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Pressions! Later on in the evening everyone ve loosened up-I knew Elaine Noble was O.K. when I saw her sitting on the bed. o.n. when i saw her stung on the bed-room floor surrounded by people, eating \$25.00 plates of prime rib.

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cow in June that "all the hookers is off the corner, all the policemens is off the ele street and all the homosexuals stays 10 nk hout with him last winter, teased him "Don't play so butch with me-I know

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# **INTERVIEW WITH**

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# ELAINE NOBLE

Briggs Initiative in California,

Q: Elaine, what do you view as the

A: Well, I think what is frightening n the national level is that, as I predicted four years ago, in an interview in the Advocate, that I really fear a rightunfortunate prediction is coming true, and I predicted that we would see states, mid-western states, perhaps California large delegates to both Democratic and continual spiral up or do you think that Republican conventions being tested, it has been going retrograde? And I see on a national level, the initia- A: I think that there was no real tive such as a Briggs Initiative being one political action at all. It took a Dade level.

you think this is doing to the gay rights our work to create and have that equalmovement?

A: I think one of the things that has

ine Noble was the first open les. been most disallusioning to me is that in o be elected to public office. She the fifteen to twenty years that I have been involved in gay politics, that people presentatives in 1974, and has re- have been very reluctant to get involved epresentatives in 1974, unit has for politically. The only way you get power need the Boston Fenway District for is to get involved politically. If you are below and the show and twent the show and twent the show and twent the show are the show and twent the show are the show a years. She has received wide atten- is to get involved politically. If you are years. She has received what unterned a general was shown two weeks behind, and I went from the national media. On the a part of the problem, you are a part of the problem. It has taken gay on the underly of the problem is case is still on appeal. Was shown two weeks behind, and I went discharge, and his case is still on appeal. The was for a fund-raiser for No on 6, to Alaska for a fund-raiser for no on 6, to Alaska for a fund-raiser for no on 6, the underly of the problem. It has taken gay on the underly of the problem. h from the hattonia. 29, she was in a part of the problem. It has taken gay kend of September 29, she tots in orleans to help raise funds to fight people a long time to realize that power orleans to help raise funds to fight comes through the political process. In comes through the political process. In the Briggs Initiative in California. the right wing curve that we see hap-Q: Elaine, what do you an anational pening now, the only way we can protect political allies who owe us, and if you show. I think it portrayed gay people curity-clearance government jobs? don't have that support city to city, or town to town, then you become the victim, and I think it's time that gay the Advocate, that I really lear a right-wing swing and almost to the month that and realize that they not heads around be the victim.

Q: Do you think that this progress and Florida, basically because they have has been taking place too slowly on a

of the most frightening things going down County for people to begin thinking the pipe. I don't see it just as a gay issue; politically. The sad thing about that and I see it as a Freedom of Speech issue, and Briggs is that perhaps it is going to take I see the seeds like the Briggs Initiative even more outrageous things to happen and Dade County really planting the for gay people to realize that they have seeds for a new kind of McCarthyism to problems in their own backyard in New scream about. I think we have to get Orleans and all over this country. I can't very organized and politically sophisti- say that it is spiralling down because it's cated on a local level as well as a national never existed before. This has taken gay people a long time to realize that if they Q: Since the mood of politics in the want their rights, they have to organize U.S. seems to be pushing the political for them. We are not considered equal pendulum toward conservatism, what do citizens under the law, in that it takes ity defined.

Q: I believe that you once said that UED ON PAGE 4

Air Force, Leonard P. Matlovich publicly juice. But believe me, now I've changed

Q: What are you impressions of the TV dramatization of your life?

very, very positively. But naturally, I would have wanted to see it better.

O: In what ways?

by itself. Just explaining the frustration on the case. I feel very, very good about difficult to follow.

Q: Was it presented accurately?

that wasn't accurate was that all the in- who are following the same plan. dividuals in there, except for the courtcal order was not accurate.

Q: Ironically, you were pictured as solely to avoid possible confrontations? drinking only orange juice. Is this real A: To avoid a confrontation, and be-

fore Dade County and before Anita like everyone else-but it is a lower "cor-Bryant. It was filmed two years ago. At rect" thing to do.

