

Politics and other games

Friends, we couldn't have done it without you. After your consciousness-raising at Outlook Publishing we were assured by Publisher Steve Clark that it would be business as usual and that *Just Out* would encounter no further problems while being printed by his company.

Clark stated that it is not the policy of Outlook Publishing nor its parent company, Capital Cities/ABC, to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

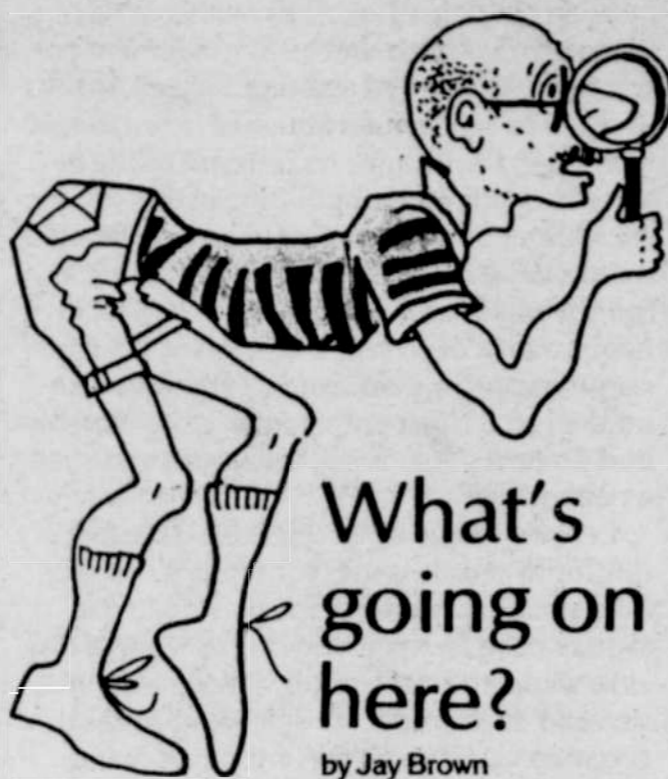
During our discussions with Clark we learned that he had been unaware of the damage that homophobia does in our society. Clark is no longer unaware, and for that we are deeply grateful to Gladys and Estill Dietz who spent an afternoon with Clark raising his consciousness.

There were many other people who spoke in defense of human rights during this incident to whom we are thankful. We wish we could thank all of you personally.

Did you know that Right to Privacy PAC is the only gay/lesbian rights PAC which insists on a pro-choice stance as a requisite for candidate endorsement? As a result of its position on reproductive rights Right to Privacy PAC did not endorse Gladys McCoy for Multnomah County Chairman.

Right to Privacy PAC learned that McCoy had accepted a campaign contribution from an anti-choice group. When asked to explain her position on abortion, McCoy said that as a practicing Catholic she could not vote in favor of abortion.

In previous races McCoy has had the support of the gay/lesbian community and this reversal may affect her neck and neck battle with East County politician Glenn Otto.



What's going on here?

by Jay Brown

Gordon (Gordo) Shadburne is back at it again. Minutes before deadline Shadburne filed his candidacy to fill the District 5 seat he forfeited on July 31. In a crowded field of seven unknowns Shadburne may just come out the winner. (Right to Privacy PAC has endorsed Sharron Kelley.)

Late in October, alleged irregularities in Shadburne's 1982 campaign finances became the object of an investigation by state elections officials. The investigation is based on questions raised in federal court about a \$15,000 check given to Shadburne's campaign treasurer and which was never reported.

Knowingly accepting contributions without revealing the source of the money is a Class A misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Since we're on the subject of homophobes, we'll pass on the information that Gordo's old

buddy, Drew Davis, is again running for office. This time Davis is trying for a seat on the Lake Oswego City Council.

Davis was an instigator of the initiative to overturn the Multnomah County ordinance passed in December, 1984, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The ordinance has since been rescinded by the commission and replaced by a resolution.

