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PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS REACH OUT

Question: You have just told your parents that you are a Lesbian. Match one or more of the following verbal responses with the appropriate reaction:

- (1) Where did we go wrong?
- (2) What do we tell our friends?
- (3) Get out of this house!
- (4) We love you and respect any decisions you make concerning your personal happiness.

and

- (a) anger
- (b) hysteria
- (c) fainting
- (d) no visible reaction

How many of us have been fortunate enough to receive the supportive answer (4) instead of being bombarded
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with a combination of the remaining responses? Where do we turn when we feel our parents have rejected us for our choice - and where do *parents* who want to understand their children turn?

Parents and Friends of Gays (PFG) is a group of people who deal with the issues faced by parents whose children are Gay. Founded four months ago by Charlotte Spitzer (who has a Lesbian daughter) and others, the group has grown rapidly in its short existence, both in size and in outreach. Ms. Spitzer states that there are already 100 members on PFG's mailing list and about 30 parents who regularly attend the monthly meetings, which are open to the parents only. Once every three months a rap is scheduled for the parents and children together, the next one will be sometime in October (watch the *Lesbian News* for the date).

The direction and purpose of the parent-raps is to offer "education and support," along with an understanding of the parent's confusion. This is achieved by having the other parents relate *their* experiences with their own children and by suggesting reading material to give the parent the children's side of the picture. Phone calls from dis-

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A NEW LOOK AT LESBIAN MOTHERS

Young children of Lesbian mothers do not develop the deviant traits that judges have been warned about in recent court battles that are often settled by depriving such women of custody. This is the major conclusion of a groundbreaking pilot study that could influence the outcomes in a growing number of Lesbian custody cases around the country. Until now, there has been no systematic psychological study of children whose mothers are Lesbians.

The new study is from Martha Kirkpatrick, M.D., associate clinical professor at the UCLA School of Medicine (see the *Lesbian News*, April 1976); UCLA child psychiatrist Ronald Roy, M.D.; and Katherine Smith, a UCLA doctoral candidate in psychology.

The researchers base their findings on interviews and a battery of tests conducted with 20 Los Angeles area children, aged five to 12. All had Lesbian mothers, whose ages ranged from early 20s to early 40s, and whose circumstances spanned a wide spectrum of vocational, educational and economic levels. All the mothers were white, but one had a black former spouse. While a few of them were relating to partners who lived outside the home, most were living with their

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SEX BIAS ON WALL ST.

The largest brokerage house in the U.S., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, settled a lawsuit a month ago which charged the company with discrimination in hiring and promotion practices for women and minority groups. The settlement cost Merrill Lynch about \$3.5 million including back pay and damages, maternity leave settlements, and future advertising for minority workers.

The fact is, however, that there are very few women or minority persons on Wall Street. No other firm has formulated a plan to advertise for minorities or set hiring quotas.

Ethel Bent Walsh, vice-chairperson of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) indicated that the only way to move Wall Street may be for the EEOC to take more actions against individual firms.

The settlement of the suit coincides with the release of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) shareownership report for 1975 which notes that women shareholders outnumbered men by 120,000. In 1970 more
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men were stockholders. The NYSE report played down this fact. But the exchange itself is a reflection of the situation. There is only one woman represented on its 21-member board. There is also one woman on the American Stock Exchange Board of Governors.

Women's activist groups have been anxiously waiting for the conclusion of the Merrill Lynch lawsuit before bringing more suits on Wall Street.

According to Carole DeSaram, president of the New York chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Merrill Lynch settlement was a "breakthrough" and more suits will now be forthcoming.

---*Christian Science Monitor*

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FEMINIST SUES ROLLS

And on the local scene, Susan Nestor of Dianic Mechanics, a feminist owned and operated garage, has filed a lawsuit charging Bones Hamilton, a valley Rolls Royce company, with sex discrimination. Nestor charged the Rolls Royce company with refusing to hire her as a mechanic because she is a woman.

Nestor, who states she is
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fully qualified for the job, was recommended for it by her mechanics teacher Rolf Weinberg, who submitted her name to the service manager of the company for a job interview. Upon completion of the interview, the service manager let Nestor know he wanted her for the job, but that any hiring had to have the approval of the general manager of the company. In calling the service manager later on in the day for word on the approval, Nestor was informed by him that the general manager "freaked-out" when he found out she was a woman.

In other words, in spite of Nestor being fully qualified for the job, the service manager admitted to her being denied it solely on the basis of her sex. He even admitted to her that he knew to do so was against the law.

The following day, Weinberg contacted both the service and general managers of the company, who both admitted to him Nestor's denial on the basis of her sex. Weinberg, who has agreed to act on Nestor's behalf as a witness, had the impression that the general manager was scared that the people who buy Rolls Royces would be upset at the idea of a woman working on their cars.

Seeing her situation as an
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excellent example of sex discrimination, Nestor went to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) who, upon making an investigation of the situation, filed for court action on both the state and federal level.

Confident of her winning the case, Nestor expressed three possible outcomes: 1) to be placed on the job with seniority, 2) to receive back pay or 3) to receive a settlement.

The day following her denial for the job, Nestor learned that a male student from her mechanics class was approved by the general manager of Bones Hamilton for the same job which she had been denied.

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CREDIT UNION CORRECTION

In the July issue, the *Lesbian News* erroneously listed the Feminist Credit Union fee as \$1 when in fact it is \$3.

This sum, however, is very small for all the services the Credit Union offers to feminists in Los Angeles.

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NEWS CLIPS:

LESBIANISM "HARMFUL"

In New York recently, a judge transferred custody of a 4 year old girl from her mother to her father, saying that a woman has a right to be a Lesbian but a Lesbian does not have the right to raise children. Expert psychiatric testimony was presented for the defense that the child is not aware of the mother's Lesbianism and that even if she were it

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would not be harmful to her. The judge held that the child was emotionally disturbed because the mother is a Lesbian.

The mother, who wishes to remain anonymous, has been prohibited from visitation rights as long as known homosexuals are present, and from involving the child in any publicity. The case has been appealed - contributions or support can be sent to: "Custody Case," GCAS, Box 57, Elmwood Station, Syracuse, NY 13207.

---CWSS Feminist Bulletin

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GAY TEACHERS

In two separate actions the rights of Gay teachers have been upheld.

Both the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) have gone on record as being opposed to discrimination against Gay persons in the teaching profession.

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LESBIANS SUE

Two Gay women from Oakland, Ca., are saying that a "hostile environment" created by their employer's anti-Gay prejudice drove them to quit and seek psychotherapy. The pair are suing their former employer, the Alameda Regional Criminal Justice Planning Board, for a total of \$200,000 for what they claim was discrimination.

San Francisco attorney Richard Gayer says his two Lesbian clients, Lillian Williams and Lee Dooley, were discriminated against because their immediate supervisor "disapproved of their lifestyle." Gayer says that the state of California thought enough of their charge that it awarded the two former

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clerks unemployment insurance despite the fact that they quit and were not fired. Gayer has filed a class action suit against the agency in San Francisco federal court on behalf of all the Gay employees.

---The Advocate

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GCC DIRECTOR QUILTS

Sheela McWilliams, executive director of the Gay Community Center of Orange County, announced her resignation effective July 31.

In a letter to the GCC Board of Directors, McWilliams stated that increased demands on her private time would not permit her to continue in this (unpaid) position.

McWilliams, who had been active in Lesbian groups and in the GCC Speakers Bureau, (continued next column)

was appointed acting director in December 1975 after the dismissal of John Rule; the "acting" title was dropped in May of this year.

McWilliams promised to help with the direction of the Center during the month of August to ensure a smooth transition.