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In 1975, after twelve years in the U.S. that time, all I did drink was orange declared his homosexuality and challen- to club soda! My only prayer was that ged Armed Forces regulations regarding the Florida Citrus Commission would homosexuality. He was granted a general was shown two weeks behind, and I went On the weekend of September 29, he and the Air Force Reserve sponsored it

Q: Has your coming out in the Air Force and the ensuing hearing procedures had a positive force on other gay A: Generally speaking, it was a good members of the armed services and se-

A: Sure. It has contributed. The armed forces' recent policy about giving gay people nothing less than honorable dis-A: For instance, the shotgun scene charges has been attributed to my stand could have been a whole 2-hour show against the Air Force, and the publicity of the gay person getting to that point. that. It has made it more difficult for the I thought possibly the show was too military to throw gay people out with jumpy. It had too many important issues less than an honorable discharge. It has without going into them in depth. An also enabled a lot more gay people to audience not understanding that-a non- stand up and say "no more!" and fight gay audience-would have found that back. Instead of letting the military just ramrod them, they are standing up and saying "no more!" and fighting back.

Very accurately, yes. The part Q: So there are other cases of people

A: Absolutely.

Q: Are you aware of the governsite individuals. They played more than ment's recent policy. In other words, one person. Therefore, the chronologi- are they now giving an honorable discharge for people who are known gay

life irony or did the network dream it cause even though it's not the correct thing for them to do-the correct thing A: I don't drink, and it was filmed be- to do would be to make gay people serve

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> to happen to the Briggs Initiative in books, and then create new ones. But California

cause I really can't anticipate that. I'm it is very hard to do. Legislators, federalnot there . . . It will be so frightening if ly and statewide, will create new laws it passes. It is really a witch-hunt, and I before they will take old ones off the come from Massachusetts where we still books, so if you write the new one, you have laws on our books which can be can render the old one unconstitutional. used to hunt witches or gay people. Let Q: Do you think gay men and lesme tell you it is the most unpleasant bians are working together more or less thing if the Briggs Initiative passes. We than in the past, in the political sphere? could have another McCarthy era on a A: I think it depends upon where. small scale in California.

aspirations?

four years. I've done very well in the ple are learning that they can work tosystem: Majority Leader, served on the gether on certain points. That doesn't Ethics and Rules Committees, done a mean that they have to work together lot. I had an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. on every point. But I'm seeing a very Senate and that was just a few days ago,

and now I'm really resting. I'm not at liberty to say. I certainly want to be gays had eight years to claim their rights. helpful to the people in California. A: I said that we had six to eight years have the time to do it. I'm not opposed to claim our rights, and I said that in to doing that, but I haven't made any

Q: Do you feel that the time is run- Q: What do you think an ideal piece of gay rights legislation should look like A: What I predicted is exactly coming and include

true. We see it happening now, if fact A: I think it would include two kinds we see it happening in the states in which that I have introduced in Massachusetts. I said it would happen. Because what we on a state level. One is a basic law, a see and what I predicted then was that I petition, that bans all discrimination in saw economically the situation tighten- employment and housing and the other ing up. This was in 1974, long before one banning discrimination in terms of anybody could predict Proposition 13. civil service. Civil service is far-reaching; But if you don't understand history, a lot of teachers are covered by civil you're doomed to repeat it, and if you service in the public sector. A general don't understand that when the economy discrimination bill banning discrimination starts tightening up, you have to find a in employment and housing and public new victim to blame things on or to get accomodations would be the most ap-

I think it has to work two ways. First Q: What do you anticipate is going you have to take the old laws off the sometimes removing old laws is like try-A: You should ask Leonard that, be- ing to get a teacher to change a grade-

I remember before there was any politi-Q: What are your current political cal movement, gay women and men always worked together. Then the con-A: Please, I've served in the House for sciousness-raising came and I think peo-CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

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in its catalogue with sufficient clarity. He deemed as inadequate a statement women) . . no woman was excited pas-

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don't have to focus on the real enemy.

camps?

