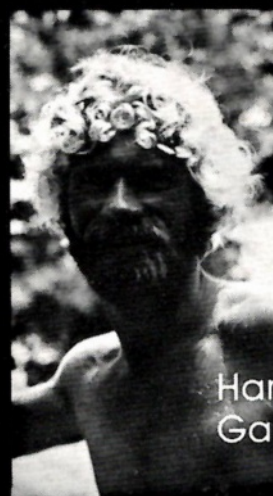


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Workaholic Phil Parr: force behind the Free Clinic

by Mike Cawmer

Phil Parr is one of those people who so well fit the description, a "product of his times." He is a child of the 60s, an adult who grew up in the era of heightened sensitivity to the plights of others, of a creeping egocentricity that fed an idealism of social concern and political activism. He matured in the mythology of the Age of Aquarius, carrying into the more pragmatic 70s a special understanding, an empathy, for the less fortunate, the downtrodden, the socially and economically oppressed. Along the way he also learned to be less demanding of the world around him. Parr is a very modern mix of idealism and necessity, the idealism that let loose a generation of socially-conscious Americans on a needy world, yet is possessed of a strain of practicality that says "You can't do everything."

At 34, Parr is now entering his fifth year as executive director of the Pittsburgh Free Clinic. The clinic has long been a major resource center for the area's gay and lesbian community, providing care, both preventive and therapeutic. Its staff is carefully trained to be sensitive to the special needs and concerns of the gay population. The organization itself tries to be supportive of gays in other ways, too, Parr said, pointing to the board of director's vote in support of the March on Washington, Pride Week and other activities.

Parr landed at the Free Clinic in a roundabout manner. After getting his undergraduate degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, Parr spent the next four years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia, an underdeveloped country on the coast of West Africa, ruled over (until a recent coup) by the descendents of American slaves settled there in the early 1800s. In Liberia, Parr put his idealism to practice teaching school and running a village clinic. Back in the United States he spent some time traveling about the country, occasionally ending up in Pittsburgh to visit friends, but pointedly with no intention of living here. "At the time I couldn't understand why anyone would want to live here," Parr recalls, adding, "Everytime I got here I seemed to hit right in the middle of an air inversion." Parr, though, did end up here, coming to the city to do post-graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1975 he started at the then five-year-old Free Clinic as coordinator for the evening clinic. Within a year he had been appointed executive director of the community-founded, community-based non-profit cor-

poration.

"Always, and in everything I've done since I've become an adult, I try to do something meaningful," Parr said, putting into one sentence what he believes is his personal philosophy. In its simple sincerity it rings true, as does his comment that he is "not afraid of hard work." The Free Clinic satisfied

both these requirements: it offers Parr an opportunity for doing good, and it keeps him very busy.

As director, Parr is accountable to the Clinic's board of directors. The board sets the policy for the Clinic; Parr translates that policy into action. He is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the East Liberty



Pittsburgh Free Clinic Executive Director Phil Parr

facility, for raising the funds that keep the Clinic afloat financially, and for hiring of staff. Also, Parr wears other hats besides that of Clinic director; he sits on the board of the Persad Center, and he is a board member of the Western Pennsylvania Public Health Council and the Allegheny Child and Youth Service Council. In between all this he has sandwiched time and energy on various task forces and committees.

Most of Parr's energy and talent, though, is directed toward the continuing success of the Free Clinic. The county's health service establishment looks upon the Free Clinic with some skepticism, and no small amount of distrust. "It's still viewed as a controversial agency," Parr said. "We still can't get United Way funding." (The funding for the agency comes from federal, state and city agencies, various non-government sources including 14 major foundations and trusts, and patients' fees, which are nominal. The Clinic also gets in-kind services from city hospitals and health supplying organizations. The Clinic's fiscal year 1979 operating expenses totalled \$494,011.85.) Much of this distrust goes back to the beginnings of the Clinic, when it was among the first such organization to offer abortion services, sex counseling to teenagers, and to reach out to the lesbian and gay community. Parr believes the Clinic would be better off financially—would be on the receiving end of more funding and more in-kind services if "we stopped doing things like working with gays, or offering sex education for teenagers. The kinds of things that are still very explosive in the community. If we stopped doing these things, we probably would get more funding." It's the old dilemma: does the funding control you or do you control the funding, Parr said.

"With us it's probably a little bit of both," Parr concluded, adding with emphasis, "We don't let it control us." Still, Parr said, the Clinic has become something of an institution. It's an institution however that is "street-wise and street-oriented," an institution that offers an alternative service needed by a wide range of the population unwilling or unable to take their health problems to the establishment health

facilities. Runaway teenagers are one example, gays are another.

"We are very accepting of different lifestyles," said Parr, himself gay and active in the gay community. Staff members unfamiliar with the special needs of the lesbians and gay community are trained not to shrink from contact when the occasion arises, whether it be a medical or a counseling concern. "In the training of the staff attention is given to the needs of this particular segment of the community so that the staff member can give unbiased care," Parr said.

Now, as in the past, the Clinic has been stressing the importance of prevention in gay health. In particular, Parr said, "We talk more and more about the use of condoms." The statement is met with surprise by most people, he said, and in fact it is a downright unpopular idea among gay males. Publicizing the importance of using condoms is becoming greater, Parr said, because of an increase in the incidence of herpes in the nation's gay population. Herpes is a recurring disease than can flair up at any time, and there is no known cure. So the Clinic has undertaken the task of educating the area's gay population to the dangers of herpes and the need to be protected from it. "And one way to cut down transmission of this or any other sexually transmitted disease in anal intercourse is with the use of condoms," Parr said. "It's just as applicable with straights as with gays, too." As part of this education process the Clinic has taken on the job also of instruction in the use of a condom in anal intercourse. "Anyone who has ever tried it knows it takes some education," Parr said.

In addition to these steps, the Clinic stresses the importance of a patient to contact all recent sexual partners, and the need for the sexually active to have routine tests taken. Since the Vietnam War the United States has witnessed an alarming increase in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases with no apparent symptoms. Such asymptomatic illnesses are the most dangerous.

Another less well-known aspect of the Clinic is the rather inappropriately named "contraceptive service." Inappropriate because it is here that the Pittsburgh lesbian community can come to for routine gynecological care and treatment. "It's a good resource for lesbians who wonder where they can get good gynecological care and

follow-up," said Parr.

For most of its existence the Clinic was located in the basement of the East End Christian Church on Highland Avenue. Last winter it moved to more commodious quarters just three blocks or so down the street, in the Highland Building in East Liberty Mall. Not only is the new location more accessible to the people the Clinic is trying to serve but the new location offers an added bit of anonymity, a quality important to the success of the Clinic. "If the Clinic were to be placed in the middle of a residential community, I don't think it would survive," Parr said, explaining that many of its teenage and gay clientele are seeking a kind of anonymous care they can't get at a regular hospital or health service.

This concern for such a seemingly minor point as anonymity is typical of Parr and the Clinic. Both are sensitive to all the varied concerns and cares of the special population which seeks them out for assistance. It was in part the very insensitivity of the established health system that prompted community organizers 10 years ago to form the Free Clinic. It was one of many such community-based, community-formed operations that grew out of the great social change of the 60s. The Clinic, however, is one of the few in this city, as in others, to survive.

Parr credits the Clinic's success to the work of the staff, the 21 paid and 90 unpaid volunteers who maintain on-going health and counseling services to the community. Much has changed since the Clinic was founded in 1970, Parr said, but the Clinic continues to thrive because it is "directed toward prevention of disease, it has a special caring atmosphere and a special sensitivity to the needs of the population we serve." Some of this success also must be credited to the way in which the Clinic is run: Parr directs the day-to-day operation but he in no way "rules" the Clinic. "The staff is always very much involved with denisions on the direction of the clinic," Parr said. The staff is also accustomed to "struggle and crisis...But they don't panic for it is that that keeps us going."

Presently the Clinic is expanding its services to the gay and lesbian community and is recruiting more gay and lesbian volunteers to add to those already on the staff. Parr said interested persons are to contact David Hughes at 661-6604. ©

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Dithridge: the facts

One of the primary responsibilities---in fact a good argument for the existence---of the gay press is to provide a constant flow of carefully checked-out information and to dispel the many rumors and gossip which flow through our community. Before the advent of the gay press, rumors and gossip were our only source of communication with one another. Today, almost every large and medium-size city has a local gay newspaper, magazine or newsletter to rely upon.

With this thought in mind, we would like to clarify some points with regard to the Dithridge Street crackdown which began early this Spring and (hopefully) peaked in early May with the arrests of over two dozen men who happened to be within the loosely-defined "cruising" area after dark.

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GOSSIP: Those arrested *deserved* to be busted. . . "everyone knows" that gay men have sex in public "out there."

FACT: While it cannot be denied that outdoor sex has taken place on occasion behind one or two storerooms, it must be pointed out that those few who would be so indiscreet took great pains to go about their business unobserved, out of any public view. The buildings in question were of a commercial nature, unoccupied at night, and had natural or man-made barriers which provided privacy. Considering this, on a scale of one to ten such "crimes" could be rated a "two" at most.

Police claims that sex took place on residential lawns are deliberate fabrications. *What lawns???* There are no lawns, let alone private homes, within the most active of the "cruising" streets. Most of the men who frequented the area made their contacts and went elsewhere.

More importantly, to the best of our knowledge, not one of those arrested were involved in any type of sexual activity immediately before or at the time of their arrests, even though some were charged as if they had been. They were charged with having "voluntary deviate sexual intercourse," a law that had been declared unconstitutional at the time by a local judge and has since been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

We weren't there to witness the arrests, but the very locations that the arrests took place in would seem to vindicate the victims. Most arrests took place on public streets, on corners and under bright lights---*not* in the spot(s) where anonymous sex was said to have taken place occasionally.

GOSSIP: The crackdown was brought about because *Out* published a feature about Dithridge in May.

FACT: The crackdown was well underway in March, accelerated in April, and (again, hopefully) peaked in early May. Our feature was more of a history piece about the 25-year phenomenon---an analysis of the people who have used it over the years, the "straights" who have terrorized gays, and how the area has changed. The feature was weighted in the past tense, and stated that the number of people frequenting Dithridge had declined in recent times.

The feature was not an expose; it did not bring about the police harassment. A petition signed by merchants and residents prompted official action.

GOSSIP: The people who live there have a perfect right to

peace and quiet; gays disrupted the neighborhood.

FACT: For more than a decade, there haven't been any residential units on the streets in question. This year, one luxury condominium opened. We, and no gay activist we know of, would condone noisy people of any persuasion interrupting a resident's sleep. Nor could we justify trespassing on private property.

To whatever extent any "crime" has occurred, action by the police might be justified---against the offending parties *only*, the appropriate charges being disturbing the peace or trespassing. To simply arrest people indiscriminately on a variety of trumped-up charges smacks of the Third Reich.

The vast majority of gays who used the area to make sexual contacts were not noisy---they did not desire to attract the attention of "straights"---and they stayed on public sidewalks or in cars. And that is really the point. The sidewalks and streets are public property; how dare anyone arbitrarily decide who can and cannot use them after dark?

Gays who frequented the area, whether they realized it or not, actually made life and property safer for merchants in the area, the few residents, and for anyone who parked their cars there. The streets in question have an historically lower burglary and car theft rate when compared with the rest of Oakland. The most predominant crime has been attacks on gays by "straight" youths, though most of these incidents have gone unreported.

Much of the credit for the Dithridge area's low crime rate must go to the fact that there were always people on the streets, in alleys, and in cars circling the blocks who acted as deterrents to crime. Far from disrupting the neighborhood, gays provided a service that merchants and residents could never buy and be that effectual. ☺

READERS' TURN...

Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee responds to criticism

We are writing in response to the letter headlined "Lesbian-Feminists ruin pride week" that appeared in your June issue. Before responding to the specific charges made by Mr. Kemp and given implicit support by *Out*, we would like to state the basic principles of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee. We recognize the diversity of our community and attempt to represent as broad a group as possible. Because of this outreach to all groups and factions, we strongly discourage racist and sexist oppression in all of its forms. We welcome participation at our meetings by all members of the gay and lesbian communities (as reported on p. 10 of your April issue), and everyone who attends is immediately given a vote and encouraged to voice their opinions on all issues.

At no time in any of our meetings was

a discussion held on the question of discouraging or banning certain types of people from participating in the march. This accusation by Mr. Kemp is totally erroneous and is a serious distortion of the purposes of our committee. As an example of our supposedly "discriminatory" policies, he asserts that we would prohibit macho style/leather and levi dress from the march. Apparently he is not aware that two members of our own committee appeared at one of our fund-raisers in just such attire---and received no rebuke or criticism from anyone. At another fundraiser, we had in attendance a man dressed in drag who was not turned away or made to feel uncomfortable by members of the committee. Contrary to his statement of "no banners hinting at sex," which was never even discussed at any time, we encourage

decorations that would add color and an air of festivity to the march. Anyone who participated or saw pictures of last year's march is well aware that it is not true that "women had to come first." There was no segregation by gender as men and women walked side by side in an open display of unity and plans are to continue with the tradition again this year. In no way are we attempting to "set standards" to be followed by the rest of the lesbian and gay communities.

Contrary to his accusations that we believe bars "oppress people," our organization enjoys good relations with bars and clubs in the area. The excellent record of extensive cooperation between our committee and the Norreh Social Club (which caters to a lesbian clientele as well as gay men and the leather & levi scene) is but one example of this. Most of the Pride Week activities will be held outside of bars not because of any disapproval on our part but rather so that underage gay and lesbians, as well as those struggling with alcohol may be encouraged to participate. Actually, if Mr. Kemp had taken the time to look over our schedule of events, he would have noticed that one of our activities is being held in one of the local bars this year and last year two events were in bars.

The comment on our attempts to consider "every minority within our minority" apparently was in reference to our attempts to provide child care for gay & lesbian parents, signing for the deaf, braille programs and accommodations for the physically challenged at our functions. Contrasting our concern for these people with our supposed lack of emphasis on functions appealing to "white gay men," Mr. Kemp notes that only one such event was planned but that now even this was cancelled due to harassment of the scheduled entertainer by "uptight lesbians and feminists." The specific event mentioned was to be a female impersonation act that was eventually cancelled because the entertainer discovered he would be out of town during Pride Week, not because he was harassed by members of our committee. The discussion Mr. Kemp referred to was one in which the scheduled performer participated in a dialogue with committee members on the sensitive political issue of drag shows and cooperated with suggestions on this subject. Mr. Kemp admits his information on this is not firsthand but from a third party; in other words he is depending upon hearsay to establish his "facts." The performer attended the meeting at the request of the individual group for which he was doing the benefit and was not "summoned" by the Lesbian & Gay Pride Week committee as stated. The performer suggested that we look over his material if we cared to, and was not told that we "wanted to censor his script." Due to a previous engagement, he only had 15 minutes, not "over an hour," to discuss the issues, after which he had to leave as he was already running late. He did not "walk out" in protest as insinuated by Mr. Kemp.

In regards to having "only one event to attract gay males who are not heavy into gay lib," we originally had three such events scheduled. One was the showing of the movie, *La Cage aux Folles*, but we were

told by United Artists that it could not be rented until September. This movie contains sizeable segments of female impersonation and was suggested by a woman and agreed upon by what Mr. Kemp calls "uptight lesbians and 'feminists'" on the committee. Two other male-oriented events were originally planned but the groups organizing them, not the Pride Week Committee, chose to cancel them due to various difficulties. This left a hole in our scheduling but when we requested information from anyone on male entertainers through local organizational mailings and *Out*, we did not receive any response.

Obviously, Mr. Kemp fails to realize that one of the characteristics of a wide-ranging group such as our committee is that we encourage lively debates on all issues in order to provide everyone with an opportunity to express their sentiments. As a result, there are many individual "comments made publicly and privately" that are just this, individual comments that do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the committee as a whole.

Having responded to the main charges in Mr. Kemp's letter, we would like to address the editorial staff of *Out* for their comments on this letter. They stated, "We have verified that most, if not all, of the above events took place at meeting (s) of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee earlier this year, and that its leaders are indeed guided by a strict lesbian-feminist philosophy." Affixing such a comment to Mr. Kemp's letter without adequate journalistic research on the truth of his accusations added the magazine's reputation to charges that are at best, distortions, and thus the magazine appeared to endorse them. No member of the committee ever saw or was read any part of the actual letter before it appeared in print. Verification, by admission of the publisher, involved: 1) talking with the performer before the letter was ever received, which prevented him from addressing directly the distorted statements about the performer's appearance at one of our meetings, and 2) mentioning small segments of the letter to one committee member while socializing in a bar, without having the letter on his person and unable to remember the exact wording of the portions discussed. Two other committee-persons discussed the letter with *Out* but only after the letter had been sent to the typesetter with the statement of verification already attached to it. Quite a few parts of the letter were never even brought up in any of these conversations. We perceive this as a serious error on the part of *Out* especially since it is just such distortions and misinformation that will discourage people from participating in Pride Week activities. Biased reporting on gay and lesbian activities, obviously, is an affliction that is not exclusive to "straight" publications. This can also be seen in that the cover of the June issue of *Out* did not contain any mention of Pride Week, a ten-day line up of lesbian and gay activities, but did find room for the Three Rivers Arts Festival which has received adequate coverage in nongay publications. How many of those nongay publications does one think chose to highlight Lesbian &

Gay Pride Week on their covers?

One of the unique characteristics of the gay and lesbian community in Pittsburgh is the strength of the cooperation between lesbians and gay men on many different levels. In many American cities, gay men and lesbians have drifted apart due to divisiveness and conflicts. Pittsburgh, on the other hand, has developed a reputation for the unity between its lesbians and gay men and this was a major contributing factor for the organization, "Lesbians & Gays in the Law," choosing our city for their fall conference. This unity is a rare and valuable asset that must not be taken for granted but rather must be constantly nourished and strengthened. Unity involves argument as well as cooperation and the healthy conflicts that exist within our committee are a sign of life and vitality that belies the accusation that we follow a "strict" lesbian-feminist philosophy. We request that the staff of *Out* take these points into consideration before they endorse such misinformed charges as those made by Mr. Kemp.

Lesbian & Gay Pride Week Committee
The following members were in attendance and endorsed this letter:

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The "editor's note" that accompanied Mr. Kemp's letter, in retrospect, should have been altered to read "Some, but not all..." in lieu of "Most, if not all..." The note was intended to advise the reader to consider the other side of the question of lesbian-feminist philosophies, which was contained in a lengthy feature elsewhere in the June issue, and directed readers to that feature by title.

With regard to Pride Week not being mentioned on the cover, it should be pointed out that when the cover was originally sent to the printer, it did contain a large corner banner about Pride Week. Then, the Dithridge harassment story broke and the banner was changed at the last minute on the brown plate (the yellow and blue plates had already been plated; therefore they could not be changed). It should be further pointed out that, far from ignoring Pride Week, we included it on the cover of our free publication, *Gay Life*; we also published a nearly two-page calendar of events, an official statement by the Committee, and a map of the march route, in both *Out* and *Gay Life*.

Picnic congratulations

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to the owners and managers of the Holiday Bar, House of Tilden, Norreh Social Club and Venture Inn on May 28. They shared it with us; we thought we'd share it with our readers.

Gentlemen,

Monday's picnic was such a success from my viewpoint that I write to thank you with enthusiastic fervor and to urge you to retain the three-picnics-a-year format.

As a rather closeted, middle-aged, married professional I may speak from a limited background, but from long experience I know a good thing when I see it. And Monday's picnic was a good thing.

It was also something the community needs. People who wouldn't dream of marching in a parade will attend a picnic. And there's something reassuring (stimulating?) about so many hundreds gathered outside on a beautiful day that doesn't come through in a smoky bar with several dozen (or a hundred) customers.

I realize well what a helluva lot of work went into getting this act together but please know it was well worth it. Raise the price or something else, but do it again!

Name withheld by request

Beyond tolerance?

I firmly believe that it is the responsibility of the gay community to educate the rest as to who we are and why we should be proud of it. It appears, however, that Pittsburgh's public is not a willing student. After reading your articles on the aftermath of the *Pittsburgh* magazine article (February, 1980) featuring Randy Forrester on its cover, and the more current situation on Dithridge Street, I am distressed. It is extremely difficult for me to perceive what kind of a society produces minds which equate homosexuals with "cancerous livers" or "lepers," but yet I live in that society. Eight police officers with dogs leads me to speculate that they must think we carry machine guns while cruising Dithridge. What about the gem in Southside who reacted by threatening Randy's life? Why? Tim Whitaker's resignation gives me to believe he was under more pressure from WQED management than he cares to admit publicly. The problem in Pittsburgh is not homosexuality... it's homophobia!

