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LOOKING TO THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARIES AND THE RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT

Pro-Choice

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Al Sharpton

Anti-Choice

Al D'Amato



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

Pro-Choice:

Jerry Brown
Bill Clinton
Ross Perot²
Mikhail Gorbachev³

Anti-Choice

Pat Buchanan
George Bush

¹ On the public record as pro-choice.

² (*sniff, sniff*) Is there something Faustian in the air, with Perot fronting for his old crony Richard Nixon, who—for those too young to remember his war-mongering 6-year reign in the White House (1968-1974)—is Watergate's unindicted co-conspirator who would have turned the country into a police state had he not been forced to resign under threat of impeachment and whose ass by all rights should've been thrown in the slammer 20 years ago, and whose 1992 persona is trying mightily suspiciously to look elder-statesmanly, and whose hand-outs of lucrative government contracts to Perot ca. 1970 is, more than any other thing, responsible for Perot's having become a multi-billionaire who can now buy and sell the White House, and about whom the noted population expert and author of "The Population Bomb" Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich once said: "You can't win in America unless you've got the President on your side. He's like God. And [President] Nixon doesn't like abortion. He has a great feeling for fetal life, although once it stops being a fetus, he doesn't give much of a damn." So maybe this is pay-back time. We'll have to wait and see if Perot has the testicles to defy his old crony and keep his word. It's still early and the Ol' Sidewinder is already waffling.

³ Yes, yes, we know. But Gorby does seem to have a better grasp of democracy than any of the homeboys.

RESCUE CHOICE

George Bush's defense of the flag and George Bush's defense of the fetus are equally dear to that odd consortium of theological enemies calling itself "Operation Rescue." This curious amalgam of Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, Seventh-Day Adventists, and assorted other fundamentalists, evangelicals, rattlesnake-romancers and followers of new and still obscure denominations is united under Bush's linked emblems of The Flag (The Cross) and The Fetus (The Divine Child). Entwined, they form the symbol of the new "American Religion."¹

Defenders of choice naturally are embittered by the "Rescuers'" diminished concern for post-fetus infants: the motley "Rescue" crew obviously value the unborn over the born...the innocent and spiritual god-like fetus over the newborn baby who has fallen into the material world of poverty and sin. The fetus must not be aborted, they insist, but whether the full-term baby starves or suffers abuse seems to them inconsequential. The infant, you see, does not arrive alone and may drain the pious taxpayer, but the fetus can wave righteously over the land.

Even though this conglomeration of religionists is a distinct minority, their zeal—the extent of their devotion to the ancient heresy that the Creation and the Fall are one and the same event—gives them a political and economic influence which has crept into our secular government and today dominates the Republican Party.

Bush and the Reagan-Bush Supreme Court will continue to keep faith with the "Rescuers" and their fascist neo-"religion." And if we the majority do not exercise our pro-choice vote, we will see far more than a woman's right to choose vanish from the American landscape.

¹ *The American Religion: The Emergence of the Post-Christian Nation* by Harold Bloom, from whose writings we borrowed.

Defend Women's Healthcare Against Operation "Rescue"

Operation "Rescue" ("OR") plans massive attacks on women's healthcare & abortion services throughout NYC around the time of the Democratic National Convention in July. Last summer, OR was forcibly removed from Wichita, Kansas, after occupying that city and illegally disrupting women's healthcare for over a month. Since then, OR fanatics have similarly attacked healthcare & abortion services in countless cities around the country, including Buffalo in April & May, in preparation for their July "hit" on NYC.

LEARN TO FIGHT BACK — PUT AN END TO THEIR ATTEMPT TO CONTROL OUR LIVES, OUR CHOICES!

Clinic defense trainings are being held on June 20 and July 18 at the Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St., 1 to 4 PM.

If you would like us to hold a clinic defense training in your community, contact: **WHAM! P.O. Box 733, New York, NY 10009, tel. (212) 713-5966.**

SET YOUR VCR!

On Monday, July 13, 8:30PM, MCTV Ch. 17 premieres **ACCESS DENIED**, a video documentary by Julie Clark, Dolly Meieran and Dana Nasrallah. Running time: 28 min. Produced and distributed by **ReproVision**, an affiliate of the New York-based Women's Health Action and Mobilization (**WHAM!**)

by Erika Blitz

ACCESS DENIED represents three years' work documenting reproductive-rights direct actions and tracking attacks by the anti-choice movement. It got started in response to the [Supreme Court's] Webster decision in 1989, when there was a rebirth of the reproductive rights movement which wasn't being well-documented in either the mass or alternative media.

"ReproVision got started when women in the movement grabbed cameras and started to record things for themselves," says videographer Dana Nasrallah. "A lot of what our video tries to do is speak to the personal experiences of the people watching it, to say, 'Look, this happened to me, it may happen to you, and here's a way to get around it, to fight the limited access we have at this time.'" Its contemporary material is presented with cleverly edited clips from old films depicting "traditional" women's roles.

ACCESS DENIED records "Operation Rescue" abortion-clinic blockades and client harassment. It addresses three recent blows to reproductive freedom: the Webster decision; the "gag rule"; and the parental-consent laws that have been enacted in several states, and it includes interviews with individual activists on a wealth of reproductive-rights issues.

A clinic escort describes a distraught 16-year-old who, targeted for harassment on the day of her scheduled abortion, is considering suicide. Another speaker talks about a friend who hemorrhaged to death from a botched illegal abortion. Another woman, her face hidden from the camera, explains how she uses do-it-yourself gynecological care, including at-home menstrual extraction (removing the contents of the uterus), aided by friends, to bypass the restrictions that the government and medical industry have imposed on women.

ACCESS DENIED is an activist-organizing tool that offers an effective analysis of the current reproductive-healthcare crisis while maintaining a relatively upbeat tone. It speaks to every age group, class and race, and makes important connections between reproductive freedom and lesbian, gay and bisexual liberation. It also points out the racism inherent in the modern healthcare crisis. Its strength lies in its inspiring portrayals of direct actions in which people defend clinics so that clients can enter safely during blockades; angry protesters march, sit-in and speak out; and activists hand out safe-sex pamphlets to teenagers. (Some activists even hang giant pro-choice banners from the Statue of Liberty!)

