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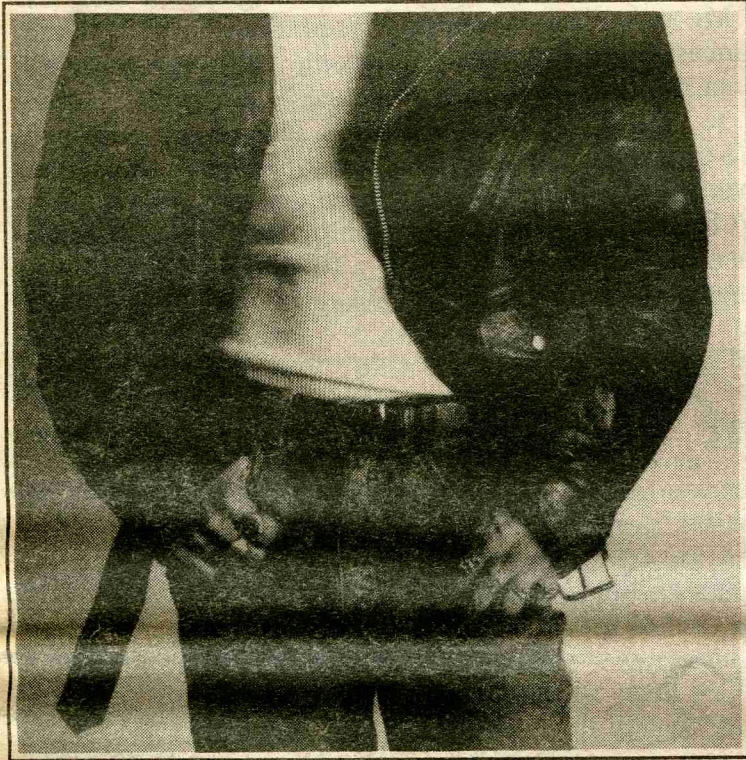


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Gaze would like to welcome Benjamin Franklin to its staff as Staff Photographer. Ben will be out and about in the Gay community taking pictures and, hopefully, making *Gaze* more interesting to its readers. Twenty-five of Ben's photographs were selected to appear in *Memphis Visions*, a pictorial book produced by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce. The photo above is one of a series of torso studies produced for the ATEAC Auction poster.

Sex Survey: Are We 20%?!

According to a long-awaited study of sexual behavior in the United States performed by the Kinsey Institute, at least one man in five has had sexual contact with another man in his life. *USA Today* reports that the study was commissioned by the Kinsey Institute, conducted in 1970, and not released because of disagreements between the original researchers.

The findings on male homosexual contact published in *Science*, based on a survey of 1,450 men over age 21, is similar to that of the landmark study performed by Alfred Kinsey in 1948.

According to Charles Turner of the National Academy of Science's Committee on AIDS Research, the figures should be treated as "lower-bound estimates" because more men are likely to conceal their homosexual experiences than to invent them. The report indicated that 20% of the men refused to answer at least some questions about homosexual behavior.

Among the findings reported in *USA Today*:

- 20.3% of the men had had sexual contact leading to orgasm with another male.
- Between 1.6% and 2% had had such contact within the previous year.
- 3.3% had it occasionally or fairly often as adults.

Sharon Kowalski Ordered to Rehab Center

Sharon Kowalski, the seriously disabled 32-year-old woman who has been the focus of several years of debate between her lover and her homophobic father, has been moved to a rehabilitation center. Three doctors affiliated with the Mill-Dwan Center in Duluth, Minnesota have found that Ms. Kowalski can clearly and consistently communicate her needs and wishes and that she understands the communications of others.

Kowalski was confined to a nursing home after a car accident left her disabled and unable to speak, walk, or care for herself. Her father forbade visitation by her friends as well as

her partner of nine years, Karen Thompson, after he gained guardianship of her in 1984. Kowalski's father has refused to acknowledge his daughter's Lesbianism or to allow Thompson to visit her. Ms. Thompson is a professor of physical education and has training in physical therapy. Thompson has contended for several years that Sharon could communicate her desires and this was her first evaluation for competency although the guardianship order required such a test annually.

Karen Thompson has been pursuing various legal actions since 1984 arguing for proper medical care for Kowalski, as well as visitation rights. The

competency tests were ordered as a result of a motion filed by Thompson's attorneys for the restoration of Kowalski to capacity.

Judge Campbell ordered that Kowalski be moved to a long-term rehabilitation facility with special attention being placed on developing her communication skills. The judge apparently feels that with communication therapy, Kowalski will be able to adequately express her wishes in regards to visitation. The judge also ordered that the center "assess the situation concerning her family and significant other relationship."

ATEAC Releases Spending Figures, Plans Fundraising Efforts

According to figures released recently by the Aid to End AIDS Committee, the agency spent \$17,066.43 in assistance to over 50 people with AIDS in calendar year 1988. Much of the money was used to provide rent assistance, utilities, phone service for clients, and other necessities.

"When we tallied it all up, we were amazed," said Allen Cook, secretary of ATEAC. "I had no idea we had spent that much," he said.

Cook indicated that about \$4500 was received specifically for patient aid and that the remainder of the funds had to be drawn from the general fund. \$2,000 of the \$4500 was received during December from two individuals.

"Obviously we're spending more on patient services than we are taking in," said Tommy Stewart, President of ATEAC, "and that can't go on forever. We are currently planning several fundraisers which will help offset the deficit in our

patient aid fund." Among the fundraisers are a benefit show at Reflections on Feb. 5, AIDS Awareness nights at various gay bars in the coming months, and the Third Annual ATEAC Auction slated for March 25 at the Memphis Airport Hilton. "All of the money from these events will be earmarked for patient assistance," said Mark Whitehead, ATEAC's fundraising chairman. We hope the Gay Community will support our efforts.

"We need a lot of help to pull all of these events off," said Whitehead. He has called a meeting of people interested in

helping for Feb 12, at the ATEAC offices at 689 Melrose. Whitehead indicated that he is trying to break down the tasks involved in each event so that a person will not have to commit more time than he or she has. For example, some auction duties include: soliciting business for donations and/or sponsorships; cashier, hosting, and information booth positions; silent auction and hospitality coordination; ticket sales; poster distribution; etc.

To volunteer, call 458-AIDS between 9 AM and 7:30 PM or drop by the offices at 689 Melrose.

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by Vincent Astor

I just returned from a most pleasant 4-day weekend in the large, close, and suitably wicked city of St. Louis. I will only say that I enjoyed myself immensely and leave the reader to fill in the gory details. It was also, as always, very nice to be home again. This trip brought to mind the eternal moans and complaints about Memphis and our way of life here which have filled the air ever since I could understand English.

Allow me, gentle reader, to enlighten you about some

aspects of life in big and wicked St. Louis. Liquor is available in all bars up therE, but last call is 1AM. By going through many machinations and twists and turns of ordinance and zoning, a very few bars are allowed to stay open later, and even fewer may open on Sunday. So much for bars.

By the way, don't expect to march up to the bar and order a bottle of poppers to go. They are illegal in Missouri as they are in Georgia. Another restriction that Atlanta and St. Louis share is the total absence of adult movies of

TRAVELS WITH YOUR AUNT

the XX and XXX varieties. Yes, Virginia, not even at the baths. No judgment calls here, just facts. The point is availability on demand, not opinions on anything in general.

In St. Louis, as in Nashville, harassment is frequent as is entrapment. St. Louis newspapers have been known to pull the same stunt as Nashville ones in publishing names, addresses, and occupations of those involved in busts or multiple arrests. I was told that many of these arrests result from police masquerading as prostitutes in public parks. Take a look at the January issue of *Memphis* magazine to see the heterosexual equivalent in

full swing here, publicized with pride, no less. Are we next?

Non-cooperation between different groups within the Gay community is a frequent complaint, both here and in St. Louis. An editorial in the Gay guide aimed at the editor of the Gay newspaper does point out diversity but also points out disunity--to any who read it.

MORAL

My point here is not to lambast either St. Louis, Atlanta, or Nashville. My point is to appreciate Memphis. We do not have to cross the river to go out on Sunday. We have certain products and pastimes available to us whenever we choose. We

may stay out and socialize as late as we choose. We have so far escaped wholesale planned entrapment (though I would hesitate to encourage cruising with intent to trick in public places, it is always risky). Our media publish articles on Gay couples and George's, not vital statistics on unlucky, lonely men.

We need to improve a lot: a Gay community center, more cooperation and less factionalism, more different people and groups contributing to *GAZE* (thank you, Stacey), and daily vigilance to see that these little tiny amenities are not tampered with.

Think about it, and shut up, Mary.

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Chicken Pox: God's Judgement

The following commentary originally printed in Adventus was received from Evangelical Concerned's newsletter.

by Stanley Fire

The coincidence of two events recently brought a startling realization to me. The first event was my watching a limp-jowled television preacher announcing the AIDS was God's judgement on homosexuals. The second was my three-year-old contracting chicken pox. Most people would observe little or not connection be-

tween these events, but to me the lesson was obvious: chicken pox is God's judgement on children.

The logic is impeccable. AIDS is God's judgement on homosexuals (Gay men actually, since women rarely get it), sickle-cell anemia is God's judgement on Blacks, malaria is God's judgement on people who live in jungles, mildew is God's judgement on the English (although it has since spread to the general population), senility is God's judgement on the elderly, the CIA is God's judge-

ment on Latin America, the Soviet Union is God's judgement on Afghanistan, and (I shudder to admit it) chicken pox is God's judgement on children.

God loves all people, and consequently loves children as well. But God does not approve of all the activities in which children engage and therefore sends chicken pox to judge them so they will repent of their evil ways. Some people will argue that children did not choose to be children and therefore cannot be judged for it. The reply is

all too obvious. Where as children did not choose to be children, they nonetheless can choose whether or not at *act like* children. It is not the condition that God judges them for, it is the activities they engage in.

