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Astor Named Tsarus' Man of the Year

On Monday, February 13 at an Awards Banquet held at WKRB in Memphis, Tsarus announced Vincent Astor as the recipient of the 1989 Man of the Year Award. The fifth annual awards dinner was held in loving memory of Tsarus members Mike McAdory, Mike Sandin, Harold Miller, and a fourth person, all of whom had died of complications from AIDS. Astor joins *Gaze* editors Allen Cook and John Stilwell; Aphrodite, honored for their fund raising efforts; ATEAC president, Tommy Stewart; and Human Response Council Founder Bettye Griffinas Tsarus honorees.

Following dinner, which was prepared and served by Tsarus members, Carolyn Kelly, representing Women of Leather, stepped to the mike as a table center piece burst into flames. "Well, I never expected my opening remarks to set the world on fire," she quipped as the flame was extinguished. Kelly then

proceeded to lay out the pronoun problems involved in talking about Vincent "Lady A" Astor. Kelly spoke of her courage in Marching in Washington in full drag and with equal ease donning chiffon chaps and touring 8 bars on New Year's Eve. Then without hesitation, opening her home to friends and acquaintances on New Year's Day. In closing, Kelly expressed thankfulness for Lady A as well as thankfulness that there was only one of her.

Allen Cook talked about Vincent's long commitment to the Memphis Gay Coalition, serving for the last two years as the Coalition's vice president; serving faithfully as a Gay Switchboard volunteer; and chairing the Gay Pride Committee in 1987, when Gay Fest first came into being. Vincent has been involved in fundraising events, either as the organizer or as a participant, for such

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May Delete Crimes Against Nature Law Legislature Considers Sentencing Commission Report

Nashville—Tennessee is one step closer to decriminalizing homosexual conduct. A bill introduced in the state senate Feb. 3 reportedly would eliminate the state's "crimes against nature" law, but would substitute misdemeanor statutes for engaging in sex with a person of the same sex.

The bill is based on the finding of the state's sentencing commission which is under the gun to revise sentencing for state crimes to eliminate overcrowding in the state's penal institutions.

In commenting on the sentencing commission's report, Gov. Ned McWherter indicated that he was pleased with the report generally, but that an-

other meeting would be held before he gave his full support to passage of the recommendations by the legislature.

Observers indicate that passage of the massive bill will not be an easy chore. The recommendations of the commission cover hundreds of laws and sentences.

The proposed change would reduce homosexual crimes against nature to a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a sentence of not more than 30 days and/or a fine of not more than \$50. The current felony statute (5-15 year sentences) is rarely enforced. Insiders indicate that as a Class C misdemeanor, local district attorneys would be unwilling to spend the time and

energy prosecuting.

"Our ultimate goal is to have the sodomy laws taken off the books," said Deborah Burks, chair of Advance, the political action committee of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA). "There is a feeling among some people that the reduction to a misdemeanor is better than the law as it now stands," Burks said in a recent issue of *Dare*.

Local legislators co-sponsoring the bill are Karen Williams (R) and Lois DeBerry (D). Williams is a member of the house judiciary committee which is not considering the commission's report.

Newsnotes

Christian To Give \$\$ to AIDS

Marc Christian says he'll give many millions of the \$21.7 million he won from the Rock Hudson estate to AIDS charities. "What the hell am I going to do with \$21 million?" he said in *People* magazine. "No one needs that much money." Christian who still tests negative says he has been celebrate since Hudson's death in 1985.

Associates of Hudson were shocked at the amount of the award saying that it was "unfair." Insiders say the jury award will be appealed. Christian reportedly doesn't expect to get a cent for three years.

Jazz Musician Keeps Secret

Jazz Musician Billy Tipton was considered eccentric by

some. He never went swimming with his sons; he never gave his social security number to his agent, and he never, ever saw a doctor — even when he became seriously ill. After his death in early February, the truth became known — one of the reasons for Tipton's odd behavior was the fact that he was in fact a woman.

A gifted saxophonist and pianist, Tipton apparently began masquerading as a man during the Big Band era when woman sang, but were seldom allowed to play instruments.

According to his son, Scott Miller, "Mentally he was a father. He was always there for us."

Oliver Sipple, Hero

Oliver Sipple, 47, the man who saved Gerald Ford's life by deflecting Sara Jane Moore's arm as she fired a .38 revolver died in San Francisco of un-

known causes. After the incident, the press disclosed that Sipple was Gay and his family ostracized him.

Where There's Hope...

While Bob Hope is no one's idea of a Gay activist, he does appear in a 30-second TV spot denouncing Gay bashing. The spot is the result of being taken to task by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for a remark Hope made on *The Tonight Show*. Looking at Ed MaMahon's tie, Hope said it would have labeled Ed a "fag" 10 years ago. Chastised in a tape narrated by Harvey Fierstein about such careless remarks, Hope agreed to do the spot. He even added some of his own words to strengthen the message. GLAAD's Karin Schwartz is negotiating with networks to air the spot. Said Hope: "I felt that it was a very important thing to do."

Gazing

Tough Fight Ahead, But We're Not Going Back!

by Vic Basile
Executive Director, Human Rights Campaign Fund

Twenty years ago the modern Gay rights movement burst forth onto the streets of New York City. In reflecting on this milestone and the progress Gay men and Lesbians have made since the historic Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, I paused to savor the triumphs we've enjoyed on Capitol Hill and around the country.

It was a short pause, how-



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ever, as discouraging news quickly came across my desk.

As you may have read by now, a Dallas judge recently refused to impose a life sentence for the cold-blooded murder of two Gay men because the victims were "queer."

Judge Jack Hampton explained his rationale to a reporter: "Some murder victims are less innocent than others. I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level. And I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute. I don't much care for queers."

Stories like this remind us why more than ever we must intensify our efforts in the battle for dignity and respect. It's a battle that began 20 years ago outside a neighborhood bar on Christopher Street and has now moved into the halls of Congress, a battle against the very hatred and bigotry we see surfacing in Dallas and other cities today.

We must not lose sight of the fact that in 1989 we still do not have federal civil rights protection, cannot serve in the military, cannot legally immigrate to the United States. Our relationships still have no legal standing. And our lifestyle is a felony in most states.

No other minority group in this country is subjected to such discrimination—only Gay men and Lesbians.

And Gay men and Lesbians are fighting back. Our hard work and commitment have won us several recent battles, and will win us more. For example, the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill was recently reintroduced into Congress. Each time the bill is introduced we gain more and more support. So far, 63 Representatives and 9 Senators have signed up as cosponsors. We are confident more will sign up in the upcoming months of the 101st Congress.

Now we are working hard to pass Hate Crimes legislation and anti-discrimination protections for people with AIDS and HIV-infection, among several other laws that affect Lesbians and Gays.

Of course, our enemies have their own agenda, too. They want to sabotage the Hate Crimes bill, subject people with HIV-infection to criminal penalties, legalize discrimination against people with AIDS, widen mandatory HIV antibody testing, and insert anti-Gay language into every AIDS and civil rights bill that passes through Congress.

But they're going to have a tough fight on their hands. Gays

and Lesbians won't tolerate such bigotry. We won't accept such limits on our freedom.

In the twenty years since Stonewall, our movement has become part of the mainstream American political process. We've gained access to key decision makers on Capitol Hill—powerful allies in the House and Senate who fight for us, support our bills, and keep our enemies in check. We have an impact on the shaping and pass-

ing of key legislation. We've won respect in the corridors of power.

And we will continue to fight against the relentless threats to our security and rights. Twenty long years after the rebellion that changed what it meant to be Gay or Lesbian, much remains to be done. We'll do it, we'll win. Because we're not going back.



Dear aze

Do you notice anything missing from your name? It is the same "G" that you left out of my personal ad in the February issue. Instead of a proud GAY White Male, I was demoted to being merely a White Male. Some might even think I was having doubts about my sexual orientation or even be a Bisexual (yuhk, gag me with an indecisive ambiguity).

Don't get me wrong, I know you people work very hard and we all make mistakes, and I am not really very put out over this, but leaving out the "Big G" is such an Ironic omission for your paper. (After all, the *Commercial Appeal* may use the g a y word but still doesn't know how to capitalize it).

On the bright side, I am getting responses to my ad and they all seem to have assumed that I would be Gay after all (including the *Mailbox Missionary*, who really needs to get a grip on him or herself, who sent me tracks about how a credit card number could give me leprosy if I let anyone tattoo it on my forehead). Luckily the other replies have been sane (so far), and I hope to be meeting some nice people through the ad.

Keep up the ood work! Sincerely, a former staff member of long ago, and a devoted reader today.

HJ
Memphis

(ood olly, Batman! Who could be responsible for such a hastily omission? If you must be caught in the wrong, let it always be by someone with a sense of humor! And to add insult to injury, he paid for the ad! Well, we'll give it another shot this

month. Incidentally, for those of you who are unaware of it, the staff of Gaze has made a pact to quit publishing as soon as the first perfect paper hits the stands. Watch for it at your favorite neighborhood bar! Editor.)

GayRap No Place for Religion

As a member of the Memphis Gay Coalition, I am concerned about the growing religious influence that is rapidly taking shape within the MGC.

