Oklahoma's OK
For Gay Teachers

Landmark ruling

( Press Release) The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th District has ruled that an Oklahoma Statute intended to eliminate Gay teachers is unconstitutional.

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) filed suit to enjoin the enforcement of the law in 1979, the year after it was enacted. Known as the "Helm statute," the statute prohibited the employment of homosexuals who "would have the attention of school children or school employees." A U.S. District Court in Oklahoma upheld the law in 1982. NGRA, the San Francisco Department of Health Services National Gay Rights Advocates (NORA) had threatened to bring and win suits in the appellate court reversed the OKC on the case was William B. Rogers of Oklahoma City. Rogers coordinated local court proceedings and presented the oral arguments.

NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS
Rights Advocates wins AIDS settlement

San Francisco - The California Department of Health Services Medi-Cal program backed down on its refusal to pay for the costs associated with the treatment of certain AIDS patients. Medi-Cal was refusing to pay when people with pneumocystis pneumonia were treated with pentamidine.

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) had threatened the state agency with a lawsuit if they didn't change their policy. NGRA claimed they could not approve of pentamidine treatment because it was experimental.

Leondard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "The court, instead of the state, should be the arbiter of the issue as it can choose which drugs to cover based on scientific standards."

O'Loury said that the city of San Francisco and the taxpayers were also big winners. "The court, instead of the state," he said, "should be the arbiter of the issue as it can choose which drugs to cover based on scientific standards."

The National Gay Task Force helped in the case by using their contacts in Washington, D.C. to put pressure on Medi-Cal.

Homosexuality/Social Justice and Catholic Theology

( Press Release) Barely seven months after its disbandment by the San Francisco Archdiocese, the National Gay Task Force on Lesbian/Gay issues, which authored the controversial report, "Homosexuality and Social Justice in Los Angeles," has been an on its own as The Consultation on Homosexuality, Social Justice and Roman Catholic Theology.

At the Consultation's inaugural meeting on January 28, 1984, Kevin Gordon, a theologian, psychotherapist and director of the Consultation said: "While the Task Force managed to work within the San Francisco Archdiocesan structure for 25 months, it was painfully clear that it is virtually impossible to raise, institutionally, a religious issue like homosexuality, or women's ordination, without having the issues themselves lose their integrity, and get collapsed rather immediately into an ecclesiastical-authority issue. The new Consultation," Gordon continued, "is within the Roman Catholic Church, but not under the control of and diocese or archdiocese. It will pursue its own constructive work, as well as monitor and critique statements on homosexuality and Roman Catholic Theology issued by any diocese or archdiocese. The days of edicts andflats on this topic are over."

Prominent gay Republican bolted the party and re-registered as a Democrat, according to the GOP of being "a party that is antibiathanarian."

As Deukmejian, who refused to talk to reporters about his veto, spoke inside about rallying behind President Reagan for re-election, John Wahl, attorney for the estate of slain San Francisco city supervisor Harvey Milk, served notice on the Republicans outside the hotel that "there are consequences to treating us as if we don't exist."

Wahl, himself a candidate for the S. F. Board of Supervisors, said that gays "have been in this fight for decades, and the governor is going to be facing us again and again as he fights for nine years to keep this law of the land." Wahl's "Capital" letter to his fellow governors was "a capitulation" to a "bible-thumper," and vowed to bring up the bill "again and again."

The Consultation's head, the Rev. Richard Richardson, an archconservative, writes a newspaper column syndicated statewide in which he ranks gay people among the "hostile anti-gay slurs, and again and again calling gays "perverts," "infidels," "homosexuals," and other insults.
President candidates respond to Gay Task Force questionnaire

New York — A coalition of six gay and lesbian organizations today released the results of a questionnaire that covered a range of issues of concern to the LGBT community.

The questionnaire — which was sent to all major candidates — covered topics such as presidential candidates to a range of responses by the White House.

The coalition, which represents more than 500,000 members, will work closely with the White House and other government officials.

"This is a chance to put the LGBT community on the map," said OnePulse CEO Mark, who leads the group.

"We're thrilled to see the response," he said. "It's a chance to move the conversation forward.

"We're also excited to see the interest in the issues that we care about," he added.

