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DALLAS HOST GAY PRIDE PARADE

The homophile organizations in Texas and Oklahoma are united in planning a GAY PRIDE PARADE for downtown Dallas Saturday morning, June 24th, beginning at 10am. Although originally the idea of the Circle of Friends (the oldest homophile organization in the Southwest) the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, the Dallas Free Church, the Purple Star Tribe, and the Metropolitan Community Church of Oklahoma City, along with the NUNTIVS-OUR COMMUNITY plan to participate. There will be floats, decorated cars, streamers, banners, confetti, and balloons. Straights have been invited to march alongside their gay brothers and sisters, and many plan to do so.

For the previous two years there have been GAY PRIDE PARADES in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and other cities. Austin had a parade last year. But this will be a first for Dallas.

The parade celebrates the day in 1969 when New York City Police routinely raided the Stonewall Inn, at 53 Christopher Street in Greenwich Village. Peaceful gay patrons were put into the street as police took action against the bar's management. Groups of gays gathered and barricaded the police into the bar and then began a series of protest gatherings within the neighborhood. These actions led eventually to the formation of the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activist's Alliance.

According to Chris McKee, chairman of the parade committee, the purpose of the parade is not to flaunt our sexual preferences in the faces of heterosexuals, but to show the world that we are no longer content to remain in our dark closets in secret and fear. This is our way of asserting: We are GAY AND PROUD. One straight man at last year's parade said the same thing,

but in a different way: "The queers are coming out of the woodwork." Gay citizens prefer to think, "The Lord is my shepherd and he knows I'm gay."

The Dallas Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has volunteered to help the gay community by serving as impartial observers along the parade route.

The parade will begin at 10 am at the corner of Market and Main, will proceed down Main Street, and will end one block past City Hall. Participants must meet and be ready to march by 9:30 am. The Metropolitan Community Church of Oklahoma City will offer communion for those who wish to partake of it before the parade begins.

Immediately following the parade, a picnic is scheduled at Flag Pole Hill overlooking White Rock Lake. Each person is asked to bring his or her own food and beverage. The picnic is open to the entire gay and straight communities.

Gay men and women from all over Texas and the Southwest will be meeting in Dallas for the weekend of June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, to celebrate the gay national holiday--Christopher Street Liberation Day. Dallas' biggest bars are planning special events for the Friday night before the parade. On the big Saturday, marchers will gather at Main and Market streets to link arms, carry banners, and show the world that "we are no longer afraid."

After the parade a picnic will be held on Flagpole Hill.

Housing will be provided for out-of-town guests by members of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church and the Circle of Friends. Hosts are busy planning a mad round of special entertainment for the weekend - tours of the local bars and bahts and house parties. Those wishing housing should call 824-0770 upon arriving in Dallas.

There are many who can not afford to "come out" because of jobs, families, and personal reasons. But everyone can help. Money is needed. Volunteers are asked to help decorate cars, floats, and making banners. WE ALL STAND TO GAIN.

BRUTALITY TO GAY PRISONERS

Washington prison officials were accused today of brutal harassment and morbid discrimination directed toward homosexual residents of the State Prison at Walla Walla. The charges were made this morning at a press conference by the directors of Stonewall, a residential treatment center for homosexual persons in trouble with drugs, alcohol, and crime.

William H. DuBay, community relations director at Stonewall, stated: "Within the prison, there are many ethnic and cultural groups of every race, creed, and color being represented in some way on the Residential Government Council, except homosexuals. The attempts of Gay people there to organize and gain protection have been completely thwarted by the Warden, Bobbi Rhay, leaving Gays without representation in the very important areas of classification hearings, parole hearings, progress hearings, custody reductions, or personal counselling. Homosexuals at Walla Walla are simply being warehoused as inferior forms of life, treated as problems rather than human beings. They have no protection against the prejudice of other residents, the guards, the administration, or the parole board.

"In an attempt to offer a viable alternative in a qualified rehabilitation program, Stonewall was founded. Instead of cooperating with our efforts, prison officials have refused to allow us to set up parole programs for Gays in prison--and this in spite of the fact that we are an approved parole program, and that we are approved also by the Adult Authorities of

California and Oregon.

"Prison authorities have gone so far as to refuse our correspondence and return letters addressed to them. We have appealed in vain to the Governor's office, demanding an explanation. It seems that the government's admirable attempts at prison reform and community-based corrections have been overcome by sexual superstition, bias, ignorance, and fear. The government must also take the blame for attitudes which foster the brutal rapings, murders, beatings, and suicides of the homosexual residents of our state prisons."

Dr. Frank Kameny was fired from his government job as an astronomer on the grounds of his homosexuality--this despite his government rating of "superior." (Can America afford to lose her best scientist because of such silly-assed bias?) Since that moment, Frank has been a giant in the Gay Movement. It's been said of him, "He is the nation's most persistent thorn in the sides of bovernment with respect to homosexuals what Ralph Nader is to General Motors with respect to automobile safety.

This remarkable gay leader taught himself to read at the age of 4, entered college at 15, and fought for all our freedoms in World War II. After the war, he returned to his studies and received his Ph.D. degree from Harvard. It was Kameny who coined our gay national slogan GAY IS GOOD! This brilliant leader helped organize the first White House picket line in 1965.

Although not a lawyer, lawyers and law journals often consult him. Kameny was the first self-declared gay to run for Congress, as a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives in 1971. He ran, not expecting to win the office, but to force politicians to pay attention to the government's treatment of gays.



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PSYCHIATRISTS STAND UP FOR GAYS

A masked psychiatrist, speaking for his fellow gay members of the American Psychiatric Association (the Gay P.A.) stated in a panel discussion before that group at the Dallas convention the first week in May, that he was one of more than 200 gay psychiatrists registered at the convention. He stated he was wearing the mask to protect the audience, for by knowing who he was with his outstanding A.P.A. credentials, they would feel threatened, fearful and/or uncomfortable.

A recent poll of psychiatrists nationwide has shown that they and the gay community have finally reached a turning point in their traditional relationship. 90% expressed the belief that the "gay problem" was a matter of public misunderstanding and 64% in the survey indicated they do not consider homosexuals sick.

Dr. Judd Marmor, vice president-elect of the A.P.A. states, "there is nothing sick or unnatural about homosexuality except that it is socially condemned." His remarks were also made during the Dallas meeting. He further stressed that attitudes toward homo-

sexuality are fundamentally a matter of social mores and moral judgement with no basic in fact.

He labeled psychiatric prejudices a disgrace to the profession and called for a change in the diagnostic nomenclature which now lists homosexuality as an illness and mental disorder. "No heterosexual has achieved health until he has resolved his inner fear of and accepted other's homosexuality," he stated.

Joining Dr. Marmor and Dr. Anonymous on the panel were Dr. Kent Robinson, Dr. Robert Seidenberg and gay activists Frank Kameny and Barbara Gittings. The dialogue hit hard at the dissemination of psychiatric propaganda. Approximately 200 professionals made up the S.R.O. audience. Dr. Kameny challenged those present to apply true scientific methods in their psychiatric studies and recommended a good course in gay pride for those who seek "the cure."

Dr. Anonymous pointed out that gays are required to be more healthy than their heterosexual counterparts. Dr. Seidenberg casti-

gated the profession for creating the problems of homosexuals, then making money out of "curing them." "We have made diversity a sin," he said and lampooned the mental health game as played in 20th Century psychiatry.

Barbara Gittings charged the A.P.A. with attempting to avoid confrontation while calling it discretion and called for dialogue between professional gays and the other members of the profession.

Many of the psychiatrists present in the audience rose to speak after the formal discussion ended, making impassioned appeals to their colleagues to see gays as human beings and back efforts toward consensual legislation reform.

For the first time in many years the A.P.A. agenda failed to present any papers on homosexuality. This was doubtless a direct result of Gay Liberation Front - zaps in the past which have insisted "We are the experts on homosexuality."

The Rod Roddy late night talk show hosted several members of the panel and Barbara Gittings also assisted in the filming of a video tape on Gay Lib. The tape is one of 5 parts of a series titled Search for Mental Health for release to Universities and Medical Schools.

Receiving excellent response and heavy interest traffic during

the entire A.P.A. convention was the Gay Lib. exhibit booth, GAY, PROUD AND HEALTHY; the Homosexual Community Speaks Out. Manned by local gays and the visiting G.L.F. group, the booth was sponsored by anonymous gay psychiatrists. It was the only booth to use the word "love" formally and presented opportunity for rap sessions and literature distribution.

The booth consisted of an elaborated collage panel featuring Christopher Street Liberation Day celebrations, gay activism, gay love-ins, famous gay couples and a panel especially aimed at psychiatrists.

The A.P.A. appeared to listen well to the obvious message: the homosexual community is tired of listening to psychiatry "talk to us" and has changed the dialogue to "we will tell you."

The gay community nationwide should soon see the beginnings of responsive action and increasingly feel the benefits resulting from this conference.

Hats off to
DEAR ABBY!

Abigail Van Buren recently had the following in her Dear Abby column in the Houston Post.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter from someone who claimed to be a "well adjusted homosexual."

There is no such thing as a well-adjusted homosexual; the two terms are antonymous. Homosexuality, male or female, is a form of sexual deviation which is symptomatic of personality disorder. By any reasonable standard of human development, homosexuality is an abnormal human condition which needs competent professional treatment. It is in effect a form of emotional illness.

I think that you would be as interested as I in what your readers think about the subject.

HAPPY HETEROSEXUAL

DEAR HAPPY: By whose definition is homosexuality an illness? There are homosexuals who live socially well-adjusted, discreet, personally happy lives, whose homosexuality would come as a surprise to many of their close heterosexual friends.

The fact that homosexuality is morally condemned by most people in our culture makes it seem abnormal. In other times and in other cultures it has not always been so judged.

Much of the maladjustment seen in homosexuals is due to the rejection, persecution and guilt imposed upon them by intolerant and ignorant contemporaries.

(Editors comment - Hats off to Dear Abby - !!)