I mention specifically the second GayRap group dedicated to the New Life Church. If the Coalition wants to sponsor a rap group, great! If the topic is religion or the Bible, fine! But a rap group is just that - a group that gets together, lead by a moderator for the purpose of talking.

Bill Tracer's "course" is a sermon whose purpose is to present a slanted view of a clearly homophobic, Bible. The ultimate upshot of all this is an attempt to attract more converts. Such preaching clearly belongs in a church and has no place within the confines of a political organization.

The Coalition is a political group which was intended to represent ALL Gay and Lesbian people of Memphis, not just minority evangelical Gay Christians. I resent that the Coalition is being used as a tool by religionists to espouse propaganda.

As a past Coalition Facilitator, I never, at any time, allowed religion to intrude itself into any official function of the Coalition. Religious intrusion will prove to be a divisive factor and will only serve to alienate those

who do not wish to believe as Mr. Tracer would have them believe.

Mark Franceschini
Houston, TX

The Bible... The Source of Gay Problems

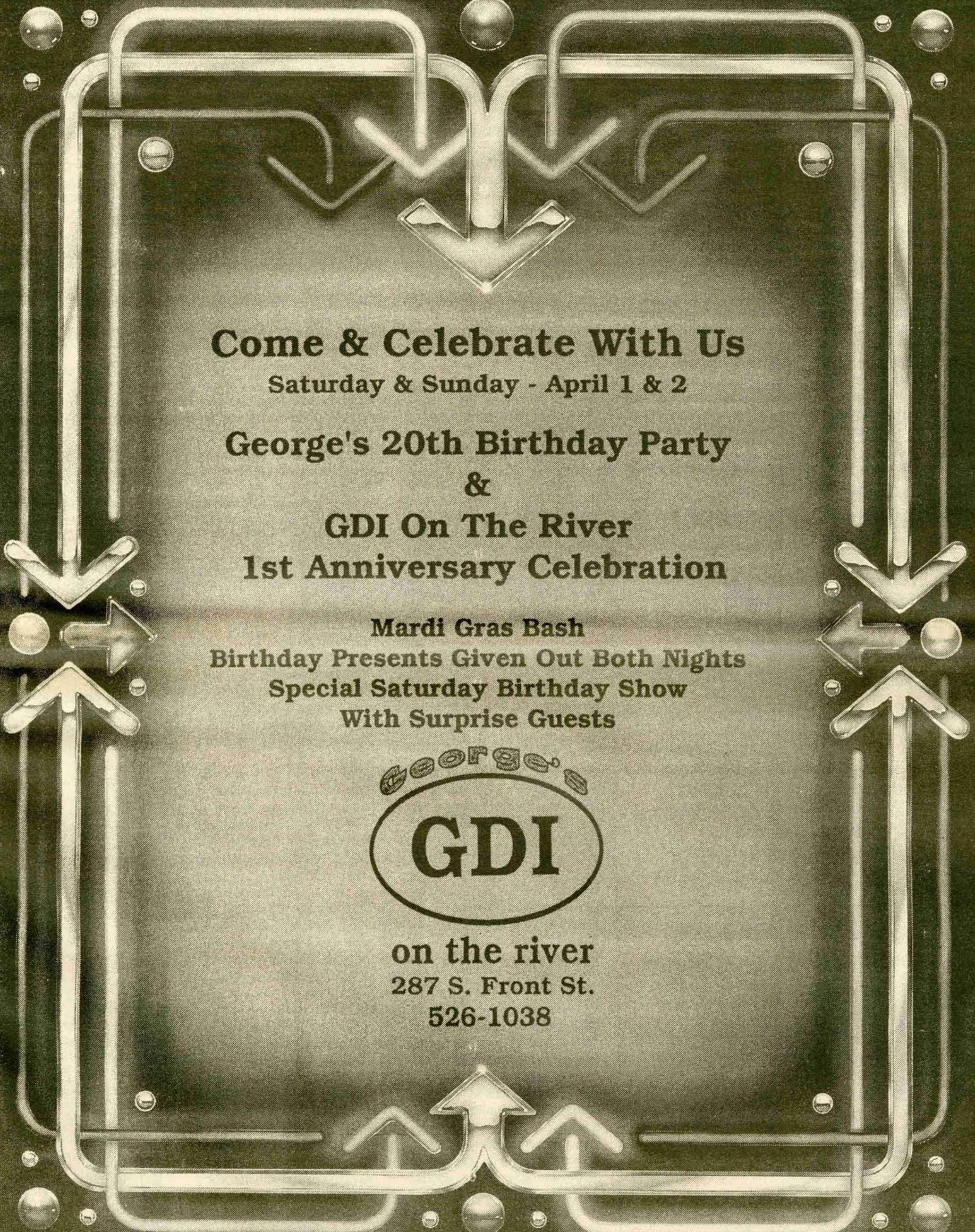
I commend John Stilwell in his January 1989 editorial for urging Lesbians and Gay men to support ADVANCE, the political action committee of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance, in its efforts to fight Tennessee's so-called "Crimes Against Nature" law which would impose "penalties to be leveled against a person charged with an act of sexual penetration with a person of the same gender."

In the same *Gaze* issue, I read that the Memphis Gay Coalition sponsored a GayRap session whose topic was "The Bible and Homosexuality" conducted by a Gay minister who led a discussion concerning what the Bible really says about homosexuality.

While many still feel some kind of masochistic need to continue to apologize for the Christian Bible's anti-Gay stance, more of us should wake up to the fact that all so-called "Crimes Against Nature" laws, aka anti-sodomy laws, have their roots within the anti-homosexuality texts found in the Biblical books of Leviticus and Romans.

Despite the efforts of many ministers to whitewash the "misinterpretations" of the Christian Bible regarding homosexuality, that book continues

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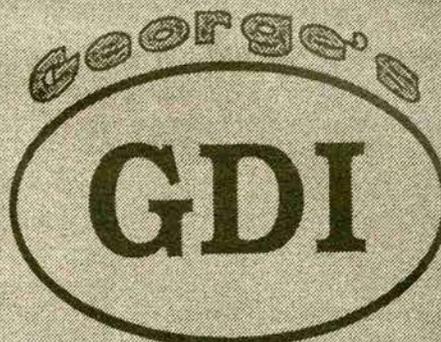
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Kennedy Holds Hearings on Federal AIDS Response

Washington, D.C. — On Feb. 7, the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee held the first in a series of hearings on the federal government's response to AIDS, including government agency plans for implementing drug development, health care, and education provisions passed as part of last year's comprehensive AIDS legislation.

The Committee hearings, chaired by Sen. Edward Ken-

neddy (D-MA), featured testimony from key government officials of agencies responsible for enacting federal AIDS law. Last October, Congress passed the Health Programs Extension Act of 1988, which included the nation's first battle plan for fighting AIDS. The bill called for accelerated research, expanded education and prevention, and more humane and cost-effective care for people with AIDS.

Testifying at the kickoff

hearing were Frank Young, FDA Commissioner; Gary Noble, Centers for Disease Control AIDS co-ordinator; Sam Metheny, associate administrator for AIDS at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); and Samuel Thier, Institute of Medicine president.

"The hearings are a sign of the high level of priority given to AIDS by Senator Kennedy and his committee," said Carlton Lee, congressional liaison for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "The committee clearly does not intend to rest on its laurels after passing last year's landmark AIDS bill. It will closely monitor implementation of the bill by the agencies."

HRCF is assisting the committee in evaluating agency responses to Congressional directives. The hearings will continue throughout this session of Congress.

FDA chief Frank Young, testifying for more than 90 minutes, addressed several recent developments in AIDS treatment. Young discussed the

status of promising AIDS drugs, including the recently announced treatment-IND (investigational new drug) status for aerosolized pentamidine, shown to help prevent pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP).

Under forceful questioning by Kennedy, Young said he was urging the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to revise more than 30 current AIDS drug-trial protocols to allow participants to use the pentamidine treatment.

Young also reported that 213 AIDS drugs are now in the FDA pipeline. This includes 43 antivirals, 70 immuno-modulators, 41 treatments for opportunistic infections, 4 vaccines, and 6 anti-neoplastic (cancer) agents, all approved for clinical trials.

Young said this was a substantial increase from the number of investigational new drugs (INDs) approved when he appeared before the committee last year. However, Young warned that significantly greater resources would be needed to process this dramatic surge in applications for new drugs.

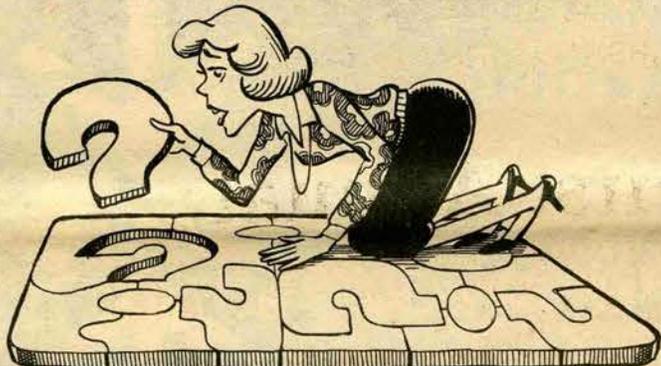
Young's call for additional

resources echoed the testimony of all the witnesses that more space, personnel, and modern information-processing systems are needed to meet the requirements of the federal AIDS bill.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the ranking minority member and co-sponsor of the Health Programs Act, reiterated the need for expanded resources and higher salaries at the FDA. He suggested that private industry pay some of the cost of computerizing the drug review process. Hatch also provided a chart that revealed the FDA currently has more full-time employees processing Freedom of Information requests than reviewing new AIDS drug applications.

