

# CITIZENS NEWS

NY cleans up for her Fair

DC under Johnson still gobbledegooking

NO want Mardi Gras a dignified carnival

'LA on a Reform kick drives out Angels

SF not to be 'open' town  
new mayor insists

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## Case for the Bars

(Editors Note: We have previously surveyed the scene as applies to homosexuals in places that are readily open to the public. We now take up the first of the series concerning homosexuals out of the public eye.)

### THE CASE FOR THE GAY BARS

The finest argument for the existence of what has come to be known as 'Gay Bars' was written on July 4, 1776. It was a document signed by such persons as John Hancock and Thomas Jefferson. The Declaration of Independence makes a good case against the denial of individual liberty. The second best argument for the existence of these establishments is contained in Article I of the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, "Congress shall make no law respecting...the right of the people to peaceably assemble", and Article XIV, "...No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

### NO OTHER ARGUMENT NEEDED

Indeed, with such precise instructions to the legislatures of the various states we are at a loss as to why it is necessary to go further in defending the right of a business to exist. We find it abhorrent to know, in 1964, that businesses can be jeopardized because they allow customers of a particular type to congregate on their premises. We are not so innocent as to believe in every fairy tale that comes our way, but the whole idea of America is based on adherence to the basic document of government. The now almighty liquor control departments of the various and sundry governmental divisions have undertaken to say that it is perfectly alright for homosexuals to congregate, if they do not drink alcoholic beverages.

We are not so innocent as to believe that licenses are taken away from bars for the reason that lewd and illegal acts are committed in these places. It would be a man far removed from the world to believe that only in certain bars are these acts to be found. If they are so frequent then it is hard to believe that it is necessary to send agents into these places and have these acts committed against them. It is surely important enough to devote the full time of several men to check to see that the moral fibre of the patrons of these bars in on a par with the moral standard of the agent or the Chief of the local Board.

These morals have, over a great number of years, been proven to be so low as not to warrant any comparison  
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## Los Angeles

Los Angeles is the third largest city in the United States in population. It is the largest city in the United States in area, having a total of 454 sq. miles as opposed to New York's total of 315 sq. miles (includes all boroughs). Generally speaking Los Angeles extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona border and from Bakersfield to San Diego. If you are driving on the freeway system it seems to be bigger than Texas. 1950 saw some 2 million persons in Los Angeles, in 1960 it had grown to 2.5 million souls, if you subtract such persons as William Parker, at least 50% of the police force (8,000), and David Heyler, Editor of the Hollywood Citizen News, (No connection with this paper), you still have 2.5 million fairly nice people, plus a few real jerks.

The laws of Los Angeles, in the main are reasonable. The primary difference is one of personalities. In most modern cities the laws are made by legislative action. Los Angeles has the unique idea that the Police Chief knows what is best and allows him to make up the law as he goes along.

Strangely enough a prostitute by the name of Carol Lane was the one who put the brakes to the overly ambitious Chief of Police when she appealed to the California Supreme Court because she was being spied upon by Parker's Secret Police. Miss Lane was successful in getting the Court to nullify all the laws regard-

ing sex in the Municipal Code of Los Angeles, contending that state law had preempted the field.

### LOS ANGELES PARKS

Los Angeles has one of the most beautiful parks on the west coast. It is called Griffith Park. The portions of the park that can be enjoyed are limited however. At the area devoted to ferns, a vice officer is behind each fern frond which makes for crowded conditions. Up the road a little there is one path that is commonly used in search of a place for sun bathing. Mesquite trees, of lacy leaves, dot the area.  
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## L.C.E.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the League for Civil Education will be held on the 27th of April 1964.

Members in good standing will be notified of the time and place of the meeting at their last known address by the 20th of April. This LCE meeting will be a closed one and only those members who are current in membership fees will be admitted.

At the annual meeting the president will give a report of the current situation as well as make recommendations as to the future course the League should take. Guy Strait, Editor of the CITIZENS NEWS is currently president, but has stated that he will not serve in such capacity after the annual meeting.

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There is a vice officer behind every mesquite tree of greater dimensions than four inches in diameter.

There is the comic story of the Vice Officer who made a claim for poison ivy infection from this duty. When the disability board found the exact location of the poisoning, he was denied his claim on the grounds that his clothing should have protected him in that area.

**HOLLYWOOD IS A PART**

Altho there is still listed in the postal directory a place called 'Hollywood', it is a part of the City of Los Angeles. Hollywood is composed of two main streets, Hollywood Boulevard and Selma Boulevard. Hollywood Boulevard is known by everyone. Selma Boulevard is known by all the hustlers and their patrons. Of recent years the route of the paddy wagon is primarily Selma and Hollywood Boulevards.

Justice is tempered with mercy in Los Angeles. If a person has \$1,000, he gets a large degree of mercy. If he does not, then he gets a large degree of justice. The city jail is full of people who got justice.

From reading the papers of Los Angeles it is safe to assume that at least 50% of the crimes there are committed by the Police Department. There is so much graft that one wag has suggested it is unnecessary to pay salaries to the police.

Los Angeles is noted for its fruits. Oranges are, in the most part shipped from other parts of the state. In fact, practically all inanimate fruits do not come from Los Angeles. The City of the Angels is known for its animate fruits. The greatest orchard in the world is located on Hollywood Boulevard. The boys in blue should properly be called "Fruit Pickers". From the number they pick up each night one would think that they are paid by the piece.

Los Angeles specializes in bruised fruits. To find how this works, one must be intimately acquainted with the LAPD. Stories of brutality come from LA so often, it does not surprize anyone. A tribute was paid to the LAPD by no less a personage than Bobby Kennedy recently after having cocktails with Chief

of Police Parker. Howsayar. J. Edgar Hoover thought so much of the ability of the LA PD that in the Sinatra kidnapping, the Chief of Police complained that the FBI told him nothing and he had not even been told that there was in fact a kidnapping. To this date the FBI has not notified Parker that a crime was committed.

LA has a great number of interesting bars, about one hundred in fact. This means about one bar for each 25,000. This seems to be about right since about 20% of the population of Los Angeles would be interested in going to such a bar. Another 25% of the total population specialize in such places as T Rooms and parks. **THE NUT POPULATION**

Probably the best known Nut that ever graced the landscape in Los Angeles was Aimee Semple MacPherson. She built the Angelus Temple on faith (and the offerings of her converts) in downtown LA. One of her most famous sayings was: "Do not put change in the offering plate. The jingle hurts my ears." In order to counter the habit of people to empty their pockets of dimes and nickels, she devised the gimmick of a string with safety pins attached where the people could merely pin fives and ones thereto. This not only cut down on the temptation to skip on offerings, it also built Angelus Temple.

Nowadays the nuts are primarily located in Pershing Square, a parking lot with a park on top. One can hear the greatest assortment of beliefs there of any place in the entire world. This is also the greatest 'meat market' in all the world. With a little restraint, one can escape the medicine men of Pershing Sq. These medicine men are not dressed in feathers and beads but specialize in such oddities as LSD, Bennies, and a product that is kindly called "Horse", "Big H", and sometimes by the uninitiated as heroin.