ment legitimized the whole gay rights moderate income housing. You must run movement. If it weren't for the women's on twenty to forty different issues to get movement, they wouldn't have a legiti- elected. And you have to be a good polimacy, because the whole issue of gay rights was first fought by women in the know who are in the closet and are elecwomen's movement, and originally ted also feel the same thing, as well as fought by us lesbians who first formed people who are black or women and hold NOW and were sort of purged out of a political office. It is the same thing NOW, so that we payed our dues a long with the mayor of San Antonio, who's time ago. It hasn't divided it at all; in a woman. She is not elected because she fact, gay men would be nowhere if it is a woman. In fact, a lot of people were weren't for the women's movement, leary to elect her, because she's a good to be very honest, because you have the politician who happens to be a woman. strongest, most sophisticated political Before she can do things for the women's leaders in the country today who are community, she first must be mayor to saying positive things about gay rights a lot of different people. Because if peoand happening to be feminists. You can't ple think you're catering to one group, get a political guy worth his salt-with they will build up a high level of resentthe exception of a few congresspeople- ment, and that's what's very difficult to come along, but they are not in the for the gays in my own community to forefront.

Q: Do you think that gay politics has lesbian for a national political office?

on a one-issue. Locally, or nationally, people who would come back and say I'm nor should you. I get elected in spite of my lesbianism, not because of it, and I'm thirty thousand people who actually speaking very honestly. I'm elected by pulled the lever for me were very con people who are over sixty-five and live cerned about me, because they elected cause they think I'm the most qualified difficult balance to obtain. Gay people person running, but if you're thinking don't understand that. you can get elected on one issue, a Q:Many lesbians and gay men feel

cause she is a "women's candidate." A cal structures is a waste of time and has healthy sign of people working together black is not elected because he/she is a nothing to offer them. What do you for very political survival needs which is black candidate. So how can a gay person think? very acceptable. People can never agree- get elected and survive. It just doesn't the most sophisticated politicians can't happen politically. People won't vote for agree within parties-on all points, but a single issue candidate-woman, black, they pick the points they can work to- chicano, gay. That is the precedent that's gether on. And I see that happening more out there. It is very clear how you get and more and think it's very healthy. If elected. Because your constituency is not we keep fighting each other, then we single-issue oriented. In fact, a lot of my constituents don't agree with my stand Q: Do you think that the women's on gay rights. But they agree with my movement has somewhat divided the stand on my major child-abuse bills, or the fact that I bring a lot of federal A: Not at all, the women's move- monies into my district, or create low-totical person, and the gay people that I understand. I have a very difficult constituency to balance, and depending upon come to a point where you could run as a the sentiment of how they were feeling, I would get charged with not being gay A: Never, Never. You can't get elected enough, and then they were the same too gay. Meanwhile, my constituency of on fixed incomes in forty different na- me, and they wanted me not to cater to tionality neighborhoods. I'm elected be- anyone's special interests. It's a very

woman is not elected or re-elected be- the working within the existing politi-

A: I think that's BS. I think it is legitimate to say that there are other alternative ways to work-fine. But don't dump on people who are trying to work for constructive change in whatever system. If you think it's a waste of time, I don't care if you work for the Socialist Workers Party-work for a party. But it is only through that system that our rights will be acquired. I think history has proven that to be true. I'm not saying that it's the most pleasant, and certainly the most tedious, but if you leave and don't participate in it, you leave a vacutrol your lives. You see them controlling our lives now.

Q: In terms of current politics, what are the common goals of the women's

movement and the gay mo

what ways do they conflict? A: I don't think they conflict at all. I think that people who don't understand the basic concept of freedom posture us as conflicting. I think that the basic tendency is talking about full access to a full and useful life-that is the thing we both share. You cannot ask any woman to be the brownie-baking ladies' auxilliary of any gay movement, if you're not going to talk about equality. You can't talk about equality for one group and not for all. But I don't see them as conflicting. I see them more coinciding than conflicting. It's people who don't under-stand the tenets of both movements who like to point out that they conflict. And um for all of those terrible people to con- again we have to go back to what I saidpeople don't have to agree 95% of the time. They must agree publicly on something and work towards those goals that CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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they agree on. I mean you are not going to get more than four or five people in a room-gay or straight-to agree on ten or twelve things unanimously, a democracy doesn't work that way.

Q: Some of your opposition claims that you aren't radical enough and that your work has not been making enough progress in gay rights. Could you re-spond to this?

