GAY PRESBYTERIANS
GATHERED FROM THE CYBERSPACE NEWS WIRE

Gays who abstain from sex could be ordained in the nation's largest Presbyterian church organization under a proposal from church leaders.

One longtime Presbyterian gay-rights activist is leaving the church because of the proposal from a committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

"I do not like how this heterosexual dictatorship treats my people," the Rev. Howard Warren said.

The church's Human Sexuality and Ordination Committee concluded Wednesday that the standards for ordination should be "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman - or chastity in singleness."

The policy also would prohibit unmarried heterosexuals who are ordained from having sex. The committee's recommendation is set for a final vote Friday by the 208th General Assembly, meeting this week.

The 568 commissioners elected by congregations meet annually to make rules for the 3-million-member church. Another 4,500 Presbyterian students, elders and observers also attend.

While church officials have long welcomed gay and lesbian members, the General Assembly policy established in 1978 says "self-affirming, practicing homosexuals" are ineligible for ordination.

However, the ban has never been placed in the church's "Book of Order," or constitution. It gives the responsibility to ordain deacons and elders to congregations and the authority to ordain ministers to Presbyteries, the 171 geographic governing bodies of the church.

Last Wednesday's recommendation allowing ordination of gays who are chaste would amend the Book of Order.

Already, about 20 ordained pastors have told their congregations they are gay or lesbian, and 73 Presbyterian congregations have declared themselves "More Light" churches, meaning they are willing to ordain gay and lesbian members to church office.

Those ordained gays could be ousted from the church if the General Assembly passes the chastity requirement.

BEN AND JERRY'S SOCIAL AGENDA
OFF THE INTERNET WIRE SERVICE

IS IT RAINFOREST CRUNCH TIME AT BEN & JERRY'S?

To grow, Ben & Jerry's may have to trim its social agenda. Japan is beckoning to Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. While health-conscious Americans are swearing off super-premium ice cream, taking a bite out of Ben & Jerry's bottom line, the Japanese can't get enough.

Last year, Haagen-Dazs raked in $300 million there. So when a top Japanese supplier called Ben & Jerry's President and CEO Robert Holland Jr. to offer distribution, Holland might have jumped at the tasty deal. But after much board debate, he said no. Why? The Japanese company had no reputation for backing social causes. "The only clear reason to take the opportunity," says Holland, "was to make money."

For most CEOs, that wouldn't have posed much of a dilemma. But the quirky Vermont ice-cream maker continues to operate by its own rules, even under Holland, a turnaround specialist and onetime McKinsey & Co. consultant who arrived 18 months ago to stop its earnings meltdown. By tightening operations, Holland has restored Ben & Jerry's finances. Now, as he expands into new products and foreign markets, Holland increasingly has to balance profits and social responsibility.

Ben & Jerry's pledges 7.5% of its pretax profits to social causes, from antinuclear campaigns to gay rights. It also uses purchasing power to back its values: It buys milk and cream from Vermont family farms, though that costs more, and buys organic fruits and nuts where possible.
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HIV/AIDS DIGEST

PREGNANCY TESTING

In a surprising reversal on a controversial issue, the American Medical Association (AMA) announced Thursday the organization’s endorsement of mandatory HIV testing for all pregnant women and newborns. The group had advocated voluntary testing because doctors did not have the tools to treat pregnant women with HIV. This changed, however, with the discovery that a high number of women were infected with HIV through the delivery of their babies. The American Medical Association now supports mandatory HIV testing for all pregnant women and newborns.

VITAMIN B

High intakes of vitamin B supplements may be associated with improved survival of patients infected with HIV, researchers at Johns Hopkins University found. Led by Alice M. Tang, the scientists compared daily micronutrient intake with subsequent mortality over an eight-year period. The study found that patients with the highest intake of B-group vitamin survived an average of 1.5 years longer than those with lower intake levels. Vitamin B1 intake of more than twice the recommended daily allowance was especially associated with longer survival. Vitamin B1 and B2 intake of more than five times the recommended daily allowance was also associated with improved survival.

HIV CASES DOUBLE IN CHINA

The number of reported HIV cases in China nearly doubled last year, the state news agency reported Tuesday. The total number of HIV carriers is now over 3,341,46 percent more than a year ago. There are 117 people in China with full-blown AIDS and public health officials say the actual number of infected Chinese may be as high as 90,000. While the government views AIDS as a disease carried by foreigners, health officials say HIV is probably being spread by prostitutes and migrant workers.
HOTLANTA VISITORS

COMMUNITY NOTES

Center Facts and Events
The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor’s Center will be open from July 14 to September 6, 1996. It is a gathering place and resource center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals, their friends and others who respect the idea that none of us is free until all of us are free.

