

Gay "family" ruling by high court majority victory

New York's Court of Appeals decision ruling that a partner in a long-term homosexual relationship can take over the couple's rent-controlled apartment when the lover who signed the lease dies came as a breath of fresh air.

As ACLU lawyer William Rubenstein said, "It marks the most important single step forward in American law toward legal representation of lesbian and gay relationships."

As a recent New York Times editorial pointed out, the American family is changing from "a working father, nurturing mother and apple-cheeked children" to other forms brought on by divorce, affluence and social tolerance.

It's time for lawmakers to establish new forms of voluntary associations between adults, allowing formally recognized companions entitlement to formally recognized rights.

... Between the Lines ...

BY JACK RILEY

Gay old times at the Reagan White House

A federal grand jury is expected to be called later this summer to deal with a male prostitution ring that apparently involved top U.S. military and administration figures in Washington, D.C.

One former top-level Pentagon official says that for the past eight years, military and civilian intelligence authorities have been concerned that a "nest of homosexuals" at top levels of the Reagan administration may have been infiltrated by Soviet-backed espionage agents posing as male prostitutes.

The story first unraveled earlier this year when the Secret Service stumbled on hundreds of credit card charge slips made payable to a Washington-based male escort service. The Washington Times reported that the clients identified in the vouchers — and by male escorts and escort service operators — are government officials, locally based U.S. military officers, businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides, media representatives and a slew of other professionals.

Among clients who charged the male prostitute services on major credit cards over the past 18 months are Charles K. Dutcher, former Associate Director of Presidential Personnel in the Reagan administration, Paul R. Balach, Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole's liaison to the White House, and an unnamed former White House staffer who prepared the president's daily news summary.

Needless to say, the Secret Service is not amused.

The investigation continues this summer, aimed primarily at the escort service's primary client, Capital host and lobbyist Craig Spence. Spence, a 48-year-old former ABC News correspondent and social host to some of Washington's finest, spent as much as \$20,000 a month for male escorts hired to provide sexual services.

Spence is an enigmatic character who managed to court Washington's better-known

names and was so well-connected that he arranged middle-of-the-night tours of the White House for his friends, including an outing for two male prostitutes.

Spence also hosted major parties during the Reagan years, where it is assumed that he videotaped some guests in rather compromising positions.

Well, the "Escorts" scandal promises to be the juiciest news out of Washington, D.C. in some years. And it also promises to reveal that some of our Emperor's associates had no clothes.

If that's justice, then I'm Darcelle's baby sister

I cannot believe the judge actually *shouted* at Frank Peters during his recent sentencing for repeatedly raping a 15-year-old girl, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a 16-year-old girl, manufacturing a controlled substance (marijuana) and delivering a controlled substance to a minor.

Peters, you may remember, was one of Portland's Good Time Charlies — a former Portland professional baseball player and manager who ran several bar/restaurants in Portland and Seattle, including Peter's Inn downtown. That bar, as I remember it, did not particularly appreciate gays (not good for a business that catered to females who work for a living, if you know what I mean).

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Stephen Gallagher said he accepted a psychologist's evaluation that Peters was not "a predator of young girls," but was really offended that Peters provided drugs to minors.

"When you get them going at early ages... that takes the most precious thing they have; that takes their youth away from them and they can never recover from that," Gallagher admonished Peters. "For them, it's a much faster downhill slide than yours has been, Mr. Peters. You of all people should know better."

Then Judge Gallagher ordered Peters, 46, to serve at least two-and-a-half years of a 10-year sentence in prison for the drug and sex crimes. Oh yeah, Gallagher wants Peters to serve another 1,000 hours of community service in the county parks athletic program to counsel youths against drug use.

I guess we're supposed to feel some sort of remorse that Peters' personal life had taken a tailspin in recent years; the IRS on his back for \$60,000 in overdue taxes, the restaurant/bar businesses gone, an aging speed freak athlete without a team.

Certainly enough business people came to his defense, writing numerous letters to the judge about his "character." And, too, didn't Peters once run an unsuccessful campaign for governor?

Let's change the facts a little and see if justice was served. Let's pretend Mr. Peters had repeatedly raped a 15-year-old boy, had contributed to the sexual delinquency of a 16-year-old boy, supplied both with drugs, had never run a business in downtown Portland, had never run for governor, had never been acquainted with a large number of well-known business people in Portland.

Well, Judge Gallagher, what kind of sentence do you think Mr. Peters would deserve under those circumstances?

Really queer...isn't it?

The Lesbian Community Project, in a rash of display ads appearing in The Oregonian and Willamette Week, has been spending a great deal of advertising dollars "paid for by the thousands of lesbians in our community" to get across a simple message: lesbians are just people like everyone else.

The first ads grouped some women anonymously closeted in Groucho mustaches, eyebrows and eyeglasses. The second round of ads (which came several agonizing weeks

after the first) showed the same group *sans* get-ups.

While the ads point out that lesbians work and pay taxes in our community, make important civic contributions via the economy, church and neighborhood groups,

what would make LCP think average newspaper readers do not already realize that fact?

A more effective campaign would have singled out *specific* lesbians making *specific* contributions to the local community. ▼

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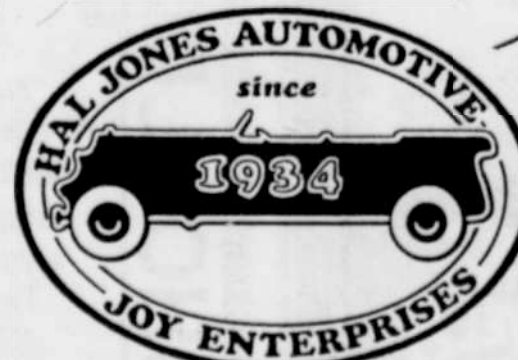
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