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Well guess what? I got bumped- or rather "replaced as an advice columnist", as the folks here so eloquently put it.

Okay, so maybe the "Mona Lisa" was a bit much. And, I am painfully aware that I haven't received a single letter. But, Aunt Gay? Come On.

I heard this woman suffers from a terminal case of therapeutic overdose. You know the type; the perpetually smiling fluffball who mechanically responds to all your news with, "And how does that make you feel?" Give me a break.

Rumor has it that, in her younger days, Aunt Gay was a sexually frustrated shadow dyke. You know- celibate by default! I mean it wasn't from lack of trying.

And if you escaped meeting one, a shadow dyke is the kind of eager pup who assumes a symbiotic attachment to your every move. She will follow you into the bathroom just to say "hi" underneath the door.

I'm talking social leper here, and SHE got a desk! (Can you believe it?) But what really gets me is that Aunt Gay, old granny

goosebumps, got letters the very week she moved in! (What gives?)

Who wants to read whiny questions from a bunch of blubbering idiots anyway? Not me. You want a quick fix to life? EST yourselves to death, losers! Or, write sweet Aunt Gay, the REAL answer woman.

So what about me? I am now a "Feature Columnist" for OITM. (You got that Aunt Gay!) I'll be reporting on life, liberty and the pursuit of gayness as I see it- with or without letters. (I want a desk!!!!)

Love Ya,  
Me

### Gay Trivia

Who wrote "The Homosexual in America: A Subjective Approach?"

What paper, circulated at the Second Congress to Unite Women (May 1970) spawned the formation of Radicalesbians?

Where Jean O'Leary gave her speech, "Lesbian Feminism - The Building of a New Society"?

When the first issue of the "Gay Activist" was printed?

### Answers to Trivia

Who: Donald Webster Cory (pseud.). His book, published in 1951, applied civil rights ideas to the case of homosexuals.

What: "The Woman-Identified Woman." This work was the collective product of lesbians pioneering to unite their sisters from the gay movement and from the women's movement into one body. Rita Mae Brown initiated this action after resigning from NOW in 1969.

Where: Battery Park, New York City. At this feminist rally, during Women's Liberty Action Week, O'Leary expressed a solid anti-male stance and made a call for women-identified lifestyles. Her radical views and high visibility created much controversy within the Lesbian and Gay Rights groups she was active in at the time.

When: May 1971. This Gay Activist Alliance newsletter was started to help unify gay subcultures into a cohesive community. More importantly, it was meant to enhance unity among the cultural and political forces who were in conflict at the time by improving communication.

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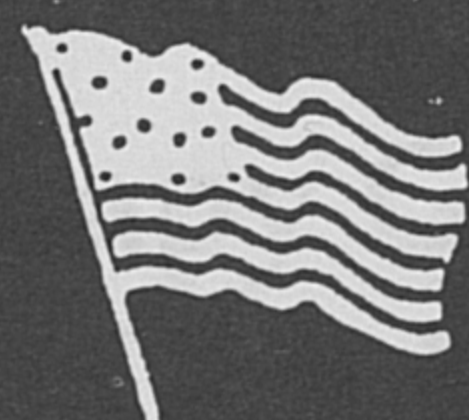
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