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LGLC-'95 International Meeting To Be Held June 23–25, Seattle, Washington

| CALENDAR | | |
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| Monday, Mary 27, 1995, 8:00 pm | "Academy Awards Celebration for Youth" to benefit SMYAL (Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League); sponsored by Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty; at Club Zei, 1415 Zei Alley NW, Washington, DC. For information call David Morris (202 789-2536). | |
| Friday, April 28, 1995, 9:00 pm | LGLC-Michigan organizational meeting. To be held in the LGLC suite at he Grand Rapids Hilton during the Libertarian Party of Michigan Convention. For information call Raymond Warner (313 259-7714) or James Hudler (313 475-9792). | |
| Friday, June 23, 1995, 7:00 pm | LGLC International Meeting: Social Hour and Pizza Party to begin the LGLC Annual 1995 meeting in Seattle, Washington. Place: LGLC Suite at the Ramada Downtown Inn. For hotel reservations see page 12. | |
| Saturday, June 24, 1995, 2:00-6:00 pm | LGLC 1995 Convention/Meeting. Place: R-Place Bar (3rd floor) | |
| Saturday, June 24, 1996 7:00 pm | LGLC 1995 Banquet. Place: TBA. Speaker: Jesse Walker, associate editor of <i>Liberty</i> magazine and former chair of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League. For more information on the above events phone: | |
| | David Doss (206 752-7404); James Hudler (313 475-9792); Raymond Warner (313 259-7714). | |
| Sunday, June 25, 1995, 9:00 am | The assembly point for the Gay Pride Rally will be the LGLC suite in the Ramada Downtown Inn. From there we shall move to the parade and our booth. | |

From the International Coordinator

By James Hudler

I sincerely apologize to all our subscribers for the extreme tardiness of this issue, our first since the Stonewall 25 March. Too much LP activism and family business have occupied my time in the past months. Please remember that your subscriptions and membership are based on the number of issues you receive and not by the calendar year.

LGLC-95 Meeting in Seattle

One of the few items of business at our 1994 meeting prior to the Stonewall March was to set the date for the next meeting. We voted 20 to 2 to take Dave Doss up on his offer to host our 1995 meeting during Gay Pride Weekend in Seattle, Washington. Please refer to the calendar on the front page for details

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and fill out the form on page 12 if you plan to attend. For our banquet speaker on Saturday night I have invited an old friend of mine, a former leader of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League and currently associate editor of *Liberty* magazine, Jesse Walker to speak. Dave Doss has been working hard to organize this meeting and our special thinks go to him.

Read These Periodicals

If you are neither a savvy investor nor a reader of financial publications, you might not know about Investor's Business Daily. Please note here that this newspaper is one hell of a promoter of libertarian philosophy. Read it! Or better, subscribe to it. Every weekday they have a front page article extolling the virtues of the free market and libertarian philosophy. Further, on page 2 and on the front of their Economy section they have editorials expressing similar views. Recent topics include: legalization of drugs, privatization of schools (with extensive quotes from David Boaz, Cato Institute executive vice president), abolition of farm subsidies, free market phenomena in New Zealand, abolition of food stamps, abolition of corporate welfare (with quotes from Stephen Moore of Cato and from Milton Friedman). Unlike the Wall Street Journal, with which it competes, Investor's Business Daily has the integrity and courage to take uncompromising stands on the pressing issues of the day. Charles Oliver, a former staff writer for Reason magazine, writes many of these articles and editorials. He is one of my favorites.

We finally have a friend in two of the major gay publications! His name is Stephen H. Miller and his writing appears in both *New York Native* and its sister publication, *Christopher Street*. In the cover

"Who Stole the Gay story Movement" in the October 1994 issue of the latter, Miller writes "The gay left has launched a jihad against the growing numbers of moderates, libertarians, and out-and-proud conservatives...within the movement." Miller goes on to detail the attacks made by such lesbigay activists as Tony Kushner and Urvashi Vaid against all who oppose their left-wing agenda. Miller mentions favorably Windy City Times columnist Paul Varnell, whose work has been reprinted on our pages. I look forward to seeing more of Stephen H. Miller's writing.

I hope to see you all in Seattle.