Do we have to burn Dithridge to the ground to make them listen to us? I think not and I hope not, but the stage setting here is reminiscent of the tone that preceded the Stonewall riots in June, 1969, and the demonstrations in San Francisco that followed the Robert Hillborough murder in 1977. How much longer can the Pittsburgh gay community tolerate hatred, bigotry, discrimination and police harassment from behind a safe (?) closet door?

Do you suppose if every gay and every gay sympathizer in the city of Pittsburgh and the surrounding tri-state communities would assemble on Dithridge wearing lavender t-shirts with Remember Stonewall printed on them that anyone would listen? Is it time for peaceful demonstrations or do we wait for an eruption of violence as has been witnessed with every other minority group evolution?

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+ 'You're legal,' State high court rules

Pennsylvania has now joined a select group of states in the union legalizing consenting homosexual activity. No state house representative or senator initiated the action, and no governor signed such a law into being. What happened took a majority opinion of the State Supreme Court May 30 to overturn Pennsylvania's voluntary deviate sexual intercourse law.

From that day until such time as a replacement law is devised in Harrisburg, any private sexual activity between two consenting homosexual adults is legal. For as long as it lasts, a new day has dawned in Pennsylvania.

The relevant portions of the statute which the court declared unconstitutional in a divided 4-3 decision states that "A person who engages in deviate sexual intercourse under circumstances covered by section 3123 of this title (related to involuntary deviate sexual

intercourse) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree." The statute goes on to define "deviate sexual intercourse" as "sexual intercourse *per os* (mouth) or *per anus* between human beings who are not husband and wife, and any form of sexual intercourse with an animal."

According to Shelley Friedman, an attorney who argued before the court for the unconstitutionality of this law, said "Any sexual activity performed by a gay would have come under this statute." The ruling, she added, has "the greatest ramifications for the gay community" in this state.

The law was notorious in the gay subculture because it was often this law police and courts cited when prosecuting gays. Seldom was the law enforced against "straights." But, in an ironic turn of fate, it was precisely a case involving non-gays which landed the statute in the Supreme Court and ultimately out of the state criminal code.

On March 13, 1979, plainclothes city police arrested ten persons after women dancers in the Penthouse Theater, 619 Liberty Ave., engaged in various sex acts with more than 25 men in the audience. The Allegheny County District Attorney's office, then as now under the leadership of Robert E. Colville, prosecuted dancers Shanne Wimbels and Mildred I. Kannitz (whose stage name is Dawn Delight) and theater employees Michael Bonadio and Patrick Gagliano.

The first hint that the 1973 statute was in trouble came when Common Pleas Court Judge George H. Ross dismissed all four cases, reasoning that the deviate sex law was unconstitutional. Colville appealed Ross's decision to the State Supreme Court, although it was known at the time that he, for one, thought the law a bad one. It was this appeal on which the Supreme Court handed its 4-3 decision.

In his opinion, Flaherty noted that the law applied only to acts between persons who were not man and wife. On the basis of standard equal protection reasoning, Flaherty wrote, "Similarly, to suggest that deviate acts are heinous if performed by unmarried persons but acceptable when done by married persons lacks even a rational basis, for requiring less moral behavior of married persons than is expected of unmarried persons is without basis in logic."

"If the statute regulated sexual acts so affecting others that proscription by law would be justified, then they should be proscribed for all people, not just the unmarried," the justice concluded.

Chief Justice Michael Eagen and Justices Rolf Larsen and Bruce W. Kauffman joined in Flaherty's opinion.

In additional comments not supported by others on the Court, Flaherty said the statute "exceeds the valid bounds of the police power, that is, the power of every state government to protect the health, safety and morals of its citizens."

Flaherty argued, rather, that "Spiritual leadership, not the government, has the responsibility for striving to improve the morality of individuals. The inaction of the Voluntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse Statute, despite the fact that it provides punishment for what many believe to be abhorrent crimes against nature and perceived sins against God, is not properly in the realm of the temporal police power."

A strong dissent by Justice Robert C. Nix called the majority ruling "novel and shocking." In direct response to Flaherty's above statement, Nix said, "That the majority would suggest that this (statute) is beyond the state's power to regulate public health, safety, welfare and morals is incredible. I assume that regulation of prostitution and hard-core pornography are also now prohibited by today's ruling."

The question of what the ruling does to the prosecution of prostitution in Pennsylvania is one that not only Justice Nix can't answer; Friedman said she too is uncertain where prostitution now stands: is it legal or is it not?

"The question will boil down eventually as to what is public and what is private," Friedman said, remarking on what she sees as one of the hair-splitting issues that will be confronting lawmakers as they attempt to rewrite the law.

There are similar laws regarding voluntary deviate sexual intercourse in other states, some written like the Pennsylvania law, others not so vague. For example, Friedman said the New Jersey law "pertains to the same sort of thing but by definition it is much more precise." That state's law spells out what is and is not permitted. A new law for Pennsylvania might do the same thing, she suggested.

No action has been taken in the legislature to replace the now-discredited law. It is expected that the District Attorney's office here will have some input into the wording of a new law, but if his comments on the Supreme Court ruling are any indication, Colville's input will be decidedly liberal. At the time of the ruling Colville was quoted as saying that he has no objection to legalizing private sex acts between consenting adults, be they heterosexual or homosexual.

Friedman said the ruling "is saying, in effect, that any person who is an adult can engage in any sexual act as long as it is within



High school senior Aaron Fricke leaves his senior prom with a class mug, followed by his date, Paul Guilbert. The two 18-year-olds fought the officials at Cumberland High School, Cumberland, Rhode Island, to successfully gain entrance to the prom. Last year Guilbert was not as successful in his attempts to break the ban on gays at school proms. Police protection was provided for the two but there were no reported incidents.

the law," that is, any act that does not violate the state's involuntary sexual deviate intercourse law, or does not involve rape or child molestation, etc.

The ruling "gives gays carte blanche to do what they want, but," she cautioned, "not at the corner of Neville and Fifth on the lawn," referring to public sex anywhere, but in this case in the Dithridge Street area. "The police aren't going to make any arrests for prostitution or for gay activity using this statute until there is new legislation," she said, again reiterating that this does not apply to public acts.

Joining Friedman in arguing before the Supreme Court was her associate Carl Janavitz. Amicus briefs filed in support of the successful appellees were filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Eromin Center for Sexual Minorities of Philadelphia, and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

So far 22 states have decriminalized sodomy, either by legislative action of judicial recognition of the right of privacy, or both. Pennsylvania is now the 23rd state to decriminalize sodomy.

Philly adopts pro-gay policy with unionized city workers

PHILADELPHIA-The City, in negotiations with its employees' union representatives, has accepted without objection a clause in a new contract which bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The same non-discrimination clause had been rejected by the city during negotiations for a contract two years ago.

The clause reads: "Neither the City nor the union shall discriminate against any employee covered by this agreement on account of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, handicap, political belief or political affiliation, or union membership."

The contract applies to members of Locals 2186 and 2187 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). About 2,300 workers are covered.

No such non-discrimination clause exists between the City of Pittsburgh and its unions.

In addition to the protection granted gays and their employment with the City, the contract provides remedies for on-the-job sexual harassment and requires the city adopt an affirmative action program that includes all the groups mentioned in the non-discrimination clause.

Union officials credit the acceptance of the new wording to the change in personnel in the city government. The new Philadelphia city managing director, Wilson Goode, was described by one union official as "a decent human being (who) is firmly committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination."

The contract containing the clause became effective June 1 after it won approval from 93 percent of the locals' membership in a May vote.

ACLU meets with police on 'Dithridge 24,' seeks victims

Night life is returning to normal on Dithridge Street.

Gays are going back to cruising in the Dithridge Street area with more frequency as the community bounces back from a police crackdown in May in which 24 men were arrested on a variety of charges, mostly soliciting, loitering and voluntary deviate sexual intercourse. The undercover policemen have been replaced by a single patrolman who walks the Dithridge beat with his dog.

Meanwhile, in the courts and at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the disposition of the arrestees' cases, and the future of those cases, continues. Most of those arrested plea-bargained with the police and court, accepting a \$75 fine for disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor that is not recorded. Others, with the advice of lawyer Claudia Sharon, successfully fought the charges in court. All those, in fact, who were charged with voluntary deviate sexual intercourse were freed by the courts after the state Supreme Court ruled that statute was unconstitutional in a landmark decision May 30.

At the time *Out* went to press, Sharon said she had two more clients to represent in court on charges of loitering and prowling.

She said she was not certain how these two cases would be resolved.

Other legal action is contemplated by the local ACLU unit. Executive director Mary Alice Babusci told *Out* the ACLU is seeking to have all the cases expunged from police and court records. At the same time, the ACLU is seeking what Babusci called "another Christ" to help the organization mount a class action suit against the Pittsburgh police department. By this, Babusci said, the ACLU needs one of the May crackdown victims to act as the person representing the offended group.

The ACLU is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the crackdown, the first of its kind in some years. Despite persistent rumors to the contrary, Babusci said the ACLU is satisfied the Dithridge action was not initiated by Mayor Richard Caliguiri's office but rather was an independent action of the City police department in response to a letter of complaint. This letter was signed by merchants and residents of the Dithridge Street area.

The City police are "virtually autonomous," Babusci said, adding, "In fact, they are beyond the reach" of either the mayor's office or city council. Babusci, Jim

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Huggins, ACLU board chairman, John Jay and others met with city Public Safety Director Robert Coll and Ben Hallyer, an aide to Mayor Caliguiri to discuss the arrests. She said Coll defended the actions of the police from Oakland No. 4 station in the Dithridge busts.

But, at the prodding of those present, he "agreed as much as possible" in the future to place only uniformed policemen in that area. (*Out* also has learned that the police put an end to plans to place an 18-year-old decoy on the street after word leaked publicly of this plan for entrapping more gays along Dithridge Street.)

Babusci said the group protested the methods used by the police in making the arrests. She pointed out to Coll that the police had "a legitimate complaint from residents about trespassing" yet not one victim was charged with this. She called the arrests an "outrage" and said that after the meeting with Coll she was left with the impression the arrests "may continue in time." The police will not return to Dithridge on their own, she said, but another complaint from area residents will likely set off another crack-down.

The ACLU is continuing to ask for the assistance of those arrested in its continuing legal battle to expunge the records of all those caught in the crackdown. Babusci assured the victims of anonymity.

Lesbian cop in D.C. files complaint after reassignment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (IGNA)-The first openly acknowledged lesbian on the Washington, D.C. police force, Sandy Austin, has filed a complaint with the department's equal opportunity office. Austin claims that she was removed from her five-month-old detail as an undercover officer with the Seventh District's vice squad because she is gay.

She had been working her usual evening tour, she told the *Washington Post*, and was ready to hit the streets, when Lt. George Wesley, a supervisor, called her into his office. Wesley told her she was being relieved of her undercover assignment and would be returned to uniform work.

In her written complaint, Austin said that no reasons were given for the change, although it implied a reprimand despite having received a letter of commendation for exemplary service after 15 months of work with the vice squad. "Then it hit me, this sudden turn of events could only have come about because they had found out I was gay," she said.

One week after making her complaint, Austin was reinstated, after a *Washington Post* reporter began to make inquiries about her complaint. At that time, Austin's commanding officer, Deputy Chief James Kelly, told a reporter that he had returned Austin to her old detail to "keep down any bad press."

Under the District of Columbia's human rights laws, it is illegal to discriminate against city employees on the basis of sexual preference.

But for Sandy Austin the issue has not died with reinstatement. She says that she's

TV Guide refuses gay ad, restraint-of-trade charged

The nation's many gay publications rarely agree unanimously on any single issue, but most—if not all—agree that to bring their publications to more gay people they must promote heavily outside of traditional gay enclaves such as gay bars, baths, adult bookstores, etc. This can be accomplished by a publication contracting with a professional distributor—as *Out* does—to place the magazine on sale in outlets that are patronized by the general public, such as news stands, drug stores, supermarkets, and serious-work bookstores.

But most gay publications have run across a chronic problem: making gay people who don't patronize gay bars aware that their periodicals exist in the first place. Free publicity in the form of features in the "straight" media are too few and far in between to have much impact, so some gay newspapers and magazine have begun placing paid advertisements in general-audience publications—with varying degrees of success. *Out*, for instance, has advertised in the Pittsburgh Press and Post-Gazette classified section.

been marked officially and publicly:

"From now on, every step I take is going to be carefully monitored," she said. "They're going to get on my back and try to get me upset and watch for me to make a mistake so they can come down on me."

Lawyers group advocates affirmative action for gays

NEW YORK (IGNA)-The National Lawyers Guild, an organization of over 6,000 progressive lawyers, law students, and legal workers, recently adopted guidelines requiring it to take affirmative action to promote lesbian and gay issues in its coalition work.

Specifically, the guidelines call for the Guild and its members when forming coalitions to include lesbian and gay groups; to suggest lesbian and gay speakers at coalition-sponsored programs, demonstrations, rallies, conferences, etc; to educate other groups in coalitions who have negative positions toward gay people and gay rights; and to discontinue participating in any coalition where gay people, groups, or organizations are explicitly excluded.

The National Lawyers Guild currently is involved in a lawsuit to force the Federal Bureau of Prisons to accept lesbian/gay publications sent inmates.

This summer the Bay Area Chapter of the Guild will sponsor the organization's fifth annual gay summer project, focusing on "Police Abuse in the Gay Community."

It was with hopes of reaching more gay people that *Out* submitted a quarter-page ad to *TV Guide* (reproduced here exactly as it was intended) in early June. The advertisement was prepared by an artist especially for the television weekly to its specifications, and included a mail-order coupon for interested readers to order a single sample copy or a 12-issue subscription.

TV Guide informed *Out* publisher Jim Austin that all mail order ads had to be submitted to the magazine's headquarters in Radnor, PA, for approval along with a sample of the item advertised, in this case a copy of *Out*.

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The "offending" ad—exactly as it would have appeared in *TV Guide*. The television weekly has accepted other ads in the past dealing with homosexuality—mostly in the form of promotion spots dealing with gay-theme TV dramas and news reports.

Regional manager Rita J. Gould said that this procedure was routine because of past problems with mail-order advertisers. "I assumed she meant that they had had problems with advertisers who ripped off *TV Guide* readers or sold shoddy merchandise," Austin said, "so I not only sent her the proposed ad copy and the sample *Out*, but gave her a detailed history of our corporation, and included the fact that we had published 75 issues of *Gay News*, *Gay Life* and *Out* since 1973 without ever missing a deadline and without ever having a complaint filed against us by the Better Business Bureau."

On June 11, Gould called Austin to inform him that the national office had refused

to accept the ad. When pressed, she gave no reason but agreed to put the refusal in writing. The next day, the refusal came in the mail in the form of a memo—still without a reason—with instructions to contact Ms. Mary Ellen Stack in Radnor for more information.

Stack said, "It (the ad) was reviewed by a panel and we prefer not to accept it."

When asked for a reason for the refusal, she told Austin, "We don't need a reason; acceptance of advertising is at the discretion of the publisher."

"I finally asked her if the reason was because our magazine and ad copy were directed at homosexuals," Austin said. "She replied that she did not want to answer that question and would not put a reason in writing."

The ad in question would have cost \$240 per insertion, and would have required 30 paid responses in the form of subscriptions to have made that expenditure worthwhile—not an unreasonable expectation considering *TV Guide's* large circulation and fast reader turnaround (surveys conducted by *TV Guide* in-

dicate that over 90% of its readers actually read their copy within the week they buy it; other weeklies and monthlies take up to three months to reach that figure). If successful, the ad was intended to be run at least once per month.

"Assuming the turndown was based on an anti-gay bias, and there seems to be no other explanation though *TV Guide* won't admit it, then two legal questions come into conflict with each other. One is freedom of the press on *TV Guide's* part, the other is restraint of trade. If we can't have access to their readership—including the thousands of gay readers *TV Guide* must have, among them many who have never heard of *Out* and might be persuaded to buy it—then I think we can prove in a legal way that we have been harmed financially by their position. But the law may be on *TV Guide's* side, because of the freedom of the press to control what it does and does not publish," Austin concluded.

Attorneys for *Out* are researching the finer legal points and will suggest further action in July.

Democrats add pro-gay statement to platform

WASHINGTON, DC — An antidiscrimination statement including lesbians and gay men is included as part of the proposals from President Carter submitted to the Democratic Platform Committee June 12.

The proposed section of the platform, part of a section on civil rights, states "We must affirm the dignity of all people and the right of each individual to have equal access to and participation in the institutions and services of our society, including actions to protect all groups from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex or sexual orientation."

Carter's proposal is a green light for inclusion of the section in the Democratic Platform, which must be approved first by the Platform Committee and then by the convention itself, both of which are controlled by a majority of Carter supporters.

Ginny Apuzzo, openly lesbian member of the platform committee of Brooklyn, New York, along with the two other openly gay members, Sheldon Andelson of Los Angeles and Bill Kraus of San Francisco, met Wednesday, June 11, with Carter administration and campaign officials to discuss inclusion of a gay rights plank in the platform.

Also attending the meeting were David Rubinstein, deputy assistant to the President for domestic affairs and policy, Mary Franks, research director for the Carter campaign;

Influential Senate moderate cosponsors gay rights bill

WASHINGTON, — The fair employment legislation for lesbians and gay men in the United States Senate, S. 2081, has gained a new cosponsor, Senator Robert Packwood (R-Oregon). The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) described the Senator's sponsorship as a very important addition to the bill.

"Senator Packwood, who is considered a moderate (49th on the cumulative political scale of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action and the conservative Americans for Constitutional Action), is very highly respected and will assist us significantly in expanding our base of support," said GRNL lobbyist Steve Endean.

Endean described Senator Packwood's sponsorship as a result of a close partnership between local organizations and the Gay Rights National Lobby.

When Packwood indicated sympathy with gay civil rights by posing tough questions to Rubin Askew on his anti-gay stance during Askew's confirmation hearings, Gay Rights National Lobby contacted local gay groups in Oregon such as the Portland Town Council, to help put constituent pressure on for Packwood to co-sponsor S. 2081.

It is largely through the efforts of Jerry Weller, a GRNL board member and long-time leader of Portland Town Council, that Packwood added his name to the bill. Weller not only met directly with the Senator but also illicit the assistance of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, which has been working closely with Packwood on abortion matters.

Weller commented on Packwood's sponsorship, "We are extremely pleased and excited by his decision, which is particularly courageous in light of the apparent election mobilization by anti-gay fundamentalists."

It is clear that Senator Packwood understands that civil rights for gays/lesbians is consistent with Republican philosophy of less

government intervention in private lives by his comment: "From the Magna Carta on, free men and women have fought attempts by government to deny them their rights. As far as I'm concerned, no government nor any group, no matter how well intentioned, may interfere with the rights of individuals to make private decisions about their lives."



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and Michael Chanin, deputy to presidential assistant Anne Wexler.

Included also were Mary Spottswood Pou and Tom Bastow, codirectors of the National Convention Project, and White House staff member E. Allison Thomas.

The meeting was scheduled to be held in the White House and to be chaired by Stuart Eizenstat, Carter's assistant for domestic affairs and policy, but when the gay leaders arrived they found that the meeting had been moved to the Executive Office Building, and that Eizenstat would not be able to attend.

Earlier June 11 Spottswood, Bastow, Kraus and Andelson met with Peter Edelman, top Kennedy issues person, a meeting which Apuzzo said went very well.

Wednesday's meetings followed by Carter's announcement were the strongest signals yet that inclusion of a gay plank in the Democratic Party Platform is not just an activist's dream.

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Army's gay ban put into limbo

MILWAUKEE (IGNA)—The Army's discharge of an avowed lesbian whose sexual orientation made no difference in her performance as a WAC violated the First Amendment, a federal judge ruled recently.

U.S. District Judge Terrence Evans ordered the immediate reinstatement of the Army Reserve of 32-year-old Miriam Ben-Shalom, who had been in the Reserve for three years.

Ben-Shalom "admitted" she was lesbian in 1975 while a member of the 84th Army Reserve Unit in Milwaukee. She was given an honorable discharge about a year later.

Judge Evans said that the Army regulation on homosexuality "substantially impinges the First Amendment rights of every soldier to free association, expression, and speech."

The judge, however, said that his ruling does not mean "that anyone who engages in

Carter signs policy order to protect Federal gay jobs

WASHINGTON, DC — A Carter administration policy statement, signed May 12, protects all federal employees or applicants for such employment from inquiry into areas of activity or conduct, including sexual orientation, that do not interfere with job performance.

