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Suicide Attempt Results in Apartment Loss

The apartment lease of a man whose roommate attempted suicide has been cancelled by his landlord. Both men are AIDS or ARC patients. Their names are being withheld to protect their privacy.

Police were called to the East Memphis apartment complex Nov. 16 after the man said he ingested a high number of pain pills. The police and ambulance arrived about the same time and transported the

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Mississippi Alliance Granted Charter

Jackson, MS -- Very quietly this summer an important victory was won in Mississippi-- the Mississippi Gay Alliance won a state charter. The event is significant in that, for years, the group has been denied a charter on the basis that the word "Gay" was in its name.

In the spring of 1984, two groups -- the Alliance and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays -- encountered trouble when they sought state charters. Through the intervention of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, P-FLAG was granted a charter in July.

The state resisted efforts to charter the organization because the word "Gay" was in its name. The state Attorney General's office maintained that granting a charter to the group would "ostensibly give official legal status to an organization dedicated on its face to subverting a criminal statute."

A representative of the Governor's office said that "there were words in the [P-FLAG] corporate charter which might be deemed pornographic or obscene." An organization with a different

name and identical purpose was chartered in 1983.

The Attorney General had originally refused the charter by citing Mississippi State Code to the effect: "Every person who shall be convicted of the detestable and abominable crime against nature with mankind or with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not more than 10 years." The AG's office's position was that by chartering MGA, it would be endorsing an alternative lifestyle prohibited under the statute.

According to Abby Rubenfeld, LLDEF's Managing Attorney, "This is precisely why it is so important to challenge the archaic sodomy laws which still exist in 24 states around the country. Those laws are used in an effort to legitimize anti-Gay discrimination against organizations and individuals who are working to further civil rights for all people."

After 18 months of pressure from Lambda, Eddie Sandifer and members of the MGA, the state finally caved in and granted the charter.

Community Center Idea Revived

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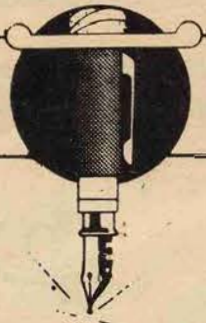
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Benefit AIDS Needy

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On Withdrawing Permission

by Allen Cook

Ann Landers is fond of saying, "Nobody can abuse you without your permission." Usually she applies that caveat to people who live in resort cities and end up burdened with overnight guests who stay three weeks, complete with dogs and kids.

But think about it. It also applies to a lot of other areas, including Gay Rights.

On a recent trip through Middle and East Tennessee, I was irritated that the radio stations along the way continue to play the offensive version of Dire Straits' "Money for Nothing." That song, as you may remember, refers to "faggots" several times in one verse. Warner Bros. Records issued a "cleaned up version" which is available to radio stations. Here in Memphis, we don't hear anything but the edited version.

When the record was released and began get-

ting air play here, a few phone calls were made to key radio stations expressing displeasure. After all, we contended, you wouldn't play that record if, instead of "faggot," they referred to "niggers" or "kikes." "Good point," they conceded, and edited the lyric out.

The fact of the matter is that by raising their consciousness a little (albeit in a low key manner), we withdrew permission for them to

abuse us. We've all heard fag jokes and AIDS jokes from our unknowing or unfeeling straight acquaintances. Most of the time, we file away a note on the storyteller's mental capacity and go on with our business. The problem with that response is that, by our silence, we are giving them permission to continue telling that joke... to continue degrading Gays or making light of a tragic situation.

Withdrawing permission does not mean coming out or making a scene. Both Ann Landers and Miss Manners have provided enough snappy retorts to put the insensitive clods in their place. A simple "I don't think that's funny" or blank stare will usually suffice in embarrassing the offending party into silence. In response to an AIDS joke, you might try, "That was good. Do you have any cancer jokes?"

It seems such an easy thing, this withdrawing of permission. After all, that's how the Gay Movement began at the Greenwich Village Stonewall Bar 15 years ago when the patrons there withdrew permission for the police to harass them and fought back. Revisiting our heritage, I suggest each of us can personally withdraw permission for anyone to abuse us. Believe me, it works. Try it.

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Music

What a Voice - Is the Spirit Free?

by Charlie McMullen

Ronnie Gilbert, one of the potent parts of the early 1950's folk movement, has a strong voice singing into the 1980's. Gilbert, who hasn't recorded a solo album in 20 years, has a new album on Redwood Records. It is too obvious she has a gorgeous voice, and what a shame she hasn't recorded solo in so long.

Formerly of the Weavers, a legendary folk group and contemporaries of Woody Guthrie, Gilbert has recorded with Holly Near the past few years. Their *Lifeline* album is one of the best perspective-music live albums in this decade's women's movement. Her new album, *The Spirit Is Free*, penned partly by Holly Near, cannot be considered a debut album nor a testament to her folk roots, but contains some songs lovely and political, too.

The Spirit Is Free is a selection of old and new songs - some very spirited and others, pretty. But the album's basic feel has more to do with the flawless production than with Gilbert's big, far-ranging soprano. Gilbert did some theater in the years after her recording success with the Weavers and can evidently sing anything from rock to probably opera. Her live performance of "Midnight Special" - the folk-turned-rock classic I saw in November, 1984, in Atlanta - would shame any rock-and-roller who has ever attempted that song. That power is just barely caught on that song on this album. I get the distinct impression the vocals on this album were hurriedly recorded -- Redwood records is very busy these days. Gilbert shines on other up-tempo and political songs like "There Goes The Mountain" and "The Death of Stephen Biko."

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Ronnie Gilbert

It seems the spirit is really in these songs -- perhaps the fire is closer to Gilbert's roots of activism than on more tender songs. "Wood Rain" by Canadian Connie Kaldor and "Sit With Me" by Holly Near are not well served by Gilbert's too-restrained input. "The Water Is

Wide," my favorite, is and talent, I now know Gilbert has reached be- a traditional folk song other songs sound non- fore - the limitless Gilbert has probably sung chalantly recorded. ability of her voice to a thousand times. She Ronnie Gilbert has a set you free - has not captures the vocal inter- marvelous voice, and I'm quite been reached here. pretation perhaps more looking forward to her [Available through Red- naturally than on some next solo LP. The wood Records, 476 W. of the other songs which *Spirit is Free* is a nice MacArthur Blvd, Oak- at first sounded forced. album for your mother. land, CA 94609.] But given her experience But the very greatness

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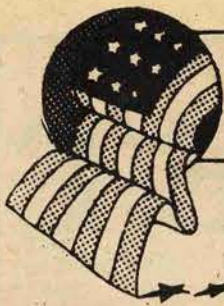
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Washington -- The U.S. Senate approved \$221 million for AIDS research and education in late October.

The funds came as part of the \$105 billion appropriation for departments of Labor, Education, and Human Services. The HHS AIDS appropriation includes \$128 million for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), \$65 million for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and \$13 million for the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA). Another \$16 million is slated for an examination of the health care delivery systems in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Miami, according to the *Gay Community News*.

Although the Reagan Administration had proposed spending only \$85 million to combat AIDS on October 2. Now

the House and Senate must go into conference to arrive at a compromise appropriation. That appropriation is expected to be between the two figures.

