

# News of Interest to the Gay Community

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## Denmark May Legalize Gay "Partners"

Denmark is about to become the first country in the world to grant Gays the legal status of married couples. A bill introduced in Parliament in January provides that Gay couples registering as "partners" will automatically gain the same rights to inheritance and tax deductions, the same access to social services, and the same obligations to pay alimony as a husband and wife.

The measure was supported by a majority of the members in the 179-seat Folketing. It will probably become law beginning July 1. In an attempt to silence criticism, the bill's sponsors included a provision which precluded Gays from adopting children.

## Court Rejects G'town U. Case

Washington, DC — The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected a bid by Georgetown University to delay enforcement of a court order requiring the Roman Catholic School to let Gay Rights groups meet on campus. A District Court of Appeals ruled Nov. 20 that a law prohibiting discrimination against Gay people takes precedence over a religious institution's claimed constitutional right to freely exercise its religious beliefs.

In a 5-2 decision issued Nov. 20, the D.C. Court of Appeals ruled that the D.C. Human Rights Act requires Georgetown University to provide the same "tangible benefits" to Gay student groups as it grants to other student groups. Georgetown is the nation's oldest Catholic-owned university.

## Alpha House Opens - First Housing Especially for PWA's

It was a dark and rainy night. The Aid To End AIDS Committee buddy sent to pick up the first PWA to be housed in ATEAC housing could not find the rundown hotel where he was staying. The curtains were not up in the living room, and the bed wasn't made up yet. These were not auspicious beginnings.

On Jan. 21, the first patient to take up residence in Alpha House, the ATEAC house for PWA's, was moved in. His reaction: "I love it."

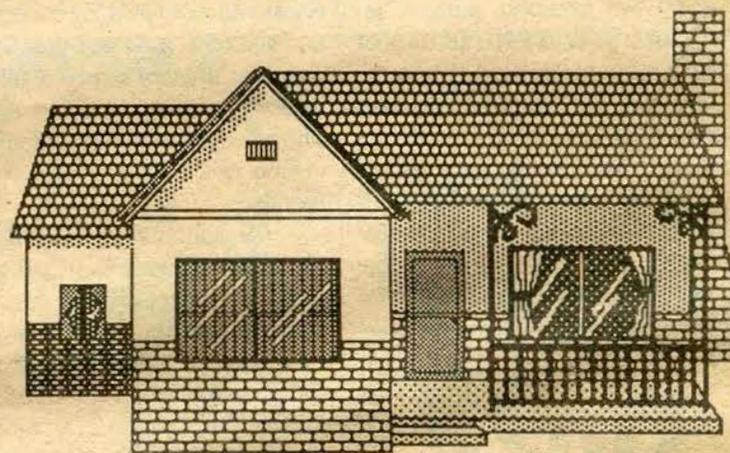
Alpha House came about quickly once approval of the ATEAC board of directors was given. "This is something we've been trying to get started for some time," said Tommy Stewart, president of the Committee. ATEAC board members voted to sign the lease on the property on Jan. 13.

ATEAC officials have been meeting with county officials for about seven months in an attempt to get them to donate a house.

ATEAC submitted a proposal in which it would pay for upkeep, insurance, utilities, etc., and house PWA's if the county could provide the house. "We're still pursuing that idea," said Stewart, "but the need is immediate. We had two people who needed housing now, not next month or next year."

Donations of household items came in quickly with a couch, microwave oven, beds, clothes, silverware, and other household goods filling up the heretofore empty space.

According to Stewart, ATEAC has an ongoing commitment of over \$400 per month in rent and utilities for the house. Residents are expected to pay a portion of the costs, based on their income. Stewart says one of the big problems in getting disability payments started is that there is a five month wait. "Many of the people who come to the Committee for help are out of



work, with little or no money. Once their checks get started, they can make out OK." PWA's who are receiving adequate financial aid will be encouraged to seek other housing to make way for those who are not.

Alpha House is the first specifically designated housing for

people with AIDS in the Mid-South.

ATEAC is a federally tax exempt, charitable organization. Donations may be made to ATEAC by sending checks to ATEAC, P.O. Box 40389, Memphis, TN 38174-0389.

## Much AIDS Testing May Be Improper

According to a report in the Jan 8 edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, much of the AIDS testing in the United States may be done for no good medical reason.

Dr. Keith Henry, an infectious disease specialist at the Minnesota Medical School and St. Paul Division of Public Health, studied testing procedures at a St. Paul hospital and its clinics for one year. Since Minnesota is not a major AIDS center, Dr. Henry believes his data may reflect handling of the test across the country.

"No standard practice is being followed for ordering HIV antibody test," said Henry.

According to the report, only 9% of AIDS antibody tests were done appropriately, he says — with consent, counseling, and documentation. Unless requested by a patient, there should be a medical reason for testing.

Of the 275 people tested, almost half of the tests were ordered for no

medical reason. For the 44% who had a reason, no consent or counseling was reported.

Six patients in the study were told they tested positive when further testing proved them negative.

Improperly handled test results can result in financial and psychological consequences that are "immediate, severe, and irreversible," said an accompanying editorial in the *Journal*. Dr. Renslow Sherer of Cook Co. Hospital in Chicago commented that an AIDS antibody test is in no way "routine" given the potentially adverse effects of the test results becoming known to people other than the patient.

He cited a case in which hospital test results were forwarded to a patient's employer. The man subsequently lost his job, his health insurance, and was evicted from his apartment.

In a related development, the Centers for Disease Control has announced plans to evaluate more

than 700 labs which perform the test in the wake of reports of inac-

curate results. (see related story inside on page 7.)

## White House Says Gays Are Unfit Parents

Washington — Pres. Reagan's Interagency Task Force on Adoption has recommended that Gay people be excluded as suitable parents for adopting children. The group said in the statement issued Dec. 4 that adoptions by Gay people "should not be supported."

In a paper submitted to the Presidential Task Force on Adoption, the Lesbian Rights Project (LRP) and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGTLF) urged the Reagan Administration to remove obstacles to adoption by Lesbians and Gay men. The paper, authored by LRP Directing Attorney Roberta Achtenberg, was submitted to the Presidential Task Force on Oct. 19.

The Interagency task force concluded that "marital status, age, or handicapped conditions should not preclude individuals from consideration as adoptive parents; however, homosexual adoption should not be supported. The group was established to recommend ways in which the adoption of children could be expanded.