So I explained all this to my three-year-old son, and he took it very well. He understands that God is simply judging him for being a child, and much to my relief, he has promised never to do it again.

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More Workshops Planned Hot, Horny and Healthy Weekend Deemed Successful

Empowerment is the name of the game, and empowerment is what was felt during the weekend of Dec. 9-11 when groups of Memphians participated in BWMT's Hot, Horny and Healthy Workshops.

Phill Wilson, health trainer consultant for the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and a member of BWMT/LA, facilitated a series of workshops, each with a different purpose.

The workshop on Friday evening was a presentation of safer sex instruction for members of BWMT-Memphis and friends. A full house of seventeen attended. The workshop of Saturday was designed to train facilitators to lead workshops in the future; eight trainees attended, including three from Jackson, Mississippi. The community outreach workshop was given on Sunday at the Apartment Club which allowed two newly trained facilitators to refine the skills learned the previous day. Among those attending were entertainers from the Apartment Club, some of the bar's patrons, and BWMT members who were unable to attend the previous workshop.

BWMT involved two-thirds of its local chapter membership in the safer sex workshops and now has five facilitators trained and ready to do these workshops. Several homes have been offered to host the parties. Organizers are pleased that there is now a sophisticated educational model for teaching safer sex that is confidence-building, fun, exciting, and informative.

The Hot, Horny and Healthy workshops are targeted at the Black Gay and bisexual person who is often overlooked or underreached by other AIDS

organizations. Four of the five facilitators are Black, and several house parties will be hosted by Black members of the chapter.

The message of the workshops is that safer sex is a positive experience; that sexuality can be expressed in many ways besides orgasm; that wearing condoms can allow safer orgasmic experiences; that touching, caressing, showing affection and enjoying each other's bodies can still be attained even in the age of AIDS. The creative use of lubricants, gels, toys, videos, food, and fantasy can enhance the sexual experience. The self-empowerment comes from realizing that everyone is in control of his body and that one must make his own decisions. Incidentally, nothing was taken for granted; definitions were freely used for all concepts stated.

BWMT's mandate is to outreach to Gay and bisexual men immediately, especially in the Black community, by doing workshops in the Apartment Club and other community/group gatherings, and by hosting house parties.

People interested in the program can participate in several ways:

- Host a House Party with 10-15 people. (All supplies and facilitators are provided.)
- Be trained to become a facilitator.
- Encourage friends (or lovers) to participate in one of the Bar Playshops.

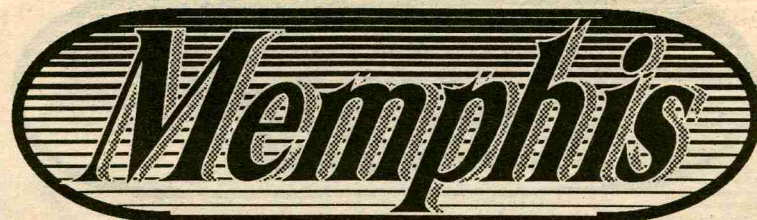
A Bar Playshop is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 PM at The Apartment Club. For information about invitations to a House Party, call 452-5894 or 726-1461. The House Parties have an attendance limit of 15.

Auditions Continue for Boys in the Band

Final auditions for the forthcoming production of *Boys in the Band* will be held at WKRB in Memphis on February 3, 1989, from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM. A total of nine males will be needed.

Roles still open at this writing are: Donald, the friend and sometime lover of Michael, the host of the birthday party; Hank and Larry, two very unlike men who have become lovers and are still adjusting to one another; and Bernard, a black Gay man with a great deal of heart and his fair share of sorrows. The roles of Michael, Harold (the birthday girl), Emory (the stereotype of stereotypes), and Alan (Michael's straight college chum) have been cast.

Director Dennis Massey and producer Sharon Wray are trying to determine the level of interest in a Gay Community Theatre. The crew for *Boys in the Band* will be all female and future productions will swap jobs, an all female cast and male crew. According to Dennis, "Opportunity is like muscle, use it or lose it. This could be an alternative form of entertainment for our city. The talent is here; the money and space are available." The high profile of Gay and Lesbian actors, actresses, and technicians in local as well as national theatre proves that there is no lack of talent or commitment. There has also been no lack of Gay-themed plays. *As Is*, *Bent*, *Find Your Way Home*, *Fortune and*



Men's Eyes, and *Torch Song Trilogy* have been produced by Circuit Playhouse and Playhouse on the Square. *Deathtrap* has been produced at both Gaslight and Theatre Memphis. It has been many years since the first production of *Boys in the Band* was produced in the original Circuit space on Walker Street.

It is Gay theatre produced in a Gay space out of the Gay community which is the possibility in this production. This might be your big chance.

GayRap's February Rap

The Memphis Gay Coalition's "GayRap" committee has scheduled a February rap which should be of interest to all of us. As a kind of follow-up or addition to an earlier rap, one of our brothers, himself a recovering alcoholic, is going to share his experiences with the problems of alcoholism, a problem which is no doubt bad for the whole country, but devastating to our community. We all know someone we would like to help or understand who could profit by our presence at this rap.

The Lambda Center, the home for twelve-step recovery programs for Gays, will be sending us the rap leader for this session. They are doing an

enormous service for our community, selflessly, and discreetly, with very little recognition. Come and be part of this rap with your Lesbian and Gay brothers and sisters. It will be at 7:30 pm on Feb. 20 in Meeting Room A of the Main Library at Peabody & McLean.

Dance Against Darkness to be Revived

Dance Against Darkness, the musical play by Memphian Roy Barber and Bari Biern, will be revived for one performance only at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church on Friday Feb. 17 at 7:00 PM. The play completed a 15-performance run at Theatre Works in November.

The play is based on interviews with PWA's and their caregivers. It presents powerful images and mostly sympathetic portraits of both. *Dance* is being directed by Gene Crain and its musical score is directed by Cullen Holliman.

Admission is free, but donations are welcomed. Prescott has an AIDS awareness group and has been instrumental in helping needy PWA's obtain food through their food pantry and in providing hospital visitation. Proceeds from the show will go to fund the church's and ATEAC's patient assistance funds.

Tsarus 'Man' of Year Award

On February 13, Tsarus will announce the winner of the 1988 "man of the year" award at a banquet at WKRB. The award is presented annually to a man, woman, or organization which has shown exemplary service to the Memphis Gay Community. Traditionally proceeds from the event are given to a charity of the winner's choice.

Previous winners include Allen Cook and John Stilwell (1984); the women's service

organization Aphrodite (1985); Tommy Stewart, President of the Aid to End AIDS Committee (1986); and Betty Griffin, director of Human Response Council (1987).

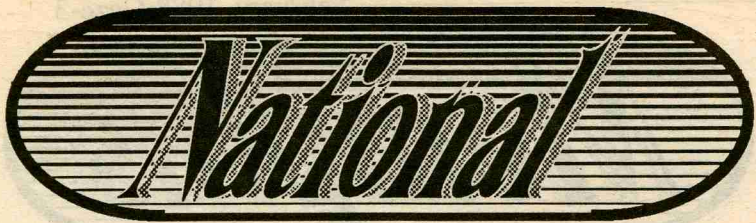
The award ceremony will be held Monday, February 13 at WKRB, 1528 Madison, beginning at 8:00 PM and will feature a dinner. Tickets are available from Tsarus members or at the door for \$8.00. This year's awards are being held in memory of three Tsarus brothers — Mike McAduy, Mike Sandin, and Harold Miller.

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Federal AIDS Budget Request Deemed Misleading

President Reagan's final budget request, submitted to congress as part of the Administration's FY 1990 budget package, was described as "inadequate in meeting the needs of the Public Health Service Agencies" by National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Jeffrey Levi. "Once again, the Reagan Administration is playing politics with numbers and the public health."

Levi criticized the "manipulation of statistics" by the Administration which claims it seeks a \$2.5 billion 1990 spending level for AIDS by combining research and prevention dollars with Medicaid entitlement spending. "Medicaid costs are not included in the accounting of expenditures for other diseases, such as cancer or heart disease," Levi said, "neither should it be included for AIDS simply to give the impression that this Administration is doing more than it actually is."

NGLTF said the Public Health Service agencies had requested approximately \$2 billion in funding for AIDS-related activities but had only received \$1.6 billion after Office of Budget and Management review of such requests. Levi called on Congress to appropriate the full level of funding requested by the agencies "so the war on AIDS can be waged with the resources health professionals feel are needed."

There has been an \$887 million dollar difference in the amount of money requested by the President since 1982 and the amount Congress has appropriated (\$3.159 billion).

Among the specific areas identified by NGLTF as deficient in the Reagan budget request for 1990 are:

- The President's request does not include funds to implement programs authorized by Congress in an omnibus AIDS bill passed in 1988. Among the requirements of that bill that may not be included in the President's budget are: additional beds for AIDS at NIH,

expanded AIDS outpatient capacity at the NIH Clinical Center, creation of several information hotlines, expanded anonymous HIV testing, creation of several databanks regarding treatments and clinical trials, and expanded education activities for certain targeted groups.

- The budget still fails to address the critical primary care problems associated with AIDS. "The health care system may well collapse because of AIDS and yet the agency responsible for shoring up that system, the Health Resources and Services Administration, is not given resources to initiate major new programs, even one authorized by Congress," Levi said.

- The National Institutes of Health have received practically no funds for new projects. "In a rapidly changing scientific arena, it boggles the mind that resources have not yet been provided to allow for new areas of research and investigation," said Levi.

- The Centers for Disease Control has received only a modest increase in prevention funds, so small that funding of more community-based organizations for AIDS prevention activities will not be possible. Levi declared that "community-based organizations have been at the heart of our fight to prevent the spread of HIV. To deny the opportunity to expand their capacities around the nation is a guarantee that more cases of AIDS will occur in future years."

