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ONLY LEGISLATORS ABLE TO BUY SEXUAL DEVICES??

Department of Corrections
in class action suit

TUCSON - The refusal of Arizona Department of Corrections authorities to allow an inmate to receive a homosexual awareness publication is a violation of an inmate's constitutional rights, a class action suit filed in U.S. District Court here claims.

The suit says John Postrzech, a former inmate at the Arizona Correctional Facility here, was mailed a copy of "About Our Children," published by Parents and Friends of Gays, a Los Angeles based-organization, and was informed that he couldn't receive the publication. Plaintiffs in the case are Albert Gordon, Adele Starr and Faith Parker.

The suit asks for \$40,000 in actual and punitive damages from Thomas Korff, supervisor at the correctional facility, Ellis MacDougal, director of the Arizona Department of Corrections, and Camilla Graham, who was deputy director of the Department of Corrections when the incident occurred. The suit also asks that the court enjoin the facilities from barring "About Our Children" and other publications containing information of interest to homosexuals.

Gay activists press
for I.N.S. review

WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) - Justice Department lawyers met with representatives of Gay rights groups to discuss the recent government policy decision that excludes foreign Gays from the United States. (AGN 25 Jan.) Donald Knutson of Gay Rights Advocates, San Francisco and Charles Brydon, co-director of the National Gay Task Force, Washington, DC, met with Associate Attorney General John Schenfield and other Justice officials to present the Gay organizations' legal arguments in favor of admitting Gays into this country under existing laws.

The bone of contention is the enforcement of a 27-year-old immigration law which states that the Public Health Service must determine if a foreigner seeking entry into the United States is homosexual, that is "afflicted with psychopathic personality, sexual deviation." But last August the Public Health Service announced it would stop screening visa applicants vis-a-vis their (homo)sexuality, in keeping with modern medical practice which does not diagnose homosexuality as a disease. In a move requiring great courage and decisiveness, the acting Commissioner of Immigration decided to turn the whole matter over to the Justice Department for their enlightened opinion on the subject.

The Justice lawyers took an interesting position, homosexuality must be a disease, no matter what the Surgeon General or any other doctor says, because Congress says it is a disease. The Gay activists' brief counters that the immigration law clearly authorizes the Public Health Service alone to determine a person's sexuality. Such a construction leaves the matter squarely and solely in the hands of the Surgeon General to dispose with as he pleases - in keeping with contemporary medical knowledge. This, say Gay activists, was the intent of Congress in ordering medical/psychological examinations (of foreigners) be conducted by doctors, not by career diplomats or CIA cover men.

The Justice Department lawyers said they had never seen the Gay position presented in such a clear legal framework before, and they would be reconsidering the earlier Justice Department ruling that is now banning Gay men and women entry to this country.

PHOENIX - After successful efforts, by representatives of Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and the Arizona Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), to remove the most objectionable and far-reaching portions of Senate Bill 1117 "Racketeering and Obscene Items" before a Senate Judiciary Committee in late February (AGN 29 Feb.), the author of the bill, Sen. Trudy Camping (R-Phoenix), crossed everyone up by re-amending the amended bill to include the excluded language when it came up for a vote on the Senate floor last Monday, March 10. Citizens for Constitutional Rights announced that Senate Bill 1117 would link pornography and sexual devices to "organized crime" and enable the state to close down adult bookstores across Arizona for selling those materials. This "amended" bill passed the Senate by a 22 to 6 vote and the bill has now been sent to the House of Representatives for approval. The six Senators voting against the bill were, Morris Farr (D-Tucson); Jaime Gutierrez (D-Tucson); Jim Kolbe (R-Tucson); Alfredo Gutierrez (D-Phoenix); Richard Kimball (D-Phoenix) and Manuel Pena (D-Phoenix).

Removal of the section that classified sexual devices as obscene, was seen, at the time, as a victory for human rights and the right of private sexual contact between consenting adults by CCR. This section of the proposed law would give more leverage to law enforcement officers to close down adult bookstores, confiscate products being sold or harass bookstore patrons.

When the bill, which has been nicknamed the "Dildo Law" by State Legislators, was brought to the floor of the Senate, Camping introduced her amendment, this time to additionally state that sexual devices primarily used for stimulation of human genital organs were obscene, and could not be sold to anyone EXCEPT LEGISLATORS! Reportedly this was done so that the legislators could take a look at these devices to determine if they were really obscene!

The following is a statement from Citizens for Constitutional Rights concerning the action taken by the State Senate described above: "If this law should pass, the principle of the right of privacy is seriously endangered. Our lawmakers should be focusing attention on matters that are far more important than who does or does not use sexual devices in the privacy of their homes.

"Senate Bill 1117 has been sent to the Arizona House of Representatives for approval. It is here that this ridiculousness can be stopped, but only if we stand up and protest this invasion of privacy. If you know who your representatives are, drop them a letter or note or even call them to tell them you don't appreciate their legislating morality. If you don't know who they are, call 255-3559 and you will be told who they are. They can be written to at: 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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GSO skate Saturday

TUCSON - The Gay Students Organization (GSO) of the University of Arizona, is sponsoring another of its popular "Gay Skates." This exciting event will be held this coming Saturday, March 15 from Midnight until 3:30 a.m. The location at the Skate will be Skate Country North, 4646 N. Oracle Road in Tucson. Tickets are \$3.75 and will be available at the door and at local bars on the night of the Skate.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate a rollicking Ides of March with your friends, special friends, family, church group or whomever you run into on your way over. See you all there!

News Briefs

NEW GUIDEBOOK ARRIVES IN ARIZONA

Going to another city can be a very frustrating experience unless you know someone to show you around. Fortunately, now with guidebooks such as Damron's Guide, The Trailblazer, etc., a lot of this hassle has been eliminated.

There's a new guidebook out called "Places of Interest" edited by Marianne Ferrari. Now you may say they're all alike - right? Wrong! I've often heard people say, "Why don't they put maps in these books," well, she has not only included maps in her book, but also included is an index in which to look up the place of your destination, plus a larger, much more comprehensive Key Coding Index to help you find exactly what you're looking for.

It looks as if Ms. Ferrari has put a lot of time and energy into this book and it shows. Some may say that the \$9.00 price for this directory is a lot, but that is not a lot if you have to spend \$20 on gas in a strange city. "Places of Interest" is equally valuable to both men and women. Available at bars and bookstores throughout the Phoenix and Tucson areas as well as nationally.