The task force was composed of representatives from 10 federal agencies and three members of the White House staff. Gary Bauer, a Reagan domestic policy advisor, recently wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Otis Bowen praising Sen. Jesse Helms' effort to stop federal funds for sexually

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Memphis Gay Coalition

# Gazing

by John Stilwell

In September of '87, we printed a questionnaire covering a whole myriad of topics from the Memphis Gay Coalition to *Gaze* newspaper to the Gay Community in general. Some of the responses were interesting, some a little surprising, and some just have to be commented on. For the most part, I'll let you draw your own conclusions from the facts and figures. I might mention that this is probably the most successful questionnaire we've tried to date.

We received thirteen responses. So before you get on your high horse the next time about the Coalition or *Gaze* or the Memphis Gay Community in general not serving your needs, ask yourself why you couldn't spend fifteen minutes to fill out a questionnaire expressing those needs. And before I forget, thank you to those who did

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return the questionnaire.

Of the respondents, 100% were caucasian. Men comprised 62% and women 38%. The ages ranged from 26 to 51 with the average age being 38. 85% were residents of Memphis and 15% non-residents. 54% were single. Of the 46% who were in relationships, the relationship was between 14 months and 5 and a half years in duration with the average at 3.46 years. 23% had been married to a person of the opposite sex and 15% had children. Although 77% of the respondents said they get *Gaze* every month, only 69% are subscribers; and 69% indicated that *Gaze* was their primary source of information about the Gay Community. The other primary source of information was word of mouth from friends.

Responses to questions about the Memphis Gay Coalition were intriguing. Of the respondents, 46% were members of the Coalition. Of the non-members, 57% indicated they would consider joining the Coalition. A former member listed reasons for leaving as "lost interest, group changed its goals which were then different from my goals." One non-member said the group was too political, 2 said they didn't know the group existed (one of them is a subscriber to *Gaze!*), and one lives too far away to participate. In response to what does the Coalition offer you? 50% of those responding said *Gaze* (thank God, we're making some progress) and 30% didn't know. "What should the Coalition offer you?" elicited 2 don't knows, a request for more social activities, and a request for naked women.

When asked about social and political activities, 80% wanted to see more social activities from the Coalition; and 40% wanted to see more political activities. When asked in a later question about activities they were interested in, 85% checked social activities. So let's check the social activities the Memphis Gay Coalition provides.

Spring Fling - 18% of the respondents attended last year. 27% said they didn't know about it (of that 27%, 33% subscribe to *Gaze*). Of those who did not attend, only 45% said they would attend next year; and 27% were maybes.

The Annual Christmas Dinner - Of those responding, 23% attended last year. 40% didn't know anything about it (50% of the 40% are *Gaze* subscribers). 20% of those who did not attend said they would attend next year, and 20% were uncertain.

# "Turn About is Fair Play" Survey Results

The Annual River Ride - 46% of those responding were on the boat last year. 14% said they didn't know anything about it. Only 14% of those who had not attended said they would attend next year, and the maybes also got 14%. Several people commented on the heat and suggested it should be held later in the year. What those people have forgotten, or never knew, is that the River Ride is a Gay Pride event. It is held in June because that is Gay Pride month. It is held the last week in June in memory of the Stonewall riots where Gays finally stood up for their rights as human beings and said, "no more!" It is a declaration of our pride in ourselves and a demonstration that we won't live in fear and hide in closets. (That's right, Mary. You made a public statement.)

GayFest - 31% of the respondents attended last year. 22% said they didn't know about it (of that 22%, all subscribe to *Gaze*). Only 33% said they would attend next year and 11% said they didn't know if they would attend next year.

We also asked about *Gaze* newspaper. What do you like, dislike, want to see more of, want to see less of. From the responses, I can only say that no one will ever be happy with the newspaper. One person's likes fall into another person's dislikes. Under likes, we had: interesting articles, the questionnaire, format, local and re-

gional news, informative, Lady A's column, well-written, local newsy articles, and local happenings. Under dislikes, we had: arrives late (after events have happened), depressing, all AIDS, not a newspaper at all, not enough Lesbian input (do you hear that, women?), not activist enough, just reports the news, Lady A's column, and non-local news.

So what did our respondents want to see more of? More Gay movie and book reviews, campaigning for involvement, cartoons, reviews, travel, advertising from all businesses not just bars, more Lesbian input (that's for you again, women), more Tennessee news, calls to action such as writing to Congress, everyday language, gossip, individual and bar achievements. And what did our respondents want to see less of? Less bar-related bullshit.

And finally, how did the Memphis Gay Community fare in our questionnaire? In response to what does the Memphis Gay Community offer you: very segmented and unorganized, very little, nothing except dirty bars, nothing, *Gaze*, don't think we have much of a community, support and unity, and friends. In response to what should the Memphis Gay Community offer you: better organization, a community by definition, restaurants, clean bars, retail and service establishments that cater to Gays, organize a state-wide network, and

support unity. And the final question in this series was "Do you currently belong to a Gay organization" and 54% said yes.

As I said in the beginning, you can draw your own conclusions from the facts presented here. "However," he said, jumping on to his soap box, "I think a few editorial comments are in order." Everyone needs to read *Gaze* every month. You need the news and information. Organizations do use it to advertise their events. Everyone of you should be subscribing to ensure that you get a copy. Whatever your likes or dislikes regarding *Gaze*, no one can afford to be ignorant. Just getting it isn't enough. You gotta read it! You can't keep asking people to sponsor social events and then not support them. It costs money to put those events on. The organizations sponsoring them have to at least break even, or they can't be continued. Finally, 54% of those polled said they belonged to some Gay organization. I wish that was a true reflection of the community as a whole. I'd get off my soap box if it were. You can't keep saying "I want, I want, I want" without being willing to get up and go after what you want. If you keep waiting for someone else to get it for you, you better practice doing without.

Once again, thank you to those of you who cared enough to take the time to fill out the questionnaire.

## Box 3038

*Gaze* encourages its readers to write to express their opinions. Letters should be typed or legibly handwritten. While names may be withheld upon request, no anonymous letters will be printed. Send correspondence to *Gaze*, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

### Gay Inmates Seek Help

I am writing to request help. Me and my boyfriend Tim are both incarcerated in different prison systems. I am in the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and he is in the Illinois Department of Corrections. We have no one but each other, and after being permitted to maintain correspondence, etc., for over a year and a half, we are suddenly not being permitted to correspond or otherwise maintain contact. The warden here has refused to permit his letters in, and Illinois has fol-

lowed suit. We love each other very much, and we have no one else but each other. We both know we have made mistakes, which by our incarceration we both are paying for. But not being permitted to correspond with each other is torture! The B.O.P. permits husband and wife and boyfriend and girlfriend to correspond with each other when both parties are incarcerated. This is a clear discrimination against Gays!! Further, when asked, the warden here says "I won't permit two queers who are locked up to correspond with each other."

