From our house to yours
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
FROM THE PRESIDENT (I like the sound of that)

It has been brought to my attention that a vicious rumor is even now circulating through our community, a rumor so insidious that its effect is being felt by all of us here at the center. Many of you have been led to believe that someone has been volunteering for all those everyday jobs and projects which keep us operating. Let me be the first to assure you that despite appearances to the contrary, nothing could be further from the truth. We are frequently the target of these rumors which are instigated by those selfish folk who wish to hoard all the best projects for themselves. Let me set your minds at rest, friends, by hastening to let you know that all your favorite jobs are still vacant and expected to remain so until you sign up for the one that's been waiting for you.

Anyone signing up for a minimum of four hours this month will be given the opportunity of picking a close friend or relative to be the recipient of one of our famous "volunteer bug letters", so don't miss this chance!

We have openings for phone referrals, center staffers, odd jobbers, typists and moral supporters. We also have an urgent need for coat room staffers. (I don't want to be accused of exaggerating but Dee, Nan and myself don't have to give out tickets for the coat check anymore. We've been in there so long that we can match each coat with its owner. HELP!)

All of us here at the center are looking forward to great things happening in the coming year but it will take all of us working together to make it possible so please give a gift of time. (Maybe I should be in pictures?)

Thanks,

Chris
IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER,

I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

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For one of the first times in history a U.S. Intelligence employee who the agency found was gay, was allowed to retain his job and reissued a security clearance. Homosexuals have been subjected to dismissal for years on the grounds that they were more susceptible to blackmail and therefore poor security risks.

The Gay Press Association was founded at its 1st annual conference by representatives of 50 lesbian/gay publications.

The first reported case of homosexual adoption in the U.S. took place in New York when a 22 year old man adopted his 26 year old lover. The couple wished to establish a permanent legal bond between them for the adoptee was afraid any other arrangement could endanger the property arrangements he desired since his family did not approve of his relationship.

Capt. Kathleen Wilder became the 1st woman to receive a Green Beret.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled a husband could be convicted for rape of his wife, becoming one of the 1st courts in the country to uphold the right of a woman to be protected from sexual abuse by her husband.

Lesbians and gay men founded the National Organization of Lesbians and Gays (NOLAG) on April 26, 1981. Representatives from Alaska's Lesbian/Gay Activist Alliance participated in this historic event.

Norway became the 1st country in the world to pass national legislation prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The 1st of two laws signed prohibits public statement that threaten or scorn a person or a group of persons or expose anyone to hatred, persecution, or contempt because of their sexual orientation. The second law makes it illegal for businesses to refuse services or goods to persons because of their homosexuality.
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The 1st openly gay man was named to a seat on a state supreme court. Gov. Brown of California appointed Steven Lachs as judge of Los Angeles Superior Court.

The 1st open Lesbian appointment was also made by Brown when he named Mary Morgan, a San Francisco attorney and Lesbian activist to the San Francisco Municipal Court.

The continued deportations of homosexuals seeking entrance into the U.S. sparked the 1st international demonstration ever by Lesbians and Gays. Simultaneous protests took place in London, Stockholm, and 6 U.S. cities.

For the 1st time in U.S. history, a union went on strike over the sex discrimination issue of equal pay for comparable work. The Strike was called in San Jose, Calif. by the local there of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The strike was not over equal pay for equal work but over equal pay for jobs requiring comparable education, skills, and responsibility, and causing comparable stress. The union won a favorable settlement with the city.

In a landmark decision, the European Court has found the British government in violation of the Council of Europe's Human Rights Treaty because of a law in Northern Ireland which makes Homosexuality illegal. The likely effect will be the liberalization or elimination of anti-gay laws in Northern Ireland, which is still of course under the control of the British gov't.

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LITIGATION '81

The United States Supreme Court declined to review a 1980 New York Court of Appeals ruling that declared Nv sodomy laws unconstituional.