NGLTF also raised concerns about the rest of the health budget presented by the outgoing President. "While we seek additional funding for AIDS," Levi said, "we are also concerned that the President's budget does not adequately address broader research and control needs. For example, NIH will have to reduce the number of projects it funds in 1990 compared to 1989. The CDC's immunization and sexually-transmitted disease programs are also underfunded."

NGLTF plans to lead the

fight in Congress for adequate funding. Levi expressed the hope that the incoming Bush Administration would reassess the AIDS budget request and "bring it in line with what the health professionals say is needed."

Gay Midshipman Sues Naval Academy

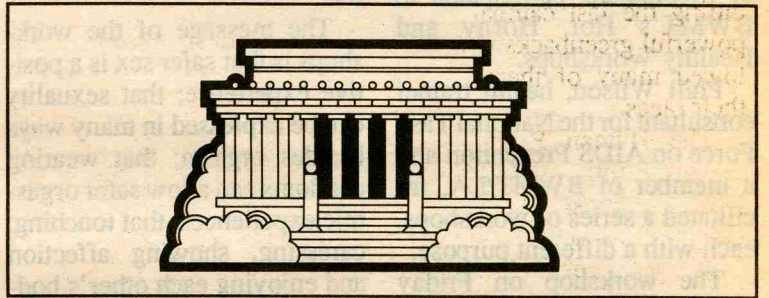
Washington — A Gay midshipman just two months away from graduation has been expelled because of his acknowledged homosexuality. He has asked a federal court to order

his reinstatement.

Lawyers for Joseph C. Stefan, 24, of Moorhead, Minnesota, claim in a federal district court that his "forced separation" from the academy violates his rights of due process, free speech, and equal protection under the law.

Staffan apparently has not

been charged with committing homosexual acts, but has merely acknowledged his Gayness to his superiors. Mr. Stefan also has an outstanding academic and military record and would have graduated in the top 10% of his class had he not been recommended for discharge.



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Washington, DC — More candidates than ever took record-breaking contributions of Gay and Lesbian PAC money during the last campaign — powerful greenbacks which allowed many of them to win their races.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political action committee (PAC) and lobbying organization, contributed more than \$400,000 in cash and in-kind gifts to Republican and Democratic candidates and progressive groups during the 1987-88 election cycle — 60% more than the 1985-86 contributions.

HRCF gave more than \$300,000 to 111 candidates in 29 states running for U.S. Congress in 1987-88 (none in Arkansas or Tennessee, one to Democrat Wayne Dowdy in Mississippi who lost). In the 1986 cycle, only 98 candidates received contributions.

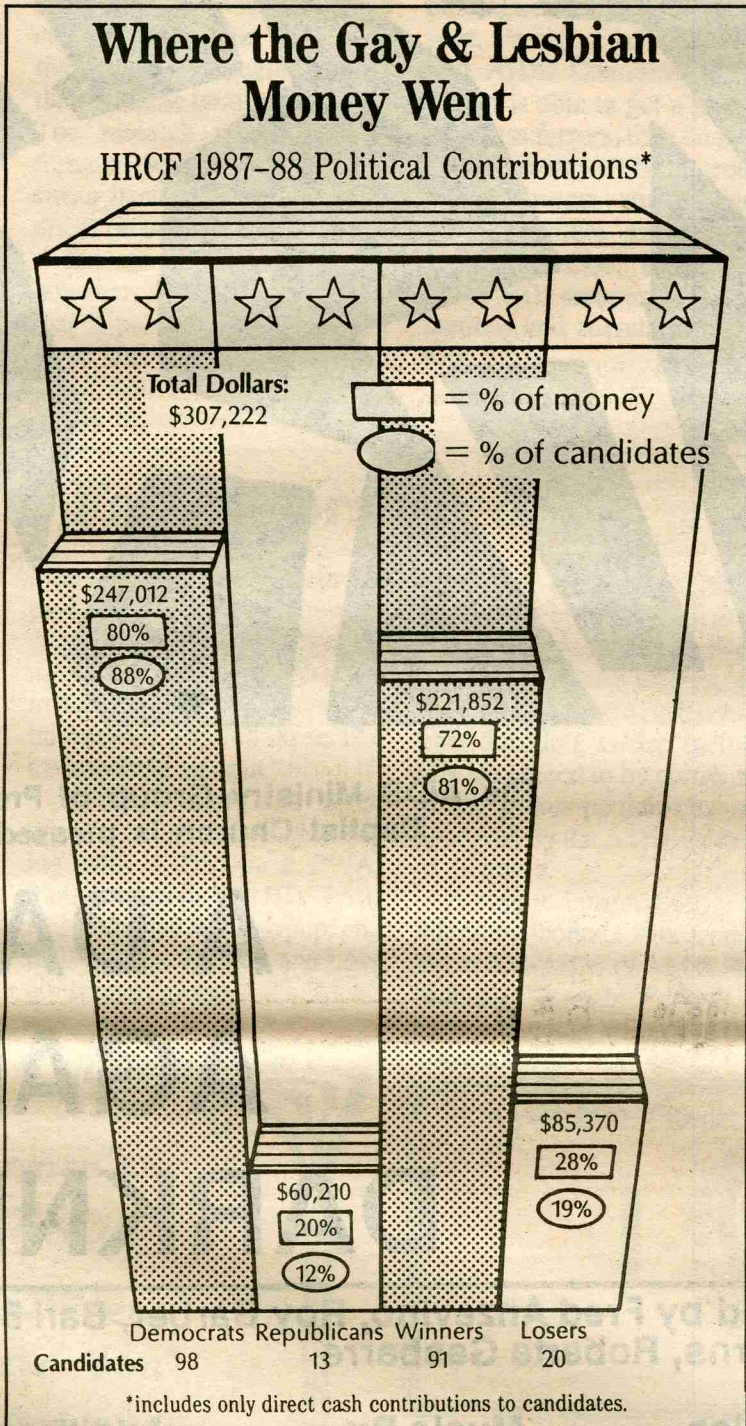
Of special note is the fact that HRCF contributed to twice as many Republicans this time (13), thus building a bipartisan power base for Gay and Lesbian issues in the next Congress.

Political analysts believe the increased number of politicians willing to take Gay money and support what some perceive as controversial issues points to the progress Gays have made in mainstream American politics.

HRCF contributed to 12 candidates running for U.S. Senate and 99 for the House. Ninety-one were winners while 20 lost.

Other facts about who took Gay dollars:

- 13 Republican candidates received 20% of HRCF's total contributions
- 38 of the candidates were from the West, 17 from New England, 26 from Mid-Atlantic states, 9 from the South, and 21



from the Midwest

- 14 women candidates received HRCF funds, as did 18 Black candidates

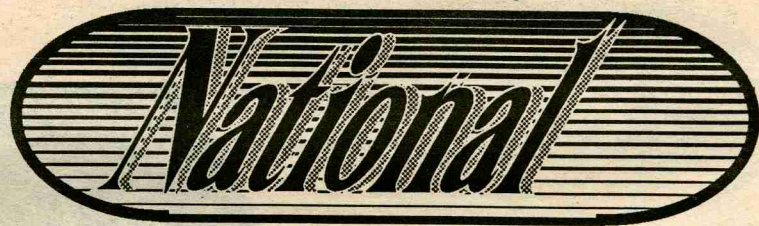
Last spring, the Federal Elections Commission ranked HRCF the ninth largest independent PAC in the U.S. and the 24th largest PAC overall (out of more than 4,000).

Tidy Endings Wins 4 ACE Awards

The cable television industry honored its own on January 15 and awarded 4 Awards for Cable Excellence (ACE) awards to the HBO production of Harvey Fierstein's *Tidy Endings* which played on the cable service a few months ago. The story, adapted from Fierstein's Broadway success *Safe Sex*, involved the settling of the affairs of a person with AIDS by his ex-wife and his Gay lover.

Although Fierstein did not win for best actor, he won the award for best writing. The program also won awards for the best dramatic special, and best direction. Stockard Channing won an ACE as best actress for her portrayal of the ex-wife.

HBO plans to have Fierstein adapt the other two acts of *Safe Sex* into a two-character one hour sequel.



Anti-Violence Litigation Project Launched

San Francisco — National Gay Rights Advocates has announced the formation of an Anti-Violence Litigation Project. Project attorneys will initiate legislation against perpetrators of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence, publish a manual to assist other lawyers in bringing civil suits, and offer technical assistance to prosecutors. NGRA will also publish a pamphlet for the increasing number victims of "Gay bashing," explaining their legal rights and options.

Cynthia Goldstein, NGRA Staff Attorney and Project Director, said, "Recent studies show Lesbians and Gay men are being verbally and physically assaulted — and even murdered — in record numbers. The community is angry and fed up. Using the legal system and litigation tools as our weapons, we will fight this senseless vio-



Cynthia Goldstein, NGRA Staff Attorney

lence and send these criminals to jail where they belong."

The litigation manual will provide model forms of commonly needed documents, jury selection techniques, and strategies for overcoming many of the hurdles confronting Gay and Lesbian litigants. The pamphlet for lay people will answer a variety of questions frequently raised by victims of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence.

Brothers Canceled

Hollywood — The long-running cable sitcom *Brothers* has been cancelled after five years. What made it significant is that the series contained two Gay characters and their homosexuality was essential to the plots.

Producers cited financial reasons for the cancellation. The 100 or so half-hour episodes are being offered to local stations in syndication.

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Positive Attitude May Slow AIDS

San Francisco — Although there is no solid link between mental attitude and the progression of AIDS in an infected person, research revealed Jan. 15 says that a positive attitude may slow the disease.