Therefore, I am requesting that you write the following people and protest this discrimination and double standard. Please write to: (1) Director, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 20534; (2) Warden, Federal Correctional Institute, 1101 John A. Denie Rd, Memphis, TN, 38134-7690; (3) Michael P. Lane, Director, Illinois

Department of Corrections, 1303 Concordia Court, Springfield, Illinois.

Please help us! It is a sin and cruel to keep two people who love each other, who have no one else in the world but each other, who want to work with each other to make the future bright and sure for each other, etc., from maintaining correspondence, etc.

My name and address is: Mark A. Devenney, 01210-025, P.O. Box 34550, FCI, Memphis, TN, 38184-0550. His name and address is Tim R. Burlingham, N-33221, P.O. Box 112, Joliet, Illinois, 60434-0112. Please reference both our names and numbers in correspondence with the above listed officials. And thank you for your help.

(Editor's Note: Included with the above letter was a copy of an incident report from FCI Memphis and a Returned Correspondence

## First Gay Location Opens On South Front Street

Ray's Rockhouse, the first of several new bars that Memphis has to look forward to in the downtown area, opened in January. It is very spacious with that pleasant quality of newness about everything in it. Basically one large room, the game area is separated from the dance floor and stage by an oblong open bar. This does lower the volume of music somewhat in the game area, if a break from the full power of the speakers is desired. There is table seating on the floor and in a raised section. The stage and dressing room are across the dance floor from the tables. The stage is not

exactly the focal point of the room but the performers use the dance floor to great advantage. Regular entertainers are Melissa Mason, Billie Jo Casino, Roxie Bleu, and Tiffany. There is parking close by and on the street, which is being spruced up with new sidewalks and trees, it appears. How kind it is of the City to help the gentrification efforts of our community members by improving public access this way. There is also a rest room marked for physically challenged patrons. Exteriors are well lit, and Grand Opening Festivities were announced for January 28.

## Tsaros' Man of the Year Banquet Feb. 10

Tsaros, the oldest levi-leather club in Memphis, realizes that in the community there are those individuals who have dedicated a portion of their lives to the enriching of the community at large. The Tsarus Man of the Year Award honors the individual, individuals, or group that, in the eyes of the club, has contributed to the betterment of the Gay community. Previous recipients of the Man of the Year Award are Allen Cook and John Stilwell,

1984; Aphrodite, 1985; and Tommy Stewart, 1986. This year the Tsarus, Man of the Year Award will be presented to a worthy recipient at a banquet in their honor at W.K.R.B., Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1988. Tickets to the banquet may be purchased from Tsarus members, at WKRB, or the Pipeline.

The proceeds from the \$10.00 donations will be given to the charity of the recipient's choice in the recipient's name.

## Aphrodite Plans Benefit Feb. 21

An Aphrodite benefit with a Mardi Gras theme will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 at WKRB (1528 Madison). Proceeds from the event will benefit the Patient Relief Fund of the Aid to End AIDS Committee. A \$3 cover charge will be in effect.

Free admission will be granted to women presenting the pink blood donation slip from Lifeblood indicating they have donated a pint of blood to the Aphrodite/ATEAC blood account.

Doors will open for the event at 6:00 pm with the show beginning

promptly at 7:00 pm. Entrance to WKRB will be from the rear.

"Aphrodite has been instrumental in funding many of the patient relief programs ATEAC administers," said Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC. "I feel sure that without their assistance over the years, we would not have been in a position to provide emergency services or open Alpha House, the emergency shelter for indigent PWA's." Alpha House was opened January 21. It is the first housing of its type in the Mid-South.

## WKRB's February Slate

January 31-- Super Bowl Party Hot Dogs and Fun! All afternoon during the game.

February 14--Amateur Show at 7 PM

February 21--Next Aphrodite show

February 28--Live band 'Girlfriend' performs from 6 - 10

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Memphis Gay Coalition

### February Meetings

February 1 & 15

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## ATEAC Slates Auction Fundraiser

The second Annual ATEAC Auction will take place March 18 at the Hilton Inn in Memphis.

Held for the first time last year, the event has been expanded. Included in the \$3 cover charge will be hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by Joyce Cobb and the Hot Shots, and the opportunity to bid on items in the auction program.

The Hilton Inn ballroom will be decorated for the event which will be hosted by ATEAC Volunteer

Coordinator Peter Barrosse. Celebrity auctioneers include WHBQ-TV's Marge Thrasher, 56-WHBQ Radio's Mark Davis, and actor Mark Chambers.

The process of gathering items for the auction has begun, but more help is needed, according to Barrosse. "This year we're trying to be very organized in the planning of this event. We have targeted a number of companies for donations, but for good results, we need to do a lot of follow-up." Volunteers are given about 15 businesses

to solicit for auction items or corporate sponsorship.

According to projections, about \$6,000 will be raised by auctioning off such items as furniture, trips, appliances, electronic items, jewelry, and services. Those attending will be eligible for valuable door prizes.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help in auction preparation, or other ATEAC services, should call Barrosse at 726-4311 for information on how to become involved.

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**Doors Open at 6:00 PM  
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## National News

### Helms Amendment Modified; '88 AIDS Budget Set

Two significant developments marked the closing of the 1987 Congressional session: the Helms Amendment barring the use of federal funds for gay-positive and gay-oriented educational materials was modified, and the fiscal 1988 AIDS-related appropriations were nearly doubled from the 1987 levels. Both developments were contained in the omnibus spending bill approved by Congress.

The fiscal 1988 budget signed into law by the President contains the largest federal allocation yet given to the fight against AIDS. More than \$950 million dollars was appropriated by Congress. Jeffrey Levi, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) said, "This level of funding will give the nation's scientists the resources needed to step up the fight against AIDS. We need to make sure this money is spent expeditiously and as Congress directed." NGLTF has already begun work on the fiscal 1989 budget proposals.

The Helms Amendment prohibited the use of federal AIDS education funds for any material which "promotes or encourages, directly or indirectly homosexual sexual activity." The Amendment also required that all AIDS education materials encourage monogamy and abstinence from sex outside marriage. The Amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 94-2 on October 14, 1987; the House of Representatives instructed its conferees to accept the Helms Amend-

ment on a motion by Congressman Dannemeyer on October 20.

The House-Senate Conference Committee added explanatory language to the Amendment and deleted the word "indirectly" while leaving the balance of the original wording intact. The Conference report states that the Amendment shall not be construed "to prohibit descriptions of methods to reduce the risk of HIV transmission," "to limit the eligibility for federal funds of a grantee or potential grantee because of its nonfederally funded activities," nor "to limit counseling or referrals to agencies that are not federally funded." The original language of the Amendment regarding abstinence and monogamy is left unmodified.

