## Commentary

# Silencing The Birds and the Bees

by Dru Daugherty

...It would be as futile to attempt to define or describe the attraction between homosexuals as trying to clearly explain heterosexual attraction - "Across the crowded room," and all that. When it hits, there is no denying it. There is the same elation, the wonder and awe at having somebody else close to you, so special. There is the same urge to shout about it, to tell the whole world how happy you are. And along with all that comes the same desire to be privately and physically close to that other person.

In this day and age, when so many of us feel isolated and alone, lacking love in our lives, how dare we deny another human being the right to touch and feel supremely close to another?

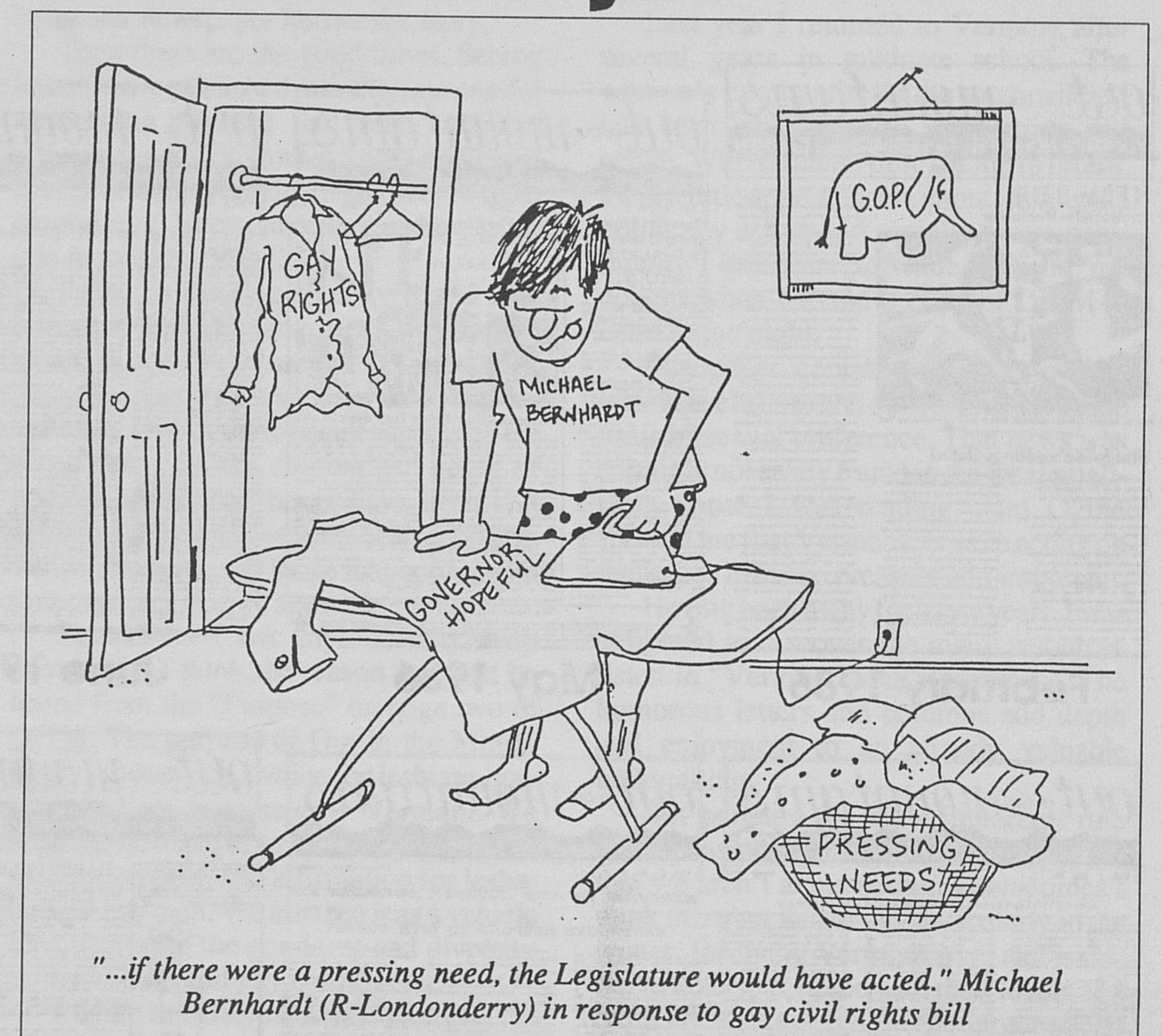
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.But we do. Out of fear for the loss of their livelihoods, their homes, the love and respect of friends and family, most gay men and women live lives of denial. They are not allowed to openly share what may be the most joyous part of their existence. They go about their daily lives fearing, hiding, perhaps denying even to themselves, who and what they really are.

Cowering under the shadow of misinformation, blatent hypocrisy and the double-edged sword of narrow mindedness from those who are stuck in their own criteria of right and wrong, these people, in this so-called enlightened society, are forced to live a lie.

The horrors of mankind upon mankind continue. And until we cease to make judgments, cease to attempt to control one another, /cease our self-righteous condemnations, so it shall be.

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### THANK YOU!

Roger, for the fine work in paste up.

#### GOODBYE!

Thanks, Brian for all your hard work.
We'll miss you.

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