DEAR
ABBY

The odd couple

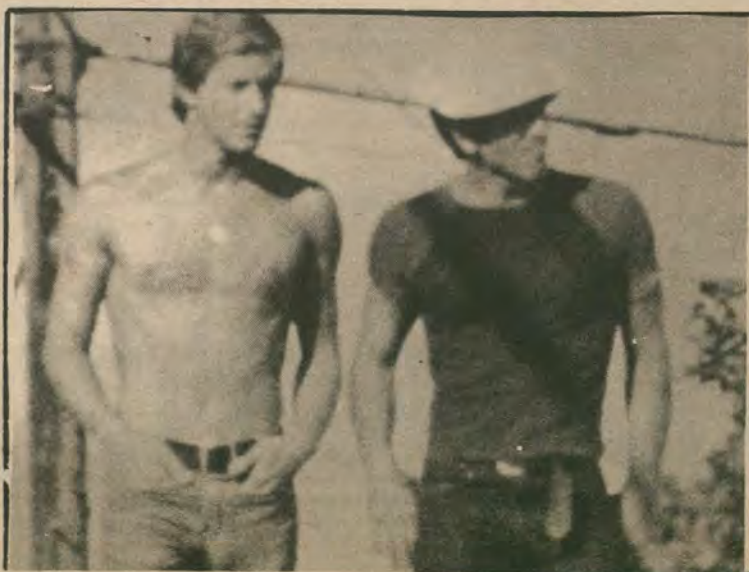
Dear Abby:

□□ About four months ago, the house across the street was sold to a "father and son" -- or so we thought.

We later learned it was an older man about 50 and a young fellow about 24.

This was a respectable neighborhood before this "odd couple" moved in. They have all sorts of strange looking company. Men who look like men, blacks, white, Indians, and yesterday I even saw two nuns go in there.

They must be running some sort of business or a club. There are



BOYS IN THE SAND



motorcycles, expensive sports cars and even bicycles parked in front and on the lawn. They keep their shades drawn so you can't see what's going on inside but they must be up to no good, or why the secrecy?

We called the police department and they asked if we wanted to press charges. They said unless the neighbors were breaking some law there was nothing they could do.

Abby, these weirdos are wrecking our property values. How can we improve the quality of this once-respectable neighborhood?

UP IN ARMS

Dear Up:

You could move.

WIL SCHAEFER Open To Gays

□ Wil Schaefer, deposed as a United Methodist minister by a church court more than a year ago in San Antonio, has found his way back into a religious denomination.

But he had to invent one to do it.

In a news conference held in a "gay bar" in San Antonio Friday afternoon, Schaefer announced the wheat Wine Mission Ecumenical Church as the newest denomination in the state.

And Schaefer is the self-appointed bishop.

He has been at odds with the United Methodist Church since he was ousted by a 13-member jury of clergymen who found him guilty of immorality, disobedience and unbecoming conduct.

HE WAS DEPOSED -- not expelled from the church -- for refusing to sever his relationship with Mrs. Judy Nash, a San Antonio divorcee, while still married to Mrs. Schaefer.

Since the court decision, Schaefer and the former Mrs. Nash have lived together on a farm south of Luling, Texas. She gave birth to a son last February. The couple was legally married in May.

The new church, Schaefer told The Houston Post, was granted a charter by the office of the Texas Secretary of State May 17.

He said he waited to make the announcement of the new denomination until the end of the annual meeting of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church this week in San Antonio.

That was the conference Schaefer was in before he was deposed.

The Southwest Conference has been faced with the issue of homosexuality which was forced on it by F. Eugene Leggett, who has publicly announced his homosexuality.

Leggett, of Dallas, was suspended as a minister in the conference

NOW A DANCE BAR



last year and made a futile attempt this week to address the conference on homosexuality and the church.

"WE KNEW the church would do what it has done, refuse to talk to people like Gene Leggett," Schaefer said. "We had hoped it would make a place for people like him and me."

Schaefer, who is a friend of Leggett, said: "If Gene is a homosexual that's his business. But if he's a man of compassion and truth he meets our standards. The people of the church are neither compassionate nor truthful, so they have forced us to start a denomination."

"The meeting this last week was the last straw," Schaefer said. "We saw the church was hopeless."

The new denomination has three board members, Schaefer, his wife, and a San Antonio psychoanalyst.

It has three priests, one named on abbott, who remains at the farm near Luling (now called the Monastery), a black priest (formerly head of the state Student National Coordinating Committee) and a priest who will minister to homosexuals.

Asked if the new denomination will recognize homosexual marriages, the bishop said, "it's not for me to decide if they are moral in

their marriage. Marriage is a personal matter between two people."

Schaefer said a priest of the denomination would have to decide if the two homosexuals were entering into a "truly spiritual marriage."

If a priest of the denomination chose to marry two homosexuals, "I'd support him," Schaefer said.

"I CAN'T SAY that two homosexuals getting married is not moral. I can't do that. It's not for me to say," the bishop said in a telephone interview.

Wheat Wine Mission Ecumenical Church will begin with a headquarters temple in San Antonio, Schaefer said. He expects to expand the church throughout the nation "as far as people need a church to serve their needs."

Counseling clinics for drug and alcohol abuse and marriage problems will be set up, and a retreat center in Southern Mexico and the farm near Luling will be part of the denomination's offerings.

The first meeting of the church will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at San Pedro Park in San Antonio. Schaefer described the scheduled service as "a sort of church happening."

The philosophy of the denomination, he explained is individual free-

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- All New - All Gay - Dancing -

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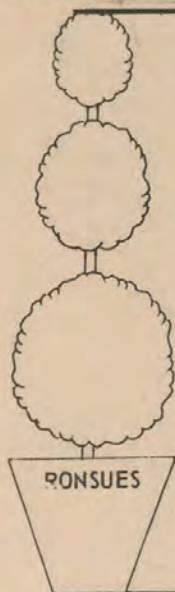
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edom. "We do not wish to teach a religion, but a way of life. We seek not to form a church, but a revolution," he told newsmen.

(Houston Post - June 3, 1972)

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GAY - PROUD & HEALTHY

In recent years, an adversary situation has developed between the psychiatric profession and the homosexual community. While much of psychiatry seems unaware of this, it is felt with growing resentment and bitterness by the homosexual community, who increasingly see psychiatry as **THE** major enemy in a battle against deeply-rooted social prejudice, and see psychiatrists as singularly insensitive and obtuse to the destruction which they are wreaking upon homosexuals by their negative attitudes and pronouncements of both adversaries. That is why we, as homosexuals, are here at the Dallas conference of the American Psychiatric Association. In our view, homosexuals are the people most knowledgeable about, and certainly most concerned with these questions.

We have traditionally been the people least consulted while others, self-appointed and never authorized to represent us, have talked about us instead of with us, and set themselves up without our permission, as our spokesmen. We are bring that to an end.

Central to the conflict between psychiatry and the homosexual community is the "sickness theory" of homosexuality and the whole related complex of negative attitudes toward homosexuality, which try to make of homosexuality something inferior to and less desirable than heterosexuality. It matters not whether the word used be sickness, disorder, affliction, disturbance, dysfunction, neurosis, immaturity, fixation, character or personality disorder, pathology, or any other--or whatever homosexuality be considered as merely symptomatic of these--the effects are the same: (1) To support ^{and} buttress the prejudices of society and to assist the bigots in the perpetration and perpetuation of their bigotry; and, at least equally important (2) To destroy the homosexual's self-confidence and self-esteem, impair his or her self-image, degrade his or her basic human dignity.

Before any theory having consequences as disastrous as these is accepted, there should be certainty that it rests upon a sound scientific basis. As anyone with even a rudimentary scientific training is aware, the approach of psychiatry to homosexuality violates every canon of good scientific research. For psychiatry cavaliery to spout forth its characterisations of homosexuality as less than fully healthy represents utter irresponsibility. If the profession wishes to continue to take pride in its alleged scientific accomplishments, it had better be sure

that its "researches" really are scientific. Insofar as homosexuality is concerned, they could not be less so. They are the distilled, concentrated essence of bad science; they are a textbook illustration of "science" gone wrong. When the psychiatric position on homosexuality is examined, we find that we have been **DEFINED** into sickness and pathology by cultural, social, moral, teleological and theological value judgments, camouflaged and cloaked in the language of science, but with none of the substance of science.

Even more irresponsible is the continuing refusal of psychiatry to shoulder its proper burden in any situation of bigotry; To provide therapy for the bigots in order to change their attitudes; to change the attitudes of society, instead of not only accepting those attitudes but deifying them and then engaging in human engineering for conformity to them.

Deeply resented by the gay community are persistent efforts by psychiatrists to convert homosexuals to heterosexuality, instead of inculcating them with pride in their homosexuality. Increasingly, we hear psychiatrists piously declare that they attempt to convert "only those homosexuals who wish to be changed." That is an unacceptably simplistic, superficial, and shallow approach. When society generally, and psychiatry particularly, have "brainwashed" homosexuals into a belief in the inferiority of their homosexuality, the homosexual who asks to be changed is merely the creation of a self-fulfilling process. How many whites choose to try to "pass" as black, and why is the number so small, and why do any blacks at all choose to "pass" as white, and is it not better that now, in an era of "Black and Beautiful," fewer and fewer Blacks are trying to be untrue to themselves? We must investigate and often challenge the motives before we accept the desire to change. The great majority of homosexuals desiring to change to heterosexuality should be instilled with a belief that "Gay is Good," not blandly welcomed as candidates for change.

The homosexual community looks upon efforts to change homosexuals to heterosexuality, or to mold younger, supposedly malleable homosexuals into heterosexuality (the very existence of this "plastic teenager" is questionable at best) as an assault upon our people comparable in its way to genocide. We find offensive the entire vocabulary of the psychiatric literature, in which "help," "improvement," "success," "re-

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covery" and similar terms relating to the therapy of homosexuals is related to the extent of increase in heterosexual tendency and activity. The goals of therapy of homosexuals must be subjected to searching re-examination.