Military Outlines Safeguards in AIDS Testing

Washington -- Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has tried to alleviate fears created by the military's plan to test all active duty personnel for exposure to AIDS. The military is planning to test a total of 3.3 million people, beginning first with those who serve in areas of deployment in areas of the world where there is a high risk of disease or minimal medical facilities.

Those who test positively (twice with the ELISA HTLV-III antibody test and confirmed by the Western Blot test) but who "manifest no evidence of progressive clinical illness... shall be retained" in the military, Weinberg said. He indicated that a medical examination will be required at least once a year and that person's deployment to overseas posts may be limited.

He assured soldiers to some degree that they



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A person testing positively can only be discharged if he is already disabled by the disease. He or she will be given an honorable discharge and be eligible for continued medical care.

During the first three months of screening blood donors, the Pentagon got an idea of how expensive the testing might be. Each Elisa test costs about \$6, not counting labor. Of the 62,000 people who were tested, 500 initially tested positive. After application of the \$100 Western Blot test, 456 of those were given a clean bill of health.

Gay Refuses to Resign

The president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, Bill Nelson, has refused to resign from the city's Civil Service Review Adjunct Board, despite a city attorney's ruling that he must do so.

As a member of a municipal board, Nelson is required to sign an oath of allegiance to uphold state law. According to Nelson, when it came time to sign the oath, he added a sentence that

said, "I cannot in good moral conscience agree to preserve, protect, and defend section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code [the state's sodomy statute]."

Councilwoman Lori Palmer, who appointed him, said that Nelson must either sign the oath without reservation or resign.


INS OK's Gay Cuban

San Francisco -- The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has granted permanent residence status to a Gay Cuban refugee. This signals an apparent reversal of the long standing policy of the INS that Gay men and women cannot lawfully enter the U.S. Santiago Reyes is the first beneficiary of this action. He came to the U.S. in the Mariel boat lift of 1980.

The INS stalled Reyes for more than 6 months until National Gay Rights Advocates entered the case. NGRA Legal Director Leonard Graff, said: "The INS issued his permanent resident visa just one week after we notified the INS that we were representing Mr. Reyes. NGRA sued the INS before and they know we would not hesitate to sue them again." In 1982, NGRA won a landmark decision in the case of *Carl Hill v. INS*.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said, "The questions the INS asked Mr. Reyes were ap-

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cause the bar has operated without disturbance for some time. Meridian Mayor Jimmy Kemp indicated that the city had "to enforce the ordinances and laws passed down by the [city] council. I don't believe there's been selective enforcement by anybody in the administration. I didn't direct it, and I don't believe anybody else did."

Hilary Chiz, executive director of the ACLU in Mississippi questioned why the Meridian police would choose to go in at a time when they were having a legitimate benefit.

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alling. Their files contain all the explicit details of his sex life. Government action of this type is repugnant to all Americans, and we're not going to tolerate it."

Jeff Appleman, a San Francisco attorney who specializes in immigration law worked with NGRA on this case.

Philadelphia Stations Cancel Cameron

Philadelphia -- Anti-Gay psychologist Paul Cameron's appearance on two Philadelphia talk shows was cancelled after the stations received numerous protests. The protests were a result of a previous talk show on Oct. 10 in which Cameron made outrageous statements about homosexuals.

Cameron was quoted as saying 90% [of all homosexuals] eat feces, 33% ingest feces, 5% drink urine, and 40% use animals for sexual activities. The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force filed a Fairness Doctrine Complaint with the FCC under the personal attack rule.

Cameron was ousted from the American Psychological Association some years ago for misrepresenting the research of his colleagues. He has since been appointed by Rep. Dannemeyer of California to serve on an AIDS advisory committee.

D.C. Firehouses Post PWA's Addresses

Two D.C. firehouses have been posting the addresses of persons with AIDS on blackboards visible to the general public. The boards are intended to alert ambulance personnel of any precautionary information, which might include whether a person has meningitis, is obese, deaf or blind, according to Deputy Chief Ray Alfred. While Alfred agreed that it was important for ambulance workers to protect themselves and others who might ride in the ambulance later, he instructed both station captains to erase the information from public billboards.

"Certainly a legitimate purpose would be served by informing local fire and police departments so that they can respond appropriately if there's an emergency," said Jim Walker of the Whitman-Walker Clinic, an AIDS treatment center. "But there must be a better way to deal with this information. This is a very casual way to violate people's privacy."

In Memphis, firefighters and ambulance drivers requested the names and addresses of all AIDS patients in the city. The request was made at a meeting between the police and fire departments and a health department representative.

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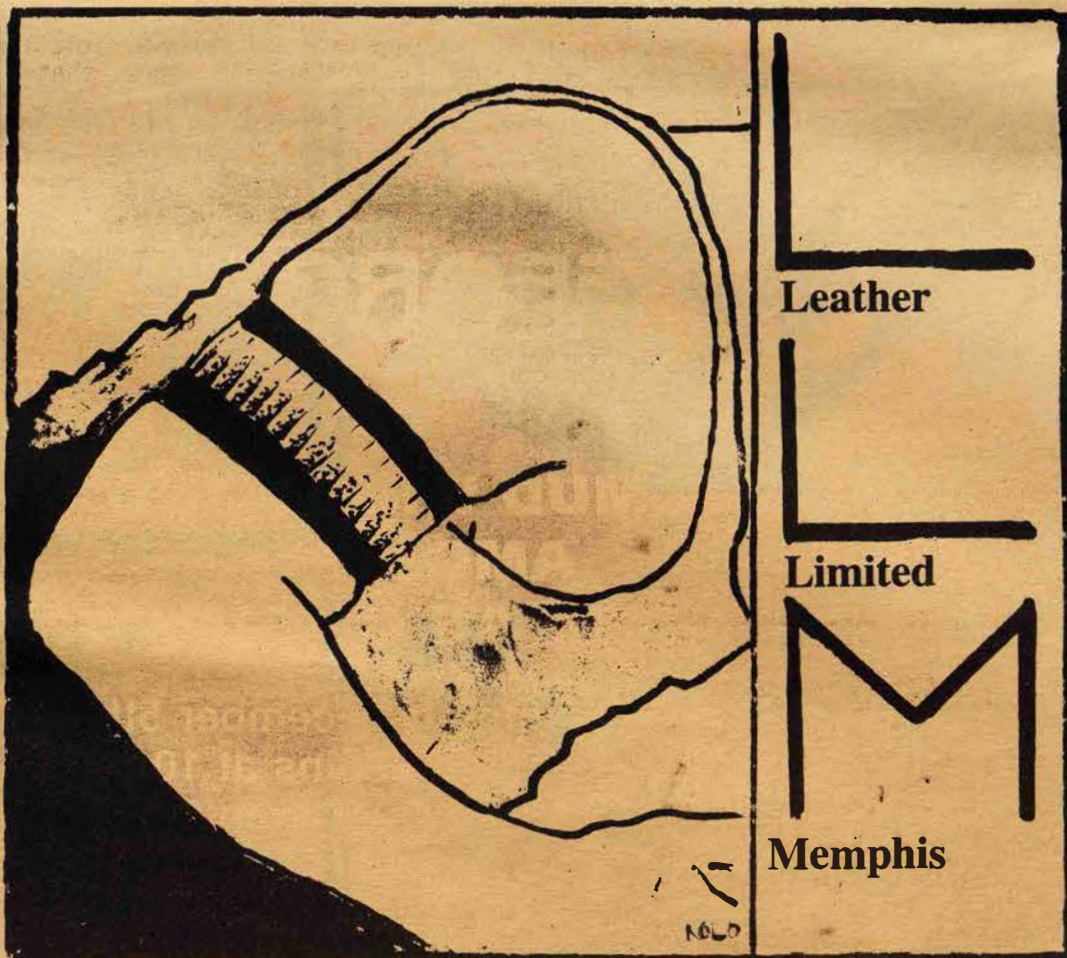
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High Court to Hear Sodomy Case