Los Angeles does have a downtown area. Most visitors to the area are not shown the original LA downtown but see such places as Wilshire and Beverly Boulevards where all the buildings look exactly alike. Tide or Rinso boxes served as models for these buildings. Downtown LA is considerably different. The only thing that is common in Downtown LA is the crying

need for complete demolition. **WEATHER**

Los Angeles has excellent weather. Smog is common only about 50% of the time. Most of the other days it is raining or steaming. Altho Los Angeles does not get a great number of inches of rain, it all comes at one time. One of the great sports in that city is to stand and watch a house slide down the hill as the rain undermines it. One other great sport there is to watch the annual fires as they consume houses along a stretch known as Hollywood Hills.

**GREAT GROWTH**

The growth of LA is nothing short of a miracle:  
1920 576,000  
1940 1,504,277  
1950 1,970,000  
1960 2,500,000

Altho a large number of people have gone to LA from Muskogee, Oklahoma; Little Rock, Arkansas; Jackson, Mississippi and Big Deal, Texas, this would also indicate that not all the inhabitants of that City are

slightly odd. **INDUSTRY IN LA**

Most of the industry of Los Angeles appears to be in the movie and television field. But this is not at all true. There are multi-million dollar industries in that city who build a plane or two, both for the Air Force and for private air lines. One wag has said that the reason LA makes such a good city for airplane production is that so many of its citizens are specialists in wings.

**LA FOREVER**

We of San Francisco could never understand why anyone would live in Los Angeles. We go down there each year for hunting up and down the woods of Hollywood Boulevard and Selma, but it is merely a place to visit. Eventually everyone who lives in LA will come to San Francisco to see what the rest of the state is like. We can understand why the people of LA like their beaches. We like them also. Down there it is not uncommon to see nudity on the beaches,

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**GRAND OPENING**  
**MARCH 20th**

**MARIONS**

**ONE STEP BEYOND**

**1607 Richmond Ave,  
Houston, Texas.**

**All Around**

**DALLAS, TEXAS**

We want our fraternity members down in Big D not to be too alarmed at Mel Belli's big threat to stop practicing law.

But you have to look at it this way: He played the part right up to the hilt. Davis, Bankhead and Garland Combined could not have done it with more talent. But here is the rub-Mel had expected to play this mellerdramer live to a nation-wide TV audience. Then when he found that it was to be in a little grubby, 200-seat house, with the management not wanting any advance billing of coming attractions and the outrageous (to Him), rule against even still shots you can imagine his disappointment. After all he was doing this for patriotic reasons.

**NOTE TO DALLAS:** Who now owns Jack Ruby's strip house?

**I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI**  
Remember when that program had a better rating than even "Hootenanny"?

We know of a couple who worked for the California Alcoholic Beverage Control people who would like to be in a position to market their story: "I Was a Queer For The ABC." Best seller coming up with the next limp wrist.

**GO LIMP**

The modern technique for all Civil Rights Wrongers is to "Go Limp". All the way, damn it, not just from the elbow down.

**GOOD OLD JEFF DAVIS**

A diary telling of the Capture of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, was auctioned off in New York to an Army Officer

for \$5,300. The diary, written by the captor, Capt. William Pritchard of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, said Davis was trying to escape in the "disguise of an old woman".

You can always bet that one of the Michigan crowd will be claiming that it 'takes one to know one.'

**YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLES**

From the San Antonio Light: "DUNCAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, a division of the Edna Gladney Home, a state licensed, private maternity residence and hospital offers a confidential, multiple service to unmarried mothers.

"For appointment and reservations write 2306 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, Texas."

It would be that multiple service and appointment business that would worry me. I wonder what they would do if someone wanted reservations one year from today?

**KENNEDY DENIES FEUD WITH LBJ**

If he denies it one more time we are going to accuse him of starting the rumor in the first place.

**SPEAKING OF RUMORS**

We hear around town .... The CITIZEN NEWS is now being called "San Francisco Confidential" because of the articles we ran on the Parks and T Rooms. No one is as much disturbed as the SFPD. We have uncovered to a certain number of people (not all by any means) the best places in town to get arrested. We are sorry if we stepped on someone's toes. Does anyone really want to read about all the other, and equally dangerous places. We only talked about those that were being used by the police illegally. Now there are a few others. But seriously, our inten-

tion in these articles was to point out the places in our city where the mandate of the Supreme Court of the State of California was being ignored.

**JAIL MATRON HAS MARITAL TROUBLES**

Milledgeville, Georgia  
"A 29 year-old mother of three boys said Thursday that domestic troubles unsettled her and resulted in her helping a woman life-terminer escape from prison. Mrs June McCoy, a matron at Colony Prison Farm here, was arrested at Griffin along with the fugitive, Tommy Sue Hamilton, 28."

Now this is what you may call doing it the hard way.

**A LETTER**

Memo to: State Head of Alcoholic Beverage Control

FROM: Butch- The B Boy

It has come to my attention that, of recent months, there has been a rash of drunken birds in and around San Francisco. When I say 'birds' I mean this quite literally, because I know how dreadful you feel when one of your agents uses the slang of the streets.

With the advent of last fall, and a full crop of pyracantha berries, unpicked in many instances, there has been a rash of drunken robins, pigeons, and starlings.

It has come to my attention also that a number of the former patrons of The Black Cat, Jack's Waterfront Hangout, and The 585 now own their own residences from money they have saved since we closed these places. It is a dirty shame to find we have actually contributed to their well-being. Disgusting!!! Utterly disgusting!!! But I digress-Since they

now have their own homes and their own pyracantha bushes, and the berries fermenting on the bushes, it has occurred to me that we must make certain that none of the alcohol fermented thereby is consumed in any place where lewd acts may take place.

Therefore will you go by and see Brownie Brown, our esteemed Governor, and see if we cannot either get legislation prohibiting those unspeakable persons from having pyracantha bushes or better still, giving us the legal right to entrap people in their own homes.

Butch the B. Boy  
A personal note: You never can tell what you will meet in one of these awful places. The other night I met one of the nicest young ladies at one of the places I am investigating. Her name is Jerry Knight. She formerly worked over at Capwell's in Oakland, and of all places, that horrible "Last Resort" in San Francisco.

Memo To: Butch the B Boy  
From: State Head of Alcohol Control

You are to be advised that I contacted Brownie regarding the possibility of ruling out pyracantha bushes for the persons you mentioned. It may come as a surprise to you but this is an off year election and the legislators are not doing anything that would be the slightest inflammatory in

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(Continued from P. 2 Col 4) in San Francisco we wear over coats to the beach. We of San Francisco are happy that LA is 450 miles from here. It is a nice place for people such as Dave Heyler and William E. Parker to live. If it were not for LA, they probably would be in San Francisco. We salute LA -The City of Fruits and Nuts.