ReproVision is distributing **ACCESS DENIED** nationally to a growing list of activist organizations and reproductive healthcare providers. Since its completion about 10 months ago, the videotape has been screened by a wide variety of groups, from local universities to **WHAM** training sessions, in preparation for "Operation Rescue's" planned siege of New York City clinics during the Democratic National Convention in July. **ACCESS DENIED** debuts on public access on July 13, the opening day of the convention.

"Interestingly enough," Nasrallah says, "the tape instigates those long, interpersonal discussions between people at the screenings. Lots of very exciting cross-talk happens; people share ideas and learn from each other. This tape creates

discourse, and out of these discourses we hope will come actions."

We urge you not to miss this important television premiere! *Erika Blitz is a member of WHAM! This article appeared previously in similar form in the Guardian.*

ACCESS DENIED premieres on MCTV on Monday, July 13, 8:30PM on Ch. 17. The videotape is available to activists and healthcare providers at very low cost. For more information, or to help defend clinics, please contact: **ReproVision**, P.O. Box 2026, New York, NY 10009; tel. (212) 713-5966.

"I want to...point out the hypocrisy...of the pro-lifers. ... When it comes to social services...or student aid, they forget all about those fetuses."

—The Rev. Al Sharpton

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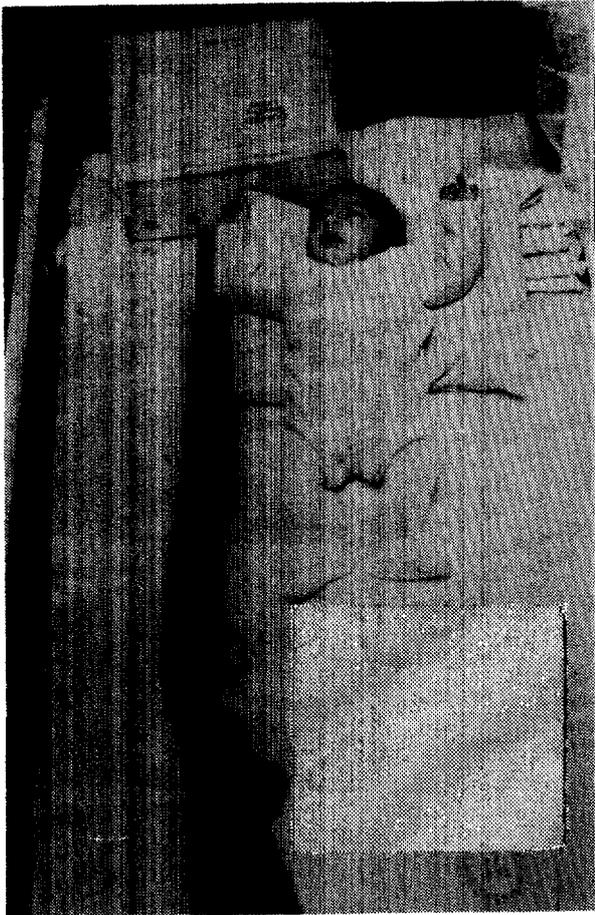
If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" yourself from ignorance and find a real purpose in your life.

If you're really "pro life," you'll take a hard look at reality and "rescue" the full-term live-birth babies who are thrown down incinerator chutes...tossed into garbage cans and dumpsters and left for dead. "Rescue" these ill-conceived post-fetal infants whose lives are brutal and short...the tens of thousands of abused, neglected, unwanted children who have no hope, no future...only misery and a desperate need for nurturing and love.

If you're really "pro life," you'll see the urgency for quality of life and the need for family planning, and you'll "rescue" birth control and birth-control information from the clutches of those who would impose their medieval sense of morality on the majority.

If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" the right of women to receive quality healthcare without fear that their healthcare facilities will be torched, or bombed, and you'll "rescue" the women from the other forms of violence perpetrated on them by those who would deny them their legal rights.

If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" sex education in the classroom, a proven, effective means of preventing AIDS and STDs and of reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies and abortions that are endemic among adolescents.



Found Near Death, Infant Is Now Better

A day after being discarded down the chute of a Bronx apartment house and discovered near death in a garbage bin, a newborn infant was given a good prognosis yesterday by doctors, who said he had improved significantly.

The baby, named Jake by a resident at Jacobi Hospital, where he was taken Monday morning, lay comfortably yesterday afternoon, wearing a disposable diaper fastened with tape decorated with Mickey Mouse figures, warmed by an overhead heat lamp and sucking a pacifier as doctors, nurses and well-wishers stop by the neonatal intensive care unit to see how he was doing.

One who did not visit was the mother, whose identity detectives still trying to learn. Sgt. Frangiano, commander of the 49th Precinct Detective Squad, said his men had spent most of each day knocking on the door of each of the six-story apartment buildings at Cruger Avenue and Ham Parkway South in the Bronx section, where the baby was found.

They are still checking leads. The baby was about two hours old when the building porter found him in a garbage bin and alerted the superintendent, who quickly summoned a police officer. When the baby arrived at Jacobi by patrol car, he was not breathing and was so cold no temperature could be recorded, Dr. B. R. Suresh said yesterday.

Injured Infant Found in a Brooklyn Alley

A newborn baby who had been stabbed three times in the chest was found yesterday in a plastic bag in an alleyway behind a Brooklyn apartment building, the police said.

The baby, who the police would identify only as a black male, underwent extensive surgery at Kings County Hospital. He was in serious but stable condition last night in the hospital's incubation ward, a hospital spokeswoman said, and was expected to survive.

The spokeswoman said doctors had also determined that the infant, who was born about four hours before it was found behind a small apartment building at 820 Linden Boulevard in East Flatbush. The placenta was still attached to the child, who had been carried to a full 9-month term of pregnancy, hospital officials said.

Doctors at Kings County Hospital have not yet determined what kind of instrument was used in the stabbing.

The baby was found about 2 P.M. lying atop bags of trash in the building's garbage-collection area by passers-by who heard it crying, the police and several residents of the building said. The area is easily accessible from the street through a walkway that runs beside the building.