According to *The Commercial Appeal*, Dr. Karl Goodkin, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, said that once a patient has been infected, he may feel helpless and simply wait to die, or he may take a positive ap-

proach with the help of friends. The research indicated that those people who felt the lowest stress and took the most positive approach appeared to have the strongest immune systems. The research parallels other research which indicates that stress itself has a detrimental effect on the immune system.

Dr. Goodkin cautioned, however, that undue optimism that a positive outlook might slow the AIDS progression could spur infected people to blame themselves when their

condition worsens.

"We've seen this time and time again," said Tommy Stewart, President of the Aid to End AIDS Committee. "If a person is able to get a hold on the stress factors, they do much better than those who sit around and bemoan their fate." ATEAC offers peer support groups for those with AIDS, ARC, HIV-seropositivity, and families and friends of people with AIDS.

Support Group Facilitators Needed

The Aid to End AIDS Committee is seeking a volunteer facilitator for its peer support group serving the families, friends, and lovers of people with AIDS.

Vicki Ford-Freeland, an ATEAC board member who established the group, says that it generally meets for a couple of hours every other week on Sundays, but that conflicts in her schedule sometimes cause it to meet less frequently. "This is

a service we would like to expand," said Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC, "but we need more people willing to make a commitment. A few hours twice a month seems like a reasonable amount."

ATEAC maintains three types of groups for people dealing with AIDS — a PWA/PWARC group; two HIV-Positive "Worried Well" group; and the Families, Friends, and Lovers support group.

Ideally, a group facilitator will have either practical or academic counseling background, be a good listener, and allow the group to develop in its own direction. Group facilitators are agreed to by consensus of the group participants and approved by the ATEAC board of directors.

For more information or an interview, contact Rita Underhill at 458-AIDS (9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday) or leave a message with the AIDS Switchboard.



"Stand By Me" Show To Benefit PWA Fund

A very special benefit show entitled "Stand By Me" will be held on Sunday evening, February 5, at Reflections Disco, 92 N. Avalon. Doors open at 7:00 PM with the show starting at 8:00 PM. All proceeds from this very special benefit show will go to the Aid to End AIDS Committee PWA Special Fund.

Come take a trip down memory lane and enjoy the rare and seldom seen talents of Miss Lily Christine, Miss Liz Carrington, Miss Peaches, Lady Astor, and an all-star cast of local talent. There will be special appearances by The Pipettes and members of Wings. The show will be hosted by Miss Trixie Thunderpussy.

The door cover charge will be \$4.00 which will include a beer

bust from 8-Midnight. The entire door cover charge and all tips received by performers will be given to this special fund. The building and beer for the beer bust will be donated by Reflections Disco.

All tips received by the employees of Reflections Disco for this special event will also be donated to the Committee's special fund.

ATEAC spent over \$17,000 in 1988 on special assistance to people with AIDS. As of this writing, ATEAC has used \$4,800 more than has been donated to the special fund. In order to continue assisting PWA's, this fund needs income. We ask that you help by coming to this special show and supporting the Aid to End AIDS Committee.

Gay Women's Social Group

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"Happy New You"

Speaker: Susan Taranto, MPS

Saturday, February 18, 1989
at 7:30 p.m. \$2.00 donation

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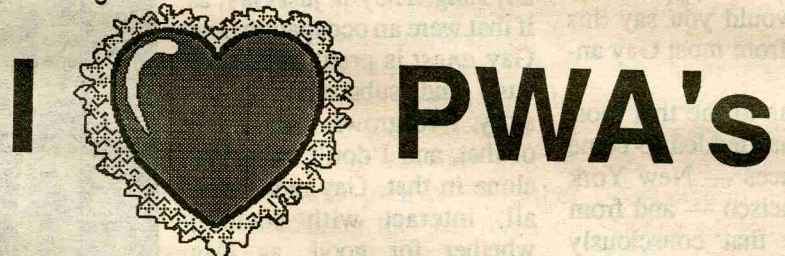
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Books

Interview

Charles Jurrist, Editor of *Shadows of Love*

An interview with Charles Jurrist, editor of *Shadows of Love: American Gay Fiction* (Alyson Publications, 1989) paper \$7.95.

Q: What's your background, as it relates to putting together a book like this?

A: Well, I've worked steadily as a critic for quite a few years. I started out reviewing plays for the *Advocate* and then I had the books column in *Stallion*. I also reviewed books for *Mandate* and the *New York Native*. Right now, I'm the dance critic for the *New York Daily News*.

Q: What was the origin of *Shadows of Love*?

A: I had written a review of the first volume of *Men on Men*, which I criticized for being fairly predictable. After reading the review, Sasha Alyson got in touch with me and asked if I'd like to put together a collection that took a different approach.

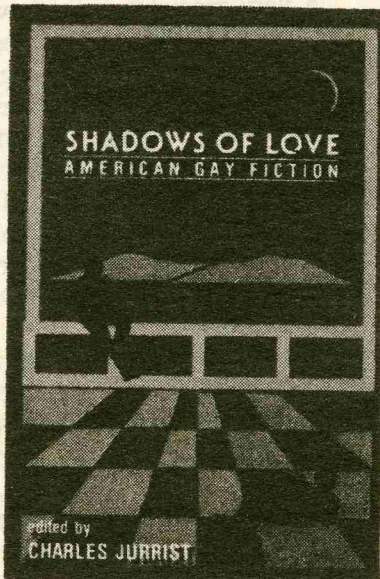
Q: How would you say this book differs from most Gay anthologies?

A: It seems to me that most Gay fiction has tended to come from two places — New York and San Francisco — and from groups there that consciously regard themselves as constituting the gay literati. Also, prior to the appearance of AIDS, which is now a major theme, certain subjects predominated: coming out, life in the urban fast lane, the sex wars...

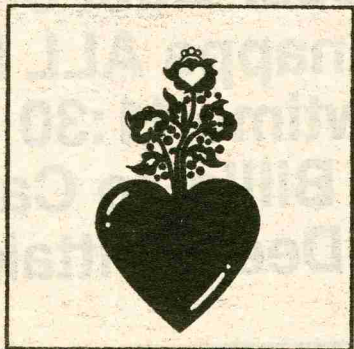
Q: And you feel you've managed to get away from that?

A: Well, one of our writers lives in Ferndale, Washington, way up on the Canadian border, and another is a Chicano who was born in Colorado and now lives in Houston. The very first story in the book, "Accountability," is set in Appalachia in the 1940's. I've never encountered anything even vaguely like it in Gay fiction. And I was pleased to see one of the advance reviewers in the trade press comment on how refreshing it was to encounter Gay fiction that wasn't all about middle class white men.

Q: Was there anything else you were looking for in the stories you selected?



A: Yes, in a way. If you look at most Gay fiction over the last twenty years — whether it's *Dancer from the Dance* or *Nocturnes for the King of Naples* or as recent a book as *The Swimming Pool Library* — you'll find protagonists who don't ever seem to do anything. They're just Gay, as if that were an occupation, and Gay angst is pretty much the stuff and substance of the story. I've grown really tired of that, and I don't think I'm alone in that. Gay men, after all, interact with society; whether for good, as Dag Hammarskjold did, or for evil, like J. Edgar Hoover or Roy Cohn. So I searched for characters who were more engaged with the world around them than generally seems to be the case. The boy in "Accountability," for instance, has to worry about earning enough to keep himself and his grandmother alive. and "A View from the Freeway" is about a perpetual student who does have some Gay embroilments but also has lots of problems that relate to his status (or lack of it) in life.



New Book Tells of Achievements of Gays

Gay Men and Women Who Enriched the World
Published by William Mulvey, Inc., \$17.95

New Canaan, CT — "To grow up Gay or Lesbian in modern times means to grow up an outsider," writes Thomas Cowan in the introduction to his new book, *Gay Men and*

Women Who Enriched the World. He continues: "The Gay imagination must stretch far to answer the basic questions of life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose?"

Cowan examines the lives of 40 individuals beginning with Alexander the Great and continues with essays on Plato, Leonardo, and Michaelangelo. He

tells of Walt Whitman's comment following a brief encounter with Oscar Wilde, "A splendid boy, we had a very happy time together." He says Noel Coward maintained a heterosexual appearance for the sake of his career but wrote: "Homosexuality is becoming as normal as blueberry pie."

Thomas Cowan has a doctorate in history from St. Louis University and has written 20 books in diverse fields.

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The Importance of Self-Esteem

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

How we feel about ourselves crucially affects virtually every aspect of our experience, from the way we function at work, in love, and in sex; to the way we operate as parents and how high in life we are likely to rise. Our responses to events are shaped by who and what we think we are. The dramas of our lives are the reflections of our most private visions of ourselves. This, self-esteem is the key to success or failure. It is also the key to understanding ourselves and others.

Let us understand what self-esteem is. It has two components: a feeling of personal competence and a feeling of personal worth. In other words, self-esteem is the sum of self-confidence and self-respect. It reflects your implicit judgment of your ability to cope with the challenges of your life (to understand and master your problems) and of your right to be happy (to respect and stand up for your interests and needs).

To have high self-esteem is to feel confidently appropriate to life, that is, competent and worthy in the sense just indicated. To have low self-esteem is to feel inappropriate to life; wrong, not about this issue or that, but wrong as a person. To have average self-esteem is to fluctuate between feeling appropriate and inappropriate, right and wrong as a person, and to manifest these inconsistencies in behavior — sometimes acting wisely, sometimes acting foolishly — thereby reinforcing the uncertainty.

Self-esteem is always a matter of degree. I have never known anyone who was entirely lacking in positive self-esteem, not have I known anyone who was incapable of growing in self-esteem. TO grown in self-esteem is to grow in the conviction that one of competent to live and worthy of happiness, and therefore to face life with greater confidence, benevolence, and optimism, which help us to reach our goals and experience fulfillment. To grow in self-esteem is to expand our capacity for happiness.