Backed by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the order forbids government officials from probing into a person's sexual, social, religious or other habits for purposes of judging fitness or eligibility for employment.

The order, drafted by staff in the Office of Personnel Management (formerly the federal Civil Service Office) and circulated

among heads of federal agencies and departments, not only alerts officials to the law's existence but also to the kinds of activities protected by it, a spokesperson in the Office of Personnel Management said.

"It's not a wholly new policy in 1980," said Public Information Officer Bob Woodrum, "but a restatement of provisions in the Civil Service Reform Act that either are new or in our judgment need more emphasis."

"If people are not observing merit system provisions of the act (permitted or prohibited personnel practices) that they ought to be following," he observed, "then we need to bring these provisions to the attention of federal managers."

The order urges federal managers to issue a strong statement defining the policy; emphasize the policy as part of a new employee's orientation; and make employees aware of avenues for appeal. On this last point, federal employees or applicants for federal jobs can appeal what they feel are discriminatory personnel decisions to the Office of Special Counsel within the Merit System Protection Board.

In summing up the desired effect of the policy statement on gay employees Woodrum said: "We are trying to show people officially that that (sexual orientation) is not a measure of a person's worth."

Momentum for the statement began last December when representatives of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and other lesbian and gay organizations had a White House meeting with Anne Wexler, Special Assistant to President Carter, to request an executive order to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination in federal employment.

Wexler and other government staff explained that the Civil Service Reform Act eliminated the need for an executive order, but that they would look into sending out a policy statement to reaffirm pertinent provisions of the Reform Act. After writing several drafts and in consultation with Charles Brydon, co-executive director of NGTF, staff members in the Office of Personnel Management produced the statement.

Besides forbidding inquiry into non job-related areas of conduct and activity, the statement allows for service as an unpaid volunteer in gay organizations or projects of gay organizations to be counted as work experience and to be figured into determining a potential employee's pay and grade level.

The best and lasting net effect of the statement will be for "gay employees to be protected by knowing their rights," the spokesperson, who did not want her name published, said.

She continued, "I feel about it (the policy statement) the way I feel about civil rights laws. You can't expect changes im-

assaultive or offensive homosexual conduct is prohibited from being discharged."

"But the Army should apply the same standards they have for heterosexuals," Evans said.

"I'm ecstatic," Ben-Shalom said. "It's a landmark decision for gays everywhere; it reaffirms our civil rights." She said that she will apply immediately for reinstatement.

The judge added, "Miss Ben-Shalom spoke out and was banished despite her good conduct and undisputed quality as a soldier. The threat to the First Amendment rights of other soldiers who may have only interests in or tendencies toward homosexuality is real."

"If not a frequently used device for dismissal, this regulation is at least a readily available tool for intimidation and harassment," the judge said, according to a story in *The San Francisco Chronicle*.

NGTF cautious following meeting with CBS officials

NEW YORK—Representatives from the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) met with CBS officials May 29 to discuss the Saturday, April 26, showing nationwide of "Gay Power: Gay Politics," a CBS-produced documentary.

Attending the meeting were NGTF co-executive directors Lucia Valeska and Charles Brydon; Tom Burrows, special assistant to NGTF; Robert Chandler, vice president and director of public affairs broadcasts for CBS; and Margery Baker, vice president for public affairs broadcasts.

Valeska and Brydon reported finding the CBS executives' attitudes "constructive," adding, "We intend to give CBS the opportunity to assert this positive perspective outside the confines of CBS executive offices."

However, the two reported that "It remains to be seen whether or not CBS is willing to report lesbian and gay community news in a fair and accurate manner." Chandler and Baker "appeared to be genuinely

concerned over the potential threat to CBS credibility due to the pending National News Council investigations inaugurated by a complaint filed by NGTF," a spokesperson for the national organization said.

Issues covered during the meeting included:

- Specific charges against CBS of deliberate misrepresentation and distortion in the documentary.

- The pending National News Council complaint.

- The "danger to all parties concerned when First Amendment liberty is abused by biased reporting through ignorance, design or neglect."

- The need for, and obstacles to, CBS establishing a productive rapport with the national lesbian and gay community.

- Coming events on the lesbian and gay political front of interest to major network news teams, such as, the national party conventions this summer.

mediately. It takes time before people change the way they think about people different from themselves. The gay community came late into the civil rights arena, but the same will be true of non-gay people's acceptance of gay people. We'll have a better future than we've had a past."

Two California votes spell trouble ahead for gay rights

SAN JOSE, CA—After a lengthy, spirited campaign to get two nondiscrimination propositions approved in this state's June 3 primary, gays in Santa Clara County and this city suffered major setbacks when both proposals were overwhelmingly defeated.

The ballot propositions would have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. Proposition A in Santa Clara County was defeated by a vote of 103,479 to 244,095. An even more crushing defeat was dealt San Jose Proposition B, which went down by a three-to-one margin, 35,957 yes votes to 109,238 no votes.

Observers in both camps attributed the lopsided vote to last minute blitzes of anti-gay literature throughout the county, popularly known as Silicon Valley for the large number of modern electronic manufacturing firms that have settled there.

Most of the literature opposing passage of the two propositions originated with two groups: Concerned Citizens Against the Sexual Orientation Ordinances and the Moral Majority of Santa Clara County. The latter received substantial financial backing from Anita Bryant's Florida-based Ministries.

One anti-proposition pamphlet was a large fold-out entitled "Don't Let It Spread." The brochure juxtaposed outdoor photographs of gay men fondling each other with charges that passage of the propositions would threaten voters' children, property rights and morality.

To counter the flood of opposition literature (which one gay activist charged "bordered on the obscene" and which "lied about what the ordinances said") the losing lesbian and gay coalition passed out its own literature, erected billboards and aired radio commercials. Congressmen Pete McCloskey, a Republican, and Don Edwards, a Democrat, and San Jose Mayor Janet Grey Hayes, spoke out in favor of the propositions.

The head of the Santa Clara County Coalition for Human Rights, Johnie Staggs, said the day after the vote, "People have got to wake up and see that gay rights are just one step on the ladder. I think real bad times are coming for all people who are not white, straight, male and middle-class." The margin of defeat was, Staggs maintained, an indication of the nation's drift toward the right.

The size of the anti-gay vote brought charges from Santa Clara activists that San Francisco gays failed to provide enough help. Gays in San Francisco, just to the north of Silicon Valley, countered that the Santa Clara efforts were not professionally managed.

Cuba adopts new sex manual

ITHACA, N.Y. (IGNA)—The homosexuals among the current Cuban refugees will not benefit from the new information, but apparently some new ideas about homosexuality are creeping into official Communist health guides in Cuba.

The Cuban Commission on Family Education has published a book called *The Intimate Life of Man and Woman*, translated from a book written in German by Dr. Siegfried Schnabl, a sexologist in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany).

According to an analysis of Chapter 10 of this new book ("Homosexuality in Man and Woman") by Stephen J. Risch and Randolph E. Wills of Cornell University "there is a brief review and strong condemnation of the juridical, religious, and social sanctions against homosexuality." It is also clearly stated that homosexuals "should have equal rights, respect, and recognition and that any kind of social discrimination is reprehensible."

Some notable changes pointed out in the book are:

- that homosexuality "cannot be classified as a sickness; rather, it must be seen as a variant of sexuality. Homosexuals do not suffer from homosexuality; they suffer from the difficulties that their condition causes them in society."

- emotional prejudice and the imposition of penalties based on grandiloquent notions such as "crime against nature" and "contrary to public sensibility" cannot be justified. What two people agree to do in private in no

way damages society's moral standards, and there is no reason whatsoever to take action against them."

Unfortunately, mixed in with the new enlightened attitudes are certain old-fashioned ones, namely, that homosexuality is biologically caused and can be prevented hormonally and that heterosexual role-models would contribute to the prevention of homosexuality.

Professors Risch and Wills give an historical explanation of why Cuba's Communist government has been so anti-gay, saying that at the time of the 1960 revolution, "open homosexuals were almost exclusively associated with the privileged classes of the society. They were pimps and prostitutes, the flamboyant operators of gambling casinos and smuggling rackets, and were nearly always associated with the very rich and materialistic lifestyle of the bourgeoisie. After the revolution, many Cubans mistakenly thought that homosexuality was itself in some way caused by these decadent lifestyles."

A further reason that the Cubans were concerned with homosexuality "was that they feared it would weaken the structure of the family—an institution which they saw as the foundation on which to build their new society."

The new text is intended to be used by doctors, psychologists, teachers, sociologists, and other professionals, and so it can be expected that these new views will be widely disseminated.

Family session narrowly adopts gay rights resolution

BALTIMORE—A resolution calling for nondiscrimination of gays was adopted by a single vote at the White House Conference of Families held here in early June.

The 292-291 vote approving the nondiscrimination resolution was the closest of some 57 taken at the week-long meeting. For almost all other votes the conference displayed surprising areas of liberal-conservative agreement.

For instance, both the vote endorsing the Equal Rights Amendment and the vote endorsing an amendment on abortion rights ranked far down in the list of favorable votes. Yet, the ERA vote was approved by a wide margin, 471-119, and the abortion rights amendment was passed by a comfortable margin, 383-202.

Conference officials released results of the voting to counter publicity given the meeting's vote on gay rights, ERA and similar controversial issues. Organizers said by releasing the votes they hoped to counter the impression that the conference did nothing but battle over these issues.

There was near unanimity on several issues. The conference, for instance, voted 578-18 in support of a resolution calling for more education and training on alcohol and drug abuse.

John Carr, executive director of the con-

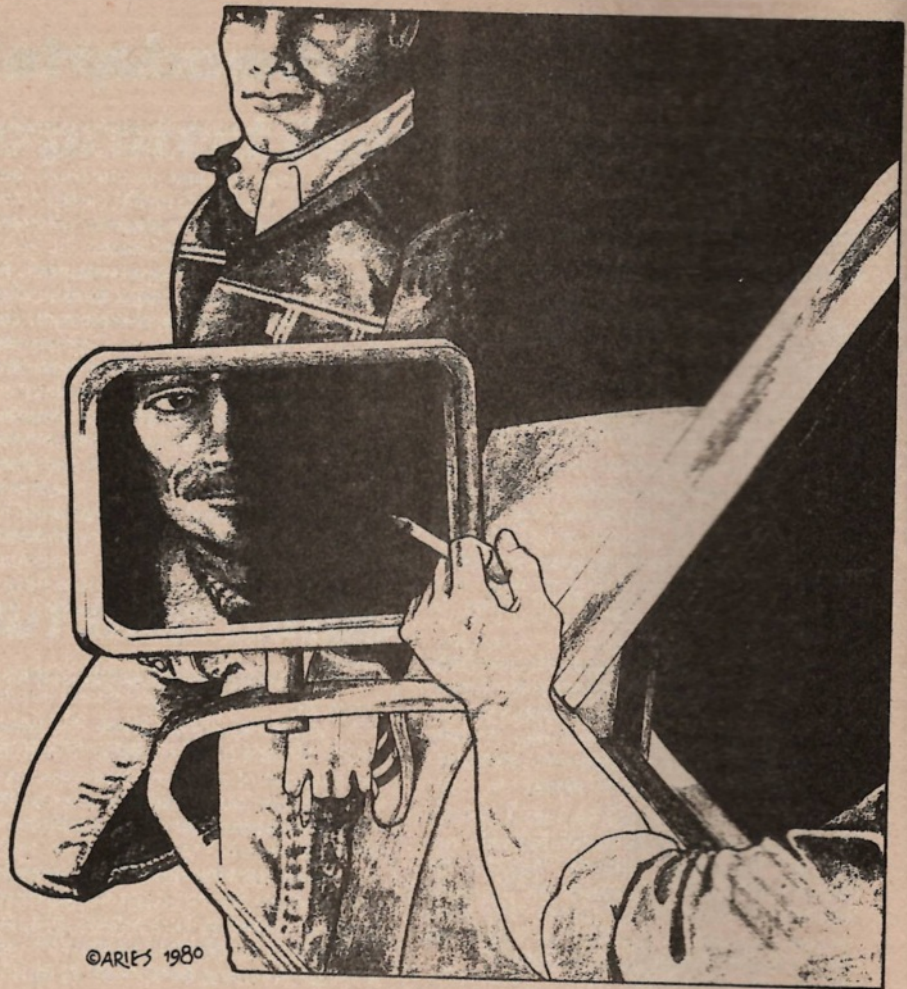
ference, said, "The resolutions that got the greatest support involve the same issues that we heard the most about in our nationwide hearings. They also are the ones that people expressed strongest concern about in our Gallup Poll of American families. These are clearly the most pressing issues for most families."

Lesbian named to State post

HARRISBURG—Dr. Mary Cochran, clinical director of Philadelphia's Eromin Center and a lesbian-feminist activist, has been named to the state Drug Advisory Task Force by Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

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by Jim Austin

This story has its villains, its victims, its social relevance, some justice, and in retrospect, a satisfactory if somewhat painful ending. This story is more than just a page out of history, and it needs to be preserved and never forgotten.

Names have been changed or omitted to protect the innocent but the crimes that make this story worth telling were really committed against gay men in a not-too-distant past. Right here in the City of Champions.

During a three-and-a-half year period, a branch of the Pittsburgh Police Department known as the Morals Squad conducted nightly sweeps of areas of the city now long gone that were known for their late-night gay male cruisers. The time was one of extreme conservatism in the city—and in the nation as a whole—during which a Senator named McCarthy and a soon-to-be vice presidential candidate named Nixon were rocking the nation with scares of Communists and perverts.

Between 1948 and 1951 nearly 800 men were arrested, some by outright entrapment, by Pittsburgh Morals Squad officers—many for simply being in the “wrong place” at the wrong time. A few—liberal estimates range only as high as 20 percent—actually made overt sexual advances to another male. All 700-plus were arrested and charged as “deviates,” the charges ranging from misdemeanors to felony sodomy.

But the story doesn't end there. It, and the ordeal that the 700-plus victims endured, only began with their arrests.

Though it was known in some quarters exactly what the Morals Squad was up to, the story might never have been made public had it not been for an ongoing State probe of wrongdoing by City officials in unrelated matters. It all began on April 26, 1949 when City Stonemason Salvatore Dilensi was killed in a Butler County truck crash. His widow, Josephine, touched off a furor 364 days later by charging her husband had been on City time to do some “free work” for City officials.

This ultimately forced sensational City Council hearings and demands for a grand jury investigation. District Attorney William S. Rahauser, a political crony of Pittsburgh's infamous Mayor David L. Lawrence, began a halfhearted investigation intended only to quiet City Council. It got out of hand, and at one point even the Mayor was recommended for indictment.

Uncovered during the early stages of the probe was evidence that at least 60 City employees had been doing work of a political nature on City time. Three top officials of Broadway Maintenance Co. were charged with bribery and conspiracy to cheat and defraud the City on its new street light system.

Many top City payrollers were indicted for their parts in a variety of other schemes. The probe even grew beyond City boundaries—to McKees Rocks' fire department and Homestead's vice and rackets underworld.

When it appeared that Rahauser was attempting to stonewall the investigation, former State Attorney General Margiotti—a political foe of the Mayor—ousted Rahauser and ordered him to keep hands off any future inquiry into City corruption. He eventually tried several of the City contract cases for the State personally, though charges against Mayor Lawrence were never brought.

It was in this climate that word first leaked to the press about Pittsburgh Moral Squad “improprieties.” Almost daily, as reports on the various other investigations dragged on, new information was uncovered that would open up new areas of possible wrongdoing. Many of these cases never made it to court, but the list of people accused in print read like a “who's who” of the Western Pennsylvania Democratic Party machine of the era.

On October 3, 1951—the day Russia exploded its second atomic bomb—the news broke. Special Prosecutor Charles D. Coll described it as “the greatest scandal to ever hit Pittsburgh.” Between 1948 and the summer of 1951, nearly 800 men had been arrested in ongoing sweeps by the City Morals Squad (three dozen officers served on the squad during this period) in areas of downtown Pittsburgh that functioned as gay male cruising areas. The specific streets are gone now—mostly in part of an area now housing Gateway Center and Point State Park that was once a rundown warehouse and terminal district.

The Morals Squad apparently could do anything it wished for 3 1/2 years. Seventy-five witnesses—many victims of the Squad—testified about the arrests of men for simply being in the wrong part of town. The Pittsburgh Press reported:

So alarming are the disclosures that grand jury investigators have seen strong men break down and sob openly at the testimony of victims of the Morals Squad.

Special Prosecutor Coll said, “I've never seen anything like it in my entire legal career. This goes beyond corruption. It deals with the wrecking of lives and families.”

The Press also wrote:

Conditions were such that decent, respectable men could not enter certain public places in downtown Pittsburgh without endangering their reputations, homes and families.

The Morals Squad had been organized in 1948 by Lt. Louis Morgan of the River Patrol to “round up” suspected male sex “deviates.” The general attitude toward gays was much worse than at present, due in part to the constant linking by right-wing politicians of Communists and “perverts.” Still, the gay subculture had existed and even flourished under a corrupt City administration. Gay bars—while dark, dingy haunts—were numerous and several people interviewed during research for this feature boasted proudly about how much easier it was to make contact with another male for sexual encounters. “It's so uptight today,” one said, “Everybody still plays games. Even the younger gays today...they just stare at each other all night and are afraid to make the first move. I guess we were so grateful to be in a place, or even on the street, where it was permissible for gays to talk that we jumped at the opportunity.”

So it would appear that it was okay to be a “pervert,” circa 1950, and it was okay to go to gay bars which ran all night under the ever-watchful eye of a City officialdom which lined its pockets with gay money in the form of payoffs. But it most definitely was not okay to get caught. Fear of discovery is still with many gays today; it was with all thirty years ago.

It was such an atmosphere that prompted the formation of the Morals Squad in the first place. Gays (the word was not in such wide usage then) came and went to their gay bars via dark streets, alleys, even back doors. Once inside, they were safe except for an occasional “raid” to make things look good. But other gays preferred the anonymity of the once safe downtown cruising area, the old Greyhound bus station which sat where the Federal Building now stands, and other less-than-savory hot spots.

The word went out: get the queers out of view.

This presented Lt. Morgan and his Squad with a unique opportunity. Since nobody cared about how gays were driven from the streets, nobody would care what happened to them once we got them off the streets, they reasoned. So from its inception the Morals Squad had it all its own way.

During its reign of terror, one in every eight arrests made by the Morals Squad that went beyond the arrest stage was mysteriously dropped by indicting grand juries. Lt. Morgan fought against, but eventually turned over, his personal records for the period in question. Most of his officers did likewise. Police Credit Union records were subpoenaed. 1949 and 1950 Morals Court records and stenographic notes were gone over by prosecutors. It took many months,

The Morals Squad: it was open season on gays and one of Pittsburgh's less-shining hours.

but finally all the pieces fell into place. The Morals Squad operated to serve only itself.

The scam worked like this: Morals Squad officers, usually working in teams of two or three, would pick out their targets at random on the street--any street or public place where gay males were known to frequent for purposes of making contact. One would usually move in and strike up a conversation. Within minutes, the others in his team would surround the victim. The first officer would claim that the victim made a proposition or groped him. Then the arrest would be made.

Seldom were two males arrested together, though it did happen. The logic here was that two victims with the same story, in contradiction to that of the arresting officer, might rock the boat. The Morals Squad didn't want to have its boat rocked.

Simply being charged with a sex crime was the same as being convicted, for it branded the suspect a "sex-deviate" for life. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty carried little weight during the McCarthy era. So it is easy to understand why so many victims submitted to blackmail as soon as they were apprehended.

It is virtually impossible to locate Morals Squad victims 30 years later. Many must be presumed dead or relocated. Others have simply covered their tracks. Some wound up serving jail terms because they would not or could not afford to submit to blackmail.

Through a painstaking trace, I have been able to locate one victim; he was truly shocked when I called him and asked for an

interview. He finally agreed, so long as we protected his identity.

Hal (not his real name) worked as a clerk in the old Rosenbaum's Department Store at 6th and Liberty. He told of getting off work at about 8pm one fall night in 1949 and walking a few blocks toward the Point. Knowing the area well from previous rendezvous with men, he thought he would try his luck on this particular evening.

"I walked around the block a couple times," he recalled. "I saw this guy following me so I stopped in a doorway. Sure enough, he came up and asked me for a cigarette. I told him I didn't smoke, but he stood there and made small talk... about the World Series, the weather, you name it. Nothing was said about sex. I thought he was just feeling me out to see why I was there, so I asked him if he'd been around long. Nothing more was said. Nothing! These two guys came out of nowhere and frisked me, threw me on the ground, then handcuffed me."

