits up to \$73,000 a year. Only Provident American Insurance in Dallas is known to have set up a similar supplemental health plan.

more on the fire

BOSTON — A ten-year veteran firefighter has been charged with conspiracy, perjury, and aiding and abetting in the last trial in connection with the 200 fires set in Boston between 1981 and 1983, including that which destroyed the offices of *Gay Community News*, *Fag Rag*, and Glad Day Bookshop on July 7, 1982. According to the *Boston Herald*, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Robinson said Ray Norton's "uncommon fascination with fire" prompted him to join the seven-man arson team, and to often suggest which buildings to burn.

Abortion

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passed again during the 1985-86 term, would be presented to voters on the ballot in 1986.

Gertner went on to add that "abortion is part and parcel the same as the rights to equal pay, equal opportunity, and equal jobs for women."

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn, speaking on behalf of fourteen member organizations of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR) in Massachusetts, claimed that anti-abortion leaders are seeking to destroy religious

freedom, and asserted that a woman's decision of whether or not to have an abortion should be based on her own religious views. "The issue of when life begins," Mayersohn said, "is a fundamentally theological issue which cannot be legislated by the government."

Carol Knox of Local 65 of the United Auto Workers discussed the impact on workers of legal restrictions on abortion, and the role of unions in fighting for women's control over reproduc-

warrant a warrant

WASHINGTON, DC — The Supreme Court has agreed to rule in the case *Maryland v. Macon*, after an appeal by Maryland Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs. At issue are the rights police have to determine what is obscene and, relatedly, to arrest cashiers or store owners without a court-approved arrest warrant for misdemeanors.

According to the *Washington Post*, the state of Maryland is asking the Supreme Court to overturn Maryland's Court of Special Appeals' decision that the 1981 conviction and \$500 fine of Baxter Macon of Hyattsville, Md. was unconstitutional without a warrant and violated his First Amendment right to free speech. Macon was arrested after selling a publication to a plain-clothes officer who then determined that it contained obscenity. The court ruled that the officer's judgment was not enough to base arrest on, and according to the *Baltimore Sun*, stated "a warrant is needed to provide a procedural safeguard for freedom of expression" and that a warrant is "a precondition to seizure of persons allegedly distributing such materials."

The state of Maryland is arguing that the appeals court ruling creates an exception to a Maryland law which allows police to arrest people for misdemeanors if one has been committed in their presence or if they have reasonable cause to believe one has been committed in their presence. The state does not believe a warrant should be necessary in such cases. A ruling is expected by next summer.

office workers win

NEW HAVEN, CT — Setting an important precedent for other university workers, especially women seeking improved working conditions, striking Local 34 office workers at Yale University are expected to sign a new contract, according to the *New York Times*. Yale must still reach agreement with one thousand dining hall and maintenance workers from Local 35, however, or Local 34 is expected to walk again.

Local 34 had been on strike from September 26 to December 4 with the support of Local 35 over issues of pay equity, job security, and benefits. Terms of the new contract include wage increases of 20.25 percent over the three and one-half year contract, a partial cost of living plan, increased pension benefits, a dental plan and job security protections. Local 35 seeks increased salary levels and full-time employment for all its members.

women in print

BERKELEY, CA — Is feminist journalism in crisis? The Third National Women In Print Conference, May 29-June 1, 1985 in Berkeley will discuss, among other things, the recent folding of three feminist newspapers: *Big Mama Rag* in Colorado, *Matrix* in Washington State and *Equal Times* in Boston.

The conference is open to all feminist women working in women-owned, or co-owned, alternative or mainstream print and publishing trades, including editors, publishers, self-publishers, reviewers, book-sellers, librarians, archivists, agents and graphic designers.

As the conference is in the planning stages, ideas for possible workshops are welcome. To attend, comment, suggest topics for discussion, write to Karen Schiller, 1042 Noe, San Francisco, CA 94114.

rugby rallies

RUGBY, ENGLAND — In an unusual show of strength, more than a thousand lesbians and gay men from all over Britain gathered on November 10 to protest a Rugby council decision not to include sexual orientation in an equal rights motion, according to *Gay News*. After a rally in the town's Ben Hall during which Chris Smith, a Labour Party representative and member of Parliament, came out to the crowd, demonstrators marched through the town center carrying banners.

When police attempted to confiscate the banner of the Gay Youth Movement, demonstrators sat down on the road and refused to move. Police arrested 17 people for obstruction and one for disturbing the peace.

Lesbians and gay men here say the campaign to include sexual preference in equal opportunity programs will continue "up and down the country."

cops with aids not out

SAN FRANCISCO — The Civil Service Commission and Police Department here recently concurred that city employees, including police officers, who refuse to work with other employees who have AIDS may be guilty of "insubordination" and subjected to disciplinary action, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*. The Police Department was responding to petitions circulating among city sheriff's deputies, one of which reportedly asked that a deputy with AIDS be prevented from working with other deputies and police officers.

On January 3, John J. Walsh, personnel manager for the Civil Service Commission, advised John L. Taylor, clerk of the Board of Supervisors, that, "The preponderance of current medical opinion indicates that persons with AIDS do not present risk factors in the normal course of their employment environment or work activities.... If other co-workers refuse to work as a result simply because of the presence of an AIDS victim, they are subject to due-process disciplinary procedures."

Noting that many city workers need more accurate information about AIDS, City Supervisor John Molinari has requested an educational program on the disease for all city department heads and middle managers.

hardy folks

LOWELL, MA — After three hours of testimony on January 22 from religious leaders, business executives, and other residents, the Lowell City Council rejected a proposal to set up a special zone for all new adult bookstores, according to the *Boston Globe*. Opponents of the zoning strategy, most of whom agree with the goals of the proposal, argued that pornography should be eliminated entirely from Lowell, not just isolated in specific areas of the city.

Rev. Jon K. Gray, one of the leaders of the anti-porn drive which to date has collected 30,000 signatures on petitions and which organizes daily pickets at a local adult bookstore, says, "This is going to be a tough fight. These [Lowell residents] are hardy people."

tradition takes it

ANCHORAGE, AK — An Inuit man was found not guilty on two counts of child sexual abuse and one count of attempted sexual abuse after a Fairbanks trial, according to the *Anchorage Daily News*.

Anthropologists' testimony convinced the court that 57-year-old Jack Jones' behavior was within the bounds of traditional Inuit culture and had no erotic intent. Jones was in the habit of trying to pull the pants off his son and grandson. The children were expected to resist and fight back. Anthropologists testified that Jones "was well within a cultural tradition of teasing behavior that has as its root teaching young boys to laugh off adversity, to protect themselves when other people come after them, and to be quick in response," according to Judge Tom Stewart.

The accusation and charges arose when Jones attempted the same thing with a child not familiar with the custom. The child told his parents who later informed the Alaska State Troopers.

— compiled by Stephanie Poggi

launching of a pro-choice media campaign through posters on subways and buses across the state. The campaign seeks to counter "the climate of fear and intimidation (and) ... help create a climate in which every woman can make her own reproductive choices." Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign should call 1-800-6-CHOICE.

