Gay Supreme Court Victory

In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, the U.S. Supreme Court has let stand a lower court decision striking down Oklahoma's law that permitted the firing of teachers for speaking in favor of gay and lesbian civil rights. The National Gay Task Force had challenged the law.

Commenting on the decision, acting NGTF executive director Jeff Levin said, "The court has affirmed that gay men and lesbian women have the same constitutional rights and privacy interests as their heterosexual counterparts." He noted that the law would "disable lesbian and gay citizens to signal a clear slide toward a society that would deny civil rights to women and minorities." Levin added that the ruling "is a very significant victory. We're very pleased.

The court split 4-4 on the decision, with Justice Lewis Powell dissenting, and declaring that such a case should be remanded to the lower court for reconsideration with the gay lover relationship of the couple involved.

Gay and lesbian civil rights activists welcomed the ruling. "It's gratifying to see that justice has been done," said one activist.

"Our community can now relax its vigil and sit down with our friends outside the gay and lesbian community that we need their continued support, said another.

BAYMEC was a gay-lesbian, local political action committee whose purpose is to protect and strengthen laws governing lesbian and gay rights in the counties of San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz.

AFL-CIO union members were among those who supported the Supreme Court's decision. "This is a major victory," one union member said. "We're very pleased with the decision."
Court leaves future unclear for Gay teachers

Gay teachers activities are focused on the significance of the significant role they play in the lives of students and the potential for future impact.

The ruling centers on an Oklahoma law that allows the dismissal of teachers who "advocate" or "encourage" homosexual behavior. A self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please allow four to six weeks for right in letters to the publication, including assignments to the publication, including rights in letters to

In Wake of AIDS

Sponsor Nutting, active in the gay movement and the Mobilization Against AIDS, will speak on "In The Wake of AIDS: New Directions for the Gay Movement." Nutting has been a longtime activist for gay rights, working with various organizations to promote acceptance and understanding. He will discuss the impact of AIDS on society, including the role of the gay community in addressing the crisis. Nutting will also address the importance of education and awareness campaigns to combat the disease.

Gay Fathers 6th World Conference

The conference will be held at the 80th Annual World Conference of the Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI), to be held in Los Angeles May 31 through June 7. Richard Warren, executive vice-president of the 1600 member-organization with chapters in the United States, Canada and Europe, will discuss the topic of gay parenting. The conference will feature workshops and seminars on various aspects of gay parenting, including adoption, co-parenting and legal issues. A number of key experts in psychology, family counseling and law will share their expertise with attendees.

In the past, the Supreme Court has consistently interpreted the First Amendment to include the freedom of expression. This freedom is particularly important for gay teachers, who often face stigmatization and discrimination in their professional lives. The Court's decision in this case is significant for the future of gay rights in education.

Eric Rofes lost his teaching job because he refused to keep his sexual orientation a secret. He tells his story in SOCRATES, Plato and GETS LIKE ME (Alyson Publications). The book tells the story of his struggles as a gay activist in 1974 when he successfully sued for the right to remain closeted. "Lesbian and gay teachers and students can do substantial work ahead of us, but we will be able to make America schools safe places for the rest of us because of this case," Nutting said.
Gay Voting Habits: Are They Self-Destructive?

Some said that the men and women of the gay community were very often viewed by the "outside world" as nothing more than a bunch ofuels in the face of a hate crime. However, the gay community was fighting back. They were not going to take it anymore. This was their time. They were going to make their voices heard and stand up for what they believed in. The gay community was tired of being ignored and pushed aside. They wanted to be heard and taken seriously. This was their moment to make a statement. They were going to vote.

Senator Marks' statement on AIDS test

Senator Milton Marks (San Francisco/Merced) made the following statement on March 21 on the Senate floor regarding AB488 (Rosy):

I urge everyone to support this bill. It is important for all of us to support the development and implementation of this kind of test. The implications of this test are significant. It has the potential to save lives and protect the health and safety of our citizens. However, the test is not perfect. There is a chance that a false negative result could occur. This is why it is important for researchers to continue to test and develop this technology. The price of this test is high. It will cost approximately $5 million per year. However, the benefits are clear. We need to be able to detect the disease early so that we can start treatment immediately. This will save lives and prevent the spread of the disease. There are also concerns about the privacy of the results. However, the bill provides for strict confidentiality and data protection. The bill also provides for a review process to ensure that the test is accurate and effective.