If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" gun control from the stranglehold of the National Rifle Association. Guns kill. They kill children...and babies in their cribs. "Rescue" the NRA from its deep psychosis, and "rescue" us from our standing as the most violent, murderous nation on the face of the earth.

If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" fetal-tissue research, which promises hope for sufferers of Parkinson's disease, diabetes, Huntington's disease, spinal-cord injury, Alzheimer's disease, and countless other illnesses. "Rescue" these untold numbers from certain death.

If you're really "pro-life," you'll "rescue" the homeless from the streets...the destitute from their despair....

If you're really "pro life," you'll "rescue" your vigilante colleagues from themselves. You are all amateurs, lured by religious con artists with private agendas into playing a sperm-and-egg game whose rules the professionals—the experts in science and medicine—haven't yet sorted out. "Rescue" your head from the charlatans' smokescreen and inhale reality. You're being played for a sucker.

If you're really "pro life," you'll stop preying on others' lives and "rescue" freedom of choice.



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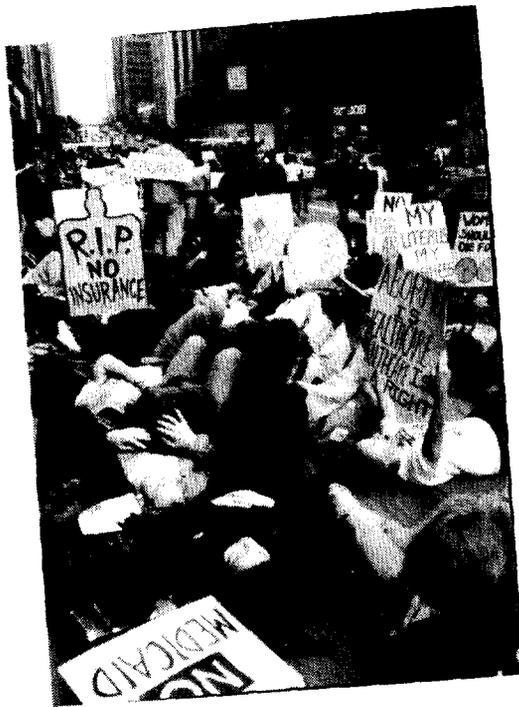
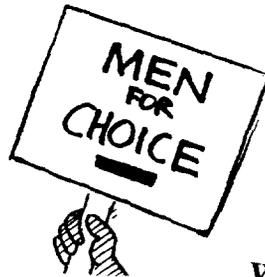


Ms. Missouri and Ms. Pennsylvania wearing chains to demonstrate their states' repressive anti-choice laws.



"Groups like Operation Rescue...slander and insult the 16 million women each year who make difficult, principled decisions to end a pregnancy. Astonishingly, they assail the sex education and contraceptive services that most effectively reduce the need for abortion."

—David Andrews, Acting President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America



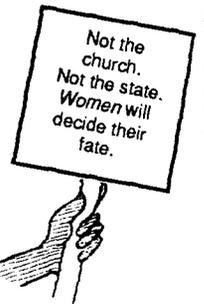
Who Are the "Right to Lifers"?

Operation Rescue's Randall Terry and his brain-dead band of fetus freaks are phony religionists who want to ram their hypocrisy down our throats and up our wombs.

"Right to life"?
Their name's a lie!
They don't care
if women die.

They're racist,
They're sexist,
They're anti-gay.
These "born again" bigots
who prey and prey....

These neo-zealots are violent, anti-woman terrorists who routinely torch and bomb in the name of their god, with absolutely no regard for human life.



Go adore
your virgins
and leave the
rest of us
alone!



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PAPA DEAREST

The old proverb goes: Be assured that on the day in our history when the first man becomes pregnant, the church will decree abortion to be a holy sacrament.

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This in on the Reuter newswire, dateline the Philippines, May 25, 1992: A 32-year-old man in the southern Philippines is six months pregnant.

Identified only as "Carlo," the man is a hermaphrodite with both male and female sex organs. He has been examined by several doctors who have confirmed the pregnancy. "An ultrasound has been conducted, and it has been confirmed that inside Carlo's womb is a healthy baby, complete with all physical faculties," said a health official. No details were given on how the pregnancy will proceed. Carlo wants to take maternity leave from his job, but he can't under local government rules because he's a man. He also wants to marry his lover, but the church will not allow him to marry a man.

†
Nothing is infallible—not even Reuter's. "Carlo" was a hoax. There is no pregnant man. Not this time. But one day there will be. There will come that day in our history when we shall be blessed with the sacred right to choose.

Curb your
dogma.
It's crapping
on the law(n).

¡Es nuestra
decisión!

Pro-Child
Pro-Family
Pro-Choice

No
más
silencio

ABORTION
 KEEP IT SAFE
 KEEP IT LEGAL
 KEEP IT FUNDED



We're
pro-choice
and we
vote — in
droves!



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RIGHTEOUS RANTINGS FROM YOUR TYPICAL SPERM-WORSHIPPERS:

"I don't think Christians should use birth control. ... [I]f you have babies, you have babies...."
—Randall Terry, executive director,
Operation "Rescue"

"For those who say I can't impose my morality on others, I say just watch me. For instance, several years ago [using a private detective] we tracked down a 12-year-old girl who was going to have an abortion...."
—Joseph Scheidler, executive director,
Pro-Life Action League

"Sex education classes in our public schools are promoting incest."
—The Sobbing Rev. Jimmy
("I have sinned my Lord") Swaggart

"I don't think we should punish the [rapist] by killing his child."
—Dr. John Willke, past president,
National Right to Life Committee

"[S]top...every public school...sex education program, no matter what.... Meanwhile, let it be clear [that] we fight contraception—sterilization—abortion...."
—Fr. Paul Marx,* president,
Human Life International

*The same Father Marx who condescendingly identifies the female half of the populace as "gals." Hey, guy, stuff a rag in it.

RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR ABORTION RIGHTS

We are a pro-choice coalition of 17 Protestant, 13 Jewish, and 5 Unitarian and humanist organizations committed to a woman's right to her own moral decision-making. For information, please phone:

(212) 513-0180

Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
198 Broadway, Suite 805
New York, NY 10038

Meryl Schneider, Coordinator
The Rev. Donald W. Morlan, Chair

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LESS YOU, FATHERS, FOR YOU HAVE SINNED

According to A.W. Richard Sipe, a former Catholic priest who wrote the book "A Secret World: Sexuality and the Search for Celibacy," no more than 50% of the 50,000 American priests today practice celibacy. His data are based on a 25-year study during which he interviewed 1,500 priests and the women they screw.

