

Thrills & Outrages



Photo: Eric Stephen Jacobs

If YOU were the Pointer Sisters, and YOU had a 40s act, YOU'D play at Roseland, too.

Not since Bette Midler has there been such excitement over a performance in New York, and of all places at Roseland, where the usual thrill-seeking housewives were replaced by wall-to-wall screaming, gnashing, fainting, applauding people attired as if for a 40s dream. The Pointer Sisters, four daughters of a minister, trucked out one by one costumed in furs and hats, scating into microphones, and did an act that has paralyzed the West Coast and which New York was hearing for the first time!

The current unisex clothing trends are making the definition of men's and women's clothing impossible, right? So Chicago Circuit Court Judge Jack Sperlin has declared unconstitutional a 1943 city ordinance forbidding men to dress as women. "What a person wishes to wear is a matter of individual rights," he said in dismissing charges against four men who appeared in court wearing dresses. Good news for Windy City drag queens.

A San Francisco gay activist, 34-year-old Dick Gayer (can that name be real?), is seeking a court injunction against the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, which snubbed his request for personalized auto license plates reading "GAY LIB" which the agency found "offensive to good taste and decency and belonging in the same category as a request for 'E Z LAY' on a license plate."

What's in a blowjob, asks Buffalo N.Y.'s **Fifth Freedom** newsletter, a possible arrest, **that's** what. The vice squad in that city has been entraping gays at LaSalle (Front) Park and in one instance a vice cop offered to be lookout for another cop who allowed a gay to suck off his pud in the bushes. After they were finished, the cop flashed a badge, and you guessed it, took him down to the station house.

Flash freaks are determined to make a big spectacle at Bette Midler's opening at the Palace in New York the first week of December. One notorious flasher told GAY, "We're going to be there in full force to flash Bette from the boxes. I'm going to wear a mink coat and a cock ring, nothing more." You gotta have friends . . .

One of the least publicized zaps of the year occurred when a hardy band of activists freed Marsha Johnson, a black transvestite, from a psychiatric observation facility where she was being held. Marsha, a warm and likeable person, was arrested by police at 4:30 a.m. in the middle of Houston Street for trying to "pull the moon to the earth."

Three male lesbians dressed as women charged recently that real lesbians were women who were into women and weren't interested in lesbians with a cock. Male lesbians are men who think of themselves as women but who are also sexually attracted to women.