A: Since I'm the only one out there in an elected office and really plugging, and the only one who's gotten the mayor to ban discrimination in all of Boston and had a commitment from the governor (who was defeated) that he would do the same thing on a state level. And I'm the only person who's carried single-handedly the gay rights bill farther than it's ever gone before with the Speaker of the House saying that if Elaine Noble wasn't gay homes. I helped start the first gay radio program and the first Homophile oftentimes look at my critics and say, "What have you done?" and often they cize me. I've paid my dues. And unless was their big request. someone can match that kind of record. I tend not to listen to that kind of criticism. I don't know what else they would expect me to do, but they're going to have that opportunity to find out when I'm no longer in public office.

David Brill is a fellow whom I've known for seven years in Massachusetts. David really has done nothing. And he IMPACT

D.O.B. David is a very sexist human being and time again. And I'm just really getfocus on picking one of our own apart

fully pick and choose what I do with and said, "Oh, we don't like it, just go and go to work, don't want to be bothered, have done absolutely nothing but criti- I get it for gay people? You know, that roses, and said they were sorry. These

There were forty people who said that we bill.

people in the press, and I don't see why And I'm really tired of it, because I'm should take it from gay people in the not going to be a self-fulfilled Judy Garpress. These are people who do nothing. land "cracker." I'm sorry; I'm about But when I try to call a meeting to help winning; I'm not about losing. I had tried can't even get them to show up for a Liberation which I'd worked towards, meeting. So I tend to just discredit them. and the Speaker of the House came out and seeing the blood trickle, than really August to give me the tally sheets on how six or seven, they now say, "Oh, well." worry about us, because what happens and they confessed, "We weren't really and what you've just seen is that we eat interested in winning it. We just wanted

an alternative service, no, they wanted to in office. I've done things for fifteen them. started a group called HUB seven years take to the streets. I stood up at the press years before I was ever an elected official. Matlovich: A perfect letter along the ago which said that women couldn't be conference, and you know that not one But what happens is that you have new lines that Elaine is talking about is the members of the board of directors. We person stood up with me. I had to stand people who come along and stand up, and Reverend King's letter from the Birmingbecause they have nothing to lose, they ham jail. When all the black ministers say they're leaders of the gay community. were blaming him for the violence, he And some of them have severe emotional said, "Why are you blaming me. Why problems, to be real honest. And they

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took that organization apart and created alone. And that happens time and time stand up and say, "Well, Elaine Noble hasn't done enough. Leonard Matlovich and a very racist human being. I've had ting a little tired of it. Oh, you know it's hasn't done enough." And I say, "Hey, to confront him. I don't write for a gay like "Elaine will do it." "We've got Elaine long before you were ever out of the paper, but I don't take crap from straight out front." And then I take all the flack. closet, buddy, I was helping form the Homophile Community Health Service, for a group of people which is the second largest out-patient clinic in Boston now. I was the one who pulled the politicians select a new commissioner of police, I to put together a tally sheet for Gay in and got them committed to the program. And I did Outreach. And I created the Gay Speakers Bureau, that reached But it is that gay mentality of "into gos- and said, I'll tell you, if Elaine Noble out to every university and every medical sip". It's like that whole self-fulfilled weren't in front of this, you wouldn't profession in the state. But because they horizontal hostility. We would rather get fifty votes. I had asked these same now have come out in the last year or flakies in Massachusetts from March until two or have been in the closet for about face the real enemy out there. And the many people they had lobbied-a whole It is going to be very interesting to see level of self-hate is so incredible in the system that I had helped set up, and do what they do, because what they do is sit gay community that straight people- you know the day that we debated the around in meetings. They don't really get like I said four years ago-don't have to bill, 150 people had not been lobbied, out there on the streets and do anything. So I tend not to listen to them, because (a) they couldn't deliver a vote, and (b) in front of this that the bill wouldn't on our own flesh and destroy each other to consciousness-raise." I said, "You ass- they couldn't deliver their own sole, and get fifty votes. I'm the only person who's rather than having to do the real damage. holes. I've been waiting for four years for (c) they don't do a damn thing for me really created through the welfare depart. And to be real honest, I'm not interested this bill. Do you know you're just de- anyway. And they are negating what I ment a gay placement for gay children in in people doing numbers on me any stroying gay people's lives across the consider the gay community, which is a more. I've had it. And I'm going to care- state? I did a compromise bill, and they lot of people who get up every day and Community Health Service, which now for the gay community and for whom in kill it, so I killed it, and the Speaker of will contribute and want to do the right has the second-largest out-patient clinic the future. And I'm not going to listen the House, third reading, everyone voted thing, probably would never march in a in Boston. As well as start D.O.B. And to the people who say that I'm too gay for it, and said "Get it into third reading, parade, and are afraid to because they I've had about fifteen to twenty year ex. and I'm not gay enough. I'm not gay we'll amend it and put it back out, and it would lose their jobs. I represent them perience in the gay movement. And I enough because I can't get federal fund- was one of the saddest days in my life, too. But whenever you get very fascistic ing for a gay nursing home? I can't get it because we could have won the bill. And minds in any political group who stand for my elderly people over 65! How can later they sent me a dozen long-stem up and say this is the party line, you find that oftentimes the more meetings they people were the same people. And I have, you find less and less people at-Anita Bryant came to town, and it was said, "Listen, take your long-stem roses tending. Because they tend to offend clear that she came to town because I and shove them up your ass. Because I more and more people. But because I'm was running for the United States Senate. don't need them." It was a civil service out there and Leonard is out there, we become the perfect targets for a lot of shouldn't participate in a demonstration, No one has done more for gay people people who really shouldn't be speaking who said let's not have any violence, in my own state than I have. I helped for gay liberation at all. They should be ignore Anita Bryant, and have an alter- create a Homophile Community Health taking care of their own mental health native service. People didn't want to have Service, that I started long before I was problems, because they're loaded with

