

Voices in the wilderness

"I would be engaged or married; have a much better relationship with my parents and brother; be politically unconscious; socially irresponsible; professionally stifled, disappointed and bored; nutritionally ignorant; mentally depressed and unhealthy; more resistant to change and difference; and no doubt more financially secure."

—Avis Jackson, answering the question, "How would your life be different if you were born heterosexual?"
(The Washington Blade, September 30, 1988)

The proposed law, more than anything in Goldschmidt's order, would create a special right — the right to freely discriminate against homosexuals. Discrimination is wrong, whether the majority supports it or not. Indeed, it is those groups that have the least public support that need the strongest protection against discrimination."

—From an editorial urging readers to forego signing the initiative petition that became Measure 8 on the general election ballot
(The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon, July 1, 1988)

President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) carries a price tag of \$3 trillion. With just one-third of this, a home could be purchased for every household in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Iowa, with a \$10,000 car for each thrown in. There would still be enough left over to build hospitals and libraries in 250 cities, schools in 500 communities, and to pay 10,000 nurses and teachers an equitable salary."

—War Resisters League, via Lesbian Connection, October 1988

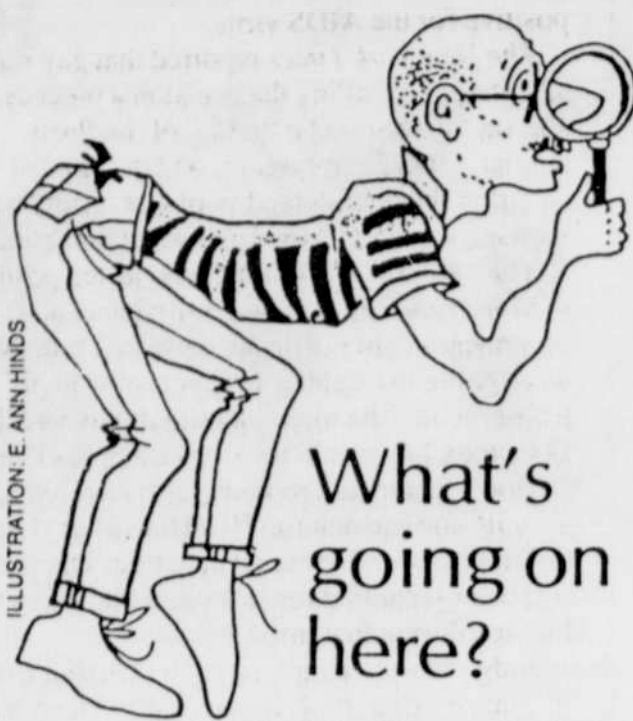


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What's going on here?

B Y J A Y B R O W N

The problem lies not in evil personalities or traitorous acts, but rather in the political orientation which believes that an oppressed group gets what it needs by being careful not to offend the powerful. The problem lies in the desire to protect the little that we have gotten by not risking a fight for what we deserve."

—Bill Kraus, gay political activist and aide to Harvey Milk, quoted by Randy Shilts in *And the Band Played On* (Penguin Books)

Voting block?

Surely everyone reading *Just Out* will vote No on 8 — except Mike Wiley and Priscilla, of course.

This year, and for the second time since I began voting in 1960, I will vote for a black woman for president.

Lenora B. Fulani's campaign for fair elections deserves a chance. Fulani has been the only candidate to consistently address the concerns of gays and lesbians and other minorities. Fulani's campaign has successfully challenged the political establishment in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Fulani's campaign may be the beginning of a long-needed third party in this country. A friend said to me, "I always vote my principles instead of my pocket book. I'm voting for Fulani." *Just Out* agrees: vote for Lenora B. Fulani for president.

As with Measure 8, *Just Out* assumes that its readers will vote to keep Mayor Bud Clark in City Hall. Let's keep Portland a friendly place to live; re-elect Bud Clark for mayor.

As for the rest, our rule of thumb is "When in doubt, vote for the Democrat." (See "Congressional scorecard" on page 8 and read the Voters' Pamphlet.)

QUAC tracks OCA

As if anyone needs reminding, it's been much more politics than usual this political season. We've mostly been battling the Oregon Citizens Alliance over Executive Order 87-20; we've met them on the streets, on radio, on television, and Queers United Against Closets has met them on their own turf. QUAC has dogged OCA and actively demonstrated against them at several OCA functions.

QUAC has outnumbered them at meetings at the Church of the New Song in northeast Portland and at an OCA-sponsored meeting on taxes in Wilsonville. When they assembled in Clackamas to discuss "morality," QUAC — not OCA — made the front page of the local paper. (In Clackamas, queers are news, but bigotry isn't?)