POLICE BECOME PRODUCERS

NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - New York City police have agreed to produce a film featuring "honest and constructive" dialogue between police officers and members of New York's Lesbian/Gay community, according to a report in the *SoHo Weekly News*. The film reportedly will be made mandatory viewing for all students at the Police Academy. Academy students currently are required to take 143 hours of instruction with 22 percent of their course work in the social services.

The film will be made with the cooperation of the Gay Teachers Association, which will also send representatives to chair question-and-answer sessions when the film is screened at the 411-member Police Academy.

NATIONAL BUSINESS GROUP TO MEET

NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - The National Association of Business Councils (NABC) formed last November and comprised of the majority of Lesbian and Gay business associations across the country, is incorporated in Washington, DC. Its principal office is in New York City. The purpose of NABC is to support, assist, inform and educate Gay and Gay-oriented business associations, and to recognize their high standards by engendering the practice of strong motives towards excellence of service and products.

Elected representatives from each council will meet twice each year; the officers who comprise the executive committee will meet four additional times each year. The next general meeting has been scheduled for Houston, Texas on May 17. For information about the meeting, or about NABC write NABC 55 W. 42nd St. Suite 854, New York, NY 10036 or call (212)944-9185

"CRUISING" FALLS OFF AT BOXOFFICE

NEW YORK (AP) - The film "Cruising," a box-office hit in its first week did not do as well during its second week, industry sources said. But a spokesperson for United Artists, the film's distributor, said the movie was a "good grossing picture" that would have its real test after the fourth or fifth week. An industry source said the film "is not doing terribly well" in Chicago, where it grossed \$167,688 the first week and slipped to an estimated \$114,000 the second week.

"It dropped rather sharply," the source, who asked not to be named. He said the movie started off "sensationally" there because of the attention drawn by demonstrators. After a few "nothing exciting" demonstrations, several bad reviews by Chicago critics and competition from new movies, the source said "the bloom is off 'Cruising'" in its third week. Hy Smith, a United Artists spokesperson, said the film had not generated as many protests as the company expected.

Figures published in the Feb. 29 issue of the Hollywood-based *Variety* showed that in its first week the film grossed \$245,684 in three Manhattan theaters. Second-week figures were \$126,252 - off more than 40 percent. Smith said "Cruising" had earned more than \$10 million since it opened - an amount he said was "considered between good and very good. It opened with a flash, earning \$5 million in the first four days. Now it's just become another good grossing picture . . . it's seemingly found its level."

"When the second-week figures came out, a lot of eyebrows went up," said another source. He said box-office returns normally dip by 20 to 25 percent after the first week.

SUCH A STRAIGHT DEAL!

SAN FRANCISCO - According to Herb Caen, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, Val Strough, the big auto dealer (seven agencies in the Bay Area) figured it might be good business to make a pitch to the Gay community, so he bought a full page ad in the *Sentinel* that starts out just fine: "Val Strough knows about rights." Not only that, "We believe that every human should have the right to live life to the fullest, according to his or her particular capabilities, and his or her own public conscience." and so on. Now that Val has the Gays attention, what does he do? He blows it in the very last sentence! "So if you're thinking about buying a car," the ad concludes, "come to Val Strough - the dealer who'll be straight with you." Alas.

MAN SUES FOR \$5 MILLION

LOS ANGELES, CA (GCN) - James "Rusty" Barclay has filed in the amount of \$5-million against the County of Los Angeles and four other government agencies. All of the defendants in the suit were in some part responsible for Barclay's 51-day detention in jail on charges of responsibility for several homosexual rapes and kidnappings. Barclay, as it turned out, had been mistakenly arrested for as many as 20 sexual assaults on boys and men, crimes for which a San Gabriel, Ca. man was arrested last December. Barclay was released upon the arrest of the second man.

Barclay claimed in his suit that sheriff's deputies were negligent in arresting him, that they failed to check into alibis he gave, and that he remained in jail despite the fact that crimes with the same *modus operandi* were being committed during his period of incarceration. Five assault victims made positive identifications of Barclay as the man who had forced them into his car and assaulted them sexually. The claims were filed jointly against Los Angeles County, San Bernadino County and the cities of El Monte, Azusa and Upland.

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President urged to recognize Gay Holocaust victims

WASHINGTON, DC - Two leading Gay rights organizations have written an open letter to President Carter asking him for a "commitment to help end the long silence about the Gay victims" of the Holocaust. The Gay groups pointed out that under the Nazi regime "Homosexuals were specifically ordered into concentration camps solely because they were homosexual;" and "like all other classes of victims, homosexuals wore their own distinctive symbol -- the pink triangle."

Citing the "widespread refusal to know the truth about the Gay victims of the Holocaust," President Melvin Boozer of the D.C. Gay Activists Alliance and American Liaison Clint Hockenberry of the International Gay Association called on President Carter to "appoint at least one openly Gay man or Lesbian to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council." This Council was recently established by Executive Order to advise the President about increasing public understanding of the Holocaust. GAA and IGA also urged that the proposed National Museum on the Holocaust in Washington "include appropriate exhibits relating to the Nazi campaign against homosexuals," and asked President Carter to "specifically recognize the Gay victims of the Holocaust in your proclamations of the annual Days of Remembrance" for Holocaust victims in April.

Messrs. Boozer and Hockenberry drew a parallel from the Soviet Union's failure to acknowledge the existence of Jewish victims of Nazi massacres: "Soviet leaders fear to admit Nazi anti-Semitism because anti-Semitism is still a powerful force in their country; but similarly, many people in our country...fear to admit Nazi homophobia because anti-Gay prejudice is still a powerful force in our country."

To help document their case for greater public awareness about Gay Holocaust victims, GAA and IGA enclosed a letter from D. Page F. Grubb, the Dutch representative of the International Gay Association, summarizing the research being conducted by Dr. Rudiger Lautmann of the University of Bremen, Germany, on the persecution of homosexuals under Hitler. In the words of Dr. Grubb, Dr. Lautmann's research indicates that "the framework of the Nazi persecution of male homosexuals (the persecution of Lesbians is only just coming to light...) was as extra-legal as its persecution of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, gypsies, so-called anti-social elements, the 'political' category," and so forth.

