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## U.S. SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR ANTI-GAY SUIT

### Memphis police step up harassment

MEMPHIS, TN (BAR) - Representatives of the Memphis Gay Coalition and the ACLU of Tennessee have joined to train members of the Gay community to act as "Gay rights advocates." These people will be trained to help victims of police harassment in both immediate and long-term needs after the victim's arrest. Sworn testimony of recent victims of anti-Gay police harassment are being compiled for evidence in a possible class action suit to be brought against the Memphis Police Department. Several members of the Memphis Gay community have been subjected to extreme verbal abuse, trumped-up charges and continued surveillance by the Memphis Police. "I was called every name in the book and a few I believe they made up," one victim to the *Gaze*, the local Gay newspaper, after being arrested for public drunkenness and insufficient identification. The victim does not drink.

One representative of the Memphis Gay Coalition indicated that many members of the Gay community refuse to believe that police harassment is really taking place. "Unless a person has actually experienced harassment or seen it first-hand, the person finds it too hard to believe that our civil servants could really do such unbelievable things. But believe me, I've seen it, and they can and do commit acts that would make your skin crawl."

### 19 Gays in D.C. posts

by George Heymont

WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) - The Mayor of Washington was honored at a fund-raising event for the Mayoral Appointments Project of the Gay Activists Alliance on December 9. Also honored were 19 openly Gay men and women who serve or who have served on various boards and commissions of the District of Columbia. The project was conceived shortly after Mayor Marion Barry's election in November 1978 as Washington Gays sought to place themselves as quickly as possible into the mainstream of the District's political life. The project became a formal entity in June 1979 under the direction of Mel Boozer. When Boozer was elected President of GAA this fall, Tom Chorlton became coordinator of the project.

Remarking on the success of the project, Chorlton told the *Washington Blade*, "We've tried to reach out to the whole community and in doing so we have brought in some outstanding people. If you're going to join the Engineering Board you don't need to be an activist. You need to be a goddamn good engineer. Chorlton has also suggested an orientation plan for new Gay board members which would equip them to deal with such problems and help give them the tools to revitalize and shape the direction of many of the boards."

### New V.D. clinic for Tucson

TUCSON - It has been about a year since Gay Community Services of Tucson gave up their VD clinic. Word has come from the Pima County Health Department that an "Alternative Lifestyle VD Clinic" will be opening January 7, 1981 every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Clinic will be held at Pima County Health Department, 332 South Freeway Avenue in Tucson. This will be a no cost clinic and your confidentiality will be assured. This clinic will not be conducted the same as the regular Pima County VD Clinic has been operating. It is designed primarily for Gay men and Lesbian women to come in and have regular checkups if they are sexually active. For further information call 624-8271.

WASHINGTON, DC - On Monday, Dec. 8, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an order, refusing to hear arguments by Texas A&M University that it should be immune from a civil rights suit that was filed against it by a Gay student group. The group, Gay Student Services, applied for official recognition as a student group. The students filed a lawsuit in federal district court when the University refused to recognize it. Judge Ross Sterling dismissed the lawsuit and the student group appealed to the United States Court of Appeal. On February 20, the Court of Appeal reversed the decision of the District Court and ordered Judge Sterling to reinstate the lawsuit and to hold a trial on the merits. The University then filed a request in the U.S. Supreme Court, asking that court to intervene and make the University immune from the lawsuit. The Supreme Court unanimously declined to interfere in the lawsuit and now the case will go back to federal district court for a trial.

The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief on behalf of the student group. Thomas F. Coleman, co-director of the Litigation Project of the National Committee, upon learning of the decision of the Supreme Court, commented, "There is a growing body of federal law on the subject of Gay student organizations. Cases have been fought and won in Maine, Virginia, Missouri and elsewhere. Now it looks like we may win this one in Texas. There are similar cases pending in other states, such as Oklahoma. The fact that not one Supreme Court justice voted to take the Texas case is a significant improvement over previous votes by that court in similar cases. The Gay community around the country should be very grateful to these student groups for building this growing body of positive constitutional law on Gay rights issues."