Hal's nightmare, like hundreds of others, had been born.

"They took me over to Water Street (a former police facility used at times by the Morals Squad, not far from the cruising area). There was no such thing as rights. I was a pervert and that was that. I had visions of my family finding out, of getting fired. I wanted to die.

"This one cop who was on duty at Water Street kept groping himself in front of me. I guess they thought I would make a move for him right in the police room. No way was I interested," Hal added.

According to Hal, he was told that he could "get out of trouble" (have the charges dropped) that night and that his record would be clean if he cooperated. That is, as long as he didn't have a prior record (which he didn't). He could still get out of trouble "but it would be harder on him."

"They laid it all out in front of me. It would cost me \$200 right there, or I'd be booked. I didn't have \$200 so I got booked.

"They even offered to drive me home to get the money, or hold me all night so I could go to the bank in the morning. They were going to walk right into the bank with me!"

Hal was indeed arrested and was arraigned before a magistrate for making the alleged proposition. It was a few weeks before he would have to appear in court again, this time to be indicted by a grand jury.

"Three or four times I got these phone calls--at work--which scared the shit out of me. The person on the other end never identified himself, but each time he said I could still get out of trouble if I cooperated. Whoever it was knew where I worked and I figured if he could get me on the phone, why not my boss?

"So I took some time off. Then I got a phone call at home, instructing me to bring \$250 to work with me and just show up in court like I was supposed to and nothing more would come of it. I didn't go back to work until the grand jury hearing was over, but I did scrounge around and raised about \$160. I took it to court with me just in case I needed it to get out of jail or something.

"So I'm walking down the hall to join up with an attorney I had talked to the week before. And who puts his hand on my shoulder but the cop who started that original conversation with me about wanting a cigarette. I remember he grabbed me real hard. I'll never forget it. I think he was afraid I'd deny making a proposition in court, and I was afraid for my reputation," Hal said.

Hal gave the plainclothesman the \$160 he had for bail money right there in the halls of justice. When it was the officer's turn to testify, he said under oath that Hal "sort of" talked about the perverts in the area, which the officer took to mean he was interested in sex. The magistrate, almost on cue, nonchalantly dismissed the case for lack of evidence.

"I went back to work much relieved and didn't hear anything more about it for a few weeks," Hal recalled. "Then I got a phone call from a man... I assume a policeman, who said I still owed \$90. He said if I didn't pay he'd tell my boss why I owed \$90. I agreed to pay the \$90, and some man I'd never seen before came right to Rosenbaum's a few days later and picked it up. I told him that's all I had and if he came back again or caused me any more trouble I'd take my chances and call the boss myself and tell him what's going on. He never came back."

Today, Hal is a moderately successful self-employed businessman in Western Pennsylvania, about 55, still rather closeted, still actively gay, and with vivid memories of his encounters over thirty years ago with the City Morals Squad.

There was no gay liberation group in

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Pittsburgh while all of this was going on. The American Civil Liberties Union didn't offer to help. In fact, in the entire nation there were only two rather conservative "homophile" organizations---Mattachine, Inc. of New York and a group called "One." Mattachine's few Pittsburgh members asked for help from the national organization but received none. Activities of this sort apparently went on in many American cities, so the national office (a two-room affair with three desks) advised that it was something that had to be dealt with by gays in each city. Those few---collectively perhaps Pittsburgh's first attempt at organizing gays to fight oppression---were not out of the closet enough to speak up publicly, but reportedly they tried to comfort the victims privately.

The Morals Squad scandal could have been brought to a halt at least one year before it actually was. While all of the other City corruption scandals were being uncovered, Assistant Police Superintendent Andrew Charles was informed privately that the Morals Squad "was misusing its enormous power over reputations of its suspects," according to later testimony. He shrugged off the reports, which it was also later learned was common knowledge throughout much of the department. In fact, the escapades of the Morals Squad was often the focal point for jokes among individual officers.

The activities of the Morals Squad were also the subject of considerable interest, and idle conversation among gays who conceded they were powerless to do anything about it.

"It was everybody for themselves," one man in his 60s who still frequents gay bars occasionally said. "We had heard the horrible stories about the lies, the beatings, even one guy who committed suicide after being arrested...about the people who skipped town, about the shakedowns, about the people who lost their jobs, about the men who were disowned by family. But to come to their (victims') aid was to expose yourself to the same thing. No one I knew of would do it. I wouldn't do it."

He continued, "It wasn't a matter of loyalty to your friends. It was just an acceptance that this is the way things were, and if you got caught by the Squad you were on your own. Sure, I lent two people money who needed it to make (blackmail) payments, but appearing in court as a witness that the charge was unfounded or even as a character witness was out of the question."

The Morals Squad effectively ceased to exist in August of 1951, though while attempting to stonewall the investigation Lt. Morgan insisted it was still active. But it made no arrests after the third week of August, and the investigation did not begin in earnest until September 17. Over 75 witnesses, many described in the press as "mystery" witnesses, appeared before investigators during the period before and after the news broke on October 3.

Many of the witnesses were victims of the Squad who met varying fates. Some were like Hal (who did not testify); they had paid

the money and got off. Others took their chances and were either found guilty or innocent. Some of those who bought their way out were in fact sex "offenders" while others who went to jail were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

For instance, one witness described as the mother of a man arrested by the Morals Squad on May 15, 1949, told how her son bought his way out of trouble and the grand jury ignored his case. The *Pittsburgh Press*, on October 17, 1951, made a point of em-

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phasizing that this same man was caught in the act with a minor in 1950 and was sentenced to five to ten years in prison. There were several similar cases in which men---who under criminal standards of the time were considered to be a threat to society---bought their way out of trouble.

Likewise, there was testimony which brought to light the plights of men like Hal. In fact, there were more than a dozen clergymen caught in the shakedown schemes, but even the Morals Squad had a heart in their cases. They were not booked on police records, but taken to the superintendent's office. "Then," Lt. Morgan said, "we would notify their church higher-ups and let them clean their own house." He said one such suspect was a second offender.

Ironically, it was two policemen who finally broke the Morals Squad scandal wide open. After receiving testimony from most of the Squad's 36 officers, two angered patrolmen who confided to friends that they "didn't intend to become fall guys," retestified, correcting earlier versions of their stories. They provided the missing links, providing names and dates of actual shakedown incidents, which were then checked with the subpoenaed records and other testimony.

The Morals Squad, it became apparent, was willing to blackmail victims and fix cases at just about any stage in the legal system. Cases could be fixed, through changes in testimony by arresting officers (and court officials looking the other way) at:

- The time of arrest.
- The period between the magistrate's hearing and the grand jury.
- The period between a grand jury indictment and trial.

Most Squad officers were ordered to appear in court again, along with several lawyers, magistrates, bail bondsmen, and victims who were named by the two officers (Robert Leiner and Thomas Mudd) and solid cases were built against 12 officers, including Lt. Morgan.

With less-than-speedy justice, many of the offending officers were finally brought to trial, remaining on the police force until being convicted. But justice prevailed in at least six cases.

The *Pittsburgh Press* of January 28, 1954 described it this way in a lead story:

The old Police Morals Squad, disbanded four (sic) years ago, was bundled up today and sent to prison.

Its members must pay for giving false testimony in court---testimony which freed

guilty male sex offenders and punished other men who were innocent.

Not all of the 12 men indicted were found guilty. In addition to Lt. Morgan, who drew 3 1/2 to 7 years for one of ten counts of subornation to perjury and 1 to 2 years for forgery, patrolmen Alan Tanser, Guy Russo, Martin J. Scanlon, Bernard McArdle and Jack Soloff were sentenced from between four and twelve months each on various counts of perjury, obstructing justice, and Thomas Mudd was given a suspended sentence. Robert Leiner turned State's evidence and was never prosecuted. The officers served their sentences in the old County Workhouse.

The *Press* reported:

Morgan stood erect before Visiting Judge W. Walter Braham of New Castle to hear his penalty.

The ex-officer was told:

"I want you to think it is not the judge speaking to you here. But the law which you betrayed and the courts you dishonored."

"This is hard on you. But it will be years before another Pittsburgh police officer listens to anyone who urges him to change his testimony."

Tanser was the first policeman to be sentenced after Judge Braham had finished with Morgan.

The defendants all sat together in a little cluster on the right side of the courtroom and were called individually to hear their fate.

Though Morgan showed little emotion as he stood beside his attorney, Maurice H. Goldstein, to hear his own sentence, his legs trembled as he sat down to hear the others be put away.

Lt. Morgan served his sentence immediately, but the other officers took advantage of appeals procedures which delayed their imprisonment until 1957. Thus was ended a dark page in the journal of Pittsburgh's history --- one it is hoped Pittsburgh's gay community, and the individuals who comprise it, will never allow to repeat itself. ●



23 teams
 compete in the
 second annual
 National
 Invitational
 Gay Volleyball
 Tournament (...but where was
 Pittsburgh's team?)



by Richard Simmons

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Chicago was the site for the second National Invitational Gay Volleyball Tournament. There were 23 teams from across the country competing for top honors. Cities represented included Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Madison, Milwaukee, Detroit, Indianapolis, Columbus, Dallas, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, San Diego, and Houston.

Though the Pittsburgh area boasts some very fine gay volleyball enthusiasts who can be seen in action almost any sunny day in Schenley Park, it does not have an organized team and therefore was not invited.

In fact, the tournament was an offshoot of just such an unorganized group of gays as those who frequent Prospect Drive in Schenley Park---Chicago's Lincoln Park Lagooners, a gay social and athletic organization.

The Lagooners' involvement in national tournament play started a few years ago. At first they played teams only from the Chicago area. As the team members got to know each other better they decided to become more

competitive. They started out by challenging a Detroit gay volleyball team. From this start they grew, until two years ago when they played in Los Angeles. That was in 1978, and they came in second place in that competition. Last year the first National Invitational Tournament was held in Chicago. The teams from last year picked Chicago to be the tournament site again this year.

Setting up a tournament such as this takes a lot of planning and organization. Arturo Agurto is one of the members most responsible for setting up the tournament. Teams interested in playing had to send in a roster and a \$50 registration fee by April 15. The initial limit was 20 teams but response was so overwhelming that the number was raised to 25 — and they still had to turn away others because of time and space considerations.

There were approximately 250 participants. Some of the cities mentioned also sent non-playing representatives to the tournament.

This is how the tournament itself worked. The cities were divided into six divisions, according to their strengths, in the hope of making the tournament more competitive. The first day was elimination day on which each team played 5 games. The top two teams from each division competed on Sunday. The team with the best won-lost record at the end of the day Sunday became the National Championship team.

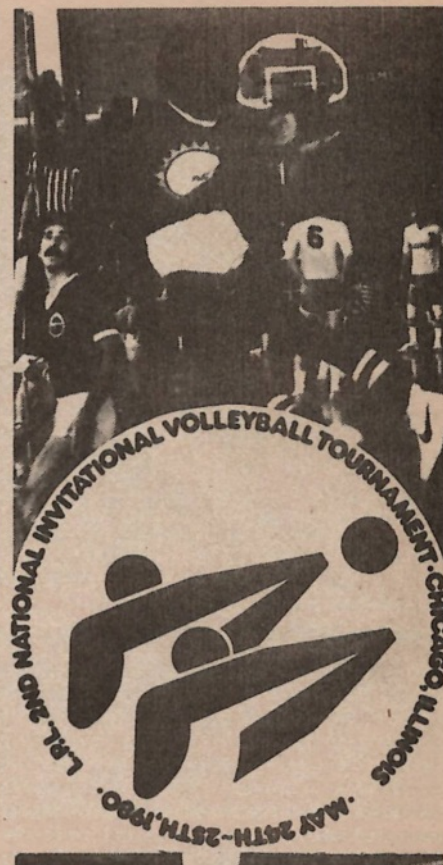
While the volleyball tournament is a major undertaking the L.P.L. does much more.

The Lincoln Park Lagooners is a not-for-profit social-athletic organization. The name came about because a group of gays used to meet to play near the lagoon in Chicago's Lin-

coln Park. They decided to become more organized and adopted the name of the place where they met. The organization has two main aspects: social activities and sports. Among their activities are bowling, softball, social parties, rafting trips, special events, special shows, skating and swimming parties, hayrides, and volleyball. The Lagooners are run by a Central Committee elected by the members. They now have approximately 400 people in the group.

One of the goals the Lagooners have is to give an opportunity for gays to participate in sports. Another goal is to get the Chicago gay community interested in athletics. The L.P.L. volleyball team does play against straight teams — and usually beats them. No mention is made of their being gay. As L.P.L. secretary Thom Park said, "Since we beat them they can't complain about our being gay. They can't admit to being beaten by a bunch of 'sissies'." It is also possible, Thom said, that "Straights will find gays involved in sports more acceptable than some of the present stereotypes. (This is) a healthy aspect of the gay community that doesn't always get as much publicity as it deserves. We've gone from lavender and lace to leather, but there is a middle road." That middle road was seen May 24 and 25 in Chicago.

1980's top gay volleyball teams competing in the tournament included first place Los Angeles, followed by Indianapolis, Houston, and Chicago. Is it possible—should we hold our breath—that Pittsburgh might enter a team next year? If that proves feasible, is it possible that they might come home with a trophy and prove once and for all where the City of Champions is?





Tree-to-tree people.

Perfect weather and a good reputation brought over 2,000 gay men and women together on Memorial Day, May 26 for the fifth annual Golden Triangle Picnic, sponsored by the Venture Inn, Norreh Social Club, Holiday Bar and the House of Tilden at North Park's Main Lodge. It was the largest crowd in the picnic's history—just below 2,000 tickets sold and over 2,100 on the grounds—in fact it may have been the largest single gathering of gays in Pittsburgh history. Persons in attendance came from as far as Massachusetts and Texas.

As evidence that the promoters were not expecting such a phenomenal turnout, beer lines degenerated into near-mob scenes and the food was gone well before the 8pm closing. A last-minute effort to obtain more supplies was made, and bar/club employees staffing the beer taps and kitchen worked their tails off to keep everything flowing.

Though some complaining was heard, the majority of the crowd simply got into the spirit of being part of the packed grounds—dancing to DJ Toby's sounds inside the Lodge, playing volleyball or throwing frisbees, chatting with old friends and meeting new ones, hiking in the woods...



Chatting with friends of the past.



Keeping an eye out for roving eyes.



"Mr. Blueboy," Nick Trollo.

Pittsburgh's biggest party.



Ken Curley, Queen of the Shuttle Buses, with Lucky.



Parked cars as far as the eye could see.



The gay bar, outdoor style.



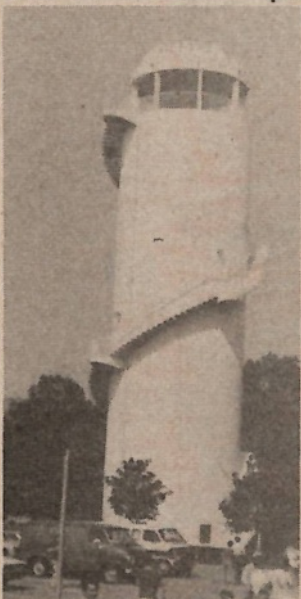
Serious volleyball battles.



Beer lines that wouldn't quit.



The family tables.



Phallic symbol.



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Brian Michaels*



The other side.



Off to the woods...

THE LAVENDER LEFT

by Steve Forgione

Introduction

For those of us who feel that only a fundamental or revolutionary restructuring of this society will end antigay bigotry and sexism, a discussion of the left and its relationship to the lesbian/gay movement is worthwhile. For those who do not feel this way, it is hoped that this article will be at least informational and allow people to better understand or appreciate (or distrust as the case may be), the left groups they may encounter.

Historically, it was the socialist movement that first undertook a serious analysis of the complex issue of the relationship of sexuality to class struggle. It is no coincidence that all the people involved with the first sex-studies were socialists. (The concise history by John Lauritsen and David Thorstad, *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864-1935)* Times Change, 1974, adequately documents this for those interested in this side of our history.)

Has the current socialist movement passed its historic test? How does it relate to the lesbian/gay liberation movement? To begin with, a few points should be made to help put this discussion in perspective.

The long years of Stalinism, World War II, Cold War, and unprecedented (and unex-

...gay Socialists
struggling with
other gays,
struggling with
other Socialists,
struggling with
themselves.



pected) economic upsurge of (post-WWII) world capitalism, with its direct benefits filtering down to the large majority of American people, disoriented the left. Only a small core withstood the "demoralization" of seeing thousands leaving the ranks of the left. They knew that all the injustices inherent in a system based on profits before people would not be solved in this "American Century." Advanced capitalism was eventually to give rise to liberation movements of those who do not face injustice only according to dramatic fluctuations of the economy (homosexuals, women, non-whites primarily — "the oppressed"). A whole new and exciting dimension to the multi-faceted fight for human liberation was opened up in a different way than ever before.

With this development, representatives of the existing left were challenged with adhering either to the "spirit" or purely the "letter" of their Marxist laws. Too few leftist organizations were able to welcome these liberation movements. Most have remained almost oblivious to the lesbian/gay movement; others are outright hostile. Still others have decisively retreated from an initial attempt to understand the dynamics of our movement (as well as other movements of the oppressed). Not surprisingly, this coincides with the steady decline or stagnation of many groups on the left today. The organized left's inability to deal with the lesbian/gay struggle reflects the broader political shortcomings of these groups.

There are several basic positions shared by the left in relation to this issue and these are worth discussing. One crucial position being reassessed by the left is the relationship and importance of autonomous movements of the oppressed to revolutionary organizations. This generally becomes an acid test for most groups of the organized left when they develop their political program. Should lesbians/gays (women, oppressed nationalities, and others) further their own struggles by raising their own demands and taking political actions outside traditionally defined political arenas like trade unions, political parties, etc.? How much should they subordinate themselves (if at all) to the party or trade union program and organization? Can one organization (like a revolutionary party) really defend the struggles of all the oppressed? Can the party ultimately define all struggles? Are autonomous movements to be seen primarily as "hot beds" for recruitment to the party? Will sexism/male supremacy, anti-gay bigotry/heterosexism, and racism/white supremacy quickly disappear in the process of "making the revolution"? Perhaps autonomous movements will make more progress once there is a political-economic-social system that claims to be their ally. What conclusions can the lesbian/gay movement draw from past experience of socialist revolutions? The answers to these rhetorical questions are not obvious to many groups which perceive themselves as the "proletarian vanguard." To date, it appears that the main error made by the left has been its undervaluation of the potential and importance of independent political action by

the movements of the oppressed.

However, there are those on the left who foresee a certain "coalition politics" emerging. The various autonomous movements have learned important lessons from the past few years. They are beginning to see important similarities between their fights and the common roots of their oppression. With the growth of a broad right-wing offensive, as a reaction to the gains made by these movements and the real deterioration of this economic system, this point has been quickly brought home to more and more people.

In fact, it has been the very growth of the so-called "New Right" and the campaigns it launched that has driven home to the left that the issues of family, sexuality, and bourgeois (our society's) moral norms are indeed of primary importance. Simplistic formulas of "after the revolution it will be different" just don't make it as a response to victims of anti-gay bigotry, sexism, and racism, and to those fighting against these things.

Also related to the left's deficiencies is a problem known as "workerism" or "economism." This affects many of the groups and is particularly obnoxious today in light of the deeper nature of the demands for social economic and political change. In practice, economism/workerism reduces all oppression and the struggle against it to the arena of trade union activities (better wages, safer working conditions, etc.) It tends to view the solution to oppression as a union issue. A good example of economism/workerism would be the view that the end of women's oppression will occur with the securing of "equal pay for equal work," without looking any deeper into the source of this oppression. This view often provides the base for reformist politics. "Reformist" connotes a political perspective that would patch up a wreck rather than restructure it. Lesbian/gay oppression is seen as remedied primarily with progressive legislation (the civil rights approach) — a variation on the benign liberalism of "just let them be." Workerism/economism ignores the rich diversity among lesbians and gays, and, therefore, the complexity of the politics of our struggle.

Ironically, one of the most famous criticisms of this menace is found in Lenin's *What is to be done*... (particularly chapter 3). However, by no means are all "answers" to be found in Lenin, either. Indeed, on the questions of the family, sexuality, etc., Lenin would be one of the last to consult. As Scott Tucker has pointed out, it is not a coincidence that to the left, which, by and large, is still a pillar of heterosexism and patriarchy (especially where they're actually in the process of building the "new society"). The names of Charles Fourier, Alexandra Kollontai, Edward Carpenter, Emma Goldman and many other women or gay people are either unknown or little known. They are looked upon with contempt or smugly acknowledged and then dismissed.