A DIALOGUE DIRECT FROM GREYSTONES, COUNTY DUBLIN, IN IRELAND¹

Florence Fitzmaurice: *[W]omen's attitudes are changing. ... There is an unconscious redefinition going on, of the relationship between women and the church.*

Maureen Casey²: *Priests don't have the influence they used to.*

Mary Killeen: *Particularly in the bedroom.*

Mrs. Casey: *I definitely think the church has lost it on contraception, on divorce, on abortion.*

Other critics of the church, including Irish government officials and priests, say Bishop Eamonn Casey's paternity situation has seriously weakened the church's image as a moral authority.³

¹The country out of which 4,000 of its women must sneak each year and go to Britain for their abortions.

²No relation to Bishop Eamonn Casey...so far as we know (nudge, nudge, wink, wink).

³Y'don't say! Sure an' it took the wayward Father only 17 years to confess he had a son with Annie Murphy.

IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO, BEGORRA

Bishop O'Daddy, having taken leave of the Old Sod, will be assuming a missionary position in Latin America where, presumably, he'll be doing the Lord's work making lots o'muchachos.

ADIOS, ARRIVEDERCI, DO WIDZENIA

Bidding adios to Father O'Daddy, we call upon his fellow hypocrites to kindly and gently remove their rusty rosaries from our ovaries and get their crucifix out of our uterus once and for all. Stop preying on our bodies, for God's sake, stop preying on our lives.

CATHOLICS FOR A FREE CHOICE

National office, Washington, D.C.

(202) 986-6093

CLINIC ESCORTS: "THE NEW AMERICAN HEROES"

Anti-woman forces, led by self-proclaimed "rescuers" and diocesan terrorists, have been conducting ongoing prayer gigs at women's healthcare facilities in Manhattan and the boroughs. These sanctimonious thugs attempt to blockade the facilities and prevent women from entering and receiving timely access to a complete range of healthcare services. English-, Spanish- and Creole-speaking volunteers are needed to escort the women past these religio-fanatic haranguers. **To volunteer, call (212) 713-5966. You'll be a "New American Hero"!**

RU 486 or RU Not?

RU 486 is a proven treatment for certain types of Cushing's Syndrome and has potential value in the treatment of breast cancer, meningioma, endometriosis, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, fibroid tumors, and a number of other serious conditions. It is increasingly available in Europe but not in the United States.

Q: So...aren't we part of the developed world, too? Why isn't RU 486 available here in the U.S.?

A: Why do you think? Because RU 486 (sometimes called the "French abortion pill") is among all other things a safe and effective method of early abortion. And the self-righteous gangs of psychosexual misfits who dominate what passes these days for governance—elected, appointed, and anointed—would rather we swallow their dogma than a pill. (These are the same vagina-evil neo-religionists who have crippled fetal-tissue research, which promises, among its many potential life-saving benefits, a cure for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.)

If you'd like to help override these sperm-worshipping morons who would count our eggs before they're hatched and, if given the chance, would christen every ejaculation, call or write the **Feminist Majority Foundation**, 675 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139; tel. (617) 864-0130.

EVERY EJACULATION DOES NOT NEED A NAME!

84% OF PREGNANT MEN OPT FOR ABORTION

A whopping 84 percent of men who are pregnant choose to terminate their pregnancies with abortion, according to a recent poll conducted by **ACCESS! MANHATTAN**. Only five percent of the men surveyed expressed a desire to continue their pregnancies to term. The remaining 11 percent were too hysterical to respond to our questions.

Of the men who choose to carry their babies to term, a scant one-tenth of one percent expressed a desire for natural childbirth, while 99.9 percent said they will have C-sections.

The Senate Subcommittee on Reproductive Rights is expected to unanimously approve the C-Section-on-Demand bill now pending before it.

This has been a test. Are you paying attention?



THE STATUS QUO HAS GOT TO GO!

Of the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, only 28—fewer than five percent—are women. Of the 100 members of the U.S. Senate, only two are women.

This year the gender gap closes: Women are running for office in record numbers—18 for the Senate, over 150 for Congress.

This year the gender gap closes: Women are voting in record numbers.

This year the gender gap closes: Tens of thousands of women are donating their time and money to pro-choice candidates.

This year the gender gap closes: A record number of pro-choice voters—women *and* men—are going to the polls to vote for pro-choice candidates who care about women.

★ A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOUSE ★ ... AND THE SENATE!

Herewith, a sampling of pro-choice candidates worthy of your support. Make checks payable to the names in bold type.

Carol Moseley Braun for U.S. Senate
201 North Wells St., Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. (312) 541-9292
Ms. Moseley's Republican opponent in the general election is anti-choice.

Lynn Yeakel for U.S. Senate
1314 Chestnut St., 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Tel. (215) 731-1281
Ms. Yeakel's Republican opponent in the general election is incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter, the grand inquisitor of Anita Hill during the Clarence Thomas Senate Judiciary Committee hearings last year.

Boxer for U.S. Senate
7060 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 514
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Tel. (213) 465-0299
Barbara Boxer faces a radically anti-choice opponent in the general election.

Susan Stokes for Congress
P.O. Box 6714
Louisville, KY 40206
Tel. (502) 897-7977
Ms. Stokes's Democratic opponent in the general election is anti-choice.

THE GENDER GAP CLOSSES 1992 THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN!



REPUBLICANS "R" US

...well...at least the 71 percent of registered Republicans who are pro-choice. The ruling 29% minority are mired in that devolutionary locus between Neanderthal and Reptilian.