Nevertheless, Dr. Grubb notes, "all categories of concentration camp victims with the exception of Gays have to date received official compensation for their treatment" under the provisions of West German law. "In other words, the persecution of all categories of concentration camp prisoners except Gays has been dignified by a legal act of reparation while the extra-legal persecution of Gays remains condoned...." "It still remains impossible to say with certainty just how many homosexuals perished in the camps," Dr. Grubb observes; "the data available on the number of Gay victims of Nazi persecution reflects in its paucity the homophobia of a culture which has not at all ceased since 1945." Dr. Lautmann's own admittedly conservative estimate is 10,000 deaths. But Dr. Grubb explains that "Dr. Lautmann's insistence is not on the relative number of those persecuted...but rather the fact that persecution was allowed to occur at all -- and has so systematically been denied."

The GAA/IGA letter concluded with President Carter's own words: "We must remember the terrible price paid for bigotry and hatred -- and also the terrible price paid for indifference and for silence."

ARC general meeting March 19

PHOENIX - All members of the Alternative Relations Center are urged to attend the next General Meeting, this Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at 1836 Grand Avenue, Phoenix. The highlight of this meeting will be the election of the new Board of Directors.

Members will be voting for male and female co-chairpersons and five other directors. Candidates for the co-chair positions are Pat Bramlette and Paul Consales. The candidates for the other positions are John Goldschmid, Patricia Ann Long, Mia Morgan, Robert Hegyi and Draffan McBride.

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SEATTLE POLICE TO ACCEPT GAYS

SEATTLE, WA (SGN) - The Seattle Police Department has announced that it is hiring 168 recruits in 1980, a much higher figure than usual. This increased figure gives Gays a greater opportunity than usual to secure places on the police force. Hugh Spitzer, the Mayor's liaison with the Gay community, has said that there will be no discrimination against Gay applicants, but the city will not make any special effort to recruit Gay applicants, as the San Francisco Police Department has done.

MARCH FOR RIGHTS IN FLORIDA SET

TALLAHASSEE, FL - Led by the Rev. Troy Perry, Gay rights supporters in Florida will leave Jacksonville on March 19 and march the 168 miles to the state capital, arriving in Tallahassee on March 21. The march will take place just two months before Miami residents vote for the third time on a Dade County Gay rights ordinance.

The purpose of the March however, is to demonstrate support for the Tallahassee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), which other local churches have tried to run out of town. Publicity and threats aimed at the Tallahassee MCC led its insurance company to revoke their policy stating that the church had invited violence and damage to church property.

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ORANGE COUNTY GCC BOMBED

GARDEN GROVE, CA - The Gay Community Center of Orange County, received minor damage in an arson attack in the early morning hours of February 10. Arriving minutes after two Molotov cocktails were thrown, the Garden Grove city Fire Department quickly extinguished the flames before any structural damage occurred.

Since moving to this new location, the Gay Community Center has been subject to repeated acts of vandalism and harassment. The center recently installed a double-faced sign that increased their visibility.

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VIEWPOINT

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After all, even straight people cruise. At least that's what I have heard. But Gays cruise all the time. In a maternity ward it is possible to pick out the Gay baby, since his eyes function much sooner, darting back and forth, and he is likely to knot his diaper on the side rather than pinning it. There are degrees of cruising, to be sure. Some are hardly noticeable, while others are so intense as to be somewhat destructive in their application. We have compiled a list of the more common cruises.

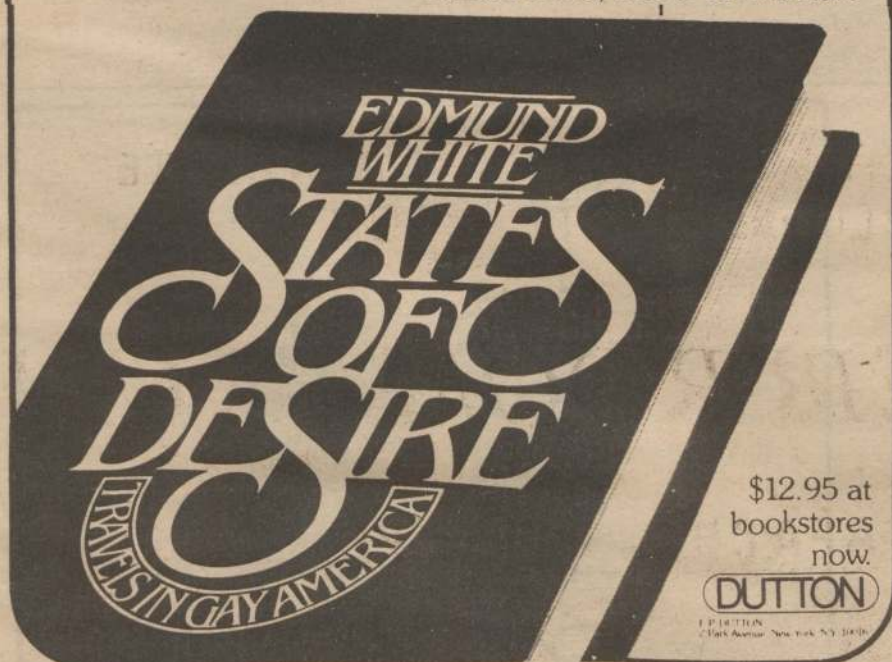
Cruise Level One is sometimes called the sleeping cruise, because it is so mild. It is characterized by a short glance to the cruisee. If the cruisee doesn't see it coming and prepare a reaction, the cruiser will probably not give a second glance. On the other end of the scale is cruise Level Ten, better known as the C.O.D. We'll get back to this one later.

There is an Auto-Cruise. This cruise usually happens in traffic, at a stop light or sign. It is most successfully used in a convertible with the top down. Cruiser slowly turns his head until eye contact is made with the cruisee. A successful cruise has been completed if the cruisee follows the cruiser in his car. It is especially successful if the cruisee performs a u-turn in rush hour traffic in order to follow.