Likewise, the very discussion of sex/sexuality quickly brings up the vestiges of Victorian morality in the left. Many leftists cannot envision the working class as dealing with homosexuality, and quickly want to talk

about "human rights" instead. They will not come to grips with the fact of repressed homosexual potential in human beings and, most appallingly, will not acknowledge the reality that many lesbians and gay males are working class and that "we are everywhere!" The idea that "the personal is political" is still to be fully dealt with by most of the left. This explains much of the healthy distrust for these organizations by members of movements of the oppressed, (but hopefully doesn't entirely preclude their working together).

Alphabet Soup

So what about the "alphabet soup" jumble of organizations on the left and their assessment of our movement? The organizations I will discuss in this article are generally considered national organizations, but I will discuss a number of groups which are found in one or two cities that are quite active in their locale. However, to one degree or another they reflect the positions of the national groups. Any organization not mentioned that has contributed to the discussion of the relationship between lesbian/gay liberation and the fight for socialism are urged to write Out.

The Stalinists

The **Communist Party** (CPUSA, pro-Moscow; paper: *Daily World/Peoples World* on the West Coast), their youth group, **Young Workers Liberation League** (YWLL — *Young Workers*), **Communist Party Marxist-Leninist** (CPM-1, pro-current Peking leadership; *The Call*), **Revolutionary Communist Party USA** (RCP, pro-'Gang of Four'; *Revolutionary Worker*), and the **Progressive Labor Party** (PL — *Challenge/Desafío*) comprise what is often referred to as the **Stalinists**. This designation is due to their support of policies, theoretical positions, etc. formed under Stalin's leadership of the International Communist movement. They usually incorporate most bourgeois views on sexuality (especially homosexuality) and attempt to give them a "proletarian-Marxist" cover. These groups consider homosexuality a sign of decaying bourgeois society and capitalist economy. (Ironically, the Fascists and Nazis called homosexuality an illness bred by immoral communism). They believe a good dose of socialism will cure this perversion — particularly if socialism allows you to imprison people or even make attempts at physical extermination.

Though none of these groups openly propose the latter here in the U.S., they have yet to condemn such actions in those countries where they feel their model of socialism exists (or existed). (An "updated" formulation of their "gay is sick" theory is to be found in Tom Smucker's interview with Bob Avakian (RCP national leader) in the Nov. 5, '79 issue of the *Village Voice* ("Gettin' Down With Chairman Bob").

This legacy of Stalinism/Maoism has not only deformed the traditional socialist and labor movements, but also provided for the anti-gay positions taken by certain Third World organizations here at home. Amiri Baraka and his following and the **African People's Socialist Party** (APSP — *The Burning*

Spear) are examples of this. Likewise, the once progressive **Black Muslims** (now called World Community of Islam — Bilalian News), teach that homosexuality never existed in Africa and is the product of white man's colonialism (despite anthropological studies, etc.) Nevertheless, as more non-white gay brothers and sisters organize and become more visible in our struggle this will change (it has already begun to change).

It should be mentioned here that there are a number of those local organizations (like **Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee — PWOC — The Organizer**) who have had their roots in the Stalinist/Maoist

Young Socialist), Revolutionary Socialist League (RSL — Torch/la Antorcha), Spartacist League (SL — Workers Vanguard), their youth group, **Spartacus Youth League (SYL — Young Spartacus), Workers World Party (WWP — Workers World),** their youth group, **Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), International Socialists (IS — Changes), International Socialist Organization (ISO — Socialist Worker)** and the **Freedom Socialist Party (FSP — Freedom Socialist).**

For many, Trotskyism signifies the fight for a socialism that seeks human liberation on all levels — the antithesis of Stalinism. In the

minimal involvement with our movement (unless there's some "hot action" to jump into). They are quick to say that they "support full human and civil rights for gay people," but this remains a sterile statement when matched to the groups' actual practice. Both of these organizations have "theoretically" explained that being an open gay/lesbian has no political significance and don't encourage their members to come out on the job or anywhere else. Workers, we are told, are more interested in union issues or Iran, whereas sex is a personal matter and the preoccupation of "Utopian socialists." Though the SWP does talk about sexism and related issues, they do this from a *heterosexual* point of view.

The SWP is a prime example of the workerism/economism syndrome. Since their recent "turn to the industrial working class," they have virtually dropped all mention of lesbian/gay people. Their weekly newspaper has ceased covering our movement, or even acknowledging our presence at political demos. Their book publisher, Pathfinder Press, has removed all lesbian/gay titles from its catalogue — no "petit bourgeois lifestyle" influences on the worker! They have even launched a campaign to encourage their co-thinkers in other countries to follow suit and this has seen the resignation of a number of lesbian/gay members from these international groups. For further discussion and information about the SWP see their article, "The Class Struggle Road for Winning Gay Rights" (the *Militant*, Apr. 13, '70) and "The Gay Struggle & SWP" (*Guardian*, Feb. 13, 1980).

As for the SL, in all fairness it must be said that they have been consistent (and therefore honest) in their treatment of the gay/lesbian movement. The SL has a sectarian view towards all movements of the oppressed — that is, to say, they belittle these movements as being middle-class, and dead-end politically, unless they declare themselves to be revolutionary socialists. Nevertheless, they have always said this openly and

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milieu, but have been involved in real, positive self-criticism of their past position on the lesbian/gay issues. This is also reflected in the independent radical weekly, *The Guardian* (N.Y.), which has begun to cover lesbian and gay struggles. How far these developments will go has yet to be seen, but to date indications are positive, and show that the world of radical politics is hardly static.

The Trotskyists

The next grouping of organizations are called the *Trotskyists*, since they hold in common the defense of Trotsky and his struggle against the developments in the Soviet Union and the Communist movement under Stalin. They are the **Socialist Workers Party (SWP — The Militant)**, their youth group, **Young Socialist Alliance (YSA —**

real political world of today though, it's not so clear. This is particularly apparent in their discussions of the lesbian/gay struggle. Indeed the Trotskyists, especially the SWP and the SL, have produced some of the most sophisticated negative theoretical positions on this question (I'm refraining from saying anti-gay).

They see lesbian/gay oppression and the struggle against it as "peripheral to the class struggle." The SWP states clearly that it cannot say if, in the vast realm of sexual potential, homosexuality is as "good" or as "normal" as heterosexuality. One of their reasons is that they don't know for sure if homosexuality will exist in the year 2,500. These groups' second-class treatment of lesbians/gay males is reflected in their

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The RSL has some of the faults of the SL, but not in the same context. The major criticism of the RSL is that it has difficulty working effectively in coalition with other groups. This is due to their intolerance for the different politics of the other groups. They appear to place their own organizational interests before the interests of the lesbians and gay males they may seek to work with. (Their press, documents, etc. do provide a good analysis of and call for active support of the lesbian/gay struggle and they're consistent in their active solidarity). The RSL does address an important question: when does political cooperation within a coalition lead to cooperation by those who wish to "sanitize" a movement of the oppressed?

The FSP defines itself as a socialist-feminist party and takes the fight against all manifestations of sexism as central to their theory and practice. They are well known in the lesbian/gay movement in the Northwest (Seattle primarily), but are active in other cities as well. They are consistent fighters against anti-gay bigotry/heterosexism and were one of the first left organizations to address the issue of lesbian/gay oppression.

Individually, IS members are active in our movement and this would imply organizational approval, but they rarely identify themselves as a group. In particular, many of their lesbian/gay male members are also trade union rank-and-file opposition organizers (like Teamsters for a Democratic Union-TDU) and have fought for labor's support for lesbian/gay rights — as open lesbian/gay workers. As for the IS off-shoot, the ISO, I don't know of any group involvement, but they clearly state in their organizational statement, "Where We Stand," support for the struggle against gay oppression.

Other Groups

The **Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee** (DSOC — led by Michael Harrington) supports the fight for lesbian/gay rights. However, DSOC is waiting for the Democratic Party to pass laws.

NAM (**New American Movement, Moving On**), understands the complexity and importance of the lesbian/gay struggle and goes beyond a simple civil libertarian approach. As such, NAM members participate in the movement on many issues. NAM defines itself as socialist-feminist.

The WWP has a good record for being able to work within the lesbian/gay movement and at the same time keep its own political identity and influence others about its ideas and program. It has a lesbian/gay caucus, in recognition of the special oppression we often face within mixed organizations (as well as in society in general). Anyone who worked on the October 14 March on Washington was made aware of their commitment to our struggle. The fight against anti-gay bigotry is integrated throughout their political program and writings. However, they refuse to repudiate anti-gay bigotry in countries which call themselves socialist and therefore confuse people on this question.

Conclusion

A conclusion? That alone would deserve a series of thorough discussions. Suffice it to say that this initial article is sketchy, but I have tried to raise certain important points. Likewise, the brief run down of the various groups is by no means definitive and in the world of politics, positions always change (for better and worse).

A lavender left has truly emerged and the coming years should see its first important stages of maturation. Once again our brothers and sisters are stepping forward out of the closets and away from the back seats to ask what kind of revolution the left really envisions. However, we should never lose sight of who we are and where we've been. There

would be no open lesbian-gay male leftists if it weren't for the broader movement for lesbian/gay liberation. Our primary obligation is to seek the growth of our movement, attempting at the same time to develop a fuller understanding of where we should be going based upon an analysis of what's been done up until now.

We have endured these inhumane centuries and still struggle for our revolution of love — indeed the revolution that we seek has actually begun to unfold, even if it has not been acknowledged or understood by those who should understand it. With our own special sense of humor and ability to detect hypocrisy in society, plus our perseverance to survive, we have a world to liberate. ●

In Pittsburgh, we have SWP, IS, and NAM

In Pittsburgh there are three leftist "political" organizations which openly support gay and lesbian rights. In some cases the members are both politically active and gay; in others, the members, while not gay, are politically active and highly supportive of gay and lesbian rights.

The oldest local organization is also the most "recently" active of the three. The Pittsburgh unit of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was first formed in the 1930's; however, according to chairperson Anna Cushman, the group did not get "reestablished" until 1973-74.

The policy of the local SWP unit reflects its national program, namely that "We support civil and human rights for gays," because, Cushman said, "We are opposed to any oppression, any discrimination." The SWP is active in the local and state political arena. During June members of the local chapter canvassed Pittsburgh seeking signatures on petitions that would assure the party's candidates a place on the November ballot.

Cushman added the SWP supports ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; it participates in the National Organization for Women; and is a strong supporter of Affirmative Action.

Not so politically active, but no less politically motivated, is the International Socialists (IS). Headquartered in Detroit, the IS works primarily with organizing labor. Steve Bedworth, a local IS member and long-time gay activist, said. The Pittsburgh chapter has a very active gay caucus, he noted.

Like the SWP, the IS "is fighting for the rights of all oppressed peoples, and gays are included in that." The IS also has taken an interest in feminist politics and issues, Bedworth said.

The organization was founded in the late 1960's. It is loosely structured, composed entirely of special interest caucuses, like the gay caucus, which meet regularly to keep all members informed of issues and activity. There are no elected officials; in fact, the IS eschews electoral politics almost entirely, Bedworth noted.

Beyond its feminist-democratic socialist label, the New American Movement (NAM) is difficult to classify. Nationwide NAM can count but 1,000 full members, but they include some powerful and popular persons, including lesbian comic Robin Tyler. The Pittsburgh chapter, one of the early member units in the nine-year-old organization, is divided into three branches. The local unit publishes its own newsletter which each month prints a statement of purpose. That statement says:

"The New American Movement is a nationwide organization of socialists in nearly 40 chapters. It is committed to organizing a majority movement for a social and economic system that is thoroughly democratic, in which wealth and resources of the nation are publicly owned and democratically controlled by all Americans, in which the decisions which shape our lives are decentralized and coordinated in a way that permits us all to have control over them. Membership in NAM is open to anyone who agrees with its basic principles."

NAM's policy regarding gay and lesbian rights has taken the form of participation in local Anita Bryant protests and, in the case of Sandy Mitchell, becoming actively involved in planning the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities.

Mitchell is the "convener" of the local chapter's "reproductive rights committee." As she explained it, local NAM chapters are organized into three committees—reproductive rights, energy and labor—which reflect the three major concerns of the national organization.

Labor chiefly concerns itself with organizing (much like other leftist organizations), and energy zeroes in on the practices of the public utilities, particularly what role if any nuclear power will play in the nation's energy future. Reproductive rights, on the other hand, is an umbrella designation for a committee with concerns in such matters as child abuse and gay and lesbian rights.

The more or less autonomous local chapters work with different groups and coalitions of groups in an attempt to achieve the goals of the organization. Mitchell said NAM is very much aware of charges of "infiltration," but she said these charges are baseless because of the organization's strong commitment to democratic principles.

In accordance with NAM's understanding of Marxism, the furtherance of socialism and feminism will not be accomplished by the "ghettoization" of issues but rather by a holistic approach to all the many ills that are imbedded in modern American society. Similarly, Mitchell explained, "In terms of gay liberation, it is not an issue only of civil rights, but is part of the whole general socialist-feminist analysis." Gay and lesbian culture, she said, is a challenge to heterosexism which is itself tied to the whole problem.

The importance which NAM attaches to the issue of gay and lesbian rights is illustrated by the fact that the group recognizes three annual dates to celebrate: one is International Women's Day and another is Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. ●

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The rhythm and blues group "Vaughan Mason and Crew," Brunswick recording artists, will appear with a live band for a concert and party at 2001's Cherchez La Femme Cabaret on Saturday night, **July 26**.

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Out and about

having two rhythm and blues singles on the charts—both with a disco roller skating theme. First there was "Bounce, Rock, Skate, Roll," followed by "Roller Skate." Both will be performed at 2001, along with other funk, ballads, and roller skating music in the group's repertoire.

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In case of rain or other reason for postponement, an alternate date for *Out* night has been selected—**August 13**, 7:35pm vs. the New York Mets.

Norreh buffet July 4

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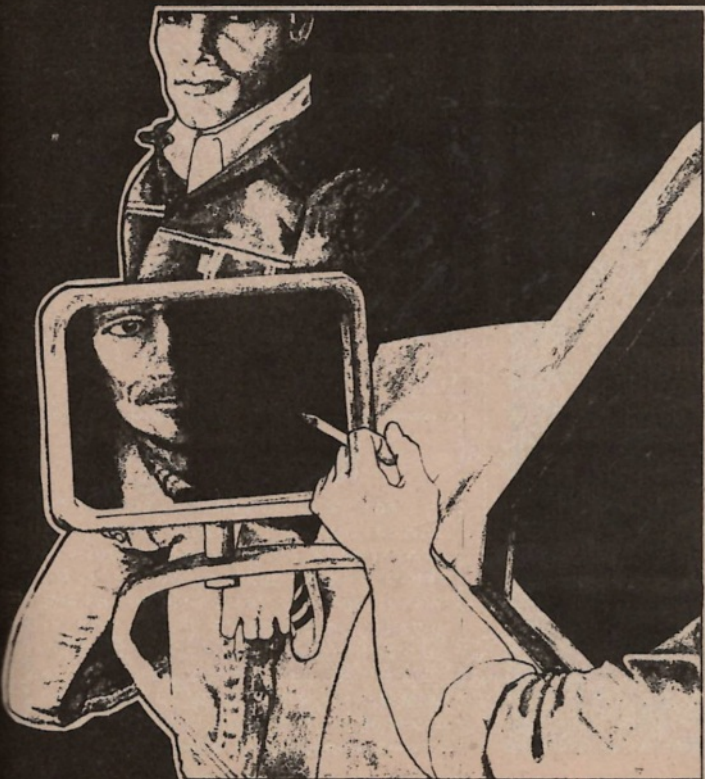
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Vaughan Mason and Crew hail from New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, DC. Their appearance at 2001 is the only Pittsburgh booking on a current concert tour.

New social group plans gay disco river cruise

"Better Days," a newly-formed gay social organization, has made arrangements with the Gateway Clipper Fleet to charter its Gateway Party Liner on Sunday night, **August 24** for a gay disco river cruise, its first major social outing.

The liner will be ready for boarding at 11:45pm on August 24 on the Monongahela Wharf (at Wood Street), and is scheduled to begin its all-night cruise of the three rivers at midnight. Features will include a cash bar, snacks, and a disco DJ for dancing.

Tickets are now available for \$10 in advance (\$12 at the wharf) and are on sale at the Norreh Social Club and Shawn's Place. For more information call (412) 661-2966 or 371-4163.

A spokesperson for Better Days told *Out* that the group was formed in May as a strictly-social organization, and holds meetings and informal social gatherings on an irregular schedule. It has no formal officers.

La Cage aux Folles, Boys in Band return to Playhouse

La Cage aux Folles, that zany French comedy that chronicles the hilarious trials and tribulations of two long-time gay lovers, continues to attract Pittsburgh audiences. After a surprisingly long run in Squirrel Hill last winter the movie—sometimes with subtitles, sometimes (and less successfully) dubbed in English—has reappeared for short runs in suburban theatres and most recently in the city at the Chatham Cinema downtown.

Three showings in one night of the film at the Playhouse Theatre in Oakland several months ago filled the house each time. The popularity of the movie is such that the Playhouse will bring *La Cage aux Folles* back for another run, this time Saturday, July 12, with four showings at 2, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30pm.

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Other films of particular interest in July include the Ingrid Bergman-Cary Grant thriller, *Notorious*, Sunday, July 6; *Gilda* Live Monday, July 21; Barbra Streisand's grand and glorious *Funny Girl*, Wednesday, July 23; and *Donna Flor and Her Two Husbands*, Friday, July 25.

For information on show times, call the Playhouse at 621-4445.

Las Vegas comes to Wheeling July 18, 19

The Question Mark Lounge will be able to boast that "Las Vegas has come to Wheeling" on Friday, **July 18** and Saturday, **July 19** when female impersonator Sandy Michelle and the Bay State Follies perform bringing their Las Vegas-style revue to its confines. The show has previously been performed in Pittsburgh and Boston.

One show will be offered each night, at midnight, and a cover charge of \$3 per person will be asked.

Sunday brunch planned

In the near future, Pegasus, the new gay showplace which opened in June at 818 Liberty Avenue, is planning to obtain a Sunday liquor license and offer a brunch each Sunday—followed by a tea dance in the afternoon. The lounge, which had its official on June 20 and hosted the fourth annual Miss Pittsburgh Pageant the following night, features a cocktail hour and piano bar entertainment from 4-8pm and a disco DJ from 9pm-2am.

Art fair at Market Square

The City of Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor its first Market Square Art Fair on **July 4**, welcoming original art and handmade crafts only. It will take place in the four parklets that comprise Market Square and will be open from 9pm until 6pm. Similar showings are slated for **August 1 and 2**, and **September 5 and 6**.

For exhibitor information, call Sarah Clayton-Davis at (412) 563-3215 on Mondays and Wednesdays between 2 and 5pm.

3D movies at 2001

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Albee's appearance October 22 will be one of several to highlight this season's poetry and literary readings. Princess Grace of Monaco, who last appeared here in 1978,

returns in "A Remembrance of Shakespeare," September 13 and 14.

Alex Haley, author of the phenomenally popular *Roots*, will read from a work in progress March 7, and world-renowned writer and commentator V.S. Naipaul will be the guest December 3.

Others to appear this year are Frederick Morgan and Hayden Carruth, October 1; Bodjidar Bodjilov and Lyubomir Levchev, November 12; Diane Ackerman and Judith Johnson Sherwin, February 4; Samuel Hazo, poetry forum director, and Joe Negri in "An American Made in Paris," February 25;

Reynolds Price, March 18; and actors Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, April 8.

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'Crossover weekend' July 4 and 5

Staying in town for the holiday weekend? The Crossover Lounge, at Anderson and River Avenues on the North Side is holding what is billed as "Crossover Weekend" on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5. Featured each night will be a disc jockey who promises "We'll be playing your song---pop, rock, disco, easy listening, or country."

David's anniversary July 20

It has been two years since Ron and Zak took over management of David's Lounge in Steubenville, OH and a celebration is planned to take place on Sunday, July 20. Free food and a disco will be offered from 10pm-? Members will gain admittance for no charge, while non-members must pay a \$1.50 cover.

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- Norreh Social Club, 1226 Herron Ave., (412) 682-9869.
- Pegasus, 818 Liberty Avenue.
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- Venture Inn, 923 Liberty Ave., (412) 566-8887.

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- Schume's Liberty Baths, 937 Liberty Ave., (412) 566-7741.