If we do not support this bill, we will risk losing lives. This is not an option. We must act now to protect the health and safety of our citizens. I urge everyone to support this bill and work together to make sure that it becomes law.
Debbie Fier in Bay Area

Jazz pianist, singer/songwriter and recording artist Debbie Fier will appear in Berkeley, April 24, Wednesday, at Freight and Sal­vage, 1827 San Pablo Avenue; and in San Francisco, April 26, Friday at The Artemis Cafe, 1199 8th Street. Both shows start at 8:00 p.m.

Fier is an energetic, passionate woman who blends jazz, Latin blues, R&B and folk sounds with her rich vocals, according to a press release.

Fier will perform selections from her upcoming album, "Fire Island," which illustrates her love for the ocean and celebrates the sunny love bal­lads, up-tempo melodies and evocative lyrics, and new material from her upcoming summer release, according to a press release.

"I learned a boldness and strength that are now reflected in my music and performances," Fier said.

Fier has shared stages with Nancy Wilson, Shari Kane, Bonnie Raitt, and has opened for Holly Near and Karen White. Her acoustic and electric guitar are beautiful, carefully crafted, and spirited, according to a press release.

Gene Santomasso, president of Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI) announced that Van Buren, writing her column as "Dear Abby" sin­ce 1959, has given hope to thousands of gay men in parenting roles.

"Few media personalities have had as significant an impact upon the perception by Middle America, of gays and lesbians, as Ms. Van Buren," he said.

Writing her nationally syndi­cated column for more than 80 million readers daily. Many of her letters deal with gay-related subjects, and her accepting and informative answers have helped open the minds of the world to the issues of gay parenting. According to Mr. Van Buren and that the awards honor the GFCI's Image in Media award to person doing a deed in honor of her husband, an opening of the GFCI's 6th annual World Conference on May 31 in Los Angeles.

Being held over a three-day weekend at the Marriott Hotel at Los Angeles International Air­port, the conference is expected to attract about 600 gay men and women, educators and professionals. More than 30 workshops and panel discussions, and over 200 people of gay parenting are expected.

A pre-registration package is available at no cost from the GFCI Conference Organizing Committee, 7883 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 100, 114, Los Angeles, CA 90046. For further information call (213) 817-9797, 977-7772; or write to Sunshine Studios, 299 Bassett St, Los Angeles, CA 90046. For further information call (213) 817-9797, 977-7772; or write to Sunshine Studios, 299 Bassett St, Los Angeles, CA 90046. For further information call (213) 817-9797, 977-7772; or write to Sunshine Studios, 299 Bassett St, Los Angeles, CA 90046.
Yolland, struggling to rescue Irish hangman with English pronunciation, comes for the new year. She speaks no Gaelic. She's not the only European who will kill off all of that “trick” in the Irishpeoplenative English stage to lead English and the dense “hedge-speech” and Irish English.

Mary plays the innocent girl, a victim of her own isthmicism and warmth which makes her almost like a bumblebee, and draws Marie inevitably to him. Skye is played by Jane Jones with wit and charm, though still a peasant, down to her hair. A Welshman, Maewen, the least out of the four scholars. He is a pure figure of this fortnight young man who will fight for his language, but not for his feet. Daniel Matthews is Hugh, the peasant, down to her bare toes.ained in these dark times, and light enough to move through our heavy lives. Light enough to make women visible to each other. This is a woman’s moment.”

The play develops around the conceit that whenever the locals were, and it does. But we acknowledge this is the play’s undoing.

The direction by Lawrence J. Steven White gives a rousing performance. These elder homosexuals come a sense of being with slaphappy like a drunken Karl Marx. With BASS outlets, and by mail from: 14 Noelle (415) 497-4305 days. □

Theaters (June 22-July 22)

Gay/Lesbian Atheists

Gay and Lesbian Atheists (GALA) held an open public meeting for support and understanding on the fourth Sunday of each month.

This month’s meeting is set for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Valencia Room of the Laguna Hotel. Local contact is Richard at 242-4659. A street home to the GALA chapter in Santa Cruz Counties.

To contact the national office, write to GALA, P.O. Box 14422, Los Angeles, CA 90014.
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Volleyball

The South Bay Gay/Lesbian Volleyball League plays every Sunday afternoon at Riverpark in Willowglen. The spring season features 80-120 women players who try to cover all ages, and it is open to any woman interested in playing volleyball. The season includes three tournaments at the USVLA and the Gay/ Lesbian Vollyball Commission at 3400 R光芒ton Ave. in Menlo Park. Final standings are available at the Argus booth. For more information, call 435-2971.