If you're among the 71% majority and don't know what to do about your Grossly Oppressive Party, don't despair—not just yet. The 71% are getting it together:

National Republican Coalition for Choice
 Contact: Nancy Sternoff
 709 Second St. N.E., Suite 100
 Washington, DC 20002
 Tel. (202) 543-0676

Republicans for Choice
 Contact: Ann E.W. Stone, Chair
 1315 Duke St., Suite 201
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 Tel. (703) 836-8907

Pro-Choice America
 Contact: Dan Swillinger
 P.O. Box 18866
 Washington, DC 20036-8866
 Tel. (202) 293-1414

The WISH List
 Contact: Glenda Greenwald, Pres.; Lynn Shapiro, Exec. Dir.
 210 West Front St.
 Red Bank, NJ 07701
 Tel. (908) 747-4221

New York State Republican Family Committee;
Republican Pro-Choice Political Action Committee
 Contact: Tanya Melich, Exec. Dir.
 136 East 57th St., Suite 1305
 New York, NY 10022
 Tel. (212) 759-9155

Do what you can to halt the GOP's regression into the Dark Ages of back alleys and coat-hanger abortions.

If all else fails, "cross over." For example, many Kentucky Democrats are voting for Republican candidate Susan Stokes for Congress: she's pro-choice, her Democratic opponent is anti-choice. Simple. Likewise, pro-choice Republican voters should feel free to support pro-choice Democratic candidates who are running against anti-choice Republicans. (The New York Senate race comes immediately to mind.) Cross over. It's as simple as that.

"Deez, Dem an' Doze"

Having listed these Republican pro-choice organizations, in the interest of fairness there follows the names of one Democratic and several nonpartisan pro-choice groups:

DEMOCRATIC

EMILY's List
 Contact: Ellen Malcolm, Pres.
 1112 16th St. NW, Suite 750
 Washington, DC 20036
 Tel. (202) 887-1957

NONPARTISAN

Fund for the Feminist Majority
 Contact: Eleanor Smeal, Pres.
 Tel. (703) 522-2214

Women's Campaign Fund
 Contact: Jane Danowitz, Exec. Dir.
 120 Maryland Ave. NE
 Washington, DC 20002
 Tel. (202) 544-4484

National Organization for Women (National)
 1000 16th St. NW, Suite 700
 Washington, DC 20036
 Tel. (202) 331-0066

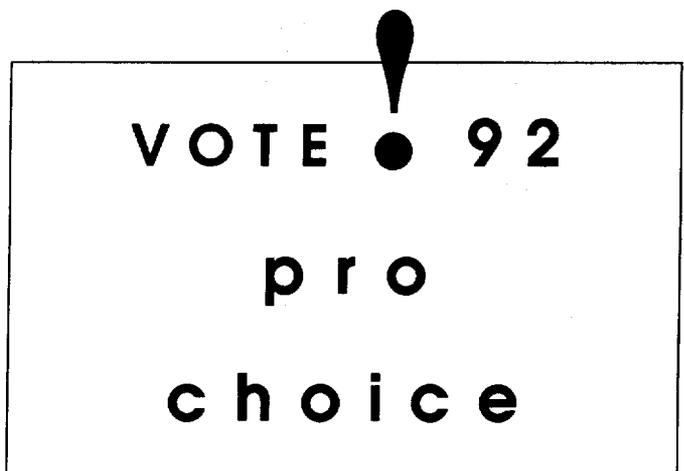
National Organization for Women (New York)
 15 West 18th St., 9th floor
 New York, NY 10011
 Tel. (212) 807-0721

National Women's Political Caucus
 1275 "K" Street NW, Suite 750
 Washington, DC 20005
 Tel. (202) 898-1100

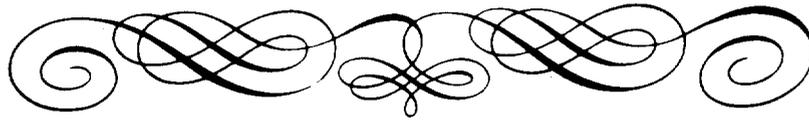
National Women's Political Caucus of Manhattan
 Tel. (212) 949-4188

National Women's Political Caucus of New York State
 Tel. (212) 353-8388

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE!
A PRO-CHOICE VOTE = MAJORITY RULE



The Family Values Page



*"It doesn't help matters when...
Murphy Brown...mock[s] the
importance of fathers,
by bearing a child
alone...."*

*—Vice President
Dan Quayle,
calling for
"social
sanctions"
against
women
who have
"illegitimate"
babies out of
wedlock*



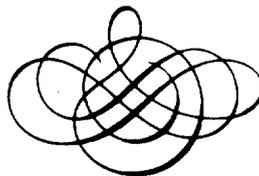
*"I've decided to
name him Danny."*

*—Proud mama
"Murphy Brown"*

Unwed mother "Murphy Brown" and the li'l bastard

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—Diane English, creator/producer of the "Murphy Brown" TV show



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EXHIBIT B

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

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April 19, 1985

**Morris Tarshis
Director
Bureau of Franchises
Board of Estimate
Municipal Building, Room 1307
New York, New York 10007**

Dear Mr. Tarshis:

On behalf of James Chladek, ETC-Workshop, Inc., and Metro-Access, Inc., I hereby protest Manhattan Cable TV's unlawful preemption of two hours during prime time on Channel D, one of the two mandatory public access channels on MCTV's cable system, on the evening of Saturday, April 6, to present The Nashville Network's live show from Radio City Music Hall.

I understand that four public access producers were advised by letter from MCTV a few weeks prior to April 6 that their Saturday evening shows on April 6 would be preempted. No explanation was given them by MCTV for the preemption. I also understand that, on or about April 5, MCTV ran an advertisement in The New York Times for The Nashville Network's live show from Radio City Music Hall to be shown on MCTV's Channel D. (A copy of this advertisement is enclosed.)