If we understand this, we can appreciate the fact that all of us have a stake in cultivating our self-esteem. It is not necessary to hate ourselves before we can learn to love ourselves more; we do not have to feel inferior

in order to want to feel more confident. We do not have to be miserable to want to expand our capacity for joy.

The higher our self-esteem, the better equipped we are to cope with life's adversities; the more resilient we are, the more we resist pressure to succumb to despair or defeat.

The higher our self-esteem, the more likely we are to be creative in our work, which means the more successful we are likely to be.

The higher our self-esteem, the more ambitious we tend to be, not necessarily in a career or financial sense, but in terms of what we hope to experience in life — emotionally, creatively, and spiritually.

The higher our self-esteem, the more likely we are to form nourishing rather than destructive relationships, since like is drawn to like, health is attracted to health, and vitality and expansiveness are more appealing than emptiness and exploitiveness.

The higher our self-esteem, the more joy we experience in the sheer fact of being, of waking up in the morning, of living inside our own bodies.

If self-esteem is the judgment that we are appropriate to life, the experience of competence and worth — if self-esteem is self-affirming consciousness, a mind that trusts itself — no one can generate this experience except ourselves.

When we appreciate the true nature of self-esteem, we see that it is not competitive or comparative. Genuine self-esteem is not expressed by self-glorification at the expense of others, or by the quest to make one's life superior to others or to diminish others so as to elevate one's self. Arrogance, boastfulness, and the overestimation of our abilities reflect inadequate self-esteem rather than, as some people imagine, too much self-esteem. One of the most significant characteristics of healthy self-esteem is that it is the state of one who is NOT at war either with himself or with others.

The importance of healthy self-esteem lies in the fact that it is the foundation of our ability to respond actively and positively to the opportunities of life — in work, in love, and in play. It is also the foundation of that serenity of spirit that makes possible the enjoyment of life.

These are the rewards of self-

confidence and self-respect.

Becky Caperton is a counselor in private practice. See the Information and Services section for further details.

Many Grievors Do Not Have Support Systems

Death of Secret Lover May Lead to Silent Suffering

The sudden death of a loved one is always traumatic. But for a survivor whose relationship was clandestine, the loss can be even more devastating.

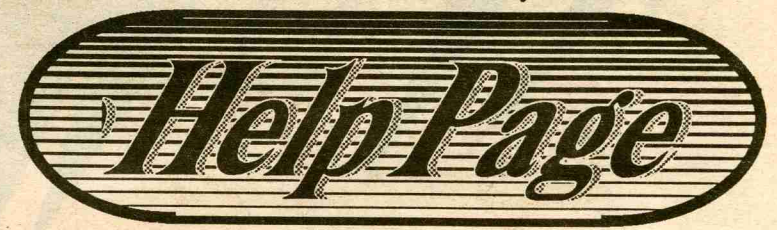
Although most bereaved individuals are granted license to grieve openly in public, "the loss of a secret partner creates an acute need for understanding and help," according to an article in the January issue of *Social Work*, the journal of the National Association of Social Workers.

"Even among close friends who knew of the relationship, (the death) is probably more likely to reveal lingering resentment and insensitivity to the depth of the loss," said author Robert Weinbach, a University of South Carolina social work professor who interviewed four secret survivors about their former companions.

Weinbach's study revealed that long-time secret relationships were based on more than sex and that survivors face the following difficulties:

- Secret survivors often learn of the death through casual conversation or a newspaper report.

- If the secret survivor has a



spouse, even private time does not accommodate the need to grieve. "At a time when honest catharsis is needed, the secret survivor must bear the burden of being on stage, night and day," Weinbach said.

- Secret survivors receive no sympathy cards and can't help plan a memorial service or funeral. They might receive only a whispered expression of sympathy and might not be able to attend the funeral for fear of creating suspicion or confirming rumors.

"If they attend," Weinbach said, "they must carefully hide their grief, containing outward expression to that which is appropriate for their public relationship with the deceased."

- Other than social workers and therapists, there are few, if any, people to whom a secret survivor can confide. In fact, two survivors interviewed reported being approached within a week by persons who sought to comfort them by "substituting for the loss of their sexual partner" — further depreciating the lost relationship.

- Survivors sometimes feel that their partners may have

been punished for their behavior.

- The secret survivor may have few, if any, memories that were shared with others who survive. When they cannot be talked about, memories can become a hollow, painful reminder of the aloneness.

- A survivor may find himself cut off from all remnants of the past relationship, including special items or information about the deceased's family.

- Survivors tend to have stoic attitudes about professional help, reasoning that social workers and other therapists possess traditional family values and would be unable to understand the depth of their relationships.

However, Weinbach said that nonjudgemental professionals and group sessions can provide outlets to those who need an open environment in which to grieve and receive assurance.

Copies of the article can be obtained from the National Association of Social Work Office of Public Information, 7981 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

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Memphis Memoirs

Gay Bars Over the Years

Original material by Fred Harris, published in the December 1975 issue of *Gaiety*, by Gary Poe. Compilation and parenthetical remarks by Vincent Astor.

This month I shall begin the lengthy and delightful process of updating the history of Gay Memphis by retelling the history of that perennial and most durable of institutions, the GAY BAR. Fred Harris had more than one installment concerning this in Gaiety and Scott Correll published one grand listing in a former issue of Gaze. Every time somebody tries to list the grand list, a veritable choir of bitching is heard. Well, now is your chance. I'm going to try it again and any discrepancies with anyone's memory are welcome to be corrected. Write me. Call me. I dare you. I'm trying for genuine, don't faint, accuracy this time. As Queen Elizabeth I said: History is what is written down, and they write what I tell them. So

why should one old queen be different from any other?

In 1892 - the same year Alice Mitchell slew her lover, Freda Ward - a gangling, carrot-haired youth of seventeen moved to Memphis from northeast Mississippi. Named Edward H. Crump, he quickly became involved in local politics and was elected mayor in 1909....

From that time on, for almost half a century until his death in 1954, he was the absolute political boss of Memphis. Nothing went on without his knowledge or permission.

A famous line in one of W. C. Handy's songs runs "Mr. Crump don't 'low no easy riders here." One other thing which Mr. Crump's government didn't allow were recognizable homosexual gathering places. As late as the early 1950's, a local homosexual who dared ask the Memphis vice squad head about the possi-

bility of opening up a Gay bar was told the following:

"Not on your life. I don't want any gay bars here; I don't want to see homosexuals together on the streets, I don't even want to see them together in church."

As a result of this sort of policy - and the prevailing climate of fear - Memphis had no genuine Gay bars during the first half of the 20th century. At best there were a few "mixed" establishments, often in downtown hotels, where homosexuals could discreetly socialize.

For those weary of the bars, there were the dubious pleasures of Court Square.

The first cracks in this rigid wall occurred during World War II, with its influx of servicemen and other "outside blood" into the city.

Following World War II, the downtown bar scene was going strong. There were several "mixed" bars and restaurants, many on Union Avenue, patronized by homosexuals.

Bill Kendall, who came out late in 1945, recalls that one bar popular with gays was the Creel Room (the word means "basket") in the Peabody Hotel. This drew numerous tourists, he noted, and was considered a good "pickup" bar.

Servicemen and "dirt" tended to hang out at the Oasis [on the site now occupied by the Radisson Hotel] near the bus station, Kendall said. In the forties and fifties, homosexual prostitutes were called "dirt" while "hustlers" were men who sold their services to women [it is a mystery to this writer why they are still not called that].

Also favored by some gays were the old Rendezvous Room on Union near where the Downtowner Hotel [now the Days Inn] is and the Rathskeller.

The first predominantly Gay bar in Memphis (as opposed to mixed Gay/straight) was the Blue Room, located at the corner of Belvedere and Union, Bill Kendall said. It was there in

1945 when he came out and closed later in the 1940's.

Court Square continued to be a popular cruising place during this post-war period, and many homosexuals, including those too young to go to the bars, would go there and position themselves on the benches. At that time, George Wilson recalls, the park was patrolled by an old cop nicknamed "Uncle Billy." He knew what was happening and didn't care, but his supervisors didn't like any "loitering."

"Periodically, Billy would stroll over to the benches and say, 'Okay, boys, the lieutenant's coming by to inspect, so you'll have to get up and walk around a bit until he's gone.'" This would be done, George said, the lieutenant would be satisfied, and law and order would be maintained.

Other popular outdoor cruising areas included Confederate Park downtown on Front Street and Forrest Park on Union near the UT Medical center. [Presently, as many guidebooks will tell you, Overton Park in Midtown and, as they may not, Riverside Park downtown are the busy cruising spots.]

An early, predominantly Gay bar during the 1950's was the Twilight Lounge, located on Madison where George's is now [presently a barbecue restaurant on Madison between Idlewild and Auberndale]. It was opened as a straight bar by a woman named Lou, but in 1955 homosexuals started going there. Since she had little other business, the manager encouraged this. As word got around, more and more Gays started frequenting it until it became a de facto Gay bar.

Later in the 1950's, the bar was sold to Mike Rollins, who ran it for about six months. During his ownership, the bar was shut down after an undercover vice officer saw a man kiss a sailor one evening. According to George Wilson, a local newspaper headlined its

story on the closing with: "Twilight Kiss Closes Twilight Lounge."

The first establishment in the Memphis area at which homosexuals were able to regularly dance together was Ben's, a roadhouse on Highway 70, west of West Memphis, Arkansas. Gays first went there on Halloween night of 1955, George Wilson recalls. He and some other people went there that night in drag. Some of the other customers became upset when they realized that the "women" were actually men, but Ben was amused and invited them to return. To prevent trouble with his other customers, he had them stay on the cafe's second floor until closing time during the following visits. There they could dance, camp, and generally do as they pleased without having to worry about the unknowing straights downstairs.