Reproductive rights actions in other states included a vigil that lasted more than 60 hours at the Fargo, North Dakota Women's

Health Organization; a pro-choice rally in Birmingham, Alabama; a vigil, a counter-picket to a "pro-life" demonstration at Planned Parenthood, and the showing of "Our Lives on the Line," a videotape about Black women and abortion, in Philadelphia; round-the-clock vigils at 25 clinics and family planning centers sponsored by NOW in eighteen states; and counter-demonstrations to "pro-life" actions.

Reproductive rights activists pledged to continue the fight.

Black Community and Gay People Respond

Boston Forum Addresses Police Violence

By Kevin Cathcart

BOSTON — Clergy and Citizens for Justice (CCJ) held a day-long forum on January 19 here, entitled, "Police Violence In Boston: What Is To Be Done?" Attended by approximately 90 community activists and legal workers, including many from the lesbian and gay community, the forum focused on police violence against people of color in this city and presented several proposals for community action, including a civilian review board, action on the part of the newly formed Human Rights Commission, municipal employee review boards, and the potential role of a special prosecutor. Black Congressman John Conyers of Detroit, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, gave the keynote address, "Police Violence Against People of Color: A National Perspective," and the afternoon was devoted to workshops on the various proposals.

CCJ organizer Gerry Hines, a Black lawyer and former head of Roxbury Defenders, introduced the program with a summary of CCJ's work against police violence. Founded in Boston in 1983, CCJ has organized around three key concerns in the Black community: payment by the City of Boston of a long overdue court-awarded judgment to the family of James Bowden, Jr., a Black man killed without provocation or reason by Boston police officers in 1975; the dismissal or resignation of Boston Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan, who was found by the court to have participated in the cover-up of the wrongful death of Bowden; and the creation of a process for civilian review of police actions which would include clear punishment for police abuse of force.

The first two of CCJ's goals have been met, as the Boston City Council authorized the payment to the Bowden family in January, 1984, nine years after James Bowden, Jr.'s death, and as Joseph Jordan announced his resignation in January of 1985.

Hines outlined three tasks for the day: to recommit to the struggle against police violence in Boston, to determine why more momentum hasn't been sustained in dealing with police violence against people of color, and to devise a strategy that will make a difference.

In the opening remarks, Mel King, Black Rainbow Coalition activist and 1983 Boston mayoral candidate, gave a short historical overview, discussing "the criminal element in the police force that goes unchecked" and describing racism as a basis for police crime. The use of racial slurs by police officers contributes to the anger that exists between people of color and the police, King said. People of color who are victims of crimes are unwilling to call the police because they feel that they will be treated as criminals, too.

King briefly discussed the effect of his candidacy in the last mayoral campaign in Boston: for the first time, white candidates believed they needed the support of communities of color in order to win. This belief affected the way that campaign issues were framed, including the controversial tenure of Commissioner Jordan. King pointed out that Mayor Flynn, who was endorsed by the Patrolmen's Association, is not supportive of the civilian review process. Those who wish to initiate civilian review will have to convince the mayor that such a process is an important part of his stated goal of bringing the city together.

King noted several additional issues not on the forum's agenda that require serious attention, including the Boston Police Department's Deadly Force Rule (which governs when police officers are justified in using deadly force against suspects), the type of training that police officers receive, the effectiveness of the department's internal investigative process, and the leadership of the department at all levels.

City Councillor Charles Yancey presented a proposal for a civilian review board which he will offer to the Boston City Council in a few weeks. The board will be made up of one member from each municipal electoral district, with each city councillor appointing the member of their district from a list of nominations made by the Human Rights Commission and the Fair Housing Commission. The board would be charged with reviewing and setting police department policies and procedures in order to facilitate a means for prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by individuals against the Boston Police Department.

Gay City Councillor David Scodras supported the concept of a civilian review board. Stressing people's right to be free from fear, Scodras said, "I do not feel safe when I see a policeman or flashing blue lights."

Scodras noted that gay men and lesbians of all races have many of the same fears and concerns about police violence as do people of color. Predicting that the mayor would appoint a director for the Human Rights Commission within seven days, he expressed grave concern that that person be competent, familiar with civil rights law and have a track record around civil rights issues. Scodras pointed out that a large percentage of police brutality cases will come under the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Commission because they involve people of color, lesbians, and gay men.

Lobbying for a civilian review board is critical, Scodras said, as the Patrolmen's Association and the Police Department, both of which oppose civilian review, have deeply entrenched power. Scodras promised that he will not vote for any police appropriation in the City Council until he is convinced that reform of the Police Department is underway.

Attorney Robert Sherman of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law discussed municipal review boards which are in place in a number of cities, including New Orleans, Dade County, Fla., and Toronto, and include the functions of a civilian review board. A municipal employee review board, however, has a broader mandate and covers all municipal workers. Implementation of this plan could help to neutralize Boston Police Department opposition to a review as it does not single out police for scrutiny.

Sherman noted that New Orleans' Office of Municipal Review is, in practice, a police watchdog because an overwhelming percentage of complaints received and investigated involve police. There has been a significant decrease in police violence in that city since the office was instituted.

Michael Avery, a Boston attorney experienced in police brutality cases, began his examination of the potential role of a special prosecutor with a discussion of the scope of police violence as it relates to lawyers who already have a responsibility to review police misconduct. Avery criticized the "abject failure" of lawyers to effectively deal with this violence, pointing out that cases of police brutality are "already reviewed by more lawyers than you can count or as taxpayers you'd

care to pay for."

Beginning with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Avery asked, "Where is the line of cases showing their commitment to ending police violence? It doesn't exist. [The D.A.'s office] has turned its back on its responsibility" through its failure to prosecute police officers for violent crimes.

Under state law the Massachusetts Attorney General's office has the right to supercede the District Attorney's office in criminal cases, but the Attorney General's office has also been "singularly absent from police violence cases," said Avery. Questioning the usefulness of the Attorney General's Civil Rights and Criminal Divisions, Avery asked, "How are the lawyers in those departments filling their days?"

Finally, Avery called for a public investigation of the role of the City [of Boston] Law Department in police brutality cases. The Law Department routinely defends officers, free of charge, in

civil suits against the police, regardless of the evidence in the case, the character of the officers, or the number of previous complaints against the officers.

As an example, Avery cited the police riot against anti-Klan demonstrators in Boston in October 1982. Despite television film footage of police brutality, the City Law Department is defending the officers involved and there have been no city prosecution or Police Department Internal Affairs complaints filed by the city.

"So we come to the idea of a special prosecutor," Avery said, "because none of the other lawyers involved are doing their jobs." But, "will one more lawyer do anything?" Special prosecutors could be appointed by the legislature or on a case by case basis by trial court judges, but criminal cases against police departments are difficult to win because of prejudice against the victims and in favor of the police.

"Due to the complete failure of the command structure of the

Police Department to act properly," Avery concluded, "police officers in Boston currently know that they act without accountability in a large part."

Representative Conyers, in his keynote address, discussed the political dimension of police violence against people of color, stressing the historical context dating back to slavery, and the subjugation through racism of 30 million people of color in the U.S. today. Conyers called for increased organizing around police violence against people of color, and increased politicization of the issue if police brutality is to be brought under control.