### Another favorable decision

BOSTON, MA - The Massachusetts Supreme Court on Dec. 15 declared unconstitutional a law making it criminal to be a "lewd, wanton and lascivious person. . . in speech and behavior." Edward J. Sefranka was prosecuted under that statute after being arrested by a plainclothes vice officer. The officer claimed that Sefranka solicited the officer to engage in oral sex. The officer admitted that Sefranka had suggested that the sex act should occur in a private residence. After being convicted, Sefranka appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Court. In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court declared that Sefranka's conviction must be reversed and he must be found not guilty. The Court stated that future use of this statute by police and prosecutors must be limited to solicitations made in a public place which propose the commission of a sexual touching in a public place when there is someone present who may be offended by viewing that conduct.

The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union and Gay and Lesbian Defenders and Advocates (G.L.A.D.) filed a joint brief attacking the constitutionality of the law. Thomas F. Coleman, co-director of the Litigation Project of the National Committee, expressed great joy when the Clerk of the Supreme Court called him personally to inform him of the decision. "This is another landmark decision in the seemingly never ending battle for equal rights for Gay people. Last year the California Supreme Court declared the lewd conduct law of that state unconstitutional in the Pryor decision. The Massachusetts Supreme Court has essentially adopted the Pryor decision, in fact it cited Pryor as authority. Also, less than three months ago,

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



# News Briefs

## GRATUITOUSLY FOUL

GREENSBURGH, NY (GCN) - A judge here has dismissed charges against two men arrested for having sex in a public restroom because of misconduct by the police officers who arrested the men. In his opinion, Town Justice Ascher Katz wrote that "the defendants' wrongs give no license to the police to become gratuitously foul."

The two men were arrested in a public men's room on the New York State Thruway and taken by state police to police barracks in Tarrytown. According to the court's opinion, one of the defendants, identified as Joseph P., was stripped by a trooper Stedman and held for 15 minutes in a large open room with windows overlooking the toll-booths on the Tappan Zee Bridge, a busy bridge on the thruway. Another trooper walked in while Joseph P. was naked and commented, "Too bad an Italian has to be a faggot." The trooper left the room, leaving the door open so that the defendant was also visible to people passing in the hall. "I would have preferred to have died," Joseph P. told the judge. After he was allowed to dress, the defendant was handcuffed to a chair for what he said was an hour.

"This opinion also castigates Westchester County District Attorney Carl Vergari for requiring the defendant to waive his right to the return of his photographs, fingerprints, and the sealing of his record in order for the district attorney to consent to a dismissal. This requirement of waiver is ruled illegal," Harris Kimball, the defendant's attorney, told GCN.

## NEW YEARS EVE DANCE IN TUCSON

TUCSON - The Musician's Hall will be the site of a New Years Eve Dance and buffet in which Lesbians and Gay men are invited. Tickets to the BYOB affair are \$10.00 per person. The dance will begin at 8 and run to 1 a.m. and possibly later. There will be a live band playing throughout the evening and the food will be served as long as it lasts. That's Wednesday evening, Dec. 31. Musicians Hall is located at 620 S. 6th Ave. For further information call 624-0906.

## This week's cover.

Depicting a Gay holiday season, our cover this week is by our staff artist Gary Clark, whose work has been seen on these pages from time to time in political cartoons as well as humorous works. Gary is a volunteer staff member and we thank him for his talented efforts.

## PARNELL TRIAL SLATED FOR JAN.

OAKLAND, CA (GCN) - Kenneth Eugene Parnell, the 49-year-old Californian charged with the 1972 kidnapping of Stevie Stayner and the 1980 kidnapping of Timmy White, is scheduled for trial in January, 1981. Earlier this year, Parnell was arrested after 15-year-old Stayner left Parnell's home with 5-year-old White and identified himself and White to rural police. Stayner had lived with Parnell as his "son" for over seven years after his kidnapping. Parnell has been charged with one count of kidnapping in the Stayner case. According to California law, the statute of limitations on the 1972 kidnap expired in 1975. Merced County (CA) District Attorney Pat Hallford is seeking to have the law extended in this case and his argument is currently before the California court of appeals. Hallford is also seeking to try Parnell for conspiracy to commit a number of sex acts with Stayner.