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According to Leonard he said, Graff, of National Gay Hardwick was arrested Rights Advocates, Hard- In his home by a police- wick v. Bowers is "the man who had come to most important Gay serve him a warrant for rights case of the a traffic violation. In century. If the Supreme Georgia, sodomy (any Court writes an opinion oral or anal sex between on this case, it will any two people) is a affect Gay rights into felony punishable by a the 21st century," he 20-year prison term. said.

If the Supreme Court The case will be pre- rules in Hardwick's fa- sented by Laurence Tribe vor, it could mean the who succesfully argued end of sodomy laws the National Gay Task across the country and Force v. Oklahoma City have an impact on other Board of Education case Gay rights issues. before the Supreme One hitch, according to Court in 1984. Argu- Graff, is that an appel- ments will probably be late court ruled that heard in March with a the state must show

"compelling interest." tain criminal penalties are definite conserva- The state is now saying for homosexual acts tive votes. Justices that AIDS as a health variously defined. Marshall, Brennan and problem represents that Graff will not specu- Blackmun are liberals, compelling interest. late on the outcome of while Stevens, White Currently 24 states (in- the case. He feels that and Powell remain at cluding Tennessee, Arkan- Justices Rehnquist, the center. sas and Mississippi) re- O'Conner, and Berger

Minnesota Court Bars Lover Again

St. Cloud, MN -- The Sharon. from seeing her obtained a doctor's or- on again/off again bat- lover, Karen Thompson. der which prohibited tle for a Gay woman to Kowalski was injured in Thompson from his obtain visitation rights an auto accident two daughter's room for fear to see her disabled lov- years ago which left her of sexual abuse. er is off again as the quadriplegic.

result of a Minnesota Her father attempted she and her lover of Appeals Court Decision. to keep Thompson from four years had exchanged The court decision re- seeing her, but an rings, purchased a house versed a restraining or- August court order together, and had named Donald Kowalski from five-day opened the door to a each other as benefi- cial visitation aries of their life keeping his daughter, period. Donald Kowalski insurance policies.

Sharon Thompson/ Karen Kowalski - THE HISTORY

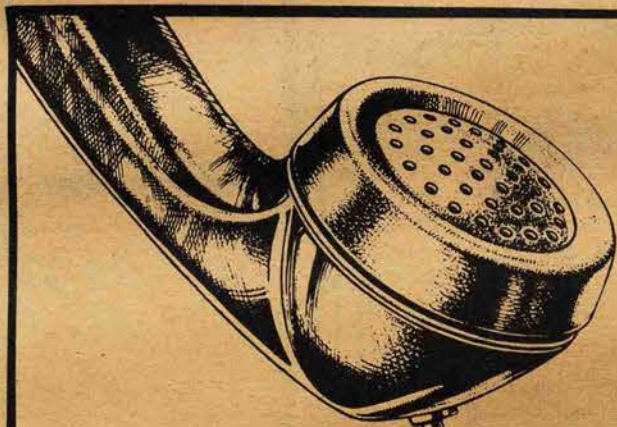
Karen Thompson, a St. Cloud State University faculty member, and Sharon Kowalski entered into a Gay relationship six years ago. They bought a house together and took out life insurance on each other. Only their close friends knew about their relationship. Two years ago, Sharon, then 28, was critically injured in an automobile accident involving a drunk driver and suffered severe brain stem injury. At first, Sharon was a patient at the St. Cloud hospital for about 8 months, during which time Karen visited her for many hours a day to help with her care and recovery.

When Sharon's parents began questioning and limiting her visiting hours, a psychologist suggested that Karen "come out" to the parents so they understood her intense concern. The parents completely rejected their daughters Gayness and accused Karen of being "sick" and "crazy" and even of sexually abusing their daughter. Backed into a corner, Karen felt she had no other option but to file for guardianship. The parents counterfiled and won with the provision that Karen be granted "equal access" to visitation and medical staff consultation.

Since that time, even though Sharon has been moved further and further from St. Cloud, Karen has been integrally involved in Sharon's recovery, sometimes driving as much as 6-7 hours in a day to be with her for a few hours. While Sharon rarely responds to others, she is very responsive to Karen. With Karen's help, Sharon began learning to eat, to talk, to write, and to laugh. Court addidavits filed by nurses, doctors, and therapists have said that Karen is the key to Sharon's recovery.

As increasing restrictions were placed on Karen's visitation and care giving, Sharon's recovery process slowed and in some areas regressed. However, Sharon has indicated to several agency representa- tives that she and Karen are Gay and that she wishes to see Karen.

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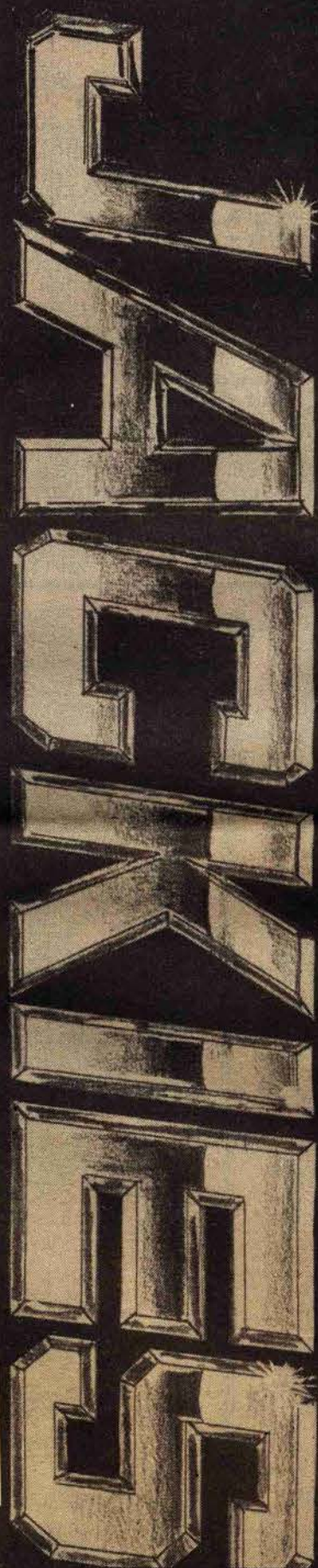
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Whatever Happened to Cytomegalovirus? Its Role As A Co-factor In AIDS

by Harvey Thompson, MD

In the first few years of the AIDS epidemic, before the cause was known to be HTLV-III, cytomegalovirus or CMV was often implicated.