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1994 Review of Sex in the News

By Raymond Warner

John Wayne Bobbit—this story is not just for our time, but for the ages. I expect "bobbit" to become a verb

The Menendez brothers gave us the best family drama since Lizzie Borden. That photo of Erik in his shorts that appeared in *Vanity Fair* would have made a sexy poster. I actually had a friend who confessed that he would masturbate while watching Erik's testimony on Court TV. It's comforting to know that no matter what we do in life, a least one Californian will vote for an acquittal.

When Michael Faye was switched in Singapore, the story started a national discussion on corporal punishment. The Mississippi

House of Representatives voted to bring back public flogging. But Michael Faye was such a cute hoodlum, some of my leather friends longed to fly to Asia and spank the boy themselves. A tabloid offered a half million for a picture of his butt.

As the line went, Michael Jackson, proved that in America anything is possible. He started life as a poor black boy and turned himself into a rich white woman. When his

out-of-court settlement was announced, a breeder friend of mine remarked, "For thirty million he could have had all my kids."

Ann Rice was quoted in *Vibe* magazine: "I don't sympathize with anyone committing murder or rape. But I do sympathize very much with incest and with people loving each other. I really truly believe in my heart that when two people love each other gender and age don't matter and that those people have a right to heaven and earth between them-

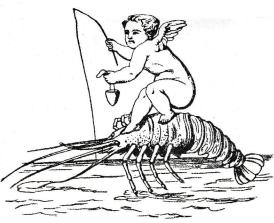
selves. I see nothing wrong with a 13-year-old wanting to sleep with an older man."

Ralph Reed, ex-Director of the Christian Coalition, was recently described as the "George Stephanopoulos of the Right." Not even close! At least George is butch. But I reserve my venom for Gary Baurer of the Family Research Council, a truly evil person who mouthes the most absurd heterosexist nonsense, a classic example of Freudian repression.

Surgeon-General Joycelyn Elders was fired by Chickenman Clinton for agreeing that masturbation should be in sex-ed curriculums. An unfortunate remark, considering that in child development most children are taught not to masturbate. Especially in front of the guests.

Gingrich Mean Time

Once again the Republicans



have won a great victory on a libertarian program. With any luck the Democratic minority in the US Senate will save them from a balanced budget amendment. If they do manage to pull the plug on the Federal system I hope the USA disintegrates as fast as the Soviet Union. But the Republicans don't get it; the American people voted to have the money returned to them, not to the States.

As soon as the election was over the Christians came out of their catacombs. They intentionally remained quiet during the election and after it was over they start talking about issues on their agenda. For instance, prayer in school is being pushed by the theocratic Right. For the last word on public prayer read *Matthew* 6:5.

Maybe we need a Libertarian-Democrat Caucus. For example Senator Bill Bradley D-NJ said on CNN's "Capitol Gang," "Republicans want less government involvement in economic life, the Democrats want less government involvement in social life, and the Americans want both."

America On Line

AOL has a excellent Gay Lesbian Community Forum, and in the section on news and politics there is a file for gay libertarians. I am looking forward to chatting with other LGLC members on a more frequent basis than this newsletter provides.

So if you haven't checked the AOL file lately you may want to drop in again. I intend to spend some time there as a file fuffer, so to speak. Perhaps if there are other bulletin boards of interest we could add them to our contact listing.

Recommended Reading

Steam magazine is published by LGLC's former pinup guy and all-male film star, Scott O'Hara. This finely pro-

duced guide to fast sex venues has a hard-core libertarian editorial policy and a sex positive attitude.

Handjobs magazine is available at most gay bookstores, and features Daddy-Boy stories along themes of transgenerational and familial sex. This is definitely the razor's edge. They recently ran a classified ad from a man "who was fathered by his grandfather and fathered his own brother, seeks same."

Hinduism and Gay Marriage

by Johnny Townsend

As so many "Christians" testify, the *only* way for gays and lesbians to "overcome" their orientation and be "cured" is through a faithful reliance on Jesus Christ. I wonder if they realize that by making this claim so insistently that they are actually supporting the legalization of gay marriages and the granting of equal rights.

If Christians are the only ones who even have a chance, and then only if they are deeply, deeply faithful, it is obvious that gay Hindus, Buddhists. Jews. practitioners of Native American religions, and any other of the legally accepted religions in America (and atheists as well) are not capable of changing their orientation. Since these others cannot change, by the Christian's own admission, and since there is a separation of church and state, how can we make into a law affecting members of all religions that everyone must abide by principles only capable of being realized in one religion?