Also facing a single count of conspiracy to commit kidnap in the Stayner case is Ervin Edward Murphy, who the state alleges was with Parnell when Stayner was abducted. Parnell will also be tried for one count of kidnap in the Timmy White case.

Parnell's arrest attracted massive national publicity earlier this year. Parnell is indigent and has been represented by two public defenders. Change of venue motions were successful and Parnell's trial will take place in Oakland. Parnell is presently being held in an Oakland jail. Steven Stayner, now 16 and living with his natural parents, received a \$15,000 reward for returning Timmy White to police. The state plans to use Stayner as a witness against the man he called "Dad" for seven years. Stayner's natural father has hired attorneys and agents to handle prospective book and film sales about his son's life with Parnell. No sales have yet been announced.

## FIRST WIN IN THE FIRST STATE

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE (GCN) - A Family Court judge here has awarded custody of a five-year-old girl to her mother, a Lesbian, in what Rosalie Davies of Custody Action for Lesbian Mothers (CALM) believes to be the first such successful case in Delaware. The Philadelphia Gay News reports that Judge Roana Arsht ruled that the mother's sexual orientation "could not be ignored," but that it was not detrimental, in awarding custody to the mother.

The child's maternal grandparents, strict Baptists who believe that homosexuality is wrong, sued for custody of the girl in December 1979; they disclosed the mother's Lesbianism at a second hearing in January. After the decision, the grandmother told reporters, "A five-year-old girl shouldn't be brought up in that atmosphere," according to the Gay News.

## HARRY BRITT ASSAULTED IN S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - Supervisor Harry Britt was attacked Sunday, Dec. 7. Britt was in transit from one meeting to another and was walking on Divisadero between Golden Gate and Turk. Three youths passed Britt, and one suddenly turned and threw the city's leading Gay politician against a brick wall. His glasses were knocked off and he suffered minor head abrasions.

## A STEP FORWARD FOR GERMAN GAYS

BERLIN, Germany (BAR) - Former chancellor Willi Brandt, while running for re-election to the German parliament took his first public stand on the issue of discrimination against German Gays. Brant stated that if re-elected he would recommend to the Federal Diet that homosexuals incarcerated in Nazi concentration camps receive compensation. He further said he believed it was time for homosexuals to be treated equally with heterosexuals under the law.

## GUESS WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE?

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (BAR) - Although the recent elections may have had dismal results for Gays around the country, things are looking good in Minneapolis. Voters there elected the first team of a Lesbian and Gay man into the legislative ranks. Both candidates were supported by the Democratic Farmer Labor Party. Karen Clark won 65 percent of the vote in her district, which includes a low-income portion of south-central Minneapolis. This will be her first term in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Allan Spear returned to the State Senate for a third term with a 70 percent vote from his district. Spear's district includes the University of Minnesota. Both legislators are planning to work for a statewide Gay rights bill.

## GAYS MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (GayLife) - According to a study recently completed in Stockholm, Gay men are more likely to smoke than straight men, by a factor of 1.4.

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## The Night Before Christmas

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 The baskets were hung by the chimney with care  
 In hopes that Gay Nicholas soon would be there.  
 The boys were nestled all snug in their beds  
 while visions of cock rings danced in their heads.  
 My lover in his kerchief and I in my cap  
 had all sniffed poppers for a long winter's nap.

When out on the law there erected a clatter  
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
 Away to the window I flew like a flash  
 Tore open the shutters and threw down the sash.  
 I shot a moon on the new fallen snow  
 Gave a lustre of midday to objects below.  
 When what to my cruising eyes should appear  
 But a campy old sleigh and eight tacky reindeer.

With a little old fem so lively and quick  
 I knew in a moment it must be Gay Nick.  
 Now Joanne, Now Ebony, Now Sammy and Bill  
 On Ronnie and Lonnie, Tommy and Clude  
 To the top of the roof, to the top of the wall  
 Mince away, swish away, prance away all.  
 And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
 the prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.