Anxious patients with enlarged lymph nodes were being told they might have a mononucleosis-like illness due to CMV. Hundreds of dollars were spent on blood tests to confirm this suspicion, with an elevated CMV antibody titer (significant indicator).

A standard explanation was that the cyptomega-

lovirus was a cousin of Epstein-Barr virus, the cause of mononucleosis. Since the "Mono Spot Test" was negative and the CMV titer was elevated, cytomegalovirus was held responsible for the enlarged lymph nodes, tiredness, low-grade fever, etc.

CMV was never responsible for the swollen lymph nodes. All along, it was the yet undiscovered retrovirus, HTLV-III.

It is now called the lymphadenopathy syndrome and is included as an AIDS-related condition, or ARC, in the

spectrum of retroviral infections. HTLV-III antibody tests are nearly 100% positive in lymphadenopathy patients. With lymphadenopathy in a Gay man without other explanations, such as syphilis, mono, lymphoma, etc., it is almost certainly HTLV-III viral infection.

An apology to the CMV virus and patients seems in order, although new evidence does not leave CMV completely innocent. An explanation and a review of cytomegalovirus' place in the Gay community and particularly in the AIDS

epidemic follows. ELISA or color-change Incriminating CMV was an honest mistake. At the time, cytomegalovirus seemed a possible cause for the lymphadenopathy as standard medical textbooks have referred to an illness called CMV/mononucleosis. CMV titers are usually considered elevated if common in the Gay community in the era of frequent sexual contact. The virus was found in semen of 30% of Gay men, as opposed to only 1% of heterosexual men. Dr. Larry Drew of San Francisco's Mt. Zion Hospital did much of the original work on cytomegalovirus and found elevated antibody titer in nearly 90% of Gay men. In his medical lectures he would explain that to find the uninfected 10% of Gay men, he had to catch them as they just stepped off the busses from the west in their move to San Francisco. In these few sero-negative Gay men without elevated antibody titers, there was a 71% conversion rate observed in just nine months of observation. When he published his article a few years ago, he noticed a correlation between CMV acquisition and anal/genital sex. So cytomegalovirus added to the list of sexually transmitted infections. Just like mono, however, it was also known to be transmitted by saliva. Day care centers had high rates of transmission among children. It was known to persist in the host for long periods of time, and particularly in semen. Thus, it was considered a "late" or dormant virus that would become clinically manifested if there were impaired host resistance from cancer or because of immune suppressive medications used at the time of a transplant, for example.

However, Dr. Drew wanted to eliminate HTLV-III virus as a possible cause for immunosuppression; and therefore assembled a group of antibody tests. One method used is the same

ELISA or color-change technique that is also employed in HTLV-III antibody testing. However, CMV determinations are assigned numbers to correlate with the amount of antibody present. For example, CMV titers are usually elevated if over 1:16. Titers double from zero in undiluted blood to 1:1, 1:2, 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, etc., and on up by doubling. Many patients were elevated in the 1:64 and 1:128 range. The highest I recall was 1:8152.

An elevated titer tends to remain high, but fluctuates around the same level over months of observation. Since the virus tends to "hang around," the titers bear little correlation to acute infection. Patients were sometimes convinced they were worse than they were with the higher values and better with lower titers, and unfortunately physicians even encouraged patients to follow these changes. In retrospect, about the only thing that was being measured with CMV titers was the number of sexual partners and the favorite sexual position of the patient, since passive rectal sex seemed implicated in CMV transmission.

This summer, in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Dr. Larry Drew published further observations about cytomegalovirus in homosexual men. This time, he studied its effect on the immune system as reflected in the T-cell ratio. As you recall, T-cell ratios are normally 2.0, with twice as many "helper" T lymphocytes as "suppressor" T lymphocytes. For years, it has been observed that in Gay men, for unknown reasons, this proportion was often lowered and averaged around 1.0. No one could explain why.

With the discovery of HTLV-III virus, it seemed a likely culprit. HTLV-III virus is cytolytic, and attacks and destroys the helper lymphocytes, lowering the T-cell ratio.

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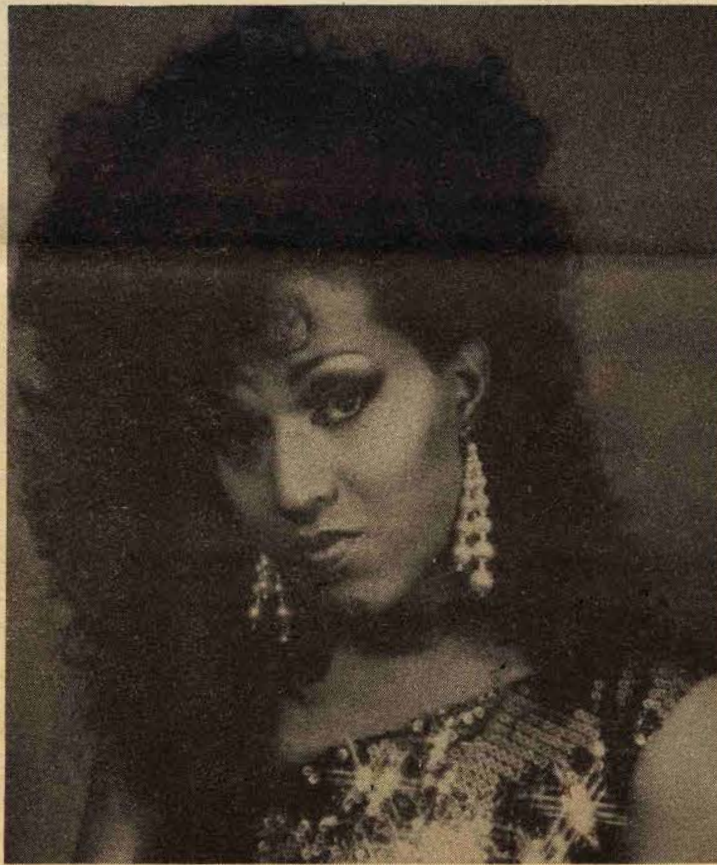
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Counterpoint

Choosing Our Battles

by Vic Basile

AIDS has come out of the closet and into the classroom, among other places; and, in so doing, has provoked one of those emotional debates that offers no easy resolution. How we in the Gay community respond to the issue of whether or not school-aged AIDS victims should be allowed to attend class is well worth examining, because it is the first of many difficult issues to come. Most of us have been quick to leap to the defense of the Whites of the world. With little hesitation, we have decided the fear and hysteria mounting in certain segments of society is unreasonable and unfounded. Worse, we are equally quick to

trace the fear and hysteria to anti-Gay roots. In one fell swoop, we discount what's going on by ascribing it to prejudice rather than to more reasonable causes. There are risks in that kind of knee-jerk reaction. Our community is in a highly vulnerable position these days, and the manner in which we respond to that will help to determine the sort of role we will play in affecting the changes in public perception (both of AIDS and the Gay community) necessary to protect us from discrimination. It is important that we fully understand the nature of the public's reaction to AIDS in recent weeks. First, we must recognize that calls for quarantines

and other such drastic and hysterical measures are coming from a vocal, but small, minority. The majority of the public is not panicking -- at least, not at the moment.