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aren't you blaming the white racists out what she did was take the more conserthere who are causing the violence." vative voters and allow them an option that I said "You must support the Homo-Elaine is saying "why are you blaming for voting for someone else. And I was phile Community Health Service and subher; it's not her.'

standing up, where were they? Where wait for her to run for political office but he did; it broke the ice. It was interhave they been? It's just amazing. It is someday so that I can come out and engoing to be fascinating to watch. Fasci- dorse her and help ruin her political nating. Cause I need time now just to career. And I can't wait, because that regroup. I got more mail than the gover- woman is bound to come out of the nor, and I never didn't answer one let- woodwork at some point. ter or one phone call. People called me from California or from my state or thing is after reading that Playboy interwherever-I always responded to the gay view, I got such incredible insight into people who called me. And oftentimes the woman, into what incredible ego she

start being effective, what happens is wasn't that bad of an interview. It was that people then start wanting to destroy very revealing. I loved the way he started you because it is hard for them to deal it with her being pissed off in the car, with that you might have a win in the about the pie in the face and not hitting group. What that win does-what a Leo- him. nard Matlovich does-is his reflection Q: Have you had any other dealings shines such light on people, that especial- with her? ly in the biggest closet like all of the mili- A: Once I agreed to go to Dade Countary, and people in gay liberation claim ty to debate her the night before that that they're about freedom, his fight election. She did not show up, and she shines such a reflection that it then says sent two men in her place, Thompson to them "Where's your light?" "What and one other guy. One of the fellows on are you doing?" And rather than ans- this debate was a fellow that I knew in wer that question, it is easier to turn on another life who worked for a mayor Leonard Matlovich for standing up for down there and I confronted him about his rights through one of the worst and it and said that if he were going to open toughest struggles that I think anybody his mouth on this program, that I would had. What I had to go through just cam- open my mouth about him, so throughpaigning is not merely ten or twenty per- out the whole program he never said one support group to help them, they are cent of what Leonard Matlovich had to word! go through.

with Anita Bryant?

A: Anita Bryant came up and campaigned against me and for a man named through. I had elected a pro-gay fellow in Howard Phillips. I was holding a strong 1972 and it was clear that gay people had third place amongst some other liberals put him in office. I remember the first in the race for the United States Senate. meeting I took Barney Frank to, they

very effective, because once she left town, after doing radio commercials, N: And since I'm the only one who's election. She's a very skillful lady. I can't

I think she's a very sick lady. The that meant two or five in the morning. has. I think she would probably sell You see what happens is when you anyone down the drain to get press. It