Equally important as a consequence of psychiatric attitudes, is the fact that large numbers of homosexuals who might benefit from psychotherapy for a variety of problems unrelated to their homosexuality (which is NEVER a problem in and of itself, any more than heterosexuality is ever a problem in and of itself) will not go near a psychiatrist because of their fully-justified expectation that their real problems will be shunted aside and ignored, and the therapy will become an unwanted assault upon their homosexuality.

For better or for worse, psychiatry and psychiatrists are authority figures in our society today. Responsible authorities assess with great care the consequences of the exercise of their authority and the validity of their positions and premises. In regard to homosexuality, psychiatry clearly has not done so. It is time to start doing so, or to doff the mantle of authority before it is taken from you!

In our view, it is time for psychiatry to reassess its position on homosexuality from the ground up. Queen Victoria has been dead for almost three-quarters of a century. Freud, brought up in the depths of a Victorian era from which he never escaped intellectually, may have done yeoman work as a pioneer and trail-blazer, but trails are necessarily blazed with lack of knowledge of the whole terrain and seldom follow what ultimately turns out to be the optimum route. It is time to realize that much of the psychiatric approach to homosexuality must be recognized for what it is: A misinterpretation of cultural artifacts of the particularly distorted, warped, perverted sexual attitudes of the Victorian era, in which Freud grew up, and shortly following which era most modern "authorities" on this subject were trained.

We must recognize that one of the glories of humankind is its endless diversity and pluralism in all things; that we are not faceless robots all turned out of the same mold, but that we follow different courses of equal value to different goals of equal value--in psychosexual development as in all other areas; that there is no one, single healthy course of psychosexual development.

Finally, we must realize that among the glories of humankind is its brain which has liberated us

from the degrading, demeaning, dehumanizing (and inapplicable, in this context) "anatomy is destiny" theory. Our genital organs are our appendages; we are not appendages of our genital organs.

We take the position that in our pluralistic society, the homosexual has a moral right to be a homosexual, and being a homosexual, has a moral right not only to live his or her homosexuality fully, freely, openly, and with pride, but also has a right to do so free of arrogant and insolent pressures to convert to the prevailing heterosexuality, and in the expectation of the active, affirmative, positive assistance and encouragement of all the official and unofficial arms and agents of society, including psychiatry, in his so living.

Not only do we insist that homosexuals, as people, are in no way inferior to heterosexuals as people (a precept to which we are sure that most psychiatrists will take no exception) but we insist, equally uncompromisingly, that homosexuality--as a condition, a state of being, a way of life or life-style, an expression of love and affection--is fully on par with and in no slightest way inferior to heterosexuality.

We are working to create a sense of community among our people, to create, in turn, a sense of unity, solidarity, militancy, and activism, in order to assist us to achieve our full rights and status in a society which is ours as much as it is that of the heterosexuals. We are working with success to create among our people a sense of pride in their homosexuality and a sense of the rightness of what they are and the goodness of what they do.

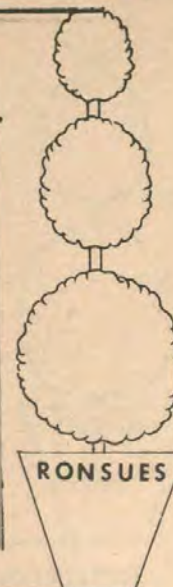
In order to do this, it is necessary to extract homosexuality from the medical context in which it has long and persistently been placed, and to place it in a sociological context of minority group relationships involving prejudice, discrimination, and bigotry. This is the only context in which the real problems of real homosexuals in our society today will be constructively and productively addressed. It has been well and truly said that in our society there is no Black problem, there is a white problem. We say that there is no homosexual problem, there is a heterosexual problem. Psychiatry, as it presently deals with homosexuality, is a major part of that problem.

A psychiatric profession which persists in approaching homosexuality as a medical problem and homosexuals, per se, as patients, while homosexuals themselves, as homosexuals are busy entering politics and running for public

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office, is singularly out of touch with reality--psychotically so!

We are trying to open dialog with the psychiatric profession on these questions. In past years, it has been necessary, on occasion, to resort to strong measures against a resisting profession in order to achieve such discussion of our problems with us instead of merely about us. We sincerely hope that productive, constructive discussion and dialog, followed by meaningful reform of psychiatry, will now proceed actively.

Psychiatry, in the past--and continuing--has been the major single obstacle in our society to the advancement of homosexuals and to the achievement of our full rights, our full happiness, and our basic human dignity. Psychiatry can become our major ally.

Will you assist us?

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Both individually, and collectively as a profession and an Association, re-examine your past positions on homosexuality. Discard the negative attitudes and the biases which have afflicted you in the past.

2. Work for a public renunciation, by psychiatry, of the "sickness theory" of homosexuality in ANY semantic guise.

3. Undertake an active, vigorous campaign to ameliorate and ultimately to eliminate popular prejudice on this question, both through work to change attitudes and in such specific areas as law reform, equal opportunity legislation, etc.

4. Consult on an on-going basis with representatives of the homosexual community.

Our themes are: **GAY, PROUD AND HEALTHY** and **GAY IS GOOD**. With or without you, we will work vigorously toward the acceptance of those precepts, and will fight those who oppose us. We would much prefer to work with you than against you. Will you join us, to our mutual benefit?

(Copied above is literature cir-

culated in Dallas at the convention.)

Your comments, suggestions, and efforts at dialog and discussion are welcome. Contact:

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YOUNG
LAWYERS
& Adult Laws

Resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers section of the American Bar Association on May 20, 1972.

WHEREAS the American Assembly at a meeting in New York, N.Y. on April 23-26, 1970, adopted the following resolution:

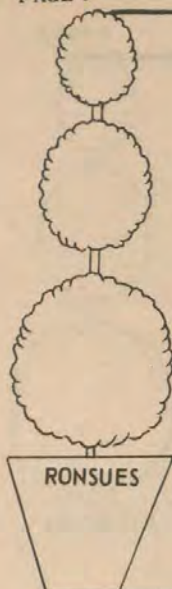
"To diminish mental anguish and to improve the mental health of segments of society, we recommend the abolition of all existing laws concerning sexual behavior between consenting adults, without sacrificing protection for minors or public decorum," and

WHEREAS the National Association for Mental Health, the American Psychiatric Association and the Task Force on Homosexuality of the National Institute of Mental Health have taken a similar position, and

WHEREAS statutes and laws regulating sexual conduct between consenting adults violate the penumbra of rights known to American jurisprudence as a right of privacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the legislature of the several states are urged to repeal all laws which classify as criminal conduct any form of sexual conduct between consenting adults, saving only those actions necessary to protect minors and to protect public decorum.



MADAM FERTILIZER



MOTHER TO DRAG: FRIEND TO ALL

HOUSTON GAY BARS HIT BY VANDALS

by Henry Groves

The 900 Club, 900 Lovett, was broken into in the pre-dawn hours on Thursday, May 25, 1972.

Robbers made a small hole through two walls to gain entry and to make their exit. They stole whiskey, vodka, and other liquor worth about \$60 or \$70, plus money out of the jukeboxes, pooltable and cigarette machine. The vandals also took records out of the jukeboxes, cigarettes out of the cigarette machine, and a few odd things such as fruit and napkins.

Not content to demolish both jukeboxes, the thieves also broke bar glasses and poured sugar all over the back bar.

The Briarpatch, Greenbriar at Holcombe, was robbed by two gunmen at 1:30 a.m., Friday, May 26, 1972.

Ten customers and one bartender, Mickey, were in the Briarpatch at the time. Witnesses were divided as to whether the pair, one Negro and one White, were in their early 20's or in their middle to late 20's.

All eleven persons were herded into the womens restroom, about the size of three telephone booths. (Absolutely no familiarities were attempted, we understand) The customers were not personally robbed.

Gunmen helped themselves to cash on top of the bar and in the register. One customer lost \$15. on top of the bar. About \$100. was in the cash register at the time of the robbery.

As the gunmen left, they apologized to the bartender, saying that they were sorry but that they had to support their "habit."

The police were called, but the gunmen escaped.

On May 31 the bartender and another man identified the two gunmen in a police lineup. Police

told them that the pair had been involved in quite a few other robberies, including one on the Sullivan Island Club, Rice Boulevard, in which about \$2100. was taken.

The Cobra Club, 905 Woodrow, reports that they have been robbed five times in the past few weeks.

The last of these break-ins was just a few days ago and appeared more vandalism than just for the funds in the vending machines.

The machines were robbed, the pool table and juke box torn up beyond repair. Some of the boys "gowns" were strewn about the dressing room and powder poured over them. Liquor was taken and on the mirrors behind the back-bar messages were left for some of the employees as well as the owner which would indicate that this vandalism was done by someone familiar with the club and its operation.



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Greetings Hooter -- Lovers!!!

The lusty month of May proved to be an exciting one for the Red Room. Two special shows with the Golden Sisters (Ed and Jack) and Mitzi St. James -- that's Ron Abshire -- saw a capacity crowd of admirers for these three talented performers.

Also this stage was utilized by a very fine comedian. Miss Alabama added her personal touch of talent and beautiful personality and Red Room patrons fell in love. Mr. Stephanie Carr did a fill-in for Mr. Kitty Key while the latter entertained in Dallas at the Bayou Landing. Thank you Dallas for giving Kitty such a nice welcome. Love Ya!

A performer we have missed since the days of the old Entree' -- one Gina -- guested with the Fabulous Four the last Sunday in May. Beautiful, talented and eye-catching are just a few comments overheard in the audience that night.

Talent night is a sure thing on everyone's calendar of things to do. The competition for the two 1st place prizes of a round-trip, all expenses paid vacation to Mexico City are waiting. These newcomers are to be enjoyed and you older girls should keep on tippy-toes.