Second, we have to appreciate the fact that the threat of AIDS is relatively new for the non-Gay community. Although we have known all along that AIDS is not a "Gay plague," its incidence in the non-Gay community has been infrequent (and minimized) until recently. Gays have had roughly five years to come to terms with the disease. We know AIDS patients. We've shaken their hands, hugged them, gone to their funerals. We've grown accustomed to the issue.

But for the rest of society, AIDS never had a face until Rock Hudson gave it one. The thought of coming anywhere near an AIDS patient scares most people to death. That is to be understood. People in non-Gay society need time to learn how to deal with this issue. So rather than challenging them, we have to adopt the unlikely role of educating and leading them.

Third, and perhaps most important, we are the ones who have suffered about the most, yet, we've kept our heads. We have moved forward: educating ourselves, caring for our friends and lovers, lobbying the government for the necessary funds. While everyone from school superintendents to restaurant owners is in a frenzy, we are calm, reasonable, and rational. We are an example for the rest of the world to follow. By continuing our leadership on this issue, we present ourselves as a responsible community, confident about ourselves and the validity of our stand. But if we continue to pounce on every action as a violation of our civil rights, we come across as defensive and selfish. A predictable cry of "discrimination" at every turn will spread us too thin, and our credibility will diminish faster than this epidemic multiplies. Of course, discriminatory measures have been and will continue to be applied. But we have to choose our battles strategically, or we'll lose every one.

There are hard days ahead. Public policymakers aren't going to be tiptoeing around the ambiguous concept of victim's civil rights for very long. As far as they're concerned, there are two types of people: AIDS victims and potential AIDS victims. And whose rights supercede the other's? Take a guess.

Several things have to be seen in perspective as this community assesses its current predicament. For one thing, we have tremendous challenges and limited resources, so we have to choose our battles carefully. Unilaterally supporting the admission of every child with AIDS to public school is not an issue we can be credible about. We should make our position known, but understand that -- unless we have children of our own -- the public isn't going to want to listen to us. The issue of whether or not to allow baths and similar businesses to remain open is another loser. We simply cannot allow ourselves to be trapped in a draining and clearly unwinnable debate.

These will not be easy positions for our community to take. We've spent years fighting for our civil liberties, and to begin altering our course will not sit well with some of us. But we've got larger issues to worry about, like research and health care, life insurance, mandatory blood testing, and employment policies. We've got to begin prioritizing.

We, also, have got to begin seeing the silver lining in this terrible cloud. Instead of looking at this crisis as a period of loss, we must see opportunities for advancement which exist in the the midst of it all.

We are the community most at risk from this disease, yet we are the most least afraid. We are the ones who have suffered about the most, yet, we've kept our heads. We have moved forward: educating ourselves, caring for our friends and lovers, lobbying the government for the necessary funds. While everyone from school superintendents to restaurant owners is in a frenzy, we are calm, reasonable, and rational. We are an example for the rest of the world to follow. By continuing our leadership on this issue, we present ourselves as a responsible community, confident about ourselves and the validity of our stand. But if we continue to pounce on every action as a violation of our civil rights, we come across as defensive and selfish. A predictable cry of "discrimination" at every turn will spread us too thin, and our credibility will diminish faster than this epidemic multiplies. Of course, discriminatory measures have been and will continue to be applied. But we have to choose our battles strategically, or we'll lose every one.

There is a frightening void in leadership today where AIDS is concerned. No one has stepped forward. Information -- much of it conflicting -- is coming from different sources all over the world. Policies are being made in boardrooms, classrooms, councilrooms, and bedrooms. An atmosphere of "every man for himself" is developing. But in the middle of all this is the Gay community, quietly raising money, housing victims, lobbying the government for funding, educating ourselves and others about safe sex, settling down, and keeping our heads. This is our -- and the best -- response to the crisis, and it is this we have to emphasize. The time has come for this community to face some very cold, hard realities. We've done it before, and we can do it again. And when it's all over, we can be better and stronger than ever. [Vic Basile is Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.]

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by Bob Damron

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You can tour two of America's largest tobacco companies - Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson - or visit the world's most famous bourbon whiskey distillers - Old Taylor, Brown-Foreman, Ancient Age, Seagrams, Old Fitzgerald, and Jim Beam. Oddly enough, with all the booze bottled here, about half the counties in Kentucky are Baptist-Belt dry. But, of course, that doesn't apply to the two largest metropolitan areas, Louisville and Lexington.

Louisville, with a population of 400,000, is known as the "northern border of southern hospitality." The three Gay bars here are situated within easy walking distance of each other in "Old Louisville." Open until 4 am, they are best on weekends. Badlands Territory at 116 E. Main gets some hot looking jocks downstairs and has disco dancing upstairs Thursday through Sunday. The Downtowner at 105 W. Main has shows, a disco, and primarily caters to women downstairs. Upstairs is The Loft, a "hot" cruise bar for western, levi, and leather men. Recently, the L.P.D. "raided" The Loft, ostensibly looking

for minors and sex offenders. Although this did not threaten the patrons or management, it brought national media ridicule on the L.P.D. when it was disclosed that the officers wore rubber gloves to protect themselves from possible AIDS contamination. One wonders what they were into? The City Lounge at 202 W. Market is an always busy, friendly bar attracting some play-for-pay boys. Book stores and cruisy arcades like the Camera's Eye and Movie World have been undergoing some police harassment also.

I stay at Howard Johnson's, the Rodeway Inn, or elegant new Hyatt Regency Louisville, all within easy walking distance of the bars. All hell breaks loose during the first week in May with the annual running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. Famous horses like Man O'War, Sea Biscuit, Secretariat, and Seattle Slew are the stars; but men and women have a difficult time finding a place to stay. With all the balls, parties, and special events during "Derby Week," you will need to reserve months in advance. There are no Gay eateries, unless you want to include the Steak'n Egg on S. 4th; but for good straight restaurants try Casa Grisanti, Kunz's the Dutchman, the Atrium at Hasenour's, Flagship, Sixth Avenue, or the Oak Room at the newly restored Seelbach Hotel.

For sightseeing in Louisville, you may want to visit Churchill Downs Race Track, the Colonel Sanders Museum (home of Kentucky Fried Chicken), boat trips along the Ohio River on the sternwheeler "Belle of Louisville," Locust Grove, the University of Louisville, and the burial site of President Zachary Taylor. For excursions out of town, visit the Mammoth Cave National Park; "My Old Kentucky Home" in Bardstown; the cabin where "Honest Abe" was born, now a National Historic Site; and an-

other valuable site, Fort Knox. But, believe me, you won't be able to see much here except a museum; and they don't give away any samples of the billions in gold buried here.