Q: What about closeted gays who are Q: What run-ins, if any, have you had community leaders, but who are also very oppressive in terms of not supporting us? A: It takes a long time to work that She cost me about 150,000 votes and was complained, and I said "Come on." and

finally nursed the gay community around to supporting this guy. They had a win. And part of his deal for doing this was left holding the bag ten days before the mit the first gay rights legislation, which he did. It didn't get very far-it diedesting, because there were a lot of gay people who were elected and voted against that, and still did when I was in the House. What I did was to slowly meet with them quietly and to let them know that friends are friends and that I wasn't going to blow their cover. Their biggest fear is that you'll blow their cover. A lot of them represent very conservative districts. And what had happened was considering changing their vote and to and not something the devil created." work behind the scenes. In fact one of them was working behind the scenes on this bill that standing there was a closeted guy in a formidable committee looking facing today." at gay people, and they were saying "Kill this bill" and he said, "Look, I'm head of this committee, and I'm telling you, I'm going to save this bill." And believe me." He said "Hey, if they can't take care of you, believe me, forget it, I wouldn't come out if you dynamited my closet door now." And the sad thing is that what they see is that those people who are out are so damaged that there is nothing in it for them to come out. And to be very honest, until we can form a ot going to come out.

Q: Do you get support from them?

A: We support each other immeasur ably. I would go to the wall for them. There is no question about it. -Victor Vacarra

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### GAY ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR UNDISTORTED VIEWS

About 50 people Milwaukee

for the summer convention of Lutherans Concerned, a national organization working for gay rights in society and increased understanding of homosexuality.

Dr. Elizabeth Bettenhausen, with the Lutheran Church in America's Department for Church and Society, was the weekend's main speaker. She called for an "undistorted view of human sexuality-that it's part of God's good creation, that I had gotten them to the point of part of our embodiment as human beings,

> "This misconception (about sexuality)", she said, "is at the heart of the issue of homosexuality our church is

At the opening night worship service, the Rev. June Nilssen, an LCA campus pastor in Milwaukee, traced the similarities between the women's movement he turned to me and said "They won't and the struggle for civil rights for homosexuals.

The Rev. Charles Lewis, another LCA pastor and a founder of the Council for Religion and the Homosexual was the preacher for the Saturday evening service at Lake Park Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Pastor Lewis cautioned gay people against seeking refuge in the "gay ghettoes" of major cities. He stressed the need for continuing contacts with the non-gay majority.

Lutherans Concerned is a four year old coalition of gay and non-gay persons with 20 chapters in cities from coast to coast. The Mid Sound Chapter, including New Orleans, is coordinated by Rev. Will Cain. The local chapter meets weekly with Integrity at 539 Dumaine Street.

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Q: The impression that I've gotten from your case is that because it got so much publicity, that the government didn't want to give you an honorable discharge, because it was given so much

A: It's funny, but the worse the discharge, the worse the government looks, because I had such a perfect record, that giving me anything less than an honorable would reflect very badly on the government. The worse the discharge, the better we were.

Q: What have you been doing with your life since your general discharge from the Air Force?

A: Well, I'm a full-time civil rights activist, and with an emphasis on gay rights. I lecture at colleges and universities around the country. I'm involved in "No on 6" campaigns to help raise money to defeat the Briggs Initiative. Merle Miller, who wrote Plain Speaking (about Harry Truman) and I shall be writing a book together around December.

Q: Some say that you're making a living off of the oppression of gay people. How do you respond to that.

A: This year, so far I've made \$4800 and if that's making a living, I'd trade my pay check with anyone, anytime. I have to eat. I'm still fighting in Federal court. I find it very difficult to find an employer who will employ me to work, and then go out here, there and yonder to go speak on gay rights. I find it very difficult to find someone to employ me and let me run around the country also. So all I've made this year has been \$4800, but I'd trade that with anyone's paycheck any day. As a matter of fact, I've been working for "No on 6" for two months with- I kind of feel right now that I would not out a salary, without even my expenses being paid. So all this is coming out of

my pocket. And right now I have a little over \$100 to my name. It's difficult, "No on 6" did pay my way here, but they're hot paying my way for food or anything. So, believe me, I think \$4800 is below poverty; I'm not sure.