Since 1958, Barbara Gittings has been one of the nation's most active members of the Gay Movement. In order to help win equal civil rights for gays, she founded the Daughters of Bilitis in New York City and was editor of THE LADDER for three years. Proudly, she's marched in many gay picket lines and parades. This wonderful

Show times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday 9 to 12. Monday and Thursday there's Muck-Muck hour -- check it out. A tip of wig to the management and staff of the Red Room for great service. Be sure and catch Tiffany "Bert Reynolds" Jones in David Next month.

Tiff and Jerry played to a SRO crowd at the Paradise in Galveston. Low entrances, it was reported, almost caused Tiff to lose her head as well as her wig.

Out of towners in for Memorial Day got a treat as the Fabulous Four did turn-a-round night at the Red Room -- Turn-a-round is when the Fabulous Four trade off numbers and a few routines. Very enjoyable evening.

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(The very beautiful and talented young --- lady/man --- that is so kind to give us happenings at the RR -- being quite a rounder -- might be so kind with a little coaxing tell us happenings around our local watering holes as well as the ones on the Isle. We understand that there are shows at the Farm House, LaCaja, Cobra and at Frizbys. How about it -- we all know how talented you are in many ways -- our thanks.)

person and activist heads the Task Force on Gay Liberation under the aegis of the American Library Association, and is constantly invited to participate in talk shows and panel discussions all over the nation. Barbara participated in the famous Hug-A-Homosexual booth that helped raise the gay consciousness-level in Dallas in 1971.

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GAY LIB IN GREAT BRITAIN

EDITOR'S NOTE - Anthony Collins, an Associated Press Writer, submitted the following article to the news service and it was reprinted in the Houston Post, May 24. The release received from CHE in London was not as complete as a result the NUNTIUS is reprinting the AP release.

LONDON - In a Piccadilly Circus doorway a couple embraces. The lovers are breaking the law -- they're both men.

They have just come from a demonstration by militant homosexuals who feel that Britain's already-liberal laws still aren't liberal enough.

Among other things, they demand the right to be just as amorous in public as boy and girl couples.

"If I want to kiss my boy friend and hold hands in public, I don't see why that should be illegal," says Malcolm Bissett, a 20-year-old Scottish homosexual. He is a member of a protest movement called the Gay Liberation Front -- GLF.

The GLF wants Britain to give homosexuals the same legal rights as everyone else.

While many people in other countries consider Britain's 1967 law on homosexuality extremely liberal, the militants don't see it that way.

The landmark 1967 Act of Parliament, preceded by a lively nationwide debate, legalized homosexual acts in private by consenting adults.

It was intended not to condone homosexuality but to free adult homosexuals from police harassment and blackmail. Four U.S. states -- Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois and Idaho -- have similar laws.

With the 1967 Act, Britain came a long way from the 16th century law of Henry VIII grouping homosexuality with heresy and witchcraft -- all punished by death -- and an 1861 law changing the

maximum sentence to life imprisonment.

But British GLF militants complain that even when there is mutual consent and privacy, the 1967 law still provides for imprisonment of up to five years for a homosexual 21 or older if he has relations with a young man 16 to 20. For sexual relations with a boy under 16 the maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

The militants want the age limit dropped from 21 to 16 -- the same "age of consent" as for heterosexuals. And they want freedom from alleged police harassment of homosexuals who show affection in public.

"The 1967 law didn't go far enough, although it was a start," contends Tony Smythe, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, a liberal group.

"There are still many homosexuals suffering from guilt and loneliness because their relationships are illegal or socially frowned upon."

Says the Rev. Michael Butler, an Anglican clergyman who counsels homosexuals: "The 1967 law helped make society more sympathetic, especially when people saw that the bill was supported by the churches. But people forget that there have been centuries of society being conditioned against homosexuals."

The Rev. Mr. Butler works for the Samaritans, a charity that tries to talk people out of suicide. A growing number of the depressed people who come to the Samaritans are homosexuals, he says.

They call themselves "gay", but he finds they're often sad -- suffering from loneliness, shame and self-hatred.

There are no precise figures on their numbers. Michael De-la-Noy, former press officer for the archbishop of Canterbury and now active in helping homosexuals, estimates there are more than one million homosexuals out of

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Britain's total population of 55 million.

The GLF now claims a membership of 1,000 throughout the country, with branches in 13 cities. Its weekly London meetings and demonstrations called "gayins" draw some 300, it says.

The first public dance in Britain for homosexual men and women was organized in London in 1970 by the GLF and 750 attended.

About one-fifth of GLF's members are lesbians, and they are considered its most radical influence. In contrast, their American "sisters" have broken away from male homosexual protest groups.

Although Britain is more tolerant than many other countries, the GLF claims that homosexuals get turned down for many jobs purely because of their homosexuality.

But the Rev. Mr. Butler of the Samaritans suspects that homosexuals often use this as an excuse when they're rejected for other reasons.

"Leading a double life, hiding their secret from their parents, makes them almost paranoid in many cases, and they read too much into a situation," he says.

"It makes for a ghetto mentality. They get more obsessed with their homosexuality until gradually their personalities deteriorate," he adds. "I try to get them to go out more into 'straight' society."

London's "gay ghetto" includes a notorious movie house near Victoria train station, public toilets, parks and a group of pubs in the low rent Earls Court district where homosexuals have furtive encounters. "A sexual meat market," the London Times calls these places.

The GLF and another group called Campaign for Homosexual Equality have tried to organize social clubs that would offer better places to meet.

But in some cases, such as the English town of Burnley, offended

local citizens have pressured landlords not to let them in, the National Civil Liberties Council says.

The militants say it's wrong to call homosexuality a sickness. They've demonstrated against British psychiatric clinics that use electric shocks and nausea-producing chemicals as an "aversion therapy" to treat homosexuals.

The GLF uses street theater, Hyde Park picnics and other activities to drive home the slogan: "Gay is Good."

The group has had several setbacks, but feels its activities are starting to achieve a main purpose: to "liberate" the ashamed homosexuals known as "closet queens" and help them shake off their guilt.

GAY GETS SECURITY BACK

Reprinted from the Houston Chronicle May 28, 1972.

Washington - A federal judge has ordered the Defense Department to restore the security status is had revoked from an avowed homosexual.

U.S. Dist. Judge John H. Pratt issues an order and an accompanying memorandum stating that a person who admits to practicing homosexuality cannot be barred from handling secret defense information.

Benning Wentworth, an employee of an electronics firm under a defense contract, had his clearance lifted under a guideline blocking clearance of people who have engaged in "any criminal, infamous dishonest or notoriously disgraceful conduct or sexual perversion."

Pratt ruled that Wentworth "did not receive a fair and impartial adjudication" of his Defense Department security status. Wentworth had been cleared for defense work for 13 years.

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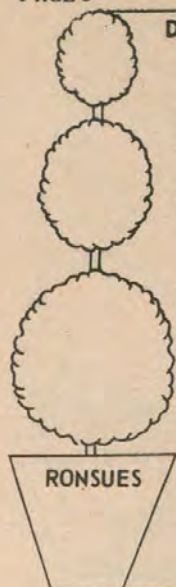


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GAY GADFLY

A new sophistication. There can be no question that the phrase is complimentary. In the context of what are irreverently referred to as "cock dangles," it is deserved -- to a degree.

There is color, which serves to highlight the flesh tones of the dangles, both black and white. And no longer is precious film footage wasted on said dangles' doffing their clothing and getting down to basic essentials. Even the sound is sometimes synchronized with the lips. And what comes out con-

veys the impression that it is contained in a script.

A fairly recent example of new sophistication in filming of dangles was something called *Come of Age*. Even that title appealed to something above the belly-button. Not like those numerous other epics which are little more than plays or plays upon words. The *Magnificent Cowboys*, for example, probably owes a credit to *Midnight Cowboy*.

But to get back to *Come of Age*. To have filmed it without color would have been criminal. What the four guys had to say to and about, came across credibly. And, as for what is still--euphuistically or euphemistically, loser's choice--referred to as "male action," better more than not enough.

But what *Come of Age* had and

most cock dangles do not, was believable story line and intelligently motivated sex--except in the group scenes.

Now I realize that mine is like a "voice of one crying in the wilderness." So I should not be surprised to learn that the Mini-Park's business during the week's showing of *Come of Age* fell off considerably. And there will always be a segment of the gay community which will depend for its jolies on hard-core films.

But I should like to suggest several ideas which more responsible members of the gay community might find worthy of their consideration.

First of all, the cinematic sequence of sex acts between two male animals is just about as formal and mannered as a Mardi Gras ball. And after a while, as monotonous--except that Mardi Gras occurs only once a year. The fact that the human face most often need not even be filmed and below-the-belt areas are zoomed in upon vindicates the above use of animals.

Then there is the other and more important aspect of group or community responsibility. To the degree that the gay community is being accorded those rights which each member of that community can always have legitimately claimed for himself; to that degree each one of those members must be willing to sacrifice himself for the community as a whole.

Yes, I mean self-sacrifice: a willingness to see in fellow gays something far more important and lasting than bodies upon which one can groove for minutes or hours or days that must always end--very

often in sheer frustration and frequently in a hunger for both body and soul that, seemingly, can never be satisfied.

A sure sign of that maturity of which the straight community has claimed that gays are incapable, is to live for others as well as for oneself.

**YOU DON'T EAT YOUR MEAT
IN THE MARKET WHERE YOU
BUY IT; WHY HAVE YOUR SEX
IN THE BAR WHERE YOU FIND
IT?????**

by Jim Archer

Houston gay bars are licensed to run a good, clean business. Nudity and sexual activity have been observed at some bars here recently. The owners and managers of these bars and businesses are responsible for permitting such lewd, loose carrying-on.

Such lewdness and recklessness will result eventually in a vice crackdown on everyone--respectable bars as well as not-so-respectable ones.

Management of the places where open sex activity is permitted has best for the betterment of all police their businesses more closely.

The NUNTIVUS does not see at this time the necessity in printing correspondence with the names of places where such actions take place.