After closing time, when the regular customers had left, the Gays came down to the larger first floor where they would continue their partying. Since beer could not be openly served, it was poured into coffee cups and Coke bottles to be sold for ten cents a mug. One of Ben's employees, an elderly black woman named "Baby Doll," was kept busy pouring quarts of beer into the mugs and pop bottles.

For those who had drunk too much "coffee" to return home, or who wanted to follow their partying with other activities, there was a motel behind the bar.

Ben's was a popular hangout with Memphis area Gays until late 1957 or 1958, when it was closed down by the Arkansas Highway Patrol.

About 1959, another all-Gay bar called the Blue Note opened. Located on Poplar near Evergreen, it drew a regular Gay clientele until it burned down about 1962.

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An Interracial Gay Organization for All People

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Black and White Men Together of Memphis, Inc. is a Gay interracial organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. To these ends, we engage in educational, political, cultural, and social activities as means of dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia, and other inequities in our community and in our lives.

BWMT/Memphis Salutes Black History Month and the heroic men and women it recognizes.

- Feb. 5 • Brunch and Board Meeting, 11:00 am, Nick's
- Harlem Renaissance Films, Brooks Museum, Meet there at 2:15pm
- Safer Sex Workshop, 9-10:30pm, The Apartment Club
- Feb. 6 • Discussion Group, 7:30 pm, Irwin's
- Feb. 11 • Valentine's Day Party, 8pm, Mike & Ed's
- Feb. 19 • Brunch at Gonzales' & Gertrude's, 12:30
- Paul Robeson Review, Brooks Museum, 2:30
- Feb. 20 • Discussion Group, 7:30pm, Irwin's
- Feb. 27 • Caring & Sharing Night, 7:30pm, Peabody Library, Meeting Room A

For details: Call Nick (327-3753), Ed (452-5894), Irwin (726-1461) or write BWMT/Memphis, P.O. Box 41772, Memphis, TN 38174-1773



Volunteers are needed to staff the Gay Switchboard. This is not a Phone Sex Service!

Gay Switchboard

Information Referrals Counseling
324-GAYS
7:30-11 Nightly



Whew! 'Twas not easy making appearances at 8, count 'em, 8 saloons of Gay on one New Year's Eve. Very soon, if all plans go aright, there will be 12, count 'em, 12 full time and 2 part time Gay bars in this fayuh city. Therefore, theretive even, we are even now at work on the long-dreaded LADY A'S UNABASHED GUIDE TO GAY MEMPHIS. By the by, we did enjoy ourselves very much at all the places we visited, and especially when we arrived at Barbara's just in time to sing Happy Birthday to one very surprised Lesbian.

WOMAN ON THE STREET DEPARTMENT

ATEAC will have a major fundraiser consisting of a show arranged and hosted by TRIXIE THUNDERPUSSY on February 5 at REFLECTIONS. She is beating the bushes for all manner of talent; old, new, tired and fresh. Several clubs are involved as are we ourselves.

WKRK had a festive party for the, say it isn't so, 40TH BIRTHDAY of none other than BILLIE JO CASINO on January 25. Connie and the LITTLE ROCK LADIES will return on the 12th of February.

WINGS is talking about a fundraiser for the club called the "We are Not a Showclub Show....Not...Show....Clubnot...Noshow....." keep talking, guys, keep saying that, over and over and over.....

CHAPS is beginning to put a greater emphasis on food. We certainly agree; what we have tasted was fine. This place looks much more like a restaurant than a typical Gay bar. It is very nice and the music is kept to a conversational level, it serves liquor (Tacky bitch Behind the Bar, there, you got mentioned) and has great possibilities. "Twould be nice to have a full-time Gay restaurant in town.

J-WAGS will have a special show the Monday before VALENTINE'S DAY (the 13th, ninny) and the day itself will be celebrated by lots of specials at REFLECTIONS.

Our famous Psychic sources, aided this time by GEE GEE PAROLA, have revealed to us that the former PENDULUM may be open in time for hearts

and flowers under a new name. Spatial improvements are already apparent and the bar will be female oriented. More later.

We also understand, from some of our favorite Marshall St. gossips that the old BAR RACKS/INFERNO/14 KARAT will reopen soon. We shall see, but we were given to understand that it will be a late-night establishment.

Once again, the third time running, actually, the PIPELINE will celebrate MARDI GRAS on February 7 with an ALL DAY AFFAIR. \$2.00 will provide all the Louisiana-style food one can possibly consume, all day long. This is not to be misconstrued as a cover charge. A cocktail party was hinted at and the cutting of the KING CAKE will take place at 7 PM. JAZZ will be the preferred music of the day. Those in costume will obtain drink specials and FESTIVE, as only Gay people can be, will be the byword.

TSARUS, having closed out January with a MARDI GRAS CLUB NIGHT at the PIPELINE on the 28th, will present its fifth annual MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD on February 13 at WKRK. This is a BANQUET and all proceeds will be donated to the charity of the recipient's choice. The recipient is not necessarily a man, but the food is worth the trip.

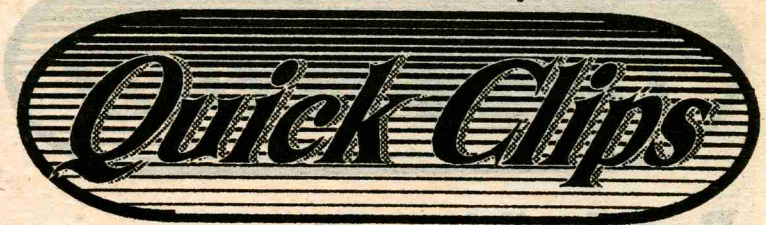
Monday, January 16, a day that will live forever in the hearts of many of the good Gay folk of Memphis, the WKRK pool team finally beat the PIPELINE pool team. And where were the PIPETTES? Why in the thick of it, of course! We will be seeing more of them very soon.

We have not seen such ourselves, but we have heard reports of a LASER SHOW having been inaugurated at NUMBERS. We were told that there will be drag shows there as well. Liquor is obtainable at this bar, and the lower levels are open on weekends. It is sorta dark in there, but everyone was nice to moi. Drink specials made of real alcohol are a welcome alternative to beer busts.

AUDITIONS will be held to cast four remaining male roles in BOYS IN THE BAND at WKRK on FEBRUARY 3 at 5:30. Turn out, guys, turn out.

This may be your big chance.

We did indeed finally visit the APARTMENT for ourselves in late December. We were astonished at its spaciousness and provision for many different pastimes. There is a private space and dance floor for women who wish it, a lounge with game tables and videos, dancing, and shows. Fashion shows are frequent, as well as regular drag shows with TAMIKA ST JOHN being a regular performer. The broken mirror backdrop and the beautifully lit and decorated Christmas tree were very impressive. The tree stood on the ceiling. When we say spacious, we



mean enormous.

APHRODITE will host another VARIETY SHOW on February 26 at WKRK. The entry fee and tips will go to the Battered Women and Children Fund. These ladies never let up.

Would you believe that the subjects of the last three MEMPHIS MEMOIRS features have

attracted attention in NEW YORK? We are sending material to a woman who is doing a lot of serious research on the MITCHELL-WARD CASE of 1892. If you don't understand, look it up. Next: the history of Gay bars in the Memphis area.

It's midnight, we're going home.

Ta, ta, Lady A.

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7:00 PM

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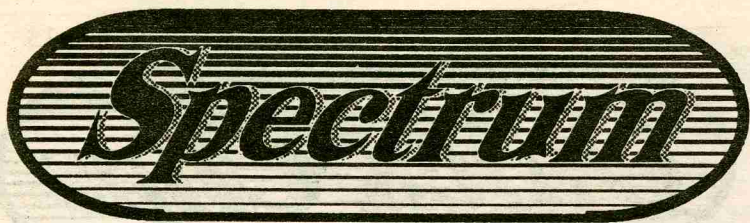
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PLUS

An All-Star Cast of local talents including Wings Leather Club doing their Village People Routines and, of course, The Pipettes. All hosted by Miss Trixie Thunderpussy.

100% of all door charges, performer tips and employee tips will be donated to the ATEAC-PWA Fund.

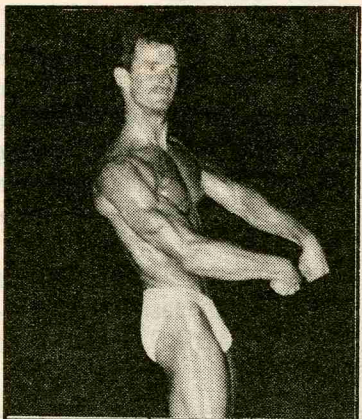
Beer Bust donated by Tom Stewart, Reflections Disco.



Bodybuilders Plan Physique '89

It all began on June 27, 1987, when 30 gay male and female bodybuilders stepped onto the stage of Mission High School in San Francisco to thunderous applause from a thousand spectators for Physique '87. These athletes came from all over the United States competing in the first ever National Gay Bodybuilding Championships. Twelve months later the tradition continued with even more firsts: 1) Physique '88 introduced same sex pairs competition; and 2) athletes traveled from not only the United States, but from Canada and Peru.

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society (ABS) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the education, appreciation, and promotion of the sport of bodybuilding, with focus on gay men and women athletes.



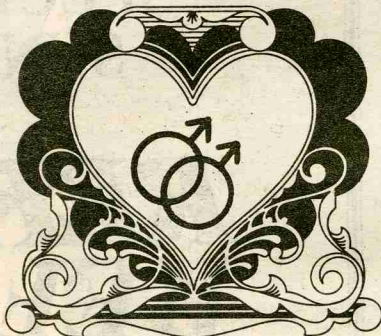
This contestant shows off his well defined triceps in Physique '88.

Membership is open to any interested individuals; ABS is committed to providing financial support to all ABS bodybuilding members that plan to attend the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver.