There is also the Aero-Cruise, most commonly applied at an airport. The cruiser is waiting for his

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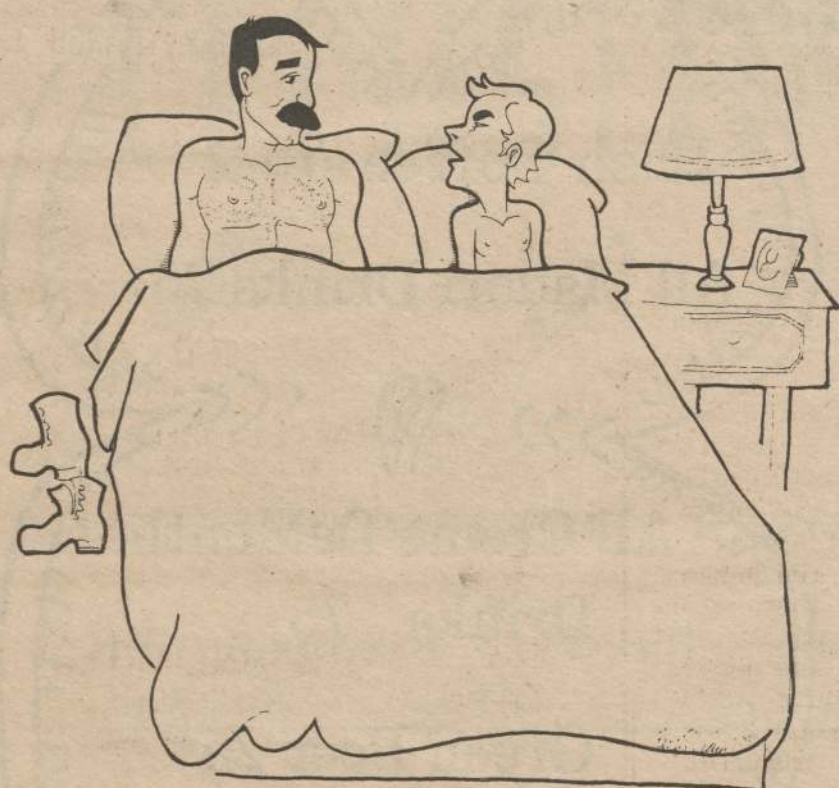
Then we have the C.O.D., Cruise of Death. This cruise should only be used by the most experienced cruiser, since it is so intense in its application. The cruisee need not even be facing the cruiser, or be in close proximity to him. If the cruisee is facing the cruiser, he will know he is being cruised, because shortly his vision will become clouded except on the cruiser. If the cruisee is facing away from the cruiser, he will most often feel a burning sensation at the base of his neck. This cruise becomes almost hypnotic in effect, so discretion must be used.

So remember, "If he doesn't cruise, check his pulse, he must be dead." *The Weekly News, Miami*

Gonorrhea resists treatment

NEW ORLEANS, LA (GCN) - A state health officer has confirmed seven cases of a rare strain of gonorrhea in Shreveport, La. The cases are totally resistant to penicillin, said Dr. J.T. Hamrick. He said the strain, known as penicillase-producing gonorrhea, is curable only with injections of the expensive drug Spectinomycin. The venereal disease is new to the United States, Hamrick said, and only 100 cases have thus far been reported.

The seven confirmed cases are known to have had sexual contact with 28 other persons. Laboratory studies are being performed on cultures from 23 of those persons, but the other five have not been located. Hamrick said that the new strain could possibly become resistant to treatment with Spectinomycin and added that there is no other drug readily available at this time which would be effective in treating it.



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- ...A kiss on the cheek may be "quite continental" but a pat on Eddie W's rear could endanger your life. Take note Stuart.
- ...It's a safe bet that Mary B. would never let Bob build that combination office-play pen if it was a "straight" bar!!!
- ...If John H's mind worked as fast as his hands - we would have a Nobel Prize contender at the B/P.
- ...Candas always said that imitation is the best form of flattery. Must be true because since Peter W. met her, his voice has dropped two octaves and he walks more like a man now!
- ...The shock of the century will come when Warner J. realizes that in California he not only looks middle age - he is!
- ...Bob E. was asked to bring a ham to the anniversary party this weekend, but he declined because Gary C. will be out of town.
- ...A voice at the Toole Box, sounding just like Lady C. said "Don't you boys get 'em in any holes."
- ...Someone should mention to Phil C. that illusion is much better than reality when the juke box plays "Stripper."
- ...Is Teddy trying to create a new image at Hair Tiz. He shaved before coming to work his first morning.
- ...While Fred and George were out buying a pizza, Tony C. was out buying a round steak.
- ...Polly has been heard to loudly dispute the well known FACT that all people who retire are at least 55.
- ...L. Jonesy is already planning a big day for this coming Monday.
- ...Angie has a hot, hot date with a new girl in town this Saturday.
- ...We are all waiting with breathless anticipation to see how Rita and Vinny handle Warner J's old, and we do mean old, doorbell trade.
- ...Phil C. and Vanessa found out that not only are their birthdays on the same day but they are both the same age.
- ...There is a certain amount of humor in J.B. going to St. Mary's when he is sick.
- ...Dale Mc. is definitely off of Tommy S's "social 500" list -- who cares!
- ...Elliot A. must have a "Rocky Mountain High" because he is still give out his Denver address.
- ...Resolution of the week -- Del S. will stay awake at Stepps long enough to eat a meal. Five will get you ten it will be chicken!
- ...Jim T. really got after Paul for throwing his nuts around the B/P.

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- ...It is viciously rumored that Polly S. is trying to convert Dave P. from chicken to fish. Good luck lady...
- ...Dee Dee said if she is going to be cake, then she'll be Tasmanian Devil's Food cake!
- ...Will wonders ever end? Butch is really BUTCH - just ask anyone, including Del S., Tommy S., and the U of A football team!
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An evening of bowling is being featured this Saturday for the March social activity of Casa de Cristo. Both members and friends of the congregation are most welcome to join in for this fun time. The group will meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 p.m. They will then car pool to the bowling alley. For more info call the church office at 265-2831.

"Jews Crusade For Jesus," is being featured at both services this Sunday, 10:55 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.. The special guest will be Mr. Michael Mountain, an English-born Jewish brother. Pastor Mountain, who is now a believer in Jesus as his Messiah, will bring the message at the Sunday morning service. A workshop on Jewish evangelism will be featured during the evening service. Mr. Mountain has his own radio show over one of the local radio stations. Mr. Mountain, a non-Gay Christian, recently had Pastor Fred, our pastor, appear on his call-in program. Mr. Pattison presented the case for Gay Christians. The public is most welcome to attend these unique services this Sunday to be held in our sanctuary which is located at 1029 E. Turney.