**BUTCH..**

Goody, a letter from my friend in San Francisco

He's got a job at a Meat Market there

At the Cable Car Turntable

(Continued from P. 3 Col 4) regards to these people. After all you know, they have had several REGISTER TO VOTE campaigns.

As regards your meeting of this nice young lady. You are to be advised that he is one of the most convincing female impersonators in California. I hope that you have found this out by now and have made some changes in your social life. HIS BUDDY

A 27-year-old man was arrested in Los Angeles recently when he boarded a bus with a headless mannequin which police said he took from a clothing store display window after smashing the plate glass.

The man boarded the bus after two truck drivers refused to give him "and his buddy" a ride, police said.

Officers who took him from the bus quoted the man as explaining, "I found my buddy lying on the ground and I was taking him home."

Police have book the man on suspicion of burglary.

WE GET LETTERS... Jackson, Mississippi

"Pardon me while I laugh. We here in the South are laughing like hell. We saw the Freedom Riders come out of San Francisco to Mississippi and Georgia like a big swarm of locusts. He heard them tell us (us Negroes) of the 'good life' and of the way we are treated in California. They said that we had equal job opportunities there and that we could live just like white people. Most of us knew that it was a damn lie, but we went along with them to improve our own living standard.

"But then we saw the big demonstrations at the Palace Hotel. I even recognized a few faces that we had down here. They were shouting in just exactly the same manner they employed here.

"Now don't get me wrong because they did improve our lot here.

"But I picked up recent copies of the San Francisco Papers which had back those very same people in their drive here and find that they now are opposed to that type tactic in San Francisco. The Examiner particularly wrote of the awful treatment some

of the Freedom Riders received here. After looking thru

the pictures of San Francisco and their police, I can see but very little difference. We are sorry that the Negro in San Francisco is having such a bad time. The Palace there only employes about 7% Negro help. Our big hotel here has about 24% Negro employees.

"You would think that it is a holiday, the way the papers here are playing up the AD Hoc Committee.

"We suppose that it is now time for us to catch the Jim Crow Southern Pacific and get to San Francisco in a hurry to help our brethren in their fight for equality.

"It just depends on 'whose ox is being gored' as to how your newspapers feel about demonstrations."

JJ - Jackson, Mississippi

FROM SAN FRANCISCO

"I saw you walking around at the demonstrations at the Palace. I suppose that later on you joined in the demonstrations, all you leftists are exactly the same.

"Don't you know that our enemies abroad can make big issues out of such demonstrations? Don't you realize a demonstration such as this is a black mark against us when it comes to dealing with the nations of the world.

"You left-wingers seem to be determined to ruin this country.

"You will probably be the only newspaper in San Francisco that upholds the Ad Hoc people.

"You are a disgrace."

Unsigned (Editors Note: We rarely are given to pay any attention to unsigned letters, but this is a rare case of a man who does not know what he is talking about. So we answer.)

Dear Unsigned: It is true that I was at the Sheraton-Palace. It was a newsworthy event. I will probably be at the next one.

However, unlike you, I will give almost everyone the right to express themselves. No, I did not take part in a demonstration and probably will never participate in a demonstration. The persons in whom I am interested do not have enough common background to demonstrate. At best, we would not know where to start. If someone decided that the Bank of America was the logical place, there may be as many as a thousand beg that we go elsewhere before

we endanger their jobs.

As far as "left wing" is concerned -- let's get that straight right now. We are neither left-wing or right-wing. We may have wings, but they do not have any party labels on them. If, in order to believe in anything other than what Big Brother (whoever he may be) wants us to believe is going to put us in an extremist group then we will be in some group. Not because we want to be, but because we are put there.

This paper knows only one course, and that is clearly defined in the Constitution of the United States.

As far as other nations are concerned these demonstrations cannot hurt much. People who want to think ill of you will do so regardless of any act or lack of action. We need only concern ourselves with truth. Guy Strait-Editor

SAN FRANCISCO

St. Patrick's Day was one of the nicest days we have had this year. It was warm, bright, and sort of signaled the end of winter. The one unit of the parade that was head and shoulders above all others was the drill team of Hamilton Air Force Base. It was composed of the (censored by CORE) Irish. They had already gone limp. If any one was that limp in a bar we would have a major shake-up. The next best was the all-girl marching team from St. Mary's. This is a unit of small Chinese girls who are dressed in traditional style and are nationally and internationally known.

Just to be brutally frank about the whole matter, there was very little Irish about St. Paddy's Day here.

The big party of the day was held by the Clan of the Fitzgerald at the Shack.

Arthur Norman Fitzgerald, Colonel of the Staff of the

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Governor of Louisiana, Irishman Extraordinary and Keeper of the Keys to the Shack, put on an Irish Stewfest on the 17th. Again the Irish were outnumbered and to show how peaceful we have become, there was a delegation from Her Majesty's Navy all dressed in orange.

Green Beer, with an apology to Lucky Lager, was drawn from the Tap. We sang the traditional Irish songs made famous by Crosby, and we be-gorra'ed the whole night long

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# ROVING REPORT

Bar business in San Francisco has been so bad that some of the places have that deserted look of a raided warehouse. All the places are effected by Lent, Money shortage and bad weather. We got a preview of coming attractions however, last Sunday when it was such a beautiful day.

Friday had been a so-so day at the Bars, and Saturday had been a little worse than the Saturday before, but on Sunday there were mobs at all the places.

Little Dick Andretta and his 'partner in crime' Vince, made the rounds of the places. They even ventured up to that big establishment on Sutter Street. They had a very nice crowd. Then down the slopes of Russian Hill to The Jump-in Frog. Dick tells me that the crowd there was most of the old Jack's Waterfront and it was like old home week. We hear from Darryl that Jose' is scheduled to give a Monday Night Show there in the near future. You will read it first right here.

At the Shack a buffet was given celebrating the partnership of two of that establishments customers. Ronie had gone all out to prepare the buffet and friends came by to congratulate them. Norman, of course, was beaming like a godfather at a christening. Tonya, the tall blonde was as picture of radiance.

The D'Oak will have their traditional Good Friday celebration on the 27th. In the past this has been a day we have had to miss, but we will be there for the egg-dying contest. When we saw Bill and Dick on the streets watching the passing St. Patrick's Day parade (On the sidewalks, you fool, not in the middle of the streets) (We mean to say that the parade they were watching was on the sidewalks and they also were on the sidewalks).

Anyhow to get back to the subject-When we saw Bill and Dick at the St. Patrick's Day Parade they told us of some of the big times that were had at the Good Friday Celebration and of the plans for this day, this year.

We were just about to give the news regarding the Tool

Box and say that it is business as usual there after the announcement that the place had been sold. Then one of our informants called to tell us that there was a sign on the door and the place is not open while the license is being transferred. We are not able to give any news about it except to say that it is closed. No heat.

But the crowd that normally (sic) goes to this place still gathers on the weekends at Mr. B's on 2d Street. We were at this place last week and see that there is more than just a smattering of the society of friends (with apologies to The Society of Friends), there for morning coffee break. A need that has long been seen is the place to go for morning and afternoon relaxation has been filled there.