The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitor’s Center: Center Stage 1374 West Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309-2904 USA Voice: 770/677-9883 Fax: 404/522-1673 E-Mail: AGLVC@Mind spring.com Hours of Operation during the Olympic Games: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. At Other Times: Please Call.

How to Get There
The Visitor’s Center is located in the Center Stage building at 1374 West Peachtree Street (between 17th and 18th streets in Midtown). Located just south of Pershing Point and just north of One Atlantic Center (also known as the IBM Tower).

In Stitches
June 24 to August 4 - Tuesday through Sunday at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m. (ticket information)

ZAMI Dance
July 6 - For tickets, stop by Charis Books & More.

Thea Vidalde and Octavia Jones
July 8 - Comic Thea Vidalde brings her take-no-prisoners style of humor to Atlanta; Octavia Jones opens with some cool music.

Flirtations
July 20 - Their first visit to Atlanta since Suede has joined the group.

At the Center

Twilight of the Gods
July 31 - Barking Dog Theater reprises their hit play set in the future when genetic testing allows parents to know that their children will be gay.

disappear fear
August 2 - An encore concert performance from Sonia Rutstein, whose sound has been described as a cross between Patti Smith and Phil Ochs, a contemporary of Bob Dylan.

Second Samuel
August 6 & 7 - Pamela Parker’s acclaimed Southern comedy. Romanovsky & Phillips August 8 - Deidre McCalla joins America’s original gay troubadours in a night of song laced with comedy and irony. Ramona Dagger’s Night of Cabaret August 16 & 17 - Featuring Atlanta’s finest performers.

Peep Show
August 23 - Take a peek, you’ll be surprised ... A benefit for AID Gwinnett, Zora, Langston, Audre and Me September 1 - A multidisciplinary performance piece that encourages audience members to don historic garb and participate in an entertaining and informative examination of Black Lesbian and Gay History.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Annual Grand Opening
July 14 - Visitor’s Center Grand Opening, noon-6 p.m. Includes the opening of the Shared Heart, photos of and text by lesbian and gay adolescents as well as openings of other exhibits, including Atlanta History Project, Gay Games, Keepin’ On, and Queer Covers. Free Reception and Party Honoring Lesbian and Gay Athletes


August 1 - Opening of The Pink Triangle, an exhibit from the National Holocaust Museum focusing on Nazi treatment of homosexuals. Also, opening of The Pink Triangle in America. Free Olympic Closing Ceremonies Party

August 4 - Benefits Team Atlanta. More. Watch for details.

Exhibit Schedule
All regular exhibits are free of charge.

Names Project
June 24 to August 4 - Several 12’x12’ panels from the quilt will be on display, one of the few chances to see parts of the Quilt before it is presented in its entirety in Washington October. This presentation coincides with the musical “In Stitches”, performing at the Center.

The Shared Heart
July 14 to September 2 - This powerful collection of black and white photographs of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual youth is accompanied by hand written texts by the subjects. The Shared Heart responds to the isolation felt by gay youth and the homophobia of society with a photographic celebration of a few of the many courageous young people who are facing the challenges of growing up gay.

The Pink Triangle
August 1 to 12 - Organized and on loan from The Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, The Pink Triangle exhibit is centered around an authenticated pink triangle worn by a concentration camp inmate to identify him as homosexual. It is accompanied by six panels explicating the history of the symbol and its use in Nazi Germany.

The Pink Triangle in America
August 1 to 12 - This exhibit receives its premiere at the Gay and Lesbian Visitor’s Center. The Pink Triangle in America exhibit combines archival materials, artifacts, and oral histories to trace the adoption of the pink triangle by Lesbian and Gay groups in the United States, first as a symbol of political resistance and subsequently as one of cultural identity.

Keepin’ On
July 14 to 28 and August 14 to September 2 - This show was created in 1981 by the Lesbian Herstory Archives to honor the creativity and strength of the African American Lesbian Community. This mixed media exhibit includes reproductions of photographs, periodical covers, buttons, and found images, along with a hand embroidered jacket, African designed banners, and music.

Queer Covers
July 14 to September 2 - Also from the Lesbian Herstory Archives,

Friday July 12th

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10:30pm - 1:00am

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Saturday, July 20, at 10pm  
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TEN TO TWO

BY RON SŁOMOWICZ

Movie soundtracks are the quickest way to break new artists in the rap and R&B genres, however this is not necessarily true in the dance genre. Demi Moore’s Stripplease features a Hebrew version of the Supreme’s “Love Child” (yes this is a strange as it sounds). As a preview to the film Stonewall, a Hani remix of Shangri-La’s “Giving Him a Great Big Kiss” is being promoted. Definitely an interesting idea, the long version featuring a snippet of “Boy from New York City.”