Under Section 4(e) of MCTV's cable franchise for lower Manhattan, all time on Channel D "shall be made available to the public without charge." Moreover, "[i]n order that there be a maximum opportunity for freedom of expression by members of the public, such programming shall be free from any control by [MCTV] as to program content" In addition, as MCTV's own Community Programming Handbook observes: "Channel D is primarily reserved for specials and new users of community programming as well as weekly series, without commercials." Manhattan Cable TV Community Programming Handbook 4 (1982) (emphasis added). The handbook further states that there are to be "no commercials" on Channel D. Id.^{1/} Finally, under Section 4(h) of MCTV's cable

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1. Section 595.4(b) of the Commission on Cable Television's rules, which sets minimum standards for cable television systems in the State of New York, including MCTV's system in New York City, also prohibits commercial programming on public access channels by providing that public access channels are "for the local government, educational institutions, or members of the general public for education and public service programming, municipal services and local expression." 9 NYCRR § 595.4

Morris Tarshis
April 19, 1985

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franchise, there are clear restrictions on MCTV's preemption of time on Channel D for its own programming purposes:

At those daily time segments during which no signals are transmitted over Public Channels or City Channels, the Company may utilize such channels for any purpose consistent with the provisions of this contract. Upon request of the Company, the Director of Communications shall notify the Company as far in advance as is practical of any contemplated fallow time on City Channels.

MCTV's preemption of two hours of prime time on Channel D on the evening of April 6 for presentation of The Nashville Network's live show from Radio City Music Hall clearly violated all of the above franchise terms and conditions. First, by preempting two hours of prime time on Channel D for presentation of The Nashville Network's live show, MCTV failed to make Channel D "available to the public without charge." Second, by selecting The Nashville Network's live show for presentation over Channel D, MCTV violated the requirement that all Channel D programming "shall be free from any control by [MCTV] as to program content." Third, by permitting a commercial network presentation on Channel D, MCTV violated the ban on any programming with commercials on Channel D. Fourth, and most important, by preempting time on Channel D that was actually to be used for public access programming, MCTV violated the requirement under Section 4(h) that it may only use Channel D for its own purposes during fallow time.

Moreover, there are other disturbing aspects to this matter. MCTV's letters to the public access producers whose time slots were preempted were possibly fraudulent in suggesting to those producers that their time slots were being lawfully preempted. In addition, because there were other channels on MCTV's cable system which could have been used to carry two hours of The Nashville Network's live show, it seems clear that MCTV's presentation of that show on Channel D had nothing whatsoever to do with MCTV's concern that the public be given what it wants to see. Instead, this was clearly nothing less than a cold and calculated effort to further erode the public access concept in New York City.

Knowing full well that the City has never sanctioned MCTV for its continuous, blatant violations of its cable franchise for lower Manhattan, I merely protest MCTV's most recent violation of the public access provisions of its cable franchise on behalf of my clients. As you well know, this is only the most recent example of MCTV's longstanding efforts, with the City's acquiescence, to undermine the concept of public access in New York City.

I will, of course, pursue other meaningful remedies that my clients may have for redress against MCTV.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Perry

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Back at Area, it is 3 A.M. and the mime has hardly batted an eyelash. The crowd around him grows. A woman in a slinky black dress who's been in the club for hours suddenly blurts out: "I saw his nostril move like a little lizard's. I saw it!"

"Now I feel like I can start dancing."

EXHIBIT C

120 East 23rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10010
(212) 598-1719

STEPHANIE A. JACQUENEY
Assistant Counsel

May 25, 1988

BY HAND

Mr. Rick Shur
The Closet Case Show
P.O. Box 790
New York, New York 10108

Re: THE CLOSET CASE SHOW

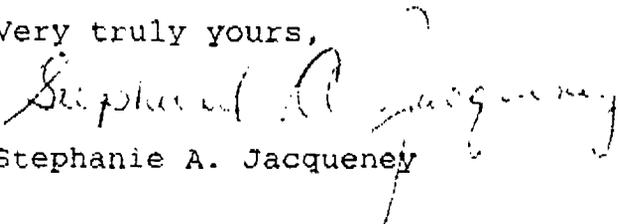
Dear Mr. Shur:

You have submitted a tape for exhibition on the "Closet Case Show" program series on Manhattan Cable Television's Channel C. You have requested that the tape be exhibited on May 31, 1988.

Manhattan Cable will not exhibit the tape submitted. We believe the portions of the tape described in the annexed Schedule A may violate Article 235 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

The tape submitted is returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie A. Jacquene

SAJ:rv
Enclosure

May 25, 1988

THE CLOSET CASE SHOW

Schedule A

Start Timing First Frame of Video
After Countdown/Slate

Segment Begins

Segment Ends

3:13	3:16
3:25	3:29
3:32	4:02
4:17	4:26
4:30	4:33
4:40	4:44
4:49	6:10
6:17	6:20
6:32	6:51
7:06	7:20
7:34	7:40
8:26	8:30
8:39	8:43
9:06	9:39
11:06	11:15
11:21	12:19
12:30	12:45
12:54	13:00
13:06	13:14

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Testimony before the New York City Office of
Telecommunications of the Bureau of Franchises

by Rick X, producer of The Closet Case Show, seen on
Manhattan Cable's public access Channel C, Monday late night
at midnight

given October 18, 1988 at 1 Police Plaza, NYC

Good evening Mr. (John L.) Hanks (Director of the NYC Bureau
of Franchises) and Ms. (Eleanor) Zink (Director of the
Office of Telecommunications):

It's a long-awaited pleasure for me to be able to testify
in public regarding the routine censorship and harassment I
have suffered under Manhattan Cable since I began producing
the Closet Case Show in December of 1984. My show was one of
the first to address the issue of AIDS and the need for safe
sex to a New York City cable audience. The show is highly
political, pro self-respect for gay people, pro romance and
sexual pleasure, and pro reality and responsibility in this
era of awful doubt and tragedy. My goal has been to make gay
men aware of the need to alter their sexual behavior while
at the same time to stand up to attacks against our identity
by the many right-wing as well as liberal factions of
society that tend to dismantle our hard-won gains against
discrimination both physical and psychological.

As a teacher with a BA in cognitive psychology and an MA
in education, both from Columbia University here in New
York, I knew even before the Gay Men's Health Crisis
conducted its carefully designed study* that the most
effective way to positively reinforce a particular kind of
behavior was to model that behavior, explicitly, and to
explain the rationale for adopting it. It was my desire over
four years ago to show safe sex activity between gay men
along with my sex-positive narration, so that this form of
educational campaign would reach the hundreds of thousands
of Manhattan homes that chose to receive it. Unfortunately,
because of Manhattan Cable's refusal to air my shows as I
produced them, I have been prevented during the age of AIDS
from reaching the population that shows the highest
incidence of this syndrome of all the cities in this
country. I often wonder what difference Time Inc. has made
since it has disallowed effective safe-sex education from
1984 until the present, as now 12,000 New Yorkers are dead
or dying and an untold number are waiting for the same bad
news, many of whom may have contracted a lethal condition
during the years I could have been educating and setting an
example.