As I tightened my ass and was turning around  
 He came down the chimney and fell with a bound.  
 He was fat and ugly, a right queer old elf  
 And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.  
 A wink of his eye and a limp of his hand  
 Soon gave me to know he was straight from Gay land.  
 He spoke not a word but went straight to work  
 And filling all the baskets he turned with a jerk.

Laying a finger aside of his nose  
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his girls gave a whistle  
 Away they all went like the down of a thistle.  
 And I heard him exclaim as they flew out of sight  
 Merry Christmas to all and to all a Gay night.

Daniel C.J. Renehan II

## in TUCSON is it true.....

- ...Dave P. has such a cute helmet. Everyone wants to know if he rides sidesaddle.
- ...Lois has a chicken room at work, but says Doc is ineligible.
- ...It was amusing to hear Bill C's mother explain to lovely Louis what a capon is.
- ...J.B. looks great in his new glasses, but it is too bad his eyes are still bad. Look who he slept with Saturday night! Merry Christmas Stuart.
- ...Bill N. has the same problem as Peter - gives too much head.
- ...Don P. buys all his Xmas toys at the Bookcellar.
- ...The Flip Flop twins were arguing which one of them had the most warts on their rear end.
- ...Loretta Von Swartz and Susan Louis Sindenberg were seen "humming" Christmas carols to certain patrons of the FunTym Bookstore.
- ...Miss Polly just keeps molding it until she gets it as long and as big around as she wants - simple!!!
- ...Ed and Little LuLu had a contest to see who could moan and groan the loudest while on Rona B II's living room floor.
- ...You always know when Lois squeezes because of the two pressure points.
- ...Porky explains mixed emotions as watching his Cadillac go over a cliff with Dave P. at the wheel.
- ...Danny Z. is the only one in town with a sheared rabbit cowboy hat.
- ...Tom was on his hands and knees picking up nickles behind the bar at the Graduate.
- ...Don P. is doing his best to convince us he really is Jayne Wayne.
- ...Not only does Miss Polly give instructions, but Porky enjoys following them.
- ...Debbie claims to have a whole supermarket of dildos.
- ...Mother Johnny was seen scattering his beds around town.
- ...A certain horse better does his party crashing when leaving - and there are four dented fenders to prove it.
- ...How did Bob Dameron bruise his thumb when in town Monday?
- ...Gary Y. has the perfect way of getting rid of house guests - kind of tacky though.
- ...Phil C. was having a fire sale at the B/P Saturday.



from the staff of  
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## Portland Gay Triumphs

PORTLAND, OR (BAR) - A member of the Portland Town Council, a local Gay political action committee, was recently fired from his job as a top buyer for the women's clothing department of a fashionable department store. Mike Sandmeyer was warned by the chain's Vice-President to change his image and lifestyle by not frequenting Gay establishments, not belonging to Gay organizations and bringing female dates to store social functions or functions where other store employees were likely to gather. After rejecting the demands, Sandmyer brought a male date to a buyers' lunch the following day. That evening he received a phone call from the store manager informing him that he had "quit" his job. The next day the store took away his key and charge card.

Sandmyer's lawyer demanded a written apology from the store, back pay, reinstatement, and \$500 in damages for his client. Sandmyer went one step further by threatening the Portland store manager with the possibility of a Gay boycott of the store. The manager, aware that a recent study had suggested that 30 percent of the store's sales in some departments were to Gay patrons, acceded to the lawyers demands. Although he received a raise after his reinstatement, Sandmyer voluntarily resigned the following day. Portland Town Council is currently investigating reports that another department store chain, Meier & Frank Co., has a written policy forbidding the promotion of openly Gay employees.

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### Judge upholds teacher firing

Compiled by Betty Krier

PARAMUS, NJ (GCN) - New Jersey State Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke has affirmed the decision of an administrative law judge to dismiss tenured teacher John Gish as a result of his participation in Lesbian and Gay rights activities. Echoing the earlier decision, Burke wrote in his October 31 ruling, "No judgment has been made to respondent's personal behavior, only the determination that his endorsement, with attendant publicity, of a 'Gay life-style' had an impact upon his fitness to teach."