Said Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF

Executive Director, "While the Conference report allows AIDS service providers to breathe an immediate sigh of relief by clarifying Congressional intent, this is a modest victory at best. The fact that the Helms Amendment passed by such a large margin is a measure of Congressional homophobia and indicates the huge educational task ahead of us."

Levi noted that it remains to be seen if the modifying language will be interpreted by the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) to allow grants to Gay-identified service providers. NGLTF also expects that Helms-like amendments will be introduced in state legislatures in the upcoming January legislative session. A bill to restrict state educational funds has already been introduced in Massachusetts. "The AIDS service community grew out of the Gay/Lesbian community. It would be tragic if political timidity resulted in the denial of funds to the very providers who need help most simply because they target their programs to serve the Gay com-

munity."

Levi attributed the Conference report modification to extensive Gay/Lesbian constituent lobbying, as well as to the coordinated efforts of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, the nation's oldest Gay civil rights advocacy organization; the AIDS Action Council, the lobbying arm of AIDS service providers; and the Human Rights Campaign Fund,

the national Gay political action committee.

See box below for a breakdown of federal AIDS funding in Fiscal Year 1988, as compared to Fiscal Year 1987.

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force advances Gay/Lesbian civil rights through lobbying, grassroots organizing, and public education.

Agency	1988	1987
National Institutes of Health	\$447.996	\$252.500
Centers for Disease Control	304.942	136.249
Health Resources & Services Administration	36.956	11.9
Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Mental Health Administration	112.257	48.553
Office of the Ass't Secretary of Health	2.872	--
Office of Minority Health	1.436	--
Food and Drug Administration	25.77	14.4
Facilities Research and Training	19.150	--
Public Health Emergency Fund	--	30.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$950.379</b>	<b>\$493.602</b>

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## Presidential Candidate Co-Sponsors Rights Bill

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) has revealed that he has signed on as a co-sponsor of the federal Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1987 which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation nationwide. The *Windy City Times* quoted Eric Rosenthal of the Human Rights Campaign Fund as saying that Simon's co-sponsorship of this bill is vital as he is a member of the Judiciary Committee and chairs the subcommittee on the Constitution. "Sen. Simon's support is critically important because of his being a presidential candidate," Rosenthal stated. "He's been a longtime supporter of civil rights for everyone in this country. He has always been very much out front in a positive way on AIDS policy issues as a member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over health policy. He is a cosponsor of both the (Senate's) major pieces of AIDS legislation." On October 14, when the Senate voted 94-2 in favor of the Helms Amendment, Simon was in California on business. When reached later, he stated that he would have voted against it had he been there for the vote. Since he wasn't, he went down as one of the four abstaining.

## Lesbian Sues Police in Massachusetts

A Cambridge, Mass., Lesbian is seeking over a million dollars in compensatory and punitive damages as well as court costs for abuse she allegedly suffered at the hands of the Cambridge Police Dept., according to *Gay Community News*.

Carey Chaplic claims she suffered second and third degree burns on her arms while in protective custody and was the victim of homophobic slurs, according to her attorney, Ellen K. Wads.

Chaplic called police on January 19, 1987 and was asked to be taken to a detoxification center for her own safety.

She alleges that police instead took her to a site with no detoxification facilities, then handcuffed her and took her to the Cambridge Police Station. They made jokes at her expense, Wade said, because she is openly Lesbian. Chaplic was restrained in a cell against her will, her arms in contact with hot pipes.

Cambridge City Manager

Robert Healy's only comment on the matter is that it has been turned over to the chief of police for investigation.

## Royko Apology

An article in the *Chicago Windy City Times* reports that *Chicago Tribune* columnist Mike Royko apologized for a column he had written smearing Gay people and people with AIDS. Royko told the audience of a Chicago call-in show that the column was "in poor taste" and "may have been one of the worst columns I've ever written." He'd just "had a very bad day," said Royko.

In the column, Royko had written that people giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation may want to be careful about getting AIDS. He warned that rescuers may want to "check to see if he [a person needing resuscitation] has needle marks on his arms and is wearing lipstick."

## White House

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explicit AIDS education as "good policy." Bauer wrote that most Americans find homosexuality "deeply offensive."

"Our ideas about whose family is legitimate tend to be based less on clear perceptions of the many ways in which families are now constituted and more on what our families were like when we were growing up," said Achtenberg. "Lesbians and Gay men have not been viewed by society at large as people with families or as people interested in creating families or as people who value family life."

Gay rights leaders immediately expressed dissatisfaction with the task force's recommendation. Urvasi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, "We feel Gays are just as qualified as anyone else to adopt children. We question whether the task force is qualified

to make an assumption to the contrary," she said.

The LRP and NGTLF comments cite recent social science research to debunk some of the most commonly held myths about Lesbian and Gay parenting. The comments conclude, "There is no competent social science data developed in the last 20 years which indicates anything other than that homosexuals are as qualified as heterosexuals to parent children. It is crucial that this be understood if society is to avoid relying on prejudice, misunderstanding, and stere-

otype to the detriment of not only the homosexual seeking to parent but, more importantly, to the child in need of that parent's love and home."

According to Lesbian Rights Project attorney Robert Achtenberg, courts have recently ruled in favor of a number of Gay parents in custody cases. "There is no competent social science data developed in the last 20 years which indicates anything other than that homosexuals are as qualified as heterosexuals to parent children," wrote Achtenberg.

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Second Runner-Up — \$50 and trophy

*All prizes are based on a minimum of eight contestants*

For additional information, call 901-272-1638

# AIDS Testing Labs To Be Evaluated

Atlanta — Federal officials have announced a plan to evaluate over 700 laboratories across the country which perform AIDS antibody testing procedures following reports that many tests produce inaccurate or indeterminate results.

According to Dr. James Allen, director for medical science in the AIDS program at the National Centers for Disease Control, "This is an issue that needs to be addressed. We feel that overall, the laboratory testing is not as bad as some people have been saying it is. We're talking about a minute fraction of 1% of people who may have been misclassified."

The CDC said a nationwide "performance evaluation program" for detecting the antibody to HIV has already been started.

The Public Health Service is also convening a meeting on the issue of testing accuracy.

The CDC said that not all labs have been subjected to the scrutiny required by the Food and Drug Administration and that "absence of standardization and appropriate quality controls may result in some inaccuracies." Allen said millions of HIV antibody tests have been conducted annually by collectors of blood and blood plasma. The military also conducts millions of tests on service applicants and those already in the service.