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- Boulevard Books, 346 Blvd. of the Allies.
- Vee's Book Boutique, Inc., Rt. 22, Wm. Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA

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- Birmingham Booksellers, 2222 E. Carson St., (412) 431-8666.

Churches

- Metropolitan Community Church of Pittsburgh, Box 81068, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, (412) 521-4560

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- Persad Center, Inc., Suite 817, Highland Bldg., 121 S. Highland Ave., (412) 441-0857.

Discotheques

- 2001, 214 W. General Robinson St., (412) 322-2230.

Films (Male, X)

- The Follies, 807 Liberty Ave., (412) 566-8330.

Health

- Allegheny County Health Dept. VD Clinic, 3441 Forbes Ave., Oakland, (412) 578-8080.
- Pittsburgh Free Clinic, second floor, Highland Building, East Liberty, (412) 661-5424.
- VD Clinic for Gay Men, every first Monday of the month, Club Pittsburgh Baths.

Information

- Gayline answered live Tues.-Sat. 7-9pm; recorded message other times, (412) 241-2550.

Organizations

- Better Days, (social), (412) 661-2966 or 371-4163.
- Coalition for Human Rights, Box 230, Homestead, PA 15120, (412) 464-1398.
- Dignity/Pittsburgh, Box 991, Pittsburgh, PA 15230, (412) 682-0165.
- Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, meets weekly, Church of the Redeemer, 5700 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill, 9pm Fridays
- Gayline, Tues.-Sat. 7-9pm, (412) 241-2550.
- Gay Supporters at Pitt, Box 413, Rm. 306, University of Pittsburgh Student Union.
- Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee, (412) 687-5111.
- Lesbian/Feminists of Pittsburgh, meets weekly, University Women's Center, 3804 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 8pm Thursdays.
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Organizations

- Pennsylvania Council For Sexual Minorities, 238 Main Capital Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120.
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- South Seas, 105 4th Ave., Huntington, (304) 696-9318.
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Churches

- Metropolitan Community Church of Morgantown, Box 576, Morgantown, WV 26505.

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- Adult World Twin Cinema, 1008 Quarrier St., Charleston, (304) 342-9227.

Organizations

- Gay Peoples Union of WVU, Box 576, Morgantown, WV 26505.
- Gays Reaching Out For Understanding and Progress, Box 629, Charleston, WV 25304.
- Huntington Coalition for Human Rights, Box 672, Huntington, WV 25711, (304) 522-1802.
- Wevagay, Box 3583, Charleston, WV 25335.

Summer ballet classes - and more - offered at museum

All frustrated ballet dancers take heart, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History once again is offering summer classes in ballet - and other arts - with registration set for June 30 through July 3.

Other twice-weekly classes to be offered this summer include Hatha Yoga, ceramics, sewing, photography, macrame and crocheting. Those with an orientation to fine arts will find classes in figure drawing and painting, portrait drawing and painting, water color plus more.

Registration hours those four days are 9-4:30 and 6-8pm (except for July 3, when there will be no night registration). Interested persons are asked to come to the rehearsal hall studio area in the basement of the Museum.

For more information, call 622-3288.

No Golden Triangle Picnic July 4, Labor Day

There are no plans to hold a Golden Triangle Picnic at North Park this year on either Independence or Labor Days, according to its organizers, because another group has obtained a permit for use of the Main Lodge, the picnic's traditional location.

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Dignity/Pittsburgh, a local outreach to gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends, sponsors a Catholic Liturgy and social hour on the **second and fourth Sunday** of each month at 7:30pm at 1000 Tropical Avenue, Beechview. For more information, please call (412) 682-0165.

Out meeting open to public

Out's monthly staff meeting, open to the public, is held on the **last Friday** of each month to coincide with the premiere of the new issue. Meetings are held at the magazine's offices, 5907 Penn Mall, Room 210, East Liberty at 7:30pm. Previous issues are reviewed, the next issue's plans are finalized, and future issues and features are discussed.

Divine Miss T at David's

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The pageant is a preliminary to the Official Miss Gay America Pageant which will be held in Detroit in August. Entrants may reside in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, or Washington, DC, and may obtain further information from producer Hershel Layne, c/o the Long Branch, 808 Morris Street, Charleston, WV 25301 or by calling (304) 342-9969.

Gay men's VD clinic

The Club Pittsburgh baths, in cooperation with Allegheny County Health Department, hosts a VD clinic for gay men on the **first Monday** of each month at its facility at 824 Fifth Avenue across from Chatham Center.

The clinic features trained health department staff members who conduct free blood tests and take cultures and smears using a private area on the club's second floor. All test results are kept confidential, and those whose test results are positive may receive treatment free of charge.

Gay students meet

The Pittsburgh area's only gay student organization, Gay Supporters at Pitt, holds its weekly meeting ever **Sunday** at 8pm at 406 McKee Place in Oakland. A social hour is also held each **Friday** at 4pm at the same address.

All Pittsburgh area college students are welcome to attend.

Lesbian-feminists meet

Pittsburgh Lesbian-Feminists, a local organization open to women, hold its weekly meetings at the University Women's Center, 3804 Forbes Avenue, Oakland, at 8pm every **Thursday**.

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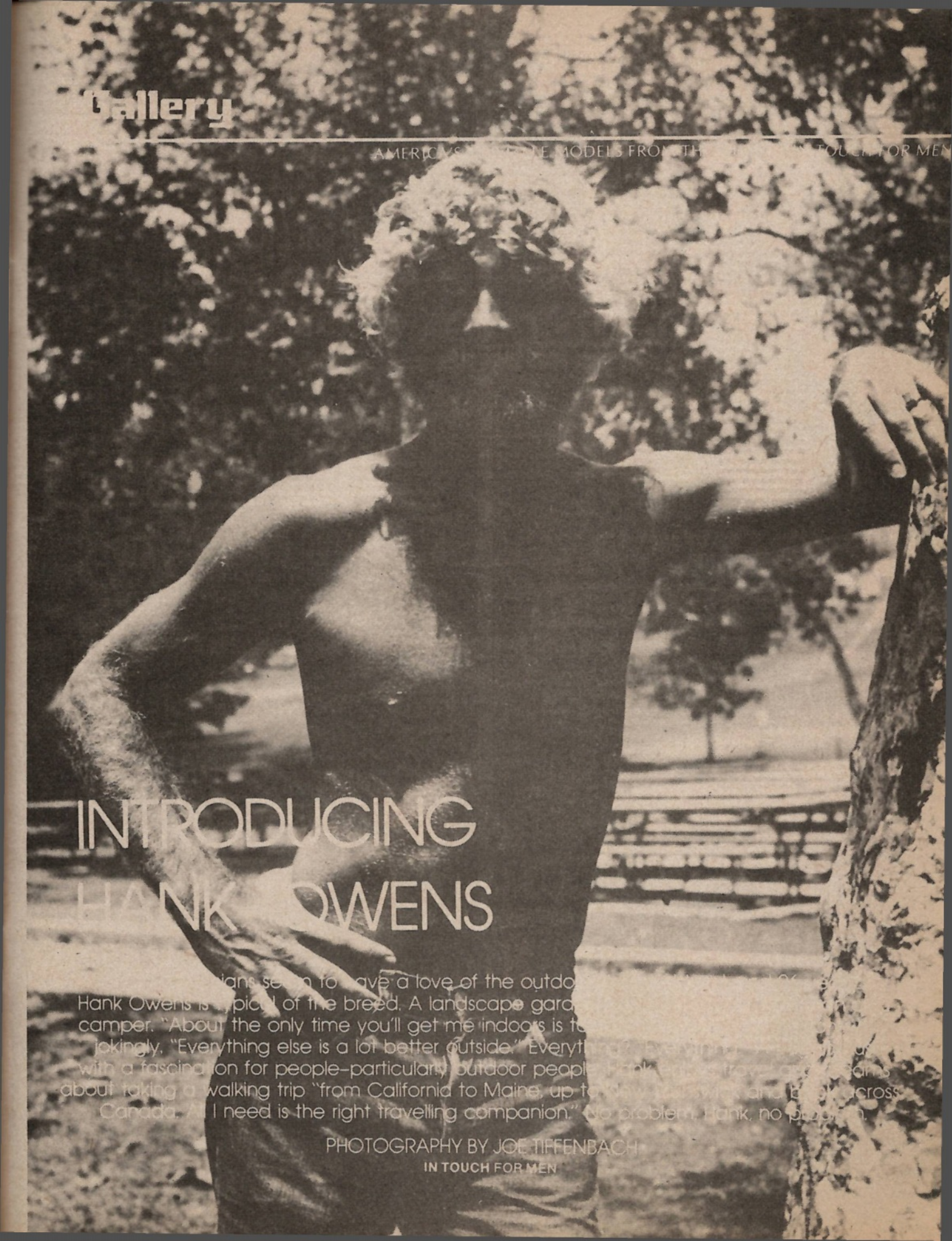
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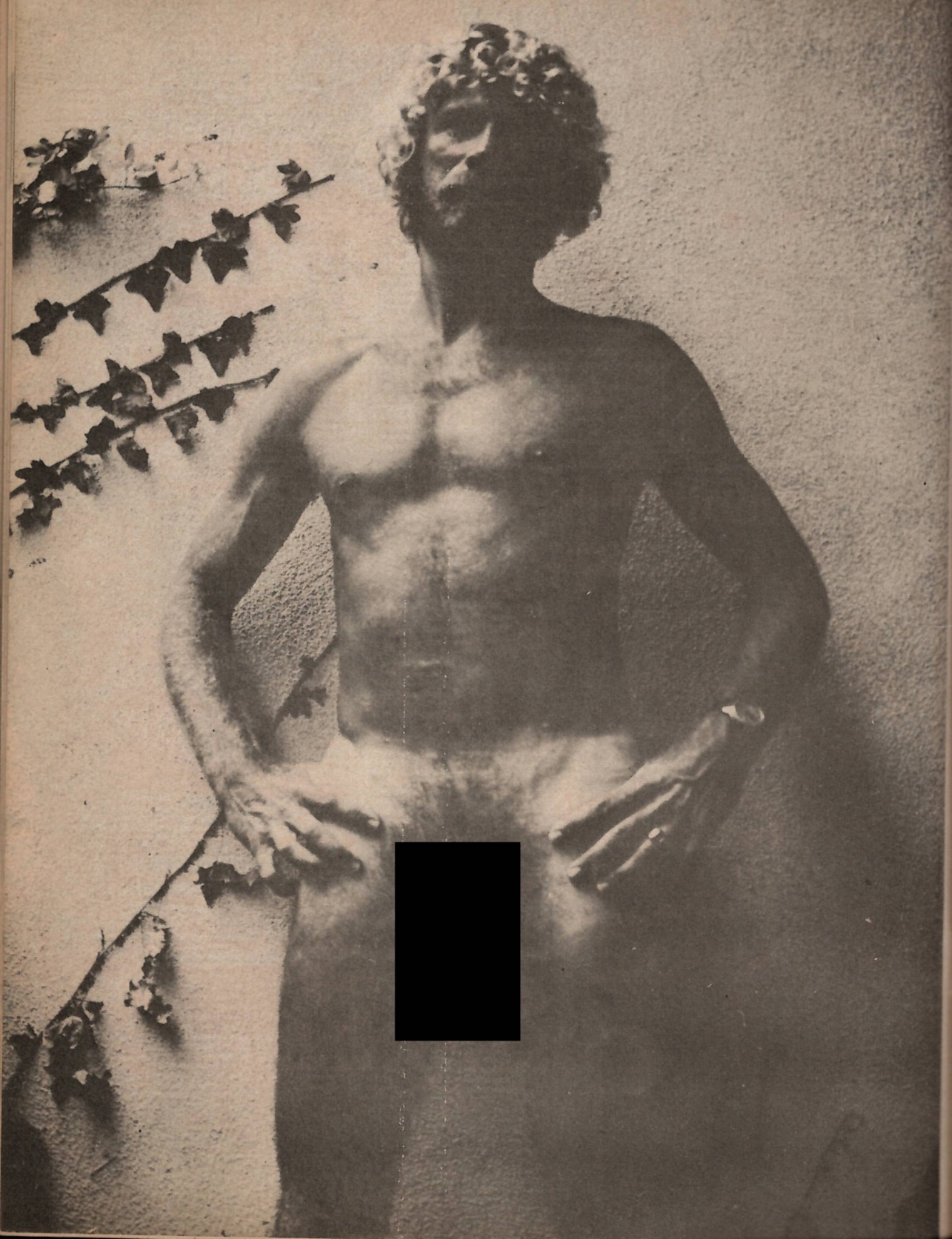
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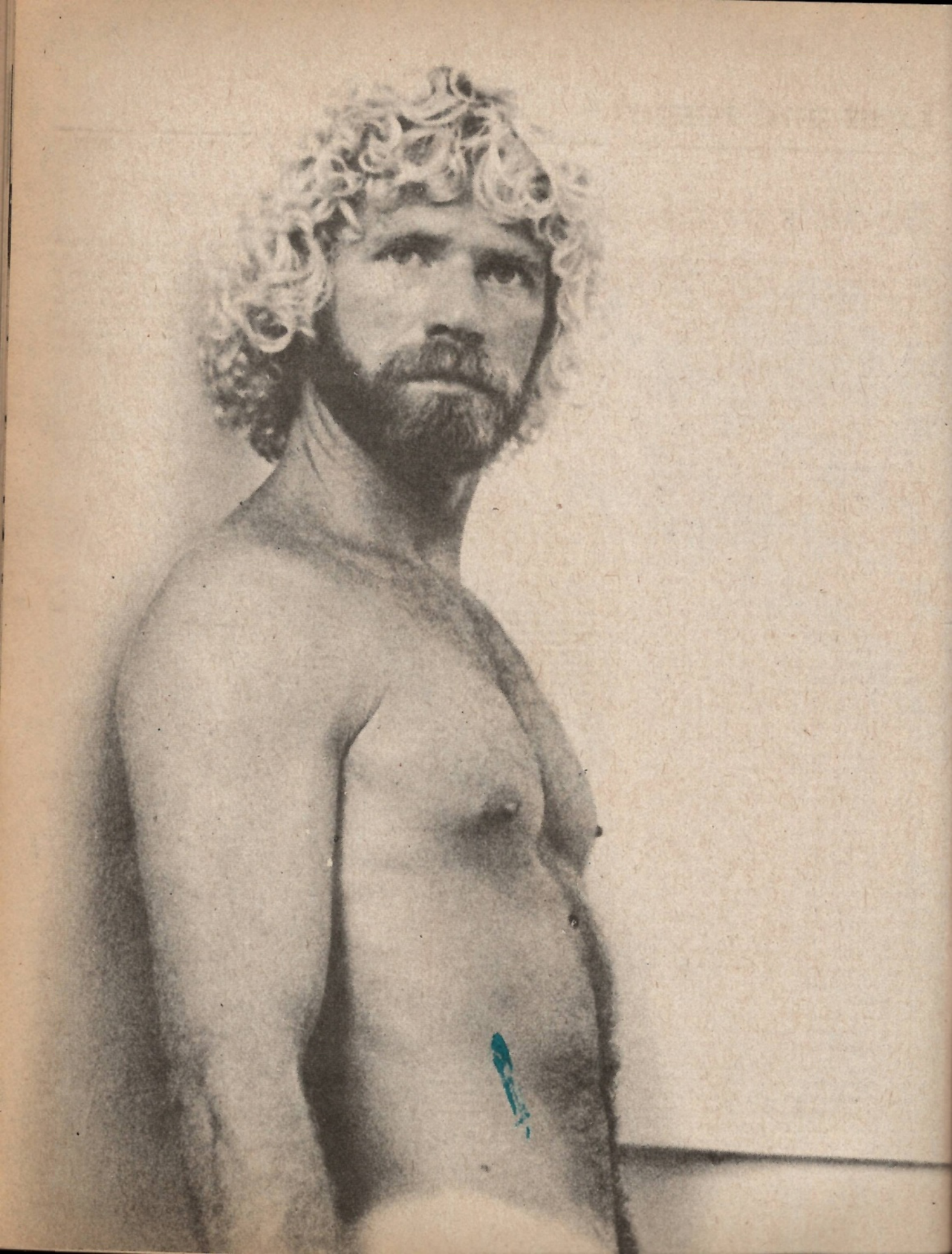
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Americans seem to have a love of the outdoors. Hank Owens is typical of the breed. A landscape gardener and camper, "About the only time you'll get me indoors is to eat," he jokes. "Everything else is a lot better outside." Everything? Everything. Hank has a fascination for people—particularly outdoor people. Hank likes to travel and talks about taking a walking trip "from California to Maine, up to New York and a long way across Canada. All I need is the right travelling companion." No problem, Hank, no problem.

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Lost and found

REVIEWING THE TEMPTING AND THE CONTEMPTIBLE

Book's analysis stirs controversy

Every once in awhile a book comes along that challenges its readers to step back and re-evaluate some of their most fundamental attitudes, beliefs, and patterns of action. These books are usually disturbing to the reader who has become comfortable (or at least accustomed to) his or her existing attitudes and habits, and therefore they are quite controversial. *Which Way Out Of The Men's Room* by Gordon Johnston is such a book.

In *Which Way Out Of The Men's Room* Johnston suggests that gay men are trapped in a psychological and sexual (and frequently geographic) ghetto that fulfills specialized sexual needs at the same time that it represses their full humanity, keeping gays alienated not only from straight men but also from each other. In the first section of the book Johnston examines the way in which men view everything outside themselves with what he calls a "penile attitude." Men feel that they must assert their masculinity by conquering, penetrating, and "feminizing" other people and, indeed, their whole environment into submission.

This attitude permeates not only a man's personal relationships but also war, commerce, sports, and all dealings with the world outside the man's self. "How and when the heterosexual male uses his penis defines and clarifies most of the behavioral taboo in morality, law, and social tradition," Johnston states. Because the homosexual male's penis object is another male rather than a woman, he trespasses upon social definitions of masculinity causing great anxiety in the heterosexual male.

Johnston argues that the homosexual male can choose his own space and contradict "monologues" dictated by the heterosexual male. In a series of "dialogues" Johnston tries to focus attention on these fictitious monologues and rephrase them to show how they confine the homosexual male in these men's rooms created by heterosexual males. Hopefully this rephrasing will enable homosexual males to recognize and understand the psychological and sexual "ghetto," which heterosexual males have forced them into, enabling homosexual men find their way out of these men's rooms.

In the next section the author examines this ghettoization of the male homosexual and the effect it has on his ability to create loving human relationships. Johnston explores the ways in which the ghetto mentality perpetuates impersonal sexual encounters as opposed to supporting the formation of loving relationships and argues strongly for love rather than recreational sex. This is the most controversial area of the book and the one

which Don Eric in *Gay Chicago* finds so "vicious". A proponent of recreational sex, Eric claims that Johnston's views attempt to reinforce the erroneous teachings of society, religion, and custom by arguing that recreational sex precludes love.

Actually Johnston spends much of the book arguing that society, religion, and

custom are a result of the above mentioned fictitious heterosexual male monologues, that these have created negative self-images of the homosexual male and are responsible for the endless succession of sex-partners-as-a-penis-objects, and thus society, religion, and custom actually work love relationships for homosexuals rather than against recreational



sex. Eric feels that loving relationships and recreational sex can coexist in the same person; Johnston does not.

I stress the controversy involved because I feel that *Which Way Out Of The Men's Room* is an important book and should not be seen as a "vicious" attack on what some people feel are desirable sexual attitudes. Many people share Johnston's views on this subject. No one should feel threatened by being presented with views which ask one to re-evaluate one's attitudes and activities in light of a different analysis of one's life situation. Many of us went through one such re-evaluation in coming out - deciding that straight society's views of homosexuality were wrong and that we should reject society's positions on the subject. Johnston argues that the positions we then took were in fact also shaped by white heterosexual male values and we became trapped in attitudes and patterns of action which were the result of the homosexual male's tendency to view himself through heterosexual-colored glasses.

Johnston is asking us to remove these "dark" glasses and re-examine our lives and condition in full sunlight without the "protective screening" of straight society's attitudes. Others such as Don Eric argue that what Johnston feels are dark glasses are actually the proper prescription for accurate vision and that it is Johnston who has swallowed straight society's values.

Decide for yourself after reading the book.

— Joseph DiSabetto

Good food, low prices attract crowds to Louie Tambellini's

Louie Tambellini's restaurant on Southern Avenue atop Mt. Washington deserves to be one of Pittsburgh's landmark restaurants. And if you ask any Pittsburgher to list their five favorite dining spots, you can bet Tambellini's will be one of them. In fact, Louie's is mentioned along with such big seafood restaurants as Joe Muer's in Detroit, Anthony's Peir 4 in Boston and Bookbinder's in Philadelphia as outstanding national restaurants.