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Joyce Brothers Declares Sex Without Love a Bummer

Dr. Joyce Brothers has a daily column in the Houston Post. The below is copied from the May 29 morning edition.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm 19 and I'm afraid I'm frigid or homosexual. I've never had any homosexual experiences and I don't really think I'm really attracted to women, but something must be wrong as I don't get any real kicks from men. I can't seem to fall in love--I don't even think I know what it means. I've had sexual experiences with a number of young men and frankly they've all been very disappointing. Maybe I expected too much but, so far, sex is a big bore. -- S.T.

Dear S.T.: Many psychiatrists report that your complaint is being heard more and more frequently, especially from young people. I would guess that one of the reasons this is true is that sex is becoming too routine and too dissociated from tenderness, affection and love. In other words, it is becoming little more than a mechanical act. If curiosity is the only reason for intercourse, it is not surprising that it should be disappointing.

You admit that you've not "fallen in love" and yet you've had "a number" of sexual experiences. For one thing, you may be rushing into sexual experiences before you have any real emotional desire for physical closeness.

Ideally, sex comes as a result of a feeling of emotional closeness and it is the climax of a love relationship. By persistently rushing into sex before you have an opportunity to feel other forms of closeness, you may be blocking yourself off from an opportunity to get to know someone on another level. To achieve the maximum of sexual enjoyment there must be some emotional involvement.

Unfortunately, in our permissive society, many young people today do not have the emotional skills

necessary to allow them a rewarding, satisfying sexual relationship.

Don't worry about being homosexual, since you don't seem to have any inclinations in that direction. It is also highly unlikely that you are frigid. You are simply placing unrealistic demands on your body by trying to separate it from the rest of your being. You are demanding that your body work and perform in a certain way even though you have no feeling to go with the performance. Your body, rejecting sex because it is totally separated from tender feelings, refuses to give you the pleasure you expect.

It is also possible, of course, that you have some strong feelings of guilt about sex that have been carried over from childhood. You may feel that what you're doing is morally wrong even though you have managed to bury this feeling deep in your unconscious.

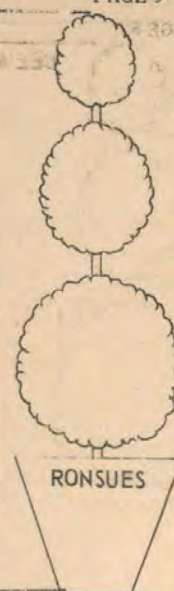
POLITICIANS Respond to Gay Questionnaire

In previous years the Circle of Friends has been an educational and social organization. This year, members decided to roll up their sleeves and become politically active too. Almost 300 questionnaires were sent to candidates of local, state, and national offices. The Circle of Friends expected most of the questionnaires to be routinely discarded, many to be returned with negative and hate-filled answers, only a few to be returned by candidates willing to work for gay equal rights. Surprisingly more questionnaires were returned than expected. We quickly read the response, got on the telephone and alerted the gay community as to whom to vote for during the Texas primary elections. Joe Hawn won the Democrat State Representative, District 33L; and David S.

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Crocket won the 33E District. The gay community of Texas isn't organized enough to claim credit for these victories, although perhaps we helped. But in years to come, the gay community will become organized and carry enough weight so that political candidates will have to court the gay vote, as California candidates have found necessary.

If nothing else, the questionnaire showed 300 political candidates that gay citizens are on the move.

Based on the information returned to the Circle of Friends, we advise gay votes to vote for the following people in the runoff elections June 3rd:

Eddie Bernice Johnson, State Representative District 33O, Democrat

Paul B. Ragsdale, State Representative District 33N, Democrat

Sam Coats, State Representative District 33K, Democrat

Emerson Emory, State Representative District 33C, Democrat

Questionnaires are still being received and we will advise gay citizens to vote for candidates who promise to work for gay civil rights in the National Election, November 4th.

We thought you might be interested in some of the more unusual comments we've received.

I've worked in psychiatry a number of years. I'm not one to condemn life styles of people that they are satisfied with as long as the rights of others are not infringed upon. I am not homosexual myself but feel this is the right or rather a choice open to people as a freedom.

Homosexuals may obtain their legal rights through unrelenting efforts, as is the case with any group pursuing goals.

I support the right of consenting adults to live together under any circumstances where the rights (legal and moral) of other citizens are not substantially jeopardized.

I do not believe your life style should be glamorized or encouraged; however, I think individuals (adults) should be able to pursue their own dictates in private.

Q. Do you believe that two people should be able to legally join in a marriage contract, regardless of sex? A. I am too old fashion to accept this at the present time.

I think consenting adults should be able to do anything they want to as long as they don't infringe on the rights of others or don't engage openly in activities which would unduly shock our heterosexual oriented society.

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I believe that you have the right to live as you please.

One candidate (who did not win in the primary) refused to answer some of the questions, i.e., "Do you believe that all your fellow citizens should have equal human rights, regardless of their sexual orientation?" He felt such questions were "erotic."

The one thing that a Homosexual (sic) has his gland is in an untought (sic) place. He did not put it there. The Divel (sic) did. So we would have to see if a Doctor could oprate (sic) and make him normal.

I believe everyone should have the right to choose their own life-style. I would support any legislation that would give that right to homosexuals, minorities, or women or any group of suppressed people.

Movie Review

The odds are usually against the young indie filmmaker who attempts to launch his own film and cards are even more stacked if the filmmaker is attempting a breakthrough of sorts, especially in the hardcore porno field. In that light, the makers of "Boys In the Sand" seem to have managed the impossible.

"Boys In the Sand" was produced by Marvin Shulman, a theatrical accountant, and written, directed, shot and edited by Wakefield Poole, former legit dancer and assistant choreographer to Joe Layton on such shows as "George M" and "Do I Hear a Waltz". Poole lensed it on Fire Island last summer without any real thought of theatrical release.

One of the foremost points of the film is "Casey Donovan," who looks like a liberated Robert Redford. The second is that he is mated with men who, by way of the story lines, are exotic contrasts to him: one lies on a seaweedy beach while Casey comes from the water as a sea god; a black telephone repairman strolls in the vicinity of Casey's beach house and sitar music helps us see him as an exotic interloper; and a black-haired man is generated, like a genie, from a pill Casey drops in his pool.

Third in the catalog of its virtues are the soupcons of visual effort which occur when sexual interest threatens to flag: the amber, knobby handle of the black's screwdriver protrudes from his equipment belt, counterpointing his

anticipated black equipment, for instance. And fourth, there is a rare consideration for the audience's delicate, aroused condition. The segments don't end joltingly -- as if the film broke -- like other pornos. Rather, there's a self-conscious but considerate attempt to wrap up each segment with a twist. One of the tales involves Casey's sending an inquiry to a "wanton ad" in Gay and receiving back a pill in a box. Casey throws the pill into the water, and it fizzes and becomes a mate. After true sex and love, the two walk arm in arm and pass another sitting on a rail on the boardwalk. This other one is reading the wanton ads too, and walks away too, and we are supposed to anticipate the same future for him as has been experienced by the first two.



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We expect the Platform Committee to include the Gay Rights Platform in the over-all Democratic National Platform to be presented to the convention as a whole in Miami on July 13. **WE NEED THOUSANDS OF GAYS TO TRAVEL TO MIAMI AND GIVE VOICE TO GAY DEMANDS.** We are co-ordinating this auto and bus caravan from cities across the nation so that we can be sure of an effective Gay presence in Miami.

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We have received excellent cooperation from the Greyhound people, and they will be glad to help you make plans to join the caravan. However, you must remember one thing: the Greyhound people are not gay, and they are used to doing things **ON TIME!!** The only way we can arrive in Miami as a group is to follow this schedule. The buses will not wait.

To purchase tickets and for more information, contact your local Gay organizations and/or the Travel Service Bureau in your local Greyhound Station.

Remember, this is the first coordinated national Gay action ever to take place, and it's success depends on your support. Washington volunteers are working on transportation and other regional projects, while Miami volunteers are handling the Miami situation. Any questions you may have, information you can give, or help you can offer will help build the action even more. Please keep in touch with us.

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Who to contact:

Individuals should contact their local Gay organization, or, if there is no local organization, contact the Greyhound Travel Service Bureau in the city from which they wish to depart.

Organizations who are coordinating busses should contact the Greyhound Travel Service Bureau in their city for departure and arrival times and costs. People with automobiles who will be driving should follow busses or join the caravan at one of the conversion points.

It is suggested that each bus appoint a person to act as coordinator for the trip.

Remember: Carrying or bringing illegal substances or objects may bring on unnecessary hassles.

Hotel and Motel space in Miami is at a premium. Anyone who does not wish to sleep at the campsite should contact a local M.C.C. to arrange for housing. Food, medical care, and basic necessities will be provided for those who cannot provide their own, but each Gay should try to be self-sufficient. If anyone encounters any hassles

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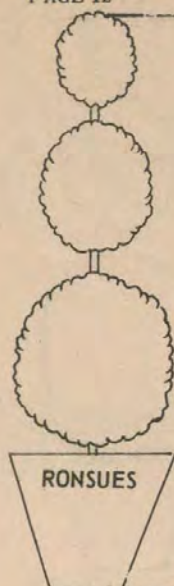
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GAY AT PSYCHIATRISTS CONVENTION

by Jim Archer

Dr. Frankin E. Kameny of the Mattachine Society, Washington, D.C., reports that psychiatrists are growing in their understanding of homosexuality.

Dr. Kameny and other gays took part in the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Dallas, May 1 - 5, 1972.

This convention was noteworthy for the fact that it was the first conclave of the psychiatrists in many years, in which no one presented a formal paper on homo-

sexuality.

Instead a standing-room-only crowd of 300 or so attended a panel discussion entitled "Psychiatry: Friend or Foe of Homosexuals." Moderated by a psychiatrist, the panel consisted of Barbara Gittings, Dr. Franklin Kameny, Judd Marmor, Robert Seidenberg, and an anonymous gay psychiatrist who wore a mask and disguise, vividly illustrating the oppression of gays within the psychiatric profession itself. The panel will be reported in the June

1 issue of Psychiatric News, the official journal of the APA.

Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin designed and built a booth entitled "Gay, Proud, and Healthy: The Homosexual Community Speaks." The gay community of Dallas pitched in to staff the booth, which was displayed in the exhibit area of the conference, held in Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

Three-thousand psychiatrists -- about half those present at the convention -- visited the gay booth. Gays staffing the booth distributed literature on homosexuality, including a leaflet written for the purpose (which is printed elsewhere in this edition of the Nuntius.)

Wednesday evening, May 3, Phil Jensen of Dallas' Circle of Friends and Dr. Franklin Kameny danced together at the psychiatrists' banquet and dance in the Statler-Hilton. Comment to the dancers was minimal; the head of one of the regions of the APA thanked them for their presence,

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EDITORIAL:

Methodists

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One thousand delegates to the Methodists General Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia in late April have decreed: "Homosexuals, no less than heterosexuals, are persons of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others and with self."

However, the "practice" of homosexuality was condemned by the Church as being "incompatible with Christian teaching."

In other words, it's alright to be gay - just don't have sex. When straights give up sex, gays might consider doing likewise. Until then, who needs this kind of "ministry and guidance?"

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Quote: "(Homosexuality is) a grave social problem ..." (Harper's March 1967)

Quote: "I think it would become an advantage to the homosexual, just as it has to the alcoholic, to be regarded as sick." (Social Progress, Nov./Dec. 1967)

"It would far better serve the homosexual if the homophile organizations were oriented ... toward efforts to develop effective treatment just as in the case of those persons who have joined together in associations such as the American Cancer Society." (Social Progress, Nov./Dec. 1967)

Quote: "We should continue our efforts to bring an end to homosexuality just as we are endeavoring to bring an end to other medical disorders or patterns of maladaptation." (Social Progress, Nov./Dec. 1967)

Quote: "The danger in homosexuality is part of an overall danger to our society and culture in that it gives the rights of the individual supersede over the rights of the community in far too many instances." (Social Progress, Nov./Dec. 1967)

Quote: "Society has a right to ex-

pect those afflicted to seek treatment, just as we expect the cooperation of the TB patient and his family." (Harper's, March 1967)

Dr. Hadden is a huckster of conversion to conformity. With male patients he promotes the "butch" image--a masculine mystique as arbitrary and constricting as the feminine mystique is for women.

In his kind of group "therapy," Dr. Hadden works to make homosexuals hate their affectional and sexual orientation rather than see through the bigotry that besets them. He gets his subjects to police one another as they "support each other's desire to change." He puts the burden of change squarely on the shoulders of those who are despised and rejected, not on those who despise and reject them.

Does the College administration recommend anti-Semites to tell you about blacks? Does the College administration recommend members of the Orange order of Northern Ireland to tell you about Catholics? Why does it feel justified in recommending Dr. Samuel Hadden to tell you about homosexuals?

The LaSalle College administration has perpetrated upon this audience and upon the gay minority in its midst, an irresponsible and immoral act. We are here to denounce the administration for lending its official support to anti-homosexual sentiment on this campus

and for further contributing to the suffering of homosexuals in this academic community.

And we are here to tell this audience of something Dr. Hadden knows nothing about. Gay pride and gay liberation are alive and well and flourishing in organizations on campuses and in towns large and small across this nation. Dr. Hadden cannot "treat" this burgeoning, healthy movement and make it go away. The day of exploiting guilt and fear is finished. The new homosexual has rejected this wickedness.

No longer does the doctor know best about homosexuality. We assert that WE are the authorities and experts on homosexuality. Bigotry, not the people victimized by bigotry, is what needs "therapy."

We propose that this audience ask Dr. Hadden to address himself tonight to the RELEVANT topic of "BIGOTRY: ITS CAUSE AND CURE" (citing parental influences, percentage of changes, edifying anecdotes, etc.) rather than tell of conversions of those unfortunate gay people who have succumbed to his and society's brainwashing.

Whether you are gay or straight, we invite you to watch the David Susskind show this Friday and Saturday nights on Channel 12--a show that tells of gay pride, gay self-

respect, gay love, and gay liberation for both gay men and gay women.

We also invite you to meetings of the GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE of PHILADELPHIA, every Tuesday night at 8:00 at the Univ. of Penna. Christian Association, 36th and Locast. The meeting on December 14 will be a special coffee hour/discussion of the Susskind show. With us you will find gay community spirit--gay brotherhood and sisterhood and the self-respect and innate goodness that Dr. Hadden, in his vast ignorance of gay liberation, cannot tell you about. We hope to see you all there!

Houston Groups

by Jim Archer

Attendance at Dignity rose to an all-time high of 15 recently.

Bob and Bill hosted a brunch on behalf of Dignity at the Briarpatch on Sunday, May 21. About 35 were in attendance.

Houston Gay Lib plans to march and enter a float in the Gay Pride Parade in "Big D" on June 24. Allan is chairman; Wayne heads the float committee; and Andy leads the music committee. Attendance and interest have risen at Gay Lib recently. 17 people were present June 6 to hear Josepha sing "Starry Starry Night", accompanied by Pat on guitar. Melodious!



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GAY JUSTICE

by Allen Young
NEW YORK - Beating up faggots is nothing new. Police indifference to those who commit violence against faggots is also nothing new. A recent incident of such violence and indifference, however, is about to make a very interesting court case in New York City.

It all started on the evening of Saturday, April 15, when a contingent of demonstrators from the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) invaded the annual celebration of the Inner Circle. This event, as New York Post columnist James Wechsler described it, was "a not very exclusive affair sponsored by the city's active and retired political writers and City Hall reporters and attended at \$100-a-head by a variety of public officials, politicians, press agents and assorted entrepreneurs."

The gay people had come to protest media oppression, including a recent Daily News editorial urging that homosexuals be denied employment in city jobs. The gay's plan was to hand out leaflets and express a protest over the microphone.

When the protesters' presence became known, however, several burly types responded by punching and kicking. Several GAA members were the victims of this incredibly brutal assault. Former GAA president Jim Owles was severely cut around the eye. Leading the charge of these two-fisted heterosexual American males was Michael Maye, head of the fireman's union (and a former boxing champ). The cops stood by and did nothing except to encourage the violence against the gay people.

Since the incident, seven victims of the violence, in association with GAA, have gone to the district attorney to ask that Maye be arrested for assault. But it seems that Maye will attempt to file counter-charges, and there's no saying how things will turn out.

Incidents of this type usually end up as a legal stand-off, as it is difficult to prove who started a fight (blatant assault of course is not "a fight," but Maye is already charging aggression by the gay people). Besides, gay people are usually in the closet and are unlikely to want to go to court for any reason -- and it's always a good bet that a homosexual will not get fair treatment in a courtroom.

At this writing, it is impossible to predict who will be named by the district attorney as "complainant" and who as "defendant." William Kunstler, who is one of the lawyers in the case, predicted that the district attorney might move first against the gay people. He

said that "anything to take the heat off Mike Maye will be done."

A few years ago, there wouldn't be any question about a jury siding with smiling, rough-and-tough Mike Maye. Chances are still pretty good that a man like Maye has a much better chance at receiving justice than a bunch of indiscreet faggots.

But the gay people are going to make a fight for it. Emily J. Goodman and Harold Wiener, two of the GAA attorneys, have already said they will challenge members of any jury dealing with the case on the basis of jurors' attitudes toward homosexuality. A true trial by jury of peers would involve an all-gay jury -- obviously an impossibility. But perhaps jurors'

who are blatantly sexist can be eliminated. (Prosecution attorneys will probably attempt to eliminate any gay jurors, too.)

Four city officials have already promised to testify on behalf of the GAA people, though a popular figure like Maye may be getting together a lot of people in his camp, too. The city officials who say they'll support the gay complainants are Leonard N. Cohen, deputy borough president of Manhattan; John P. Scanlon, assistant administrator of the Economic Development Administration; Dave M. Grant, director of public affairs for the Housing and Development Administration; and Ethan Geto, press secretary to the Bronx borough president.