---Focus

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GAY TV

NBC-TV is preparing a series for fall release which will include a homosexual hairdresser, alongside the star who is a heterosexual hairdresser.

The series, to be called *Snip*, has been approved by the Gay Media Task Force. The producer, Jimmie Komack, and NBC are cooperating with GMTF to present a positive image of Gays on television.

If this comes off as expected, it will be the first time NBC has cooperated with GMTF. NBC has been under heavy fire for offensive episodes of both *Police Woman* and *Police Story*, and are reportedly keeping a close watch on the progress of the new series.

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The message from this actor portraying a fired business executive is a 30-second television spot the National Alliance of Christian Homosexuals says it has contracted for airing in South Carolina. The Gay religious group says it has enlisted the financial assistance of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America for the project.

---The Advocate

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"IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE FOR A LAW"

---1976 Coyote Slogan
---Majority Report

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MAYOR'S OFFICE SEEKS MEETING WITH LESBIANS

Bill Carey, the Mayor's liaison to the Gay Community, has expressed a desire to speak with Lesbians and discuss any problems they have as a result of their sexual preference. If you have knowledge of discrimination in employment, police harassment, etc. and would like to attend the meeting, please contact Monique at (213) 785-7935. The meeting will probably be held in late September or in October.

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LT. GOV. TO BREAK TIE

During a meeting August 4 with representatives of the Gay Rights Chapter (GRC) of Southern California's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally pledged that he would cast the deciding vote if legislation outlawing police-initiated sexual solicitation arrests were deadlocked in the State Senate. Last year the Lt. Governor flew back to California to cast the tie-breaking vote which enacted California's *Consenting Adults Law*.

---ACLU News Release

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REVIEW:

THE FORGOTTEN SEX: LESBIANS, LIBERATION AND THE LAW

by Susan Elizabeth (Reese)

The basis of Lesbian-feminism is the view that Lesbians are doubly victimized: by the phenomenon Reese calls "institutionalized homophobia" - and by "the lower value placed upon women" in society and under the law.

At the core of *The Forgotten Sex* is Reese's resentment that "society often avoids the fact that Lesbians exist at all, much less that they should be considered seriously." Her article demonstrates that, indeed, legal acknowledgement of the Lesbian has been slow to develop, and that it has developed primarily in the context of the women's movement - *despite the fact* that the Lesbian's social position is unique: "Her life fundamentally excludes men, freeing her from the roles and behavior patterns assumed by women who see their lives principally in relationship to men."

Reese accounts for Lesbians' "invisibility" in a number of ways, including the suggestion that "while many sociologists regard male homosexuality as an observable sociological phenomenon, they tend to view Lesbianism as the emotional problem or maladjustment of a particular individual and do not regard it as an occurrence of sociological significance."

The increasing divorce rate appears, in Reese's discussion, to be a major reason for the increasing legal visibility of "the forgotten sex" (women) and of Lesbians in particular, because divorces involving children lead to custody disputes in which the parents'

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sexual morality - especially the mothers' - may be at issue. Reese concludes that "the majority of courts handle (such cases) with awkwardness, hostility and distast." Her survey of the opinions in these custody cases is most interesting.

---S.B., *Sexual Law Reporter*

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CSWA SHAKE-UP

After two successful years, Sharon Cornelison has resigned as President of Christopher Street West Association (CSWA). However, she will remain on the Board of Directors. Several other members have resigned from the Board entirely.

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**WHEN YOU MEET A LESBIAN PERSON:
HINTS FOR THE HETEROSEXUAL WOMAN**

- (1) Do not run screaming from the room. This is rude.
- (2) If you must back away, do so slowly and with discretion.
- (3) Do not assume she is attracted to you.
- (4) Do not assume she is not attracted to you.
- (5) Do not assume you are not attracted to her.
- (6) Do not expect her to be as excited about meeting a heterosexual as you may be about meeting a Lesbian. She was probably raised with them.
- (7) Do not immediately start talking about your boyfriend or husband in order to make it clear that you are straight. She probably already knows.
- (8) Do not tell her that it is sexist to prefer women, that people are people, and that she should be able to love everybody. Do not tell her that men are as oppressed by sexism as women and women should help men fight their oppression. These are common fallacies and should be understood as such.
- (9) Do not invite her someplace where there will be men unless you tell her in advance. She may not want to be with them.
- (10) Do not ask her how she got this way. Instead, ask yourself how you got that way.
- (11) Do not assume that she is dying to talk about being a Lesbian.
- (12) Do not expect her to refrain from talking about being a Lesbian.
- (13) Do not trivialize her experience by assuming it is a bedroom issue only. She is a Lesbian twenty-four hours a day.
- (14) Do not assume that because she's a Lesbian she wants to be treated like a man.
- (15) Do not assume that her heart will leap with joy if you touch her arm (condescendingly? . . . flirtatiously? . . . power-testingly?). It makes her angry.
- (16) If you are tempted to tell her she's taking the easy way out, THINK ABOUT THAT.
- (17) Other: _____

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Eleanor, Karen and Susan

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traught parents are handled in the same manner: Ms. Spitzer shares her experience, provides feedback, but above all does a lot of listening, since most of the parents are eager to express their feelings. "I create a safe, caring, and creative environment." She tells the parents of Lesbians to read *Lesbian Woman*, *Sappho Was a Right-on Woman*, and *Consenting Adult*, as well as some of the pamphlets her own groups has designed especially for parents.

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PFG's speakers' bureau includes both members of the Gay community and some of the parents. Its outreach to the straight community has included lectures to church and temple groups, schools, and professional organizations. Ms. Spitzer also hopes to speak to the Rotarians, the Chamber of Commerce, and other conservative groups "that have the power."

What are PFG's other projects? One Long Beach mother who read about PFG in a recent *Los Angeles Times* article, called Ms. Spitzer and is now trying to organize a parents' group in her area. Ms. Spitzer would like to start a halfway house for Gays who don't have a place to crash. But her big project will be the establishment of a foster parent plan for Gay children to stay with Gay parents, so they don't have to live in a "repressive environment" - but that is still a long way off.

For further information on Parents and Friends of Gays, call Charlotte Spitzer at: (213) 346-9119 or (213) 346-6684

The next meeting for parents and friends is September 21. Call (213) 472-4804 to get the exact location.

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Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim	474-7014
Ticket Information	
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West LA	477-7300
Downtown LA	225-1866
Pasadena	792-9011
Venice Rape Crisis Hotline	677-8116
Westside Women's Health Clinic	450-2191
Wicca	399-3919
Woman's Building	225-1724

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current sexual partner.

"We see some problems in some of the children," Kirkpatrick reports; "but what we're finding are the types of difficulties very commonly seen in the children of divorced parents - conflict of loyalties, a guilty concern as to the cause of the parents' split-up, and anxiety about whether or not they will face some further loss. It looks to us as though no features about these children are specifically related to the mothers' sexual choice."

Most importantly, the researchers detected no trace of the red herrings often wielded as effective weapons during court custody challenges - that children who live with homosexual mothers will form a transsexual self-image, become Gay themselves or learn the social sex roles of the opposite sex.

The transsexual aspect refers to one's internal sense of gender; transsexuals feel they are men trapped in a woman's body, or vice versa. Homosexual love-object choice is another matter, Kirkpatrick explains. For example, very feminine-appearing women - with no internal sense of being men - may choose other women as sexual partners. Sex role is a third issue, involving the sexual role one chooses to play.