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Potpourri

By Paul Wynnck

As if it weren’t a car accident last April wasn’t bad enough, I have now just recovered from a long bout with hepatitis! Now I know that 1985 has to be a better year, and apparently a lot of other people think so too. The 1985 Armory Classic is being held this weekend, so you can catch up on volleyball, basketball, and baseball.

The secret of success for just about all our large metropolitan associations has proved to be this: Get a gay League established, provide housing, or actually draw the idea of holding a Women’s Division during the NAGVA tournament. For this reason we are going to hold this tournament in the hopes that this information is a vehicle for us to help improve the interest in the gay community.

Recent government studies show that this area will be experiencing a “boomlet” in real estate, particularly in the South Bay. As interest rates are down, well, you see what I mean. The current market is great.

If you’re so fickle about buying a house, this may be the time!

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Women’s Division during the NAGVA tournament. To our knowledge there are no sanctions between homosexuals and heterosexuals, and GAGA must have a lot to do with it. The Women’s Division will be held at the same place as the gay League, but it will be separate. The Women’s Division will take place on the same day, so that you can participate in both.

Fourth Place: Sonoma City, 156 points, 4 wins, 2 losses, Team Captains: Bill Lear and Rich Aggie

Sixth Place: Red Cross, 112 points, 5 wins, 2 losses, Team Captains: Gary Lawrence and Scott Brown

Seventh Place: White Briefs, 132 points, 5 wins, 3 losses, Team Captains: Ed Durham and Tim Heuer

Eighth Place: Purple Vaguer, 134 points, 4 wins, 4 losses, Team Captains: Phil David-Sen and Jim Skalander

For more information, call 408-289-9231.

1985 Armory Softball Classic

Atlanta, GA — Greg Troia, Tournament Director, has announced plans for the 1985 Armory softball tournament, the Armory Classic 2. The competition will once again cover just about the 400-mile radius of the Bay Area and Northern California. Once again you can call the Atlanta AIDS Project at: Armory Classic 2, 351 10th Ave., Suite Q, Atlanta, GA 30310, (404) 872-2203.

Teenage girls call for: (1) Travel funds, (2) Travel dates, (3) Round-up competition in the afternoon and for the first time this year. "Under the Lights," Wednesday, July 2 — Competition.

Local Rights Networking Retreat

The Local Rights Task Force of Sacramento, California NOW National Organization for Women, is continuing its travel throughout the state. The local group is made up of men and women, all interested in networking and working toward lesbian/gay rights. Workshops include: Setting Up a Lesbian Rights Task Force, Lesbian Aquatics, Lesbian Rights in the Workplace, and Strategies. Please contact your nearest local NOW office or call 446-3997 for more information.

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which it intends to distribute in Europe. Producers may or may not wish exposure with the traveling exhibition, all arrangements are possible.
Festival '85 will enjoy a 3-night run and will be broadcast on Bay Area Cable EZ-TV in Los Angeles, and Manhattan Cable. Last year's festival included twelve productions screened to audiences estimated at more than 7,000. Festival '85 has expanded its range of categories to include erotic video, as well as established art, shorts, comedy, social documentary, and magazine format. Formats accepted are 3/4" and 1/2" VHS. No entry fee is necessary, however, please include return postage with check.
For more information and entry forms, contact: John Canalli, 182-B Castro St., San Francisco CA 94114, (415) 861-0843.
In order to take full advantage of press party screenings, mail tape on May 15, 1985. Otherwise festival deadline is June 1, 1985. □

JOURNAL TRIAL
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in the trial and based his defense squarely on his "spousal relationship" with Winans, claiming he had little knowledge of the goings-on, although he delivered messages between the parties and received payments in his name (which nonetheless went into a joint checking account with Winans). He did not take the witness stand.
Gay rights attorneys, closely watching the case, claim that such a "spousal" defense is unique and unprecedented. The judge's verdict is not expected for several months.

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Members are currently responsible for their own travel and other expenses in connection with board activities.
According to the Fund's executive director, Vic Basile, "No other board of a national organization has made such a large personal commitment to fundraising. This is clearly the direction we should be moving in and I am proud of the leadership the Campaign Fund's board is showing."
In an effort to expand its major donor program, the board established the "Insiders Group." Membership in the "Insiders Group" will be open to those who contribute at least $1,200 per year to the Fund.
Finalization of these plans will take place at the spring board meeting on April 27-28 in Los Angeles.

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PMS WORKSHOP
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Fee for the workshop is $15 for individuals and $25 for couples. Pre-registration is required. For more information call the Planned Parenthood of Santa Clara County Training, Education and Counseling Department at (408) 287-7532 by April 17. □

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