On a more progressive edge, the Hackers soundtrack features a variety of techno and industrial acts ranging from Leftfield and KMFDM to Johnny Lyndon of Public Image Limited. Trainwrecking, one of the most controversial British movies of the year, features several British club hits. The soundtrack promoted a rerelease of the Underworld’s “Born Slippy” a breakbeat techno classic in the making. “For What You Dream Of” by Bedrock featuring KYO may sound familiar because lead vocals come from Carol Leeming, the woman behind Staxx of Joy. Look for this film to be coming to Belcourt theater in the near future.

British Dance

A dearth of domestic releases has made me look overseas on my recent trips to Orlando and Atlanta, and I found many new releases by well known producers. These new releases by Strike, Bizarre Inc., Rollo, and JX explore new directions away from previous styles.

Strike, the remix master who recruited Donna Allen’s “Serious” to create their international hit “U Sure Do,” return with “Inspiration.” A big step away from the breakbeat pop sound of “U Sure Do” and “Free at Last,” “Inspiration” leans more to the trancy edge. It sounds more like a Sunscreen record than a Strike record. The results are very good. To ensure mainstream success, the single is packaged with the original and a new 96 Tony De Vit remix of “U Sure Do.”

Bizarre Inc. is best known for their techno hits “Playing With Knives” and “I’m Gonna Get You” (you know the ‘why waste your time’ song that Rits Ross does.) While the United States is getting a good as well with Dancing Divas doing some of their best work to date.

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American Dance

Remember the mid 80’s and the trio craze? Let’s make a short list...Expose, Cover Girls, Sweet Sensation, Sa-Fire, Ms. Adventure, Hop n Spicy...the list goes on and on. The formula was simple, combine three women with ethnic or exotic looks with a producer and push the product onto the clubs. The preceding list would make a great “Where are they now?” segment on Geraldo. Well, the Cover Girls...back with “I am Women.” No, this is not a Helen Reddy cover as I suspected, but a thoughtful well sung midtempo song with a funky house remix. Definitely worth a listen.

One of my favorite songs from last year “Shut Up (and Sleep With Me)” resurfaces this week as a b-side to Sin with Sebastian’s follow-up “Golden Boy.” These new Sound Factory mixes take the song in a hard house direction with very good results. This song is so disgustingly catchy and makes a great gift or dedication for the obvious reasons. Although Sound Factory usually means Junior Vasquez, in this case he is not the one that did the work. However, Junior’s hands did do the massive reworking of Whitney Houston’s classic “I Wanna Dance With Somebody.” More than just an update, this remix takes the song to new level as it gives us a taste of Whitney’s forthcoming greatest hits album.

I look forward to the forthcoming Todd Terry remixes of Garbage’s “Stupid Girl” which are due to be released anytime now. I am a bit weary though of the rumored Johnny Mathis remixes which are circulating.
ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY
Music City Rollers Winter Bowling League: 12:30 p.m. 227-3543
Volunteer Volleyball: 1:30 p.m. - 297-0008
Stonewall Mission Church: 6:30 p.m. at 703 Berry Road 297-0008
Dayspring Christian Fellowship: 7:00 p.m. 13th & Holly Street at East End
United Methodist Church in east Nashville 227-3261
Metropolitan Community Church: 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd.
Positive Attitude: 6-9 pm at the Center for HIV+ individuals & friends 740-1166

MONDAY
NOW: National Organization for Women 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. 292-6371
1016 18th Ave South
Lambda Group (AA): 8:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd

TUESDAY
MTSU Lambda Association: 6:30 p.m. Fall & Winter 780-2293
Southern Country Dance: The Chute 7:00 p.m. 2335 Franklin Rd.
P-FLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd.
Married and Gay Network: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. At the Center for Lesbian & Gay Services located at 705 Berry Rd 297-0008
NWA: Nashville Women's Alliance 3rd & 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
Integrity: 4th Tuesday 297-0008
MENTORS: Sacred Space for Men. Discussion/ Support Group. Tues. 7-9pm at the Center, 703 Berry Road. Phone 269-4342
Integrity: 4th Tuesday 297-0008 for details

WEDNESDAY
Co-Dependants: Anonymous 7:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
Free to Be (AA): 6:30 p.m. 419 Woodland St.
One in Teen: 6:30 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
Women's Discussion Group: 7:00 pm at the Center 703 Berry Road. Call 297-0008

THURSDAY
Music City Rollers II: Bowling League 6:30 p.m. Donelson Plaza Lanes 227-3543
The Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice: The Board meets 7pm. the 1st Thurs. & the general membership meets 7p.m. the 3rd Thurs. At St. Ann's Episcopal Church 5th & Woodland. Info 298-LGCJ (5425)
INTERACT: Gay men's discussion group 7:00-8:30 P.M. on 2nd & 4th Thursday 703 Berry Road. 297-0008
Vanderbilt Lambda Association: 7:30 p.m. Winter & Fall 322-0376
Alternatives (AA): 7:30 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

FRIDAY
Overeater's Anonymous: 5:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
Program Study Group (AA): 7:00 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

SATURDAY
Nashville '96 Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee: Meets every week at Noon! At the Center 703 Berry Road. Everyone is welcome!!!