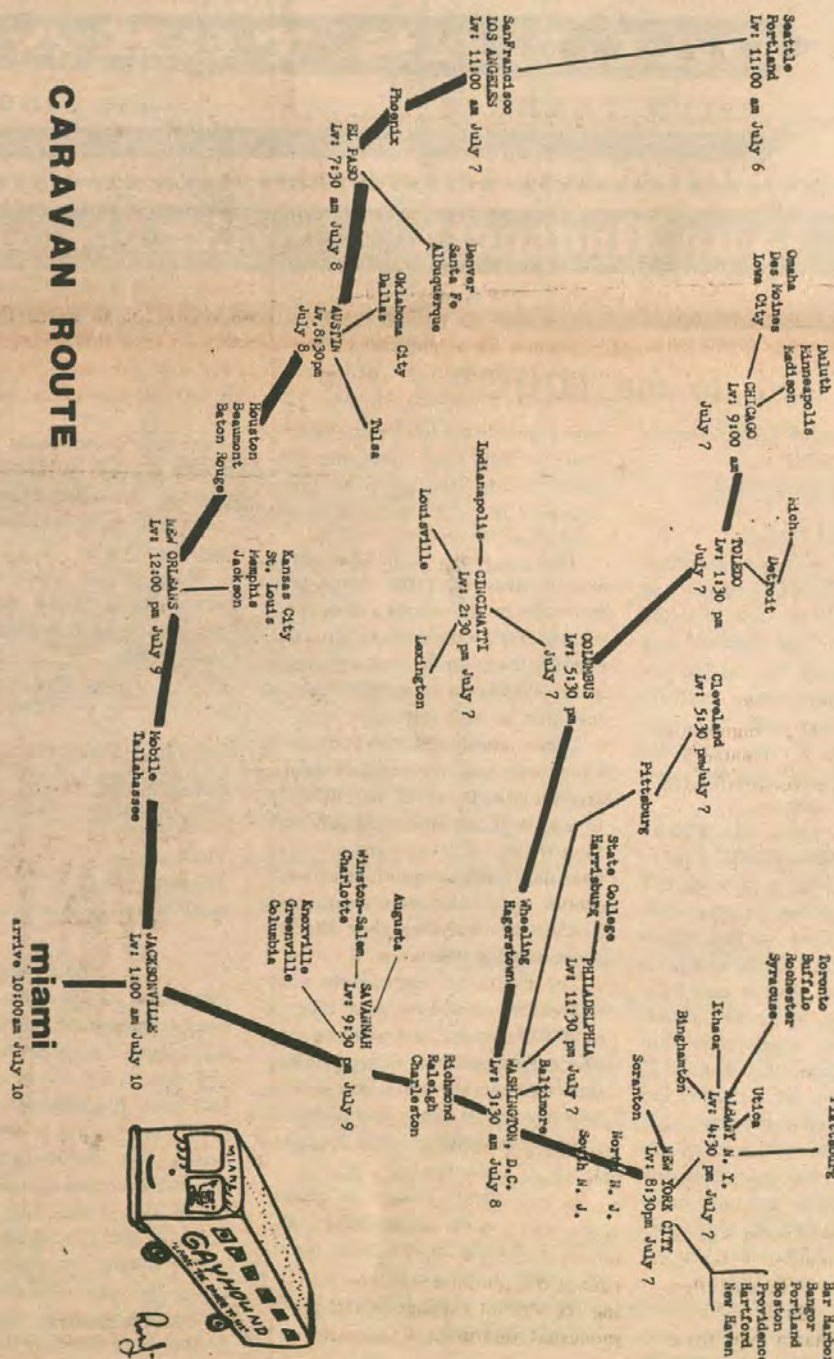
Geto spoke at a GAA press con-

ference May 1 and told of his "shock" at how police had "adamantly refused to take any action whatsoever, loudly proclaiming their protective feelings for Mr. Maye."

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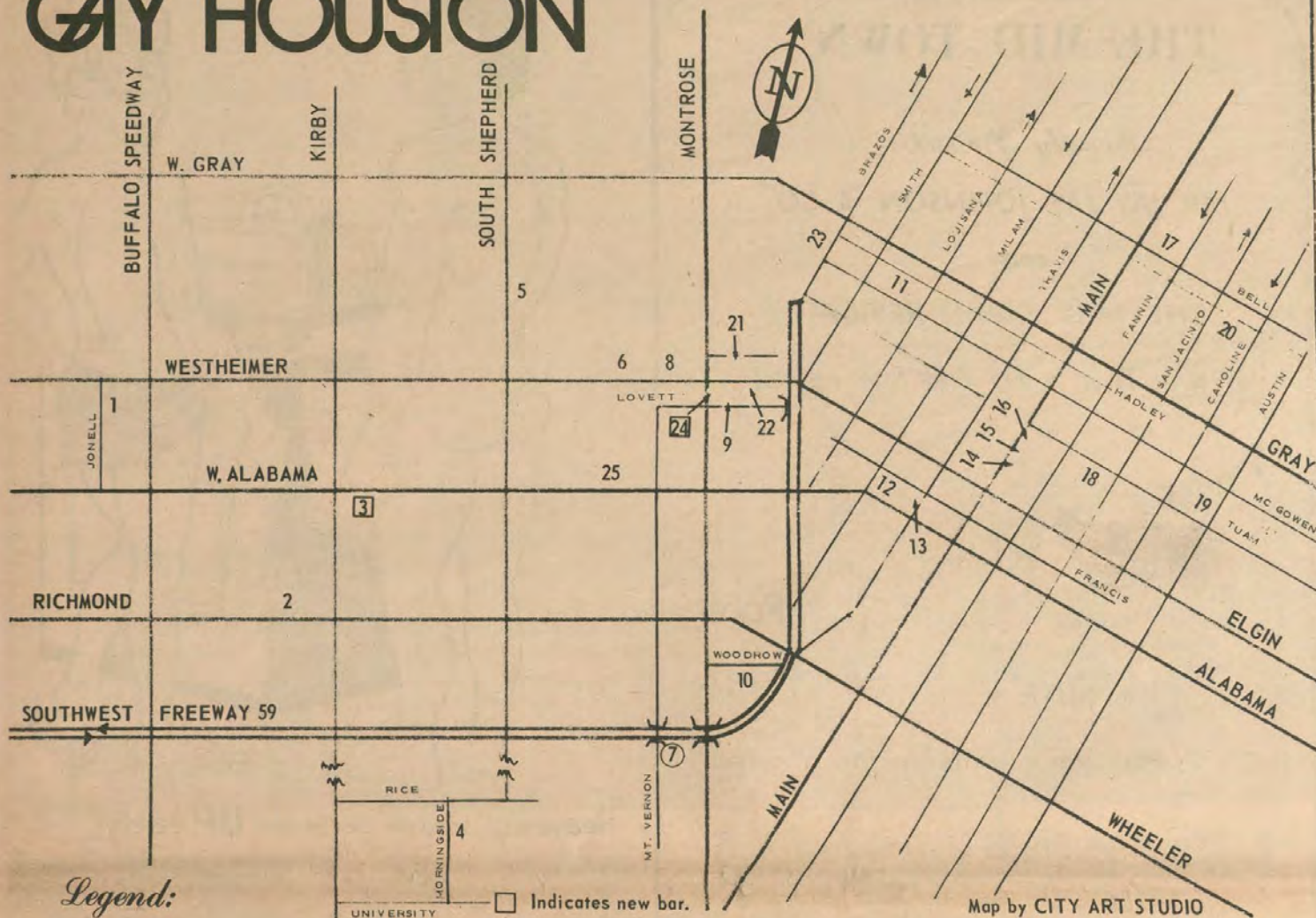
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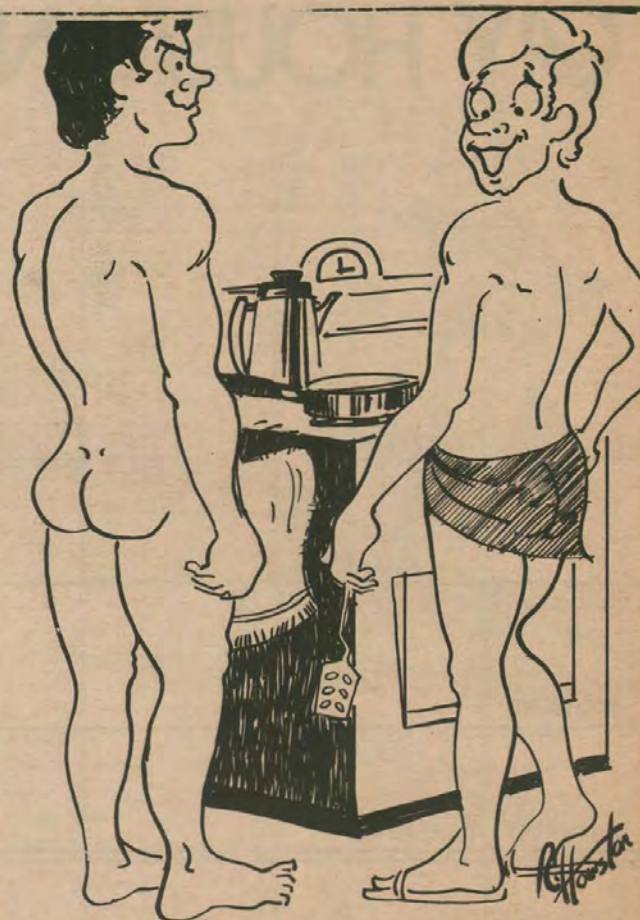


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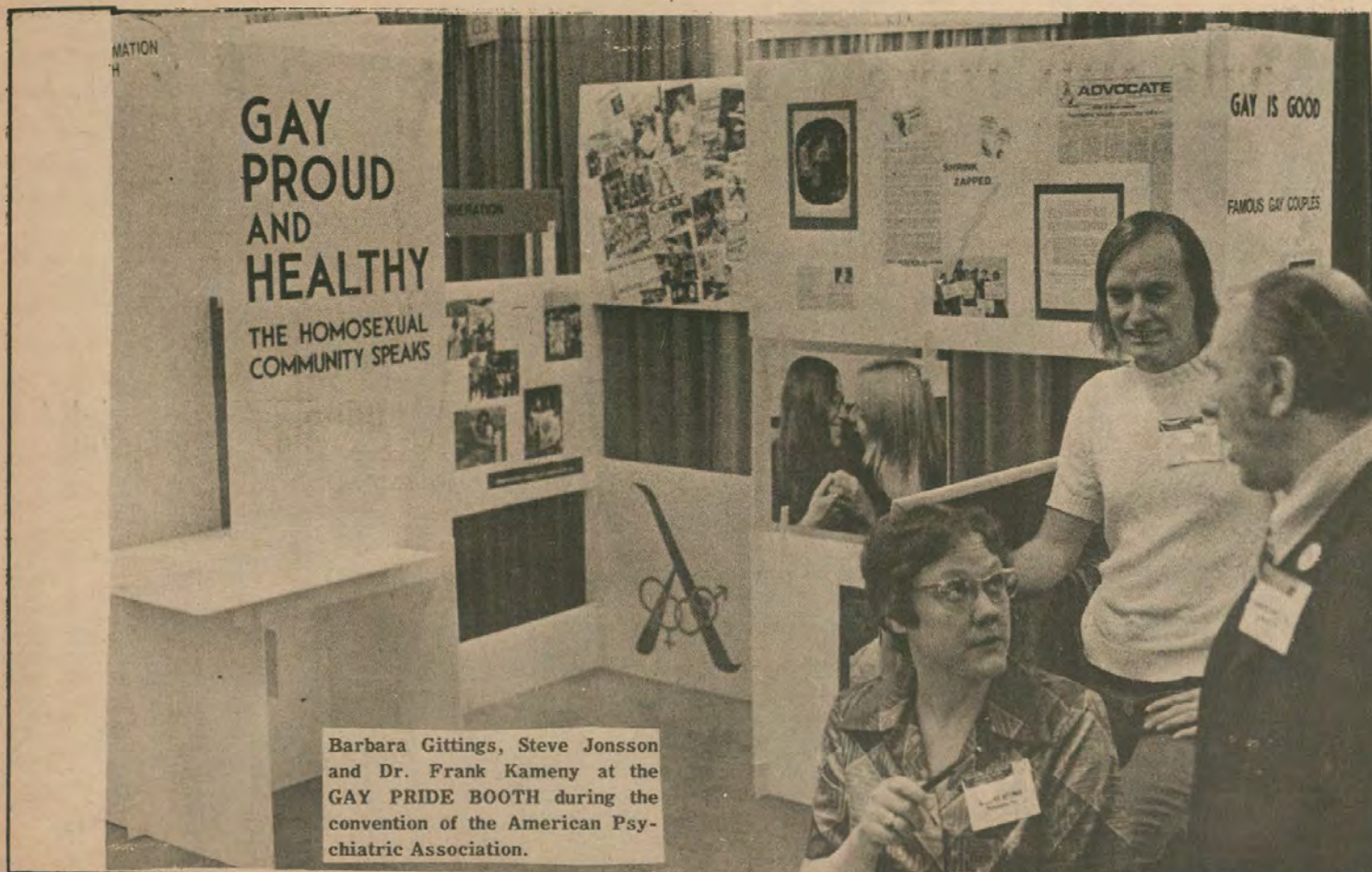
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Barbara Gittings, Steve Jonsson and Dr. Frank Kameny at the GAY PRIDE BOOTH during the convention of the American Psychiatric Association.