In late October, they imported a current favorite, Congressman William Dannemeyer, sponsor of the notorious Proposition 102 in California and many anti-gay pieces of legislation in Congress. Dannemeyer was in Portland to address a fund-raiser at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion for the No Special Rights Committee, the sponsors of Ballot Measure 8. The Red Lion's marquee read "Welcome No Special Rights."

QUAC politely assembled off Red Lion property. QUAC politely asked that "Welcome No Special Rights" be removed from the hotel's marquee — to no avail. After politely demonstrating and politely suffering harassment from Red Lion security, QUAC members politely attempted to have coffee in the Red Lion's coffee shop. They were, however, not so politely denied entrance by Red Lion staff. At first, QUAC members were told they could not enter so long as they were wearing "No on 8" buttons, according to QUAC's Stewart Jolliffe. After much wrangling QUAC was told they were not welcome under any circumstances.

Under police escort, QUAC politely departed.

Hart Dinner honors restaurateur

Holly Hart, veteran lesbian and gay rights activist, was presented with the Humanitarian Award at the seventh annual Lucille Hart dinner on October 1. For almost three decades, Hart has been publicly involved in the struggle for equal rights for gays and lesbians. In the mid-'70s, Hart served as chairperson of a state task force on sexual orientation during the administration of Gov. Bob Straub. Since 1980, Hart has been the owner of Old Wives' Tales, a popular restaurant in Portland.

The more than 700 persons who attended the Lucille Hart dinner warmly welcomed keynote speaker Norma Paulus, a high-ranking Republican in traditionally Democratic Party territory. Paulus told her audience that only through bipartisan support will equal rights for gays and lesbians be achieved. (But she probably meant,

"All you fiscally conservative - socially progressive homosexuals help me get my party back from the crazies!")

Bible lesson

Calling all lesbians! Read Leviticus 18:22 — you're home free.

What's happening

Lavender Law: The National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Issues will convene at Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco on the weekend of November 12 and 13. The conference is being organized by lawyers and gay bar associations across the country, as well as by national legal organizations. Distinguished lawyers will lead workshops and seminars on a broad variety of issues, including family law, estate planning, employment discrimination, sodomy-law reform, civil disobedience, military and immigration policy, and AIDS.

AIDSLaw, a separate conference sponsored by the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, will take place on Friday, November 11, at the San Francisco War Memorial Building.

For registration or more information, write to BALIF, PO Box 1983, San Francisco, CA 94101, or call (415) 431-1444.

Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors will gather to commemorate Kristallnacht (November 9, 1938) on the weekend of November 11-13 in western Massachusetts.

The gathering, the seventh semiannual meeting of JLDHS since the group began with six members only three years ago, will consist of discussion, support and networking around issues faced by children of Holocaust survivors.

JLDHS is for lesbians whose parents survived the Holocaust, including parents who were in Nazi Europe or North Africa in 1933 or later, who survived death camps or hid by passing as non-Jews or by managing to leave for safer territories. Jewish and non-Jewish lesbian partners of daughters are welcomed.

For more information, write to JLDHS, PO Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114, or call (617) 321-4254.

Lesbians with one year's demonstrated commitment to the feminist, gay or lesbian communities who want to further their skills by working directly with veteran lesbian leaders are afforded the chance to join Pass the Torch: A National Lesbian Mentorship Project.

Pass the Torch! grew out of a workshop held at the National Organization for Women-sponsored National Lesbian Conference in San Diego last month. Many new lesbian leaders expressed a desire for an organized mentorship program in which they could further develop their commitment and skills with direct assistance from the veterans who built the lesbian movement.

For applications or more information, write to Pass the Torch!, 2305 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068, or call (213) 469-4454.

Last item

Harvey Milk was assassinated 10 years ago this month. Milk must surely be viewed as a martyred hero. I can still experience the outrage I felt when I learned of his horrendous murder. Harvey Milk taught that in coalition, in working together, there is power.

On Sunday, November 27, the 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's death, bring a candle to the north end of the South Park Blocks (Southwest Salmon Street and Park Avenue) and walk to City Hall (Southwest Fourth Avenue and Main Street) in remembrance. Gays and Lesbians United and others will assemble at 5:30 pm. Join with people in cities all across the country in paying tribute to Harvey Milk. For more information, call 233-7216.



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Friday, December 9, 8:00 pm

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An outrageous evening of comedy and lesbian sex education featuring topics from JoAnn's new book and updated research on lesbian sex practices and attitudes. Wheelchair access/childcare provided.

"RECLAIMING LESBIAN SEX WITH A PASSION" WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 10, 10:00-5:00 pm

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A new workshop exploring concerns in lesbian sex and relationships. Through group discussion, games and lectures, issues such as rekindling passion for couples, sex, singles and dating, sexuality and recovery from addiction, aids and safe sex for lesbians will be explored. Co-sponsored by PSU Women's Studies
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For more information call 284-1110.