Few of the youngsters were aware that their mothers were Lesbians, says Kirkpatrick. The majority of the children were born while their parents were married; a few were born outside of marriage, but all born outside were by intent. "For the most part, these women (continued page 8)

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very much wanted to be mothers. The desire to be a mother is very strong in many Lesbians. Sexual choice doesn't necessarily have anything to do with whether one wants to be a parent," Kirkpatrick notes. As for the fathers, most youngsters had some contact with them, with the involvement range about the same as that for ex-spouses of heterosexual women, from the very devoted to a few who had dropped out of the picture altogether.

Kirkpatrick and her colleagues hope to make this study longitudinal, following the children through adolescence. They are also trying to form a control group, matched for socioeconomic level and age, with the offspring of heterosexual divorced women.

---Human Behavior

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NOW CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The Second Annual Women and Alternative Lifestyles Conference sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) has been postponed, probably until Spring.

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WOMENS DANCE

Woman Energy is sponsoring an evening of entertainment and dancing September 18th (Saturday night) at the Woman's Building.

There will be live entertainment beginning at 8:30PM. Donation: \$2.00.

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GAY FICTION MAGAZINE

Gay women and men are invited to submit manuscripts of quality work for a new quarterly magazine of Gay fiction to be published in San Francisco next year.

The emphasis will be on literary excellence and a balance between Lesbian and Gay male work will be maintained in each issue.

Innovative, experimental and erotic material will be considered and foreign works in English translation will be welcomed, but no pornography or poetry will be published. Graphic art is also being sought, especially line drawings in black and white.

All work to be returned should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and sent to:

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MCC CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles has announced the re-opening of their Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) which will operate a Gay hotline and a counseling center in the church building. The hotline number is 466-4241. For individual or group counseling, or further information, call 748-0121.

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Those initials represent one of the newest and upcoming women's organizations in our community, Southern California Women for the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation, and this is their story:

In 1972, the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation was chartered by the state of California and granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit public interest organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Gay people. The Foundation's name is a fusion of the names of Walt Whitman, a major American poet of the late nineteenth century, now generally known to have been Gay, and Radclyffe Hall, the twentieth century author of the controversial novel, "The Well of Loneliness," a Lesbian love story banned in her native England and finally published in the United States.

The Foundation, which has been mainly active in the Northern California area, is probably best known for its nationally-targeted advertising campaign, the "closet ad," which ran in places like *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Harpers*, *Psychology Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*. The ad identified Gay people, standing inside a closet, as everyone from your

By: Terry DeCrescenzo

minister to your garage mechanic to your son or daughter.

In 1974, the first support group was founded in Los Angeles. They called themselves Southern Californians for the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation, and set about the task of raising money for the work of the Foundation, presenting lecture and film programs, having discussion groups, and providing a forum for political candidates.

Women occasionally attended events put on by the Southern Californians For, but invariably found the group there too male-dominated and too male-oriented and were turned off to any deeper involvement with the Foundation.

Then, in June of 1976, a scant six months ago, Betty Berzon, a member of the National Board of Directors of The Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation, wrote a letter to a small group of women, asking them to meet with her to discuss the possibility of forming a second support group for W-RF, a group which would be made up entirely of women. A steering committee was formed to work toward the formation of a woman's support group, which would aid in the work of the national Foundation, but which would also focus on those is-

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SUSAN SAXE TO BE RETRIED

Lesbian Feminist Susan Saxe, whose trial for a 1970 bank robbery ended in a deadlocked ("hung") jury in October, has been denied a dismissal of charges and will be required to stand trial a second time on the same charges.

NewsWest quotes "confidential sources" that say the jury was deadlocked at 9 to 3 for acquittal, however the trial judge refused to put that jury vote on record. Saxe's attorney argued that if a majority of the jurors felt Saxe to be innocent, then the right of the state to demand a second trial might be in question.

Should Saxe be convicted, she faces also being found guilty of first-degree murder since a policeman was killed during the attempted robbery of the bank.

During the October trial, the jury was not able to find Saxe guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt" because none of the witnesses were able to positively identify her presence in the bank except Michael Fleisher and Robert Valeri, two others accused of the robbery who have turned state's evidence.

Saxe will have a new trial judge for the next trial, one

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SISTERLY NEW YEAR

SUSAN SAXE

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James Roy, considered by the Boston press as one of the toughest Commonwealth judges and nicknamed the "Hanging Judge."

Gay activists and feminists believe that the behavior of the judge and prosecution during the October trial was "reactionary" and "sexist," and echoed Vietnam war hysteria, homophobia, and male supremacy. In Boston political terms, the duel between an Irish male judge and prosecutor and a Jewish radical Lesbian and her feminist attorneys, was classic.

---NewsWest

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SCW/WRF

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sues of most concern to Gay women. About 50 women attended the first Membership Appeal party, and the Southern California Women for the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation was launched.

On the local level, several important events have taken place. Three "special interest raps" have been held thus far, and this program is proving to be a much needed forum for Lesbian women to get more information in some areas of concern to us all. Attendance is high, ranging from twenty to forty women at each "rap." The next scheduled "rap" will be held on January 7, at 11501 Huston, North Hollywood. The topic is "On being a Lesbian couple . . . improving communication, enjoying your partner and achieving stability in a paired relationship." The resource person for this rap is Betty Berzon, psycholo-

gist, Gay activist and consultant.

After a "mini-auction" in October raised \$234 toward meeting expenses, a major fund-raising auction was held in December at the Towpath Inn in Los Angeles. The totals after expenses are not in yet, but SCW/WRF is confident they raised enough money to bring Jean O'Leary to Los Angeles in February for a speaking engagement. O'Leary is the co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force, headquartered in New York. SCW/WRF hopes to hear about what the NGTF is doing currently, and expect to ask O'Leary to comment on how women who have heretofore not felt as if they had access to the Gay movement might get involved.

On the national level, Pat Denslow, member of the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women, has joined the Board of Directors of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation. Also, Betty Berzon, founder of SCW/WRF and vice-president of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation Board of Directors, indicates that the pamphlet series which is a major project of the Foundation this year, is moving closer to publication. The series will cover such topics as Gays participating in elective politics, Gays and fair employment practices, being a Gay parent, telling your parents you're Gay, Gays and the spiritual dilemma and many more, totaling around twenty "booklets" in all. The Foundation is hoping, finances permitting, to mount a national television campaign, advertising the inexpensive "pamphlets" in such a way as to "give information of a practical nature" to Lesbians and Gay men, and to "educate the general public to the fact that Gay people are responsive and responsible

participants in this society."

The next major event sponsored by SCW/WRF will be Jean O'Leary's appearance in Los Angeles, at a time and place to be announced, probably during the last weekend in February.

SCW/WRF membership ranks have swelled to over forty, and all Lesbians are invited to join. Membership is \$25 per year, tax-deductible. Make checks payable to The Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation, and mail to Suite L, 13033 Ventura Blvd., Studio City 91604. There is no charge for attending a "rap" or two if you are interested in seeing what the organization is all about.

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LIBERATED INSURANCE

Lloyd Levin, Founder and President of ALL TOGETHER has announced a new health insurance policy of interest to persons living in alternative lifestyles.

The policy, issued to ALL TOGETHER by Associated Life Insurance Co. of Chicago, is a first in the insurance industry. The new policy covers maternity care regardless of marital status, abortion, voluntary sterilization, and treatment for rape victims

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ABOUT SUCCESS

By: P. Mason

The issue of dyke separatism has been kicked around the community for a few years now, but I have only encountered it recently. At a time in my life when the tide is about to turn toward affluence, I realize that dyke separatism raises some serious, moral questions in my mind, and that I am faced with a real dilemma.