Recent publications of Agape Publications, the joint effort of Casa de Cristo and Gay-Cos, include, "Gay Christian Sexual Morality," "What is MCC?" "Evangelicalism At Casa de Cristo," "UFMCC - A Fellowship Or A Denomination?" "Are Gay Christians A Cult?" "Handbook For Gay Chrsitians," and Casa Bible Institute."

GAY COS NEWS A brand new series of training classes for the Gay Help Line will begin this Friday evening. The Gay Help Line was the very first such hot-line to be established in Phoenix several years ago. Mr. Floyd Lewis is presently in charge of this important service. The Gay Help Line was originally maintained by MCC but is now sponsored by Gay Christian Outreach Services (GayCos).

"Turnabout," a brand new group will have their first get together on Monday, March 17. Turnabout is for those people who are either dealing directly or indirectly with drug and/or alcoholic problems. The group is open to everyone and is basically a support group. Time for the Monday get-togethers is at 7:30 p.m. using the facilities of Casa de Cristo MCC at 1029 E. Turney.

The new Youth Group meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. It is a Christian-oriented alternative to the bar scene. It is limited solely to teenagers and those in their early twenties. The group is also made up of both young women and young men. For more information concerning this Youth Group, call Gay-Cos at 265-1102 in Phoenix.

HTCC THIS SUNDAY — A HOLY UNION

for Glenn Almack and the Rev. Jim Rice will be conducted in the Awareness Room of the Unitarian Church. The time is 7:30 p.m. All friends of both are invited to attend. The service will be conducted by the Rev. "Buff" Fisher of Truth Chapel. Light refreshments will follow.

What is a Holy Union. First let us declare what a Holy Union is NOT. It is not a marriage. That is between a man and a woman and usually children are expected from the union. A Holy Union is a sacrament of the church in which two men or two women wish to take their vows of love before the Church, God and the community. It is a very serious service, and should never be a mockery of a wedding. Within the Church, the community, or wherever it is recognized, it should carry the same responsibilities and privileges as a marriage. It is not a legally recognized situation, but with the advancement of civil liberties and rights, those who declare their love in this manner live with the hope that it will one day be recognized by governmental authorities along with marriage.

For now, we are content that our love is recognized by the Higher authority, God, and that we can stand before Him and the community and say, "God is love, and those who love have a certain amount of God in them." He has commanded us to love, and we thank Him for this wonderful expression between two people.

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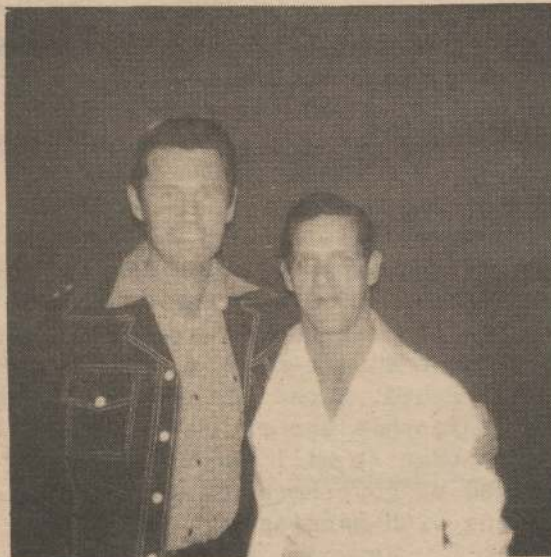
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Gay rights fight in South Bay

by Ivan Sharpe

San Francisco's undisputed status as the Gay capital of the United States is not an issue in the big Gay rights campaign just beginning in San Jose, California. But the fact that the Gay mecca is only an hour's drive away makes the result of the coming June 3 ballot so important.

A loss for Gay rights, which wined as an issue in California after the resounding defeat at the polls last year of Proposition 6, would rally the Anita Bryant-led moral crusaders who have spearheaded opposition to such anti-discrimination legislation in local scraps - some successful - across the country. "I think it's going to be a hot and heavy campaign," says Jim McEntee, executive director of the Santa Clara County Human Rights Commission, which persuaded the Board of Supervisors last summer to adopt an ordinance outlawing housing and job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

A month later a similar ordinance was adopted by the San Jose City Council. But then both city and county ordinances were subject to a hastily organized signature-gathering campaign dominated by fundamentalist church members, who chanted "Praise the Lord" when one public hearing was rocked by an earthquake. (AGN 5 Oct. 1979). Now both the city and county ballots contain measures asking voters to reject the ordinances. Both sides are ready to launch expensive campaigns. The Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights has rented a \$300-a-month office and has begun churning out literature. The Coalition's goal is to raise \$250,000, although it has encountered some angry opposition within the Gay community to its scheme to ask Gay businesses to contribute 10 percent of their gross earnings to the campaign. A number of Gay businesses have charged that Gays are being urged to boycott their businesses if they do not support the fund-raising plan. Gay leaders however, deny any intimidation or coercion.

The coalition has so far raised about \$30,000 and plans to employ professional pollsters and a media-buying service for TV, radio and newspaper ads. The coalition's top leadership is essentially the same as that which led the county's campaign against Prop. 6. The San Jose Gays draw considerable comfort from the fact that the measure was defeated in Santa Clara County by a 61-to-39 percent margin, better than the statewide average.