"It is not the police department which does the violence and allows it to go on," Conyers stated, "it's the political system over the police department." Police don't dare to commit violence "unless they are tacitly or overtly sanctioned."

Clergy and Citizens for Justice meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Harriet Tubman House.

Erie Will Declared Valid

By Micheline Justman

ERIE, PA — The validity of a will leaving approximately \$150,000 to gay civil rights was upheld in a Jan. 4 ruling by Court Judge James Dwyer, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

In a will dated Jan. 5, 1981, the late John D. McBride bequeathed the bulk of his estate to Dr. Raymond Lemieux, "in trust to be used in the furthering of the civil rights of American homosexuals and to aid and assist those homosexuals who have been the victims of legal duress, and also in furthering in the courts and in the United States Congress abolition of restrictions of any kind or nature against the civil rights of homosexuals."

Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director, National Gay Task Force (NGTF), noted that the McBride case sets in motion "a process which could ultimately result in considerable benefit to the lesbian and gay community."

Originally from Stillwater, Oklahoma, McBride resided in Erie County from 1969 to 1979 while he taught French at Edinboro State College. He retired to Mexico in 1981, where he died on May 20, 1983, in Guanajuato, at age 58.

On April 6, 1983, two nieces, Patricia Emmons of Shattuck, Oklahoma, and Jane McLemore of Wilmington, North Carolina, appealed the probate on the grounds that McBride's residency in Mexico at the time of his death required probate under Mexican law.

Since the Pennsylvania-drafted will would be invalid under Mexican law, their attorney, Robert C. Ward, argued that it should be ruled totally invalid. The court was asked, therefore, to distribute the estate to McBride's only blood relatives and legal heirs, the nieces.

Additionally, the nieces requested revocation of the probate on the grounds that McBride's "mental and physical condition was greatly impaired (by alcohol abuse, chronic alcoholism, senility and chronic absent-mindedness) and that he was not of sound mind and was incapable of disposing of his estate."

At that time, the will's beneficiary, Lemieux, who does not identify himself as gay, declined to defend the will against the nieces' claim. The former teaching colleague at Edinboro noted that "Unless someone or some group from the gay community comes forward to fight for the money, I'm afraid it will be eaten away by bankers and lawyers, or that the

nieces will win."

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity retained Erie attorney James E. Marsh, Jr. to argue the case. Boston's Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) also sought standing with the court in a memorandum of law prepared by Sandra L. Smales with Stephen Ansolabehere and Gary Buseck.

By August, 1984, *The Advocate*, a California-based gay newspaper suggested in the will as a resource for Lemieux to consult in allocating the money, also retained Marsh.

While keeping the briefs from NGTF Fund for Human Dignity, Lambda, and GLAD for consideration, Dwyer ordered Lemieux to either appear or step down as trustee.

In September, Lemieux agreed "to be identified as a trustee instead of the previous designation as beneficiary" and retained Marsh to defend the will.

To decide "the Mexican law issue" first, Dwyer noted that McBride's Erie attorney, Stephen Tetuan, had drafted an earlier will in January, 1977, which was "very similar to the probated will and which bequeathed no property to the contestants." The updated, 1981 will repeated McBride's intention to benefit gay rights.

Noting McBride's "obvious intentions in distributing the estate," the court cited "the overriding rule of law regarding estates, that a decedent's intentions concerning the distribution of his [sic] property according to his [sic] written instructions must be honored unless such would be contrary to law or against public policy."

"No doubt there may be many people who would disagree with the propriety of such a distribution [to gay rights], but since a testator has a right to dispose of his [sic] property in any manner that is not illegal or against public policy, such disposition must be allowed...and this Court is obligated to see that this is done."

Although pleased that "the judge made the right decision," Marsh is preparing for "part two of the original appeal [the issue of McBride's competency] as the saga continue[s]. Will cases historically take a long time."

Meanwhile, until the case is resolved, Alice Davis, McBride's elderly, former maid in Tennessee, will not receive the \$2000 McBride designated for her.

An attorney who knew McBride

but who is not involved in the case observed, "This is what happens when you throw money in the middle of a family! I think the estate is down to about \$120,000 now. The competency issue will probably involve travel to Mexico to take depositions about John's mental condition around the time of the signing of the will. It will cost the estate a lot of money. John was a nice guy. He knew what he was doing when he wrote the will. Certainly he was lucid! He had his own moral persuasion, but he was a real nice guy!"

Dwyer will also decide if the Pennsylvania estate is taxable. "If it's...charitable...there's no tax. It's a good chunk of money to argue about."

Dwyer, for whom this is "one of the most unusual cases...in years," resigned as the Court's president judge on Jan. 7, in anticipation of reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70 in April, 1985. Judge Richard Nygaard has been assigned to continue in the Orphan's Court division of Erie County Court.

Local coverage in the Erie Times-News began with a front-page banner headline, "Will Leaves \$200,000 to Assist Homosexuals," and included false information that McBride's will left \$200 a month for the care of a dog. When the court upheld the will's validity, a brief story appeared on page 12 with the decision described as "a set-back," under the headline, "Judge Upholds McBride Will."

Lance Ringel of the National Gay Task Force said, "We're thrilled that the money will stay in the gay community." In a previous comment, Ringel noted that "This case highlights the need for people to know that virtually uncontested estate planning systems do exist now, available through the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity. We have specialists who volunteer for the Fund to help people protect their resources, even if they have just a small amount. Probably the McBride case could have been prevented if he or his lawyer had known about our services. We have to increase people's awareness of the expertise available."

McBride's Mexican will, dated June 23, 1982, leaves his Mexican property, reportedly a condo, cars and a pet dachshund, to his "only and universal heir, Alberto DeLeon Cardenas," in care of a guardian "until he reaches majority."

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support for ariel hidalgo

Dear GCN:

We all have been long-standing opponents, in our writings and actions, of U.S. intervention in the affairs of Latin American and Caribbean countries. While we have varying views of the Castro government in Cuba, we are greatly disturbed by the case of Ariel Hidalgo, a Cuban leftist writer, historian and educator.

Ariel Hidalgo was first arrested in 1980 when he faced a rock-throwing group and loudly protested their attack on a student who was seeking to leave the country during the exodus of Cubans from the port of Mariel. Hidalgo was freed, but he was arrested again in 1981. He was eventually convicted and sentenced to eight years in prison under the Fifth Section (titled "Enemy Propaganda"), article 108-1 of the Cuban Penal Code, which punishes any person "who (a) incites against the social order, international solidarity or the socialist State by means of oral or written propaganda, or any other form; (b) makes, distributes or possesses propaganda of the character mentioned in the preceding clause." In fact, Hidalgo was sentenced to the maximum term of one-to-eight years established by this law. At this brief one-session political trial, which was unmentioned in the Cuban press, Hidalgo was only allowed to say a few words at the conclusion of the proceedings. The government's case consisted of testimony by the local neighborhood defense committee, who spoke of Hidalgo's "talking too much." The prosecution chose not mention that the police had seized an unpublished manuscript where Hidalgo attempts to demonstrate that a new ruling class has taken over the "socialist" countries including Cuba. Furthermore, he argues that this class should be forthrightly opposed.