Even Christians can't be legally forced to abide by Christian precepts, since these "cure" advocates, to withstand criticism of their 95% failure rae, proclaim that the "failures" simply didn't have enough faith. You can't make a law demanding that people have faith.

In reality, whether or not gays can choose their orientation is irrelevant. They lead productive lives, and their personal, caring, committed relationships are not in any way under the stewardship of any religious leader or group of religious followers. If wome gays want to "overcome" their orientation, that's all fine and good, but to demand that they all do so because members of some religions

think they can and should is a major violation of the separation of church and state. And by their own accounts, it is also useless and uproductive for the vast majority of "faithless" Christians and copletely

so for the millions and millions of non-Christians. It is time to stop wasting money, energy, and the time of plitical leaders in promoting, by the Christian's own claims, an untenable position.



Ray Warner, LGLC Secretary and James Hudler, International Coordinator, February, 1995

Sex in Our Market Economy

by Paul Varnell

This nation's Founding Fathers envisioned the United States as a commercial republic, dedicated to the manufacture of goods and the provision of services, the encouragement of industry, commerce and trade. Alexander Hamilton was very explicit about all this in his *Report on Manufactures*

(1791).

Absolute necessities like food, water, shelter and medicine can be sold, as can extravagant luxuries and mindless fripperies. Commerce produces jobs which produce happier, more prosperous citizens.

An almost unique exception to this laudable American attitude is the sale of sexual activity. Sex is legal to have, to do, to give away; legal to request or offer; but not legal to buy, sell or rent. Despite important recent Supreme Court decisions protecting "commercial

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(Economy, from page 4) speech," it is not yet legal to advertise sex for sale or purchase.

There are, of course, several ways of obtaining sex other than with money. Beauty handsomeness can always get you sex; fairly often so can wit or charm. Simply having money usually can too. Interestingly, it is legal to spend become money to more beautiful/handsome (as by liposuction, face-lift an assiduously used gym membership) in order to obtain sex.

It is even legal to buy meals, gifts and certain drugs (e.g., alcohol)

for someone to obtain sex. As Alfred Kinsey dryly observes, "The girl who has to be taken to dinner or to an evening's entertainment before she will agree to intercourse with her boyfriend or fiancé is engaged in a more commercialized relationship than she would like to admit."

It is only direct payment that is illegal—which seems morally absurd and certainly is economically inefficient. And so, of course, such laws are widely ignored and will in all likelihood eventually be changed.

Even now laws against

commercial sex are enforced only sporadically and selectively—with a bad conscience, as it were. It could hardly be otherwise. Private negotiations and sexual engagements between a client and a service provider are hard to detect and harm no one. They happen thousands of times a day in any large city.

Most police who realize that they should actually be protecting person and property devote little energy to arresting sex workers and almost none to arresting clients. Most of the men who serve on (See Economy, page 10)



LGLC marches by Christian homophobes, New York City, June 26,1994

No Joke

by Louie Crew

When Jesus takes a coffee break at the customs office and asks a lesbian or gay male to sit in for him, the interrogation will continue according to the book:

"Did you visit me when I was in jail?
Did you come by when my lover and I were evicted?
Did you speak up when others bore false witness?
Did you feed me when I was discovered and lost my job?...

"For as often as you have done it to the least of these my sisters and brothers, you have done it to me."

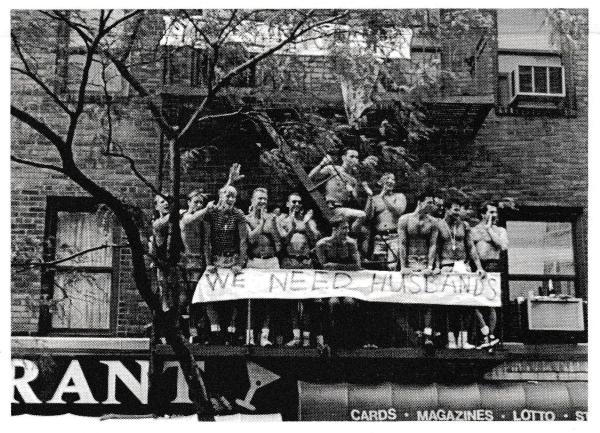
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GLIL Meets at New Site

Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty (GLIL), a Washington, DC-based organization of Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, and independents dedicated to the principles of personal and economic liberty and individual responsibility, continues to hold its monthly Happy Hours, now at a new location: upstairs at JRs, 17th and Church Streets, N.W. (in the Dupont Circle neighborhood), from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

Though the Happy Hours are primarily social meetings, some business may be discussed informally. Prospective new members and out-of-town visitors are welcome.