Dyke separatism is, of course, a large issue, complicated by the fact that no one has yet to clearly define "the separatist." No two individuals I have yet talked with agree on what separatism is. However, it is part of the Movement, and there are individuals sincerely dedicated to the principle of womanpower. They envision what womanpower working for women can do. They envision utopian womanspaces -- pure, healthy, supportive environments which will allow us all to reach our full potential. They see the end of exploitative capitalism, the end of the patriarchy, and the end of the man's will to power.

According to separatist thought, we must withdraw in order to obtain these utopian womanspaces -- withdraw support, withdraw energy, withdraw money. Many proponents of the cause also feel we

should abandon capitalism immediately and seek alternative, collective lifestyles which are in no way dependent on the "system." We should share our resources equally to achieve a fair distribution of our thus far meager wealth.

It is, however, a fact that the man has the money in this man's world, and that money is his power. The money is what keeps him the boss, the president, the king. The money gives him approval of his decisions, the "right" to continue making rules.

Although I concede that capitalism is not a fair system, and therefore exploitative, can women afford the moral luxury of denying themselves the use of it? Is it not obvious that the quicker, surer way to Woman's victory over oppression is to become the hand that feeds us? Could it not be that women must become familiar with the uses of power if we are to reach our utopian goals?

Probably the single largest force impeding the progress of our Movement is the unwillingness or inability of women to perceive their own capacities and needs for economic success. Even we dykes, we who work most of our lives, look for and hide in inobtrusive, low-profile jobs, jobs that can do nothing for us but pay poorly. And, especially we dykes, we are so intelligent, so capable, so talented! What do we think we can accomplish by refusing

the "system" those brains and talents? What we are accomplishing is the refusal to contribute womanmoney to the Movement. The Movement needs money now, it will need more later. As our accomplishments grow, so will our needs. Our scope is limitless, depending on how much women are willing to support each other. Economically successful women are valuable to our progress.

Besides, the obvious advantage of being able to contribute financially to Woman's work, economically successful women are learning to deal with the world as it is. We are learning how to perform services which will, in turn, allow us to employ other women. We are becoming administrators who will develop the option of providing our services for women only. Some of us are already doing these things, and doing them well. And, some collectivize their earnings or profits, while others maintain an individual prerogative to wealth (such as it is).

Whether we keep it or share it equally, isn't it possible that getting it, acquiring the money, is an alternative way to beat the system? Is it not possible that the system is going to take a long time getting beaten? Could we not, perhaps on the way, create opportunity for each other? Must we suffer to succeed?

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NEWS CLIPS:

LESBIAN SOURCEBOOK

Women of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) are cooperating in the preparation of a Lesbian resource book being edited by NGTF media director Ginny Vida. The book will be published by Prentice Hall in the fall of 1977 or spring of 1978.

The volume will include about 35 articles on a variety of subjects, including coming out, therapy and counseling, monogamy and alternate lifestyles, legal problems and remedies, Lesbian mothers, activism, Lesbian culture, Lesbian feminist theory, race, class and age.

Anyone who wishes to submit brief personal testimonies (3-5 typewritten, double-spaced pages) on any of these subjects is encouraged to do so. Also, clear black-and-white photos are being sought of Lesbians who are willing to be pictured in the book.

An appendix listing groups which have an active, significant Lesbian membership or which offer services to Lesbians is also being prepared. Any organization which has not already received an application to be listed in the appendix may send for a Lesbian Sourcebook Survey Form.

For information, contact Ginny Vida, NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10011 or call (212) 741-1010 weekdays from 10 AM to 6 PM.

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INFORMATION FILE

At its meeting on November 22, the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women voted unanimously to establish an information file and calendar of activities of women's organizations.

The purpose of establishing a file and calendar is to create a centralized source of information for people in the community. The information can be obtained either by telephone or coming into the office.

If you wish to have your organization included, please send information on your structure, purpose, bylaws, regular meeting times and places, services, and other activities for the file. Also send a list of each month's activities for the calendar. Finally, please let other women and organizations know about the service and encourage them to use it.

Address all mail to the LACCSW, 769 Hall of Records 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012. For further information contact Judith Detchmندی at the same address or call 974-1455.

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WOMEN TRUCK DRIVERS

The Coalition of Women Truck Drivers was recently formed in protest over the industry's hostility toward women drivers.

One hundred and fifty angry women claim discrimination with many truck stops refusing to let women use the showers and still having "men only" signs posted.

The women are demanding separate rooms for male and female drivers on overnight stops, on-the-job training for women, adjustable seats and pedals on trucks, and an end to the "sleeper test" -- the trucking industry's version of the casting couch.

---Majority Report

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PENFRIEND NEEDED

The following letter was forwarded to LN from the ACLU Gay Rights Chapter. We reprint it here in its entirety:

Gay Rights Panel - American Civil Liberties Union

For some time now, I've been following your work and fight as close as possible; though this "close" means quite far away. The fact is that the portuguese minds are completely closed to

problems like homosexuality.

I happened to pick up your address at the American Library but, as it was from a telephone directory, I couldn't be sure of the right place to call for. Anyway, I do hope you won't throw my letter to the paper basket.

Now I'm writing you for two main reasons; First I'd like to get in touch with the GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT activities, collecting all information available, either from booklets of your own, (or) from some books you could point out.

Second, and again I fear I may be not contacting the right place, I'd like to have a gay penfriend. Could you please handle it, or at least tell me where I should address to?

Here is some data about myself: I'm seventeen years old, girl, and I'll soon be a Medecin student; I'd like to write to anyone really interested on science.

Thanks a lot,
Sincerely,

Maria do Carmo Roque da
Fonseca
Viv. N. Sra. Carmo
Vila Nova da Caparica
PORTUGAL

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LESBIAN POET

Olga Broumas, a University of Oregon women's studies instructor, recently won the prestigious 1976 Yale Younger Poet Award.

As part of the literary award, Yale University Press will publish Broumas' collection of poems entitled *Beginning With O*.

Broumas, a 27-year old native of Greece said her book revolves on her feminism. "I am a woman, I am a lesbian, and I am Greek," she said. "An O is a very feminist symbol. It's a sexual symbol. It's a symbol of womanhood, and that's what it means."

---Advocate

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NEW GAY QUARTERLY

Paragraph, A Quarterly of Gay Fiction will begin publishing in San Francisco in the Spring of 1977 and is now soliciting manuscripts for inclusion. Organizers say that Lesbians and Gay men will be represented equally in each issue.

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SYBIL BRAND (HERSELF) REPORTS

Sybil Brand, head of the Vocational Training and Inspection Commission, and the woman after whom the local women's jail facility was named, recently sent a report to County Supervisor Ed Edelman regarding her namesake facilities.

Brand expressed mild dissatisfaction with a number of factors challenged by the Lesbian Rights Task Force of NOW. But in its overall conclusions, the report indicated that the commission accepts the current policies of Sybil Brand Institute as operated by the custody division of the Sherriff's office.

Brand's report and accompanying explanation of policies by the Sheriff's office, note that the segregation of Lesbians is based on state regulations. But whereas the regulations indicate segregation may be necessary for persons who pose a threat to the peace and security of the facility, the Sheriff's department interprets that as meaning required segregation.

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The one concession the commission makes is that a greater variety of work opportunity ought to be provided for Lesbian prisoners, who are now only eligible for work on a single prison laundry shift.

---NewsWest

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WOMEN FARMERS

Women are pushing their way into all kinds of jobs that used to be considered exclusively male (or nearly so). Mostly the reasons are economic, which is exactly why nearly 74,000 women own or manage farms in the U.S. nowadays.

With increased mechanization and a shortage of skilled labor, a woman's role is no longer confined to canning tomatoes or keeping the books -- now she grows and harvests those tomatoes!

Not only are 17% of all farm workers now women, but female enrollment in agricultural colleges has risen about 90% since the fall of 1973.