For simply expressing his views, Hidalgo spent the first fourteen months in jail in deplorable conditions — solidarity confinement in the *Combinado Del Este* prison near Havana. He was then moved to a regular cell and his wife (although not his daughter) could visit him once a month for two hours. He was still however not allowed to receive writing or reading materials. Since August 1984, even these monthly visits have been prohibited.

We believe that Hidalgo's trial, the law under which he was punished, and the prison conditions which he is currently enduring, fail to meet the most elemental standards for human rights. Consistent with our stand in support of struggles for freedom and self-determination throughout the world, we ask the Cuban government to release Ariel Hidalgo, and any other persons whose rights have been similarly denied.

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what is meant by "incest"

An Open Letter to the Purveyors of the New Definition of the Word "Incest":

The dictionary defines incest as sexual relations between persons so closely related that they are forbidden by law to marry. (The practical motivation of this notion is the degraded genotypes that commonly result from inbreeding.)

When two 84-year-old cousins get it on, that's incest, and if they're not risking conception, what right has anyone to complain?

If you want to talk about child abuse, please, by all means do so, but in legitimate English! If parents are the abusers, you're welcome to say so; I want to know. If you think the difference between rape and horsewhipping is so important, go ahead and mention the sexual aspect of the abuse.

Try these phrases on for size: "Parental Child Abuse." "Family Child Molestation." "Coerced Child Sex."

Language is a vital tool. After observing you folks in action I'll be damned if I'd lend you a good screwdriver!

Love,
Peter Cann
Boston, MA

the jury frowned at my dress

Dear GCN,

I'm in this prison system for a crime I didn't commit. I'm gay and I've always dressed as a woman and the jury used that against me. There were a lot of errors in the trial and my attorney (court appointed) asked for a retrial but the judge wouldn't give it so he filed an appeal (in March of 84) and I'm still waiting. I have my briefs but they don't state all, only what he filed my appeal on.

By me being gay and black was really why I got my sentence, because when the DA said the way I was dressed, the jury frowned, and I knew I was "guilty" after that. And now that I am here in Lansing prison they are trying to accuse me of sexual acts. They "see" them everywhere, when gays are concerned! I go up to court on a sodomy charge in 3-4 weeks and I really need legal help from someone to see that justice is done. This system is very unfair and no one seems to be doing anything about it.

I'm a very poor person and need to tell people so they can see that justice is done. I feel there's a lot of people out there that's been falsely accused and it's an unhappy feeling to know it's wrong and don't have the means to get legal help that you need. Please write. I'll write back if I have stamps.

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making it perfectly queer

(GCN received a copy of this letter to the editor of The Nation in New York. — Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Robert Sherrill is surely one of the most astute and observant social critics and journalists this country can claim. But I was shocked to read his description of rapist/killer Arthur Frederick Goode 3d ("In Florida, Insanity Is No Defense," November 24, 1984, p. 553) as "uncommonly queer." I am more shocked by the editors' failure to drop this reference.

I know that arguably the word "queer" does not necessarily mean "homosexual," but in the particular case, and in an article studded with street jargon, it's simply far too close for comfort. The easiest implication is that child molester/rapist/killer equals queer equals homosexual. Instead of "queer" Sherrill might have used any of several other similar words: "nuts," "batty," "deranged," etc. Or else leave the word out entirely, allowing the sentence to read perfectly well: "From the time Goode was 6 his parents and the teachers and juvenile officials who dealt with him knew he was uncommonly possessed by quirky and dangerous sex impulses...."

How can it be that such a damaging and unfortunate word choice was left unchanged? An apology is in order.

Eric Gordon
New York, NY

refusing 'protection'

Dear GCN,

I find I have a bit more time on my hands than I did before writing my last letter. I've been moved back to the 'adjustment center,' 'slammer,' 'hole,' whatever we call it. It's the same barbaric cage they've kept us in for years.

In spite of my sexual preference, these pigs still consider me a force to be reckoned with. Last time I was back here it lasted two years. This time, there's no telling. I've finally gotten the write-up telling me why I'm back here. Supposedly I played a key role in inciting the riot which recently took place here. I contend it's just the security staff's way to get me off the yard and back in the hole. I'm sure similar things happen to those of us all over the United States who refuse to go into "protective custody." I do what I do and enjoy what I am.

I realize that this is a newspaper, but I have no one else to write to and felt a letter to you would be one in the right direction. It's even more lonely in the hole than it is on the yard. There's no one to talk to, few if any books to read, and diet is severely lacking. All in all, if I didn't have so much love for myself, I'd be miserable as hell. I manage to find something each day to laugh at — even if it's me or my attitude.

I exercise daily, stay on a vegetarian diet, and away from sweets (unless they're on two legs). I have a fairly good education and love to draw (though I'll not be able to have my art supplies until I attain a particular level of custody in here again.

Well, that's about all for now. Perhaps some day I'll get my shit a little better together and start writing short stories like I used to do. Some of them are quite kinky, others intriguing, and others real funny. I also write social commentary ... hmmm! Take care,
A prisoner
(Name withheld by request)

why anti-porners do what they do

Dear GCN:

Hats off to Gayle Rubin for illustrating how anti-pornography campaigns of the Andrea Dworkin/Catherine MacKinnon type inevitably strengthen society's most repressive forces at the expense of all nonconformists, including gay people.

I can think of four possible reasons, none of them flattering, why Dworkin, MacKinnon, and their rallies pursue restrictive legislative, despite the obvious and overwhelming damage such laws will eventually cause, given that the enforcers of such laws are unlikely to be politically progressive or sex-positive. Either:

1) The proponents are politically naive almost beyond belief, given the history of censorship in western society; or

2) They crave power for themselves and have seized upon antipathy towards pornographers as a means to acquire it, just as other power seekers capitalize upon hostility toward other marginal elements (e.g. Blacks or undocumented foreign workers) to gain power; or

3) They are intensely uncomfortable with sex and, like the German workers Wilhelm Reich analyzed in *The Mass Psychology of Fascism*, their discomfort has distorted their perception of their true interests; or

4) They are so distraught by society's hostility toward women that they have blindly stampeded themselves toward a "cure" that will surely prove illusory. Common sense and a comparative analysis of other societies suggest that sex-negative pornography is at worst a symptom of sex-oppression, not a cause of it; and of course much pornography is not sex-negative.

If anti-porn crusaders are motivated by naivete or panic, their actions are misbegotten; if by a desire for power, their deeds are evil. As Rubin shows, it will take years to undo the damage already done. Every thinking person is injured by legislation that will probably give rise to latter-day versions of the Scopes trial. Only intellectual fascism profits from suppressing the range of debate we require if the debates that inform gay liberation and feminism are to retain vitality.

Cannot MacKinnon, a law professor, see that what is proposed in Indianapolis today may send John Zeh to jail in Cincinnati tomorrow? Cannot Dworkin, herself a writer of some controversy, see any nexus between her moral fervor and harassment of a politically powerless bookstore owner in Philadelphia or Toronto?

No person is an island, entire of itself, and the bell of censorship anti-pornography activists ring against others tolls for them too, to the extent that they value freedom of expression in a diverse society.