For more information or to suggest business items for discussion, e-mail GLILGuy@AOL.com or telephone GLIL President David Morris (202 789-2536).



Some of the gorgeous scenery along the march to Central Park, NYC, June 26, 1994

Don't Forget the Kids

By David Boaz

As conservatives gear up for the fall elections, many are pinning their hopes on attacking gay rights. Self-styled "pro-family" groups, seeking to build on the success of five local and state anti-gay initiatives in 1993, have been working to get similar measures on the November ballots in several states.

These organizations are correct in saying that America faces some real social problems, and that many can be attributed to the deterioration of families. What is upsetting, however, is the extent to which they focus on gay issues almost to the exclusion of the real problems.

Children need two parents, for financial and emotional reasons. Children in fatherless homes are five times as likely to be poor as those in two-parent families. Single mothers also find it difficult to control teenage boys, and such boys have made our inner cities a crimeridden nightmare. Conservatives have taken note of this problem, and many of them have correctly indicted the welfare state. But with a few exceptions—notably Dan Quayle—they seldom put a high enough priority on condemning single parenthood.

And they pay almost no attention to the effects of divorce—every year more children experience divorce or separation than are born out of wedlock. These children are nearly twice as likely as those from intact families to drop out of high school or to receive psychological help.

Conservatives overlook this because they are too busy attacking gay men and lesbians. Consider the leading conservative journals. *The American Spectator* has run ten articles on homosexuality in the past three years, compared with two on parenthood, one on teenage pregnancy and none on divorce. *National Review* has printed 32 articles on homosexuality, five on fatherhood and parenting, three on teenage pregnancy and just one on divorce.

The Family Research Council, the leading "family (See Kids, page 11)



Part of the LGLC contingent at the Stonewall March, June 26, 1994 (I to r: Phil DeBlock, Raymond Warner, David Boaz, Stephen Miller, David Edmondson, Zigi Canton, James Hudler

GLIL President Speaks at University

College Park, MD. David Morris, newly elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in College Park, Maryland, addressed a group of students and local residents at the University of Maryland last November on the topic "Should "Gay be a Political Issue?" His speech was sponsored by College Park Libertarians. Morris President of Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty (GLIL), libertarian based group Washington, DC.

Starting with the principles that "individual rights are the key to liberty and equality" and that "legal discrimination is unjust and unconstitutional" and that "when you label a person you endorse and encourage ______ prejudice _____ and separation," Morris argued:

"Rather than granting special rights to any group of people, I believe it is time to start demanding equal rights for all of us. Our nation is founded on the philosophy that we are "created equal," that it is a place where "liberty and justice for all" are supposed to be the way of life. But we—you and I—have to fight for these basic principles of liberty, justice, and equality. A select few have undermined our rights with laws that actually encourage labels and discrimination and, therefore, condone violence."

Morris added: "I agree completely that minorities are discriminated against in this country and that makes me mad. What makes me even more angry is the unwillingness of different minority groups to work together to demand equal rights for each other."

Drawing on his own experience as an openly gay candidate and as the campaign manager for other openly gay candidates, Morris explained that to succeed in politics, gay and lesbian candidates must address the concerns of all their constituents and not simply focus on self-identified "gay issues." In his own campaign, for instance, he focused on the issue of neighborhood crime. His experience, he said, led him to the conclusion that "No, 'Gay' should not be an issue in politics—you should be."

GLIL, a non-partisan organization founded in 1991, advocates free market economics, social tolerance and individual rights and responsibility. To get information about GLIL's lectures, debates, seminars and newsletter, *The Quill*, or to attend its monthly happy hour in a popular Washington tavern, write to Box 65743, Washington DC 20035 or e-mail GLILGuy@AOL.com.

FDA Oppression and Herpes Simplex

By James Hudler

The Food and Drug Administration ruled in January against changing acyclovir, an anti-herpes drug, from prescription to over-the-counter status. With this action the FDA has struck another blow against liberty and another boost for the legalized monopoly of the American Medical Association.

The manufacturer of the drug, Burroughs Wellcome Company, had petitioned the FDA for a change in status early next year. Physicians' groups spoke against the change, citing concerns about misuse of the drug and increase in viral resistance.