Davis has shown himself to be a virulent homophobe and must be rejected as a candidate for public office.

Get out and vote on November 4, we have a stake in this (and every) election. We want the omnibus gay/lesbian rights bill passed in the next legislature and the only way to do it is to elect supportive candidates.

The Right to Privacy PAC guide to general election candidate endorsements is a must if you are in doubt about which candidates are supportive and likely to vote for an omnibus gay/lesbian rights bill in 1987.

For a look at an extreme example of the damage homophobia inflicts on people, I refer *Just Out* readers to the Advocate, Issue 459. The cover story, by Dan Simonoski, relates the case of Robert Rosenkrantz, a gay teenager who killed another youth after he had told Rosenkrantz' parents that Rosenkrantz was gay.

The story of Rosenkrantz' plight is intensely distressing. The youth's crushingly internalized homophobia drove him to actions few of us could scarcely imagine.

Simonoski's story of the ordeal experienced by Robert Rosenkrantz is a testament to the mental abuse inflicted on homosexual children by our heterosexist society. The Rosenkrantz case demonstrates beyond reasonable doubt that homophobia, not homosexuality, is the disease.

But isn't it strange that Rosenkrantz was convicted of second degree murder when heterosexuals who kill homosexuals are punished by slaps on the wrist, if at all?

"The AIDS Show: Artists Involved with Death and Survival," a unique blend of documentary and drama will premiere nationally on PBS on November 14, but it will not be carried by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

"The AIDS Show" is based on a long-running production by San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros. Directed by Robert Epstein, whose "The Times of Harvey Milk" won the Academy Award for Best Documentary of 1984 and recently three Emmys, among other honors, "The AIDS Show" combines material from the original production and interviews with the show's creators.

"The AIDS Show" is not a medical film," said co-producer Peter Adair. "It is a film which addresses intangible, invisible effects."

Oregon Public Broadcasting will air another kind of documentary, "Can AIDS Be Stopped" on NOVA, Tuesday, November 11. The program tracks three strategies in the war on AIDS. It looks at possibilities for drug treatment, investigates the race to find a vaccine and explores possibilities for preventing AIDS by changing behavior.

OPB Program Director, Tom Doggett, said he'd put "The AIDS Show" on the "want to see list" when I asked about it. If anyone else wants to see "The AIDS Show: Artists Involved with Death and Survival" call Tom at 295-6173. Also scheduled for A PBS airing is Greta Schiller's "Before Stonewall" on December 16.

With this issue, *Just Out* begins its fourth year. It ain't been easy, but it ain't been all bad, either. We've weathered a few storms but as long as we keep getting feedback that we help open closet doors, that we let people know they are not the only ones in the world who have those feelings, we know that what we are doing is worthwhile.

Sincere thanks all of you who help get us out and all of you who pick us up. We couldn't do it without you.

Anita Bryant, if you can believe it, was among eighty Americans, naturalized citizens and Native Americans, who received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor on October 27.

A telegram of protest to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation was sent by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); the text follows:

"The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force strongly protests the award of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor to Anita Bryant — who has distinguished herself by promoting prejudice and intolerance against gay men and lesbians. Ms. Bryant's infamous crusade against homosexuality in 1977 was a dangerous attempt to deprive millions of Americans of the right to live free from bigotry and discrimination. To honor one who has so blatantly opposed freedom for a large section of the American and world-wide community mocks the ideals represented by the Statue of Liberty. NGLTF calls upon the Foundation to reconsider its decision. The Medal of Honor should praise those whose life-work has expanded the American dream of liberty and justice for all."

NGLTF spokeswoman Urvashi Vaid observed, "The perversity of this announcement is monumental. At a time when gay people are literally fighting for our lives against a coordinated erosion of our civil liberties the honoring of a notorious bigot by the Ellis Island Foundation is unconscionable."

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