Sincerely,
Ted Stroll
Julian, CA

myriad shades of sex

Dear GCN:

Headline, 22 December: "pedophilia is *not* homosexuality." Of course, it isn't. Neither is it bad. The psychopathologists seem to be winning their perverted designs of changing the meaning of a perfectly beautiful word from "love of children" to a synonym for "pederasty of an adult with a child." I wish it were possible that no person *ever* be a parent unless he/she was a true pedophile.

One reads with mounting anger the opinions stated categorically as fact by Alan Carroll. I have lived again as long as Alan Carroll. I have taught and counseled youth throughout my life, including to some extent successfully, I hope, my children and grandchildren. May I rephrase two of Carroll's absurd statements? "I have never known a child or adolescent who couldn't benefit from sexual activity with an adult. Nor have I ever known a child or adolescent who was seriously harmed by such activity." These statements are as valid as those paraphrased. Both are sometimes as wrong as they are sometimes right.

A 15-year-old male who chooses to engage in sex with an adult male is neither abused or a victim, except in rare instances in which the adult inflicts unwanted pain or physical damage — an unlikely occurrence.

Some intergenerational sex can be abusive and grievously wrong and, sometimes, wrongfully illegal. But intergenerational sex can be mutually rewarding and enjoyed and, in most instances, it is.

In the minds of some, the ideal might be that all sexual activity be confined to two persons of approximately the same calendar age. That has never been the practice and it will never be a requirement. What society needs to guard against are liaisons that are unwanted by either party or involve, after consent, actual physical harm — recognized as such by the partner with lesser "power."

Forget categorizing all sexual activity as either ebony black or snowy white. With myriads of shades in between, very few instances ever warrant characterization as of either extreme.

Sincerely,
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Gay Custody Denied

By Jim Ryan

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia Supreme Court recently ordered a gay man to surrender custody of his ten-year-old daughter. The father, identified by the fictitious name of David Roe, was declared an unfit guardian because he exposed his child to "his immoral and illicit relationship" with his lover of two years. The girl has lived with her father for six years; her parents were divorced eight years ago.

The mother had initially attempted to get custody of the child by threatening to make her ex-husband's homosexuality known to his employer. He refused to meet her demands and she was successful in having him fired from his position at the Central Intelligence Agency. He threatened to sue the agency and managed through an out-of-court settlement to win reinstatement.

The custody battle, meanwhile, continued in court, and in August, 1983, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Richard J. Jamborsky decided to allow the father to

retain custody of the child. He found that the mother had failed to prove that her ex-husband's lifestyle had had any detrimental effect on the child.

Jamborsky also raised concerns about the mother's health. Catharine Roe, as she is identified in court, has lost one lung to cancer and continues to smoke a pack and a half of cigarettes a day.

The Virginia Supreme Court unanimously overturned Jamborsky's decision, noting that homosexual conduct in this state is a Class Six felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$1000. The court focused on Roe's relationship with his lover, accepting the mother's allegation that the girl had "seen the two men hugging, kissing and sleeping together and been exposed to other homosexuals who visited the home."

However even the mother's lawyer Richard Byrd, conceded that Roe "has been a good father. He has done everything a father could do, given he wanted to be a homo-

sexual."

Jamborsky had great praise for Roe, noting in the decision that "he was always there like a rock, providing the necessary help for the child."

David Roe's lawyer, Jim Lowe of Alexandria, said his client has not yet reached a decision about a course of action following the Richmond court's ruling. Federal courts almost never get involved in custody cases, although a case challenging a Florida law denying custody to parents in interracial marriages was recently heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lowe concedes that his client is not in a strong position, since the Virginia law invoked by the State Supreme Court panel effectively denies custody to any parent who lives with an unmarried partner, and would apply to heterosexual parents, as well. As Lowe put it, "The Virginia courts have never been in the forefront of advancing or protecting anyone's civil rights."

Houston

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Houston spent about \$100,000 on the campaign, while Goodner's forces had about \$400,000 to spend. But not only was CUH outspent, the group's fundraising lagged behind its opposition's throughout the campaign. Sue Lovell noted that not until the Chamber of Commerce became involved late in the campaign did CUH fundraising begin to get community response.

The Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of former mayor Louis Welch, ostensibly jumped into the fight because adoption of the ordinances would be bad for business in the city. But according to several people GGN contacted, the referendum campaign also became a battle between the city's old guard of conservative businesspeople and the progressive coalition now in power at City Hall under the leadership of liberal Mayor Kathy Whitmire.

Whitmire, in her second two-year term, has enjoyed the support of the gay community; she returned the favor by actively supporting the measures, during the referendum battle and at the time of their introduction to council.

Sue Lovell said, "It was the last gasp of the good old boys to get Whitmire because they haven't been able to in the past." Indeed, last June, Goodner launched his campaign against the measures with a \$50,000 contribution from the chairman of the board of directors of a Houston bank.

"We got caught in a power struggle between the progressive coalition and the good old boys," said Carl Bohannon of the gay-oriented Community Political Action Committee. "These same people have tried to break up the coalition that has existed since Whitmire was elected in 1981."

A very vulnerable component of that progressive coalition — gay men and lesbians — was attacked repeatedly throughout the campaign. Sue Lovell said that thousands of copies of arch-homophobe Paul Cameron's brochure, "Murder, Violence and Homosexuality" were distributed in the city. The pamphlet portrays a terrified child cowering under an ax-wielding person, presumably a homosexual. While queerbashing continues, the brochure maintains that gay people are "unusually prone to violence," kidnap children for sex and then kill them.

Ray Hill said that even though the CBS television network put a quick stop to the screenings of the notoriously anti-gay program, "Gay Power, Gay Politics", the screenings were nevertheless a "tremendous blow." Hill said that despite the CBS embargo, some

200 copies of a videotape of the show had already been distributed and were shown to smaller audiences until the day of the election.

Opponents of the measures also made constant references to transmission of AIDS into the straight population. At one point, Louie Welch failed to show up for a televised debate, citing fear of "contamination."

Bill Oliver told GGN that he expected the participation of Paul Cameron, who made numerous appearances on behalf of the anti-gay groups. Oliver also anticipated that gay people would be reveled throughout the campaign. "We were prepared to deal with that," he said. "But, they kept most of it till the end and used it as a strategy to scare people. That kind of strategy to spook the public only works for a little while though. In another week or so, we would have changed the numbers."

But, not enough to win the election, Oliver added. He said he knew the election was lost when the voter turnout topped ten percent. The formula for victory in this case was a generally low turnout with heavy representation by the pro-ordinance voters.

At the end of the election day, nearly 30 percent of Houston's voters cast ballots, more than in any other single-issue election in the city's history. Although Black

precincts gave the ordinance solid support, only the Montrose area, the city's gay ghetto, approved the propositions.

The city's gay organizations are regrouping. Hill and Lovell of the GPC vowed that their organization will continue its work supporting pro-gay, progressive candidates for office. Both mentioned undertaking community education programs to promote an understanding of gay men and lesbians and their lives.

For Hill, though, that does not mean hedging on matters of sexuality, a point of vulnerability in the campaign. "If gay people have to become sterile eunuchs to be acceptable then what is acceptance?" he asked.

But Carl Bohannon took a different stance on the issue of visible gay sexuality. Bohannon believes gay people will have to clean up their acts to survive a rightward political drift in the city. "We're gonna have to adapt to this new political movement or not have any rights at all," he told GGN.