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THE LITTLE THINGS

Someone said a long time ago, “It’s the little things that matter.” I am reminded of that now, as I fill my olfactory sense with the sweetness in the air... I was not expecting such a treat. On most days, I rue the moment I arrive at the doorstep of this shabby little garage apartment where I make my home. Paint peels from neglected windows, pieces of tile are missing from the floor in places, and I fight a seemingly eternal battle with fine hairs that gather about the apartment because of love of a dog. It would cost thousands of dollars that I do not have, though, to make me satisfied with the abode, so I simply ignore it as much as I can. This rarely works, so I spend as little time here as possible. When I am here, I often sit where I am now—on the keyboard. Unless I am looking forward to my bed, I do not favorably anticipate crossing the threshold. That has not been the case for the last few days, however. It is a somewhat forsaken piece of animal matter in my living room.

I cleaned it for the first time in a year just three weeks ago. It sits quietly, collecting dust, and turning itself over so slightly now and then. The waxen, thick leaves are not spectacular. They have a slight point, and a deep green color, but nothing about them causes one to stop and gaze in wonderment. The long, twisting, viney plant has occupied the same spot on the shelf in front of the window for over eight years. I have not re-potted it in over five years. It has suffered through my absences of several weeks; the caretaker forgot to water it. Patiently, it waited my remembrance that it needs a drink now and then, and an extra bit of nutrition when I think of such things. Most of the time, though, it sits abandoned and unnoticed upon its shelf, by which I pass each time I come and go. It has done of its own fruition, for I certainly have not offered it much support. I do not even remember its proper name, only that it is some sort of “wax plant.” Yet, despite my neglect, it has offered me a gift every year for the last five years. I stepped through the doorway a few nights ago, and noticed an ineptness. No aerosol propelled fragrance can never fill a residence with a wonderful fragrance as this little plant has done. I will regret its passing, and already eagerly anticipate its arrival next spring. In life, it truly is “the little things” that matter the most.
FINANCIAL FREEDOM

BY LINDA GOSS

The first step to financial security:
Pay Yourself First. Paying yourself first is good common sense. Before anyone else gets a claim to your money, pay yourself by putting a set amount aside in a savings or investment account. This means putting your family’s future ahead of the landlord, the electric company and all other demands on your money.

The ideal would be to save 10% of your income. Each time you get a raise, adjust your savings amount 10% of that amount. If you can save more, great, but 10% will get you going in the right direction.

You will need two accounts to have a complete savings program: Emergency Fund and Long Term Savings or Investments.

The ideal goal emergency fund is three months salary. With an emergency fund in a place you are protected from being wiped out financially or being forced to withdraw from your long-range savings plan.

Your emergency fund account is a savings account not a checking account. It for emergencies only. Vacations, luxury items and fun activities are not emergencies. These items belong in your budget.

Your emergency fund should allow easy access to your money. Money market funds may be good saving instruments for your emergency fund because they offer a fairly competitive rate of return, easy access to your money and in some cases, check writing privileges.

You will also need a long-term vehicle where your retirement savings, college fund and other long-range items will go. Savings or investment plans with the best rate of return often have hefty withdrawal penalties.

One way to make sure you pay yourself first is by direct deposit. You simply have a set amount of your salary each month deposited directly into your savings or investment account. The money goes in before you get your paycheck, thus taking the burden of discipline off your shoulders. If you don’t see it, you won’t miss it. Keep it simple.

The most important commodity in a financial game plan is time. Time overcomes a million short-comings: a modest income, a modest rate of return, even some poor habits. If you have time, even a disastrous financial situation can be put right. Time, combined with rate of return and consistency, is a powerful key to achieving financial security.

The biggest financial mistake most people make is assuming they don’t have any money to save. Time is the answer to that problem. Almost everyone with an income can find some way to save. What if you could just save $5 a week, beginning at the age of 25 until retirement? What if you could save more? The more you can manage to save, the more effectively time can work its magic.

$5 per week for 40 years at 10% return equals $120,847. $100 per month for 40 years at 10% return equals $559,460. When you’re young, you can save small amounts and still end up with thousands of dollars. If you wait to begin saving, you must save much more. That’s why time is so critical.