Q: Is there any chance that the general discharge can be changed in the future to an honorable discharge or reinstate-

A: We're in the U.S. Court of Appeals now. The case was heard on the 15th of May in Washington, D.C. and we're waiting for a decision. This court has been known to take three years, so we're dug in for a long wait. I would say that the way the judges conducted themselves in the courtroom, they were very, very favorable to our side. We're just going to have to wait and see what happens. It could be eight years from now.

A: If you had to do it all over again, would you?

A: Absolutely. There are some things that I would do differently. Hindsight is always better than foresight. I had no idea that there would be any publicity involved in my case at all. So if things happen the same way, I would have gone out and gotten an agent to handle all the publicity now, to in fact have made the most of it, because I think it is very important for gay people to be portrayed in news and TV and radio as positively as possible. And I think we'd have made the most of it.

There are some procedural things which we'd have done differently in the courtroom. Slight procedural things, but I have no regrets. My life didn't begin until I came out of the closet.

Q: What are those procedural things which you might have done differently. A: I admitted to committing sodomy.

have admitted that, knowing the way the CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

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Virginia." I would not have admitted who read "Quote for Conservatives." of TV ads and commercials, we deserve that, because it has made my case a little Was that an accurate portrayal of you at to lose it. We've got to educate. It's all for a finding of unconstitutionality. It more difficult.

Q: In what ways have your relationships with your family and friends changed because of your case.

friends now, to everyone. I've been a and race relations I'm very liberal. loner my entire life. Thirty years I was a celibate, and the way not to have relationships are not to be put into a posi- happening separately. tion that I would love someone and not with anyone until I was thirty. Now I'm having to learn a "friend" process now. I always had casual friends-people I casually went around with, but I always seemed to keep a distance.

Q: You came out openly as a gay person. What advice would you give to people who are in the closet? Should everyone come out or not?

A: I think history is going to judge us a hundred years from now, probably very critically. All gay people say that they know the answer to gay oppression, and that the answer is that if tomorrow, every gay person woke up and they were green or orange, I think that we're telling people what the answer is, and if everyone came out of the closet, very few people are willing to do that. I think all gay people are parents, and we

are parents of tomorrow's children, parents of tomorrow's gay children growing up. Being the loving and caring parents that we are, that we should have the courage to make the world better for them than it was for us. Part of making it better off is that gay people have to at least tell their families that they are gay. But you have to prepare yourself for that. It's a life-preparing process and we have

Q: In the film, you were initially Supreme Court ruled in "Doe v. State of pictured as a conservative Air Force man the time and have you changed since an education process. then and how? A: Absolutely, that was an accurate

portrayal. On some things I'm still rather human rights, why wasn't something A: I'm much closer to family and conservative. In the area of human rights

Q: Was that a part of your coming out, or was that something that was

A: It was happening before I came react to it, was to be a loner and not out. It wasn't until I was able to change have people around me. I didn't have sex that, that I was able to come out myself. Q: Could you please describe to the

readers of Impact exactly what the fight over the Briggs Initiative is all about? A: As a gay person, we all know what

this bill doesn't just discriminate against I think the Briggs Initiative only deals gay people; it will even discriminate with school children, and let's face it, self calls them our "allies." It will even child molesters. And who wants their strong competition to become the first say that people who like us lose their child taught by a child molester? What Miss Crescent City. Fat Sam's Theatrejobs because they like us-because they say that they like us. As I think it has are not child molesters. That we are good saw new talent in the likes of Felicia school teacher is fired, and another we have a right to teach school. That we Bobbie Mason and Terry Thomas. Cresteacher comes to the teacher's aid and are good school teachers and that we have cent City was the brainchild of Bob says that that teacher shouldn't be fired, they can be fired too. This is terrifying. It's a domino effect. Yesterday it was us, today it is going to be our friends, and now tomorrow, who is going to be the next group? I think it's terrifying.

We need to raise 1.5 million dollars is buying film footage now of the trash- happen to be gay."

age of the 27 boys who were murdered what do you think the gay strategy in Houston. If we don't combat that type should be?

denial of Freedom of Speech and basic machinery are already working now. done to stop this initiative before being put on the California ballot?

A: We've been to court on a number of cases, trying to stop it as being un- initiate the same type of legislation in the constitutional. The tradition is in Cali- state of Louisiana so that must be defornia that the courts do not become in- feated. volved in initiatives until after they become law, and then they rule on them.