Down at the Edgewater there is all kinds of news----Mike, the Noisy Sicilian has finally gone legit and is not at all noisy any more. Then there is a new management campaign at Don's that find's one of our favorites at a loss for names. We have known him as "Tweety Bird" for some months now and find that it will now have to be either Mr. Bird, or Jim. Then there are the refugees of note from the barber shops. We have noticed them from time to time. Management has served notice that either 'butch it up' or stay out.

Speaking of "Butch it Up" we have been spending quite a bit of time at Gene Compton's at Turk and Taylor recently. Like the guy who is in court because he wrote obscene letters in his research on wife-swapping, we are frequenting the place as a matter of research only.

Have you been by there at all recently? Now this one is a place where research can be done in a matter of just a few minutes. When we wrote of the clientele of the Plush Doggie, we were aware of some

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(for two)	\$12.50
Suites	\$15.00

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of the clientele of Compton's but had very little idea as to the extent of that group. Go by any night and see how well behaved we have become in our own places.

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

We hear from two reports on the same day that one of the new places to be sure to drop by is the 910 1/2 Club in Columbia.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

This is going to be difficult---We have been running an advertisement for Shirley's Place of Intimacy at 612 Hadley, Houston, Texas. We have some red faces. Shirley has a nice place out on Almeda, but the name of the place on Hadley is THE LITTLE LOUNGE, it is operated by Harry McLain. It also is a nice place. The way it stands, we have put Harry

At Shirley's or Shirley at The Little Lounge. Anyhow the advertiser was the Big Little Lounge on Hadley in Houston. Apologies are in order all around. We are damn glad that the people we do business with have a sense of humor. Could you imagine if we advertised a medicine like Bayer Aspirin and said that it had a hammer beating on your head pounding out the three ingredients of Bufferin? We would have Madison Avenue down on us. Now we have a different scene, only the Little Lounge and Shirley's crowd thinks we are damn fools for not knowing the difference.

But if you are in Houston go by THE LITTLE LOUNGE not necessarily because they advertise with us, but they are also damn nice. Then at the Little Lounge they will give you directions as to how to get to Shirley's if you want to go there.

Then we have a note from the OFF MAIN (OM for short),

where Darryl Glied of the Jumpin Frog had such a ball on his return from the huge Mardi Gras celebration at Dixies in New Orleans. The OM is planning a summer festival that is something. The entire Houston scene is set for the influx from Dallas, (no longer big d), and they have a spirit of cooperation there in the bars that is not found in most other cities. Just as an example, there was a big influx of visitors in Houston during Mardi Gras. The Little Lounge had a hat party and Hattie had on one with a full two dozen roses attached thereon. The Showboat featured exotic dancer Rios, popularly known as Rivers. He was really rocking the Boat. The Showboat recently opened its patio with a barbecue. (You will remember that we earlier described a Texas Style Barbecue).

Houston now has a private, (not too private club) it is named Marion's One Step Beyond. Owned by Marion Panzer this new place has much promise there. Concentrating on the hearty drinkers and some degree of privacy, it is welcomed by both the individuals in that city and the owners of other places of entertainment.

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The SHACK  
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The Little Lounge  
PLACE of INTIMACY  
612  
Hadley, Houston.

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 Rusty, formerly of Jack's Waterfront has left San Francisco to work there. We are highly honored that Marion is announcing the Opening in this publication. Frankly this old writer would really like to be there for the opening but duty calls elsewhere, and that elsewhere happens to be -

LOS ANGELES  
 We are going to do our best to make a big soiree that is being given on South Bonnie Brae in Los Angeles. Some of the scheduled entertainment is to be: Mme Gina in Givnettes, Billie Due as Lady Peel, Mme Francesco in an imitation of Calli-Carci and P. Paula will tell of ten years as a member of the Louisiana Chin Gang. If we can possibly make it we will be there. You know how it is - We're majoring in psychology at the University, and like to do our research at close quarters.

The Apache, after suffering from a bad case of doldrums is again the leading booze bar on Melrose, according to some of our informants. They seem to have had very little outside interference. Across the street and down the way a piece, is another of our favorite watering troughs, Annex West. The Highway on La Brea seems to be one of the center of activities in the wee hours. Gino d'Italia reports very little, if any blueness on the part of his customers and droppers-in. He seems to weather the storms of Los Angeles very well.

But we heard an ugly rumor last week about a place we have never visited, but had many, many partisans. It was (past tense correct) The Roman Terrace on Las Palmas. We called to check out this rumor and the telephone was answered: "This is the Deputy United States Marshall and this establishment has been seized by the United States Government". We asked why. "I cannot give out this information, but this place is not now in operation."

This brought to mind, the fact that, in many cases, the United States Government had operated places in order to recover unpaid taxes, etc. We wonder why, if this is the case, Uncle Samuel did not take over the operation of this place. We should write our congressmen and insist

that they take over the Roman Terrace and get the money due, if that is the case. If we hear more it will be sent to you...

Altho there is reportedly a big wave of the BLUEbonic Plague in LA, our informant at City Hall says that there is not an uncommonly large number of bookings being made at Painless Parker's Boarding House in Civic Center. We wonder how many of the cases are pure harassment, or possibly the arrests are being disguised as drunk, etc.

They tell me that Anna's Student Prince is know known as Don's...Garden Grove has almost decided to change its name.....Check that at the MUG, The TIKI HUT, THE POW WOW AND THE HOLLY CLUB....No News from the new 8th Day in La Jolla, are they in business?...

SAN JOSE

San Jose is a thriving and growing city about 50 miles south of San Francisco. The Crystal Cafe at 42 W. San Fernando there has long been a favorite drinking spot. We went down there last week to see the new decor. Real nice. Here in San Francisco, we all know that we are living in a paradise (maybe a fool's), but we like to see how the others live so it has become common for thousands to leave - paradise each weekend and to travel to such places as The Log Cabin in Sacramento, The Highland and Vieux Carre on the Russian River, Ace's and Four Season's Lodge in Monterey. Now with the new Crystal we have a place even closer to go to see how the others are living.

BAKERSFIELD.

Have a note from the former owner of PAULINE'S-----Do you know why an elephant has four feet? What in the world would he do with four inches.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Note to Mary-Certainly we do not blame you for the big scene there. This would be like blaming Los Angeles for all the okies, arkies, Dal-lasites, Georgia Crackers and Manhattanites who have found it advantageous to swish up and down Hollywood Boulevard. After all, you are going to have to remember tho, that it has been a long time since we could poke the dirty finger at Texas. The last time was when Billie Sol Estes got caught with his fingers in

the cookie jar. As far as our Great Impersonator, Mel Belli who has been giving you a hard time - Maybe his credit card with Neiman Mark-Up has been cancelled or he finds it difficult to get in at the Brook Hollow Country Club. But as we outline in other parts of this paper--- if you had expected to play to millions and find it is only going to be a few hundred, wouldn't you be a little disturbed?