Although the U.S. grew with the help of women who's importance on the farms was never adequately recognized, today's women farmers are a new breed. Many are college graduates *choosing* an occupation in farming and proud to list "farmer" on an application.

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WANT TO TRAVEL ?

If you are a Lesbian who earns her living by working in a factory, or driving a taxi cab, or working in an office, and you've never even *dreamed* of visiting the Lesbian hot spots of Paris because you never could have afforded it, Valerie Perez has news for you.

Perez runs a social club

in New York City called Gypsy Feet which offers parties, media events and low-cost charter flights to practically every Gay spot on the globe.

Gypsy Feet was started because Perez believed Gays were being ripped off by straight travel agents. She provides enjoyable trips at prices well within the budgets of most working Gay people.

Although most of the trips she arranges are mixed (Lesbians and Gay men with occasionally straights who have learned that Gays know how to have a good time), Perez admits that some cities are better for Lesbians (Paris and Amsterdam) and others for Gay men (Rio).

Already the largest such club in the country with 5,000 members, Gypsy Feet is hoping to expand soon to the West Coast. Meanwhile, if you would like more information about the extensive low-cost packages available, write to:

Gypsy Feet
1621 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10028

---NewsWest

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Are you enjoying reading this newsletter? Do you see something you don't like about it? Either way, how about letting us know how you feel about it, what you'd like to see in it, and what (if anything) you don't want to see.

And remember, we exist on your donations and ads. It is a community newsletter, which means you can have a say about what's in it, and that it keeps going only so long as you continue to support it financially.

Support its advertisers, send us a donation as often as you can, and help keep it going.

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ABORTION RULING

Characterizing its decision as "a logical and anticipated corollary" to two abortion cases of 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down various sections of a Missouri statute which would have restricted the rights of women seeking first- and

second-trimester abortions, and which would have inhibited the professional conduct of physicians treating such women.

Provisions requiring spousal consent, or parental consent for minors, were found unconstitutional. In addition, prohibition of saline amniocentesis (the most common abortion procedure) was found

arbitrary and unconstitutional.

The court's opinion reiterates the conclusion that the Fourteenth Amendment's "concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action" encompass the right of a woman to decide whether to terminate a pregnancy.

---SexualLawReporter

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SECOND WOMEN AND ALTERNATIVE LIFE STYLES CONFERENCE at the University of Southern California Saturday, February 5, 1977 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

- 9 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome
- 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. Workshop 1
- 11:30 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Keynote Address,
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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Despite laws against sex discrimination, open housing still isn't open to women, according to a study funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The study, titled "Women and Housing: a Report on Sex Discrimination in Five American Cities," reported that women, especially single, widowed or divorced women, are discriminated against in both the rental and home buying markets.

Housing discrimination against women "historically has been overt," the report says, but "today it is increasingly subtle, disguised by ruses or hidden behind superficially neutral criteria such as marital status."

---Advocate

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WOMEN AND TV

Two Canadian researchers monitored two commercial and one educational Toronto TV stations for a week and concluded that television is not acting as a change agent with respect to sex-role definitions.

Each show and commercial was coded for content and for the sex and occupation of

central characters. An adjective list was used to describe the personality of the central figure.

The results were that male figures dominated on all stations by more than two to one, and especially on informational programs (508 males vs 82 females). Women were typically seen as members of an entertainment group, as housewives, or with no clear role at all. They were depicted neither as work-oriented nor cognitive.

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LESBIAN FILMS OK

Attempts to have Lesbian films banned from Marin Community College were defeated in late October by the college district's board of trustees. In a 4-1 vote, the trustees approved the showing of the Emerging Women's Film Series, which came under attack because it included films on Lesbian love.

Opponents of the films charged that the movies were unChristian and would "promote Lesbianism." One leader of the California Young Republicans became so irate at the board's decision that he swore to start a recall movement against the four trustees who voted for the films.

---Advocate

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PAY GAP WIDENS BETWEEN SEXES

Despite so-called advances in women's abilities to encroach upon previously all-male job categories, the earnings gap between the sexes has *grown* in the last 20 years.

A recent Labor Department report indicated that the average full-time working man now earns about \$5,000 more a year than the average woman.

In 1974 the median earnings of women were \$6,772, compared with \$11,835 for men, a difference of nearly \$100 per week.

The report, based on Census Bureau data, blamed two primary factors for the widening gap: a continued concentration of women in low-skilled, low-paying jobs, and a sharp rise in the number of women entering the work force at beginners' level jobs.

The report found, however, that the once wide gap between the earnings of white and black women has narrowed considerably. Black women now average 94% as much pay as white women, whereas in 1960 it was only 70%.

Analysts said, however, that even taking in all of the known considerations, "much of the male-female differential remains unexplained" and discrimination may be involved.

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IRIS FILMS

The women of Iris Films are presently editing a film about Lesbian Mothers and Child Custody. The film will be a 45 minute, 16mm, color documentary about the viability of Lesbian mother custody and the injustice of decisions made on faulty information by the courts.

The film consists of eight Lesbians and their 15 children intercut with various "experts." It is now in rough cut version and will be used to raise the necessary additional funds to complete it.

The original budget was \$25,000, but Iris Films has come in well under that cost so far. They estimate they will need \$8,000 more to complete the film, and are hoping to finish on a budget of \$18,000 total.

Iris Films needs the support of the women's community to complete this film. If you would like to be a part of that completion, you are reminded that your donation is tax deductible (pending IRS approval). Please make checks payable to Iris Feminist Collective, Inc. and mail to PO Box 26463, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

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L.B. WOMEN - HELP!

The Long Beach Gay Service League (GSL) has made an appeal to the women of Long Beach to join them to provide the area with a cooperative service organization.

GSL is a service modeled after other service clubs such as the Lions Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. Services include a speakers bureau, publication of a Long Beach section to Orange County's *Focus*, and

the Gay Switchboard in Long Beach which is both a help-line and a referral service. The switchboard particularly needs the woman's touch to help deal with women callers.

GSL also have social activities such as beach parties, bike rides, etc. which change from month to month.

Regular membership is \$5.00 per month and is open to anyone regardless of race, religion, age, sex, or sexual preference. Membership fees may be adjusted or waived for those active volunteers whose circumstances warrant it.

Make checks payable to the Gay Service League or GSL and mail to: PO Box 5014, Long Beach, Ca. 90805. For further information, please call (213) 591-7611.

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LIBERATED INSURANCE

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and other victims of criminal assault. The criminal assault benefit is notable in that it provides coverage for psychological rehabilitation as well as medical treatment.

However, only members of ALL TOGETHER are eligible to receive this coverage. ALL TOGETHER is an organization which serves the needs of people in alternate lifestyles who are daily ignored or discriminated against. They publish a Journal, offer legal assistance, book discounts,

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This years conference will be featuring a Lesbian Law Section and a Third World Women Block. In addition to being the subject matter of these special features, Lesbian and minority women's issues will be part of other appropriate panels and workshops throughout the conference.

Speakers will include Elaine Noble, Professor Herma Hill Kay, and Representative Elizabeth Holtzman. Music will be provided by Margie Adam.

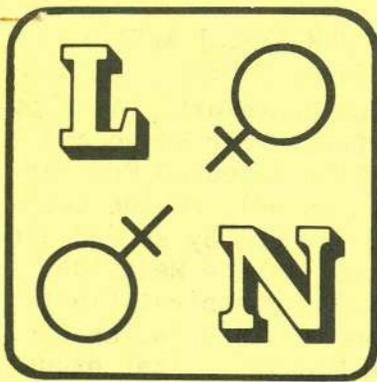
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HOUSTON IWY

"Houston in November will be the target of the Anita Bryant and Phyllis Schlafly forces in another of their attempts to crush all human rights. The feminist, minority and Lesbian communities must be there as an organized coalition to ensure their defeat," stated Gladys Benjamin, co-chair of the International Womens Year Support Coalition of California.

