













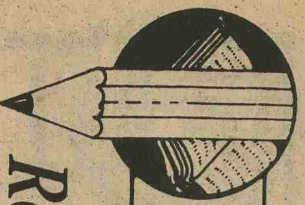








# REVIEWS



## Restless Rednecks:

### Gay Tales of a Changing South

Restless Rednecks: Gay present another opinion  
Tales of a Changing of what Gay life is all  
South about (no matter how  
Roy F. Wood  
Grey Fox Press  
\$7.95

Review by Martin Palm-  
Leis

As a book critic for Gaze, I have been fortunate in not having nels of truth" and "that this book is an insult not like. The books have make you feel good about ranged from romance to being a Gay man."

and each one has been an immense pleasure. I would pose I always knew that later, but I never realized five with such an explosion!  
Restless Rednecks is a compilation of stories ranging in top-ies from Lesbian bar brawls to masturbating on church altars (uh-huh!) to S&M initiations. Quite frankly, I don't understand why it was ever brought to press except possibly to this

worth taking time for. On the positive side, Mr. Wood does seem to have a basic talent that, mixed with his original, yet bizarre style, with time and patience could produce something of literary value.

Not to say there isn't any here. One or two of the selections are very promising, and it might be interesting to see what Mr. Wood comes out with next. He notes he has set aside his present manuscript-in-the-works to publish these pieces. Otherwise, most could (if not should) have been submitted to graphic following, while others could be grouped together for a "Tales of the Bizarre and Unnatural" publication.

With few exceptions, this book is an insult to the modern Gay person; and from a literary standpoint, it has little to offer anyone of intelligence. They are "they" (they will rise again, and it has to no Restless Rednecks is a prime example of the type of material that will return War South to a pre-Civil Critic's Note: Mr. Wood: For what it's worth - if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. If it's any consolation, you do take a good picture.



# Military

## Army Restricting AIDS- positive Soldiers-Not Discharging

While new recruits are still being ousted from the service if they test positive to AIDS antibodies, active duty personnel are simply being discriminated against.

An Army plan will restrict assignments for soldiers who have been exposed to HTLV-III and could curtail their career moves.

Any soldier testing positive will be prevented from receiving overseas assignments, according to a policy statement issued by Army Secretary John O. Marsh. The Navy's statements that exposed sailors can be assigned without geographic restriction but that some jobs may be off limits.

The new policies are less stringent than what the Pentagon wanted. The original guidelines called for all seropositive soldiers to be discharged, regardless of the presence of symptoms. That action was blocked by Pentagon doctors.

At presstime, the Air Force had not released its policies.

## Judge Stops Navy from Ousting Recruits

Washington -- 13 recruits won temporary restraining orders, blocking their discharge from the Navy because tests showed they had been exposed to AIDS. None of the recruits is sick and all had begun basic training when the Navy began discharge proceedings.

The Weekly News reports that 5 of the recruits held a press conference in January and revealed that several said the Navy told them they had AIDS based on positive HTLV-III antibody test.

The Raphael Lombardo of New York City said, "I went on for several weeks thinking I had AIDS and would be dead in months."

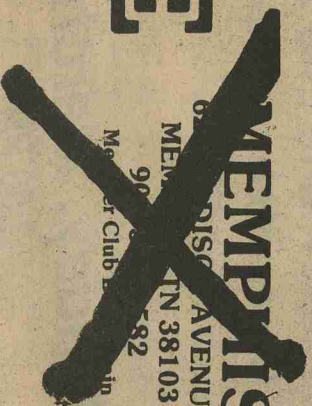
"We are suggesting that the Navy has the wrong enemy," said their attorney Susan Silber. "They decided the enemy is within, these young men who were enticed to join. The enemy is, of course, this dread disease."

## Navy Recruit Tests Lead to Suicide Attempts

San Diego -- Although the Navy is rigorously denying it, there are reports that at least three recruits have attempted suicide after having received positive HTLV-III antibody tests. The San Diego Gazette quotes a reliable source that "they were definitely trying to do away with themselves." The newspaper reports that the Navy is taking steps to improve its post-test counseling and that new Navy regulations allow recruits to remain in the service until such time as a Western Blot test confirms or refutes the HTLV-III test.



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