People undergoing blood testing for the HIV antibody are rou-

tinely given two tests, the ELISA screening test and the Western Blot test. If the ELISA test is repeatedly positive, the Western Blot, a more specific and expensive test, is given to validate the results of the first test.

"Where the testing sequence sometimes fall down is the Western Blot," Allen said. "Sometimes it is not fully negative or fully positive. That we see as a potential problem area. It is anxiety-provoking when

you're told your test is not negative and not positive."

Allen said the Western Blot test, if definitely negative or definitely positive, is almost always accurate.

"Very few people have been told they are positive when they were not. Very few people have been told they were negative when they were not. We would like to narrow the proportion of tests that are in the indeterminate range," Allen concluded.



## Faster AIDS Test Near

Washington — National Cancer Institute scientists have revealed a new AIDS test which is much faster and more accurate than the currently used ELISA test.

According to Dr. George Pavlakis, co-author of a study appearing in the Jan. 8 edition of *Science*, the test can be used immediately to determine the effectiveness of new AIDS drugs.

If trials over the next year are successful, it could also be used to screen for the AIDS virus faster and more accurately.

In the study in *Science*, the test was used to prove that a new drug — dideoxycytidine (ddC) — is 50 times more effective in the laboratory at killing the AIDS virus than AZT.

The test uses a genetically engi-

# Health/AIDS

neered substance to trick the AIDS virus into producing an easy to detect enzyme as it reproduces in the body. Then the test can be used to measure how much virus is left alive after exposure to a drug. According to the developers the test is sensitive enough to detect as few as 10 virus infected cells per 1 million.

The ELISA test, currently used

to screen donated blood, tests only for antibodies — not for the virus itself. Since the time between exposure and the formation of antibodies may vary from 6 weeks to over a year, a test for evidence of the virus itself, was deemed crucial.

"This is an entirely new technology to detect the virus," said Dr. Pavlakis. "It is very fast and sensitive."

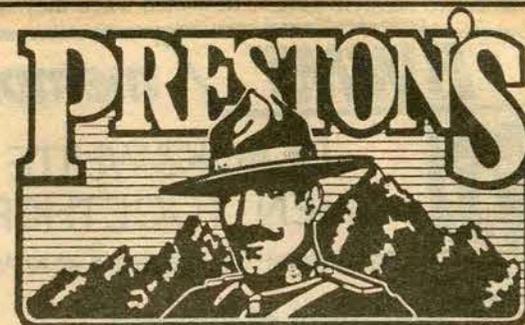
## Study Reports Few Would Tell

A study reported in the Jan. 8 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that only 27% of homosexual or bisexual men visiting two Alameda Co. alternative testing sites would reveal their antibody status to their casual sex partners. Only 12% said they would tell their primary partner.

Researcher Joseph Cantina from the University of California - San Francisco said the result highlighted the need for everyone to follow "safer sex" guidelines. Cantina added that he believed that, in practice, people would be more forthcoming with test results than the study indicated.

"Keep in mind that these are people who haven't received their results yet," he said. "We're finding that people who have been told they're infected do take it very seriously, and by and large, do the right thing and do tell their partners."

Cantina cautioned, however, "whether it's 27% or only 5% (who won't tell results), the point is that you can't necessarily trust your sexual partner to tell you whether he's infected. So you have to take precautions."



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# The Help Page

## Becky's Space

### Gays and Aging

by Becky Clendenin Caperton, MS

*Dear Becky, Several of my friends were discussing aging and the homosexual. It is a real fear that as we grow older, we will become lonelier — you know, no children, no stable relationships, etc. I happen to disagree with them, but was unable to offer them good, sound advice about preventing this type of isolation. Can you help?*

*Older But Not Lonely*

Dear Reader, I agree with you. An aging homosexual is not a tragic individual. I get really tired of people express sympathy for homosexual men and women who do not happen to have the "traditional" family situation — kids, marriage, Florida vacations, and more. However, many of us, straight or Gay, often see ourselves as having limited options for a fulfilling life as we age. Society contributes to those feelings by diminishing the importance of older adults. But Americans are living far longer than the ever before, and research shows that the retirement age is higher because people find work and an active lifestyle to be

energizing. The question is: How do we protect ourselves from falling into the trap of thinking that our choices are diminishing as we age?

First, although it sounds corny, you are only as old as you feel! There is no law that says you must slow down as you get nearer to middle age. However, there are many people who won't let you forget that you are getting older and have this funny way of making you feel that you must start acting more, shall we say, "mature."

Whatever you do, don't let them talk you into it! If you enjoy a variety of activities, don't give them up. It's important that we keep our minds and hearts "young." Often, those who want you to "act your age" are uncomfortable with the notion that older adults should not give in to the passage of time. Aging individuals are "supposed" to sit back, out of the limelight, and let the young rule the world. That doesn't mean you have to believe that nonsense. It is a matter of adjusting your own attitudes about aging. Many clients and older friends of mine have regularly said that they are happier now than when they were young.

They are experiencing life with a wise, more open attitude. The opportunities to express themselves are varied, but sometimes hidden. One thing that makes them different from other aging persons is their choice: they choose to not let their age stop them from living a full, happy life. Once that choice is made, the rest is easy. It's as if the less you fight it, the more life flows to you!

What about the age old belief that aging Gays are miserable, missing out on what the rest of us have? I say "BULL!!" Life is what you make it. Relationships are difficult to maintain in the best of circumstances. More important than that, if you are looking to a relationship to fulfill you totally, you will be unhappy. Relationships take on different forms, and no one relationship can meet all of your needs. If you do not have a lover, you need not believe that you will grow old as a lonely, bitter person. Surround yourself with friends, family, and things that make you feel loved and worthwhile. Having a lover merely to shield yourselves against growing old alone is an unhealthy and frequently unsuccessful approach.

What about the old old belief that if you are Gay, you'll regret not having children? If you are one of many who do have kids, you'll know that this is also not always true. Many Gay men and women have children and have adjusted to society's views about them doing so. They have managed to "have it all" and seem to be very happy. But what about those who did want children, and for some reason, were not able to achieve that dream? There are many ways to experience the bond of a parent-child relationship. You can foster those kinds with a niece, nephew, or friend's child, or as a "big brother or sister" for charity. Be creative and consider your options if this is important to you. Just because some people won't want you close to their children due to their own



prejudices, don't let that stop you from seeking that relationship elsewhere. Don't let negative people stifle and isolate you.