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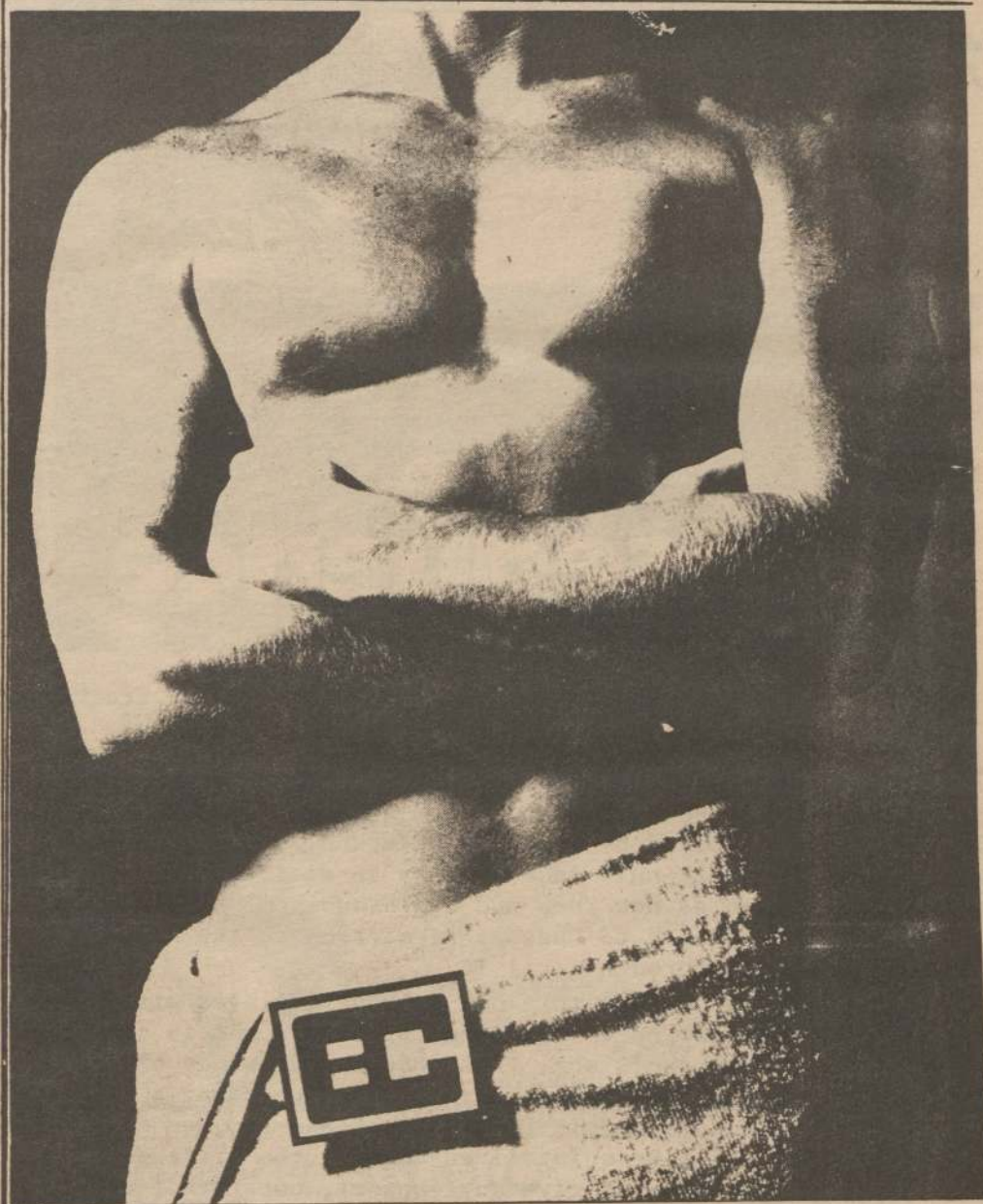
TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls held their monthly meeting Saturday, March 1. The following is some news of interest to the Tucson Gay Community.

A St. Patrick's Day Party will be held for club members and their guests. This will take place on the evening of Monday, March 17. There will be food and beverages at the party. Guests are asked to pay \$3.00 at the door. For information as to the location please contact any member of Tucson Knight Owls.

Our sister clubs in Phoenix - Phoenix Levi Leather Club and the Sons of Apollo - will be arriving in Tucson on Friday March 28. There will be a welcome to Tucson gathering that evening at 9 p.m. at Hair Tiz. On Saturday, the 29th, the three groups will spend the day at Sabino Canyon. Those interested in attending the days events in the canyon can contact Dale McKissack or Wilma for more information.

Coming up for Easter, TKO will be having an Easter Bonnet Contest to be held Easter Sunday, April 6 from noon to 4 p.m. The entrants will be wearing their finest creations and choosing winners at each of the following bars - Hair Tiz, Back Pocket and the Graduate. Anyone can be a part of the contest. Use your imagination and come up with an unusual headpiece. See you next month.

Club Reporter - Bart

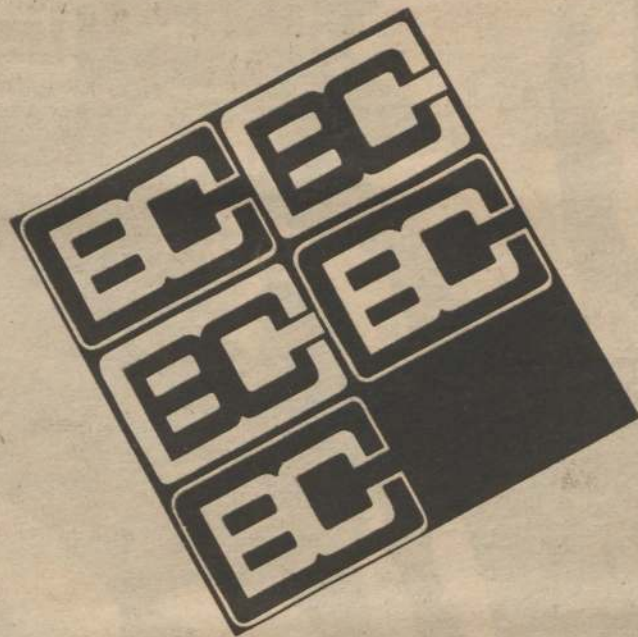


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by Gary N. Clark
With the advent of exploitative, negative films dealing with the Gay sensibility such as "Cruising" and "Windows," comes a film that looks at our side of the coin on what Gays have to deal with. Such a film is "The Consequence," directed by Wolfgang Peterson. A German film produced in 1979, it only made its way in distribution to major cities such as New York and San Francisco. Coming full circle, it has made it to Tucson, premiering at the New Loft Theater, March 30 through April 1.

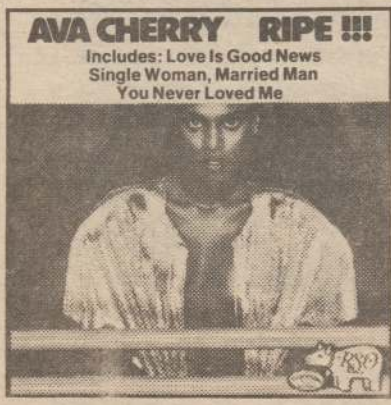
The film deals with a Gay prisoner, played with fine honesty and raw nerve by Jurgen Prochnow, who is involved with the warden's son, Ernst Hannewald, whose brave stamina and pathos lead one to forget you are seeing a film and not actually involved in the lives of the two men in an uphill struggle to live quiet lives against the attitudes of a society unwilling to give any support, but rather doing everything in its power to destroy them.