The action began in 1972 when Gish, a Paramus High School teacher, assumed the presidency of the Gay Activist Alliance. At the time, the school superintendent warned him not to take such a public stance. Gish did not step down, and the Paramus school board moved to have him transferred out of the school and into administrative work. After a hearing before him in 1978, administrative law judge Eric C. Errickson ruled in support of the board's action. Vincent Perna of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) labelled Burke's decision "horrendous." He told GCN, John has civil rights like everyone else to take part in political demonstrations or demonstrations for certain beliefs - and he should not be fired for it. The way the decision is written, teachers cannot enjoy the same First Amendment rights as everyone else. They must stay in the closet - Gay or any other kind of closet."

Errickson's ruling confronted the issue in part, stating, "Respondent as a citizen has an unfettered right to seek and generate all the publicity for which he was responsible....Such expression is guaranteed by the United States Constitution." He continued, "This is not to say, however, that the prudent caution recommended by the superintendent was frivolous or otherwise inappropriate." Errickson found that Gish had engaged in "conduct unbecoming to a teacher" because the publicity around Gish's activism could cause parents to "worry about the psychological effects on their children." He further found that the publicity around Gish's activism could "threaten.....the

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# Perspective

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU'RE 14 AND GAY?



Some kids know they are Gay at an early age and they accept it. But many others, unfortunately, live in a world of fear and confusion, wondering if they are, as many straight people tactfully put it, queer. The doubts and suspicions of the adolescent often cause undo worry and anxieties. Many are driven into loneliness and depression, by the fear of someone finding out that they are Gay. Some find suicide an easy way out; others turn to drugs and alcohol, which is still suicide, only the slow and painful way. But some of us manage to come through unscathed by the oppression put upon us by our straight brothers and sisters (brothers and sisters?) If you can't get away from their bullshit, and listen to it long enough, you will either be driven to insanity, or stupified at how ignorant they are.

When I told my class that I was Gay, the myths and questions that came up astounded me. Who do you do it with? Where do you do it? How do you do it? Do you make a lot of money doing it? And to top it all off they would say "people are fighting Gays because they molest little girls!" If only people would educate themselves on the subject. Talk about it among themselves. Talk about it with their sons and daughters. Bring it out in the open. Surely some people would understand what it means to be Gay; that there is nothing to be ashamed about. It's neither a sickness nor a disease.

If parents don't bring up the subject, it is left up to us. This is one hell of a difficult thing to do. Many kids, I'm sure, would like to tell their parents - I know I would. But it's the same old story: I just don't

know how they would react. They could accept me for what I am, try to change me, or disown me entirely. I know you might ask, "You told the kids in school, why not your parents?" There is a great deal of difference between telling some people you hardly know and telling your parents. With my class, it wasn't so much of a hassle. They seemed indifferent, and went on as usual after being told about it. Of course there was the occasional name-calling, but that wasn't so bad. Some of the names they use are quite true. I am a faggot.

My parents, I know, wouldn't call me names. So what's the problem? As I mentioned before, I don't know how they will react. I was never close to my parents, so I find it difficult to talk to them about anything, much less being Gay. Maybe, I say to myself, if I was closer to my parents I'd be able to tell the. But I'm not, so I'm afraid I'll just have to go around wondering how they would react. I'm 14, I'm Gay. I'm happy that way and don't want to change. I guess I'm lucky in that respect. There are quite a few 14 year olds who are Gay, but damn few who will admit it. Even if they do admit it there are virtually no places where 14 year olds can meet other 14 year olds. Oh, there is the occasional friend from school who you can get together with once in a while. But other than that, what is there? Not much.

You have to be 18 or 19 to go to the bars. With cruising you can get into trouble. Putting my life in the hands of a stranger doesn't particularly turn me on. But you can get away with it if you are lucky. The last thing I can think of is answering ads in the local papers. It is practically the same thing as cruising, only by mail. So if you are 14 and Gay there is not much you can do. That is why Gay youths need to organize. We need each other for support, reassurance, and for confidence when there is no one else to give it. We need someone we can talk to, who knows what it is like to be young and Gay and alone. I don't mean that older Gays are no help whatsoever - they try, but sometimes they can forget what it means to be young with no one you can really talk to.