And Bohannon had this advice for activists in other cities: "We see no evidence at all to refute our belief that this is the first of many campaigns to repeal gay rights ordinances in other cities. They're not gonna stop with us... So tell our brothers and sisters. 'Be vigilant!'"

— filed from Boston

Hollywood

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of free speech would have permitted the sign to remain had he chosen to go to court. Norman Levine, Held's attorney, told GGN that he capitulated because he wanted to "cooperate with the community. We are trying not to generate ill will."

Schulte disagreed with Held's assessment that the slogan was only historical and not discriminatory. He said that even though there had been no recent complaints of discrimination, "the effect [of the slogan] was to intimidate people. Lots of gay men won't go there."

Schulte added that he believes the city would have won the case had it gone to court, notwithstanding the First Amendment claims of the restaurant. "We think we could have won. But we would have had to make a good case."

Although Held and Levine maintained the sign was not to be taken literally, Kepner told GGN there has been a history of confrontation between Held and the gay community over the sign. He said the Gay Liberation Front

picketed and organized sit-ins in early 1970 in an attempt to pressure Held to remove it. Kepner said a number of scuffles broke out between the owner and gay activists during this time. Held eventually removed the sign, Kepner said, only to reinstate it about two years later. It was at this point, in 1972, that the slogan first appeared on matchbooks. He also said the owner sold tee-shirts with the slogan.

When Levine was asked by GGN if Held would acknowledge that the slogan was offensive, if not illegal, Levine said his client would acknowledge some people feel offended by it, but not that it is offensive, per se.

Schulte said he believes Held settled because "he didn't want to face the economics of it and he said he wanted to work with the city." Violation of the ordinance carries a \$500 per day fine.

In settling the case out of court Held maintained through his attorney, "We hope the ill will on either side is behind us."

— filed from Boston

Reagan Protest

By Jennie McKnight

WASHINGTON, DC — An estimated 400 demonstrators braved sub-zero temperatures to march down the inaugural parade route on January 21 protesting another four years of President Reagan's policies. The presidential inaugural parade was cancelled due to bitterly cold weather conditions in the Capitol.

"We think it's symbolic of his [Reagan's] weakness and our strength that we're here today in the stands that he built for the rich," said gay activist Ronnie Commack, a spokesperson for the All Peoples' Congress and The Peoples Anti-War Mobilization, the organizers of the march. The stands Commack referred to were several of the hundreds constructed along the parade route for the public to view the presidential procession.

According to Commack, the anti-inauguration event was organized not only to protest the start of Reagan's new term, but also to serve as a "stepping stone" for a broad-based opposition to Reagan's foreign and domestic policies over the next four years.

Speakers at both ends of the march criticized Reagan's "pro-rich" economic policies, and denounced US involvement in Central America and South Africa as part of this administration's support of "political terrorism." The administration's lack of response to recent abortion clinic bombings and the President's acclaimed solidarity with anti-abortion forces were also criticized as evidence of Reagan's support of terrorist activities in the US against women.

One woman spoke about the administration's attack on the lesbian and gay community, demanding equal rights and full funding for AIDS research and patient care.

Although the weather conditions kept some groups around the country from coming to Washington, Commack was encouraged by the number who had actually made it to the march. "Most of the people here today are from Washington and New York," he said, "but some people made it all the way down from Boston."

Lynne Carter

NEW YORK — Lynne Carter, the spectacular female impersonator, died at the age of 60 of pneumonia on January 18, according to the New York Times.

Carter's longtime dresser and stage manager, Frank Corradino, said that "the underlying cause of death was ...AIDS."

"Mr. Lynne Carter" credited Pearl Bailey with getting his career off the ground after she saw him imitate her in a Chicago club. In addition to friendly encouragement, she presented him with a wardrobe and copies of her arrangements. Later, Josephine Baker tutored him in French and added three taxicabs of Dior and Balenciaga gowns.

Appearing primarily in clubs and cabarets, in 1971 Lynne became the first female impersonator to star in a concert at

Carnegie Hall. His appearance was in "Hooray for Hollywood," a revue at the St. Regis-Sheraton Hotel last January.

Fans and critics attributed Lynne's success to his capacity to interpret personalities with humor as well as realism and emotional depth. Particularly special subjects, in addition to Pearl Bailey, included Marlene Dietrich, Bette Davis, Mae West, Phyllis Diller, Hermione Gingold and Eartha Kitt.

In a 1971 interview, Lynne said, "I much prefer being a man. Women have to spend so much time pulling themselves together, and their shoes kill your feet. I know. And they don't have the freedom that men do. I can walk into this place and that place and go anywhere I want to where women can't."

A memorial service was held January 21 in New York City.

Lord Wolfenden

LONDON — Lord Wolfenden, a social reformer whose recommendations led to the decriminalization of sex between men in Britain, died on January 18, according to the New York Times. He was 78.

Wolfenden chaired a government committee on "Homosexual Offenses and Prostitution" from 1954-1957. His report, published in 1957 and far ahead of public opinion at the time, recommended decriminalizing gay male sex and allowing prostitution to remain legal. Lesbian sex has always been legal in Britain.

Although Wolfenden actively campaigned for implementation of his committee's findings, it was not until 1967 that the Sexual Offenses Act legalized gay sex between consenting male adults in private.

Wolfenden's recommendations on prostitution, far less revolutionary, were also put in

effect in 1967, resulting in a ban on street soliciting, but permitting prostitution to remain legal.

Holding numerous posts, including director of the Air Trainings Corps, a pre-service program for boys 15-18 years old who planned to serve in the Royal Air Force and the British Navy's air service; headmaster of the Shrewsbury School; chairman of the University Grants Committee; and director of the British Museum in London, Wolfenden was considered an advocate for young people.

He disputed the claim that modern youth were less morally rigorous than earlier generations, saying that "the rising generation has always been [said to be] going to the dogs."

Wolfenden married Eileen Spilsbury in 1932. They had two daughters and two sons.

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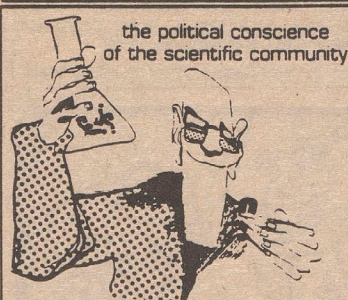
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Howard Dill

By Bob Andrews

BOSTON — Howard Dill, 31, known for his appearance in the Cable TV program "To Life," died January 7 from complications of AIDS.

A native of Lincoln, Maine, Dill moved to Boston in 1979. In fall 1983, he became a volunteer for the AIDS Action Committee and worked on a variety of projects, including the very successful Food Bank Campaign begun this past fall. Dill was employed as a lineman for Cable TV.

He is remembered by his friends and those who knew him during his illness as a strong, independent and gentle man. Dill fought AIDS just as he had lived his life, with quiet dignity.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Massachusetts General Hospital. Family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made towards AIDS research.