In closing, I have several words of advice:

1. Take charge of your life. Only you know what will make you happy. Don't let someone else decide that for you.
2. Don't be afraid to check out your options. This is a responsible way to live your life, this making your decisions your own and making the best of them.
3. If what you want out of life is absent at present, take steps to get what you want. Again, don't let others tell you that you can't have or do something. Believe in yourself and believe that you are worth whatever effort it takes.
4. Be creative! There are many

organizations, opportunities, and people who value our aging society and make making sure that you remain an integral part of everyday life. Ask other friends, or consult your nearest public library for information.

5. Whatever happens, remember that you are only as old as you feel and don't let someone else's prejudices and opinions rule you — we are all worthwhile individuals, and we shouldn't let a silly thing like our age stop us from having fun, exciting lives. **It's your choice!**

*[Becky Caperton is a professional counselor in practice with the Hutt Psychological Group. Got a question? Write to Becky, c/o Gaze, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.]*

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### Female Patients Attracted to Female Psychiatrists

The American Psychiatric Association reports that women psychiatrists tend to have more female patients than male patients and tend to see all of their patients more frequently than do their male counterparts.

The APA reports that nearly 20% of all psychiatrists are

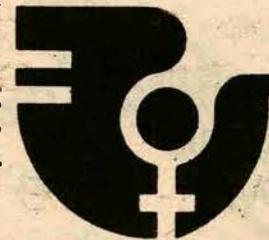
women, and their ranks are growing at a steady pace. The trend is expected to continue with "unprecedented numbers of women" joining the ranks of psychiatric practitioners.

According to a recent study, nearly two-thirds of the patients seen by female psychiatrists are women, while male psychiatrists are more likely to have a 50-50 split between the two sexes.

Past studies have shown that women patients are as much as three times more likely to prefer a female physician in such areas as obstetrics, a feeling which may explain why women patients tend to gravitate toward women therapists as well.

The study also indicated when a psychiatrist has a patient of the opposite sex, the patient was more likely to be widowed, divorced, or separated. It also showed that highly educated patients tend to favor psychiatrists of their own gender.

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# Agape To Launch New Ministry

By Rev. John Mark House, Pastor, Agape New Life Church, Memphis

Sometimes it's hard to believe how blind we humans can be...myself especially. For well over a year now Agape New Life Church has been a part of the Memphis community. We have prided ourselves on how committed we are to "ministering to and reaching out to" all of the Gays and Lesbians in Memphis. But yet, we have been so blind to one of the most pressing concerns facing our people.

AIDS has struck almost all of us in some way or another. Many of us have lost close friends, and almost without exception we all have known someone who has succumbed to this dreaded disease. Affecting not only those who have the HIV virus, AIDS can many times devastate family and friends. As a church, we have a responsibility and a commitment to help those who are dealing with this cruel reality.

The traditional role of the church when dealing with illness has been one of supplying support, comfort, and friendship. But in this

circumstance, the role of a church ministering to Gay people must be enhanced. AIDS can bring up such a social stigma among family members that they sometimes can turn into uncaring, unsupportive strangers. The church should be there to help deal with that hurt. Many of the mainstream churches are preaching that AIDS is God's punishment to Gay people. Obviously, in many this type of thinking can lead to serious doubts at a time when some people need to be sure of God the most. The church should be there to refute that fallacy and give the AIDS person an alternative church home.

There are so many ways that the local Gay church can and should minister to the entire Gay and Lesbian community concerning AIDS issues. But unfortunately, for the most part our local Gay church has been silent.

NO MORE! As pastor of Agape New Life Church I pledge we shall be more aware of the needs around us. We are going to minister to the ENTIRE Gay community. I'm not sure exactly what to do yet, but I'm going to jump in and do my best, as I'm sure our other church members will do.

We will begin a formal AIDS ministry soon, and we welcome any inquiry and suggestion. If you

are dealing with AIDS in any way and would like to know how God fits in to all of this please call. We

really do want to help. For more information call: Rev. John M. House, 327-4145.

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# Quick Clips

by Lady Astor

Who said that January was a dull month? We, personally, have had personal knowledge of no less than three Club Nights, one new night spot opening, one new social group becoming founded, and snow, snow, snow. As is usual, these things all happen practically on top of one another. We really must buy new, more comfortable, shoes.

## Alternative Evenings Out Dept.

What is a club night? What is a jelliecat? What is the meaning of life? We shall explore the primary question; the others may be readily answered by just about anybody at a given beer bust. A CLUB NIGHT, for the uninitiated, is a given night of a particular month during which the use of a bar is given over to a group. The members proceed to organize games, activities, entertainments, or other diversions for the benefit of the patrons of that establishment. Frequently, these events have a theme, and always, they are different from the usual happenings which take place at said establishment.

For instance, the club night which took place in January at J-Wag's had a carnival or Mardi Gras theme. It was hosted by the Wings club. A cake walk, a pastry auction, a costume contest, and some old bag dressed up as Maria Ouspenskaya read palms and beads. There was a unique "Go Fish" game that must be seen to be believed. The proverbial good time was had by all, and one outcome of the pastry auction was juicy enough to have a spot later in disyere column.

The clubs involved usually finance these events themselves; any money taken in goes toward the next event.

Tsarus held a Bear Night at the Pipeline in January, whose theme was bears, stuffed and otherwise (but always cuddly, ne c'est pas?). Bear hugs, bear facts (!), bear arm wrestling, and even a genuine birthday for a genuine bear were a few of the events held. The Bootshine concession was very popular (unfortunately we were wearing some of our LEAST comfortable shoes).

Our newest women-who-dare organization held its first club night at the Pipeline at the end of January. We will be in print before it takes place, but we are certain in advance that it will fall under the not-to-be-missed category. Women of Leather will host.

Final note: club nights are not for club members; they are for public consumption, so don't be shy.

## Warm Fuzzy of the Month Dept.

This month's warm fuzzy goes to Dennis Kijowski of the Pipeline for having balls enough to brave our magnificence to discuss this column. No, dear, he was neither drunk nor was it a beer bust. Nyah!

## It Only Happens When I ... Dept.

Those of us who have been acting foolish in public for a long time are certainly the ones to hand it to others of like pursuit. During an auction at the Wings club night, the item was chocolate cake. \$15 was bid with the stipulation that it would ultimately be used to decorate the face of Tommy Stewart, who was present. Decorum prevents us from relating exactly what was said, but the cake was sold; and, sure enough, the foul deed took place. It was remarked that the pastry was a bit dry; and an auctioneer, who shall remain mercifully nameless, declined a similar bid of \$20 for a similar engagement involving that selfsame auctioneer. If there were a Goode Sportte Awardde, we would have to bestow it on La Stewart for the month of January.