A nineteenth yrl ol Eagle Scout who once took a male date to a high school prom sued the Boy Scouts Of America for expelling him because he was gay. He lost his lawsuit on the grounds
'81 cont'd.....LITIGATION......

that the constitutional right of free association allows members of private organizations to restrict their membership policies however they choose.

A federal appeals court ruled that a gay man who emigrated to the U.S. from West Germany would not be denied citizenship because of his sexual preference. The court ruled that the U.S. Congress did not intend to include private sexual conduct as a basis for making "a good moral character" determination at least as far as citizenship is concerned.

Billy Jean King was sued for "palimony" by Marilyn Barnett. Ms. King at first denied her lesbian relationship with Ms. Barnett but on second thought admitted in a nationally televised news conference that she had had a relationship with Ms. Barnett.

The highest appellate Administrative court within the Dept. of Justice ruled that foreign gay men and lesbians can be refused entry into the U.S. if they make an "unsolicited, unambiguous declaration of their homosexuality". The ruling came as a result of Gay Rights Advocates' suit on behalf of Carl Hill, a British gay man who was refused entry into this country. Present regulations which resulted from an earlier ruling in the case, state that non-citizens attempting to enter this country are not to be asked about their sexual orientation.

Reagan's administration directed the Dept. of Education & Justice to drop federal protection of female school and college employees against sex discrimination. This change in policy is expected to hamper the Justice Department's handling of sex discrimination suits in the future.

The city of Baltimore, Maryland lost a seven year old discrimination suit to 15 women denied employment with the Baltimore police dept. because of discriminatory height and weight requirements. For seven years, to the tune of $900,000 the BPD defended its right not to hire persons shorter than 5'7" and weighing less than 147 lbs.
"In the '60s, weirdos were in. WASPs tried to look like Jews; Jews tried to look like blacks, and everybody tried to look as freaky as possible. In the '70s, gays and lesbians came out of the closet in droves. Now, it's time to go back in, but for many, the door will be tragically closed. Don't give up. Here's some advice on how to handle a very sticky problem:

"First, say you were just kidding. Someone may believe you, and that's one down. Tell the rest that you and your friend were just roommates and then try to convince them that you were pioneering the new celibacy.

"If that doesn't do it, you lesbos out there had better cop a plea. You did fool around (didn't everybody?), but when all was said and done, you learned it didn't work after all. You just couldn't figure out anything to do in bed. Admit it was an anticlimax.

"You homos, on the other hand, still have a fighting chance. Some of you were into S.S.-chic, which insiders say may be the preferred dress of the new administration before 1984. Others can argue that it was sissy to hang out with women. You were too much of a man, not too little. You weren't going to be whipped by the libbers, so you sat the '70s out, waiting for the total woman to make a comeback."

--From Mother Jones Magazine, April, 1981.

"In the history of man everyone has talked about expanding rights, having more and more freedom. But we have found that if you let people do what they want to do, you have chaos. We can't restore moral values, that's hopeless. What we have to do is restructure society, set minimum standards of respect and order. Frankly, we need a more authoritarian state."

--Olman Henry Salvatori, who is identified as one of the men most responsible for launching Reagan on his political career and as one of those who have the most influence on the new President, in Joel Kotkin's "The Company He Keeps," in the Soho Weekly News, Jan. 21-27, 1981
Quotes, cont'd...

"He's nothing but a liberal-commie-atheistic-pinko-faggot. He's got nerve to come here and say the things he did. The Lord Jesus will make him pay for this.... I hope his dentures fall out.

--Salley McKenna, a member of the Moral Majority about former Sen. George McGovern. McGovern was addressing George Mason Univ. students on the "Effects of the New Right on Politics of the '80s."

"We had better forget all about these civil rights which have done nothing but destroy society and create anarchy. They're really not rights at all, but lusts and wants.


"I don't think there will ever be any more witch hunts on any particular groups in society. That isn't to say there wouldn't be sporadic happenings, such as the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klanners can create here and there. But I don't think there will ever be a general uprising of anti-Semitism, anti-homosexuals, anti-blacks, anti-white, that could cause national danger to those clientele."