Now the obvious libertarian answer to such statist edicts is to abolish the FDA and let the free market reign. But the medical community's up front argument against over-the-counter approval, even though I suspect them of ulterior motives,

namely that their legal monopoly to prescribe acyclovir and collect many dollars in the process, is worth consideration.

The medical community's concern is that the potential misuse of acyclovir and the potential increase in viral resistance caused by excessive use of acyclovir outweighs the positive value of placing acyclovir on the "over the counter" market. In my view this is a valid concern. But as with many of the concerns of the paternalistic/maternalistic government, the issue boils down to who should decide. Who should decide whether acyclovir is appropriate for use in herpes simplex infections, the victims of those infections or the state. I submit that the victims should be able to decide. To help in their decision, concerned medical experts should educate the public in the proper use of the drug. Knowledge, truth and free markets are always both morally and empirically the best methods for us to deal with one another.

We're delighted to see the work of well-known poet Louie Crew appearing on pages 6 and 9 of this issue.

T. R. Miller is an East Coast artist ("cartoonist" by his own description); his drawings appear on pages 9 and 10.

Johnny Townsend (page 4) is a New Orleans writer whose nonfiction writing has appeared in many periodicals.

Paul Varnell (page 4) regularly writes a column for Chicago's gay newspaper *The Windy City Times* and other papers.

David Boaz (page 7) is Executive Vice President of the Cato Institute and has been in the news a lot lately.

Fairy Tale

By Louie Crew

Though he charged Herb
\$75 per week for 8 years
just so Herb could supinely
watch him waving it,
the doctor's wand
would not work.

"We will not talk
about love for men,"
the doctor spelled:
"tell me about your father.
Isn't he distant and austere?"

Still no vaginas wiggled
no breasts released
into Herb's fantasies.
Even when Herb agreed
to stop wasting his sperm,
to lower his pitch,
to take up bowling,
and to subscribe to *Playboy*,
the charm produced
only a dream about a Maypole
straddled by a laughing clown
trying to detonate
a bowling bomb
glued to the top
with layender streamers.



The doctor's wand itself
sprouted weeds.

Herb grew cadaverously lean
with glazed eyes,
and could not leave the ward
even for his father's funeral.

"Finally," Herb said,
"in that most unlikely place
for joy, I realized
the doctor was never going
to reach me,
that he couldn't even see me.
Somehow—I know not how,
I knew that I was
beyond his ken,
that only I
could make my own discovery."

With his own wand aglitter spilling light into his dark sockets,

Lazarus is alive and well in Middle America.

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"morals squads" seem to have problems or unresolved conflicts about sex. Judging from the interviews in Connie Fletcher's recent book *Pure Cop*, they seem naïve about sex (particularly its cognitive component), squeamish about its variety and intensity, and fascinated but deeply threatened by seemingly lurid but essentially harmless activities.

There are few hard data on gay commercial sex. On the basis of my conversations over the last 10 or 12 years, I would estimate that about 50 percent of the gay men in our urban enclaves have paid or been paid for sex at least once, though most of

them have done so only a few times or only for a brief p e r i o d . Interviewing gay men in the 1940s, Kinsey found approximately the same result (see *The Kinsey Data:* M a r g i n a l Tabulations).

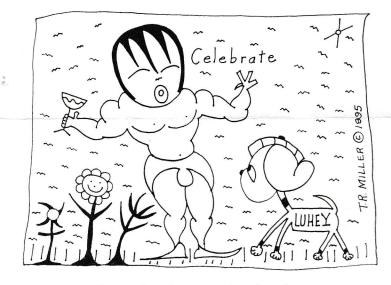
Doing sex for money particularly seems to attract young men newly arrived to the city who have not yet

found a job. They do commercial sex while they settle, in get to know people (how better?) and begin looking for employment. Doing sex, after all, requires little education, few social skills and minimal job training. As such, it is the ideal entry-level job position in the urban economy.

When such men find a full-time job, their available time for sex in accordingly reduced and they either leave the business or continue only part time, perhaps on weekends or with just a few clients. Others may drop out entirely, only resuming during periods of temporary unemployment.

The advantages to a young man are obvious. Faced with rent or credit card bills, he may reasonably prefer the direct payment in cash rather than indirect payment by an expensive meal, an evening of theater or a few lines of cocaine. A surprising number of young men have put themselves through trade school, college, even law school by doing commercial sex.