The IWY Support Coalition started in California for that state's conference, and is now planning for the Houston effort. Part of this effort has led to the establishment of a nationwide WATS telephone line at coalition headquarters. This line's

specific purpose is to provide a national communications network from the California IWY support group to other IWY support groups across the nation. Members of the coalition believe that communication is the key to a Houston success.

Among the non-negotiable unifying points supported by the coalition are ratification of the ERA, reproductive rights for women (including abortion on demand and the elimination of forced sterilization), legislative protection for Gays, and child-care centers financially accessible to all women.

The following task forces are in operation in the California support effort: Political Strategy, Fundraising, Transportation, Scholarships (to send a lobbying force to Houston), Speakers, Media (information dissemination), Research (developing and gathering information to share), Coalition Work (outreach to all other concerned groups), and a Houston Co-ordinating task force.

Lesbian caucuses played an important part in most of the states with successful IWY conferences. It is especially important that Lesbian women and Gay men reach Houston so
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CHRISTOPHER STREET

Lesbians and Gay men joined together at Christopher Street West on June 26th, making the turnout for this year's march/parade the largest in Los Angeles. Estimates were that from three to five thousand people marched down Hollywood Blvd., with another 10,000 lined along the sidewalks.

The size of the march was obviously in response to the defeat of a pro-Gay housing ordinance in Dade County on June 7 by orange juice queen Anita Bryant and the efforts of California State Senator John V. Briggs (R-Fullerton) to pass legislation in California forbidding homosexuals to teach.

Not only were more people on the streets this year, but strong political statements, markedly on the decline in recent years, were prevalent. Not surprisingly, there was a noticeably smaller number of men in drag, due to complaints by feminists and an appeal by more conservative Gay leaders to tone down in light of the current political atmosphere.

Solidarity was underscored by a coalition of Lesbian and non-Lesbian groups formed into a contingent that easily amounted to several hundred women. There were banners by Los Angeles NOW, Olivia Records,
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that a strong united voice speak against the attacks they have been subjected to and that the final resolutions reflect concern for Gay human rights.

In a conversation with Lillene Fifield (one of the 13 Lesbian delegates to Houston from California), Fifield stressed how important it is that the thirteen Lesbian delegates from California maintain high visibility in organizing and caucusing for Lesbian and Gay rights and resolutions at the Houston conference. "We intend to be a strong, visible force with Lesbian issues as our top priority. My work in the IWY Support Coalition is important now to assure that a strong feminist and minority network of support is created before Houston.

"Many feminists are busy working on the ERA, the abortion issue and other major concerns, just as many Lesbians have targeted human/Gay rights coalitions as the focus for their primary energy. The Lesbians and non-Lesbians working together on the IWY Support Coalition will assure the mobilization of the Lesbian/Gay community, the feminist community and other minority communities," Fifield declared. "We have already started building bridges with

Black, handicapped, Native American, and Asian caucuses as well as with feminist and Gay groups and organizations. We will go to Houston united around our human concerns."

The IWY Support Coalition asks that *all concerned women* get involved with the support effort. Send money: if you can't go to Houston, support the efforts to see that someone is there to insure your rights are represented. Join the California Support Coalition. Your individual effort is needed to help get everything together in time for Houston.

The next support coalition meeting will be held August 5th at 7:30 PM, at 6206 Newcastle Ave, Reseda. For further information or to send contributions, please write:

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Wages for Housework, the Alcoholism Center for Women and the Lesbian Resource Program at GCSC, as well as the two leading banners by an "ad hoc committee" on the Westside, proclaiming "Lesbians Fight for Freedom", and "Women for Lesbian Rights." That group has since adopted the name Lesbian Feminists and is now working to mobilize and educate the Lesbian community in Los Angeles, as well as involve itself in more "activist" oriented areas.

Besides the women's contingent, participating organizations were the American Civil Liberties Union, Gay Teachers of Los Angeles, Parents and Friends of Gays, Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim, Metropolitan Community Church, Dignity and Integrity. A group of children skateboarded in front of their marching mothers with signs saying "Gay Moms are Great Moms," and "We Don't want to Lose Our Mothers."

The march proceeded in its usual orderly fashion to the carnival grounds on Sunset Blvd. to hear the scheduled speakers. There were no reported incidents with the police, and Jesus freaks were absent.

At least 25 people spoke to the crowd, of which more than half were men. Some of



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the women speakers included artist and author Kate Millett, High Priestess Z Budapest and Live Oakwoman from the Susan B. Anthony Coven, Brenda Weathers from ACW and the newly formed Coalition for Human Rights, Karen Freedom from the Network Against Psychiatric Assault (NAPA), Liz Martinez from the ad hoc committee on the Westside, Lillene Fifield and Mina Robinson.

All the speakers, women and men, were received well except two men who insisted, against the obvious temperament of the crowd, on reviving the issue of whether or not the Gay Nazis should be allowed to march this year.

(Editors Note: They were not allowed to march.) Both men argued in favor of Nazi participation in the march as well as allowing them to have an information booth at the carnival, and both were forced to abandon their speeches prematurely as listeners shouted "No free speech to fascists!"

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NEWS FEATURE

ABORTION: WHO PAYS?

Although the Supreme Court established every woman's right to have an abortion just four years ago, opponents of abortion have been working hard to restrict the effect of that ruling.

Last month the opponents won their greatest victory when the Court ruled that although the state may not ban abortions, it doesn't necessarily have to pay for them.

As a result, women who can't afford abortions will find it much harder to get them -- and those are often the women who want abortions most.

According to government estimates, there were 250,000 to 300,000 abortions a year financed by Medicaid funds. In many states, those funds will be completely cut off due to the Court's ruling. In California, however, it appears that Medicaid-financed abortions will continue -- at least for the time being. It is expected that legislation will soon be introduced to block such paid-for abortions at the

state level.

Pro-abortionists argue that the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law means that if the government spends Medicaid funds for pregnancy and childbirth, it must also spend them for abortions. The Court, however, rejected that idea stating that it is acceptable for states "to make a value judgment favoring childbirth over abortion..." The fear is that states may use public funds to manipulate population.

The main significance of the Supreme Court's decision is their stand that the issue should not be finalized in the courts, but should be taken to the people and resolved through the legislative process.

Ironically, fewer abortions for the poor may mean higher welfare costs. According to HEW estimates, the price of a Medicaid abortion in the first trimester is \$150, while the first-year cost to taxpayers of each unwanted child is \$2,200.

Some abortion advocates are trying to help the poor get abortions without using public funds. Planned Parenthood suggested that more of

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its clinics could perform abortions where such aid costs from 0 to \$170, depending on a woman's ability to pay.

The emotional and devious debate over abortion seems certain to flare once again into state and national politics.

---Newsweek

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NEWS CLIPS

ANITA KEEPS JOB AND

On July 20th, Anita Bryant publically announced that she had *no* intention of taking her crusade against homosexuals nation-wide, and that she saw no reason to change her mind at this point.

On the basis of that statement, the fact that orange

juice sales have risen 16%, and the conclusions of a recent poll which indicated people would not stop buying orange juice because of Bryant's stand against homosexuals, the Florida Citrus Commission has decided to retain Bryant to advertise Florida orange juice.

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LOSES ORG. NAME

A federal judge granted temporary orders July 15th barring Anita Bryant and her antihomosexual organization from further use of the name "Save Our Children."