As far as the Editor of this paper being from Dallas, why don't you go down to the old Courthouse and read on the cornerstone where it is plainly written that Enoch Strait (Our Editor's Grandfather) was Commissioner at the time it was built. There is more than one here who insists that the Editor was the Strait One who was commissioner back in 1876 when the building was built.

Give our best regards to the Villa Fontana, The Act IV, and The Centaur and hold on because the next issue will feature "Philadallas, City of Brotherly Love".

If you still do not feel that the Original Dirty Old Man, Our Editor, is from your city, then call Elgin Cruell City Manager and ask if he knows Guy Strait.

SAN FRANCISCO

Back from that trip, the thoughts come to us as to the natural successor to the Tool Box business. This was a bar that welcomed the leather and bike crowd. The natural one to inherit the business would seem to be STUD, out on Divisadero. Altho fitted out as a western bar, with saddles ( Continued on P. 7 Col 4 )



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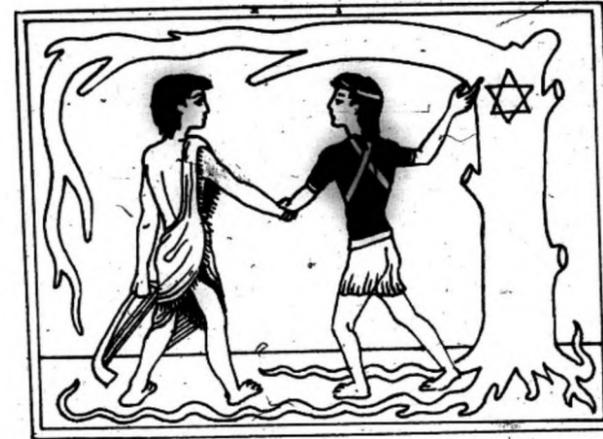
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Sex in the Bible

A PERSPECTIVE ON SEX IN THE BIBLE

By Harry d'Turk

Sex is regulated in varying degrees in all societies. In the Judeo-Christian and Islamic worlds, sex is strictly discipline though with seeming inconsistencies. The most glaring inconsistency is that between law and custom: every man and woman today is familiar from personal experience with the gulf between preaching and practice. The Law is usually explicit enough:

"If a man also lie down with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death."

(Note: Nowhere in the Old or New Testament is it forbidden for a woman to lie with womankind although female homosexuality must have existed among the ancient Hebrews just as it did in Greece and as it still does in the Middle East today; it seems that either it was regarded as a matter of no consequence, or---being an affair of women among themselves---little notice was taken by men. So if an Arab woman of Kuwait took a negress as "husband" or an urban woman of Syria or at Mecca started an affair, no questions were asked.)

As opposed to the law, in actual practice male-homosexuality was common in Biblical times and has so remained down to the present day. It may not have been as general as it was in ancient Greece, and the only Biblical story which could possibly be interpreted as a Greek counterpart of the Greek coluntary love-relationship between two male individuals is the story of David and Jonathan: Saul was anointed King of the Jews by the prophet Samuel, and in his early years was successful and happy, but in his later years he was afflicted with a profound melancholy and outbursts of rage. The only person who could relieve

his deep depressions was the young shepherd David who, though he was but a simple shepherd youth, made himself a national hero by slaying the Philistine giant with a sling shot. Saul had a handsome son, the prince Jonathan. The love between the prince and the hero is described in exactly the same terms and phrases as those used in connection with the love of man and woman:

"The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul..."  
 1-Sam. 18:1

"Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David."  
 1 Sam. 19:1

When Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle, David expressed his grief in his beautiful lament over his friend:

"I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant has thou been unto me. Wonderful was thy love to me, passing the love of women!"  
 2 Sam. 1:26

David, the shepherd from Bethlehem, according to God's will, succeeded to the throne. David's beloved son, Absalom, who was so vain about his long luxuriant hair, revolted against his father and died in battle, hanging by his hair from a tree! And Solomon inherited David's throne to raise the Hebrew kingdom to its greatest height. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was of the same house of David.

In Islam, the Koran (26: 165-66) reaffirms the official Biblical-legal prohibition of homosexuality and had as little effect on actual conduct as the older Biblical law itself. (Note: In connection with transvestism, it is interesting to note the Biblical law: "A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, and a man shall not put on a woman's garment." Deuteronomy 22:5)

In early Islamic times there were effeminate performers---entertainers who sang, and may have had their own guild. These entertainers---called in Egypt khawal, dancers---were still common in the 19th century.

"They are Muslims and natives of Egypt. As they personate women, their dances are of exactly the same description, and they are accompanied by the sound of castanets. They suffer the hair of the head to grow long, and generally braid it in the manner of women; and they imitate women also in applying kohl to their eyes and henna to their hands. In the streets when not engaged in dancing, they often veil their faces. They are often employed in preference to women, to dance before a house or in its court, on the occasion of a marriage-fete, or on the birth of a child, or a circumcision, and frequently

they perform at public festivals.

"There is in Cairo, another class of male dancers, young men and boys, whose performances, dress, and general appearance are almost exactly similar to those of the khawals; but who are distinguished by a different appellation, which is 'gink', a term that is Turkish, and has a vulgar signification which aptly expresses their character. They are generally Jews, Armenians, Greeks, and Turks." (i.e. non-Moslems for the most part. Ed.) Lane, Modern Egyptians.

Sir Richard Burton, translator of the Arabian Nights, in his notorious "Terminal Essay" says: "The Afgans are commercial travellers on a large

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 and bridles on the walls, the owners and managers are of the same crowd. This is always the way when a bar's old customers are up for grabs. We remember when Jack's closed, how many bars vied for the business. Unfortunately none of the bars seemed to fill the

bill, so the State of California lost a hell of a lot of revenue and the beer and liquor people have not yet recovered all that business.

We saw Tony the T, down on Market Street the other day and questioned him about his plans for opening a joint. He is totally non-committal. We know that he is looking.

At Mouse House III, there is much the same old gang. We dropped by to see Eric one day last week while in the neighborhood. He is looking younger every day. That Marin air is agreeing with him. Norman is busy in another location, and is around very little.

At The Top Drawer the piano bar seems to always be three deep with entertainers from all of the other places here in the city. One thing that seems to puzzle the crowd at the YMCA across the street is exactly what kind of a place is The Top Drawer? Let this be the place that you first hear the truth. This is such a place as you would take one of your latest friends, your mother, or a business friend, or go by yourself for a good meal in friendly and warm atmosphere. Do you understand?

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scale and each caravan is accompanied by a number of boys and lads almost in women's attire, with khol'd eyes and rouged cheeks, long tresses and hennaed fingers and toes, riding luxuriously in camel-pamiers; they are called Kuch-i safari or travelling wives, and the husbands trudge patiently by their sides."

Baldensperger in "Orders of Holy Men in Palestine", (Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement, London 1894.), states that a dervish may become a female saint and then sits among the women as he is for the moment changed into a woman.

To return once more to the subject of homosexuality with-out the concomitant of female attire, the general statement can be made that neither in the Middle Ages nor in modern times has the practice been opposed by popular opinion.

