

# National News

## PASTOR CALLS FOR EXECUTIONS OF GAYS

WATERTOWN, NY--The emergence of gay activism in a small town in upstate New York has resulted in violence, harassment, death threats, fire bombings and a call for the execution of local homosexuals.

Watertown, a factory community of 30,000, recently saw the establishment of a gay advocacy group, the Watertown Gay Task Force. This prompted an anti-gay backlash campaign by the Rev. Daniel Lovely of Watertown Baptist Temple.

According to the Task Force president Pat Tanner, the "God Says Death to Homos" campaign begun by Lovely prompted more violence and harassment. It included the severe beating of one woman.

Lovely was quoted in the local newspapers as saying that the execution of homosexuals is justified. "They should be killed through governmental means," Lovely said, "there are a lot of people in Watertown that enjoy living in a non-Christian world, and it's got to be stopped."

## BROWN APPOINTS GAY JUDGE

California Gov. Jerry Brown has named an openly gay man to a judgeship in Los Angeles.

Stephen M. Lachs, 39, was appointed to a full judgeship on the Los Angeles Superior Court on Sept. 17.

Lachs has said he dislikes his media label as "an avowed homosexual because it is suggestive of taking oaths or vows at midnight." According to the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, this is the first occasion in which an openly gay person has been appointed to a judgeship anywhere in the United States.

## MIZ LILLIAN 'UNKNOWINGLY' RAISES MONEY FOR CENTER

California Gov. Jerry Brown and Lillian Carter, the President's mother, joined a crowd of about 850 at a banquet that raised \$120,000 for the Los Angeles gay community at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. Miss Lillian said she didn't know she was helping raise money for the Gay Community Services Center, according to Gay Community News. "Is that what it is?" she asked.

## MAN/BOY LOVE GROUP SEEKS ACCEPTANCE IN GAY MOVEMENT

The North American Man/Boy Love Association, with a national membership of 150, is for men who enter into love relationships with boys.

"It is somewhat similar to the ancient Greek tradition of the pedagogue, the adult whose love would provide a youth with a role model and socializing influence as he prepared to accept his place in society," a spokesperson said.

"Rather than restricting this relationship to a societal purpose, however, NAMBLA members celebrate their love for its own sake, stressing the qualities of frankness, trustworthiness, openness, caring, imagination and lightheartedness which form the basis of the man/boy love identity."

One problem, which is high on NAMBLA list of priorities, is the need for acceptance within the gay movement and solidarity in the pursuit of sexual freedom for all gay men and lesbians.

Approximately 50 men and boys and one woman marched in the NAMBLA delegation as part of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

## REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION

On Oct. 15 representatives of the National March on Washington organizing committee and representatives of other gay organizations met with Jane Wales, President Carter's special advisor on special interest groups. They also met with other administrative assistants, including an aide to Vice Pres. Mondale.

Beverly Jackson, a black lesbian mother from Florida, and Eric Rofes, a gay school teacher from Boston, presented the five official demands of the March. Rofes said that, "Gay pride can turn into gay politics," and urged the President to address such issues as the anti-gay McDonald resolution and the harassment of gay aliens.

Other gay spokespersons addressed diverse issues ranging from homophobic discrimination in federal housing assistance to the matter of Library of Congress censorship of reading materials in Braille. This censorship leaves most books about gay liberation inaccessible to the blind.

"The upcoming presidential election was discussed, and the White House received the message that gay votes would have to be earned," a spokesperson said.

The White House had no answers for the points raised, but Rofes said that "the two-hour meeting's greatest value may have been the chance to express dissatisfaction with a presidency that is out of touch with the gay community."