In response to questions, the CDC's Dr. Noble said his agency believes in "appropriate, targeted" AIDS education for groups at high risk of infection, including "age-appropriate" information for school-based populations. Noble did not directly address the issue of "promoting or encouraging" sexual activity.

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Gay Civil Rights Bill Reintroduced in Congress

Washington — The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill was reintroduced into the U.S. Senate Jan. 25 by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) and into the U.S. House of Representatives Jan. 24 by Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA).

Sixty-three Representatives signed up as original co-sponsors of the bill, officially called the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989 (H.R. 655). Eight Senators have signed on to the companion bill. Gay Rights lobbyists from the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) are confident more will sign on in the upcoming months of the 101st Congress.

The bill would amend existing federal civil rights statutes to protect people on the basis of "affectional or sexual orientation" from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, credit, government-assisted opportunities and public accommodations. The bill would outlaw discrimination in stores, restaurants, hotels, and other places selling services or goods.

"Affectional or sexual orientation" is defined to mean "male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality by orientation or practice, by

and between consenting adults."

"Discrimination in any form, against any class of person, should be abhorrent to all those who live in a civilized society," said Weiss in his remarks introducing the bill.

"Gay men and Lesbians are in every occupation and institution in our Nation, be they doctors or nurses, lawyers or clerks, writers, union members, and managers," said Weiss. "They are rich and poor, black and white, rural and urban, and number perhaps 20 million of the hard-working, law abiding citizens among us. But this minority is different from others in that they do not now have legal recourse when they encounter discrimination."

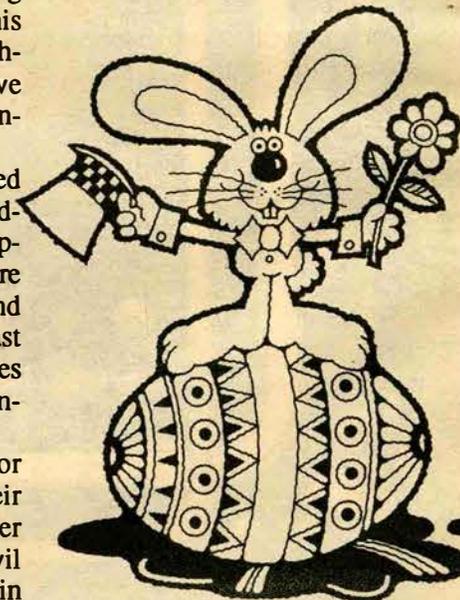
The bill has been introduced into Congress since the mid-Seventies and has gained support over time. Hearings were held on the bill in 1980 and 1981. At the end of the last Congress, 73 representatives and 10 Senators were cosponsors.

All cosponsors who ran for re-election last year won their races except for Lowell Weicker (R-CT) Lesbian and Gay civil rights were not an issue in Weicker's race.

Dental Discrimination

A court hearing has been scheduled in an important AIDS discrimination case filed by National Gay Rights Advocates. Plaintiff Doug Bearden charges that Sutter Dental Clinic in San Francisco denied him medical treatment after learning he had tested positive for HIV antibodies. Lawyers for the clinic will attempt to have the case dismissed by arguing that dentists may legally discriminate against people with HIV infection.

(Look for Updates on this story—the hearing was scheduled for Feb 9)



Thompson & Kowalski Reunited

Duluth, MN — For the first time in almost 4 years, Karen Thompson was able to visit her lover in a rehabilitation facility in Minnesota. Thompson has been battling Sharon Kowalski's father in court over visitation rights. The couple had been lovers for nine years before an accident in 1983 left Kowalski severely disabled and unable to communicate.

According to *Et Cetera (Atlanta)*, Thompson spent 45 minutes talking with Sharon's psychologist before entering the lounge where Kowalski waited. Among the information that the psychologist, Dorothy Rappel, wanted to share was Sharon's misconception that her being in a facility "too far" from home was why Thompson had not visited.

Kowalski apparently did not recognize Thompson at first, but soon tears welled in both of their eyes, according to the report.

Thompson had expressed concern about the acceptance of the staff at Miller-Dawn, the rehabilitation facility in which Kowalski resides. However, she said she found the staff friendly as they passed through the lounge while the two women visited.

Although there was evidence of muscular atrophy as the result of lack of physical rehabilitative therapy, Thompson said that Kowalski looked very much like she had on their last visit four years ago.

Staff members were reportedly amazed when Kowalski was able to whisper an answer to one of Thompson's questions. She asked Kowalski to guess the make of the car she had bought. When Karen whispered "Ford", it marked the first time she had whispered. Thompson said that they laughed a lot together during their visit and were able to conduct a good conversation.

It was important to Thompson that Kowalski understand that it was only because she was not allowed to visit that she hadn't been there for Kowalski. Kowalski assured Thompson that she was not angry, indicating that she wanted to live in St. Cloud, to return home with Thompson. "I love you," Kowalski said, according to *Et Cetera*.

Rappel had talked to Kowalski's therapists and made arrangements with all of them for Thompson to make additional visits.

After the visit, Thompson talked about her own feelings, "It was very hard. I was really moved by seeing her, yet scared to death... I was afraid to tell her I had sold the house."

According to Penny Campbell, coordinator of Nashville's Free Sharon Kowalski Committee, Kowalski has a problem with her short term memory. "Sharon members who Karen is, but cannot remember Karen's visit from day to day," she said. "Everyday when Karen goes in, Sharon has a relive this really emotionally draining reunion because she doesn't remember Karen having come in before," Campbell said.

Fed Agency Claims AIDS Not a Handicap

San Francisco — National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) filed a formal administrative complaint against the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for denying a federal housing subsidy to people with AIDS and ARC. The complaint, filed Feb. 9, was on behalf of Housing for Independent People (HIP), a non-profit housing agency in San Jose, which applied for a low-interest loan to develop housing for people with AIDS and ARC under a HUD program which subsidizes housing for the handicapped. HUD denied the loan last October, arguing that people with AIDS do not qualify as handicapped under their program because their illness is not

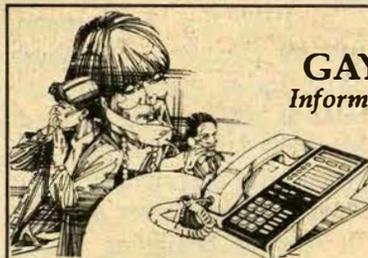


"expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration."

In their complaint, NGRA and HIP charge HUD with violating the Federal Rehabilitation Act by basing their policy on the erroneous stereotype that all people with AIDS and ARC face imminent death. NGRA

further threatened to file suit in federal court if the issue is not promptly resolved in their favor.

Former Pres. Ronald Reagan signed an Executive Order last year which defined AIDS and HIV-related illness as a handicap under federal law.



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Memphis

Gay Theatre: The Boys In The Band

Mart Crowley's play *The Boys in the Band* returns to Memphis on April 2, 3, and 4. This play takes place at a most unique birthday party—a room full of just about every kind of queen one can possibly imagine, from the ultra-conventional to the stereotyped interior decorator sort. One-liners abound, sarcasm peppered with wit is normal conversation, and each person's story reveals one of the many ways Gay men must, or cannot, deal with being Gay. The production at WKRB will actually be the third version of the play that has been seen in Memphis.

The show was still very new, and very early in its New York run, when Barry Fuller saw it. He remembers also seeing Paul Newman and Ruth Gordon in the audience the night he went. The play opened in 1968 at Theatre Four, coincidentally in April. He returned to Memphis with a script and gathered several friends to do a reading. This reading was in a private home and impressed the group so much that the play was actually performed for another such group shortly thereafter. Some of the close friends who first read this play in Memphis became well known as actors and

directors, all very active in the theatre in Memphis. "The whole audience was suddenly swept away," Barry recalls, "people laughed and cried. All of them."

In 1971 Ken Zimmerman, resident director at Playhouse on the Square, chose *Boys in the Band* as his Graduate Thesis at Memphis State. The play was produced at the original Circuit Playhouse on Walker Avenue. "It was the beginning of my long professional relationship with Jackie Nichols (*who heads Circuit and Playhouse*)," he said. "It was very well attended and was also the first thesis of this kind done in an off-campus situation." Circuit has produced several Gay themed plays in its career; well-known scripts such as *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, *Bent*, *The Fifth of July*, and *As Is* (which was partially funded by ATEAC) and lesser known ones such as *Find Your Way Home* and *Butley*. Playhouse was responsible for the highly-successful and much acclaimed production of *Torch Song Trilogy*.