Time can be your best friend or your worst enemy. Just a little bit of money set aside can make a big difference 20 years down the road. Most people depend on small amounts, invested on a schedule, to build wealth. Consistency can be the fuel that makes your investment skyrocket.

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BY BILL TURNER

The Southern Baptist Convention's recent resolutions calling for a boycott of Disney because of its pro-gay policies, and calling for the conversion of Jews, raise important questions about the relationship between the public and private aspects of our lives.

The question of public versus private spheres is a perennial one. In some sense, feminists of the late 1960s defined the terms of the debate for contemporary Americans with their assertion that the personal is political. What they meant was that supposedly "personal" choices involving love relationships and sex actually have a large political component in the sense that the power differentials that operate elsewhere in the culture also pervade personal relationships.

This is a very important point for lesbians and gay men, as well, precisely because we must point out the political character of our private sexual choices in order to achieve equal treatment. Before the lesbian/gay civil rights movement got started, most people thought of being gay as a personal problem that an individual should discuss only with his/her doctor. Lesbian/gay civil rights activists pointed out that the diagnosis of "homosexuality" as illness rested on no reliable scientific evidence.

It did, however, perpetuate a certain organization of power. And the people who dominate that power system are currently fighting back with the enormous resources at their disposal in order to push us all back into the closet. The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has millions of members and millions of dollars, and they see us out lesbians and gay men as a threat to their power.

That power rests on the ability of the SBC's hierarchy to dictate to their followers what a proper love relationship should look like. As far as they attract voluntary converts who wish to

OUT ON THE AIR

* STONEMAh.. Opens this week in independent theaters that show gay films! Docu-drama about the people, events, leading up to the day of the Stonewall Bar riots. Emphasizing on the lilies of the drag queens of the time. *SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION. Airs 7/8/96, Sunday-Monday, 3:25 AM Showtime Cable. A story of a high-society couple and the charming gay black man who cons them. — Robert L


*NED AND STACEY. Airs 7/8/96, Monday, 7:00 PM, Fox Network. "A client thinks Ned is gay and still in the closet." — TMS- TV.

*BOYS ON THE SIDE. Airs 7/8/96, Monday, 10:00 PM, Cinemax Cable. "Whoopi Goldberg gives a great performance as a lesbian who falls in love with another woman in this film. AIDS is also a featured topic. Mary Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore co-star." — Carol M.

*CICAGO HOPE. Ais 7/8/96, Monday, 9:00 PM, CBS Stations. "An old friend (Mia Sara) of Kronie's seeks his advice on a health problem she thinks resulted from her sex-charge operation." — TV Guide. If this is the episode I saw last spring, Transgendered folks will be full of teases bye the end of this.

*THE PRIDE BUNCH MOVIE. Airs 7/9/96, Tuesday, 2:00 PM, HBO Cable. The 70s sitcom family is brought into the 90s, and Marsha gets a lesbian girlfriend. — Robert L.


* DOING TIME ON MAPLE DRIVE. Ais 7/9/96, Tuesday, 8:00 PM, Lifetime. Secrets are revealed when a family gathers to meet the youngest son's fiancee.}

LAMBDA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

BY PAT PATRICK

Bookstar celebrated Gay Pride and Gay/Lesbian Book Month by once again sponsoring the Lambda Book Discussion Group. The Group met Wednesday, June 19th to review Sarah Van Arsdale's first novel, Toward Amnesia. Among topics discussed (besides Van Arsdale's book) were Gay Pride (in general and in Nashville) and the importance of groups such as the Lambda Discussion Group.

Lambda's next group will meet on Wednesday, July 17th at 7:30pm. The book to be discussed will be Nightswimmer, a Lambda Award nominee in 1995 by Joseph Olsahn. Nightswimmer, Olsahn's fourth novel, presents an emotionally resonant tale of love and loss. In the book, the reader is introduced to Will, the protagonist, and his efforts to cope with past love that has burdened him emotionally for ten years. This long and never-ending search for inner-peace is marked with universal signposts of pain. Will soon encounters Sean Paris and begins to attempt to feel once again. Through a lyrical narrative, Olsahn weaves a tale that rings true to the heart as well as creates believable, honest characters. (Of note among Olsahn's other titles is Clara's Heart, which was made into a feature film starring Whoopi Goldberg.) Nightswimmer has been a staff recommended selection at Bookstar since April, having been praised for it's aching sensitivity and it's appeal to readers both gay and straight.

All Lambda Book Discussion Group titles are discounted 30% at Bookstar, and all are invited to attend.

July - Night Swimmer by Joseph Olsahan

September - Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson

October - Like People In History by Felice Picano

November - Just As I Am by E. Lynn Harris

While future dates have not been set, the group will usually meet the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, contact Pat Patrick at Bookstar at 292-7895.

