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gays had eight years to claim their rights. A: I said that we had six to eight years to claim our rights, and I said that in 1974.

Q: Do you feel that the time is running out?

A: What I predicted is exactly coming true. We see it happening now, if fact we see it happening in the states in which I said it would happen. Because what we see and what I predicted then was that I saw economically the situation tightening up. This was in 1974, long before anybody could predict Proposition 13. But if you don't understand history, you're doomed to repeat it, and if you don't understand that when the economy starts tightening up, you have to find a new victim to blame things on or to get people to focus on, and unfortunately right now that victim seems to be us.

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

A: You should ask Leonard that, because I really can't anticipate that. I'm not there... It will be so frightening if it passes. It is really a witch-hunt, and I come from Massachusetts where we still have laws on our books which can be used to hunt witches or gay people. Let me tell you it is the most unpleasant thing if the Briggs Initiative passes. We could have another McCarthy era on a small scale in California.

Q: What are your current political aspirations?

A: Please, I've served in the House for four years. I've done very well in the system: Majority Leader, served on the Ethics and Rules Committees, done a lot. I had an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. 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 helpful to the people in California. I have the time to do it. I'm not opposed to doing that, but I haven't made any commitments.

Q: What do you think an ideal piece of gay rights legislation should look like and include?

A: I think it would include two kinds that I have introduced in Massachusetts, on a state level. One is a basic law, a petition, that bans all discrimination in employment and housing and the other one banning discrimination in terms of civil service. Civil service is far-reaching; a lot of teachers are covered by civil service in the public sector. A general discrimination bill banning discrimination in employment and housing and public accommodations would be the most appropriate.

I think it has to work two ways. First you have to take the old laws off the books, and then create new ones. But sometimes removing old laws is like trying to get a teacher to change a grade—it is very hard to do. Legislators, federally and statewide, will create new laws before they will take old ones off the books, so if you write the new one, you can render the old one unconstitutional.

Q: Do you think gay men and lesbians are working together more or less than in the past, in the political sphere?

A: I think it depends upon where. I remember before there was any political movement, gay women and men always worked together. Then the consciousness-raising came and I think people are learning that they can work together on certain points. That doesn't mean that they have to work together on every point. But I'm seeing a very

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healthy sign of people working together for very political survival needs which is very acceptable. People can never agree—the most sophisticated politicians can't agree within parties—on all points, but they pick the points they can work together on. And I see that happening more and more and think it's very healthy. If we keep fighting each other, then we don't have to focus on the real enemy.

Q: Do you think that the women's movement has somewhat divided the camps?

A: Not at all, the women's movement legitimized the whole gay rights movement. If it weren't for the women's movement, they wouldn't have a legitimacy, because the whole issue of gay rights was first fought by women in the women's movement, and originally fought by us lesbians who first formed NOW and were sort of purged out of NOW, so that we payed our dues a long time ago. It hasn't divided it at all; in fact, gay men would be nowhere if it weren't for the women's movement, to be very honest, because you have the strongest, most sophisticated political leaders in the country today who are saying positive things about gay rights and happening to be feminists. You can't get a political guy worth his salt—with the exception of a few congresspeople—to come along, but they are not in the forefront.

Q: Do you think that gay politics has come to a point where you could run as a lesbian for a national political office?

A: Never. Never. You can't get elected on a one-issue. Locally, or nationally, nor should you. I get elected in spite of my lesbianism, not because of it, and I'm speaking very honestly. I'm elected by people who are over sixty-five and live on fixed incomes in forty different nationality neighborhoods. I'm elected because they think I'm the most qualified person running, but if you're thinking you can get elected on one issue, a