Dennis Massey is directing the current production which will include a special AIDS benefit on Monday, April 3. Curtain time is 8 PM, tickets are available at WKRB or from individual cast members.

GayRap: Topics to Entertain and Inform

Begun as a forum for sharing "coming out stories," GayRap is shifting gears with a series of topics designed to appeal to a broader group of people. January's meeting featured an informative session about homosexuality and the Bible. Leaders from Agape New Life Church led a rap which frankly explored the Old and New Testament teachings concerning Christian religious heritage as it relates to Gays and Lesbians in modern times.

The February meeting was led by representatives from Phoenix and Lambda Center. It dealt with substance abuse and addiction as well as presenting a brief history of the two groups.

The March GayRap is scheduled for March 20th at 7:30 PM in meeting room A at the Library at Peabody and McLean. Rap leaders will be local personalities, Ms. Summer Holiday and Sofonda Peters. They will lead what promises to be a lively and informative discussion of the world behind the make-up and glitter. You may be confused about terms such as cross-dressing, drag, transvestism, and impersonation. Our lovely rap leaders have promised to set you "straight" on these and any other questions you may have.

These "show people" are often put down, especially by

Bars Sustain Damage by Vandals

Unknown vandals destroyed the entire plate glass front of Chaps on January 26. Between 7:15 and 7:45 in the morning windows in the front of Chaps and the former 14 KT disco (the old Barracks) two doors down were smashed causing a large mess in both locations. Nothing was reported stolen. Prior to this incident, several large windows had been broken in the GDI clubroom. According to Frank Cooper at GDI numerous objects, bricks and rocks etc., were discovered inside after the incident, some all the way across the room. Both GDI and Chaps were closed and empty at the time of the incidents.

GDI replaced the glass before the bar opened that night, Chaps elected to board up the windows and finish both inside and outside. Curiously, Numbers' front glass door was unscathed both this time and during a slightly earlier incident during which the front door of the 14KT building was broken. J-Wag's has also had some isolated incidents with broken glass in recent months. It is possible that the well-known locations of the two downtown bars made them targets for vandals, though the cause is unknown.

Ice Doesn't Slow ATEAC Benefit

Despite extremely cold weather, icy streets, and a last minute decision to go on with the show, doors opened at Reflections Feb. 5 to a crowd who donated a record \$3,866.35 to benefit PWA's. The total includes a \$1200 annual pledge of which \$200 has been paid.

The show was produced by Trixie Thunderpussy and featured Lady Astor, Miss Peaches, the Wings Leather Club, and many others. It was part of an emergency effort to increase the amount of money available to PWA's through ATEAC's PWA Assistance Fund.

According to Tommy Stewart, this benefit marked the first time that virtually all proceeds from an event went to ATEAC. Reflections donated the space, beer for the beer bust, and 50¢ for each beer sold after the beer bust. All door charges also went to the PWA fund. Reflections' employees and performers donated all tips to ATEAC.

ATEAC is dependent on donations for the PWA Fund since no grants have been made available for direct assistance to PWA's. It is estimated that ATEAC will need about \$40,000 this year to meet the demands for its services. All money donated to the PWA Fund is used only for assistance to individuals with AIDS or ARC.

Trixie Takes Final Bow — For Awhile

The inimitable Trixie Thunderpussy (AKA Terry DeJoumet) has taken leave of the stage in favor of devoting more time to personal pursuits. Trixie has performed on many local stages most recently serving as show director and hostess at J-Wag's for the past three years.

Trixie was responsible for the first Miss J-Wag's Pageant and established J-Wag's *Breakfast Club Show* as a nightlife highlight for the Memphis after hours weekend. She has single-handedly raised more money for the Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC) than any other

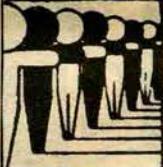
performer in Memphis. About two years ago she began performing *Maybe* with tips for that number going to aid people with AIDS in Memphis. According to ATEAC sources, she has donated about \$2600 to the organization. Tommy Stewart, owner of J-Wag's and president of ATEAC said that he has spent nearly that much replacing the ashtrays Trixie destroyed during those performances. [He was kidding. — Ed.]

Although Trixie will not be seen regularly, we have been assured that she will reappear from time to time on the stage at J-Wag's and at ATEAC benefits.

Kirby Kincaid assumed the show direction and hosting duties of Trixie on March 1.



Trixie Thunderpussy



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BWMT MARCH CALENDAR	
Feb 5	Board Meeting, 1 PM, Jeff's in Raleigh
Feb. 6	Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
Feb. 9	Pot Luck Dinner, 7 PM, Nick's
Feb. 11	Hot, Horny & Healthy Workshop, 7:30, Irwin's
Feb. 18	St. Patrick's Day Party, 8:30, Nick's
Feb. 20	Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
Feb. 27	Health Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Main Library Peabody & McLean

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Burnout - What Is It and Who Is at Risk?

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

The next few columns are going to deal with burnout. It seems that winter is a season where we start to reflect about our lives and what we would like to change about them. Burnout is a common malady that many of us experience as we struggle to get through the days, weeks, and months ahead. So let's explore burnout together, and if this description fits you, hopefully you can get some insight on how to tackle it!

Burnout can happen to anyone, and the older you get, the greater your chances of burning out: 22% of workers 22-34 years old complain of burnout; but in the 35-46 year old group, 64% felt burned out. Most burnout is job related, but people also burn out on relationships, on family duties, on any situation that consistently requires more en-

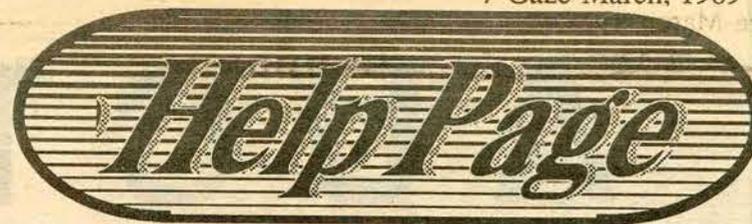
ergy than it gives rewards.

The hardest part of dealing with burnout is identifying it. Because it gradually happens, it's easy to dismiss early signals of burnout as fatigue, temporary irritability, or "laziness." But first, it is important to understand the personality of a burnout-prone individual.

A great definition of burnout is the exhaustion of physical and psychological resources caused by excessive striving for unrealistically high expectations. Who burns out? The best and the brightest among us are the most vulnerable to burnout; the dynamic, charismatic, goal-oriented men and women who give 100% to any project they undertake. They're often leaders who have never been able to admit to their limitations. Usually they're idealists who start out with great expectations, ref-

use to compromise along the way, and push themselves too hard for too long. Then they find themselves in a state of fatigue and frustration brought about by their devotion to a cause, way of life, or relationship that has not produced the expected rewards.

Although burnout symptoms are similar to those of stress, not everyone who suffers from stress will burn out. How vulnerable you are to burnout depends on who you are, what you do, and where you work. Personality traits (who you are) such as perfectionism, rigid thinking, and unrealistically high expectation levels increase the risk of burnout significantly. Jobs requiring heavy people contact (teachers, salespeople, airlines personnel); heavy responsibility for others (lawyers, physicians, the helping profes-



sions); extremely repetitive, monotonous work (assembly line workers, data entry clerk); or deadline work (paralegals, journalists), have a higher burnout potential than other fields. Physically and mentally stressful working conditions also contribute to burnout. A noisy, crowded, or uncomfortable workplace; responsibility without decision-making authority; unchallenging work; and inadequate feedback about job performance are typical of burnout-prone organizations.

To sum all of this up, burnout candidates tend to experience primarily job-related stress, such as organizational changes, difficult working conditions, or

complex working relationships. They tend to be idealistic or self-motivating achievers who are so driven to succeed that they ignore early warning signs of burnout. They also tend to seek unattainable or inflexible goals. The same persistence that makes burnout candidates successful in their jobs becomes their undoing when it prevents them from shifting tactics or modifying their goals when necessary.

Next month, we'll look at more symptoms of burnout, as well as the stages of burnout.