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I didn’t expect to like Mel White. That’s Reverend Mel White, who’s usually reduced to a minimized label as the former speech writer for Falwell, Robertson, and sundry Wrong Reverends who decided that homo-SEX-u-als, would make a just fine fundraising target of opportunity, praise the Lord! “Dr.” Mel White, the homo-SEX-u-al Christian who desperately wanted to NOT be one. A homo-SEX-u-al. He got married. He got kids. He got therapy. (Christian, with a capital C-therapy) He got “electro-shock.” So serious was he about his being gay, he tried to “fry” it out of his system.

‘Know what he got instead? A lifetime case of the queers.

And he got religion.

As I said, I wasn’t prepared to like this stranger at my gate. I first encountered him one Sunday on TV. Naturally. Only he wasn’t on the religious shows, but was a feature on Sixty Minutes. The most popular TV news show chronicled his desperate journey toward Christian salvation, and, then, his homo-SEX-u-al epiphany.

All Mel and good, as the story unfolded. Who better* to stand as example in the face of the religious political extremists than one from their own bosom? I was so impressed with the story of this most interesting man of the cloth who is now the Minister of Justice for our own Metropolitan Community Church.

Mel has taken as his purpose, not only the comfort and salvation of gay and lesbian Christian souls, but of winning the battle of church and state in our lives.

As far as this opinionated lesbian is concerned, Mel White and all the wonderful people with him, who have taken up the cross on our behalf (and his own), where the rest of us might falter, is the answer to one of our prayers. And the answer is “Yes.”

If you have the opportunity to hear him, or can find a copy of his book, Stranger at the Gate consider yourself blessed.

If you are struggling with family, or friends, or church, or are confused about your own orientation, it was mighty impressive . It was more than one from their own bosom! I was so impressed with the one who has taken as his purpose, not only the comfort and salvation of gay and lesbian Christian souls, but of winning the battle of church and state in our lives.

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*Call him the Rebel, call him the cowboy, the loner or Jimmy, you’ll be licking his backside soon... on a postage stamp!

*Clint Eastwood & his much younger wife are pregnant. I guess he had on bullet left, huh Harry!

*Yes Virginia, there will be a sequel to “Jurassic Park” next year.

*The next big story at the pyramid in Memphis will be artifacts from the titanic...how appropriate.

*Dion Sanders’ son is named Dion. Perhaps...too many balls to the head, mmmmm sounds like fun to me!

* Miami, South Beach has opened yet another night spot called Liquid. It’s the Studio 54 of the 90’s

* Ivana Trump pitched a bitch recently...apparently see was dumped from first class to accommodate a young handicapped boy in a wheelchair. her new name should be Ivana Everything!

* Of hosted an anti-violence fund raiser at his home this week.......

*Patti Davis is writing a book about her father.
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SISTER SAGE’S ASTROLOGICAL READINGS

Aries March 21st - April 20th
Remember the first relationship you had? Wild sex for six months, good sex for two years, great sex after you finally started telling each other the truth. Try to talk more this week. Sex is supposed to be half romance and half passion, which doesn’t leave much room for discussion or trade-offs on_vectoring out the difficulties, either sexual or emotional. It is time to tell it like it is and explore more intimacy.

Taurus April 21st - May 20th
Put up or shut up! The time has come to lay it on the line with your partner. When your sex life needs help, follow this advice: put a rose between your teeth, a bottle of body oil beside the bed, and light a candle. If your partner smiles pleasantly and claims fatigue/early raquetball game/headache, don’t be fooled. You know how frightened you are; can you imagine how frightened they must be.

Gemini May 21st - June 20th
It’s hard to break the spell that has turned you and your lover into sexless frogs. Maybe you have been shamed out of desire, humiliated about your sexual wishes, frightened by aging or just tired of trying and getting rejected all the time. This week try to make the most out of your relationship. Make a promise to love on a spiritual, emotional and physical level before your partner takes their sexual interests elsewhere.

Cancer June 21st - July 22nd
You find it hard to discuss your lovelife. Often you shut up because it’s hard to discuss your sexual wishes and our deepest feelings up front. You fear talking about them because it might create anxiety (not that there isn’t plenty swimming around already), but at least if you don’t say anything it’s not your fault if the relationship goes sour. You need to try to negotiate sex the way you negotiate other things and take turns.

Leo July 23rd - August 22nd
You have started to settle for things in your relationship. You are getting used to the same old things, places and the sexual events. It is like going to the gym and taking out the garbage once a week. Once you stop going to the gym it is hard to start going back again. Once you start putting on wooly socks before going to bed, it’s hard to take them off. Stop making excuses and blocking the path to great sex.