woman is not elected or re-elected because she is a "women's candidate." A black is not elected because he/she is a black candidate. So how can a gay person get elected and survive. It just doesn't happen politically. People won't vote for a single issue candidate—woman, black, chicano, gay. That is the precedent that's out there. It is very clear how you get elected. Because your constituency is not single-issue oriented. In fact, a lot of my constituents don't agree with my stand on gay rights. But they agree with my stand on my major child-abuse bills, or the fact that I bring a lot of federal monies into my district, or create low-to-moderate income housing. You must run on twenty to forty different issues to get elected. And you have to be a good political person, and the gay people that I know who are in the closet and are elected also feel the same thing, as well as people who are black or women and hold a political office. It is the same thing with the mayor of San Antonio, who's a woman. She is not elected because she is a woman. In fact, a lot of people were leary to elect her, because she's a good politician who happens to be a woman. Before she can do things for the women's community, she first must be mayor to a lot of different people. Because if people think you're catering to one group, they will build up a high level of resentment, and that's what's very difficult for the gays in my own community to understand. I have a very difficult constituency to balance, and depending upon the sentiment of how they were feeling, I would get charged with not being gay enough, and then they were the same people who would come back and say I'm too gay. Meanwhile, my constituency of thirty thousand people who actually pulled the lever for me were very concerned about me, because they elected me, and they wanted me not to cater to anyone's special interests. It's a very difficult balance to obtain. Gay people don't understand that.

Q: Many lesbians and gay men feel

the working within the existing political structures is a waste of time and has nothing to offer them. What do you think?

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 vacuum for all of those terrible people to control 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 movement? In 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' auxiliary 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 understand the tenets of both movements who like to point out that they conflict. And again we have to go back to what I said—people don't have to agree 95% of the time. They must agree publicly on something and work towards those goals that

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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 respond 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 in front of this that the bill wouldn't get fifty votes. I'm the only person who's really created through the welfare department a gay placement for gay children in gay homes. I helped start the first gay radio program and the first Homophile Community Health Service, which now has the second-largest out-patient clinic in Boston. As well as start D.O.B. And I've had about fifteen to twenty year experience in the gay movement. And I oftentimes look at my critics and say, "What have you done?" and often they have done absolutely nothing but criticize me. I've paid my dues. And unless 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 started a group called HUB seven years ago which said that women couldn't be members of the board of directors. We

took that organization apart and created D.O.B. David is a very sexist human being and a very racist human being. I've had to confront him. I don't write for a gay paper, but I don't take crap from straight people in the press, and I don't see why I should take it from gay people in the press. These are people who do nothing. But when I try to call a meeting to help select a new commissioner of police, I can't even get them to show up for a meeting. So I tend to just discredit them. But it is that gay mentality of "into gossip". It's like that whole self-fulfilled horizontal hostility. We would rather focus on picking one of our own apart and seeing the blood trickle, than really face the real enemy out there. And the level of self-hate is so incredible in the gay community that straight people—like I said four years ago—don't have to worry about us, because what happens and what you've just seen is that we eat on our own flesh and destroy each other rather than having to do the real damage. And to be real honest, I'm not interested in people doing numbers on me any more. I've had it. And I'm going to carefully pick and choose what I do with and for the gay community and for whom in the future. And I'm not going to listen to the people who say that I'm too gay and I'm not gay enough. I'm not gay enough because I can't get federal funding for a gay nursing home? I can't get it for my elderly people over 65! How can I get it for gay people? You know, that was their big request.

Anita Bryant came to town, and it was clear that she came to town because I was running for the United States Senate. There were forty people who said that we shouldn't participate in a demonstration, who said let's not have any violence, ignore Anita Bryant, and have an alternative service. People didn't want to have an alternative service, no, they wanted to take to the streets. I stood up at the press conference, and you know that not one person stood up with me. I had to stand