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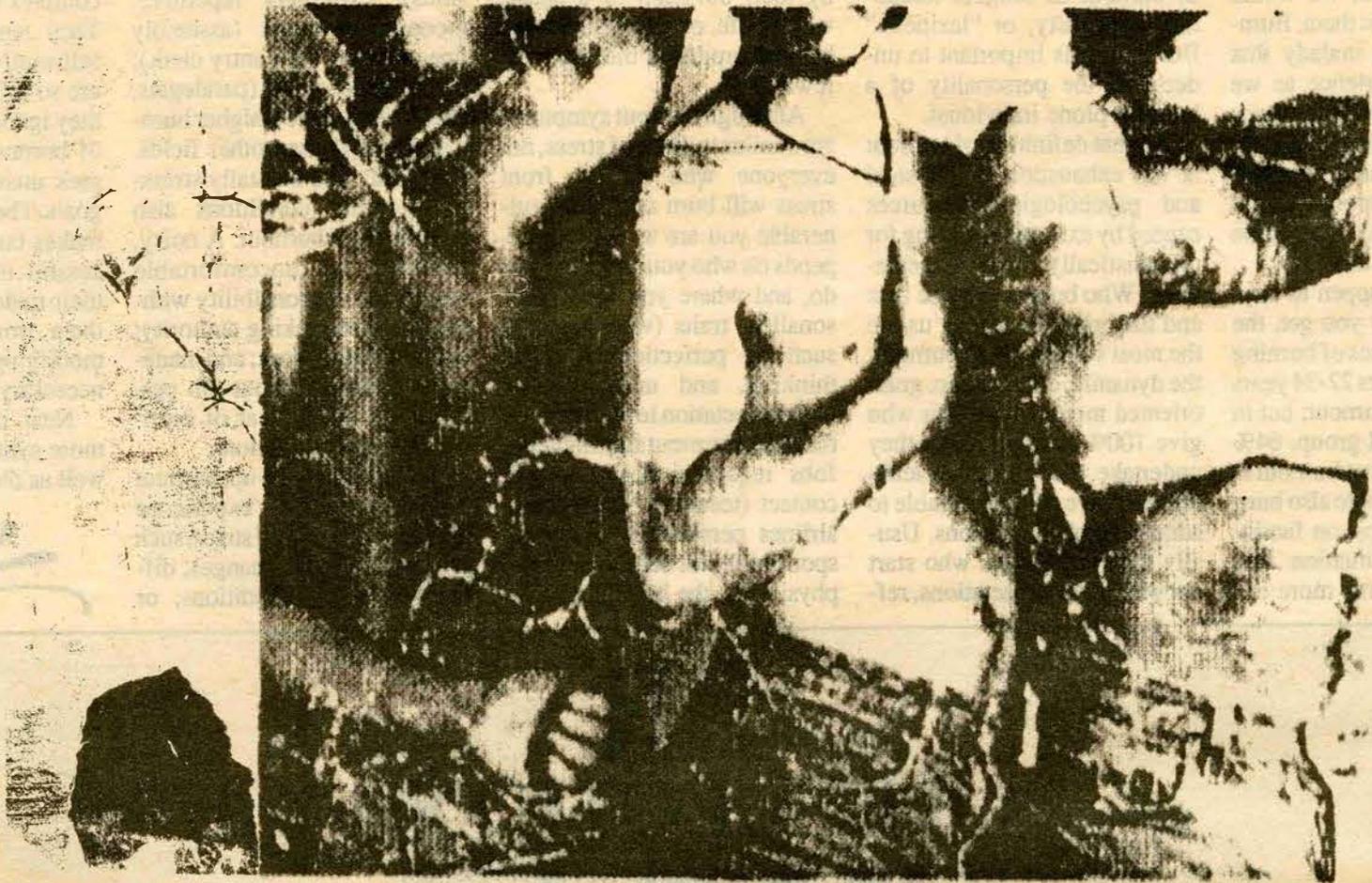
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How Do You Feel About Country Music? Gay Ho Soon To Ride Again

by Matthew Presley

Does the sound of a steel guitar send shivers through you? No, not like fingernails on a chalkboard, more like the feeling of coming home to family and friends after being gone for a long time.

Well friends, it's been almost three years since Memphis has staged a country and western-themed show, namely "Gay Ho '86," the likes of which this little hollow on the Mississippi will never see again without community-wide support.

Gay Ho '86 was staged at the old pendulum and also at George's on Marshall back in late 1986. The show was quite a success raising nearly \$2500.00 for the proposed Memphis Gay Community Center.

Well, if you were present at one of those shows, and were wondering whatever happened

to your donations, well, they are still there, collecting dust and some occasional interest (not enough to spit on, but better than nothing).

After sitting on our haunches, waiting for the ball to fall into someone else's lap, we decided to pick it up again and carry it into 1989. Never fear, Gay Ho '89 is here.

If you're a lover of good country music, comedy, and good old-fashioned entertainment, then set your sights on late March on Mid-April as being the time to polish up your hoedown boots and prepare to be entertained.

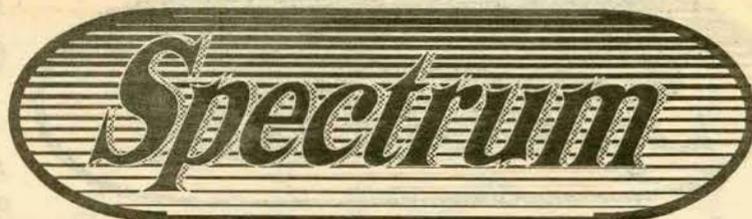
What's needed now is a good cast of individuals who are willing to commit to putting together a show full of warmth and good ole country excitement. If you are interested in being part of this, are available

for evening and weekend rehearsals, and are willing to audition live or lip sync, please call Matthew Presley at 901-278-5999. Be sure to leave a message if no one is at home.

We are in need of ten cast members (men and women), plus stage managers, lighting, music, and choreography volunteers.

The show's proceeds will once again go to benefit the proposed Memphis Gay Community Center which, if you have an inkling to donate some of that there expendable income, feel free to send a donation to the Memphis Gay Community Center Fund, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Until the show, keep your feet in your stirrups, your hand on the horn, and your face away from the horses's pitutti.



Producer Sharon Wray, director Dennis Massey and cast members of *The Boys in the Band*—at WKRB April 2, 3, 4.

Gay Computers Tie In to Washington

Washington, DC — Gay and Lesbian computer users can now get up-to-the-minute information from the nation's capital by signing onto the new Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) computerized bulletin board.

The bulletin Board, called HRCF NET, features a variety of information on federal legislation, voting records, constituent mobilization, and other news of interest to the national Gay and Lesbian and AIDS communities. HRCF's is the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian civil rights and AIDS political action committee and lobbying group.

You can access the HRCF NET for:

- Legislative Update — current AIDS and civil rights bills, amendments, and other Capitol Hill happenings.

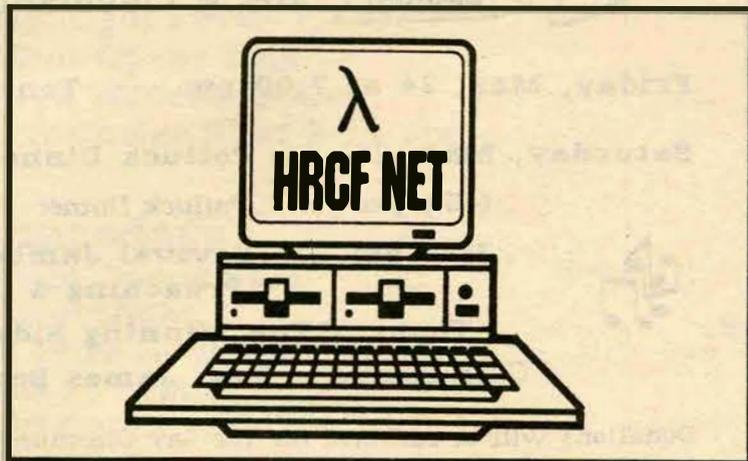
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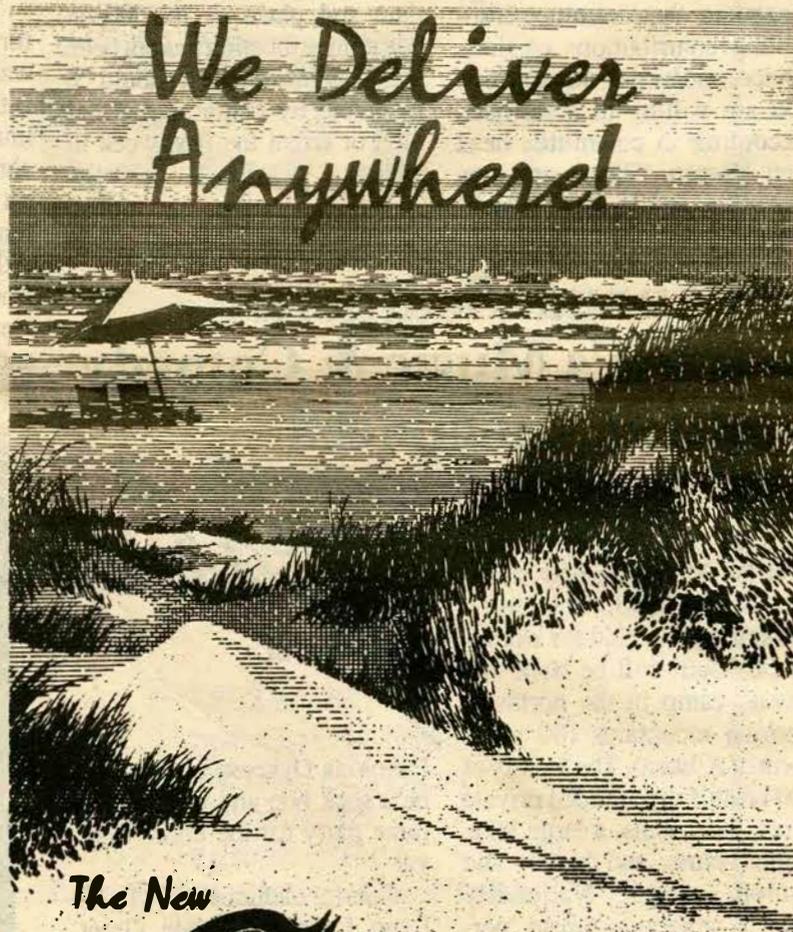
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Gay Community Center Update

Members of the Gay Community Center Committee have announced that papers have been submitted to establish the Community Center as a Corporation. Efforts are underway to hammer out by-laws and a constitution for the center. The next step, after that, will be to apply for tax exempt status.

