

Gay rights denied again

Voters in the city of Duluth, Minnesota, voted 3-1 to reject a human rights ordinance which would have banned discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The ordinance was originally approved by the Duluth City Council in June, vetoed by Mayor John Fedo, approved a second time by the council. The City Council later agreed to include the ordinance on the primary ballot after opponents submitted a petition calling for a referendum.

In their campaign against what they dub-

bed the "homosexual privileges ordinance, opponents claimed homosexuals would be attracted to Duluth and "cause havoc in the community by spreading disease and influencing children to become homosexuals."

National Domestic Violence Awareness Week

Timed with activities sponsored by the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NBC will air the World Premiere Movie "The Burning Bed," starring Farrah Fawcett as Francine Hughs, the abused wife and mother of three who was tried in Michigan for killing her

husband by setting fire to his bed while he slept. Paul Le Mat costars as Mickey Hughes, a husband so possessive he couldn't be kept away, even by a divorce decree. The film which chronicles their 12 year violence filled relationship in a flashback as Hughes and her lawyer prepare for the trial, has a teleplay by Rose Leiman-Goldberg, and is based on the book "The Burning Bed," by Faith McNulty, published through Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. It airs October 8 (check local listings for the time) and kicks off National Domestic Violence Awareness Week.

individuals, just as there is a biological aspect to heterosexuality.

The hormone study was "the first simultaneous direct comparison of heterosexual and homosexual men with heterosexual women," said the report.

Coming out to your parents

"Coming Out to Your Parents" is a 16-page booklet published for gay men and lesbians who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents of Gays (POG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their gay child's sexual orientation.

The six stages of understanding (shock, guilt, denial, anger, personal decision-making and true acceptance) are described, along with specific ways young adults can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a gay son, identifies the stages based on his personal experience and hundreds of other parents who have attended Philadelphia POG.

For a free single copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to POG, PO Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Gay, straight men biologically different

Research done at the State University of New York at Stony Brook points to the first clear evidence of a biological difference between gay and straight men, a dissimilar response to hormones that may have developed before birth.

In measuring rising and falling levels of hormones due to stimulation by other hormones, scientists found that the responses of gay men fell in between those of straight men and women, according to a report published September 21 in the journal *Science*.

Previously, scientists have unsuccessfully attempted to establish a relationship between sex hormones in the body and homosexuality. However, baseline hormone levels of gays and straights have proved to be virtually identical.

In the latest work, scientists looked at the responses of hormone levels to certain stimulation and found measurable differences between groups of men with different sexual orientation.

In trying to understand homosexuality, scientists are attempting to find out if this sexual preference is based on psychological or physical factors, or both.

According to the report, the research clearly showed different hormone response in nine out of fourteen men carefully selected for long time homosexuality.

Dr. Brian Gladue, the chief researcher, said that the research methods could not be used to identify potential gays because some of the men did not show the response and because bisexuals and "less committed homosexuals" were not tested.

The research showed there is evidence of a biological aspect of homosexuality in some

Anthology being compiled

Beaux-Arts Press is now accepting submissions for a new anthology of lesbian and gay poets; poems by lesbians and gay men of the post-Stonewall gay liberation years 1969-the present.

This anthology will be representative of lesbian/gay people in the U.S. of all racial, ethnic, class, religious and political backgrounds; all regions, physical differences, personal outlooks; women and men who might not have previously considered appearing in a book that brings gay men and lesbians together; young writers are encouraged.

One to five poems may be submitted. DO NOT PUT NAMES ON POEMS! Name, address and telephone number should appear on a separate cover sheet along with a brief bio. Send three (3) copies of each poem to: BAP POEMS, Beaux-Arts Press, 808 Post Street, Suite 1106, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Deadline for submissions: January 1, 1985. Publication: Fall, 1985.

AIDS TEST DUE SOON

The director of the U.S. Public Health Service said last week that a blood test would soon be available to determine whether a person had been exposed to AIDS, but that positive test results "will not necessarily mean you have" acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Dr. Edward N. Brandt, Jr., testifying before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, said the test would be useful in detecting whether donated blood contained the AIDS-causing virus, thereby enabling authorities to discard that blood and advise that donor to stop giving blood.

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