The Board of Directors has announced that there will be more surprises. On Saturday,

June 24, 1989, Physique '89 will take place in San Francisco. The championships have been moved to the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. By making this change into a comfortable 1,000 seat theatre, the organizers promise a very professional, exciting event. Like last year, the competition categories include: men and women bantamweight through heavyweight; master and elite classes for men and women over 40; mixed pairs and same sex male and female pairs.

For an informational brochure on The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society and Physique '89, or if you would like more information regarding becoming a member, write: Arcadia Bodybuilding Society, 1455-A Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94103.



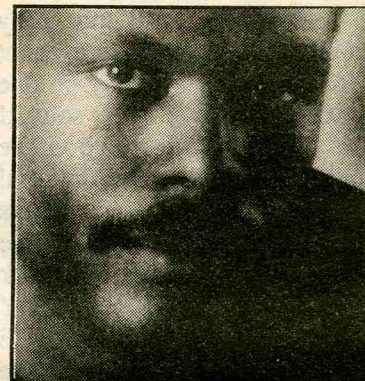
Joe Beam Dies, Gay Author

The Gay community lost one of its leading activists on December 27 with the death in Philadelphia of Joseph Fairchild Beam. The exact cause of death was not immediately clear. Friends said, however, that he had been in ill health recently and had been extremely depressed for several months.

For many years, Beam had worked to create a stronger movement of Black Lesbians and Gay men. He was the first editor of *Black/Out*, a magazine serving that community, and served three years on the board of directors of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays.

"Joe was such a positive role model for Black Gay men and women alike," said Renee McCoy, executive director of the NCBLG. "He had a gentle, frank spirit and was an inspiration for Gays and Lesbians at all levels, from all walks of life."

In 1985, Beam began work on a collection of writing and art work by Black Gay men. It was published 18 months later, under the title *In the Life*. Although a number of works had



already been published by and about Black Lesbians, Beam's was the first anthology ever to focus on the experience of the Black Gay male.

At the time of his death, Beam was compiling material for a second collection, *Brother to Brother*. According to his publisher, Sasha Alyson, "Joe already had made a great deal of progress on that book, and his parents were highly supportive of what he was doing. We still expect to publish it."

A Joseph Beam Memorial Scholarship Fund for creative writing has been established at Temple University. Interested parties may contact it in care of Marie Inyang, Esq., 12 S. Twelfth Street., PSFS Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

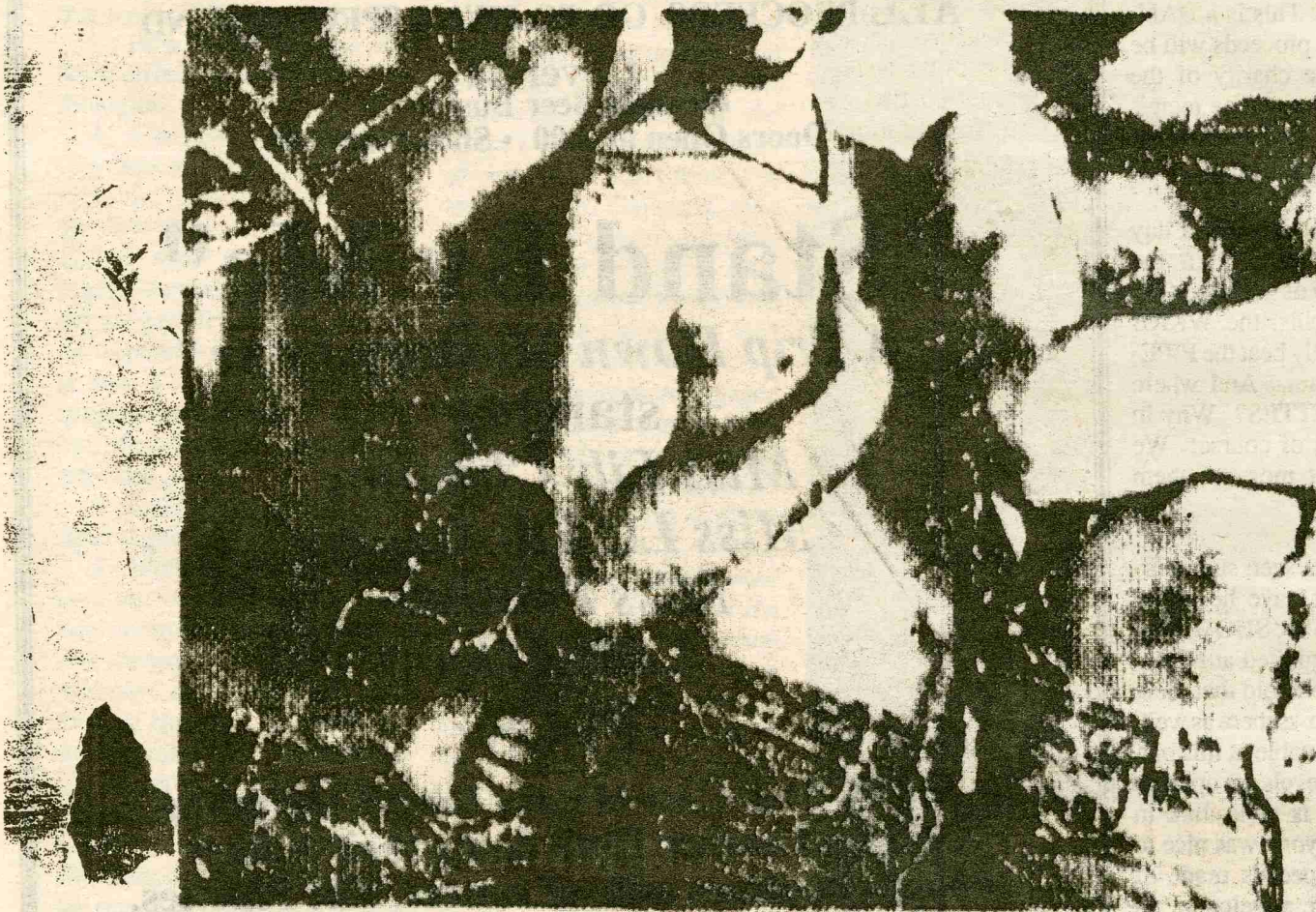


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Can Gay Flag Fly in Gay Mecca?

National Gay Rights Advocates and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California filed suit recently against a West Hollywood landlord for refusing to let a Gay tenant display the "rainbow flag." The six-colored flag has been a symbol of Gay and Lesbian community pride since 1979.

For the last two years, John Stout has been flying the Gay pride flag from the balcony of his apartment. New owners recently acquired the building and ordered Stout to take his flag down. According to Stout, the manager said, "We know what it [the rainbow flag] represents and we don't want it outside our building." Stout was threatened with legal action if he did not comply.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "Refusal to let John Stout fly his flag violates the California Constitution, several state civil rights stat-

utes, and a West Hollywood law that forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation. We are suing for damages and asking the court to issue an injunction against the landlord."

ACLU Foundation staff attorney for Lesbian and Gay rights Jon Davidson noted, "The City of West Hollywood flies identical flags on the streets surrounding John's apartment complex in honor of the annual Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration. The flag is a political symbol which landlords may not prohibit from being displayed."

"In a community that has been under constant attack from the religious right and which has felt the crushing blow of the AIDS crisis, the rainbow flag has come to represent our pride, our unity, and our strength," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "We intend to protect our right to be identified by the powerful symbol."

Insurance Testing 'Consent' Forms Challenged

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) criticized a proposed national "notice and consent" form for use in AIDS-related testing by insurance companies as "wholly inadequate and without substance." The draft proposals, developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), would allow insurance companies to meet legal requirements that they give notice to and receive consent from applicants tested for HIV merely by distributing a brief form. The proposed form makes no mention of transmission, prevention, treatments, discrimination, psychological responses, or false results, and indicates that counseling is entirely voluntary and should be paid for by applicants. NGRA has submitted an alternative proposal to be considered by the NAIC at its annual winter meetings in New Orleans.

"The proposal's implication that counseling is a mere luxury contradicts the insistence of the National Academy of Sciences, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control that pre- and post-test counseling are essential ingredients of the testing process," said Ben Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Project.



Judge Says Armstrong Amendment Stinks

Washington, D.C. — Gays in the nation's capital won a critical civil rights victory in December when a Reagan-appointed federal judge struck down the infamous "Armstrong Amendment" that would have allowed religious institutions to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

In a surprise ruling by conservative Dist. Judge Royce Lamberth, the court said the U.S. Congress did not have the constitutional power to compel the District of Columbia and its council members to enact legislation against their best judgement, including anti-Gay legislation.

D.C. council members, lobbied by the Human Rights Campaign Fund and other national and local activist groups, opposed the anti-Gay Armstrong Amendment passed by Congress last October as part of the D.C. Appropriations bill. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. William Armstrong (R-CO), would have permitted religiously "associated" educa-

tional institutions to discriminate against "any person or persons that are organized for, or engaged in, promoting, encouraging, or condoning any homosexual act, lifestyle, orientation, or belief."

Congress forced the District to pass the law by Dec. 31 or risk cutoff of all city funds.

In striking down amendment, Judge Lamberth — who many Gay activists considered more of a conservative demagogue than Sen. Armstrong himself — held that the First Amendment protects the right of elected council members to exercise their own judgement in voting on legislation.

In vividly worded language, Lamberth rejected Congress' contention that the elected officials of D.C. simply "hold their noses" and adopt the law.

"First amendment protection," said the judge, "encompasses both the right to speak and the right not to speak, and even the olfactory burden to which the United States refers is constitutionally suspect."