New York Times

Republicans responded to Gay Task Force questionnaire

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New York Times

Townhall Meeting

Assemblies John Vannan and others held a town hall meeting on Wednesday night.

"I look forward to exchanging more ideas," said Vannan, who is the state's representative.

"I value the opportunity to share information and opinions with people," he added.

PM's Workshop

The PM's Workshop will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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San Francisco Chronicle

1984 Gay Pride Day

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Prior to this, virtually all observers thought that the nomination

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be considered the more likely nominee, likelihood no longer is a

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### Vassar College adoptions pro-Gay policy

Vassar College, in New York, has announced a policy which allows adoptions of gay parents. The decision was made after a year-long study that revealed that many students and faculty members were in favor of the policy.

### Liberase Wins

London (IGNA) — A major victory for a homosexual anti-marijuana suit filed by a young dancer against the famous club has come out of court earlier this month.

### AIDS policy

AIDS Foundation, Inc., an organization that works to prevent the spread of AIDS, has revised its policy to include a provision for same-sex couples. The change is seen as a major step forward in the fight against AIDS.

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The Real Estate Advisor

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Getting ready to sell

By Paul A. Wright

One of the first things people ask about selling their homes is: "How much time will it take?" The best answer is, "It depends." We can't tell you how long it will take to sell your home before we list it." The best way to find out is to see how much capital you have to work with, the condition of the market, and your personal goals.

Location, Location, Location

The time spent at home or in bars with your guests will be the most important part of the sale. On the other hand, it's very difficult to determine how much time it will take to sell a house.

Different Types of Houses

There are several types of conditions to consider when selling a house. The type of house, the condition of the neighborhood, and the market conditions are important factors to consider. What are the potential buyers looking for? Are there any "must-sees" in the neighborhood? How many people will be there? Are there any "curb-side" homes in the neighborhood? Before you list your house, you need to know what you're selling and what you're buying.

Activities for Alcoholics

By Mark

When alcoholics get into some sort of group or club, they usually find themselves with new people, new activities, and a new lifestyle. They are usually successful, because they are interested in the new people and new activities. They are able to learn new habits and new ways of dealing with the world.

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On Film

By Jack Stauff

The past two months have seen a plethora of quality films, and what we've been seeing. Here they are, arranged in descending order of quality:

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gor, no dancing, no heavy

★ ★ ★ 2. The King, starring Tom Hanks in his first film. Tom Hanks as plutonium plant worker Karen

★ ★ ★ 3. Lonely Hearts, about a man with an insatiable lust. No gore is minimal.

★ ★ ★ 4. To Be or Not To Be, a Bach organ recital on Denon in stereo.

★ ★ 5. The Short-Timers, a film noir success.

★ ★ 6. Yentl, a woman who disguises herself as a

★ 7. The Short-Timers, an overlong yarn about a

★ 8. Stick a label onto the cas­

★ 9. Wallflower Order and Grupo Wallflower will premiere an all musical entertainment cabaret

★ 10. This Is Spinal Tap, a rock group gone to hack.

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Gay rights supporters are invited to participate, regardless of their sexual orientation. Gay rights is a human rights issue which should concern us all.

Part List of Participating Groups


Gay & Lesbian's Ark of Iowa, Des Moines, IA Lambda, Lambda, Inc., Santa Clara County, CA Lambda Alliance, Beaverton, OR Lambda Alliance, Portland, OR

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programs, and said they would support specific measures to deal with AIDS, a disease associated with catastrophic health costs.

All but Bergland, McGovern, and Hart supported funding research by national health agencies into the physiological and psychological effects of discrimination such as anti-gay/lesbian bias.

Hollings backed the measure. "I wish there were a way to support the legislature to do this work." Hart was not so sure. "I don't have the language," he said. "I wonder whether some of the other candidates or the President would have any other ideas." He added, "The idea is there; the language is not.

Access to Government Programs. Questions on guaranteeing access to government programs were directed to all candidates, and gay men elicited positive responses from Cranston, Johnson, and, in more general terms, Hollings. Bergland declined to say he would work to ensure that government programs in areas such as youth, alcohol, and mental health address the specific needs of the gay/lesbian community.