The first location will probably be less than a "Taj Mahal," but hopes are still high that some definite location will be selected by Gay Pride Week '89. In the meantime, the committee is soliciting contributions of time, advice, and/or any other efforts you are willing to contribute. According to committee head Ken Horton, "There are now more Gay and Lesbian organi-

zations and businesses in Memphis than ever before. As a community, we need a center to continue growing and to serve the needs of all of the various Gays and Lesbians in our city."

Anyone interested in contributing or participating in anyway or even if you just want more information, please contact either Ken Horton at 324-GAYS Wednesday evenings from 7:30-11:00 PM or Kristi Elrod at the Agape New Life Church, 327-4145. As of this writing, the date and place of the March committee meeting has not been set. That information should be available by contacting either Ken or Kristi the first week in March.

6th Annual Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival Announced

The sixth annual Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival will once again be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29th. The largest gathering of its kind for women in the South will be back at a private camp in the northeast Georgia mountains (80 miles north of Atlanta). The facility of 200 beautifully wooded private acres, has cabins, a large lake, tennis courts, and indoor and outdoor stages. Nationally known women's music performers such as Lucie Blue Tremblay, Deidre McCalla, Connie Kaldor, Alix Dobkin, and The Washington Sisters will join their sister southern musicians such as The Sensible Pumps, The Ruby Slipper, and others on the main stage. Special guests will be the Dance Brigade from San Francisco, and the internationally known theatre group Split Britches. There will be a dance every night, including a square dance on Sunday night with Reel World, a Swing dance with Stafford Street Sisters (a 9-piece swing band). On Saturday night there will be a '50's dance with the

Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival

Fabulous Dyketones. This will be a sock hop and a '50's costume party for the entire festival.

Comics include Robin Tyler, Lynn Lavner, Monica Grant, Renee Hicks, and Karen Ripley. Authors include Sonia Johnson, Charlotte Bunch, Kay Hagen, Sarah Lucia Hoagland, and Karen Thompson.

Boys 10 and under are welcome. Childcare will be provided. The festival events will be interpreted for the hearing impaired and will be handicapped accessible. Price for the 5, 4 or 3-day weekend (no one day passes) range from \$100 to \$165 per person. Food is included.

For further information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to SWMCF, 15842 Chase Street, Sepulveda, CA 91343.

Raleigh, NC To Host 1990 Southeastern Conference's 15th Anniversary

Raleigh, NC — The 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held in Raleigh, NC tentatively on March 22-25, 1990

People from across the southeast will come to Raleigh for four exciting days. There will be educational workshops (including a strategy session on the elimination of sodomy laws in the southeast), regional and national speakers and entertainers, Lesbian/Gay sport activities, "Our Southeastern Communities" exhibition and a Lesbian/Gay photo contest exhibition. We will have films, live theatre, cocktail parties, an interfaith worship service, a picnic, a dance, and a variety of other events.

The Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, Inc. was begun in 1976 by students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and other concerned people. It is the oldest regional Lesbian/Gay conference in the United States. Atlanta, Memphis, Baton Rouge, Tampa, Birmingham, New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale, and Dallas have all hosted the

conference in years past. Currently the conference is scheduled to be held at the Radisson Hotel and the Civic Center in downtown Raleigh, and it is strongly endorsed by the Raleigh City Council.

The Raleigh-based Conference Steering Committee welcomes the participation of anyone who has an interest in the full acceptance of Lesbian and Gay people in our society. "We

need ideas, volunteers, and donations. We want as many people as possible to participate... both during the planning stage and during the conference itself," said a press release from the Steering Committee.

For more information or to volunteer write to: SECLGM, Inc. '90 - PO Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call (919) 833-1209.

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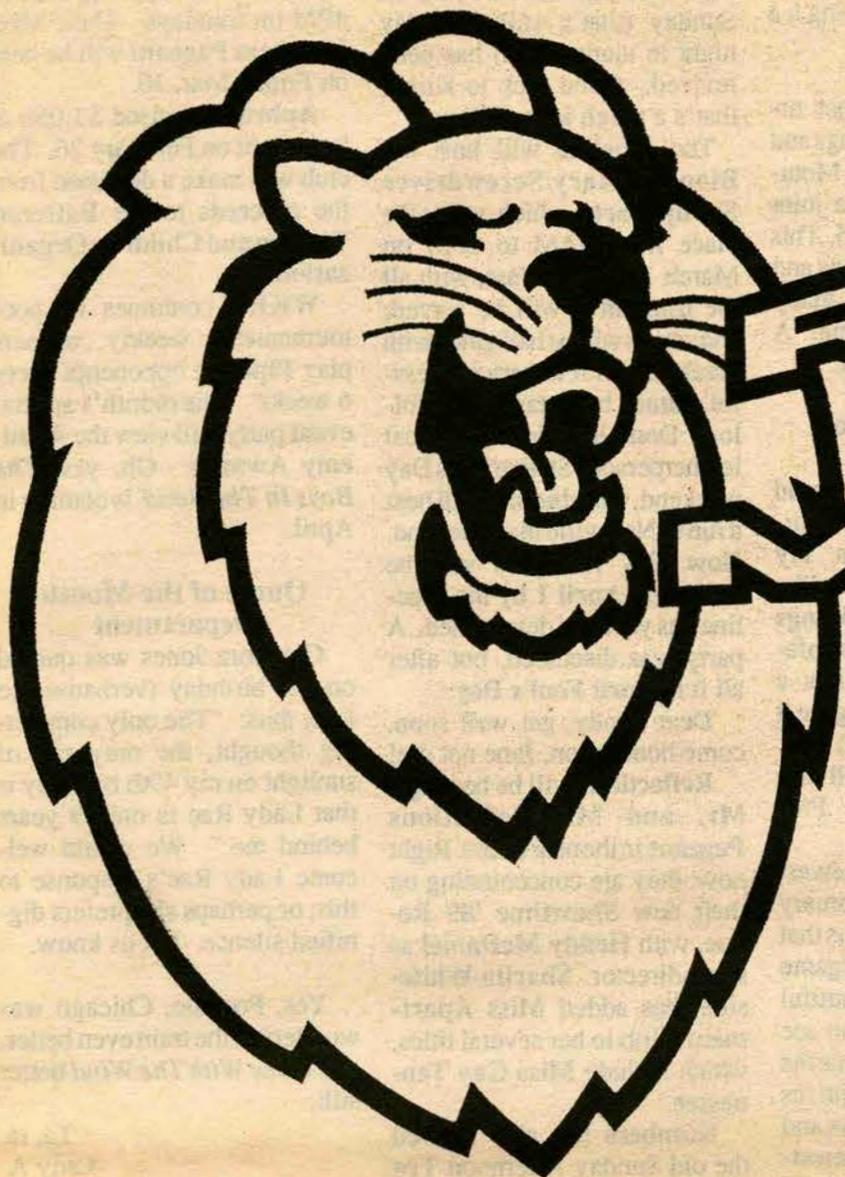
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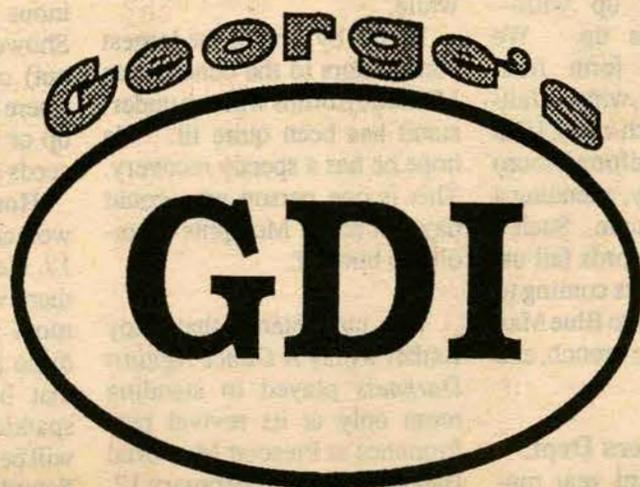
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Quick Clips

by Lady A,

It's not easy being Lois Lane.

Pure Astonishment Dept.

Thank you, members of Tsarus, for one of the genuine high points of my entire life.

Old Business Dept.

One last reference to our January trip to St. Louis: deep and abiding thanks to Patric and Paul for putting up with—ahem—putting us up. We couldn't venture forth from Memphis, it seems, without falling in with a bunch of SLUTS (that's St. Louis Uniform Troop) and, quite naturally, attending a party thrown by same. Such a divertissement! Words fail us, or is it good manners coming to the rescue? Thanks to Blue Max for the tasteful little brooch, and here's your story.

Carnival Capers Dept.

