

# National News

## Bryant May Lose Citrus Contract

Florida Citrus industry officials recently indicated that Anita Bryant's contract may not be renewed when it expires in August.

Bryant led a campaign to defeat a 1978 ordinance that would have prohibited job discrimination in several fields against gays in Dade County, Florida.

Citrus industry advertising has increased its focus on other personalities. Some industry leaders say Bryant has become too controversial.

Gay rights activists Bob Kunst and Alan Rockway paraded in front of the Florida Department of Citrus to show support for Bryant.

They said that the Florida Citrus Commission should not terminate Bryant's contract, because she has a right to her "bigoted point of view."

"Everytime she goes on television, she reminds people of gay rights, an exposure the gay rights movement can't afford to lose," Rockway said.

## Dutch Protest Immigration Laws

Dutch lesbians and gay men, spurred on by the support of the majority of members of the Dutch Parliament, have stepped up their protests of American immigration laws which bar the entry of lesbian and gay male foreigners.

In addition to two recent protest marches and rallies, a meeting has been held between the American Ambassador to the Netherlands and two pro-gay Members of Parliament (MP); according to Gay Community News.

Ambassador Geri Joseph had previously declined to meet with Labor MP Harry vanden Bergh and Liberal MP Ed Nypels, but eventually reconsidered.

Van den Bergh and Nypels had sought the meeting with Joseph to present her with a letter signed by 132 of 150 members of the Dutch Parliament.

The letter, addressed to "the Chairman of the House of Representatives of the United States of America," expressed opposition to American immigration policy which excludes persons on the basis of sexual preference.

The letter concluded: "In your capacity as the law-making authority of the United States we urge you most earnestly to enact legislation which ensures a ban on this kind of grave discrimination."

Nypels and van den Bergh said that Ambassador Joseph's response was "not satisfactory."

## Contest Judges Gay Plays

The Glines, a non-profit organization for gay arts which has been producing gay theatre in New York since 1976, is sponsoring a National Gay Playwriting Contest with the International Gay Theatre Alliance.

To qualify for the competition, a play may be either full length or one-act and must have a major gay character or major gay theme. It must not have been published or previously produced although staged readings or workshop productions are allowed.

The sponsors are particularly interested in receiving women's materials. Entries are limited to one play per author; musicals must be accompanied by a tape of the score.

Deadline for receipt of materials is May 21. Entries will be judged by a nationwide panel of gay theatre experts, including Eric Bentley, Doric Wilson and Robert Patrick.

Winners will be announced June 29, with first prize a cash award of \$250 and second prize \$100. Both plays will be considered for production by the Glines.

To submit a play, interested persons should send one original or clear photocopy accompanied by a self-addressed envelope to the Gay Theatre Alliance coordinator nearest them.

Coordinator for the Northeast is:

Terry Helbing  
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## June Health Conference Slated

The Third National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference will be held June 19-22 in San Francisco. It is sponsored by local organizations, San Francisco State University and the National Gay Health Coalition, an association of gay health professional organizations, founded in 1976.

Conference spokespersons said that the goals of the conference are to educate one another about and clarify lesbian and gay health issues, to organize for social change in the health care delivery system, and to construct communication and support networks.

The registration fee is \$35 for working professionals and \$10 for students. The registration deadline is April 15; any registrations received after the 15th will be increased by \$10.

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