But the question, "Will you support action that would change in eligibility requirements for entitlement programs and other federally funded programs to equalize access for those in nontraditional sexual orientation, including gay and lesbian gender/sex relationships and households?" caused the most hesitancy.

Hart's answer was "I am seeking the votes and support of all American citizens." Cranston indicated that he "welcome the support of the voters and the endorsement of the gay and lesbian community," and that "the government's role is to respond to the aspirations of the nation for the future." He went on to answer, all the Democrats indicated some level of support to include openly gay/lesbian candidates on delegate slates.

All except Bergland and McGovern said specifically that their general campaign literature included support for gay/lesbian civil rights. Bergland said, "I have not been able to get our legislative staff to move on this, in part because of the hesitancy of any of our citizens." Cranston indicated his office would work to ensure "fair treatment on the basis of race, gender and sexual orientation." He added, "I have been trying to work with the Administration of the President on a package that I would like to see included in the budget request." Hart and Cranston both indicated they had not considered the "question of the private" as it pertains to the current administration's position on affirmative action.

Cranston said he would prioritize issues which he thought would be of "some importance to our country, to which I'm able to contribute through my work." Johnson, who is the chair of the Commerce Committee, said that "finance is the one area of the government that is very important to the gay community. ... I would like to see our government be more concerned about the problems of the gay community in some of these areas." McGovern said that he had "thought about the issue of affirmative action," but had not arrived at a conclusion on its merits. McGovern added, "I would urge that it be given serious consideration and that it be given a full hearing."

Further information. Those wishing the full text of any candidate's statement should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NGTF, Suite 100, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. San Jose, CA 95126

Women & The Law National Conference

This year, the 15th National Conference on Women and the Law will be held at the Hotel Bonaventure in Los Angeles, March 30 through April 1, 1984.

The conference theme, Bread and Roses: The Economics of Feminism, reflects the conference's focus on the overwhelming economic effects of the current economic climate on women, especially women with disabilities. The conference will define problems and strategies.

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Federal Appeals Court hears Gay teacher case

A Lesbian graduate teaching assistant at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge who lost her teaching position because of her involvement with a gay/lesbian student is appealing her dismissal in federal court. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national Gay rights organization, filed a friend of the court brief recently in the case, Nagar v. Louisiana State University. The case is now pending in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lambda managing attorney Abby Rubenfeld explained that the teaching assistant, Kristin Nagar, had been employed in The School of Music while she was working on her doctorate. A year ago, parents of the female student with whom Nagar was involved complained to the University about the relationship. Although the student is over 18 and was not enrolled in any class taught by Nagar, the University withdrew their offer of a teaching assistantship this fall, and assigned Nagar to a research position instead. When she challenged the termination, the district court upheld the University's position, saying, "Despite the tremendous amount of support for the plaintiff from the fact of the academic relationship, and her outstanding performance as a graduate student teacher, school officials still decided to withdraw her position." The University admits that they took the step they did because of Nagar's involvement with a female student. They claim that they have a policy that forbids professors and students from getting involved, but, in fact, it's unwritten and unheard of by all of the faculty members who testified. The supposed "policy" represents a double standard: in most cases, students' academic relationships at Louisiana State University is acceptable, the professor was not dismissed, and he subsequently won his suit.

Lambda and the Louisiana Civil Liberties Union, which represents the plaintiff, argue that the district court determination that Nagar's sexual orientation was, in the court's words, "not a substantial motivating factor in her reassignment" is erroneous and that Nagar has been deprived not only of her right to professional training, but also of her Constitutional rights to privacy, freedom of expression, and due process. The brief states: "The fact that homosexuals are a minority, even a traditionally disfavored one, does not undermine the right of each individual Gay man and Lesbian to seek sexual privacy. Yet it is often when homosexuals seek to assert their chosed sexual identity in the most traditional ways, such as in the present case, that the opprobrium of the majority community is most intense."

The University says it fears "harassment" and says it "may "give the impression of an abuse of authority." However, Rubenfeld said that Lambda has seen many similar cases in which "the University says that Nagar's representation of herself in the case competes a violation of rules that professional conduct, in fact, they were simply dismissed because they were Gay men or Lesbians."