The rejection of youth by older Gays afraid of getting mixed up with minors can be cruel and sadistic. Hopefully this does not happen often. I think things are beginning to change. The Gay community is beginning to realize that there is a movement that needs to be acknowledged and accepted by the Gay community. That movement is Gay Youth. It will be up to us to tell and educate our parents about being Gay. We are the ones who will carry on where others have left off. To ignore us is to destroy what others have created and fought for. What we symbolize is the future. We are the ones who will fight for the rights of the Gay community.

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the Massachusetts Supreme Court unanimously held that homosexuality, in and of itself, is not a ground for denying a parent the custody of his or her child. These decisions are very encouraging to all of us working to secure legal rights for Gay people."

There is a similar challenge to a lewd conduct ordinance pending in the Oklahoma Court of Crimimat Appeals. A Tulsa ordinance on the subject was declared unconstitutional and the city appealed. The Oklahoma appeals court has been sitting on the case for over 18 months. Coleman stated that he intends to send the Oklahoma court a copy of the California and Massachusetts decisions in a last ditch effort to persuade the Oklahoma court to follow these precedents.

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orderly operation of the school" and of Gish's classroom.

Ironically, Vincent Perna noted, "In the entire six or seven years of this battle, we have heard no concern from (parents in) the community about John's negative effect in the classroom." Gish's behavior in the classroom was not criticized in any of either Burke's or Erickson's findings. On the contrary, Erickson found "there is no convincing evidence in the record that respondent's performance as an English teacher from 1965-1972 was less than satisfactory, nor is he charged with unsatisfactory work performance." Further, Erickson's decision notes, "The record is barren of evidence that respondent ever discussed (with any students at Paramus High School) either his own sexual preferences, his viewpoint or advocacy of alternative lifestyles or the rights or problems of Gays in our society."

Perna told GCN that "not a part of the decision is based on fact. Gish was dismissed because he was potentially dangerous." Gish's disregard of his superior's orders has not even been found sufficient justification to find him guilty of willful insubordination," Pena said. The next stage in the appeal process of John Gish's case is the New Jersey Appellate Court. Oxfield plans to place an appeal with the appellate division before December 1. He estimates that a decision from the court will probably take several months.

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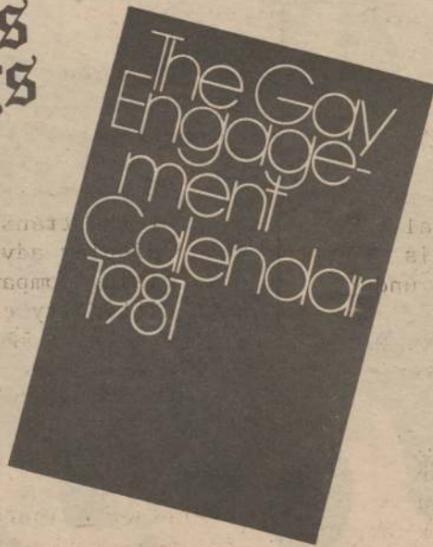
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# VIEWPOINT

In the AGN of Dec. 18th, you devoted a large section to the issue of violence in our lives. You did a good job of touching on violence in many of its forms, but I would like to focus on one. That being the reality and threat of physical violence to each of us, male and female. After reading this letter, you may think me to be awfully leftist, and that may be true! I have lived in several communities throughout the country, and I have seen Gay brothers and sisters shot, beaten, stabbed and even murdered (these are not one or two isolated incidents). They have been numerous and in every community in which I've lived. And in all cases, the police have been much less than helpful.