U.S. District Judge William M. Hoeweler granted a preliminary injunction against the group and ordered a full trial in August. He issued a 10-day temporary restraining order preventing Bryant from using the name Save Our Children for the title of a

book she is writing.

The orders were requested by the Connecticut-based Save The Children Foundation, a 46-year-old nonprofit group that solicits money for underprivileged children.

The head of the organization, David L. Guyer, testified that his group's fund raising efforts were being hurt nationally by criticism and publicity drawn by Bryant's Save Our Children campaign.

---LA Times

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FIGHT BRYANT

In the last 2 weeks of June major local organizing has led to the formation of at least three new groups.

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whether to work with gay men. Sunday meetings are being held at the Church in Ocean Park. Call the Ocean Park Community Center (399-9228) or Westside Women's Clinic (450-2191), Judy Freespirit or Pody Molina for further information.

THE COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS is the mixed gay group, meeting currently in Hollywood which sponsored the June 13 massive march. Some 30 organizations ranging from ACLU, Gay Community Services Center, SWP, NOW, and the Lesbian Feminists are currently involved. The group plans to draw support from straight allies also. Call Brenda Weathers at ACW (381-7805) or Morris Kight (463-3928) for meetings' times and places.

THE NEW ALLIANCE FOR GAY EQUALITY (NEW A.G.E.) is specifically committed to the task of passing gay rights legislation in Los Angeles. They see their goal as a consciousness raising project as well as a civil rights effort. The group is composed of many politically and financially influential groups and individuals (MECLA, Tavern Guild, Whitman-Radclyffe, gay women and men with city government affiliations, state and local NOW, etc.) For more information call Bobbi Bennett at 996-1574 or Jeanne Cordova at 839-7254.

---Lesbian Tide

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TEACHER DEFIES BRIGGS

Lillene Fifield, a faculty member at California State University, Fullerton, wrote a bristling letter to State Sen. John Briggs of Fullerton.

Referring to his anti-Gay teacher bill, SB 1253, Fifield wrote, "I am a teacher in your home district at Cal State University, Fullerton, and a Lesbian, and I do not appreciate your tampering with my civil rights as a human being."

Fifield states that she would not hesitate to write the letter again, but now that she's had time to think about it, the potential of repercussions is very frightening. "I realize how serious the language of Briggs' bill is. It's nice to know that there is a Lesbian and pro-human rights community able to provide support in case Briggs decides to make good on the promise in his bill to support school districts by legislation that promise not to emply any teacher who engages in homosexual activity."

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The Iowa City Council in late April voted 4-3 to ban discrimination against gay people. The vote made Iowa City the 40th municipality to enact some form of human rights for gay people.

---Advocate

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O. C. GCC

Community Center by its Board of Directors, remains open. After last month's decision to close, concerned members of the community took affirmative action for its survival. A new structure and a positive program is underway.

Four new Board members have been elected to the Board of Directors; Jim Davis, Scott Dickerson, Rae Hamilton and Michelle Kerin.

Now, with approximately 80 volunteers (and many more needed) under the direction of Doug Farson, the newly appointed executive director, the Center hopes to undergo a major facelife (externally and internally). New ideas and blood is always being sought. Come down or give the Center a call at (714) 534-3261.

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The policy affects meetings, three of them annually, between now and March 1979 or until ERA becomes part of the U.S. Constitution. Three more states need to ratify the amendment before the March 1979 deadline.

---Herald-Examiner

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ERA WALKATHON

August 27, the National Organization for Women (NOW) is sponsoring a nationwide walkathon to raise money for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Locally, the walk will take place along the Venice beach, with a rally beginning at 9 AM and the walk beginning at 10 AM at the Venice Beach Pavilion (Windward & Ocean Front Walk).

The walk will be 12 miles (up to Roadside and back, twice). There will be checkpoints, monitors, red cross, you name it. You can take breathers, as this is no race. Pledge card packets are available from any local

NOW chapter. Get friends and businesses to pledge any amount per mile. The money will go to the National NOW ERA Strike Force, which will apportion the money wisely in key areas. The pledge cards have all the instructions on them, from how to handle the money to what to wear.

For more information call Shelly Mandell at (213) 479-4111 or write her at 3127 Coolidge, Los Angeles, 90066.

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LESBIAN SURVEY

Through the efforts of the *Lesbian News*, official copies of Karla Jay and Allen Young's Sexuality Survey - Lesbian Questionnaire have been delivered to the Los Angeles area.

You may pick up your copies without charge from:

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or from any member of the L.N. staff.

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Proceeds from the showings are divided among the filmmakers, the local producers of the showings and Moonforce Media. Now a third package is being put together.

To qualify for inclusion in a Circuit package, the film production should be substantially controlled by women. All filmmaking styles and subject matters are welcome. Films and entry forms are due on October 1, 1977.

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FANTASY SURVEY

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The book will include basic factual information, sexual fantasies, and short sexual-fantasy stories.

Hamilton is not financially backed by any person or establishment. If you would like to be a part of her survey, fill out the Sexual Fantasy Survey herein and send it along to her.

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MARY JO TO SPEAK

Mary Jo Risher and Ann Foreman, a Lesbian couple nationally known as a result of Risher's courageous fight in Dallas, Texas, for custody of her son, will speak Tuesday, August 23rd, at 8 PM at the Gay Community Services Center (GCSC).

The two women will report on the current status of the case, which initially resulted in a decision to remove the son from his mother's home and place him in his father's custody. That decision is being appealed. While not the first Lesbian mother custody case to hit the courts, the Risher case was one of the first where homosexuality was admittedly the deciding issue.

The appearance of the two women at GCSC is part of a speaking tour promoting Risher's book, *By Her Own Admission: A Lesbian Mother's Fight to Keep Her Son*.

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SEXUAL FANTASY SURVEY

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 - other

- 3) I fantasize about:
 - myself only
 - imaginary persons
 - someone I know
 - other.....

- 4) My fantasies make me feel:
 - excited
 - so/so
 - guilty
 - other.....

- 5) I tell my fantasies to:
 - no one
 - my lover(s)
 - my friend(s)
 - other.....

and they react:

 - supportive/excited
 - negative
 - scared
 - other.....

- 6) I act out my fantasies with:
 - no one
 - myself only
 - my lover(s)
 - other.....

- 7) Clearly, and with as much detail as possible, describe your sexual fantasies. If you have several fantasies, pick your three "favorites." (Use separate sheet of paper)

BRYANT TO BLAME?

Anita Bryant and state Senator John Briggs (R-Fullerton) were both sued June 30 in the U.S. District Court for conspiracy in the slaying of gay San Francisco gardener Robert Hillsborough.

Damages of \$5 million are being asked from Bryant, Briggs, Save Our Children, Inc., and the accused killers.

According to police reports, Hillsborough was stabbed 15 times outside his apartment early June 22 by four attackers shouting "faggot, faggot!" and "Here's one for Anita!"

The defendants are charged as having conspired "directly or indirectly" to deprive gay people of equal protection of the laws.

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LEGAL COUNSELING

The Westside Women's Clinic, located at 1711 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, has announced a free legal counseling service.

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nist attorney Marge Buckley between 7:30 and 9:30 PM Tuesday evenings.

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SYBIL BRAND

In the first suit to be filed in the U.S. in behalf of female prisoners' rights, a superior court judge ruled recently that women jailed at the Sybil Brand Institute (Los Angeles County Jail) have been denied their constitutional rights. The judge said that the women - detained for lack of bail and still legally presumed innocent - are often treated worse than those sentenced to do time. He ordered improvements concerning visitor restrictions, movement within the jail, telephone calls, library use and receipt of magazines.