This can be clearly established from the stories contained in the great medieval collection of Arabic folk-lore known as the Arabian Nights, in which homosexual love between men is spoken of in the same matter-of-fact tone in which heterosexual love is described, and from the tales still current among the simple folk in many Middle Eastern countries.

In the oasis of Siwah in the Western Desert of Egypt, close to the Libyan frontier, marriages used to be celebrated between men and boys as well as between men and women, and all the 20th century travellers are agreed that the passion of men for boys in Siwah is greater than their passion for women. The anthropologist Walter Cline remarks in his "Notes on the People of Siwah" (published in Menasha, Wisconsin in 1936) that "Most of the boys used in sodomy are between 12 and 18. In most cases the boy is the active rather than the passive agent."

It is notable that in all those Middle Eastern societies in which homosexual love is practiced, the individuals are, strictly speaking not exclusively homosexual, but bisexual. A case in point is the Biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah. (See Genesis 19:4-8 and Judges 19:22-26)

This story of the Cities of the Plain illustrates how Biblical stories are frequently misunderstood because they are

taken out-of-context of Time and Place. We moderns are generally ignorant of Middle Eastern customs, of attitudes there concerning homosexuality Sacred Prostitution, religious orgies, etc., both today and in early times.

To begin with, it would seem that in the early days of the Hebrew tribes, after they had conquered Canaan, and undoubtedly under the influence of Canaanite practices, prostitutes were attached to local sanctuaries, serving the visitors and pilgrims. Both men and women served in this capacity as adjuncts of the shrine. The reproachful words of Eli, chief priest of the Shiloh sanctuary (1 Sam. 2:23-24) clearly reflect the religious sentiment which condemned these practices, not necessarily as immoral, but certainly as idolatrous.

The Law unequivocally states:

"There shall be no female sacred prostitutes of the daughters of Israel, and there shall be no male sacred prostitutes of the sons of Israel." Deut. 23:17

But as usual, the Law is at variance with the customs. Thus we see that under King Rehobam, the son of Solomon, idolatrous practices were maintained, among them "there were also male sacred prostitutes in the land." (1 Kings 14:26)

King Asa, Rehobam's grandson, "put away male sacred prostitutes from the land." (1 Kings 15:12)

He was unsuccessful in trying completely to eradicate the practice, and thus his son, King Jehoshaphat, had to put away "the remnant of the male sacred prostitutes out of the land." (1 Kings 22:47)

That this royal decree, too, was either ineffective, or soon became inoperative, we learn from a passage in Hosea (4:14) who somewhat later complains of the men of Israel consorting with the sacred prostitutes, and from a still later passage which states that King Josiah in the course of his sweeping religious reforms (5th century B.C.) "Broke down the houses of the male sacred prostitutes that were in the House of the Lord." (2 Kings 23:7)

But even after this reform, male sacred prostitutes did not completely disappear from Hebrew life, as we learn from

a somewhat obscure passage in the Book of Job (36:14). Thus both male and female sacred prostitution seems to have remained a part of Hebrew religious worship, in Jerusalem and elsewhere, down to the Babylonian Exile (586 B.C.).

Likewise in Islam down to the 19th century sacred prostitution remained a part of religious life.

By contrast with this dismal failure of the Law, religious orgies, a part of ancient Near East cultures and cults, were first opposed by the Hebrew prophets, and a thousand years later virtually eliminated by the zeal of the early converts to Islam. Only in outlying places like Siwah, where the custom was re-inforced by African practices, have public orgies survived.

There is no reason to suppose that Sodom and Gomorrah were greatly different from other Canaanite and Israelite cities. In the story of Lot and his angelic visitors, the "mobs" of Sodom--in accord with the ancient traditions of the land--were male sacred prostitutes leading a semi-religious homosexual orgy, demanding their hereditary rights to serve visitors and pilgrims to their shrines--a right that Lot, the immigrant, was denying them. Biblical writers condemn and execrate the intended violation by the Sodomite mob of the sacred laws of hospitality. This was not only rape--forcing the unwilling; it was a far graver offense.

The Biblical writers of the story of Lot in Sodom are not condemning homosexuality as such; they are condemning it just as they'd condemn any idolatrous practice, whether making graven images or bestiality.

(Note: The Law is as usual unequivocal in condemning bestiality. The only difference here is that women specifically are included in the prohibition:

"Thou shalt not lie down with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto." Leviticus 18:23)

The important lesson to be learned from the story of Lot is not which idolatrous practice is condemned; this is incidental. The truly important question here is the

precedence of laws. What shall one do in a case of conflict of laws? No matter how much violence it does a man to offer his virgin daughters to an orgiastic mob, he must do so if a higher law compels him. Later in the story when Sodom and Gomorrah on the shores of the salty Dead Sea have been destroyed by tremblers and upheavals, the daughters of Lot doomed by the lack of men to childlessness conspire to make their father drunk and, repugnant though it was, incestuously conceive by him, engendering the Moabite and Ammonite races.

Lot and his daughters had hard choices to make, and they made them right: the Law of Hospitality and the injunction to "be fruitful" take precedence over the laws of sexual purity and the prohibition of incest.

To illustrate once more how a story from the Bible can be distorted when removed from its context in time and place, consider the story of Onan: Onanism is most often defined as masturbation. In fact the story of Onan has only the remotest connection with masturbation; it is in reality a story of levirate marriage. Laws of the levirate that is, provisions of marriage between a widow and her husband's next of kin, had existed in the ancient Near East a long time prior to the emergence of the Hebrew tribes, among the Sumerians, the Assyrians, and the Hittites. The earliest Biblical reference to the levirate shows it to have been a binding custom in the days of the Hebrew patriarchs. Judah, the son of Jacob, had three sons. He took a wife named Tamar for his first-born son Er. But Er died childless, and thereupon Judah ordered his second son Onan to fulfil the duties of the levirate:

"Go in unto thy brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy dead brother." (Genesis 38:9)

Onan evidently did not want to perform the duty of the levir. He knew that if, as a result of their union, Tamar should conceive and bear a son, the child would be considered not the son of Onan, but the son of Er. This he objected to, and since op-

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The Rev. Mr. Glenesk had said he would distribute copies of the novel at Sunday's service, but he was prevented from doing so by the district attorney. Obviously it distorts the story of Onan to maintain that this death sentence was punishment for mere masturbation, for "spilling one's seed on the ground". It is a far graver matter: it is for refusing the rights of levirate to a sister-in-law, it is for refusing to beget heirs who will preserve his name from oblivion to a brother who dies childless.

In the modern Western world, Greek and Roman morality of New Testament times is reasonably understood, but the ancient and modern Near East is so little known that we fail to understand the Bible in its social context. The reader who is interested in the Near East will find most informative Family, Love and the Bible, published in London in 1960 by MacGibbon & Key; the author is the anthropologist Raphael Patai. Most of the material in this article was drawn from Patai.

