

What's going on here?

by Jay Brown

Hide and seek with Out & About

How long is long enough? How many months must people in this community wait for Leslie Kinney to produce her Women's Resource Directory and/or the promised new edition of *Exclusively Out & About*?

Kinney has been selling advertising space for both publications for at least eighteen months, since the autumn of 1984 and as late as February, 1986.

Kinney told this writer in January of this year that *Exclusively Out & About* would be printed and distributed by the end of February. Attempts to contact Kinney have proved fruitless, she neither returns telephone calls nor answers mail directed to her last known address.

The offices of Out Media Inc. and Just Out continue to field inquiries from people who purchased advertising space in *Exclusively Out & About* because of the slight similarity in names. A number of people have expressed feeling 'ripped off' by Kinney.

A random sampling of advertisers in the

2nd edition of *Exclusively Out & About* produced a chorus of grumbling from members of this community. Many people invested substantial sums in cash and services and are upset that Kinney has not produced either publication nor given any indication that she intends doing so in the future.

Queersville tops KBOO pledge drive

Queersville, Portland's only gay and lesbian radio show, on April 13, broke all pledge records for a half hour show. The total pledges for the half hour (10 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday) were \$320; the previous week, about half that amount was pledged by listeners.

"I flipped," said *Queersville* co-host, Howie Bagdadonutz. "We were all pleasantly surprised by the response. We had, of course, planned strong shows for pledge week. We feel we have developed a good strong following. And we think that our audience is about even, with about the same number of gay men and lesbians. At least, that's what the pledges showed."

Queersville is locally produced at KBOO studios by volunteers from the community. A new show, *Queersville* premiered on March 1, it has already created controversy which seems to have added to its popularity.

Queersville's listeners deserve a big hand, too; they are, after all, the people who made the contribution to KBOO.

Politics: Pertinent positions

With all the usual non-choices in the upcoming primary election, there are a couple of races in which a large turnout by gays and lesbians could make a big difference. The contests involving Gretchen Kafoury and Gladys McCoy need the particular attention of our community.

Gretchen Kafoury has long been a friend of Portland's lesbian and gay community. She supported and actively lobbied for passage of the several gay rights bills in the Oregon Legislature.

At this point, Kafoury is fighting off a heavy attack by the Fundamentalist Right headed by our nemesis Gordon Shadburne (see W.C. McRae's story in Just News). Kafoury's opponents are Thomas Mitchell and Mike Wiley.

Wiley has been characterized as a "Shadburne clone." Neither Mitchell nor Wiley has the least grasp of county government and neither has any experience in the political arena.

It is my hope that lesbians and gays go to the polls and vote for Gretchen Kafoury, and that Kafoury's win reflects the numbers of lesbians and gays in this community. I think people need reminding once in a while that the Right-wing has little trouble getting its following to the polls, as is shown by the madman in the White House.

Gladys McCoy's major opponent in the race for Multnomah County Executive is former state Senator Glenn Otto (Wood Village). McCoy deserves the support of lesbians and gays; she has been there for us many times in the past and is certain to be there for us in the future. As for Glenn Otto, his record says he will be there for the opposition.

Can we speak confidentially?

by W. C. McRae

Recently, CBS' *60 Minutes* gave disturbing evidence of just how "confidential" the government keeps AIDS information. Mike Wallace, in the process of interviewing Roy Cohn (a New York lawyer of shady repute who began his career as a henchman for Sen. Joseph McCarthy) began to badger Cohn about his alleged homosexuality. The point to be made was one of hypocrisy: gays, as well as supposed communists, were amongst those blacklisted by the McCarthyites. But in the midst of the interview (something like Sleaze Journalist meets Sleaze Hypocrite), Wallace stated that he had information from

the National Institutes of Health which revealed that Cohn's name appeared on a computer list of persons with AIDS.

Cohn squirmed and said that there had been a mistake and he would see to it that his name was removed. What no one asked, though, was how Mike Wallace came to have access to supposed "confidential" information on Cohn's alleged illness. Apparently, Wallace got his information from a leak within the NIH. He stated that "doctors, nurses, technicians and computer people" all have access to supposed confidential government files.

One hopes Wallace is wrong. But if Wallace can find leaks, don't you suppose an insurance company could? Or an employer? "Confidentiality" to the government simply means that the state controls access to information. Which it then can "confidentially" disperse as opportunity of ineptitude allows.

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Why is this man president?

The following is a transcript of an interview with Ronald Reagan by New York Times reporters R.W. Apple Jr., Gerald M. Boyd and Bernard Weintraub. The interview was conducted on March 21, one day after the New York City Council passed an omnibus gay rights bill.

Q. Mr. President, a New York question. New York City has just — after considerable debate and controversy — has just approved a bill banning discrimination in housing and jobs for homosexuals. What is your position on that?

A. Well, I know that this is a very touchy question, and I am one who believes in the rights of the individual — individual freedom, and I do have to question sometimes whether individual rights are being defended in this particular field, freedom of the individual, or whether they are demanding an acceptance of their particular life style that others of us don't demand. For example, should a teacher in a classroom be invoking their personal habits and advocating them to their students as a way of life?

Q. Yes?

A. I don't — teachers habitually don't do that. Their personal life —

Q. But this bill, I don't think really covers that. It basically guarantees to homosexuals

equal treatment in hiring policies and gaining housing, these sorts of things — essentially applies the same antidiscriminatory measures as are applied to blacks, as to women, to other people. Do you think that's all right?

A. Well, I've said — but again, I've — I haven't actually involved myself in what this law contains up there, so I don't know what I'm speaking of. But what I'm saying is that how would we feel if a teacher, male or female, a heterosexual insisted on the right in the classroom to discuss their sexual preferences and why and whether they believed in complete promiscuity or not, we would be quite offended and think that our children should not be exposed to that. Well —

Q. Tax increases, Mr. President.

Q. One minute, would you vote against it, do you think?

A. What?

Q. If you were a member of the City Council, would you have —

A. I'd have to see what the bill —

Q. O.K.

Q. Just one quick question on tax increase —

A. — what the bill was. I don't want them discriminated against simply on that basis as to housing and jobs and so forth. I, on the other hand, don't want to give them —

Q. Taxes.

A. — privileges beyond what the rest of us have.