You have an example of a tape which was returned to me by
Stephanie Jacquenay, a lawyer for Manhattan Cable, which is
wholly owned by Time Inc. A letter to me from her states
that Manhattan Cable is afraid the explicit safe-sex show

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"may violate New York State's obscenity law," and that I am denied access to the public access facilities unless I remove 19 segments, the safe-sex scenes. In other words, unless I changed the tape into something else, something other than the tape I produced to share with my willing viewers, it would not be shown. In a phone conversation with John Fogerty, who I assume to be Ms. Jacqueney's superior, I reminded him that since December, 1984, both state and federal laws have expressly forbidden his company from limiting my tape in any way, that both state and federal laws have expressly removed any civil or criminal liability from the cable company, that both state and federal laws provide for the issuance of a cable box lock so that subscribers can prevent public access shows from being viewed in their homes, and that both state and federal laws maintain that censorship is prohibited in order to defend the freedom of expression by public access producers whose views may be widely divergent from mainstream ideas. Mr. Fogerty refused to speak to me about the Federal or New York State cable acts of 1984 and 1973, respectively, but was careful to say simply, "We don't break the law."

Apparently Mr. Fogerty's legal advisors have told him to read only the laws that existed before 1984 rather than alter their completely illegal censorship policies which have denied me my first amendment rights for the past four years.

First, the franchise agreement between New York City and Manhattan Cable states

In order that there be a maximum opportunity for freedom of expression by members of the public (public access) programming shall be free from any control by the Company as to program content, except as is required to protect the company from liability under applicable law.

First let's look at New York State law. Article 28 of Executive Law of NYS, section 829, which has been effective since 1973, states

No cable television company may prohibit or limit any program or class or type of program presented over a leased channel or any channel made available for public access

In order to allay Time Inc.'s fears of liability, the law further states in Section 830

Neither the cable television company

whose facilities are used to transmit a program produced by a person other than such cable television company pursuant to the provisions of this article or federal law or of applicable regulations, nor the officers, directors or employees of any such cable television company shall be liable for damages arising from any obscene or defamatory statements or actions or invasion of privacy occurring during any program when such company does not originate or produce such program.

At the end of 1983, ten years later, the state mandated in Section 629-a that cable companies provide subscribers with "a locking program control device," as a means of further protecting free expression on public access while mediating the needs of viewers who didn't wish to see certain material.

Until the end of 1984, the cable company may have had a realistic fear that their liability for obscenity was still a real possibility under federal statutes. But, effective December 30, 1984, the Federal Cable Communications act, in Section 531 of 47 USCS, supported the New York State legislation, saying

a cable operator shall not exercise any editorial control over any public... use of channel capacity

In addition, section 558 of 47 USCS expressly discusses criminal and civil liability, stating

cable operators shall not incur any such liability for any program carried on any channel designated for public... use

Furthermore, section 544 of 47 USCS provides for the same locking control device as described in New York State's law of the prior year.

It is almost difficult to believe that any reasonable interpretation of these intra-supportive bodies of legislation would lead any cable company to assume it still had the right to censor or limit public access shows.

John Fogerty argued that Manhattan Cable was not limiting

my show at all. I could produce any show I wanted. He didn't state, on the other hand, that they would exercise their self-appointed right not to show my work if it bothered them. They continued to cite New York State's obscenity statutes as their rationale for censorship even though the cable laws clearly updated the obscenity statutes as to who was actually liable for the content of a public access show.

The exercise of control over my program was inconsistent and irrational as well as illegal. For example, in order to avoid ever having to make four subway trips to pick up, bring home, alter, re-deliver, and return home again, I tailored my show to include only scenes which had been previously broadcast over Manhattan Cable's wires. In this way I'd know that the material had already passed their censor's scrutiny. Yet, when I showed a scene from Interludes After Midnight, a heterosexual swingers' show, which had been broadcast at least eight times in one week, my show was deemed unacceptable for including the scene, which this time they feared was possibly obscene. When I noted for Ms. Jacquenay that her censors had already approved of that very scene, she thanked me for calling the slip to her attention. I can't help but note the de facto discrimination against me, considering that Interludes After Midnight was a leased public access show which paid a fee to the company for the right to be aired, and it was also of interest to heterosexual, not homosexual, viewers.

The screening process itself constitutes a form of political censorship. While my show has to be delivered a week before airtime, to give Time Inc. censors time to check it out, if I had the money to pay the live studio next door to Manhattan Cable, I could broadcast a live show and play my tape during it. Already, two taped gay shows (with a larger budget than mine) pay the studio for this service, to avoid the one-week delay imposed by Manhattan Cable's illegal control over show content.

What an irony it is that this major journalistic corporation has fought so hard and with so much capital for its own first amendment rights as a news magazine, while with the help of underling bureaucrats they have been denying me mine for nearly half a decade.

Beyond their overt forms of censorship, the very set-up of control of public access leads to other accidental forms of it. For example, my tape has been misplaced or forgotten more than once, for which I have received apologies on behalf of some unknown entity in a control room whose phone number I am not allowed to have. In addition, more than once I have been told that my show is not being censored, but that it is "technically unplayable" and will not air for that reason. On one occasion, I demanded to view an "unplayable" tape on one of their machines to see what was

so unplayable about it. When Wanda Sanchez, public access director, was with me, she was unable to find anything other than some striations on the picture which I considered quite playable, given my equipment and budget. On another occasion my slow motion scenes caused the picture to flip during playback, until I explained to one of their control room technicians that the time-base corrector had to be turned off while playing such homemade public access tapes. This flick of a switch obviated that problem, although on many occasions since then, the switch was in the wrong position during airplay and there was nothing I could do to alert the control room, whose phone number I am still not allowed to have.

All of this leads me to the exhortation that the company cease immediately its illegal control of my work and that public access be placed directly under the control of responsible, non-corporate parties who are answerable to the people of the City of New York, and that public access facilities no longer be hostage to an international journalistic conglomerate whose financial and political interests run contrary to mine and my viewers'.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my case to you this evening.