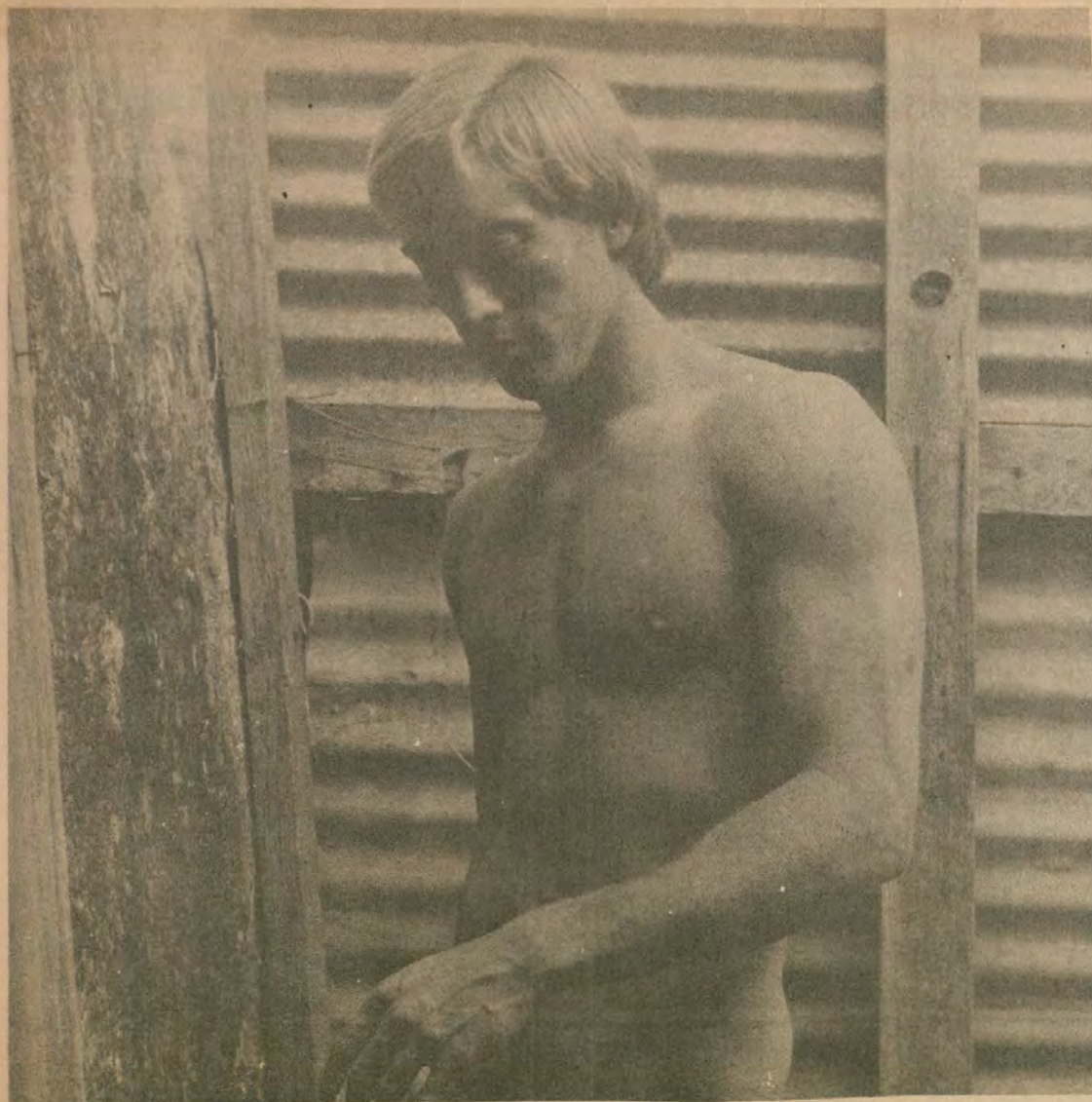
Steve Jonsson has been active in the Gay Movement since he first learned of its existence in 1953. Always envious of the many gay organizations of the east and west coasts, he yearned for some kind of gay unity in Texas. There being none, he, a few friends and four sympathetic straight ministers founded the Circle of Friends in 1966. Steve is editor of OUR COMMUNITY and has lectured to church groups and served on panel discussions.

PHOTO ESSAY

His name is Mark. Young. Handsome. Blond. Affectionate. His warmth is genuine. Until recently this friendly adonis was a student at the University of Texas. He makes good grades, is an unusually fine musician, and loves football. Dallas is now Mark's home, although he is originally from the Gulf Coast.

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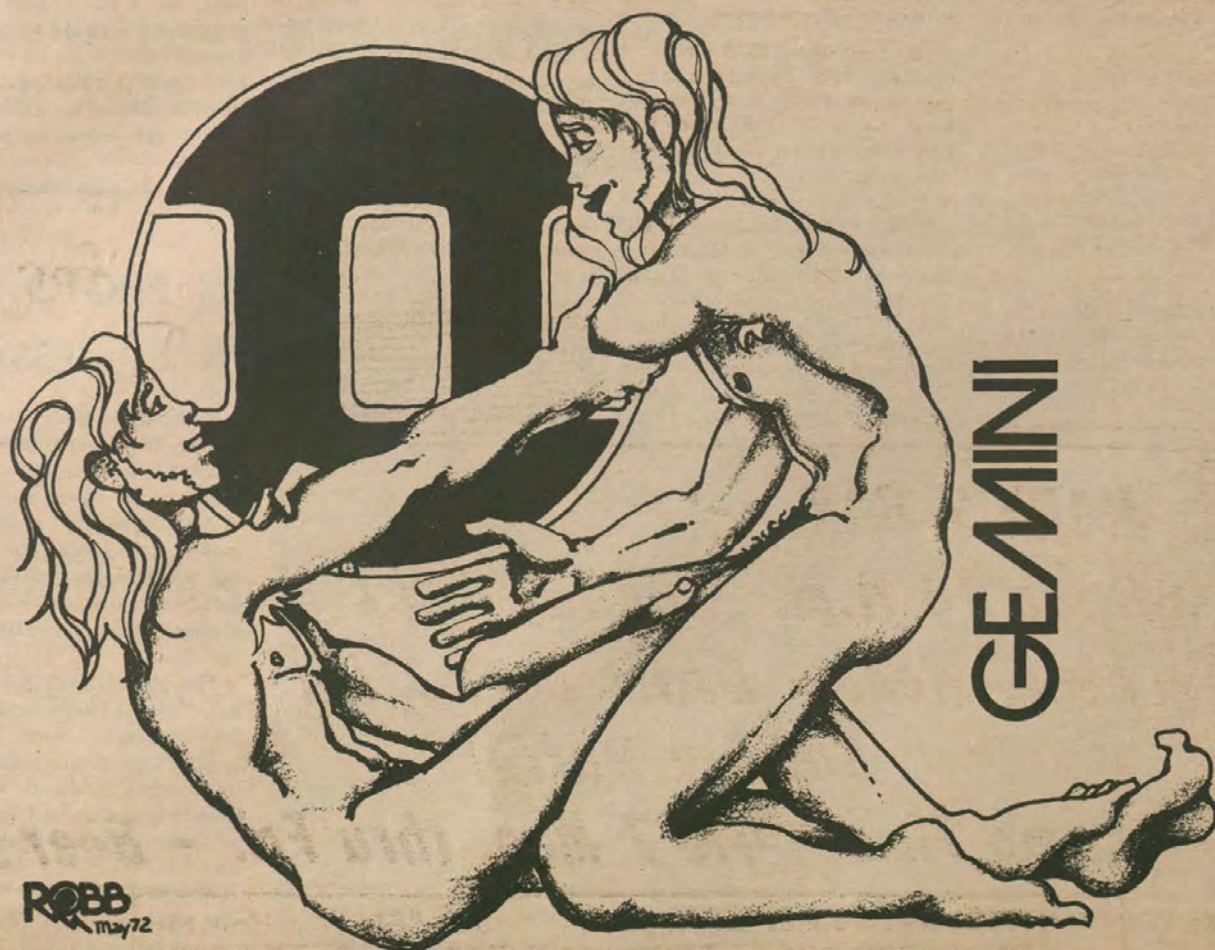




Steve Jonsson and Dr. Frank Kameny dancing in each other's arms in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel during the American Psychiatric Association Dinner. The psychiatrists were a little uncomfortable at first, but after a few dances and after having proved our point--there ARE gay people in the world, and why shouldn't they dance too?, no one even noticed. - - -



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