Embarrassment for Bigots Name, Please

By Jim Ryan

WASHINGTON, DC — Franklin E. Kameny, who has been fighting for gay rights in Washington for nearly three decades, proved recently that he has not lost his knack for dreaming up creative ways to hassle homophobic institutions. To the utter dismay of New Right activists in town for the inaugural celebrations, Kameny announced that he had laid claim to the corporate name of the Christian Voice Moral Government Fund (CVMGF), one of the most ruthlessly homophobic political action committees in the city.

District of Columbia law provides exclusive use of names to bodies that incorporate. In return, corporations must file an annual report and pay a small annual fee. The law further stipulates that the District must each September publish a list of the corporations that have failed to meet these obligations. Such organizations are then forbidden to do business in the District and the District government may reserve the corporate name until December 31, after which time it becomes the property of the first individual or group who requests it.

Last year, the District was three months late in publishing its list of remiss, or so-called "proclaimed corporations." The Christian Voice Moral Government Fund which had failed to pay its fees or file its report for the last two years, was on the list published in December.

Kameny filed the necessary

papers with the Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on January 9 to reserve the corporate name "Christian Voice Moral Government Fund" for his own use. The following day, lawyers for the old CVMGF filed the late annual report and paid the overdue fees. The District found itself in a bureaucratic bind, made all the more embarrassing by the fact that Kameny was announcing that the CVMGF would be undergoing a sweeping change in direction.

Calling the seemingly defunct rightwing group "unChristianity incarnate," Kameny announced that his group would seek to convey "a truly Christian message. And, of course, it is obvious to members of our organization that homosexuality is perfectly consistent with Christianity." Leaders of the original CVMGF were livid.

On January 22, the city government decided that because it erred in delaying publication of the proclaimed corporations' list, it would allow the fundamentalist group to retain use of the name.

Kameny, who says that he carefully followed instructions laid out in the District's incorporation law, is "exploring the possibility of legal action against the Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs."

Meanwhile, he is happy about "providing the public with a good chuckle, and having caused some considerable embarrassment and consternation to a group of nasty bigots."

Sex Ed in Bars

By John Zeh

CINCINNATI — In what could become a model program for courses across the U.S., this state's gay health consultant has begun training bartenders and bar owners as lay health educators. Twenty-four bartenders and three bar owners participated in Buck Harris' first official presentation here on January 12.

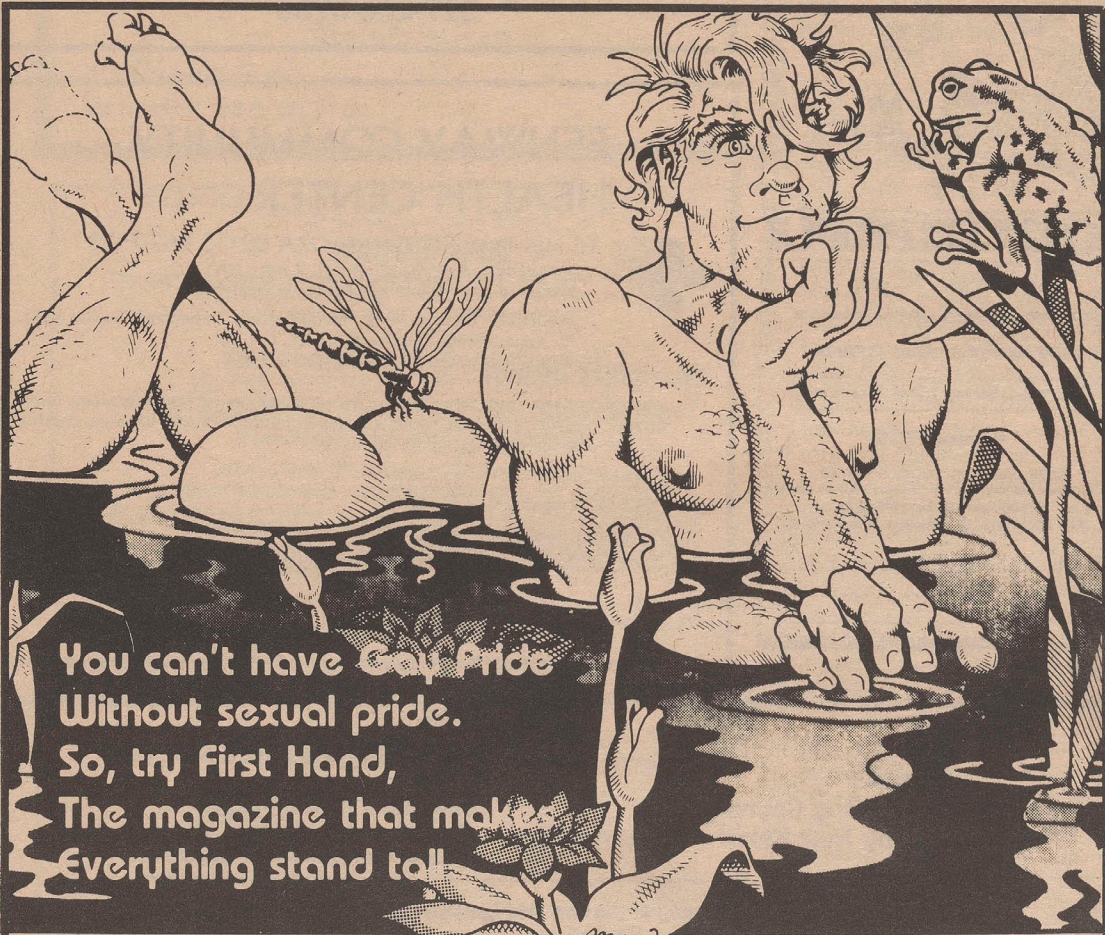
Harris, once a bartender himself, designed the project after overhearing a Cleveland bartender mistakenly tell patrons that a woman had given AIDS to 40 men around the U.S. "People are talking about STDs [sexually transmitted diseases]," he said. "Why not give them accurate information?"

Harris will offer the course, which explains most of the 28 known STDs, AIDS, and safe sex practices, in Columbus, Akron, Toledo, Canton, and Dayton, Ohio. He has also been asked to address

bartenders in Jacksonville, Key West, and Ann Arbor this winter.

In January of last year, Ohio health officials had counted 14 cases of AIDS. The toll now exceeds 70. "Clearly the problem has escalated," Harris told the barworkers. "My major job is to scare people to death." Michael Ritchey, director of the city's Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) program cautioned, "We're not trying to spread community-wide hysteria, but to help you respond to someone complaining of a two-week-old cough" or other possible AIDS symptom.

Ritchey also helped organize bar owners to join in a massive fundraising effort for people with AIDS here. "For one of the first times," he said, "bar owners are working together. This is exciting, cohesive work by people who care about our community."



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Watertown — GLOW, Gays & Lesbians of Watertown, **potluck dinner** and meeting. 6PM. Info: 926-5371 or 923-2065 evenings before 9PM.

Boston — **Daughters of Bilitis 15th Birthday Bash**; Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. 6PM. Free. Info: 661-3633. Snow: Feb. 3.

Holliston — **Tri-County Association** Steering Committee at Cliff & Dave's. All welcome. Info: 429-6593.

Cambridge — **An Open Sing for Women's Voices** sponsored by Libana; Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 2-5PM. \$4. Info: 864-6912.