---Through the Looking Glass



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NOBLE BILL

The public service employment bill, sponsored by Rep. Elaine Noble (D-Boston), 21 other representatives, 6 senators and a number of local organizations, is not startling. It merely states that discrimination in Massachusetts civil service jobs is prohibited on the basis of sexual preference. The bill has been around since 1973, finally passing this year in the senate on June 13. It will go to the house in August. Most supporters feel certain that it will pass again, and Governor Michael Dukakis has publicly committed himself to signing the bill into law. A quick summary sounds optimistic, but the furor over the bill has been loud and long. Senate debate over the bill went on for days and ranged from frivolous to frightening.

---Advocate

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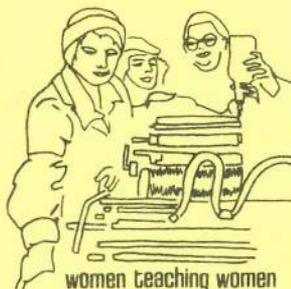
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The first general meeting of the Orange County Coalition for Human Rights will be held August 10th at 7:30 PM in the Santa Ana College lecture rm. #W101, located at W. 17th St. and Bristol in Santa Ana.

The coalition is being formed by local residents of Orange County who represent a cross section of community interests. All individuals with concern for the protection of basic human rights are encouraged to attend the meeting and to become involved in this grass roots effort to insure human dignity.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

The meeting place for the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women has moved to room 374 in the Hall of Administration, (Employee Relations Hearing Room), 500 W. Temple Street.

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays at 10 AM.

However, please note that all correspondence should be mailed to room 383, same address, zip 90012.

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Due to an increase in the cost of the paper, The Lesbian News finds it necessary to slightly increase advertising rates beginning in September.

We believe you will still find our rates competitive, and a good buy for your money. Use the pages of this newsletter to advertise your business or product or service, and support the newsletter at the same time.

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ALL-SEX EDUCATION

The San Francisco school board has approved a resolution that could add the study of gay lifestyles to the system's sex education curriculum. The measure, which was approved by a 7-0 vote, is aimed at "eliminating stereotypes and namecalling in schools," said one board member. The resolution provides that a committee be established to review and recommend revision in the 1968 health and family life education guide. The proposal also calls for development of curriculum and materials to reflect lesbian and gay male lifestyles as well as respect for human diversity.

---GCN

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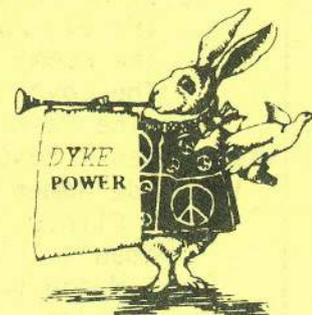
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PRESIDENT ON GAYS

During his campaign, President Carter pledged his support of Gay civil rights legislation. However, in a statement made on Father's Day, Carter indicated that he did not feel homosexuality was a normal interrelationship. When pressed on the issue, he said he would rather not answer.

National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Co-Executive Directors Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller are concerned over the President's statements as they expect the President to live up to his campaign promises.

O'Leary and Voeller pointed out that President Carter did indicate some understanding of the growing issue of Gay human rights when he said he doesn't see homosexuality as a threat to the family, that he doesn't feel that society, through its laws, ought to abuse or harrass the homosexual, and that he re-

cognized that he knows "there are homosexuals that teach, and the children don't suffer."

Efforts are underway to schedule a meeting between NGTF members and the President. Meanwhile, your letter to President Carter would reinforce his positive thinking. Write today to the President, urging him to support both Gay civil rights legislation and the Equal Rights Amendment.

---NGTF, Staff

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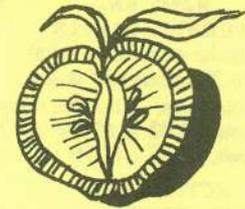
An amendment which would deny gays access to federally-funded legal aid programs was passed by the House of Representatives in Washington on June 27. Representative Larry MacDonald (D-Georgia) introduced the amendment to the Legal Services Corporation Amendments Act of 1977 (HR6666) which would bar "legal assistance with respect to any proceeding or litigation arising out of disputes or controversy on the issue of homosexuality or so-called gay rights."

If the resolution becomes law, this amendment assures that poor gays will be unable to receive federally-funded legal assistance to defend their civil rights.

Joe Totten of Gay Rights National Lobby commented, "This vote must not be allowed to stand without comment as it singles out one group in the country forbidden to use public monies to protect our civil rights." Totten urges everyone to write to their representative and senator and make their opinions known.

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The Los Angeles womens/Lesbian community hasn't always had a reputation for "getting it together." And maybe it's true that there are sections, or fragments that don't always cooperate with other segments as well as some of us would hope. But the staff of the *Lesbian News* now knows how it feels to be the recipient of both the community's good will and help.

Last month we told it like it was to the community, and asked our sisters to join us in preserving this newsletter. What we needed more than anything else was help - women who would be willing to *commit* themselves to a limited amount of time each month.

All you have to do to find out how our community responded is to take a glance at the expanded staff list. In addition to the new women who helped put this issue together, we have talked with many members of our community who expressed their desires to help, but couldn't do so because they were already heavily committed. We certainly understand some women's inability to stretch themselves further, but we appreciate their reaching us with encouraging words.

And, we missed some women who we know still want to help. Either we were not able to reach them by telephone, or they just couldn't make the re-organization meeting the 17th of July. But we haven't gotten it all straightened out yet, and we're holding the next meeting August 7th, Sunday afternoon at 4 PM. Please, if we weren't able to reach each other, and you would still

like to join us (we still need *you*), please call 474-1648 to get the meeting place.

Now that we are re-organized, and now that we are assured of the women-energy to continue the newsletter, we need to remind the community that it also takes *money* to print the paper. Since we are printed by a feminist printer (The Center Press), at least our cost stays in the community.

We feel very strong about keeping the newsletter free (except for mailed subscriptions), but to do that, we must continue to receive a flow of donations to supplement our advertising. Please share whatever you can afford with the other members of our community by supporting The *Lesbian News* with your donations. (Please make checks payable to BLS ENTERPRISES.)

Once again, we wish to reiterate our pleasure in knowing that our community cared enough to come through when they were really needed. We know you will continue to do so.

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Although our space is limited, we will *always* have room for viewpoints other than our own, and for rebuttals to that which we publish. We invite community participation in the creation of a community newsletter.

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WHAT'S TO DO?

IWY COALITION

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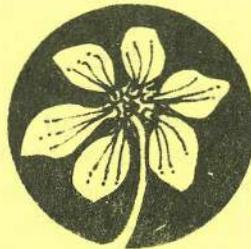
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IWY BENEFIT

On August 13th, Woman Energy is producing a concert and dance with the proceeds going to the International Women's Year Support Coalition.

Woody Simmons and Nancy Vogel will be featured in concert at 7:30 PM at the Woman's Building. The dance will begin at 9:30 PM.

Prices are \$2.50 for the concert or the dance, and \$4.50 for both. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be served.

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MARY JO TO SPEAK

Mary Jo Risher and Ann Foreman will speak about Risher's fight for custody of her son on Tuesday, August 23rd, at 8 PM at the Gay Community Services Center.

Their appearance at GCSC is part of a speaking tour promoting Risher's book, *By Her Own Admission: A Lesbian Mother's Fight to Keep Her Son.*

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ERA WALKATHON

August 27th, NOW's ERA Walkathon will take place in cities across the nation.

Gathering at the Venice Beach Pavilion, there will be a rally at 9 AM and the walk will begin at 10 AM.

Get your Pledge Card packets from your local NOW chapter.

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