"The White People's Committee to Restore God's Laws is not embarrassed to admit that we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals...we find that we must endorse and support the law of God which calls for the death penalty to the faggot slime."

--From an editorial in The Torch, a publication of the White People's Committee To Restore God's Laws, quoted in Metra magazine, March 12, 1981.

"I think that all of civilization is based upon the legislation of morality by consensus."

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Quotable Quotes, cont'd...

"When a woman walks across the room, she speaks with a universal body language that most men intuitively understand. Men hardly ever ask sexual favors of women from whom the certain answer is 'No.' Virtuous women are seldom accosted by unwelcome sexual propositions of familiarities, obscene talk or profane language."
--Phyllis Schlafly, testifying before the Senate Labor Committee on sexual harassment in the workplace.

(A recent study by the Field Research Group indicates that 53% of the female workers in L.A. have been sexually harassed on the job, mostly by married men.)

"You know, I hear that Karen (Mulhauser, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League) claims that she was once raped. Well, let me tell you, Karen is not the most beautiful creature in the world, so when I hear her say she was raped, my response is 'You wish.'"
-- Paul Brown, director of the Life Amendment Political Action Committee, one of the groups working for passage of the Human Life Amendment, in New York mag. Feb. 16, 1981.

quote of the week

"The classic blind spot of liberals is their faith that all social conflicts can be settled by peaceful compromise. However bitter the differences, whatever the imbalance of power between opposing parties, one need only apply ingenuity and good will, reject 'extremists on both sides,' and the lion will sit down with the lamb. No matter how many lambs get eaten, liberals never learn. Faced with an enemy who won't play by their rules, who responds to all their placating gestures with more bids for power, they get irrational. Either they keep ceding more and more ground, or they proclaim that the battle is irrelevant and the real issues lie elsewhere, or both. The response of liberal feminists to the relentless right-wing assault on women's rights is a depressing example...."
"81 cont'd....Headliners......

Jeanette Foster, who was considered by many the greatest authority on lesbian literature, died at the age of 87. Foster was the author of Sex Variant Women in Literature, a 400 page study of well-known and obscure writing by and about lesbians. MCC applied for membership in the National Council of Churches, the largest ecumenical organization in the U.S.

3000 demonstrators in Toronto, Ontario took to the streets to protest police raids on four gay baths in which 273 men were arrested.

In the first popular vote on a lesbian and gay rights ordinance since the rightist victories in national elections last year, the electorate in Palo Alto, CA on November 3 rejected a proposal to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in a number of areas. The measure would have applied to employment, union membership, the providing of goods and services by private businesses, and the use of city-owned facilities available to the general public. 58% of the voters opposed the ordinance.

A woman who believes her daughter is a lesbian hired cult de-programmers to kidnap the 20-year-old and rape her daily during the week they held her captive. A Hamilton County, Ohio grand jury has leveled charges of kidnapping, assault and sexual battery against four of the persons allegedly involved in the attempt to "de-program" Stephanie Riethoven of Norwood. The mother, 47-year-old Marita Riethoven paid nationally famous cult "deprogrammer" Ted Patrick $8,000 to change her daughter's "lifestyle," according to reports in the Cincinnati Enquirer. The reports said that Marita Riethoven objects to her daughter's relationship with her roommate. Asked why the four are charged with sexual battery rather than the more serious charge of rape, Assistant Prosecutor Arthur Hey said he could make no comment.

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The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center was chartered as
a non-profit corporation in the fall of 1977. The founding
principle behind its creation was and is to provide a non-
threatening atmosphere for women and men to appreciate and
learn more about the homosexual orientation of themselves,
their friends, or relatives.

The center is located at 837 "I" St. and is entirely volunteer
staffed and supported. (A ½ time exec. dir. was hired 6/81.)
It is open between six and ten p.m. daily, or at any time
by special arrangement.

AGLCC maintains a telephone line for information, crisis help,
referral and rap. The number is 276-3909. Center staff are
trained for crisis intervention. Backup consists of referral
to legal, psychiatric, medical, and religious professionals
and organizations.
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