Lexington, with a population of 200,000, is the second largest city in the state and is only about eighty miles east of Louisville. It is the real heart of the "Bluegrass Country;" and horse fans will want to visit Keeneland Race Course, Kentucky Horse Park, and the Kentucky Horse Center. History buffs may want to see Ashland, Henry Clay's palatial home, and the Mary Todd Lincoln House. Nearby is Frankfort, the small state capital. The Radisson Plaza and Hyatt Regency are excellent hotels; and for straight dining, which is all there is, I recommend the Executive House (for some unknown reason called Casa Executiva), the Bistro, Stanley Demo's Coach House, the Duck Club at the Hyatt, and Silks at the Radisson.

The three major Gay


bars are within walking distance of the downtown hotels. The two top discos, especially weekends, are Brezings at 234 E. Short Street and The Bar at 224 E. Main Street. Both have cruise bars downstairs and discos upstairs. Next door will find many hot men, is the Leather Works, a shop catering to all my fantasies. The Bungalow at 121 Mill Street is a

small downtown cruise and conversation bar with an equal number of men and women. Lexington bars close at 1 am, but the Circus, a private disco at 2240 Idle Hour Shopping Center, welcomes Gays on Sundays and after hours, when the other places are closed.

For listings in Bowling Green, Covington, and Paducah, see the '86 Address Book. Louisville has always been a great city - but watch out, Lexington is really catching up, and with new urban development becoming a terrific place in its own right. It is not surprising that the visitor to Kentucky will be rewarded. It's gifts are generous, including beauty, variety, and a large helping of hospitality. I don't know about you; but, personally, those sparkling eyes and friendly smiles get me every time.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the Bob Damron Address Book '86 - America's foremost travel guide - available at most better bars, baths, and book stores throughout America. Or send \$14 to Bob Damron Enterprises, Inc.; P.O. Box 14-077; San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the Spartacus International Gay Guide at \$22.)

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NGRA Calls for AIDS Civil Rights

San Francisco -- The Raytheon Company, a major Defense Department contractor, had to defend itself against charges of discriminating against an employee who had AIDS. This is the first such case to go to trial in the U.S.

Last year, Raytheon put John Chadbourne on an involuntary and indefinite medical leave. Chadbourne's doctor said he was able to work and was not contagious. However, Raytheon told Chadbourne he couldn't return to work until he could prove that there was a cure for AIDS. Chadbourne has since died, but National Gay Rights Advocates is pursuing his case. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "Our suit is based on a state law that bars employers from discrimination based on physical handicap. It is our contention that this law covers people with AIDS. Furthermore, Raytheon has no defense since John presented no danger to himself or other employees." NGRA, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, now represents Chadbourne's estate. Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "We're putting employers on notice in this case. They cannot mistreat someone with AIDS and then get away with it because the employee dies."

The case was due to be presented in Ventura California November 8. Resolution of the dispute was not known at presstime.

BWMT Issues AIDS Rap Song

Philadelphia -- Black and White Men Together/Philadelphia has recorded a rap song about AIDS. Respect Yourself is designed to reach out to the urban Black Youth about AIDS, the song has received some airplay around the country. Here are some of the lyrics: Think about your partner before you get down; use a trojan or two, or don't mess around. Forgive me if I'm bold but you've got to be told: AIDS is a virus, and it's a bitch if you're exposed. Now if you wanna be happy you better make it snappy.

I'm not just talkin' crappy, to neglect yourself is tacky. A thorough check-up is always worth your while. Now to mention some prevention, and I'm gonna spell it out: R is for RESPECT. E is for ERADICATE the AIDS disease. S is for SOON as you can. P is for PREVENTION across the land. E is for EVERY boy, girl, woman & man. C is for CONCERN for your fellow man. T is for the TIME to do it now.

Gay Fathers Conference Set for Windy City

The seventh annual Gay Fathers Coalition International Conference will be held in Chicago on the weekend of June 6-8, 14-Gaze-December 1985

Hosted by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Parents Group at the Mid-City Plaza, the conference is entitled "New Horizons ... Together We Can Do Anything," and is expected to be the largest conference in the group's history

NCBG Wins Grant

The National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG) received a \$10,000 grant from the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Veacht Program in support of the organization's 1985-86 programs, including a national conference for Black Gays being staged in St. Louis Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

According to NCBG executive director Gil Gerald, this latest grant is one of a series of grants encouraging NCBG leadership to mobilize the Black Gay community against racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia in a coordinated national effort. "We are developing a good track record for securing philanthropic support for our work," Gerald said. The grant assures some continuity in the compensation of NCBG's full and part-time staff for the first quarter of FY 1985-86.

NCBG's staff consists of the executive director, a part-time assistant and a part-time intern.

NCBG is the only national Gay political, educational, and service organization whose focus is to promote the healthy development of the Black Gay community through programs for public education and programs for organizing the Black Gay community on the local and national level.

Gay Media Awards Announced

A special media award from the Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Artists has been presented to *Kate and Allie*. The episode "The Landlady" involved Kate and Allie trying to rent a families-only apartment by posing as a Gay couple. The landlady turned out to be a com-passionate "friend of Dorothy." In making the

award, the Alliance said, "it showed that families are made by the love people have for each other, whether they are Gay or straight." Following a moving tribute to Rock Hudson, AGLA presented awards to Phil Donahue, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, *Hotel, St. Elsewhere, Sara, Brothers, Night Court, Dynasty, and Con-senting Adult*. Special movies which received awards were *The Times of Harvey Milk and Before Stonewall*. Broadway received its share of honors as *La Cage Aux Folles, In Trousers, The Glitter Palace and Night Sweat* were presented with awards.



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Religion

Message For The Season

by Rev Steven Quesnel

With the Yule-tide upon us, I like to reflect upon the various meanings attached to this season from the very mundane exchanging of gifts to the deeper thoughts and urges that propel us through the year. Churches become caught up in the preparation for the arrival of Jesus with special Advent programs. We decorate houses and trees, set creches, and have all the panoply that has become attached through the centuries to the arrival of a baby boy in a cave-stall born in the Holy Land to a poor, ordinary couple. Merchants sink or swim, depending on the "take" during these shopping days. We look at some of the theological implications, and bemoan the fact that we do not retain the "good-will and peace" of the season.

Perhaps, this is because we are attempting to re-capture something today that has been allowed to become fixed in time, rather than looking at the eternal quality of the Nativity. Churches have programs that focus on the re-arrival of Jesus at various levels, while we cannot put out of our minds the knowledge that those same churches have, in their calendars, fixed the year and approximate season of the event that has colored history ever since. They try to convince us that Christianity, reconciliation, and salvation all stem from that fixed point. We talk of Jesus returning -- where, then, has he gone? Have we not, rather, moved and continue to move away from those things that he lives (because of the Easter event) and stands for? Having fixed a point in time, from which it all stems, we move steadily from that point to a moment when the actuality becomes dim and obfuscated.

We need, I think, to refocus on Jesus' arrival being in the present, day by day leading to the intersection of this time with the time to come, through us, in our daily existential experience of his presence. The reconciliation wrought by the Christmas and Easter events is an ongoing thing -- people are reconciled to people, people to God, God to people -- each and every day. This peace is brought about because we desire it, accept it, yield and surrender to it. It is not fixed in time, nor does it have a foreseeable end in time. It is now, today; ours if we want it and will take it up.

