

**VIEWPOINT**

# Terrible injustice

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Do you remember the case a few weeks back when I told you of a male high school student who wanted to take another male student to the senior prom? The young man was a homosexual and the high school principal refused the request. Well the court overruled the principal's decision and upheld the male students' right to take a male date to the prom. So it appears that the wishes of one sick mind will ruin the senior prom for the whole of Lincoln High School of Sioux Falls S.D.

Gay activists are a threat to a decent society and society in general should wake up to this threat.

It is my belief that a person has a right to make the best and the happiest life for his or herself as possible, homosexual or otherwise - however this does not include trying to pass off homosexuality as "a matter of choice".

If a person is born with or acquires a physical handicap - a game leg; a twisted hand etc. he makes the best life for himself possible. He does not go around trying to insist the rest of the world view his handicap as normal. Homosexuality is a mental handicap. Homosexuals aside from sexuality have the same feelings desires and goals as anyone else - of course they can love children and pets and pay taxes. The problem as I view it occurs when they try to force a handicap - a sickness down the throats of the majority who are not sick.

We all suffer when a minority group can force something that is not right on the majority - especially in the schools. The problem of course is the silent majority that refuses to speak up - until it is too late.

This particular case happened in the States but the push for gay rights is just as alive here.

It is a fallacy of our times that all people regardless of beliefs should have equal rights. Equal rights have to be earned - not handed out on a silver platter. If we give the deranged "equal rights" picture our society. There is vast difference between basic rights as human beings and

equal rights as a full fledged contributing member of society.

In Toronto recently the gays marched against police brutality and persecution. I do not believe homosexuals should be persecuted by the police or society as a whole, but activists present a pretty sick picture and in the final analysis cops are only human. When we hear of police brutality we seldom get the other side of the picture. Its pretty hard to lead with your right while following the Marquis of Queensbury rules when your opponent goes for your groin in a no holds barred. Of course I believe that the police can and do make mistakes and sometimes an innocent person will suffer a terrible injustice but generally speaking our police force is not out there to deal with innocent people.

Stereotype gays are not the true picture either - forget the image of the little guy with the weak wrist. Some of these guys are 250 lbs. of anything but sheer delight.

Activists per se are a pretty militant group. It is almost impossible to be a retiring activist. Some of the leaders for gay right are among the most brilliant minds of this century, but remember intelligence does not make wrong right. The Gestapo were chosen from German universities and were among the most brilliant minds in Germany at that time. Certain members of the criminal population border on genius but can we give "equal rights" to those who mock society as a whole.

Basic rights to gays but no way are they entitled to equal rights. Malignancy starts in a single cell takes root and spreads soon it chokes out the very life it breeds upon. Malignancy in society works the same way.

Pseudo intellectuals trying hard to be "in" pass off gay rights under the guise of civil liberties they poo poo any mention of a malignancy. Would they feel the same way if the growth was found on them? Sometimes only a quick sharp cut with the knife will save the body as a whole and only a quick sharp severing from society will preserve it from this spreading malignancy of the mind.

# Vacation Guide

## Full slate of activities in Bermuda this summer

Hamilton, BERMUDA - Water sports are the keynote in a full slate of summer activities in Bermuda.

May 24 officially kicks off the summer season in this island playground. It's also known as Commonwealth Day or the recently introduced Bermuda Day which culminates Bermuda Heritage Week, seven days of cultural activities that begin May 18. Traditionally, Bermudians take their first plunge into the ocean on May 24.

And, too, May 24 is the day of Bermuda's annual half marathon (13.1 miles), attracting more than 200 runners, while simultaneously marking the opening of the fitted dinghy race season. The Bermuda fitted dinghy is a sailboat unique to the island, found frequently mentioned in the pages of the country's illustrious maritime history. The four dinghy clubs on the island compete every other Sunday until September 2.

But it will be the larger racing machines that will take the spotlight this summer.

The second Antigua to Bermuda Yacht Race will commence May 26, the same day when 40 yachts will inaugurate the Lorinet, France to Bermuda two-handed sailing race.

Then comes June, which this year could be called Bermuda's month of the yachts, in spite of 1979 being an off year for the biennial Newport to Bermuda Race. No less than six major transoceanic yacht races

will use the island as a starting, finishing and turnaround point in June. These include: Daytona to Bermuda (starting May 26), Newport to Bermuda Single Handed Yacht Race (starting June 9), Multi-Hull Ocean Yacht Race (starting June 9 from Newport), Blue

Marlboro 400 Closed Circuit Marathon in Ferry Reach at the eastern end of the island. For the next several months closed circuit races are conducted every other Sunday. Offshore races are also held once a month, highlighted by the annual Around the Island race on



King's Square lies in the heart of historic St. George's Bermuda's first capital, which is preserved as a living museum of long-ago Bermuda. In the foreground on Ordanene Island is a wooden replica of the Deliverance, which played an important role in linking the early colonies in America and Bermuda. Now, yachts large and small from all points of the compass nestle alongside.

Water Cruising Race (starting June 22 from Marion, Mass.), Bermuda to Newport Double Handed Race (starting June 23) and the Bermuda to the Azores Shorthanded Feeder Yacht Race (starting June 23).

For those with speed in mind, the Bermuda powerboat racing season opens May 13 with the

July 1. For those who like to dangle a line, Bermuda's fishing season begins of-

cially during the first week in May. On the first Sunday of the month a fleet of nearly 50 charter and private boats leaves Hamilton Harbour in an annual ritual that has become known as Opening Day Fleet Parade.

Opening day is always tournament day, too, with awards given for prize catches in some 17 categories. In fact, the entire fishing season - which concludes November 30 - is one long tournament sponsored by the island's Department of Tourism. For those not wishing to sail the open seas for game fish, the 200 square miles of reef offer excellent near-shore fishing, while the shore angler can easily test his or her skills from almost any rock or beach along the coast.

For landlubber sportsmen, there's plenty to do. There are 10 golf courses and 100 tennis courts on this 21-square mile island.

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And for culture lovers, Bermuda opens its sixth annual music festival May 2 to run every Wednesday and Saturday through May 30.

The colourful Beating of Retreat ceremony takes place in Hamilton on the last Wednesday evening of each month. The ceremony features the band of the Bermuda Regiment in full dress uniform and the Bermuda Massed Pipe Band in kilts and with the bagpipes playing traditional and popular music while marching in close-order drills.

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