alone. And that happens time and time and time again. And I'm just really getting a little tired of it. Oh, you know it's like "Elaine will do it." "We've got Elaine out front." And then I take all the flack. And I'm really tired of it, because I'm not going to be a self-fulfilled Judy Garland "cracker." I'm sorry; I'm about winning; I'm not about losing. I had tried to put together a tally sheet for Gay Liberation which I'd worked towards, and the Speaker of the House came out and said, "I'll tell you, if Elaine Noble weren't in front of this, you wouldn't get fifty votes. I had asked these same flaks in Massachusetts from March until August to give me the tally sheets on how many people they had lobbied—a whole system that I had helped set up, and do you know the day that we debated the bill, 150 people had not been lobbied, and they confessed, "We weren't really interested in winning it. We just wanted to consciousness-raise." I said, "You assholes. I've been waiting for four years for this bill. Do you know you're just destroying gay people's lives across the state? I did a compromise bill, and they said, "Oh, we don't like it, just go and kill it, so I killed it, and the Speaker of the House, third reading, everyone voted for it, and said "Get it into third reading, we'll amend it and put it back out, and it was one of the saddest days in my life, because we could have won the bill. And later they sent me a dozen long-stem roses, and said they were sorry. These people were the same people. And I said, "Listen, take your long-stem roses and shove them up your ass. Because I don't need them." It was a civil service bill.


No one has done more for gay people in my own state than I have. I helped create a Homophile Community Health Service, that I started long before I was in office. I've done things for fifteen years before I was ever an elected official. But what happens is that you have new people who come along and stand up, and because they have nothing to lose, they say they're leaders of the gay community. And some of them have severe emotional problems, to be real honest. And they

stand up and say, "Well, Elaine Noble hasn't done enough. Leonard Matlovich hasn't done enough." And I say, "Hey, long before you were ever out of the 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 in and got them committed to the program. And I did Outreach. And I created the Gay Speakers Bureau, that reached out to every university and every medical profession in the state. But because they now have come out in the last year or two or have been in the closet for about six or seven, they now say, "Oh, well." It is going to be very interesting to see what they do, because what they do is sit around in meetings. They don't really get 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) they couldn't deliver their own sole, and (c) they don't do a damn thing for me anyway. And they are negating what I consider the gay community, which is a lot of people who get up every day and go to work, don't want to be bothered, will contribute and want to do the right thing, probably would never march in a parade, and are afraid to because they would lose their jobs. I represent them too. But whenever you get very fascistic minds in any political group who stand up and say this is the party line, you find that oftentimes the more meetings they have, you find less and less people attending. Because they tend to offend more and more people. But because I'm out there and Leonard is out there, we become the perfect targets for a lot of people who really shouldn't be speaking for gay liberation at all. They should be taking care of their own mental health problems, because they're loaded with them.

Matlovich: A perfect letter along the lines that Elaine is talking about is the Reverend King's letter from the Birmingham jail. When all the black ministers were blaming him for the violence, he said, "Why are you blaming me. Why

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aren't you blaming the white racists out there who are causing the violence." Elaine is saying "why are you blaming her; it's not her."

N: And since I'm the only one who's standing up, where were they? Where have they been? It's just amazing. It is going to be fascinating to watch. Fascinating. Cause I need time now just to regroup. I got more mail than the governor, and I never didn't answer one letter or one phone call. People called me from California or from my state or wherever—I always responded to the gay people who called me. And oftentimes that meant two or five in the morning.

You see what happens is when you start being effective, what happens is that people then start wanting to destroy you because it is hard for them to deal with that you might have a win in the group. What that win does—what a Leonard Matlovich does—is his reflection shines such light on people, that especially in the biggest closet like all of the military, and people in gay liberation claim that they're about freedom, his fight shines such a reflection that it then says to them "Where's your light?" "What are you doing?" And rather than answer that question, it is easier to turn on Leonard Matlovich for standing up for his rights through one of the worst and toughest struggles that I think anybody had. What I had to go through just campaigning is not merely ten or twenty percent of what Leonard Matlovich had to go through.

Q: What run-ins, if any, have you had with Anita Bryant?

A: Anita Bryant came up and campaigned against me and for a man named Howard Phillips. I was holding a strong third place amongst some other liberals in the race for the United States Senate. She cost me about 150,000 votes and was

very effective, because once she left town, after doing radio commercials, what she did was take the more conservative voters and allow them an option for voting for someone else. And I was left holding the bag ten days before the election. She's a very skillful lady. I can't wait for her to run for political office someday so that I can come out and endorse her and help ruin her political career. And I can't wait, because that woman is bound to come out of the woodwork at some point.