A thought occurred to me as I was writing the above: One of our carols is written to celebrate the announcement of Jesus' birth to some shepherds. These shepherds, because they were charged with tending flocks that belonged to the Temple (only Temple flocks were allowed to be pastured in these hills during this time), could not leave their charges and attend worship at the Temple -- their stints were of a priestly nature, and they could not leave them, for any reason, to get to the Temple in time to undergo the ritual cleansing required by Jewish law. In effect, they were forbidden to worship because of who and what they were (sound familiar?). Yet, the first announcement of the birth of the Messiah was made to them by a host of heavenly beings.

We have received such an announcement in this day and age -- we are made aware that we are God's children, that we matter in God's economy, that we have a place in the Divine Family. This is a new proclamation and should stir us to making the reality of Jesus' presence an actuality in our

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HTLV-III antibody-negative Gay men in San Francisco. He then divided them into two categories: one without antibody to CMV and the other with antibody to CMV.

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He then followed the CMV negative men; and, sure enough, as they acquired CMV (presumably sexually), their T-cell ratios fell to less than 1.0. It is important to remember that they had negative screening for the HTLV-III virus and continued to test negative.

So, finally a place for CMV has been found in

the AIDS epidemic. Even without HTLV-III viral infection, CMV appears to account for the lowered T-cell ratios and immunosuppression in the sexually active Gay male. It may be an important factor that weakens the immune system. HTLV-III virus, then, adds to this injury. Perhaps CMV and HTLV-III together make it an irreversible event with full-blown AIDS.




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by Martin Palm-Leis

Twenty years ago, it was seldom that Gays could reveal their sexuality to their parents without complete hysteria governing the scene. This could easily have been due to the misunderstandings, misconceptions, and stereotypes that ruled those times. Luckily, with today's comparatively more liberal thinking, more of us can share our lifestyles with those we love; and, luckily, a book has been written that can make quite a difference in the way those loved ones react.

Are You Still My Mother? is this book, and it is definitely going to knock some socks off as well as a few shouldered chips! In 236 pages, Back has revolutionized the way parents can deal with their offspring's revelation of homosexuality. It is done with, quite literally, an "I have been through this; I've dealt with it; now work with me, and we'll get through it" attitude. It is this almost explosively candid style that makes or will make this book hit home with many parents.

From the moment of introduction, you realize that this isn't some psychologist talking down to you; but a person who has been through the same emotions you may be feeling. In the introduction and first chapter, Back shares her own story with you in a poignant and caring way that makes it quite possible, as well as easy, to relate to what she is saying.

This book will take the parent through Back's own experiences, and then on to the experiences of other parents who went through the situation, following through with the reac-

tion of the children to the reaction of the parents. This section of the book was done through personal interviews. It was a clever way of gaining information in that it provides personal views for the reader, and also keeps the reader interested by means of an almost "true confessions" type of writing.

For the Gay child, this book will prepare you for what you might expect or at least might experience with your parents, as well as how oth-

ers like you felt or what they went through. This section of the book was done ten, it could almost be considered a "how to" book in reference to coming out.

It would seem that Back's solution to coming to terms with such a revelation and moving forward is the use of workshops or other parents. As opposed to sitting at home and brooding, getting out and finding others with a similar situation is a major key. She takes the reader through a

workshop from day one on, showing the reader the hows, some whys, and the ways that a workshop can be run. She covers its development through time, again by means of personal experience with the topics at hand. It is done so well that the reader could even begin a workshop of his or her own should one not be readily available.

Then, Back addresses Gays in a short, but very efficient, section regarding some things to think about before "dropping the bomb," so to speak. And in a refreshing list of suggestions entitled "So What's A Parent To Do?" shows readers some realistic approaches and attitudes that can help in filling the gap in the bridge.

To close the book, you will find an excellent list of titles for read-

ing, catalogs that can be ordered for further pursuance, and also the names of a few national organizations that can provide other resources to the reader.

All in all, it is my considered opinion that the parents of Gays as well as their homosexual offspring owe Ms. Back a large thank you for a stepping stone to closeness.

On a personal note: A wise old friend of mine once told me that, yes, coming out isn't going to be easy by any means; but it isn't exclusively a right of only the homosexual community. You have to realize that parents need time to come out to!



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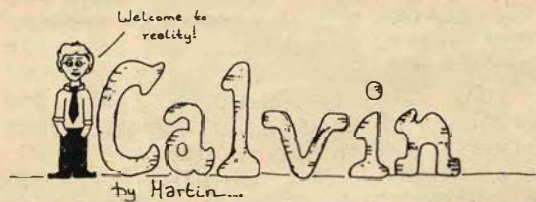
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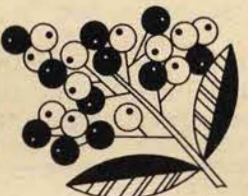
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING a basketball, softball, and/or volleyball team for Gay helpful literature con- Games II, send name, tact EOM (Evangelical Outreach Ministries), Gene, Rt 1, Box 275, Box 7882, Atlanta, GA Selmer, TN 83375. 30357 - (404) 261-5710.

PAULA, I'M STILL SAVING all my love for you! Love ya', Dana. What does the Memphis Gay Coalition do for you? It prints this paper for one thing.

RONDA, I LOVE YOU! SORRY I wasn't there Sunday night - C-ya soon! Love. Dana. Support MGC. Meetings at Peabody & McLean Li- brary October 7th and 21st, 7:30 PM, Meeting Room A.

WF, 20'S HAS SMALL TOWN BLUES. Seeks companionship of discreet, femme, 20-45 in Middle or West Tenn. Photo/reply to PO Box 855 Savannah, TN 38372. Discretion guaranteed.

ACLU Seeking Associate Director

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Tennessee is seeking an Associate Director for its State Office in Memphis.

GAY WHITE FEMALE VERY LOVING AND CARING age 20 looking for Lesbian 18-25 an old fashioned relationship. Please write to Boxholder, PO Box 279, Byhalia, MS 38611.

The application deadline is Monday, December 2, 1985.

FREE GAY VISITORS GUIDEBOOK TO NEW ORLEANS and the Gulf Coast. 98 pages, maps, photos. A \$3.95 value available from Gay Tourist Council. Send \$1.10

If you know of anyone who meets the job qualifications or if you have any questions, please call Hedy Weinberg at (615) 256-7028.

Information and Services

MEMPHIS

ORGANIZATIONS
A Cappella Chorus: The Apartment: 343 Madison - 525-9491.
Backstreet: 94 N Avalon (Downstairs) - 278-9324.
The Eighth Day: 1382 Poplar - 725-9877.
The French Connection: 598 Marshall - 526-1038.
George's: 600 Marshall - 526-1038.
J-Wags: 1268 Madison Ave - 726-9011.
Jackie's: 1474 Madison Ave. - 272-1104.
The Pendulum: 92 N Avalon (Upstairs) - 725-1530.
P.W. Bumps: 238 N Cleveland - 726-9953.