I can recall one Christmas night in another state, when I was in a Gay club with some seventy other patrons. Five gorilla sized-rednecks entered and decided they were going to leave us with a Christmas present - a wrecked bar and a few broken heads. Within seconds there was myself and three other Gay men left to defend the bar and our honor - even the bartender ran out. It was your classic TV Cowboy fight, furniture being broken over backs, bottles over heads, etc. When the police arrived we four Gay men stood amidst the rubble, victorious over one unconscious attacker and one lying on the floor crying, too injured to make a get-away. The other three made their way to a nearby hospital where they too were arrested. When the plight of these five well known rednecks had spread, the incidents of violence around this bar completely stopped.

It just so happened that I am a good friend to a brother of one of the attackers. He told me his brother had said - 'I thought all those queers carried purses and flipped their wrists, but when they started swinging bar stools and heaving tables, I didn't know what to do. We expected them to run!' - - The moral of this story is that if we defend ourselves and each other, we catch the attackers completely off guard.

We have progressed to where the incidents of attacks on homosexuals are increasing at an alarming rate. We are at a point in time where, I feel, we must arm ourselves and defend our own. I call to mind our three brothers who just recently were murdered for just being in front of a Gay club in New York City. And the murder of Harvey Milk. Even closer to home, I call to mind the young man who met his Waterloo at the Stonewall here in Tucson.

If you think it can't happen to you - you're wrong! So, I give a call to arms. Shall we ban together and share the strength and security of numbers, or will we carry our bags and flip our wrists and watch from a safe distance while others are maimed or murdered. Think about it and just maybe the next time you hear about one of us being attacked, we can all laugh because the attackers got the hell beaten out of them.

Gordon W. Cearlock - Tucson

### PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE

shunned and ignored. But we do exist; there is no way to deny it. What we want is to be recognized as individuals with minds of our own.

What would my father think? What would my mother think? What will my sister think? These questions I ask myself over and over again and the sad thing is that I don't know what they think. Maybe some day I will...If that day ever comes. At 14 these are some heavy things to be thinking. But, I know they must be dealt with. But how can I deal with them? The simple fact of the matter is that many kids my age can't face the fact of their Gayness, much less tell their parents.

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# News Briefs

## WELCOME TO THE CLUB, RONNIE

DALLAS, TX (GayLife) - According to Gay activist William Smith of Dallas, *Matthew* 19:9, *Mark* 10:12-12, and *Luke* 16:18 claim that any man who divorces his wife commits adultery if he marries some other woman. Reagan, who claims that homosexuality is an abomination, has apparently not heard that adultery, too, is considered to be a Biblical abomination.

## MAJORETTE MAJOR ISSUE

CHESTERFIELD, VA (GayLife) - The Federal Government wants the Chesterfield County school system to delete "majorette" from its student handbook on grounds that the word discriminates against young men. "We have not had, to the best of my knowledge, any young men trying out for certain kinds of activities, because most young men are very concerned about appearing in public with panties and short skirts," said county school superintendent Howard Sullins. "I hope that continues to prevail for a long time." Sullins only agreed to place a second anti-discrimination statement in the handbook - "Chesterfield County does not discriminate."

## WILL COSMOPOLITAN GO GAY?

NEW YORK, NY - A *Cosmopolitan* survey indicates that 21% of the 106,000 females responding claimed to have had a Lesbian experience - about the same who have had sex with more than one person at a time. There were no figures on how many remained homosexual. More than half of all men have had a homosexual experience; the ratio usually given is 3:1.

## ALL TOO TRU...

CHICAGO, IL (GayLife) - "Too bad you're not ambidextrous," a well-groomed young Kroch's & Brentano's bookstore aide told Truman Capote as the non-fiction novelist ruefully flexed a fatigued wrist while dispensing autographs Nov. 25 to a long line of purchasers of his new *Music For Chameleons* (Random House \$10.95). After a momentary pause, Capote's reply came from beneath a broad-brimmed rust suede hat, accompanied by a wink for the customer facing him: "What makes you think I'm not?" He added with a chuckle, "I just prefer using my right hand for this."