28 monday

Boston — **Lesbians and Other Women in Health Care**, a lecture sponsored by Women's Health Task Force, Fenway Community Health Center. Free admission, 7-9PM, 100 Norway St. Wheelchair accessible. Info: 267-7573.

29 tuesday

Cambridge — **Lesbian Fat Liberation**, a drop-in discussion group; Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30-8PM introductory, 8-9PM regular group. For lesbians over 200 lbs. Info: 524-5462.

30 wednesday

Boston — **Four women poets**: Barbara Jordan, Jane Barnes, Claudia Buckholtz and Franny Howe. Boston Visual Artists Union, 77 North Washington St., 8PM. \$3. Info: 227-3076.

Cambridge — **Sathima Bea Benjamin** in concert with **The Semanya McCord Quartet**; Saunders Theater, Harvard University. 8PM. \$8 in advance/\$10 day of show. Tickets available at Bodyworks Gym, and elsewhere. Info: 492-8436.

Cambridge — **Visual and Performing Artists Brigades** to Nicaragua, leaving in May & August. Informational meeting; Cambridge Institute of Arts & Sciences, 21 Notre Dame St. 7PM. Info: 738-9719.

31 thursday

Boston — *Gay Community News* always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

Portland, Maine — Planning meeting for Maine's first **Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration**; 92 Bedford St. 6:30PM. Info: Gay People's Alliance, Univ. of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford St., Portland, ME 04103.

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Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.

Cambridge — **Interfaith Worship Service** sponsored by Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers); 5 Longfellow Park. 7:30PM. Info: 354-3781.

Boston — **Susan Abod and Janet Hood** cabaret at Greystone's, 8 Kingston St., 9PM. \$3 admission. Info: 574-9429.

Burlington, VT — **AIDS: A Vermont Problem Too**, a symposium sponsored by Vermonters for Lesbian & Gay Rights; Red Cross Building. On Saturday the all-day symposium will be held at Carpenter Hall, Rowell Building, UVM. Info: Brian Gallagher, (802) 862-8563 (h), or write: 288 Main St., #A1, Burlington, VT 05401.



Casselberry and Dupree, see Feb. 2

2 saturday

Boston — **Casselbury and Dupree** in concert at Mass College of Art, 8PM. Tickets \$7.50. Info: 547-1378.

Pittsfield — **Alix Dobkin** in concert. 8PM, Pittsfield Girls Club auditorium, 165 East St. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Signed and accessible. Info: (413) 447-9776.

Northampton — **Lesbian/Gay Disco** to benefit Nicaraguan Harvest Brigades. 9PM-1AM, at the Red Barn at Hampshire College. Alcohol-free, partially accessible. \$3-\$5. Info: (413) 586-9340.

3 sunday

Southern New Hampshire — **Hiking/Cross-country skiing** with the Chiltern Mountain Club. Info: Bob, 282-9192.

Andover — **Les Ballets Trockadero De Monte Carlo** in performance; an all-male troupe presenting parodies of classical ballet. J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts. \$12 & \$14. Info: 470-1905.

Cambridge — *She's Nobody's Baby* and *Choosing Children*, Radcliffe's Women Facing Challenges film series; Science Center B, Harvard Univ. 3PM. \$2. Info: 495-8140.

4 monday

Boston — *Consenting Adult*, the made-for-television movie about coming out; ABC-TV at 9PM. Stars Mario Thomas, Martin Sheen & Barry Tubb.

6 wednesday

Boston — **Entrapment Monitoring Group** with guest Ann Maguire, to discuss police harassment of gay men and lesbians. 7:30PM, 600 Washington St., Suite 219. Info: Stewart Landers, 547-0295.

7 thursday

Haverhill — (GALLYNS) Gay and Lesbian **Liberated Youth** of the North Shore rap group open to 14-22 year-olds. Info: Larry 373-7618, or PO Box 1803, Haverhill, MA 01830.

8 friday

Boston — **NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force** potluck dinner. Newcomers welcome. 7PM. Info: 661-6015.

Boston — **Comedy improvisation** by Guilty Children to benefit Oxfam Ethiopia Relief Fund. 8PM, Boston Shakespeare Co. Stage, 52 St. Botolph St. \$12.50. Info: 576-1917.

Notes

city men, a romantic comedy by Philip Blackwell and Laurence Senelick. Directed by Michael Bavar. Produced in conjunction with the Gay Men's Health Crisis and the AIDS Resource Center. December 30, 1984-January 13, 1985. Actors Outlet, 120 W. 28th St., New York City.

City Men is a gay male version of Clare Booth Luce's 1936 Broadway hit *The Women* and its 1939 film version with Rosalind Russell, Joan Crawford and Norma Shearer. Luce follows the intertwined lives of several Park Avenue women through intrigue, quarrel and divorce. The gimmick: their men are never seen. *City Men* retains the ritzy ambience, the plot and most of the character types; the sequence of scenes is nearly identical.

The wittiest feature of *City Men* is its choice of gay "equivalents": Little Mary (Shearer's daughter) and the maid Jane become one new character, the Cuban houseboy Emiliano; the beauty salon becomes a gay health clinic, and the Reno hotel room (where the divorcing wives gather) a hustler bar. The authors take advantage of the gay milieu, where each character is a potential sex partner for any other, to develop new comic possibilities. There's a fair amount of sharp observation and some good jokes.

There are also some problems. The theatrical tension of *The Women* hinged on the disparity in social power between the women we saw and the men we didn't. In *City Men*, the gay men onstage are no different from those onstage. For all the cleverness of the transposition, the gimmick has lost much of its punch and seems arbitrary and limiting.

City Men is pretty much the same kind of sentimental comedy spiced with wisecracks as *The Women*, a disappointingly familiar genre. It's true that *The Women*'s most enduring component is its gossipy, catty repartee, and that it's only a few baby steps from there to bitchiness, that mainstay of gay theater. But that's precisely the trouble: we've seen too many gay plays in which the basic unit of communication is the put-down. (At least I have.)

No complaints about the production. Simple but properly chic sets (Paul Malec, Scenic Consultant) and excellent lighting (by Chenault Spence) lent strong support to Michael Bavar's smoothly professional direction. In a hard-working cast of 15 that ranged in experience from seasoned pro to novice, it was a pleasure to watch polished veterans Peter Pagan and Michael Wager, and to see Dominic Cuskern (in the thankless Shearer role) prove that sincerity can compensate for inexperience. I also particularly liked Juan Valentin (Emiliano) and Bruce Marc Levine (in two roles). Lorenzo Di Palma (Gym Attendant) is probably the first actor to post his *Mandate* cover-with the actor's photos in the theater lobby; it was nice to see that he can handle lines with as much ease as barbells (well, almost).

All proceeds from *City Men* went to fund a shelter for people with AIDS. The producers chose their fundraising vehicle shrewdly and promoted it well: the play sold out its entire run of 16 performances and raised \$11,000.

Congratulations to all those who donated their talents to make *City Men* a success in helping fill an urgent need. I hope this production will inspire others to do likewise. And I hope Blackwell and Senelick will pursue their ambition to become, in the program's words, "the new Kaufman and Hart." Next time, perhaps, they'll trust their own gifts and indulge in a little less Luce-thinking.

— Nicholas Deutsch

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