Q: What do you anticipate is going to happen with the Briggs Initiative?

A: I don't know. But I'll go right back and say that if we don't fight, we deserve it is like to be discriminated against. But to lose. It has to be an education process. against our friends-Senator Briggs him- most of society views gay people as we have to do is educate people that we craft Lounge hosted the contest, which a right to be here. That's what a Briggs Stocksdale-bar manager, pageant presen-Initiative is really about. Education. We may lose this battle, but we're going to was enthusiastic about all of the entwin the war eventually. The war is this: rants, but the show stopper was Terry Until we as gay people flaunt our virtues, and not our vices, we won't win. We must flaunt our virtues, and the only way we for a massive radio, television, and news- can flaunt our virtues is to let people well "you're going to lose it anyhow. We it in society as going to have to let everyother cities, why should we contribute soceity: "Look how we have contributed money; why should we throw money to society," and "Look how we have we deserve to lose it. And the opposition happen to be a lesbian," or ". . . I also

bag murders and they're buying film foot- Q: If the Briggs Initiative is passed,

A: We would immediately go to court is clearly unconstitutional. That would Q: Since this seems to be an obvious immediately' happen. The gears of that Q: How would the passage of the

Briggs Initiative influence Louisiana? A: I understand that we have a state representative here who says that he will

-Victor Vacarra

#### NANCY WINS MISS CRESCENT CITY TITLE

Nancy, who recently was crowned Miss Vieux Carre, picked up another tiara this month when he edged out been pointedly demonstrated, if a gay people; that we are moral people. That and Carol and such seasoned troupers as tor, and chef at Fat Sam's. The crowd Thomas (first runner-up) who tap danced his way into everyones's heart.

Miss Crescent City ends the string of summer pageants in New Orleans. In the paper campaign. A lot of people say, know that we're gay. We who have made past two months Fat Sam's has hosted Miss Gay World of Louisiana-Adrian lost in Miami, we lost in Eugene, and the one know that we have contributed to St. Clair, Miss Vieux Carre-Nancy, and Miss Fat Sam's-Stormy Blue; LeLido Bar has seen Stormy Blue crowned Miss away?" If we don't fight this campaign, made it a better place," and "... I also New Orleans and Miss LeLido; and the Krewe of Armenius presented Miss Gay America at the DAV Hall,



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mentioned, yet many persons are not sure former. of its true meaning with respect to their individual situations.

In most jurisdictions (nearly all states) in order for a defendant to assist a valid must exist activity by the state (i.e. police or their agents) in the nature of an accused would not have otherwise committed.

Yet, it must be understood that the providing of the mere opportunity to commit the crime is not a sufficient enough basis for a defendant to claim the defense of "entrapment". Therefore, if a defendant is proven to have been ready and willing to violate the law then the line has been drawn between the trap for the unwary innocent (entrapment-valid defense) and the trap for the unwary criminal (opportunity only-no defense) for entrapment turns not on the state of mind of the government but on the state of mind of the defendant; that is, his predisposition to commit the offense

Some examples of what does and does not constitute entrapment are as fol-

The defendant was charged with possession of over 8 ounces of marijuana. An informer to the state was assisting the prosecution under the promise of immunity. It was held that "entrapment" occured where the informer (acting as the state's agent) pestered the defendant about buying a quantity of marijuana and the defendant rejected the overtures by the informer several times before finally succumbing to make a purchase.

Yet in another possession of marijuana case, there was found to be no entrapment where an undercover officer's negotiations with the defendant for the sale of marijuana involved no more persuasion than would be necessary for an ordinary purchase and sale. So the key to the distinction in the above cases a

"Entrapment" is a legal term used in mounted to improper inducement and criminal cases nearly everyone has heard creative activity on the part of the in-

In a driving while intoxicated charge, there was a finding of no entrapment where the police officer did not arrest the defendant on a charge of public affirmative defense of entrapment, there drunkeness at a restaurant some 30 minutes prior to arresting the defendant while the defendant was driving his inducement to commit a crime which the truck. Again, the rationale behind this decision is that entrapment can only be shown where government agents go beyond the mere offering of opportunities or facilities for the commission of the offense and expert persuasion or pressure of one kind or another which induces the commission of the crime by one who has no predisposition to do so.

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