Virgo August 23rd - September 22nd
A kiss is the key to romance and you need to improve yours. If your good-night kiss has become increasingly perfunctory, one or two things can happen. Try to be sexy and kiss with real feeling and insinuation or else your kisses beget a polite kiss and before you know it, your sex life is all Miss Manners and no action at all. Don’t make it a duty. Enjoy it!

Libra September 23rd - October 22nd
You seem to take your sex life for granted these days. Sex seems to be a non-issue, a no brainer, a partnership of the mind, or of the heart, or completely nonexistent. Everyone (I think) goes through dry spells - a few weeks or even a few months because of bad moods, work pressures and other problems. When was the last time you really made love.

Sagittarius November 23rd - Dec. 21st
Well the blanket under the stars and the picnic basket with the fine china and real glasses must have paid off for you. I guess you have won the heart of the one you love. Try at least one romantic act each week to put a little spice in your life. If you keep up the good work you will no doubt keep the love alive. Way to go in the love of the century.

Capricorn December 22nd - January 19th
So you are trying to think about tying the holy union knot. The same sex marriage may not be legal, but it will still be important in your heart. When two people love each other they still cuddle, reach aloud to each other and give each other back rubs even if they made their commitment without much sexual heat. It is important to create a mutually satisfying, intimate sex life that you can enjoy between your tennis backhand and your garden full of dahlias. Building a sexually intimate life is work.

Aquarius January 20th - February 18th
Do you always insist on being the first to start a little smooching or a little fooling around? If it’s still a no go from your partner, do you start talking and insist on making love on demand. Spend some time this week reviewing the history that you both, in the interest of domestic smoothness, had agreed to pretend to forget or at least not talk about.

Pisces February 19th - March 20th
Well the heat is on this week, not only the temperature outside but the steam heat in the bedroom. Do you have the courage to take a look and the unexamined life as well as the unexamined love life? If you find the time to get back to basics and really improve your self and the quality of your life, then your sex life is bound to blossom as well. Remember to weed and prune and never promise them a rose garden.
**POLITICAL BIGOTS**

What is it with conservative Republicans and homosexuals? Just before the Iowa caucus last winter, most of the GOP candidates pledged their sacred honor to fight any foe — whether it be communism, empathy or enlightenment itself — to make sure that homosexuals do not enjoy the full rights of other Americans. The issue then was gay marriage which, as you can guess, is a truly major problem in Iowa and elsewhere. It must affect, Oh, a handful of people at most.

Now some of these same Republicans have taken their concerns to Congress where, repudiating all they have previously said about states rights and devolution, they want the federal government — yes, the federal government — to discourage gay marriage. The bill is preciously called the Defense of Marriage Act.

How such a law would defend marriage is a mystery to me as, I’m sure, it is to Dole and other leaders of the Republican Party. If marriage is under siege it is not from homosexuals but from heterosexuals who either prefer to remain outside the institution or to delve into it seriatim. You would think conservatives would nitrite a cheer, no matter how weak, for anyone of any sexual orientation who vows monogamy and a lifetime commitment and not insist that marriage is about having children.

What marriage is about is, of course, entirely up to those in the marriage. For me, it is primarily about love and the ultimate in commitment. I confess I once thought of that sort of thing only in terms of heterosexuals but an essay by Andrew Sullivan in a recent New Republic changed my mind.

He cited something Hannah Arendt had written back in 1959: “The right to marry whoever one wishes is an elementary human right. ... Within reason (a minimum age, for instance) I cannot disagree with that. Nor can I disagree when Sullivan, who is gay, says homosexuality is about “the emotional connection between two adults human beings.” To deny those human beings the right to marry is not, he insists, a minor issue. “It is the entire issue. It is the most profound statement our society can make that homosexual love is simply not as good as heterosexual love.”

But Republican leaders have done something more. They have constructed the functional equivalent of the stereotypical European Jew of old, or the American commie of just yesterday. He (rarely she) is imagined more than seen and imagined to be more numerous and powerful than in actual fact. He is often rootless, coming from somewhere else, and most loyal not to a nation or community, but to a quasi-tribe.

Homosexuals are slandered as seducers of the young (an update on the “blood libel” in which Jews were accused of killing Christian children) and seen as the very personification of modernity — contemptuous of conventional morality. Most sinister, he can look like you or me. The enemy can be anywhere — probably, when you think about it, teaching your kids.

For the Republican Party to embrace homophobia is not really a surprise. Earlier it swooned for mindless — as opposed to rational — anti-communism and generally has been the most xenophobic of our two parties. Soon, Republicans may be frothing about the International Homosexual Conspiracy and, maybe, its control of international banking.