For the client, the advantages of commercial sex are obvious but generally misunderstood. It seems widely believed that most clients of prostitutes are necessarily old or unattractive. Even clients who are neither may express such a view. But while some clients are older and a



few are less than attractive, there is a considerable range in both age and attractiveness. Age, for instance, enters not primarily as a cause of unattractiveness, but as a concomitant of sufficient job position and income to permit spending money for sex.

The main appeals of commercial sex for the patron are in its time/place convenience and the behavioral variety it affords. Typical clients may not want to go to the effort, inconvenience and considerable time involved in cruising the streets or going out to a noisy, smoky bar and chatting with several people, only a few of whom

may be interested in them or their desires. Even attractive men in their late 20s, 30 or 40s may not want to take the time or trouble to look for sex, fend off uninteresting people and "play bar games," as they express it.

The eventual legitimacy of commercial sex is rooted firmly in the dynamic of our service-oriented society. It is common to go out and get a pizza or hamburger to go. It is even easy to have such meals delivered. As with food, so with sex. In a fast-moving, competitive economy, as time becomes more valuable, it becomes more plausible to acquire a "man to go" or to call for a compatible man to be delivered.

Another advantage for the client is that he can be more comfortable requesting (subject to the provider's veto) the sexual interactions that are most arousing satisfying for him. Most sex providers are familiar with a range activities, may

even be adept at them, and will hardly be shocked or offended even by those they may veto.

And, of course, for some men, paying (or being paid) for sex can be exciting or stimulating in itself. It may facilitate the necessary conditions of emotional distancing, psychological role comfort or fantasy-creation.

After all this, it seems odd, even bizarre, that so rational an economic arrangement as commercial sex between men should be illegal. And, of course laws against prostitution were framed chiefly to protect the innocence or virtue of women, to

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keep them from being "corrupted" or lured into non-marital sex, even to help prevent out-of-wedlock births. Such reasons seem out of date now even as applied to women and never did apply to men.

Reprinted from the Windy City Times, September 1993.

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values" group, is similarly obsessed. In the most recent index of its publications, the two categories with the most listings are ":Homosexual" and "Homosexuals in the Military"—a total of 34 items (plus four on AIDS). The organization has shown some interest in parenthood—nine items on family structure, thirteen on fatherhood and six on teen pregnancy—yet there are more items on homosexuality than on all of those issues combined.

There was no listing divorce. (Would it be unfair to point out that there are two items on "Parents' Rights" and none on "Parents' Responsibilities"?)

As for the Christian Coalition, despite Executive Director Ralph Reed's vow not to "concentrate disproportionately on abortion and homosexuality," its current Religious Rights Watch newsletter contains six items, three of them on gay issues. The July issue of the American Family Association's newsletter, Christians & Society Today, contains nine articles, five of them on homosexuality.

Cobb County, Georgia, a major battleground in the conservatives' culture war, is a microcosm of this distorted focus. In 1993 the county commission passed a resolution declaring "gay life styles" incompatible with community standards. Cobb County is a suburb

of Atlanta; its residents, 88 percent white, are richer and better educated than the national average. Yet it had a 20 per cent illegitimacy rate in 1993, and there were two-thirds as many divorces as marriages. Surely the 1,545 unwed mothers and the 2,739 divorcing coupled created more social problems in the county than the 300 gay men and women who showed up at a picnic to protest the county commission's assault on their rights.

Then teenage girls wear sexually explicit T-shirts, when teenage boys form gangs to tally their sexual conquests, when eight graders watch twice as much television as their European counterparts, when ten-year-olds dart in front of my car at 1 am, when students take guns to class—where are the "family values" conservatives, and why aren't they calling on parents to take their responsibilities more seriously?

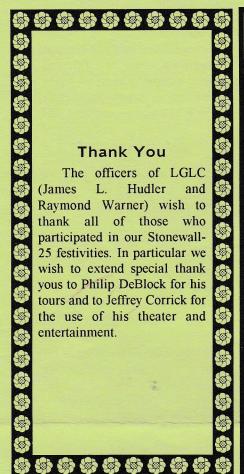
Perhaps they fear that making an issue of divorce would alienate middle-class supporters—including divorced conservatives. Perhaps they fear that putting welfare at the top of their agenda would seem racist, or worry that calling for parental responsibility would be a hard sell politically. They may be right, but that's no excuse for ducking crucial family issues. Their scapegoating of gay men and lesbians may get them some votes and contributions, but it's not going to solve any of American families' real problems.

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