## Thought for the Month Dept.

"You can please some of the

people some of the time, and you can please nearly all of the people a fraction of the time, and it's very easy to please nobody. However, you cannot avoid offending **SOMEbody**, so why worry?"

## Tasteful Wine and Cheese Dept.

We also were present at the founding party of what will hopefully be a brand new organization for Memphis. We saw several faces that we hadn't seen in forever, and a number of new people as well. The Wine and Cheese party was enjoyed by about 60 participants, some staying a short while, some longer. Perhaps this informal gathering can be the start of something very nice indeed.

## Where, Oh Where Has My Little Bar Gone Dept., Part 2

Yes, we did get all whooped up and attend the newest saloon of Gay, Ray's Rockhouse, very soon after it opened. One thing we made a point of doing, which we realize is the question on everybody's lips who hasn't been, is casing (not cruising, casing, Myrtle) the available parking in the area. Though it is not immediately adjacent, it is ample. Street parking is abundant; there are some parking spaces in the next block, and the Spaghetti Warehouse is only two blocks away. Having worked downtown for many moons, we searched for

the well-remembered squalor of south Front St. and south Main St. This is rapidly changing. We drove near the ex-Delta Casket Co. and around the several blocks near Ray's. If one considers each new development separately, they may seem pretty spread out. This is not the case. Most of the new developments in this area are within a block or two of one another (for instance, the Spaghetti Warehouse is two blocks from Ray's, Theatre Works on Main is one block from the site of the new George's, and Captain Bilbo's is three or four blocks from both). Hence, the patrons of the new Gay bars are not going, as might be supposed, deep into a deserted warehouse district with miles of darkened buildings leading up to and away from the bar. Our Gay impressarios are among the leaders in the rejuvenation of this once seedy area of Downtown, and they are to be congratulated for this.

Tiffany, a neighbor of ours as it happens, took us on a lovely tour of the new bar. Hidden delights include a dressing room which might actually be large enough for the cast of a large benefit show (though, Heaven knows, determined souls can do a benefit in a phone booth if necessary) and a large kitchen which can be made available for special functions sometime in the future. The use of a follow spot on the mirror ball has

always been a weakness of ours, and it certainly added to the enjoyable light show. The rooms are spacious and a portion of the area is not disco-loud so conversation is easier. One open and how many to go? Where are our psychic sources?

## Rumor Mill Dept.

Who got the baby, who will make the dough, and how will she be dressed? We shall see on Mardi Gras Tuesday at the Pipeline (Feb. 16, goobrain).

Oh yes, forget not the Tsarus Man of the Year Banquet which will be held in February. The food promises to be scrumptious; and, of course, the recipient is always a carefully guarded secret. "Some-day, somewhere, sometime, when you least expect it, someone will turn to you and say....."

Which Cupid has the longest shaft on his arrows (!!!!!!!)? Look him/her/it up on Valentine's day (try reading an ad, do we have to do everything?)

Quote of the month: "It doesn't matter what they're saying, dahling, so long as they're TALKING." -Tallulah Bankhead

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## Legal Roundtable: Employment and Sodomy Laws

New York — The issues at the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Roundtable ranged from bereavement leave policies to federal AIDS legislation. The meeting was held Dec. 11-12 in New York city to discuss litigation and legislation affecting Gay rights.

The roundtable meets twice a year and was hosted this time by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Roundtable began with a discussion of various family-related issues including child custody, co-parenting, and extension of benefits to domestic partners of Gay men and women. For example, a pending New York case was discussed in which a Gay woman was denied bereavement leave following the death of the parent of her lover under a policy that allows such a leave after the death of an in-law if the employee is married.

This discussion moved into strategies and definitions for Gay families. The group decided to be sure to set aside a longer period of time at a future Roundtable to dis-

cuss the meaning of "family" for Gay people.

Apparently the most lively discussion occurred during the afternoon session of the second day when a woman from the AIDS action Foundation made a presentation about lobbying efforts and pending federal AIDS legislation. The bill contains provisions which would take precedence over state legislation on some issues.

There was also a productive discussion about mandatory HIV testing. The group was in agreement about the importance of working against mandatory testing, and especially testing of prisoners and prostitutes which seem to be the highest on the agenda of those wanting to implement mandatory testing.

One woman who has worked extensively on prisoner's rights reported that prison systems which believe they have a high infectivity rate do not want to test all prisoners because that might trigger obligations about medical care that they do not want to handle.

A few people pointed out that we should be suspicious of any "routine" testing because in some circumstances, routine testing is the same as mandatory testing. The consensus seemed to be that mandatory testing should always be opposed and perhaps voluntary testing should be encouraged in the Gay community more than it has been.

## Candy Condom "A Tasteful Way To Make Your Point"

Candy condoms — "a tasteful way to make your point" — replaced chocolate kisses in some North Carolina stockings this past Christmas.

Planned Parenthood of Raleigh

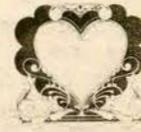
began selling boxes of heart shaped Condom-Mints this week for \$6 a box and quickly sold out.

"It's something that will make people laugh, but then again it has a serious message — love safely," said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Margaret Odom.

Inside the silver box, which carries the message "a tasteful way to make your point," are 12 foil packets with a familiar shape. But, the packets contain chocolate, not latex.

In case anyone gets confused, the candy condoms carry these additional warnings:

"For internal use only. Application of Condom-Mints to body parts will result in a sticky mess."



## MGC To Feature Info on Income Tax

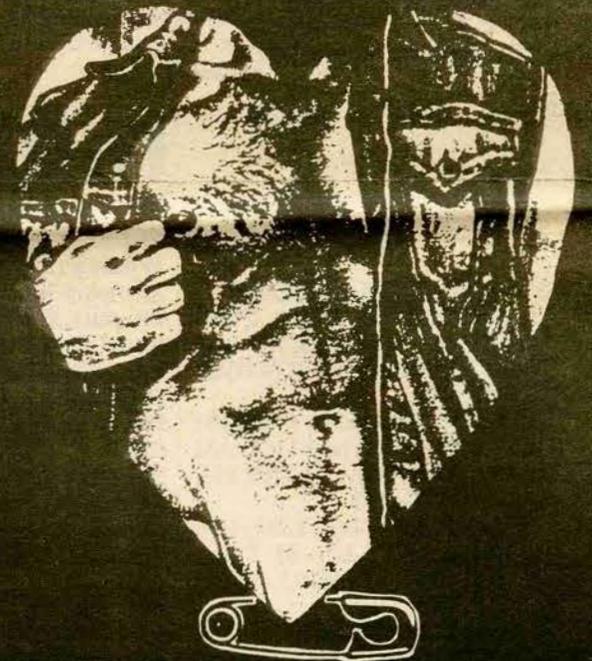
The Memphis Gay Coalition will feature a seminar on tips for Gays in filing their income taxes Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM in meeting Room A of the Main Library. Everyone is invited.