In the best of all possible worlds, Dole, Gingrich and Co. would recognize this bigotry for what it is ad promptly denounce it. After all, the more we learn about homosexuality, the more it seems that gays are just like the rest of us. Strangers are straight: they have no choice over the matter. Even if some people “choose” to be gay, we can presume that those who opt for marriage are not merely acting out. They are committing not just to another person, but to a lifestyle as well.

As is often the case with sticky issues, President Clinton has adopted a no-position position. The president opposes homosexual marriages but his position on the bill has not yet evolved. Deep soul-searching and heavy polling are in order since, as his spokesman recklessly said (throwing caution to the wind), Bill Clinton “believes this is a time when we need to do things to strengthen the American family.”

So, coincidentally, do some gays which is one reason some of them seek to marry. It turns out they, too, want to be part of an American family.

Clinton, at least, has the good taste to be indecisive. The GOP leadership, on the other hand, finds itself so beholden to the know-nothing wing of the party that it has literally made a federal case out of homosexual marriage. Here we have the worst kind of marriage — the union of unprincipled politics with bigotry. Call it a marriage of convenience.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Hundreds of thousands of people crowded along San Francisco’s streets Sunday, dancing, chanting and waving rainbow flags in the city’s most risque march, the annual lesbian and gay pride parade.

A contingent of women on motorcycles, known as “Dykes on Bikes,” led people along the city streets. Drag queens and bare-breasted women walked the parade route.

A crowd of young children marched in the 26th annual parade to support their gay and lesbian parents, some carrying rainbow flags.

Dancers, bands and floats wound their way along the streets, watched by crowds that were several people deep under a hot sun. Organizers said parade attendance could reach 500,000. San Francisco police estimated the crowd to be at least 300,000.

During the weekend festivities, more than 260 same-sex couples exchanged wedding vows, and several couples took part in a “garden wedding” aboard a float during the parade.

Gay marriages are not legally recognized in any state, although San Francisco recently introduced a civil ceremony for gay couples with “marriage-like vows” but without legal standing.

**GAY ADVERTISING**

As more mainstream marketers hire agencies that specialize in aiming sales pitches at homosexuals, advocacy organizations that address issues of interest and concern to gay men and lesbians are turning to mainstream agencies for campaigns.

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There was a day not so long ago when Hollywood scouts wouldn’t be caught filling seats at a lesbian and gay film festival.

Now it’s schmooze city as such festivals gain stature as marketing tools and sources of new films and directing talent — not unlike Robert Redford’s Sundance Festival has done in the past few years.

“The bottom line is that it’s a business, and it’s all about money,” says Amy Schoenborn, development director at Frameline, which organizes the long-running San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, one of the largest festivals of its kind.

Never mind that some studios, including Disney’s Miramax unit, have gotten flack from religious groups for distributing gay films. Industry experts estimate that gay or lesbian films now can gross $2 million to $6 million — and $10 million if they cross over to non-gay audiences.

Add a big-name star like Robin Williams, who starred as a gay man in MGM’s “Birdcage,” and the numbers quickly multiply.

Miramax executives concede that they may shy away from controversial movies such as their gay-cleric film “Priest,” which became just one reason Southern Baptist ministers called for a Disney boycott last month.

“The irritation (for ‘Priest’) wasn’t the financial upside,” said a former Miramax executive, who didn’t want to be identified. “But I don’t think that indicates a trend on the whole.”

And it certainly hasn’t stopped other studios, which one executive from New Line Cinema calls “very hungry machines” when it comes to acquiring films.

“There’s a new movie — ‘The Incredibly True Adventures of Princess Di in Love’ — which is set to open in August,” said New Line president of marketing, Chris Pala. “And it certainly won’t stop others.”

After some success with the lesbian teen film “The Incredibly True Adventures of Princess Di in Love,” New Line’s Fine Line Features unit plans to release “Love! Valour! Compassion!”

Meanwhile, Gramercy Pictures — which distributed the Australian drag queen film “The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert” — is forging ahead in the gay genre with the movie “Bound,” a mob thriller with lesbian lead characters.

Considered a likely crossover hit with non-gay audiences, “Bound” featured at last month’s San Francisco festival and also will play at Outfest, in Los Angeles, which begins July 11.

“Film festivals are now seen as a wonderful launching pad that gets that vital word out,” said Morgan Rumpf, executive director of Outfest, which began as a film festival at the University of California-Los Angeles 14 years ago.

San Francisco’s festival began 20 years ago with 200 people jammed into a community center that was supposed to hold 80. The films, mostly shorts, were rough and often shot in 8mm film.

This year’s San Francisco festival, which ended Sunday, attracted 250,000 visitors, including executives from Paramount, Warner Brothers and Fine Line Features, among other studios.

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