Once again, third year running, Mardi Gras was celebrated in the traditional style at the Pipeline with Cajun style food and the ceremonial cutting of the King Cake at 7 PM. Lagniappe is the only appropriate term for the decorations and jazz was the appropriate term for the music. Everybody we saw was having a wonderful time. A tradition continues.

Once More With Feeling Department

We were very pleased and proud to be a part of the Stand By Me benefit for ATEAC which was held on February 5. Despite the terrible weather, a very large crowd attended the show which was organized by Trixie Thunderpussy, who still has the distinction of being the largest contributor to ATEAC as a single performer. She was joined by Miss Peaches; the Wings club; an ole frump who goes by the name Sweet Thang; yours truly; Chita, Rita, and Blanch (Las Chicanas); Tamika St. John; a representative from Aphrodite; one token hunk of Beefcake; and Eamestine, the telephone operator. Quite a group, indeed. \$3,866.35 was raised in three hours.

We hear that Miss Thunderpussy will be taking a sabbatical from the tawdry world

of tinsel and sequins beginning in March. After all, as Bette Midler once said, even the divine must rest. We can conceive of no other performer who deserves both a vacation and warm thanks from all of her fans and from all who have benefited from her generosity.

This does not, however, mean we will not ask her to perhaps creep out of retirement for a special appearance once in a while.

By the by, one of the largest contributors to the benefit was Michelle Rollins who we understand has been quite ill. We hope he has a speedy recovery. This is one person who could have an entire Memphis Memoirs to himself.

We understand that Roy Barber's play *A Dance Against Darkness* played to standing room only at its revival performance at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church on February 17. Such attendance of such a wonderful show and the kind invitation of such a congregation may stop us from dishing Baptists in general.

Yes Virginia, *The Boys in the Band* is indeed well into rehearsal and will perform as scheduled on April 2, 3 and 4 at WKRB. Ticket information is available through the bar. This is the show where all those one-liners you have been hearing for years came from. Not light fare, but still timely and good theatre—all out of the Gay community.

A performance of quite a different type took place on February 18. A large number of dedicated ATEAC volunteers staffed tables at every bar in the city for the first AIDS Awareness Night. These evenings will take place monthly and the volunteers deserve roses and applause for giving of their time, especially on weekend nights.

The Pot Luck Party hosted by the Memphis Gay Coalition also proved to be well-populated and fun despite the hazards of ice and cold. Perhaps there will be more. The donations to the Community Center Fund collected at this function

will be used to incorporate the Community Center, making it a real entity.

All three of the leather organizations--Tsarus, Wings and Women of Leather--in Memphis came together for a joint Club Night on February 25. This was a real first for Memphis and perhaps a harbinger of many more joint efforts to come. A good time was had by all.

Woman on the Street Department

Chaps will have its grand opening March 3 and 4 featuring live music both nights. Try the food; this place behaves like a real restaurant. The Wings club will hold one of its infamous "We Really Are Not a Showclub" shows (you figure it out) on March 11 at 10 PM. There is no telling who will turn up or what may happen. Proceeds go to the club.

Hours, Memphis' newest women's bar, opened February 17. Gee Gee Parola tells us that there will be a quiet side/game room as well as the beautiful disco area. It was good to see that home of many benefits sparkle once more. Doorprizes will be given out on Fridays and Saturdays with a very interesting version of Lesbian Bingo played each Friday. Let her explain it to you, but you must be present to win.

Another Bar, now a very intimate space, will again host Victims of Desire on March 5 and the Texas Headliners on March 11. There are usually two performances and drink specials go along.

GDI on the river will mark its First Anniversary on April Fool's Day with a large celebration. Simultaneously it will recognize the 20th Anniversary of the opening of George's. GDI means George's Disco, Incorporated, ninny. A long way from the Famous Door, ain't it, old timers. The winners of the Miss Sweetheart Pageant were Lacy Delaney, winner; Serena Turner, first alternate; and Genese Fontaine, second alternate.

Frank Cooper tells us that Sundays will feature alternate forms of entertainment including live bands, comics and other drag-alternative events. He also told moi that Sunday March 19 will be used as a benefit for ATEAC. Details in the ad (do we have to tell you everything?).

Kirby Kincaid will takeover for Trixie Thunderpussy as show director at J-WAGS beginning in March. The Break-

fast Club show at 3:30 AM on Sunday (that's still Saturday night to many of us) has been revived. Good luck to Kirby; that's a tough act to follow.

The Pipeline will host a Bloody Mary/Screwdriver Set-up Party which will take place from 9AM to 1PM on March 12. Breakfast, with all the trimmin's, will be served; and setups will be half-price with breakfast. If it is very successful, future breakfasts may follow. Don't look for many local leatherpersons St. Patrick's Day weekend, Conductors will host a run in Nashville that weekend. How Gay Memphis will be fooled on April 1 by the Pipeline has yet to be determined. A party was discussed, but after all it is April Fool's Day.

Dear Sandy, get well soon, come home soon, Jane not die!

Reflections will be hosting a Mr. and Ms. Reflections Pageant in the near future. Right now, they are concentrating on their new Showtime '89 Revue, with Heddy McDaniel as show director. Sharita White-side, has added Miss Apartment Club to her several titles, which include Miss Gay Tennessee.

Numbers has also revived the old Sunday Afternoon Tea

Dance with an opening time of 4PM on Sundays. Their Miss Numbers Pageant will be held on Friday Mar. 10.

Aphrodite raised \$1,056 at its benefit on February 26. The club will make a donation from the proceeds to the Battered Women and Children Organization.

WKRB continues its pool tournament; weekly winners play Pipeline opponents every 6 weeks. This month's special event party will view the Academy Awards. Oh, yes, *The Boys In The Band* is coming in April.

Quote of the Month Department

Glendora Jones was quoted on her birthday (verbatim, no less) thus: "The only comforting thought, the only ray of sunlight on my 49th birthday is that Lady Rae is only 9 years behind me." We would welcome Lady Rae's response to this, or perhaps she prefers dignified silence. Let us know.

Yes, Poopsie, Chicago was wonderful, the train even better, and *Gone With The Wind* better still.

Ta, ta,
Lady A.

*Gay Women's
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Black Gays in Memphis

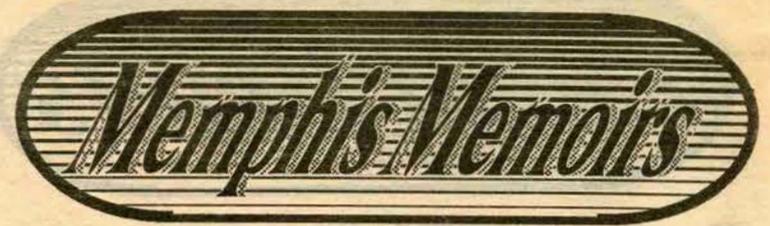
Many members of the Memphis Gay community just finished celebrating this year's Black History Month. Here is what Fred Harris had to say about the early beginnings of the black Gay community in Memphis. This article comes from the December 1975 issue

of Gaiety edited by Gary Poe and taken mainly from interviews with the true Grande Dame of the Black Gay community, Miss Peaches.

While Gay life in the white community during the fifties and sixties centered around several downtown and midtown bars,

Black Gays gathered in their own clubs and bars. Like many of the white establishments, they were "mixed" and included both Gays and straights according to Peaches, the prominent Black female impersonator.

During the 1950's, bars and clubs popular with Black Gays included the Flamingo Club and Club Handy on Hemando Street



and the U-Bar. Of these, the Flamingo Club was considered the "hottest." It was popular until it closed about 1961.

During this period, males in full drag would mingle with the other Gay and straight customers, Peaches says. There were no problems with the straights, but the police would periodically come in and arrest female impersonators.

In 1958, the first Miss Black Gay Memphis drag contest was held at the Flamingo Club. The winner was Miss Peaches. Prior to that, in the mid-1950's, there had been at least three similar contests.

After the Flamingo closed, Black Gays went to the Hippodrome Club at 500 Beale. It was popular from about 1962 to 1965-66.

Other mixed establishments popular with Black homosexuals during the 1960's included the Showcase Club on Park Avenue, the Toast of the Town, Club Rosewood, and the Safari Bar on Lauderdale. The first Black female impersonation troupe was Peaches and the Jewel Box Review, formed in the mid 1960's. This group performed at the Elks Club on Beale Street and other establishments before disbanding in 1968 or 1969.

Because of the rigid segregation enforced in Memphis until the mid 1960's, there was no mingling of Black and white homosexuals in bars and clubs. This did not prevent occasional contact from being made outdoors in parks, around the bus station, or other open places.

"There was limited contact between the Blacks and the

whites back then," Peaches stated, "but it was private and very discreet."

After the passage of the Equal Accommodations Act of 1965, a few Blacks started to go into the previously off-limits white bars. The first Gay bar to be so integrated was Frank's Shobar on Bellevue, when a Black man named Alan Dillard went in and ordered a drink. He had no difficulties with the employees or other customers according to Peaches. On the contrary, "They loved him!"

A little later, Peaches became the first Black drag queen to go into a white Gay club. By 1966-67, a few Blacks had been given membership cards to the Gay private club in Tipton County (about which our readers will learn later). Others were refused membership, however, and a de facto quota system seemed to be in effect.