However, in spite of the exceptional quality of their flown-in seafood, I do believe it is the exceptional moderation of their prices that has maintained the constant crowds at Tambellini's. The food itself can be described as being good, as opposed to bad, but certainly not exceptional.

My two guests and I arrived at 6pm for an early dinner last week; we were given a ticket (number 16) and told to wait in the bar. By the time we were called at 6:55pm, a guest standing near us had been given number 46. We were whisked to a table still covered with dirty dishes from the preceding party. Swiftly the dishes disappeared, the tablecloth changed, and clean napkins and flatware scattered in front of us. Three water glasses were plopped on the end of the table.

My female companion ordered the shrimp and spinach au gratin; my male companion ordered the seafood coquille, and I ordered the scrod, plain, with only a small amount of butter. I was struck by the bored note in the waitress's voice as she recited the soups, vegetables, salad dressings and potato selections. But I couldn't criticize, thinking of the number of times each evening she would have to repeat herself.

While waiting for the soup I noticed seated in the dining room two television newscasters, a clothing tycoon, a railroad magnate, a famous actress, numerous restaurant owners and a federal judge. I felt secure in this crowd of colorful personalities.

The soup was Italian wedding soup and vichyssoise, both very good but certainly not the best I have ever had. The three salt sticks and three tiny rolls were tasty.

The salad was also good but common: head lettuce with a complimentary slice of cucumber and a tomato wedge. The waitress somehow found the time to bring the pepper mill to our table and lace our salads with freshly ground pepper.

The lady's shrimp and spinach au gratin was good, probably the best of the three dinners. Her baked potato and fried eggplant were equally good accompaniments. The seafood coquille was generous in size, but the sauce was masked by the American Cheese melted atop the scallops and shrimp. It tasted like baked macaroni and cheese. My scrod was very good, yet I have had thicker, more flaky cuts of fish elsewhere in Pittsburgh. The accompanying gnocchi was good also.

And, of course, the coffee and lemon ice for dessert were good.

What else can be said? Everything was good, even the bill, which totaled a mere \$33 for the three of us. But for myself, when I wait 55 minutes for a table which we occupied for one hour for the complete dinner, I want the food to be something special because this is Pittsburgh's most popular restaurant.

Louie Tambellini's is located at 160 Southern Ave. Open Monday through Saturday noon to midnight. No reservations and no credit cards.

—David Ayn

Brando's Tahitian paradise hosting gay tour in August

Members of Hanns Ebensten's third men's tour to French Polynesia - entitled Tahiti Troisième, on August 22-31--will enjoy one of the ultimate experiences of travel: the entire guest accommodations of Marlon Brando's exquisite island of Tetiaroa, 30 miles north of Tahiti, have been reserved for the group's stay.

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Each of the guest cottages has a roomy bathroom with shower and flush toilet. Under the vast straw roof of the main house are the dining area and a lounge; nearby is a beach bar and a boutique which sells local handicrafts and cloths.

Ebensten and his tour members next August will swim and snorkel and sail in the island's red outrigger canoes to explore the lagoon, watch turtles at play and listen to the sounds of birds and palm trees in the breeze.

Air travel in connection with the tour is from Los Angeles to Tahiti and return by non-stop UTA French Airlines flights; and detailed brochures of the tour with rates can be obtained by contacting the tour operator, Hanns Ebensten Travel, Inc., 55 West 42 Street, NY 10036.

The Empire Strikes Back a worthy Star Wars successor

The Empire Strikes Back, George Lucas' "Sequel" to his phenomenally successful *Star Wars*, is more plot oriented than its predecessor. It also takes time to develop the characters made famous by the first film, and gives a sense of structure to what the entire series (or projected series; Lucas is planning a nine-movie epic) is all about.

The good guys versus the bad guys is still the main plot line, but director and guiding genius Lucas has given us some deeper food for thought as he hints at the good and evil that coexist in all the characters that inhabit his world. The good characters seem to have some negative qualities with which they are struggling, and the evil characters come across with the suggestion of some good in them.

In Yoda, Lucas has given the audience an apparently asexual mentor to guide the young Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) toward some glory envisioned for him. By now Skywalker has obtained the power of the Jedi Masters but is not experienced enough to overcome the evils within himself, not, that is, until the final confrontation with Darth Vader.

The comic book flavor continues to play a major part in the movie, as with *Star Wars*, with sparse dialogue and highly technical action throughout. It is a fun film, full of high comic camp.

The ending, however, was less than satisfactory. The good are still good and the bad still bad, but the future is ambiguous.

This is all the more painful and frustrating because we will not find out the fates of the characters when the next sequel, *The Revenge of the Jedi*, is scheduled to be released.

The Empire Strikes Back, is around to remind us that a little fiction helps ease the cares of the world. The escape is not a bad idea especially when it makes you feel like a kid again.

— Pete Forte

In-depth resource book printed for gay Catholics

Mt. Rainier, MD—In conjunction with the national celebration of Gay Pride Week, New Ways Ministry announced here the publication of *Homosexual Catholics: A New Primer for Discussion*.

The *Primer*, a product of the collaboration of two Catholic priests and a Catholic nun who have been engaged in gay ministry for a combined total of 30 years, is modeled on the traditional Baltimore catechism with its question-and-answer format. In an introduction the co-authors, Robert Nugent, SDS, Jeannine Gramick, SSND, and Thomas Oddo, CSC, state, "Gay ministry...means challenging each other to move beyond hardened positions or simplistic slogans." The booklet is the result of their academic studies and pastoral ministry which they describe as "an experience of solidarity with gay Christians."

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The *Primer* is the first work of its kind to cover in a concise, accurate and readable manner such diverse topics ranging from theological-pastoral approaches to homosexuality, sacred scripture and civil rights to homosexuality in religious and priestly vocations and responsible dissent from official Catholic teaching on homosexuality. It is published by Dignity, Inc.

The work also contains a bibliography of books, pamphlets, articles and tapes on homosexuality from a Catholic perspective, plus the most current and complete listing of groups ministering to gay people within the Catholic community. According to the authors the book is described as useful for discussion groups and educational programs, as well as for lay Catholics who desire a basic introduction to what the Catholic church is saying about homosexuality.

All three authors have served as chaplains to Dignity, an international organization for gay Catholics and their friends.

Nugent, a Co-Director of New Ways Ministry, serves as a consultant on "sexual minorities" for the United States Catholic Conference, Department of Education's committee to draft a pastoral plan of action for the American bishops on ministry to single, young adults. Gramick, also a co-director of New Ways Ministry, is currently completing a two-year research project on lesbian women funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Welfare. Oddo is an assistant professor of Religious Studies at Stonehill College and served as national secretary of Dignity for four years.

New Ways Ministry is a three-year old Catholic gay ministry group providing spiritual, educational and consultative services for the gay and non-gay communities. The group coordinates the Catholic Coalition for Gay Civil Rights, a movement of approximately 2,000 Roman Catholics who have endorsed a statement on human rights for gay persons.

Copies of *Homosexual Catholics: A New Primer for Discussion* are available from New Ways Ministry, 3312 Buchanan St., #302 Mt. Rainier, MD 20822, (301) 277-5674.

Reed translates personal despair into album success

Lou Reed has never been too physically attractive nor easy to listen to, but he does succeed in catching the urban panorama within a freeze-frame of depersonalized sex, junkies, hookers, screaming neon lights and the simultaneous lures and fears of walking - or cruising - the streets at night.

Unlike other urban voices, Reed has nothing to grasp but survival itself. He doesn't possess the swagger of a Springsteen, and disillusionment has robbed him of the political ideals, however distorted, of the Clash.

Obviously, the translation of such despair onto vinyl has not been easy. Fortunately, Reed, in his newest LP, *Growing Up in Public*, has avoided the arty self-indulgence that has characterized much of his past work. Though all of the cuts are commercial, the seething demon inside Reed is still visible. In fact, more than any of Reed's past efforts, this album is so autobiographical that the listener feels voyeuristic.

"How Do You Speak to an Angel" epitomizes the teenage angst of coming to grips with budding sexuality. Starting off with a melancholy piano line, it builds into a stormy rocker.

"My Old Man" is so painfully personal that it seems to be a torn page from a diary. Reed here addressed the experience of growing up respecting the father, until he turns into a wife-and-child beater.

"Keep Away" wrestles with the Reed dilemma: to take the easy road to fame and please the parents, or to stick with the seamy side of life for which he has such a strong attraction. The title track also dramatizes the pressures brought to bear on a person's private life once there is the glimmer of fame.

Side two deals with Reed's years away from home (side one confronts the problematical positions of parents and son). "So Alone" speaks of Reed and an unidentified woman who are both alienated and alone in the city, and yet fight each other despite their mutual need.

"Love Is Here to Stay" takes the previous song one step further and shows that opposites can attract and stay together. It is followed by "The Power of Positive Drinking," which takes a light-hearted view of

alcohol which, according to Reed, is no more a dangerous drug than the things people do to each other every day.

Despite Reed's many brushes with the underside of humanity, he has not let that crush his hope. But whatever the case, it's the streetwise lyrics which elevate his latest effort above the rest of the vinyl pack.

-Bob Parsons

Grace Jones LP top-notch, but Change is a real yawner

After several attempts in the world of vinyl, Grace Jones' *Warm Leatherette* is the best contribution to music she has made in years.

Maybe the advent of the 80s have given Jones insight into her real musical ability---she's left the bump, bump, bump of disco long behind her and she has released a really top-notch LP.

Surprisingly, the title cut is the weakest track on the disk, followed by the cut "Private Lives" from the style of Chrissie Hynde (the Pretenders). Jones has added a tinge of very fine instrumentation to this already reggae-sounding cut.

"A Rolling Stone," "Bullshit," and "Pars" best represent Jones' new style, a definite New Wave sound that is found on all three tracks. For fantastic remakes, Jones offers us "The Hunter Gets Captured by the Game" (Smokey Robinson) and "Breakdown" (Tom Petty).

Jones has more to offer her listeners than ever before in the strongest and best track (also a single) "Love is a Drug." She does what Diana Ross attempted to do with "The Boss" far more successfully, with more vocal control, and a great set of lyrics.

If you like "Lover's Holiday," save yourself some money and buy the single. The LP - *A Glow of Love*, by Change - leaves a lot to be desired.

The title cut sounds like a remake of the single hit; "It's a Girl's Affair," "Angel in my Pocket," "The End," and "Searching" all have one thing in common: they sound the same.

A point in favor of this Warner Bros. release is the vocals of Luther Vandross. He has an easy smooth style; perhaps he should have done "Glow of Love" and "Searching" in a capella and saved us from searching for music ability.

The single, "A Lover's Holiday," is the sound of the album, but even after a few plays it acts on you like an overdose of qualludes.

-Mike Catalano

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June: a month of change downtown

by Brian Michaels

As we went to press, the power saws were buzzing and the interior desecrators were furiously trying to meet impossible deadlines at 818 Liberty Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh's newest gay watering hole... **Pegasus** was to be open by June 20 and we assume it made it...the fourth annual **Miss Pittsburgh Pageant** having been scheduled for June 21 at the same location...more on both the opening and the Pageant next issue...best of luck to manager **John Ferriero** and staff...

Downtown also saw a last-minute entry in the Three Rivers Arts Festival's Great Balloon Race...sometime between Sunday afternoon, June 8 and Monday morning, June 9 the big blue **Loose Balloon** sign at 942 Penn Avenue, already half full of hot air, was seen disappearing into the clouds...of course this was to make room for **Ristorante Emilia Romagna**, which opened June 9 at the same address featuring chef **Daved Ayn**...better known to some as **Mother Russia**...David always seems to be perching in extraordinary places...serving extraordinary food as we enjoyed opening night...we (and another party headed by **Errol Segal** and **Terry**) just had to see if David could pull one more rabbit out of the hat...he did, with only two skilletts to create with...**Emilia Romagna** is now open for lunch and dinner...we particularly enjoyed the stuffed mushrooms...and the non-stop laughter at a post-opening party 'til the wee hours at the **Norreh**...

Prelude to a picnic

Sunday, May 25: the day started with a limousine trip to **Cafe Stephen B's** for brunch...picking up several guests while brunching...to a private Shadyside home for cocktails...to fortify themselves for **Big Butch's** party on the gay North Side...than a late-afternoon cocktail on a lazy riverboat...then onto Prospect Drive to check out the sunset volleyball and other games...and to dinner at a Mideastern restaurant...finally to see *The Empire Strikes Back*...picking up a hitchhiker at 3am...was **Bob Asher**, **Jeff "Wheels" Woodside**, **Dr. Kevin D.**, **Bill K.** and assorted others...somehow they all piled back into the limo and made it to the **Golden Triangle Picnic** later on Monday...

Hilarity in North Park

Monday, May 26: Did **Ken Curley** ever get his gold necklace...he was promised one by a nervous, pacing **Lucky** outside the **Tilden** as he waited impatiently for Ken to show up with the picnic shuttle bus...which *did* arrive on time, and was quickly filled to capacity...

At the park, greeting picnic-goers at the

gate, was **Don Thinnies** sporting a **Venture Inn** T-shirt and **Holiday Bar** cap...someone remarked, "Would you buy a used bar from this man?"...why was **Paul Becker** so upset?...

The disco dancing was hot and heavy...**David D.** wasn't the only one stripping to his brief swim trunks on the Lodge dance floor to sounds by **Toby**...

Jerry Weaver came in all the way from San Francisco...**Bob** and **Bernie** from Houston...others from New England and Canada...

Jim W. and **Danny K.** were two of the barkeeps staffing the beer line, an exhausting task...somehow, a big hunk (of birthday cake) wound up in **Danny's** ear...**Jim** was into (or under?) baked beans...and **Danny's** ass got entangled with a beer spigot...

The late-night diehards wound up in the woods, and another record-setting **Golden Triangle Picnic** faded into the darkness...

Dear David...

We lay in the sun in the park each warm day and talk...you know me as someone other than the author of this column...to you, I'm not **Brian Michaels**, just **Brian**...thank you, **David**, for giving me myself...that is a rare gift...everyone is happy to see you bubbling wherever you go...you're handsome and have a great body and the brains to go with it...I admire your dedication, teaching yourself German in your spare time...you bring a freshness to each day and I know you bring happiness to the people around you...Love, **Brian**.

Can't get over that view...

There is a house on the gay North Side's Success Street that features, among other things, a nude sunbather on summer afternoons...on a sundeck closed to view by neighbors, but not by the hospital and traffic

helicopters which buzz overhead and have taken an above-average interest in Success Street of late...**Cam**, why don't you paint a big "X" on the sundeck?...maybe **Skycam** will land...or a short, dark visitor from the south might fly in on his broom...

We are family too!

Right!...**Bruce K.**, **Crossover** bartender, first took a woman into the **Norreh's** basement "Ratskelter"...now his brother and mother are becoming **Crossover** regulars...keeping it in the family, setting a good example for those who haven't kicked the closet door all the way open with parents and siblings...

Yes we are family too...don't miss **Out Night** at Three Rivers Stadium...**Out** has obtained a block of reserved terrace box seats for the game featuring the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates vs. the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday, July 16 at 7:35pm...join us and support the community and the team...tickets are on sale for \$5 each **ONLY until July 8**...through the mail or at the **Crossover**, **Norreh** and **Holiday**...

Greensburg gossip

Supplied by the **Safari Lounge**, Greensburg, PA:

Rich and **Gregg** were on vacation over Memorial Day in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware...they visited the bars in the area and report that gays have two nice bars to frequent...the **Boathouse** which sits on the bay and the brand new **Renegade Restaurant and Lounge**...what a place...from an outside patio bar to a wall-length leather couch...a very beautiful and promising lounge from the management of the **Fraternity House** in DC...

Little Butch, who is spinning at the **Safari** every Friday and Saturday, has also just returned...from Virginia Beach where he says the



music scene has a lot to be desired...but the cruising was another story...Butch is single again...his down-home marriage has gone down the drain...bye, bye Mike...and Harry has just returned to Houston with a Texas beau...good luck Harry and Mark...

'Tis better to be real?

Two recent shows, one featuring **Ken Curley** at the *Venture Inn* (*Liberty Tubes*)...the other **Gorman Lowe** at the *Tilden* (*Busting Out*) showed that gay bar audiences are becoming more sophisticated...mixed with the usual camp and slapstick, which always goes over well, were serious musical numbers featuring the stars singing in their own voices, out of drag as far as could be hoped for...the serious performances, like Gorman's "Last Dance," really turned the crowd on...as did the new talent on stage with **Gorman, Owen, Bobby Evans, Gary Briedegam, et al...**

Dateline Steubenville

Supplied by David's Lounge, Steubenville, OH:

The parking lot behind David's gets almost as much action as the bar inside does...Lisa of the women's softball team broke her ankle early in the season...her teammates really miss her...the women at David's on the night of *Flames Of Love* distracted the male artist so much he

wouldn't strip...

Joe and Danny have been being so nice to everyone that the customers think they may be coming down with something...you just can't please everyone...

The line dances popular at David's are reminiscent of those in vogue once upon a time at **Coco's Playpen** on Penn Avenue...**Ronnie and Mary Hartman** hear so many sad stories and problems they are thinking about becoming counselors, and they have more problems than anyone...

Going places...

Phil Herrington, that man about town in the bars and discos...the life of the party...a joy to be around...Phil went to Dallas, as a secret agent, to find out who really shot **J.R. Ewing**...Phil and his lover **Tom** will only be back to Pittsburgh on holidays, as his family is here...Phil, you'll be missed as you were such a major part of the Gav 70's in Pittsburgh...

Jack Kelly is going to Atlantic City forever to help in a family business...Jack always has a friendly smile and good tales...we'll hopefully bring you Jack's rating of Pittsburgh in the next issue...

Parting shots

Stan The Man from North Hills has been begging to develop a serial-in-print for *Out*...so we finally called his bluff and said,

"Do it!"...now he's developed writer's block...stay tuned for the next chapter...

Man about town: **Bill K.**, blond, 6'2", 29 years of age...is he after **Carl**?...and who is **Carl** going with?...

There's a change in the air every time **Chico** makes it to the **Norreh's** backroom...it's those matches he keeps lighting in people's faces...someone should buy Chico a box of extra-long fireplace matches to play with...

Fred Palmer, formerly a Guy Friday at the defunct Home Circle and now into animals at a veterinary school...gave a birthday party June 7 for his lover, **George**, in Mt. Oliver...

Can we touch you, **Gerry Leiden**?...who's still hearing bells after what he said was a long dance with **Barbra Streisand** at a recent wedding in Altoona...but really, wouldn't you have preferred Barbra's hairdresser?...

July's the time for fireworks...see ya at the Point on the 4th, and then to the **Norreh** for their's...we are family too...join us for a baseball game this month...we are family too...thank you for all the comments about last month's column...times are changing, growing up is difficult to do at any age...getting younger is difficult for an old man like me...and for some of you, coming out is such fun in the summertime...hope you're having as much fun as I am this summer...have one for me...We're Out. ☉

Doing America

TOURING THE CONTINENT WITH THE MASTER OF GAY GUIDES

New York cities attract...and repel

by Bob Damron

Buffalo and Niagara Falls are less than twenty miles apart, and are located in the northwest corner of the Empire State. Buffalo, with a dwindling population of approximately 400,000, is the second largest city in New York. Niagara Falls will always be linked to honeymooners, while Buffalo will always be remembered as the city where President William McKinley was assassinated.

While Buffalo is a major rail center and inland port, it is also noted for a good philharmonic orchestra, four colleges with a combined student body of 40,000, and the Buffalo Bills pro football team. You may want to visit the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Peace Bridge, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Historical Site, Prudential Building (one of America's pioneer skyscrapers) and the stately old mansions on Delaware Avenue, which reflect a happier and more prosperous age.

I prefer the conveniently located Holiday Inn - Midtown. For straight dining try Esmond's, Park Lane, Plaza Suite, Romanello's, Roseland, Salvatore's Italian Gardens and The Cloister, built on the site of



Mark Twain's 1870 home. The Towne Restaurant at Allen and Elmwood is the busiest late night gay restaurant, while the Allen, Cole's and Rosy's are more mixed.