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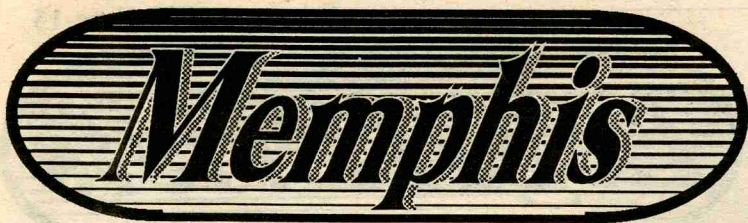
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Gay Community Center Committee Seeks Input

The Memphis Lesbian and Gay community center has progressed from a need to an idea, and is now in the form of a committee. Certainly not ever to be a Taj Mahal, we hope that the center will be a place to help fill the needs of our diverse minority.

If there is enough support, enthusiasm, and willingness on the part of a lot of people to contribute a little bit in work and money, we can have a center by Gay Pride Week in June.

Such as place could be used by anyone for fundraisers, raps, committee meetings, parties, support groups, rehearsals, counseling, information, a library, film and art festivals, or any other need that might arise. Memphis now has a record number of Gay and Lesbian business establishments, and has a potential of being a "Mecca" in the sense that Dallas and Atlanta have become.

The committee for the creation of a Lesbian and Gay com-

munity center will meet on Feb. 26 at 5:30 PM at the Bryton Tower Party Room, 1271 Poplar Ave.. Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping in any other way, no matter how small, is more than welcome. An update on the progress of the community center will be in the next issue of *Gaze*.

ATEAC Announces Auction Date

The Third Annual Auction for AIDS will be held Saturday, March 25 at the Memphis Airport Hilton, 2240 Democrat Road. Proceeds of the annual auction help fund patient assistance services of the Aid to End AIDS Committee.

Mark Whitehead, Auction Chairman, vows that this year's auction will be every bit as good as last year's and hopefully better. Last year's auction featured both a live auction of donated goods and a silent auction for services.

"Right now we need lots of volunteers," said Whitehead, "to help with the initial organization." Volunteers are needed to contact area businesses for donations, to pick up and catalog donations, and to generally help with the event. Last year a team of about 10 display design volunteers were on hand to set up displays of merchandise to be auctioned. Other volunteers

helped staff the cashier's table by taking money, preparing receipts, and making out charge slips. As last year, Visa and MasterCard will be available.

Channel 5's Nancy Hart was the only celebrity guest auctioneer locked in at presstime.

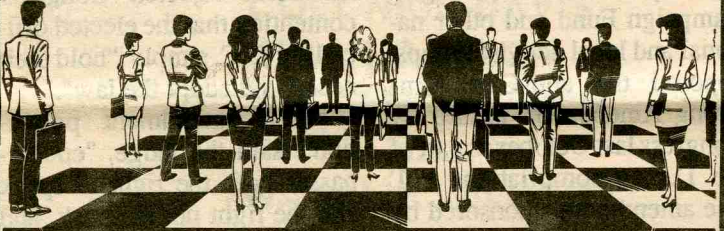
"There's lots of money available from the government for educational efforts," said Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC, "but this is one of our major fund raisers to help people with AIDS." Last year, ATEAC spent \$17,631.00 on patient assistance from monies specifically donated for that purpose, including last year's auction. "Without public support, we cannot hope to meet what we see to be an increased need this year," Stewart said.

According to ATEAC rec-

ords, the agency spent about \$500-800 dollars a month for patient assistance in 1987-88, but that figure has risen to an average of about \$1500-2000 a month in the last six months. "As more people are diagnosed and become sick, more money is needed to help them," said Allen Cook, ATEAC's secretary. "There's a lag-time between the time a person applies for disability, and the time it is granted. We see people falling through the welfare cracks all the time. I don't know what would happen if ATEAC were not able to offer rent and utility assistance," Cook said.

For more auction information, to volunteer, or to donate, call the Aid to End AIDS Committee offices at 458-AIDS.

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AIDS Awareness Nights To Promote Interest, Raise Money

A series of "AIDS Awareness" nights at local bars are being started as an ongoing way of keeping the AIDS issue in front of the Gay community. While the rate of new AIDS cases among Gays is decreasing in other cities, it continues to rise in Memphis. In addition, there seems to be a large number of people engaging in unprotected sex.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, ATEAC will launch a blitzkrieg of information aimed at the Memphis Gay bar crowd. ATEAC volunteers will staff information tables in all cooperating bars, answer questions, give out free safe sex kits (Gay safe sex kits consist of two condoms and two packages of lube). In addition, they will be asking patrons to donate to ATEAC's Patient Assistance Fund. All monies donated will be used to help assist needt people with AIDS and ARC in the immediate Memphis area.

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Head Pastor Leaves Agape New Life Church (But God's Work Goes On)

by Bill Tracer

For those who have not yet heard, John Mark House is no longer the head pastor of Agape New Life Church. Although he will be greatly missed, we understand that God has called him to new works in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Pastor John, along with myself, Bill Tracer, in the role of associate pastor, began Agape New Life Church two and a half years ago in West Memphis, AR.

In January 1987 we moved the ministry to Memphis, at which time we were joined by Kriste Elrod, as a second associate pastor. Our church was then truly born.

Agape New Life's humble beginning, was in the living room of our home. In time, and with the help of a strong core group, we were able to move the church's ministry to a renovated garage, designed for use as a worship space.

By way of John Mark's strong leadership and the help of the staff, we have had tremendous growth, both in number, and in

the Spirit. With his continued guidance and as a result of this growth, we were lead to our current location at 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis, TN 38104.

Not only will those of us in the church miss John Mark, but so too will many in our community. His hard work with various organizations helped to enrich all of our lives. We wish him the Lord's best in his new home.

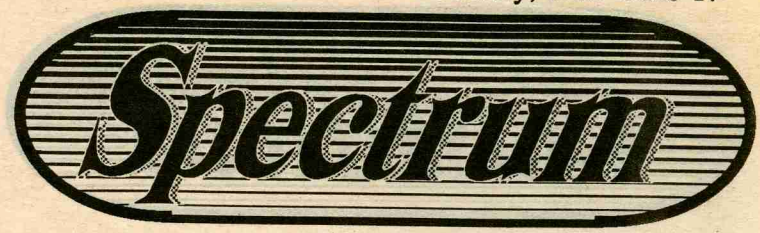
With his leaving, the ministry of Agape New Life Church is unaltered. Our message has not been modified: "God is love, and His love is offered for all, both to realize and experience, (Gay and straight alike)."

God's Spirit remains in the hearts of our people, bringing to us a greater power to maintain the positive influence that we are privileged to have on our community. Already, many of our members have taken on more responsibilities. The more people we have in active roles the stronger we are as a unit.

The associate pastors, Kriste

and I, have assumed John Mark's duties. Now as co-pastors, we look forward to a great future for Agape New Life Church.

As we seek for the person God is now calling to be our new head pastor, we will continue to extend opened arms with love to all in our community.



February Memphis Gay Calendar of Events			1	2	3	4
5 *Stand By Me* ATEAC Benefit- 7p Reflections	6 MGC Meeting Main Library, 7:30p - Meeting Room A	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Tsarus Man of the Year Banquet, WKRB 8p	14 Valentine's Day	15 Gaze Advertising and Copy Deadline for March issue	16	17 "Dance Against Darkness" Prescott Memorial Baptist, 7p	18 ATEAC's AIDS Awareness Night - Most Bars
19	20 GayRap - Bryton Tower Party Room, 7:30p	21	22	23	24 March Gaze Hits the Streets	25
26 Aphrodite Variety Show, WKRB, 5pm	27 AIDS Committee Mtg. 689 Melrose, 7p	28	1	2	3	

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GWM, 38, 5'9", 165#, seeks GWM for friendship/relationship. Interests: music, cycling, running, movies. Prefer: collegiate type, non-fem, 20-39, lean to medium build. Mike, Box 12252, Memphis, TN 38182.

SBF, 22, interested in meeting new friends GBF or GWF. Age is no problem. Prefer person who is sincere and honest. Please no games. Dept J-2, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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GWF, 29, 5'7", 130#, br/br, profes-sional, intellectual, and athletic, seeks social interaction with similar woman secure in her own identity. Let's meet socially, because love is something that grows between two people, not something found lying in a bar or arriving in the mail. Write, Boxholder, Box 211, Diaz, AR 72043.

GWM, 27, 6'2", 185#, intellectual bibliophile with interests in Art, History, Literature and the Martial Arts seeks intelligent, sincere, self-secure men. I'm looking for "Mr Right," but romance takes time. Let's get to know one another. Write: Boxholder, Box 211, Diaz, AR, 72043.

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Pipeline: 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.
Reflections: 92 North Avalon - 272-1525.
WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

ORGANIZATIONS

Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC): Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 762-8401, 458-AIDS.

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

American Gay Atheists Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis, 38174-1371.

Black & White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 327-3753, 452-5894, or 726-1461.

Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition, Inc. of Memphis: P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982.

Gay Athletic Association: Bowling, volleyball, camping, and more. Box 22914, Memphis 38122.

Gay Women's Social Group: 324-6949.

Human Response Council: PWA services. 275-3536.

Kinship: Seventh Day Adventist Gay religious group. P.O. Box 171135, Memphis, 38187-1135 - 754-6160.

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

Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis, 38173-0038 - 324-GAYS.

Memphis Lambda Center: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs. 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis - 276-7379.

Minority Prison Project (MPP): For information: John Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis, 38127.

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

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

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

Phoenix (Gay AA): 272-9549, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Task Force: P.O. Box 24446, Nashville, TN 37202-4446. Memphis contact: Rick Bray - 274-0454.

Transsexuals in Prison (TIP): For information: John Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis, 38127.

Tsarus: (Leather-Levi club) Box 41082, Memphis, 38174-1082.

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Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

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

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Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.

MEDIA

AIDS Update: newspaper published by the Aid to End AIDS Committee - 458-AIDS.

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

Gaze: monthly newspaper: published by the Memphis Gay Coalition - Box 3038, Memphis, 38173-0038 - 454-1411.

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