A local CPA will discuss the new tax laws, the effect they might have on personal income tax, and answer questions from the group.

A spokesman from MGC suggests that you prepare specific questions in advance of the discussion. Questions will be answered as time permits.

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GWM, 27, 6'1", 165#, Brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest. Looking for GWM 20-30, no drugs, fats, fems, non-smoker. Reply with picture if possible to Dept. 12-KR, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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SHY CHUBBY, WM, 35, masculine, intelligent, straight-acting, regular guy outside — little boy looking for big brother inside. Seek masculine buddy, under 35, with assertive, dominant personality. C.E., Box 751512, Memphis, TN 38175-1512.

Attractive, Intelligent, 28, GWM seeks friends/relationship. I am into movies, working out, traveling, having a good time. Write if you have any similarities. Box 12543, Memphis, 38182-0543.

GWM, 23, College Senior, moving to Memphis. 5'10", 145#, brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for meaningful relationship/friendship with sincere and caring individual. Box holder, Box 7696, Jackson, TN 38308-7696.

GWM, 5'9", 170#, BL/BL, caring, warm, sincere, stable, good humor. Seeks GWM, 21-35, mature for friendship/relationship. Photo/phone #: Boxholder, Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38138.

Are you a Gay/Bi body builder or into wrestling; if so I'm GWM, 5'7", 150#, BL/BL; who would like to admire and caress your muscular body or see who is the best guy on the mat. Photo a plus. Reply to Tom, Box 9652, Knoxville, TN 37940.

Professional GWF, early thirties, "middle of the road" type--seeking Big Sister or maternal image for possible committed relationship. Interests in nature, animals, church activities, music, intellectual/intimate talks and acting out fantasies among many areas of interest. Definite butch, dyke, or druggies need not reply. Respond to "Adopt a Lover" PO Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

## Gay Inmates Seek Help

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notice. The Incident is listed as unauthorized use of the mail. Under the description of the Incident, Cole A. Jeter, Asst SIS, the reporting employee wrote: "On 11-16-87 at approximately 11:00 AM, I became aware that inmate Devenney was attempting to communicate with another inmate (Tim R Burlingham 60434-0112) which (sic) is presently being incarcerated at the Illinois State facility. This communication has not been approved by the appropriate staff at either facility." The returned correspondence notice says "Your letter is being returned because correspondence between confined inmates is not authorized without the approval of the wardens of both institutions." Devenney may also be having trouble with his mail since the envelope the letter came in had the following notice typed on the outside: "Attention: Special Mail/Media. Federal Law Prohibits the opening of this correspondence by anyone other than the addressee."

## Praise From F.C.I. Inmate

I am a regular reader of your fine paper and look forward to it every month.

The one subscription (free!) services more than a few Gay men here at the Federal prison in Memphis.

Mr. Stilwell, the recent issue of *Gaze* contained an editorial by you; and it was great.

Please consider sending a copy of it to the *Commercial Appeal* because it certainly merits attention; at least as much attention as the article about the petition to isolate HIV positive inmates at Memphis F.C.I.

If it matters at all, and I'm sure it doesn't, please be advised that the guy who authored the letter that accompanied the petition has had his beads read by moi. I confronted him about his bigotry a while before the petition situation occurred.

Again it was a good editorial.  
Robert Hickman  
Memphis F.C.I.

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# Information and Services

## MEMPHIS

### ORGANIZATIONS

**Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389. 762-8401.

**Agape New Life Church:** Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. (901) 327-4145

**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):** 85 Union Ave. Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.

**Black & White Men Together:** Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-1461.

**Frontrunners of Memphis:** Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.

**Gay Athletic Association:** Bowling, volleyball, camping, and more. Box 22914, Memphis, TN 38122. Call for more information: 744-0575.

**Gay Women's Social Group:** 324-6949

**Memphis Center for Reproductive Health:** 1462 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.

**Memphis Gay Coalition:** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.

**M-PAC:** Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311, 278-2970.

**Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis, 38174-1822.

**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38104.

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG)** P.O. Box 172031, Memphis, 38187-2031 - 761-1444

**Parents Together:** 274-6262.

**Phoenix (Gay AA):** Lambda Center 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), 725-7324, 272-9549. If no answer, call 454-1414

**Tsarus:** Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

**Wings:** Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784. (Levi-leather club)

**Women of Leather:** 181 N. Willet, Memphis 38104, 726-5263

### MEDIA

**AIDS Update:** newspaper  
**Gay Alternative:** radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL, FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.

**Gaze:** newspaper - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - (901) 454-1411.

**The Personals:** Gay Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 901-274-6713.

### HELPLINES

**AIDS Switchboard:** 458-

**AIDS Gay Switchboard:** 726-GAYY.

**LINC:** 725-8895

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 276-LIVE

**Rape Crisis:** 528-2161.

**Suicide & Crisis Intervention:** 274-7477.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

**Becky Caperton, MS:** Counseling - 767-3971.

**Carole Taylor, MS:** Counseling - 458-7098

**Northeast Mental Health Center:** 382-3880.

### RESTAURANTS & BARS

**Another Bar:** 1349 Autumn - 278-9353

**The Apartment Club:** 343 Madison - 525-9491.

**Backstreet:** 94 N. Avalon (Downstairs) - 725-1530.

**Barbara's:** 1474 Madison - 278-4313

**J-Wags:** 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

**Ray's Rockhouse:** 338 S. Front - 525-1680.

**Temporary Quarters:** 92 N. Avalon - 725-4796.

**The Pipeline:** 1382 Poplar - 726-5263

**WKRB in Memphis:** 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Airport Adult Theatre:** 2214 Brooks Rd E. - 345-0657.

**The Book Mart:** 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546.

**Cherokee Adult Book Store:** 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.

**Fantasy World:** 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.

**Getwell Book Mart:** 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

**Getwell Adult Book Store:** 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.

**Men of Leather:** 1266 Madison - 722-8963.

**Paris Adult Entertainment Center:** 2432 Summer - 323-2665.

**Star Search Video:** 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.

**Tobacco Corner Newsroom:** 669 Mendenhall Rd., S.

## AID TO END AIDS COMMITTEE

General Meeting  
Thursday, Feb. 18  
7:30 PM

Red Cross Building  
1400 Central  
Room 107

We'll Help — Won't You?