RESTAURANTS/BARS
America's Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): 85 Union Ave., Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.
Black and White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38104 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-1461.
Frontrunners of Memphis: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.
GALA: Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness - Room 425, University Center, Memphis State Univ., Memphis 38152.
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.
Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.
Metropolitan Community Church of the Living Hope: Box 241592, Memphis 38124-1592 - 458-8121.
Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104.
Phoenix (Gay AA): 454-6048.
The Queen's Men: Box 3223, Memphis 38173.
Tsarus: Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.
Wings: Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

MEDIA

Ganymede: Computer Bulletin Board, 300 Baud, Free, Available 24 hrs, 278-0167, Password-Ganymede.
Gaze: newspaper - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - (901) 454-1411.
Lambda Televideo: TV, periodic programs, Views From 10%, Memphis Cable channel 7 - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038.

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 726-4299.
Gay Switchboard: 726-GAYY.
Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.
Rape Crisis: 528-2161.
Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Advocate Book Center: 3460 Airways, - 345-1751.
Airport Adult Theatre: 2214 Brooks Rd E - 345-0657.
Aladdin's Ladds: 278-9999.
Book Cottage (Overton Square): 2113 Madison Ave - 726-5857.
The Book Mart: 852 S Cooper - 278-9546.
Cherokee Adult Bookstore: 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.
Club South: 628 Madison - (901) 525-2582 - CBC affiliated.
Encore Cards and Gifts: 1266 Madison Ave - 722-8963.
Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.
Georgetown Inn: 628-630 Madison Ave - Reservations (901) 525-0725.
Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.
Getwell Adult Book Store: 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.
Leather Limited Memphis: 1474 Madison Ave. (located in Jackie's) - 272-1104.
Men of Leather: 1268 Madison (located in J-Wags) - 722-8963.
Mid-Town Adult Theatre: 1360 Poplar - 725-4306.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer - 323-2665.
Parkview Centers: 3340 Poplar, Suite G-107 - 327-4625.
Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S - 682-3326 & 1803 Union Ave. - 726-1622.

NASHVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): Box 120160, Nashville 37212.
Conductors: Box 40261, Nashville 37212.
Lifestyle Health Services: 1729 Church St, Nashville 37203 - (615) 329-1478.
Metropolitan Community Church: 131 15th Ave N, Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.
Nashville C.A.R.E.S.: PO Box 25107, Nashville, 37202-5107 - (615) 320-0288.
Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: Box 24181, Nashville 37202.
Womankind Health Service: 1727 Church St, Nashville 37203 - (615) 329-1478.

RESTAURANTS/BARS

B. Palola's: 1812 Hayes St - (615) 320-0713.
Cabaret: 1711 Hayes St - (615) 320-7082.
The Chute: 2535 Franklin Rd - (615) 297-4571.
The Jungle: 300 Fourth Ave S - (615) 256-9411.
Our Place: 2950 Nolensville Rd - (615) 833-2219.
Warehouse 28: 2529 Franklin Rd - (615) 385-9689.
World's End: 1713 Church St. - (615) 329-3480

MISCELLANEOUS

Contemporary Classics: 2104 Eastwood Ave - (615) 292-1958.
The General Store: 2535 Franklin (located in the Chute) - (615) 297-4571.

CHATTANOOGA

RESTAURANTS/BARS
Alan Gold's: 1100 McCallie - (615) 629-8080.
Go Go: 1077 Duncan Ave - (615) 698-1023.

MISCELLANEOUS

Parkview: 8614 Harrison Bay, Harrison, TN 37341 - TN 1-800-821-2914 - Outside TN 1-800-233-3737.
Riverside Adult: 1009 Riverside Dr - (615) 622-9335.
Startime Video: 6309 East Brainard Rd - (615) 899-9714.

JOHNSON CITY

The Connection: 429 W Walnut - (615) 928-9925.

KNOXVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS
aids response Knoxville: Box 2343, Knoxville 37901 - (615) 521-6546 7 PM-11 PM.
Dignity/Knoxville: Box 9451, Knoxville 37920 - (615) 577-3772.
Knoxville's 10%: Box 9816, Knoxville 37940.
Metropolitan Community Church: 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 2343, Knoxville 37917 - (615) 521-6546.
RESTAURANTS/BARS
Circle J: 310 Church Ave - (615) 522-9312.
Peppertree (Badlands): 317 N Gay - (615) 525-5647.
Carousel II: 1501 White - (615) 522-6966.

JACKSON, MS

ORGANIZATIONS
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): 528 North State St, Jackson MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464.
Gay Switchboard: (601) 353-7611.
Integrity/Mississippi: 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Jackson MS 39216 - (601) 353-7611.
Lambda Group (Gay AA): 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs) c/o Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204.
Metropolitan Community Church: 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs) - Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204 - (601) 353-7611.
Mississippi Gay Alliance: 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204 - (601) 353-7611.
Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Democratic Party Caucus: 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson MS 39205 - (601) 353-7611.

MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: newspaper - 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson MS 39205 - (601) 353-7611.
RESTAURANTS/BARS
Bill's Disco and Show Bar: 200 W Amite - (601) 969-9765.
Cha Cha's: bar - 236 W Capitol - (601) 352-9728.
Jack's Saloon: 208 W Capitol - (601) 354-9588.
Jill's: 208 W Capitol - (601) 354-9588.
Zan's: bar - 944 Robinson

LITTLE ROCK

ORGANIZATIONS
ACLU of Arkansas: Box 2832, Little Rock AR 72203.
Arkansas Gay Rights: Box 3115, Little Rock AR 72203.
Crisis Center: 664-8834 (Toll free 1-800-482-8886).
Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock AR 72205 - (501) 663-6455.
Grassroots Women's House: 1524 South Summit, Little Rock AR - (501) 378-7851.
Great Men/BWMT: Box 3123, Little Rock AR 72203 - (501) 374-3217.
Metropolitan Community Church: Box 1964, Little Rock AR 72203 - (501) 666-2404.
National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 662, Little Rock AR 72203.
Parents and Friends of Gays: Box 1839, Batesville AR 72501.

MEDIA

Arkansas Advisor: newspaper - Universal Publishers, Box 4397, Little Rock AR 72214 - (501) 225-1300.

RESTAURANTS/BARS

The Branding Iron Saloon: 1701 University - (501) 663-8682.
Calamity's: 5922 S University - (501) 562-9041.
Discovery II: 1021 Jessie rd - (501) 664-4784.
Preston's: 5618 Asher Ave - (501) 562-7531.
Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave - (501) 663-9886.

MISCELLANEOUS

4-Star Video: 5300 Baseline Rd - (501) 562-4762.
University Adult Arcade: 6316 Asher Ave - (501) 568-2952.

CLARKSVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

Clarksville Chapter TGCHR: Phone (615) 645-7118 For Information.
RESTAURANTS/BARS
The Office: 130 Franklin St - (615) 645-1157.
Raspberries: 125 Legion St.

SEWANEE, TN

MISCELLANEOUS

Boxwood Cottage: Bed & Breakfast "in our home" - (615) 598-5912. Zip 37375.

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Memphis Gay Coalition presents the Holiday
Goodies without the Holiday Hassle!

A Christmas Potluck Feast

The Turkey's There — You bring the rest!
Admission is one covered dish per person

Monday, December 16, 7:30 P.M.



The Orpheum Bar will be open,
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