A German film originally made for television, its impact was so powerful that it was re-edited and sent for distribution in Europe and the United States. "The Consequence" far surpasses Peterson's first film, "Fox And His Friends," which dealt with Gay situations. "Consequence" weathers much better in its characterizations and its continuity. Still, having a somewhat negative ending, the viewer nonetheless feels that both characters have learned about themselves as well as the world around them. Perhaps Peterson's next film will have a more positive ending, but "The Consequence" is a gratifying film and a landmark in cinema, trying to deal in controversial subject matter. A must see.

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Cutsinger found guilty

SEATTLE, WA (BAR) - Homosexual former serviceman Roger Cutsinger, has been found guilty of the premeditated murder of his roommate Larry Duerkson, in a December, University of Washington shooting that climaxed the duo's eleven-day honeymoon. It was alleged that the couple took out a half-million dollar insurance policy, and that Cutsinger picked up a pistol on the morning of the murder.

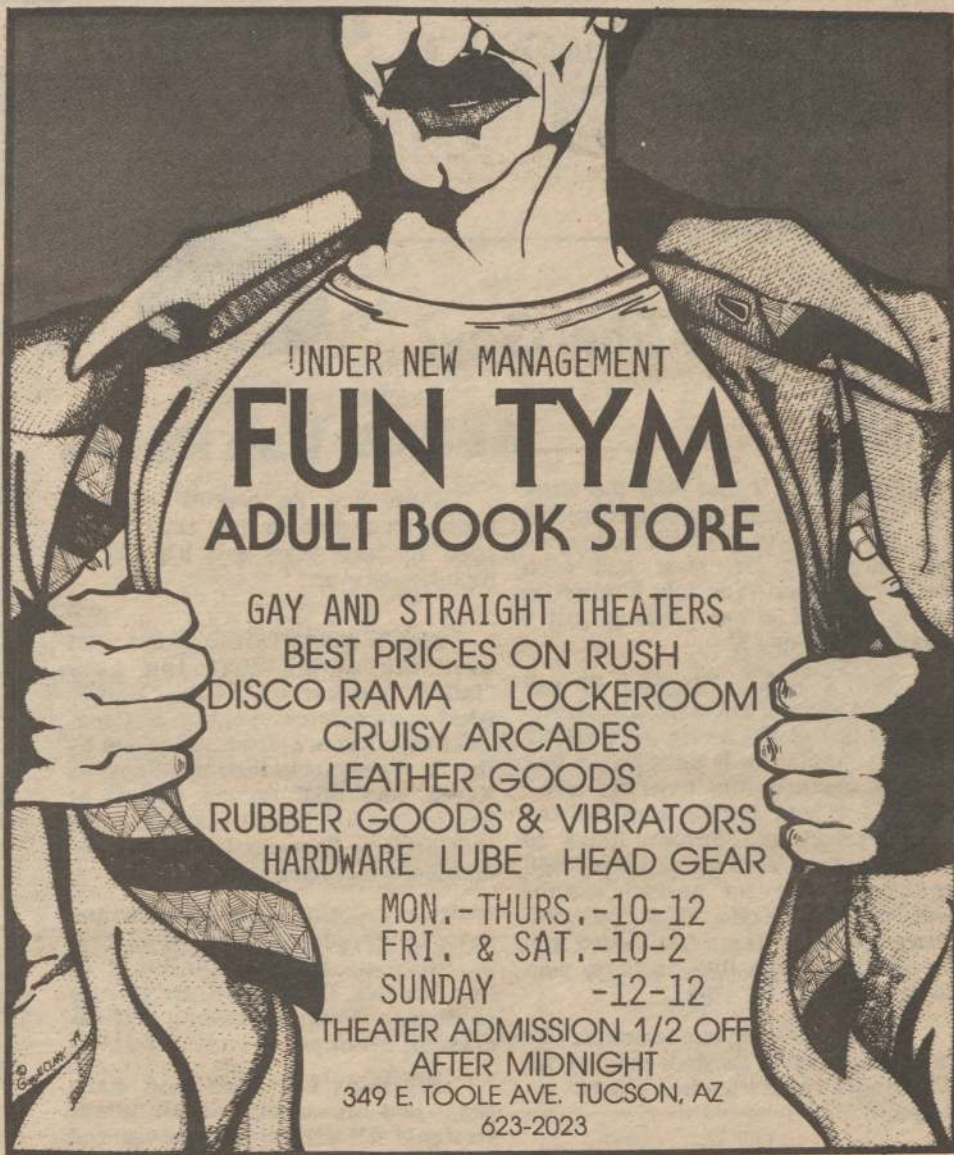
Superior Court Judge James J. Dore decided the case as Cutsinger waived a jury trial. The judge never left the courtroom to reach his decision which he explained in a twenty-minute summation. Roger Cutsinger now awaits sentencing, scheduled for April 10. Cutsinger's attorney feels his client was convicted on circumstantial evidence, evidence which showed merely that Cutsinger could have committed the crime. The murder weapon was never produced, nor any witnesses to the crime.

Cutsinger recently received a general discharge from nearby Fort Lewis when his homosexuality became a matter of official public record.

I.N.S. foiled

LONDON, UK (GPU) - Although United States authorities are no longer uniformly enforcing immigration regulations banning practicing homosexuals from entry into the U.S., Gays still face difficulties in applying for visas at foreign embassies, and various pockets of incompetence and confusion on the part of officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.). Visa officers at U.S. Embassies abroad are still required to inquire about sexual orientation.

The latest Gay known to have jumped the visa hurdle is Quentin Crisp, spetugenarian author of *The Naked Civil Servant*. Before setting off for another Stateside lecture tour, Crisp applied for a new visa, and was asked by U.S. officials in London if he were a practicing homosexual. He responded: "At the age of 70, one doesn't need to practice." He got the visa.



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Well, I have a daughter I'll call Karen, who also had a "warm friendship" with a classmate named Rita. We thought nothing of it until Karen told us that she and Rita were "in love." They were both 18. We were shocked and sickened, and forbade Karen to see Rita again. We even saw a psychologist with her for several months without any success. That was two years ago. Now Karen has moved into an apartment with Rita, and they plan to live happily ever after.

We are ashamed and heartsick. We think she's sick or twisted, and wonder where we went wrong, where we failed.

We raised two daughters. The older one is happily married. We never considered the possibility that this could happen in our family.