### A Pulpit Defense of 'Fanny Hill'

A Brooklyn minister defended from the pulpit the other day the controversial 18th century novel "Fanny Hill" which tells of a 15 year-old girl who was lured into prostitution.

The Rev. William Glenesk, pastor of Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church, told an overflow congregation of about 600 persons, "man cannot choose between right and wrong without having knowledge of them both."

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## Movie Obscenity Case

Atlanta, Ga. After five hours of deliberation Thursday a De Kalb County jury declared it was unable to reach a verdict on whether the movie "The Balcony" contains a "shameful and morbid interest in sex." Superior Court Judge William Dean declared a mistrial late Thursday night in the case against the Academy Theatre Inc., which offered the film at the Kirkwood Adult Theater.

Judge Dean declared a mistrial after only one juror of the all-male jury said he thought further deliberation might produce a verdict.

The trial, which began Wednesday, was to be the first test of Georgia's 1963 law to prevent the showing

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of movies which appeal to prurient interest.

In Thursday's action, defense attorney Jack Turoff called several Emory University professors, movie reviewers and others to the stand---all who testified that it was their opinion the movie did not have "as its predominant theme, a shameful and morbid interest in sex."

Most of the defense witnesses agreed that the film might leave most people in a "confused or puzzled state but that it did have literary merit."

Defense witness Dr. Thomas McDill of Columbia Theology Seminary declared the movie "had a powerful message and would like to require all his students to see "The Balcony."

Mrs. Christine Gilliam, who served as Atlanta's movie censor for 16 years and now holds a position as the city's movie reviewer, testified Wednesday that in her opinion the purpose of the movie was to appeal "to prurient interests."

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The Fire Island National Seashore bill will be passed this year, a group of Long Islanders was told yesterday by key members of Congress. After a round of Capitol Hill conferences, Maurice Barbash, chairman of the Citizens Committee for a Fire Island National Seashore, predicted that both the House and Senate would approve the bill "and the Fire Island National Seashore would be a reality in 1964."

Meanwhile, Rep. Otis G. Pike, Democrat of Riverhead, announced that he had invited President Johnson to visit Fire Island or at least to "fly over the area."

Johnson has scheduled a trip to Atlantic City May 9, and Pike asked that Johnson extend his trip to Fire Island "to visit this precious and fragile piece of undeveloped real estate and observe for yourself this conservation treasure on the fringe of the fastest growing area on the East Coast."

(Editor's Note: Maybe this is not the same Fire Island that I remember or the good Representative deserves to be nominated for the National Poet Laureate)

## ORGANIZATION NEWS

The Janus Society of 34 South 17th Street in Philadelphia is to have the well known writer, Donald Webster Cory speak in an open lecture late in March.

Dr. Kameny of the Mattachine Society of Washington spoke to the group in February and "expertly documented the discriminatory attitudes and practices of the federal government."

The New York Mattachine Society is trying with all its resources to raise funds to continue the expanded and inclusive program that they have undertaken, including:

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Anytime an organization or a person denies life, liberty or property rights to any other person or organization, a violation of the Constitution of the United States has occurred -- regardless of the provocation for that violation.

The conduct of your men at the Sheraton Palace was of the highest order. The tactics employed by individual officers in ignoring the pickets was good. The placing of reserves out of sight was good strategy.

At no time did I observe any police brutality, unnecessary roughness, or ungentlemanly behavior. I have publically made the statement that 'San Francisco Police will never learn to handle a mob.' It gives me great pleasure to admit that I was wrong.

Very truly yours,

Guy Strait

The Honorable John F. Shelley  
Mayor of San Francisco  
San Francisco, California

Sir:

Any Human Relations Commission that does not include a representative of the Homosexual Community will be incomplete and fail to bring together the entire city.

The Homosexual Community numbers between 60,000 and 90,000 persons in San Francisco and has seen injustices and suffering at the hands of employers, the Police and the City Administration.

We must urgently request that you consider a spokesman for the Homosexual Community in naming any Human Relations Committee or interim committee.

Very truly yours,

Guy Strait  
Editor,  
Citizen News

15 March 1964

**CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL WRONGS**  
The Sheraton Palace in San Francisco has been the scene of the denial of rights of free men.

Strangely enough this denial of rights has been by those who claim to be interested in gaining rights for free men.

The absolute statement of the Constitution... "no person shall be denied life liberty or property without due process of law." has found few adherents among the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee has denied the protection of the

Constitution to the Sheraton Palace as surely as a lynch mob of the 'old South.'

There can be no justification imaginable that might soften the fact that the Ad Hoc Committee decided their cause was above the law. It was only with a great deal of pride that we noted how few of our readers were involved in this farce. The truth of the matter is that only two persons known to me were present at the outset of this demonstration.

The demonstrations were a warming sight, so long as it (Continued on P. 11 Col 1)

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with honest Americans. The administration of the liquor laws of this country have, at more times than we care to remember, been of the most corrupt in the country. In fact it is almost as lucrative to be an agent for one of the liquor agencies as it is to own a bar. Oft times it is more lucrative.

Without exception, every charge brought against bars have originated with the various agencies concerned with the enforcement of the laws regarding these bars. No formal complaints have been signed by citizens. Therefore, the one and only reason that the liquor control people can have for actions against these bars is that they (the bars) do not live up to the moral code of the agents in charge.

In other words, it is not a case of public morals, it is simply the case of forcing the moral code of the agency upon the public.  
**HOMOSEXUAL MEETING PLACES**

It is true that some bars furnish meeting places for homosexuals, just as some bars furnish meeting places for Democrats, Catholics and the Irish. This does not mean that at these bars the Democrats attempt to sway a vote or two; nor does it always mean that the Catholics are attempting conversion of a unwary visitor; nor does it mean that the Irish are participating in their honored practice of brawling. As a matter of fact it has come about that these bars are not the 'pickup' spots for homosexuals. One of the most common complaints homosexuals have against the gay bars is that they are not good for making a pickup. For conversation and sociability, yes-for pickups - NO. It might again be compared with the bars that cater to the Democrats, for in order to swing votes you must go elsewhere.  
**THE SAFETY OF BARS**

The gay bars furnish the only continuity among homosexuals. Arrests can take place in parks and others of like ilk will never know; A person can be taken out of a T-Room and no one be the wiser. But if an arrest is made in a bar - or outside of a bar for that matter- there will be people present that know the person arrested and will carry the tale high and wide. In fact one of the

big reasons for the constant rumors of 'raids' is the almost instantaneous chain of communications between the bar-goers.

**HOMOSEXUALS ALCOHOLIC?**  
One of the big arguments that the moralists have regarding the gay bars is that they tend to supply the need for an atmosphere that would make the homosexual an alcoholic. This is probably the weakest of all arguments and should now be refuted.

There is undoubtedly a number of alcoholic homosexuals. But probably the percentage is less than that of other people. One of the prime functions of a gay bar is to furnish sociability. I have yet to meet anyone who considers an alcoholic a social being.