Like N.Y.C., Buffalo bars are open until 4am but on the plus side drinks only cost about half as much. Consistently best is the Villa Capri at 926 Main, which has disco dancing, but also attracts any levi and leather guys around. Mean Alice's at 729 Main is still the "hottest" disco for young jocks, especially weekends, while gay women prefer Betty's nearby on Pearl Street. Dominique's at 20 Allen is still a popular cruise bar with older men in spite of a straight owner who couldn't care less about gays. The C.B.C.'s popular Club Buffalo is located at 44 Almeda in Amherst. All - Allentown is very cruisy.

Niagara Falls with a population of less than 100,000 is mostly for newlyweds or nearly-deads! Tourists obviously "must" see the world famous falls, which are spectacular! To really experience them, get up close and gaze over the brink, take the tower elevator to the foot of the falls and go boating on the "Maid of the Mist." Other attractions in "Rainbow County" include the Aquarium, Winter Garden, Old Fort Erie, Beaver Island State Park, Skylon (a view-restaurant on the Canadian side) and the Erie Canal locks at

Lockport.

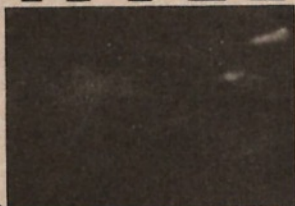
For all practical purposes, forget the gay bars here! The Itsy-Bitsy is a small men's cruise bar at 1149 Michigan. The other place is a total disaster! Not only is it unfriendly to strangers, but is probably the sleaziest bar in America. For straight dining, try the Clarkson House, Speakeasy, or John's Elaming Hearth where Nikita Khrushchev was "beguiled by the ornate setting." So much for the ex-Soviet premier's taste, but the food isn't bad. Stay at the Holiday Inn, or there is a tiny gay guest house, The Way Shower, at 4465 Simcoe, across the border in Niagara Falls, Canada. Also, by the time this article appears, the Twilight Villa Social Club at 204 Dunkirk, should have opened. Call Gay Unity Niagara, listed in the new '81 Address Book, for more info on Ontario.

"Shuffle off to Buffalo" is a popular old refrain, but if you do you may find that some of Buffalo's best (including my ex-lover Jerry) have already shuffled off to someplace else. Buffalo has launched a campaign, whose theme is "A great American city hides in plain sight"! Hides indeed! Buried would be more like it! While summers are tolerable, the winters are severely cold. And, as I've already said, Niagara Falls is just dandy for straight honeymooners. ☉

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The agony of the jealous lover

by John Andrews

Once upon a time, yesterday to be exact, I was sitting in my luxurious, ocean side condominium, located on the North Side, when my blue princess phone rang. I broke my concentration as I was picking food particles from my teeth (If the Crossover would issue dental floss with every drink, I wouldn't have this problem every morning removing fragments of nuts from my gums). It was a dear friend of mine, John (fictitious name). Seems like he just had a breakup with his lover, Frank (also a fictitious name). John was terrified that Frank would do something drastic like jeopardize his job by telling his employer that he was gay. John, you see, had a good position being head hairdresser at the House of FAGS (Females Against Gay Society).

I'm sure that most of us can identify with that. At one time or another we got involved with an insanely jealous lover. It's quite common, like acne. It comes along during a period of life, goes away, but sometimes leaves scars. How vividly I remember my own experience. It's a part of my past that I look back on and vomit.

I had been seeing Leroy (fictitious name) for about six months. I could tell from the beginning we were not quite suited for each other. He came from a prominent family and wealth while I was an ex-tramp from the streets. Our personalities and tastes clashed like red hair and a purple dress. As he read the *Wall Street Journal* to see how the stock market would rise, I read *Hustler* and *In-Touch* magazines to watch a part of the anatomy rise. He liked going to the ballet and opera, and I preferred going to the Venture Inn and the quarter movies. Anyone that had to undress in the bathroom to put on his pajamas before going to bed is not my cup of tea.

I remember how he reacted the night I first told him to leave. I thought it was best to come right to the point and get it over with clean and quick. I looked at him with sad eyes and said very seriously and politely, "Leroy, this relationship of ours stinks. The only reason I tricked with you in the first place was because I was stoned and you had a big dick. Now get out of my apartment and don't ever come back." Sobbing, I added, "I want to be alone."

He didn't take it too well. In fact, he went into a rage. He yelled and screamed and picked up a lamp and threw it at me. Before I could get out of the room he physically attacked me and soon both of us were fighting on the living room floor tearing at each other's hair. My roommate then came storming out of his bedroom. He looked down at

us, clapped his hands and said, "Stop it. Stop this fighting at once. I just finished dusting and vacuumed this rug." With that he went back into his room and slammed the door. He was about as much help as a blind man directing traffic during rush hour. Somehow I managed to break free and locked myself in the bathroom. After destroying the apartment, Leroy finally left. That's when I swore I was going straight and enter the monastery.

All night the phone calls drove me crazy. He ran hot and cold. First he would call and curse me with threats. Then he would call back and apologize and want to come over. I was beginning to feel like I was running a ward at St. Francis Hospital.

Not only was I harassed at home, but at work as well. I was then employed as a clerk-typist for a meat packing company. My employer called me into his office to say that someone was calling him to inform him that I was gay. Lucky for me I had caught my boss fooling around with his secretary. One afternoon I walked into his office unexpectedly and caught him getting a head job from her. Because of this, he just mentioned the calls he had received and dropped the subject.

Several days after this I received two dozen red roses at work. That was a little conspicuous. I was the only male in an office with five females. The florist driver walked in, asked for me by name, then dropped all those damn roses on my desk. The card attached read, "I'm sorry for everything. I still love you. Can't we go back together again?", signed Leroy. I didn't mind the roses, they were beautiful. But it caused hard feelings with my female co-workers because they never received flowers at work.

Everytime I turned around, there he was watching me. When I would come home in the evenings there he was sitting on my front steps. I would have to sneak into my apartment the back way up the fire escape. Sometimes that fire escape would be crowded. As I was sneaking into my apartment, tricks were sneaking out of the apartment of the two lovers who roomed on another floor, Topper and John (fictitious names). I had to have a metal umbrella made especially for me because almost everyday, I was showered with rocks and stones while leaving my apartment.

The final straw came when I was again physically attacked downtown. This time Leroy grabbed me right on Penn Avenue while I was shopping after dark. He had a knife with him and threatened to kill me. I grasped my breast, screamed, faked a heart attack and fell to the ground. He fled.

The very next morning there was a note on my car windshield saying he was sorry and wanted to go back together again. I was now at this point experiencing my very own personal nervous breakdown. That did it for me. I was not going to be intimidated anymore by this yo-yo. I did what any decent person would do if being bothered by a maniac. I quit my job, moved out of my apartment, and stayed in hiding for several months. Gradually my life got back to normal and Leroy drifted off into the sunset, like a turd flushes down the commode. The offending object is gone, but the stink lingers on.

If I ever get involved with a person like that again, I simply plan to shoot the bastard and bury him in my garden, or my name isn't John. (Not a fictitious name).

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BRIAN MICHAELS

The stars of *Liberty Tubes*, Ken Curley and Phyllis Stern, drew much applause and bouquets at the Venture Inn on May 20.



BRIAN MICHAELS

Bartender and showman Patrick posing in the Norreh's Ratskeller.



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*Gays take first shaky
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by Daniel Tsang

HONGKONG (IGNA)—The first gay liberation magazine in Chinese has appeared here. Entitled *Pink Triangle*, the 12-page periodical came out in February. The editor was identified only as "Sam" because the political situation facing gays in Hong Kong, where homosexual relations can lead to life imprisonment, necessitates that "Sam's" work remain largely underground.

On April 6 the major English-language newspaper in Hong Kong, *The South China Morning Post*, described *Pink Triangle* as "a new underground newspaper now in wide circulation among the 'gay' underground." It stated that the appearance of the periodical is a sign that homosexuals are beginning to resist the traditional view that homosexuality is depraved.

The same issue of *The South China Morning Post* also included several sensationalistic features on the gay scene in Hong Kong.

Since the start of the gay publication, its editor and a lesbian have been interviewed by a weekly tabloid aimed at teenagers, the Chinese-language *Modern Teens Post*.

A translation of the interview follows:

Place:: An underground bookstore in Hong Kong

Date: March 21, 1980

Persons Interviewed: Mr. N and Miss S

Q: Could you tell us about your background?

N: I was a foreign student in America and got back half a year ago to organize gay activities here.

S: I work for a cultural organization here. Previously I studied in the U.S.

Q: Could you tell us about your activities here?

N: I think it is more fortunate to be a gay man, even though our circle of activities is restricted. As men, we are more socially active in this society. We can frequent gay bars, discos, and similar places. We are also financially more able to afford such activities.

S: We tend to be less active because we are less able to support ourselves financially. Thus we restrict our activities to a small group of friends. What disappoints me in particular is that most gays here, especially if they are in respectable positions—professors, doctors, government officials—are paranoid about being publicly identified as gay. There is a great deal of insecurity. For example, a rather high-level television performer was suspen-





Director John Jay on the waterlogged
Three Rivers Arts Festival:

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But Festival director John Jay said the crew was "marvelous, they muddled through" every disaster. When the show was a success—and there were times amid all the bad weather when the show was a hit—it was mostly due to the staff, he said.

The Festival physical plant—the pavilions and main stage and more—took a beating from the elements this year. The new awning atop the main stage blew off shortly after the start of the first storm, despite, Jay said, everyone's efforts to keep it from floating off and the manufacturer's ardent assurances, that, if anything, the stage would go first, not his awning.

There was a little less litter this year, but many more lost kids. Sales of buttons and programs were down, but t-shirt sales soared, aided by the introduction of the tank top shirt, a Jay-original idea. Heaven, the Sixth Street disco, was the site of the Partisco Disco, chased indoors by the last great storm on the final day of the Festival.

Jay was publicly critical of the quality of this year's show. "It's time we called a spade a spade," he told *Out* in reference to published remarks he made criticizing the selected artworks and the growing commercialism of the Festival. Jay hopes to be able to brighten up the increasingly stodgy public image of Festival; over the next year the Festival organization will be working with a \$10 000 Pittsburgh Foundation grant to develop ideas for a new look which Jay said should be in place for the 1982 event.

In the meantime, Jay and his crew must contend with the memory of this year's rain-drenched Festival. As consolation, Jay said he will remember it like this: "When it was good it was wonderful." ©



Among the attractions at the Festival was Art Institute graduate Mark White, pictured here with his caricature of Brian Michaels. Below is Robert David Huckestein's realistic acrylic painting of the North Side's Garden Theatre, its marquee touting the marvels of porno star John Holmes. This painting won the Juror's Discretionary Award.



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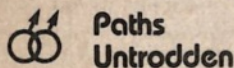
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NEW YORK (IGNA)—In what may turn out to provoke a new gay fashion, the two male stars who have played the leading role in Broadway's *Bent*, a play about the Nazis' treatment of homosexuals, have opted for authentic-looking concentration camp haircuts.

Star Richard Gere told Robert Cybula, the play's hair stylist, that he didn't want his hair cut flatteringly. "I want a bad haircut," he said.

Cybula added, "I never had a request for a bad haircut before, but he didn't feel that

they had good hairdressers at Nazi concentration camps."

Actor Michael York, who took over the role from Gere on June 2, was pictured in Arthur Bell's column in *The Village Voice* in a similar close-cropped hairstyle, making him look considerably less pretty than in his previous roles.

The play has been playing on Broadway for over six months, and is rumored to be scheduled to be made into a film by Rainer W. Fassbinder.



Michael York (l) as gay chic.

Contentious coalition cracks

Secret meetings, name calling, accusations, justifications, resignations, all this and more has embroiled the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in New York City in a controversy that is nothing short of volcanic. It could also be passed off as "gay politics as usual" if the brou-ha-ha were not so destructive.

The controversy came to light with the May resignation of several members and member-organizations of the Coalition. Those who resigned charged CLGR with attempting to "destroy" a gay rights march on the New York state capital; of subverting democratic rights in Coalition meetings; and of abuses of power. The biggest break came with the May 20 resignation, in a hail of invective and recrimination, of the Gay Media Alliance.

Following are some quotes taken from the Gay Media Alliance's letter to the Coalition informing it of the resignation.

• "CLGR has degenerated into a group of a few self-aggrandizing power mongers, and the cowards who yield to their blackmail, holding sway over the bones of what used to

be a coalition."

• "...we have withstood from CLGR dishonesty, deceit, lies and dirty tricks reminiscent of Richard M. Nixon."

• "There is apparently no limit to their (CLGR rulers') avarice and arrogance."

• "The struggle for lesbian and gay liberation will not be won by chickenshit Machiavelli's the cowards who yield to their blackmail."

• "The remaining five spokespeople for CLGR are a lying, scheming and dishonest lot."

Whatever CLGR's side of the story is (the organization has been uncharacteristically quiet during all this), it is apparent that, for New York City at least, the score in the gay liberation sweepstakes stands at Division 1, Unity 0.

Slime is as slime does

NEW YORK — Al Goldstein, publisher of *SCREW* magazine, which features hard-core pornographic photographs along with such articles as "Animal Attraction: New erotic art

show offers the beast of everything," and "Jap In The Good Old Days: Fuzzy fuck-photos of frolicking Nips," has mounted an editorial crusade against the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA).

In his editorials, published in the issues of May 12 and 19, Goldstein said he is "appalled by, and unalterably opposed to, those who violate the sexual sanctity of minors," and added that he was opposed to the purchase of pornography by minors.

Goldstein wrote that discovery of the existence of NAMBLA "made me feel as though I had fallen into a manhole and wound up immersed in the lowest slime of mankind."

He claimed that the group has started an organization called "Fag, Rag and Glad," designed to give legal aid to all persons accused of sex crimes with children." *Fag Rag*, a radical gay men's quarterly, and *GLAD* (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders), a Boston legal organization, are not connected with NAMBLA.

"Though I am repelled to the point of moral outrage at this group's contemptible activities," Goldstein added, "once again I am not in any way recommending that its point of view be censored, since censorship, even in the interest of protecting our young, is never justified."

Goldstein also took the opportunity to deny charges that "today's sexual permissiveness leads to negative social consequences" such as rape, attributing such charges to "misguided feminists (a redundancy)," and declaring that rape "has nothing to do... with the normal sexuality that you see in the pages of *SCREW*."



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•Crossover Lounge, 100 Anderson St., Northside Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 231-9287. Bar, kitchen, gameroom, western atmosphere. Mon. Torso Night; Thurs. Gold and New Country Tunes. Open Mon.-Sat. 'til 2am; mostly gay men.

•David's Lounge, 160 N. Fourth St., Downtown Steubenville, OH, (614) 283-9274. Bar, dancing, sandwiches. Specials: Mon. Jelly Beans, Tues. Blue Flames, Wed. Pina Colada, Thurs. Dirty Bananas, Sat. Live DJ. Open daily 'til 2:30am; gay men, women; private.

•Norreh Social Club, 1226 Herron Ave., Polish Hill, Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 682-9869, 3 floors, 3 atmospheres (leather/leather/general/lesbians); dancing, sandwiches and pizza. Dinners Sun. 5-8pm, various weeknight specials (inquire). Open nightly 'til 3am; gay men, women; private.

•Paradise Cove, Schenley, PA, (412) 295-2070. Bar, food, dance floor, gameroom, hotel rooms. All gay Fri. & Sat. nights, sporadic Sunday parties with buffets.

•Pegasus, 818 Liberty Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh, PA; Cocktail hour 4pm-8pm, disco 9pm-2am. Mon.-Sat. 4pm-2am; gay men, women.

•Question Mark Lounge, 1413 Market St., Wheeling, WV. Downstairs, large bar, pinball, billiards, booth and table seating, dance floor, disco DJ weekends. Gay men, women; private.

•Safari Lounge, 108 W. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA, (412) 837-9948. Bar, gameroom, kitchen, dancing. Specials Mon.-Thurs.; disco DJ Fri. & Sat. Open Mon.-Sat. 'til 2am; men, women.

•Venture Inn, 923 Liberty Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 566-8887. Bar, table seating, piano bar (5pm-8pm), disco dancing, live DJ after 9pm, pizza, sandwiches. Happy hour 2-7pm. Open Mon.-Sat. 'til 2am; mostly gay men.

Baths

•Arena Baths, 2025 Forbes Ave., Uptown Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 566-9878. Steamroom, showers, pool, dorms, private rooms, snacks, TV area. Discounts available; Wed. \$4.50 day 9am-5pm. Open 24 hours; mostly gay men; private.

•Club Pittsburgh, 824 Fifth Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 566-1222. 3 floors, sauna, steamroom, showers, lounge, TV lounge, refreshment area, group area, private rooms. Open 24 hours; gay men; private.

Books (adult)

•Boulevard Book Store, 346 Blvd. of the Allies (2nd Floor), Downtown Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 281-3293. Books, sexual aids, magazines, video tapes, peep shows; open 24 hours.

•Good n' Plenty, 943 Liberty Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh, PA. Books, magazines, films, novelties, leather, rubber goods, 23 private viewing booths (25¢ movies), head gear. Mon.-Sat. 9am-12mn; Sun. noon 'til midnight.

•Vee's Book Boutique, Inc., Rt. 22, Wm. Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA 15632. 25¢ movies, newspapers, paperbacks, novelties, gag gifts, sexual aids, adult films. Open 24 hours

Books (feminist)

•Birmingham Booksellers, 2222 E. Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 431-8666. Feminist and children's books, posters, records, jewelry, etc.; some items of special interest to gay men. Mon.-Fri. 10:30am-8pm, Sat. to 6pm.

Books (gay male)

•Paths Untrodden Bookshop, P.O. Box 459, Village Station, New York, NY 10014, (212) 924-5421. Catalog \$1.00.

Churches, religious groups

•Dignity/Pittsburgh, PO Box 991, Pittsburgh, PA 15230, (412) 682-0165. Lesbian, gay Catholics and friends.

•Metropolitan Community Church/Pittsburgh, PO Box 81068, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, (412) 521-4560.

Discotheques

•2001, "Cherchez La Femme Cabaret," 214 W. General Robinson St., Northside Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 322-2230. BYOB disco Saturdays 12:30am-6am. \$3.75 admission includes setups, munchies; occasional special events, concerts. Must be 21; jeans, sneakers discouraged; gay men, women.

Gay guides

•Aries Creative Design Concepts, P. O. Box 14077, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 626-4692. Sold in bars and bookstores, or by mail: \$7 plus \$1 postage.

Gift shops

•The Essex, 122 Mevran Ave., Oakland, Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 681-1944.

Graphics

•Aries Creative Design Concepts, 32 S. Prince St., Lancaster, PA 17603, (717) 394-4471.

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Grocery stores

•Eddie's Market, 1014 Chestnut St., North Side, Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 322-2262.

Guest houses

•Ocean House, 127 S. Ocean Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401, (609) 345-8203.

Hotels

•Paradise Cove Hotel (see listing under "bars, clubs.")

Insurance

•Robert G. McFadden, 5908 U.S. Steel Bldg. Pittsburgh, PA 15219, (412) 562-1600, Insurance Agent representing Connecticut Mutual Life.

Legal services

•Berlin, Boas, Isaacson and Logan, 19th Floor, Law & Finance Bldg., Pittsburgh, PA 15219, (412) 391-7707.

•Sharon and Sharon, 405-406 Manor Bldg., Pittsburgh, PA 15219, (412) 281-3360.

Organizations

•Better Days (gay social organization), (412) 661-2966 or 371-4163.

•National Trust for Historic Preservation, Decatur House, Room 104, 740-748 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Personal care services

•Martin Von Myering, 2nd floor, Jenkins Arcade, Downtown Pittsburgh, PA, (412) 281-8488. Hair cut, styled; manicures, facials; retail/wholesale line of all-natural personal care products.

Portraits

•Ness Studios, 5907 Penn Mall, Rm. 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, (412) 361-8704. Oil portraits created from photographs only, mail order.

Publications

•In Touch For Men, 1316 North Western Ave., Hollywood, CA 90027. Features reviews, interviews, nude model features, etc. by and for gay men. Subscriptions 6 issues, \$13; 12, \$24; 18, \$36. Bi-monthly.

•Out, 5907 Penn Mall, Rm. 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, (412) 361-8704. The tri-state's only local gay magazine you're reading it. Subscriptions 12 issues, \$15, 24, \$28; 36, \$41. Monthly.

Record stores

•Sound Pyramid, Duncan Manor Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15101 (412) 366-7747. Specializing in disco, also carrying other types records, offering mail order. Featuring a PA Daily Number computer. Mon.-Fri. 12 noon-9pm; Sat. 12-7

Residential design

•Ecotopia, P.O. Box 6377, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, (412) 682-7956.

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•National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), Pennsylvania Station, 11th & Liberty, Pittsburgh, PA, (800) 562-5380.

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