Abby, how do parents learn to cope with a problem like this? We've tried for two years and it's still as repulsive as ever.

DEAR HEARTSICK: First, get over the notion that you have "failed." You haven't. No one "knows" what causes homosexuality, but consider this: Karen's sister was raised by the same parents in the same house as Karen, and SHE turned out to be heterosexual. Doesn't this suggest that perhaps homosexuality could be an inborn biological trait?

For enlightening information, write to: Parents of Gays, 201 W. 13th St., New York, N.Y. 10011, or Box 24528, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024. Be sure to enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed, envelope.

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Ann Landers



A stance on homosexuality

Dear Ann: The enclosed appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle under "Letters to the Editor." It seems you have some explaining to do. You appear to be speaking out of both sides of your mouth, Ann. How about it? — M. In Henrietta, N.Y.

Dear Henrietta: Thank you for the opportunity to set this matter straight. The writer said, "Ann Landers' column dated July 23, 1976, concerning the battling of the American Psychiatric Association as to whether or not homosexuality is a mental disorder, stated, Homosexuals are entitled to their civil rights. However, I do not believe homosexuality is just another lifestyle. I believe these people suffer from a severe personality disorder. Some are sicker than others, but sick they are and all the fancy rhetoric by the American Psychiatric Association will not change it."

"On Dec. 17, Landers ran a letter from a female homosexual who signed herself, Out in the Open and Happy About It."

"Landers replied, A great many people do not believe homosexuality is 'normal and healthy' and I am among them." She further states she has received thousands of letters from homosexuals who are desperately unhappy and would give anything to be straight.

"Soon after, when interviewed for a magazine, she replied, Gays enjoy their lives and most would not be anything else." When asked if gays should be allowed to teach in school, she replied, You're darned right. Some of the best teachers I know are gay."

"How can she advocate that persons who have severe personality disorders be permitted to teach school?"

"I agree with Miss Landers that homosexuals should have the opportunity to work — however, I firmly believe they should not be permitted to teach school or direct youngsters in any capacity." — D.S.

Dear Henrietta: Sorry I had to trim

D.S.'s letter, but even with the cuts, it's going to take the entire column.

My answer is simple: The magazine interviewer could not possibly print everything that was said, so he selected the sentences presenting my views as he perceived them.

Unfortunately his perception was slightly flawed in this one area. A very important word was left out. The word was MANY. I said, "Many gays enjoy their lives and would not be anything else." This is true. By the same token, my mail tells me a far greater number are wretched and miserable. They hate their homosexuality and would give anything to be straight.

I believe homosexuals should not be denied the right to employment and this includes the right to teach school. The widely held notion that they molest little boys is untrue. Some do — but the overwhelming majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. This is a matter of record. Ask any criminologist. A far more frequent problem is male teachers who attempt to seduce female students.

The personality disorder of the homosexual has to do with his choice of sexual partners. Many straight people have personality disorders also, such as a deep-seated hatred for people of another color or religion, alcoholism and drug addiction. And some teachers just plain don't like kids. They went into teaching because it was the only job around. I stand by my statements. All of them.

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Psychiatric manuel changes appear minimal

NEW YORK - Dr. Robert L. Spitzer, Chairperson of the American Psychiatric Association's Task Force on Nomenclature and Statistics, has advised the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) that there is only a "slight change in emphasis" in the material relevant to homosexuality scheduled to appear in the soon-to-be-published third revision of the psychiatric profession's official Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. To be known as DSM-III, it will replace the DSM-II published in 1974.

The DSM-II dropped homosexuality as a mental disorder from the seventh (1974) and subsequent printings of DSM-II substituting a new category, Sexual Orientation Disturbance. This diagnosis was for homosexuals who were "disturbed by, in conflict with, or wish to change their sexual orientation." In DSM-III, the category of Ego-dystonic Homosexuality modifies and replaces Sexual Orientation Disturbance.

"The change in terminology was made to make clear that the category was limited to individuals with a homosexual arousal pattern," writes the APA Task Force in the forthcoming DSM-III. "Changes in the definition of the category emphasize the impairment in heterosexual functioning. Ego-Dystonic Homosexuality is not included as a Paraphilia in DSM-III, in contrast to the inclusion of both Homosexuality and Sexual Orientation Disturbance in DSM-II, as Sexual Deviations, because in DSM-III the Paraphilias are limited to conditions that are associated with (1) preference for the use of a nonhuman object for sexual arousal, (2) repetitive sexual activity with humans involving real or simulated suffering or humiliation, or (3) repetitive sexual with nonconsenting or inappropriate partners."

According to unproved gallies of the new DSM-III, the Ego-dystonic Homosexuality category ".....is reserved for those homosexuals for whom changing sexual orientations is a persistent concern, and should be avoided in cases where the desire to change sexual orientations may be a brief, temporary manifestation of an individual's difficulty in adjusting to a new awareness of his or her homosexual impulses."

NGTF, aware of considerable rumor current within the national Gay community about the forthcoming revisions, requested an explanation from Dr. Spitzer. NGTF takes no position on these changes, but Co-Executive Director C.F. Brydon noted that they appear generally consistent with the fundamental view, adopted by psychiatric and other mental health professionals in the early '70's, that homosexuality per se is not a mental disorder

N.Y. mayor asks Carter for executive order

NEW YORK - Mayor Edward F. Koch, of New York has called on President Jimmy Carter to act in response to the Petition presented at the White House calling for an Executive Order to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in government program, services and federal employment not protected by the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act. (The 1978 Civil Service Reform Act protects 95% of federal civilian employees against discrimination based on private, non-job-related conduct. Exempted are employees of the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency, Foreign Service Officers of the State Department and all uniformed military Personnel.)

"There is no question but that there exists prejudice and discrimination against a substantial number of women and men based solely on their sexual orientation," wrote Mayor Koch. "This prejudice has found its way into the government sector where employment and access to services have been denied to Lesbians and Gay men and their community service organizations. It is time for a strong response to these citizens' call for a redress of policies and practices that treat some Americans unequally."

Citing the example of his own early action in issuing an executive order prohibiting discrimination by all units of New York City government, including the municipal fire and police services, Koch advised the president that his experience "...has proven these steps contribute to the quality of life for all our citizens and specifically to the human development of Lesbians and Gay men. There has been no evidence whatsoever of the negative effects predicted by the opponents of Gay rights," added the Mayor.

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