## MICHIGAN STATE POLICE RELEASE "SUBVERSIVE" FILES

DETROIT, MI (UpDate) - The Michigan State Police have agreed to release "subversive" files they illegally maintained on over 38,000 citizens and 400 organizations in the wake of a six year lawsuit, reports the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). The suit was started by Walter Benkert, president of the Michigan Association for Consumer protection, which was a target of police surveillance. According to NLG, files were kept on judges, elected officials, union officials, and other politically active people.

Although millions were spent on the intelligence effort, no arrests for crime were ever produced said the NLG. Persons who feel they may have been the target of surveillance may contact the NLG Detroit Chapter, 1035 St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan 48226, (313)963-0843.

## CHILD ABUSER HOSPITALIZED

PASADENA, CA (UpDate) - Michael Loving, a 24-year-old Pasadena man who last April cut off his 8-year-old son's penis with a knife has been ordered sent to a state mental hospital. Superior Court Judge Dickran M. Tevrizian concluded the man was mentally incompetent to stand trial. Loving, who faced charges of mayhem and assault with a deadly weapon, can be confined to a mental hospital for up to seven years or until he is found to be mentally competent under the ruling.

Doctors at USC-County Medical Center were successful in re-attaching the penis.

## LAY A WET ONE ON THIS BOOK

NEW YORK, NY (GayLife) - If you've longed to kiss the lips of Mick Jagger, John Travolta or Sophia Loren, here's your chance. A New York Firm, A & W Publishers, is out with a book of "lipographs," that is, lip prints of celebrities. The book, titled "With Love From....", sells for \$10, with royalties reportedly going to charity.

## BURNETT/NATIONAL ENQUIRER TRIAL

NEW YORK, NY (UpDate) - *The National Enquirer* finally goes to trial in a \$10 million libel suit by Carol Burnett this January. Burnett was outraged over a March 1976 gossip item implying she was drunk in a Washington restaurant and had a fight with Henry Kissinger. Burnett, whose parents were alcoholics, is almost a teetotaler. The *New York Times* says some \$62 million in celebrity lawsuits have been filed against the *Enquirer*.

## WRUNG OUT, HUNG AND TIED

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - A citizen's advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors here is objecting to the construction of transit shelters, because they fear that ads for Gay sex clubs would appear on the shelters. Maurice Klebolt, head of the advisory committee, told the supervisors' Streets and Transportation Committee that if the board approved construction of the transit shelters, which would display advertising, by an advertising company, the city would have difficulty controlling the kind of advertising that could be placed on the shelters, according to the *San Francisco Examiner*.

He displayed a sign he said fell off a trolley coach, advertising the Bulldog Baths. The bus sign advertised a Thursday night special free membership card with a paid accommodation. The sign featured pictures of twin semi-trucks and said "Valid I.D. Required." Klebolt called the baths a "sex club" and showed the committee one of its promotional cards that he said was given to him in a bar. The card says "good for locker or room," promises a "Buck Fuck Night." "What is behind that ad is obscene," Klebolt said. He told the committee that the board would be "wrung out, hung and tied" if such ads were placed on shelters.

## LESBIAN GRANTED CUSTODY

ABERDEEN, Scotland (GayLife) - The Sheriff Court here granted interim custody of a 14-year-old boy to his Lesbian mother Nov. 21 over the father's objection, according to a brief *London Times* article. Sheriff Muir Russel asked the mother "to bring the boy up heterosexually".

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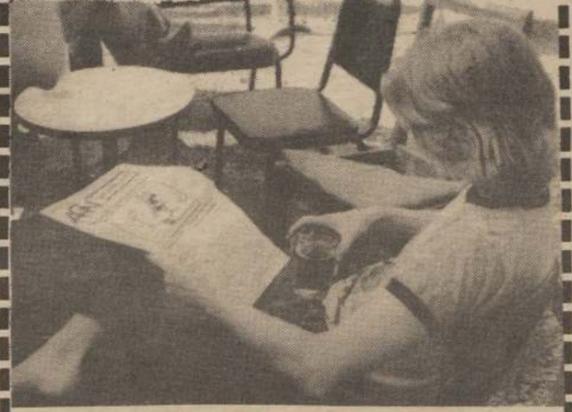
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