I think she's a very sick lady. The thing is after reading that *Playboy* interview, I got such incredible insight into the woman, into what incredible ego she has. I think she would probably sell anyone down the drain to get press. It wasn't that bad of an interview. It was very revealing. I loved the way he started it with her being pissed off in the car, about the pie in the face and not hitting him.

Q: Have you had any other dealings with her?

A: Once I agreed to go to Dade County to debate her the night before that election. She did not show up, and she sent two men in her place, Thompson and one other guy. One of the fellows on this debate was a fellow that I knew in another life who worked for a mayor down there and I confronted him about it and said that if he were going to open his mouth on this program, that I would open my mouth about him, so throughout the whole program he never said one word!

Q: What about closeted gays who are community leaders, but who are also very oppressive in terms of not supporting us?

A: It takes a long time to work that through. I had elected a pro-gay fellow in 1972 and it was clear that gay people had put him in office. I remember the first meeting I took Barney Frank to, they complained, and I said "Come on," and

## GAY ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR UNDISTORTED VIEWS

About 50 people met in 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, part of our embodiment as human beings, and not something the devil created."

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

At the opening night worship service, the Rev. June Nilssen, an LCA campus pastor in Milwaukee, traced the similarities between the women's movement 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 ghettos" 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 Du Maine 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 press.

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 without 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 not 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 reinstatement?

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?

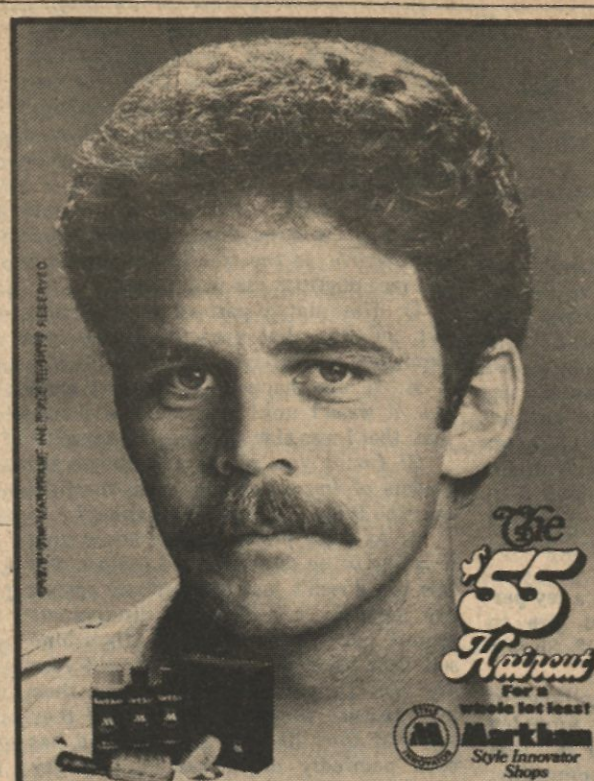
A: Absolutely. There are some things that I would do differently. Hindsight is always better than foresight. I had no idea that there would be any publicity involved in my case at all. So if things happen the same way, I would have gone out and gotten an agent to handle all the publicity now, to in fact 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. I kind of feel right now that I would not have admitted that, knowing the way the

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Supreme Court ruled in "Doe v. State of Virginia." I would not have admitted that, because it has made my case a little more difficult.

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

A: I'm much closer to family and friends now, to everyone. I've been a loner my entire life. Thirty years I was a celibate, and the way not to have relationships are not to be put into a position that I would love someone and not react to it, was to be a loner and not have people around me. I didn't have sex 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

to prepare ourselves for that eventually.

Q: In the film, you were initially pictured as a conservative Air Force man who read "Quote for Conservatives." Was that an accurate portrayal of you at the time and have you changed since then and how?

A: Absolutely, that was an accurate portrayal. On some things I'm still rather conservative. In the area of human rights and race relations I'm very liberal.