The New York Times

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1987

Erotic Films in AIDS Study Cut Risky Behavior

Three other sex education techniques were less effective.

By GINA KOLATA

SHOWING explicit, erotic films of safer sex practices is more effective than other techniques of encouraging gay men to avoid sexual behavior that places them at high risk for infection with the AIDS virus, according to a new study.

The study was sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Crisis and conducted by Dr. Michael Quadland, a professor of psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. Quadland, who has studied human sexuality for 20 years, said that until now "there has been no attempt to systematically evaluate the effectiveness of sex education programs on changing sexual behavior." Instead, he said, "a lot of assump-

tions are made."

The film consisted of three vignettes and showed, for example, two men going on a date and talking about safer sex, and then showed one man putting on a condom for oral sex. It also showed a man with AIDS and his lover talking and touching each other and engaging in mutual masturbation but avoiding oral or anal intercourse.

A Matter of Health, Not Morals

Dr. Quadland acknowledged that some might find the film offensive, but added, "this is a health issue, not a moral issue."

Lori Behrman of the Gay Men's Health Crisis said the findings on sex education were particularly striking in light of recent legislation, sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms, making it illegal for the Federal Centers for Disease Control to finance AIDS education by any organizations that "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual activity." The measure was an amendment to a bill passed by the Senate Oct. 14, is before a Senate-House conference committee.

Gay and Bisexual Men

The study involved 619 gay and bisexual New York men whose attitudes and sexual behavior were first assessed with an extensive, anonymous questionnaire. Although virtually all knew that the AIDS virus is carried in semen, about half had engaged in risky sexual behavior within the previous 60 days. For example, they had swallowed semen or had been the receptive partner in anal intercourse without a condom.

Dr. Quadland divided the men into four groups. Three of the groups spent a weekend learning about and discussing safer sex, although each group received different educational materials. The men in one group saw and discussed the erotic film depicting safe sexual practices. Those in the second group were given erotic printed materials describing safe sex to read and discuss. The men in the third group heard a man with AIDS speak about his disease and were provided with safe sex guidelines. The men in the fourth group were given written guidelines for safer sex and

sent home with no opportunity to participate in discussions.

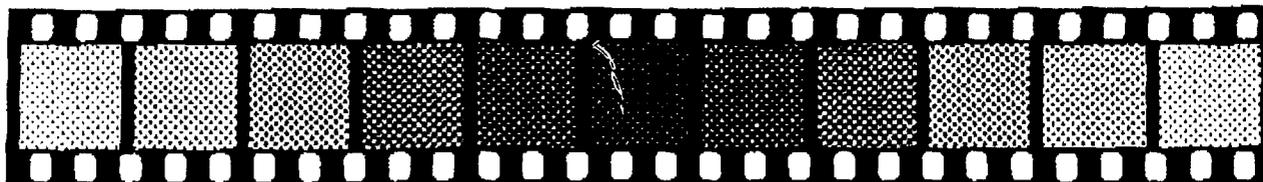
Two months after the educational programs, Dr. Quadland gave the men the same questions.

Giving Up Sex

The men who had seen the erotic film had made the greatest changes in their behavior, Dr. Quadland found. Although they continued to have unsafe sex, they reduced by nearly a third the number of times they had intercourse without condoms.

The safe sex guidelines were ineffective. Some men who received them gave up sex completely for a time, but did not change their sexual behavior when they resumed having relations, Dr. Quadland said.

Dr. Quadland said he was not surprised by the findings. "We know that in trying to get people to change risky behavior, stopping smoking, for example, or wearing seat belts, that fear is effective," he said. "But sex is different. People cannot just give sex up."



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Rick Shur
 City Heights, Box 790
 New York, NY 10108

Dear Rick:

I am pleased to inform you that your tape, THE CITY HEIGHTS CLOSET CASE SHOW, has been accepted for screening at the 1987 LA International Gay & Lesbian Film/Video Festival. This year we will be presenting 30 videotapes from Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain and the U.S., covering a wide spectrum of gay and lesbian culture. The dates for the festival are February 20 to March 7. Your piece will be presented Saturday, March 7th, at E2TV in West Hollywood.

Rental fees for festival tapes are \$25. plus 50 cents per minute. You will be receiving an invoice to sign and return to us within the next few weeks, and a check for the rental fee within one week of the close of the festival. In addition, all festival participants will receive a festival pass for admission to all film and video screenings, and conferences. Please let me know if you will be able to attend (if not, I'd be happy to reserve your pass in the name of a friend).

Rick, I really enjoyed your work! It's sexy, fun, gutsy and uncompromising. We'd like to show the "Surfer Bob" episode. Can you please call me AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS LETTER so that we can go over the program notes, which must go to press this weekend, and some other details. I tried to call the number on your stationary, but it's been disconnected. If you get my machine, please leave a number where I can reach you. How have your recent episodes gone? Were you able to win back your time slot?

Thank you for being part of the festival! Hope to see you in Los Angeles.

Best,

Thanks!

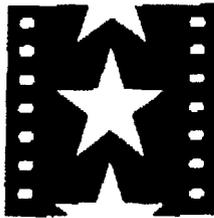
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Dear Rick X:

Some months ago I saw THE CITY HEIGHTS CLOSET CASE SHOW, thought highly of it, and understood from Larry Horne (of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Film/Video Festival) that you had other like-minded work. If this is so, I'd be very interested in finding out how I might go about seeing some of that. I'm interested particularly because Ruby Rich (in New York) and I are in the process of co-curating a program of tapes on sexuality for the AFI's National Video Festival (held this year October 22-25). We intend on showing from ten to fifteen hours of work, and we need to have this programmed (and essays/notes written for the catalogue) by mid-August. Although I like the tape of yours I saw ("Surfer Bob Gets Ready for the Beach"), I'd prefer to show work that's not been seen here before. All of this is just to say that I'd very much like to speak to you about this endeavor. My work number is 213-856-7690 or (better yet) 800-221-6248. At home the number is 213-663-5908. If this project sounds interesting to you, please call at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Bill Horrigan

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