**GAY BARS RECRUITING PLACES?**

Another argument used by the liquor control board and the various police agencies is that teenagers and unwary persons are recruited in gay bars. This argument is not to be taken lightly, for the one thing that Mr. Jones is afraid of is that his son - about whom he has some misgivings - might become a queer. Therefore, Mr. Jones, a citizen of the community, is prepared to go to some length to see that his son does not go into a gay bar. However, as an argument among intelligent people it is a laugh. We know that sometimes the unwary do drop into a gay bar. We have seen them. They are there only a few minutes before they get the message, if they are not interested then they leave. No bar will allow a person underage to be in their place of business, it is entirely too dangerous and expensive if they get caught.

Herb Caen, columnist of this city, recently said that one of the gay bars was supplying ID to the under age in their place. As usual, he was being vicious and did not know what he was talking about.

**LEWD ACTS IN GAY BARS**

Do lewd acts occur in gay bars? To a degree, it must be said that they do. This is as true as saying that Lewd acts occur in all bars.  
**LEWD ACTS OCCUR IN ALL PLACES.** I have seen fornication in churches and in bars. I have seen oral copulation in art galleries and in bars. I have seen sodomy in department stores and in bars. Shall we then close

the Emporium because a person committed sodomy in the T-Room; Shall we then lock the doors of the San Francisco Art Museum because an act of oral copulation took place there on the 13th of March; Shall we then close the doors of the First Baptist Church in Dallas because a boy had no place to take his trick and therefore used the choir loft of the place for this purpose?

Naturally the answer to these questions is NO, because we all know that the management of the bar, of the gallery, and the church would not have allowed this to take place at all had he known about it. One thing that we do know, is that the management of the bars are far more concerned with watching that this does not occur than is the management of the gallery.

**BARS AND THE UNDERWORLD**

One of the arguments used by the bigots is that there is a possibility that some gay bars may be controlled by the Cosa Nostra. In the cities where bars have come under the constant watch of the bribe-hungry liquor control agencies there is some control by the underworld. In cities now under fire, these forces are moving in. The prime reason that the underworld can get into gay bar businesses is that only they are powerful enough to cope with the corruption of the liquor control agencies. So far as we know, there is no control of the gay bars by the underworld in California, YET. Irresponsible continuing of the repressive ABC will almost certainly guarantee that such will soon be the case.

Again the real case for the gay bars is clearly that of the freedom of assembly. Any agency of the government should be familiar with this amendment. The illegal acts of repression must certainly be aimed at either enforcing

the moral code of the person in charge of that agency or the desire for bribery. It can not be otherwise. Any argument based on any illegal acts that might take place in gay bars should also be applied to all other places where these acts might take place.

The right of freedom of assembly is an absolute one and is not subject to whims and fancies of anyone. Any act on the part of anyone to close these places because they might cause the congregation of homosexuals, is an act contrary to the Constitution of the United States, and should be dealt with as such.

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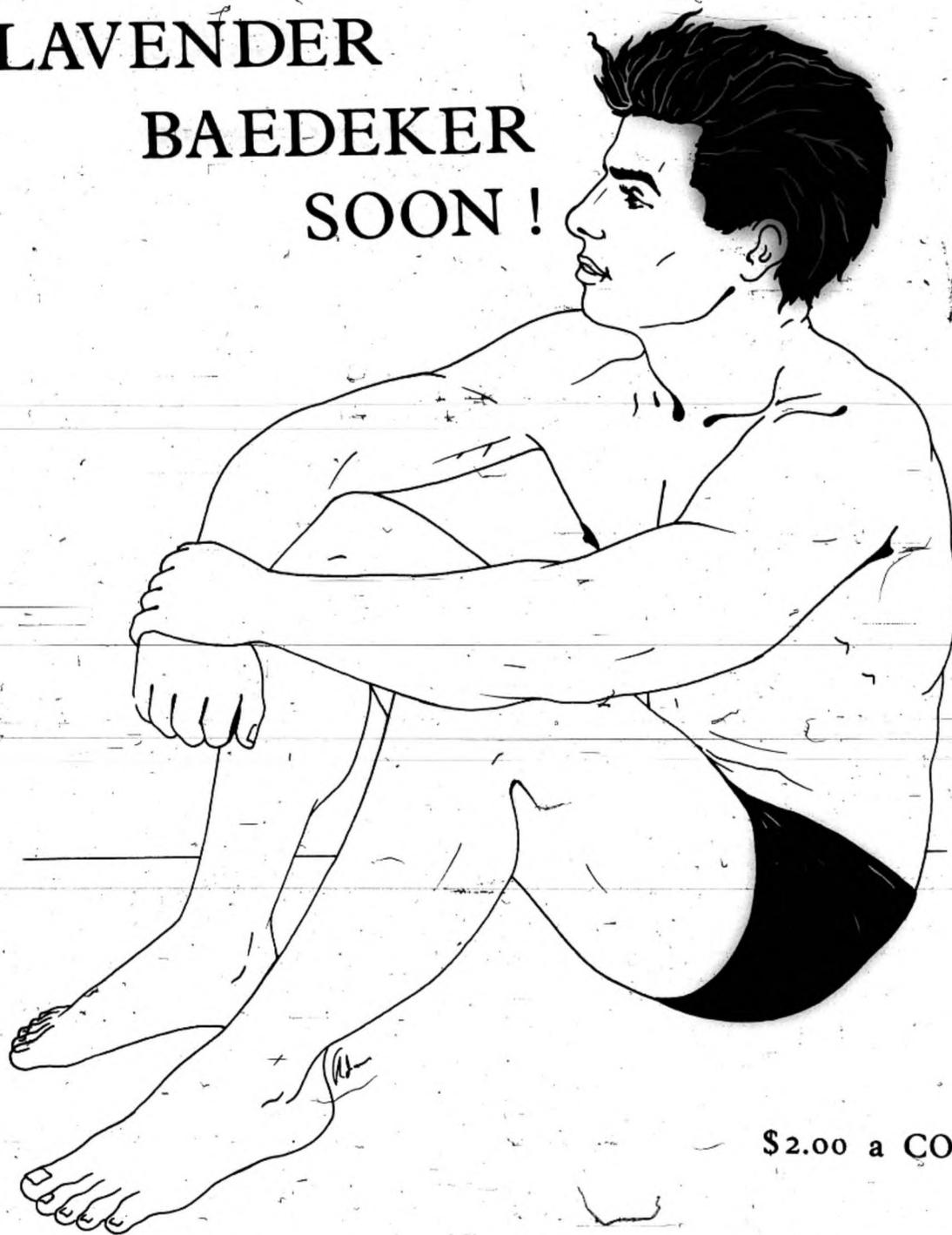
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If Malcom Harris, Chief of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department of the State of California and Tom Cahill Chief of Police of San Francisco are really interested in closing down gay bars in San Francisco, then we suggest that they start with the best known of them all: The Oak Room of the St. Francis Hotel.

If the Liquor Control Board of the State of New York and the Chief of Police of New York City are really interested in closing the gay bars in that city, we suggest that they start there with the best known: The Men's Bar of the Waldorf Astoria.

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