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

A: It was happening before I came out. It wasn't until I was able to change 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 it is like to be discriminated against. But this bill doesn't just discriminate against gay people; it will even discriminate against our friends—Senator Briggs himself calls them our "allies." It will even say that people who like us lose their jobs because they like us—because they say that they like us. As I think it has been pointedly demonstrated, if a gay school teacher is fired, and another teacher comes to the teacher's aid and 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 for a massive radio, television, and newspaper campaign. A lot of people say, well "you're going to lose it anyhow. We lost in Miami, we lost in Eugene, and the other cities, why should we contribute money; why should we throw money away?" If we don't fight this campaign, we deserve to lose it. And the opposition is buying film footage now of the trash-

bag murders and they're buying film footage of the 27 boys who were murdered in Houston. If we don't combat that type of TV ads and commercials, we deserve to lose it. We've got to educate. It's all an education process.

Q: Since this seems to be an obvious denial of Freedom of Speech and basic human rights, why wasn't something 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 unconstitutional. The tradition is in California that the courts do not become involved 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 to lose. It has to be an education process. I think the Briggs Initiative only deals with school children, and let's face it, most of society views gay people as child molesters. And who wants their child taught by a child molester? What we have to do is educate people that we are not child molesters. That we are good people; that we are moral people. That we have a right to teach school. That we are good school teachers and that we have a right to be here. That's what a Briggs Initiative is really about. Education. We may lose this battle, but we're going to win the war eventually. The war is this: 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 can flaunt our virtues is to let people know that we're gay. We who have made it in society as going to have to let everyone know that we have contributed to society. "Look how we have contributed to society," and "Look how we have made it a better place," and "... I also happen to be a lesbian," or "... I also happen to be gay."

Q: If the Briggs Initiative is passed, what do you think the gay strategy should be?

A: We would immediately go to court for a finding of unconstitutionality. It is clearly unconstitutional. That would immediately happen. The gears of that machinery are already working now.

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 initiate the same type of legislation in the state of Louisiana so that must be defeated.

—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 strong competition to become the first Miss Crescent City. Fat Sam's Theatre-craft Lounge hosted the contest, which saw new talent in the likes of Felicia and Carol and such seasoned troupers as Bobbie Mason and Terry Thomas. Crescent City was the brainchild of Bob Stocksdale—bar manager, pageant presenter, and chef at Fat Sam's. The crowd was enthusiastic about all of the entrants, but the show stopper was Terry Thomas (first runner-up) who tap danced his way into everyone's heart.

Miss Crescent City ends the string of summer pageants in New Orleans. In the past two months Fat Sam's has hosted Miss Gay World of Louisiana—Adrian St. Clair, Miss Vieux Carre—Nancy, and Miss Fat Sam's—Stormy Blue; LeLido Bar has seen Stormy Blue crowned Miss New Orleans and Miss LeLido; and the Krewe of Arminus presented Miss Gay America at the DAV Hall.

# You Have A Right...

"Entrapment" is a legal term used in criminal cases nearly everyone has heard mentioned, yet many persons are not sure 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 affirmative defense of entrapment, there must exist activity by the state (i.e. police or their agents) in the nature of an inducement to commit a crime which the 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 follows:

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" occurred 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-

mounted to improper inducement and creative activity on the part of the informer.

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 drunkenness at a restaurant some 30 minutes prior to arresting the defendant while the defendant was driving his 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.

—Paula Perrone

## SHOWING OF "LEGACY" TO BENEFIT NEW ORLEANS N.O.W.

I first saw "Legacy" at the International Women's Film Festival and I'm excited about seeing it again.

The film is a tour de force of writing, acting, and directing.

Karen Arthur produced and directed, Jean Hotchkins wrote the screenplay, and is living in her performance. They capture the essential emptiness and isolation of a woman who has given control of her life to others.

"Legacy" has won festival awards in Switzerland, Germany, and America. Rex Reed called Karen Arthur "A brilliant new American feminist director." I think it's a terrific movie.

Tickets are \$3.00 and to benefit N.O.W. They should be purchased in advance. "Legacy" will be shown at the Toulouse Theatre, 9:30 Friday, November 17. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Toulouse Theatre, Atlantis Distributors, Charlene's or by mail, New Orleans N.O.W., Box 13604, New Orleans, La. 70185.

—Susan Harmon



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