A future segment will continue this tale, particularly mentioning the Sunday shows that ran for many years at the Family Affair Lounge on Vance Avenue and even a bar that for a short while bore the name—Club Peaches. Peaches herself is performing at J-Wags and also appeared at the most recent ATEAC benefit. Nowadays, a mixed crowd may be found at most any Gay bar, with the Black experience most prevalent at the Apartment Club on Madison at Danny Thomas. The monthly events by the Memphis chapter of Black and White Men Together may be read in every month's Gaze newspaper.

Compiled (with asides) by Vincent Astor.

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Legal Briefs

Protecting Rights of Relationships — Legally

by Susan Mackenzie
Attorney at Law

We, as Lesbian and Gay individuals, are all too well aware of the fact that our committed loving relationships are not formally sanctioned or recognized by the laws and institutions of the heterosexual world. Accordingly, many rights and protections afforded heterosexual married couples are denied to us, and the ramifications of this lack of recognition and protection can be profound.

I am sure that you are well aware of the lengthy and ongoing legal battle between Karen Thompson and the parents of her lover of nine years, Sharon Kowalski. Despite the fact that they had been together for over nine years when Sharon was critically injured in an automobile accident, her parents stepped in and took control. Under Sharon's father's orders Karen has not been allowed to visit her life mate since August of 1985. Thank goodness Karen was finally able to visit Sharon the first weekend in February 1989, but it cost her thousands of dollars and years of legal battle to obtain that visit.

Then there is the situation where one of the partners dies; and suddenly the family sweeps in and takes not only their child/sibling's property, but the joint property, too. Now, not only is the lover gone, but the life they have built together is gone too. Sometimes these vicious acts are done by a family that "accepted" the couple as such while their son/daughter/brother/sister was alive. Unfortunately, this threat to our joint lives always exists.

Both of these situations are ones that no Lesbian or Gay couple should have to endure. The law will not protect us until we protect ourselves, and we can protect our loving relationships. If steps are not taken to protect ourselves and our loved ones, we are left at the mercy of a system that does not recognize, let alone facilitate or benefit, the bonds we have established in our committed relationships. In this article, I will

address the various mechanisms available to protect our relationships and our lovers.

Adoption

One of the most well-known or talked about method is adoption. When one lover adopts another, next-of-kin status is created between the lovers. Adoption is a formal legal procedure wherein the court is petitioned and must approve the adoption request. Since the court must approve the request, in the context of a Gay relationship, the request could be denied on the basis that an adoption is not in the best interest of the individual involved or the public. Standard homophobic beliefs can be used to support either of these two positions. The court may also find that the request is against public policy and deny the petition.

A formal adoption has numerous disadvantages and is not recommended as a way of protecting lovers in a committed relationship. Initially, an adoption is irrevocable; and even though the goal is a relationship "to death do us part," reality does not always allow us to meet that goal. Even though it is possible to disinherit the former adopted lover, standing to contest the will always remains. Then there is the issue that since adoption creates a parent/child relationship, how are continued sexual relations to be treated. Technically, the door is opened for prosecution not only under the "crimes against nature" statute, but for incest as well. Finally, the people who are adopted lose all rights they have to inheriting anything from their natural family. If the family member dies without a will, unless the property is specifically left to them. In short, the protection provided by adoption can be obtained by less drastic means without the significant disadvantages.

Wills

The best means to insure a lover acquires certain property upon one's death is by writing a will specifically stating what

property the lover is to receive. Without a will, Tennessee law provides that upon one's death the children get the property. If there are no surviving children, then the surviving parents get the property. If there are no surviving parents, then surviving brothers and sisters are to receive the estate. The law goes on to other blood relatives, but the bottom line is that the lover is not covered by the Tennessee law of intestate succession.

Tennessee does recognize a holographic (handwritten) will, however, I discourage their use for anyone, and especially for Lesbian and Gay couples where a challenge to the will is always possible. Holographic wills must be totally in one's own handwriting, and cannot be one of the fill-in-the-blank forms. A common problem with the holographic wills I have seen is that they are very ambiguous and leave out important factors necessary to obtain the maker's intentions.

A properly drafted will can go a long ways in discouraging a will contest. A will leaving everything to a lover cannot be contested on the basis of a homosexual relationship. Generally, a will can only be contested if (1) the maker was under a mental incapacity at the time of the making, (2) the will or its provisions were obtained by fraud, (3) the maker made the will under duress, or (4) the

maker was under undue influence of another. While arguably the "illicit relationship" may create undue influence, the relationship would be only one factor to consider in the determination of whether the will was the product of undue influence.

A will needs to be very complete even if it may be redundant when other legal instruments are considered. When it comes to protecting our relationships it is always better to be safe than sorry. A will addresses how an individual's property will be distributed upon their death. There is great latitude in dealing with one's property. Everything can be left to a lover, money or property can be given to organizations, specific items can be given to friends and trusts can be created to care for children or pets.

The will itself will state who the individual wants to be the executor, namely the individual who will see that the directions in the will are carried out. The executor needs to be a reliable and competent individual. There is no legal reason why the lover should not be the executor, and if she/he is the primary beneficiary, it is recommended. At least one alternative executor should also be named should the primary choice pre-decease the maker, or for another reason fail to survive. Another advantage of a will is that the bond

normally required of an executor can be waived.

When minor children (and sometimes pets) are involved, it is wise to set up a trust with the funds to be used for the health, education, support, and welfare of the minor children. The will will name the individual who will administer the trust and will set the age or ages at which all or part of the trust fund is to be given to the beneficiary. Provisions are also made for the trustee's compensation for administering the trust. The will can also nominate a guardian for the minor children for consideration by the court.

None of these mechanisms can provide the opportunity for the joint filing of federal income tax or joint medical or rental insurance. Until the laws or corporate policies change, these benefits of heterosexual marriages are beyond our grasp. However, protecting ourselves and loved ones from the fate that befell Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski is well worth the effort and expense.

Next month Susan Mackenzie will explore Powers of Attorney and Conservatorships and their applications in protecting Gay couples rights and relationships.



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Bar Association Backs Gay Rights

The American Bar Association (ABA), the largest lawyer's group in the country, voted Feb. 6 to support a resolution calling for the elimination of discrimination laws against Gay men and Lesbians.

Meeting in Denver, the ABA's House of Delegates approved the measure by a 2-1 margin. The House of delegates had twice refused to adopt the resolution which calls for federal, state, and local laws "prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodation."

The issue had come up in 1983 and lost by 24 votes. In 1985, the resolution was reintroduced and lost by 9 votes.

Proponents of the measure argue that its adoption by the ABA will add weight to arguments for civil rights protections for Gay men and women.

made by Heritage of Pride, the organizers of New York City's annual Gay pride march and rally. GLADD, the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and Lambda Legal Defense also wrote to NYNEX requesting a separate heading for Lesbian and Gay groups. The groups claimed in part that logic, convenience and the invisibility of the Lesbian and Gay community mandated a separate heading. When all requests were denied, the groups filed a complaint with the City Human Rights Commission claiming that the denials were based on sexual orientation.

Victory for Gay Man Denied College Diploma

San Francisco — A man who was denied his bachelor's degree by Lincoln Christian College because of "homosexuality" has now reached a favorable out-of-court settlement. Details could not be revealed as Greg Johnson and LCC have agreed to keep the terms of the settlement confidential. Mr. Johnson sued the Illinois college in 1984 with the assistance of National Gay Rights Advocates and Jenner & Block, a prestigious Chicago law firm.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "The college did the right thing by settling this case. We had some very strong law on our side which was reinforced by a Court of Appeals decision in 1987 requiring LCC to defend its actions in court."

"We'll pursue lawless homophobia wherever we encounter it," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "This was a case of plain, old fashioned, garden-variety bigotry. Reaction to this lawsuit for the last four years has been universal disbelief that a man could be denied his college degree simply because of homosexuality."

Mr. Johnson was enrolled at Lincoln Christian College from 1976 to 1981 working on a teaching degree in sacred music. The controversy began when another student told the dean that Johnson was Gay. The school sent Johnson to a counselor who attempted to "convert" him. The counselor was also sued by NGRA and has also agreed to the settlement.

The favorable settlement will not allow Johnson to pursue a graduate degree program.

Lambda Claims Victory in NYNEX Suit

New York — Lambda Legal Defense and Education fund announced Jan. 20 that the New York City Human Right Commission has made a preliminary determination that NYNEX, the Yellow Pages publisher for New York and New England, violated with law by refusing to create a Yellow Pages heading for Lesbian and Gay groups.

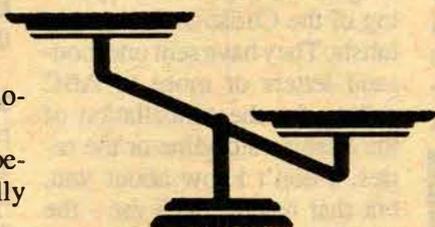
In May 1988, Lambda filed a sexual orientation discrimination complaint against NYNEX on behalf of three New York-based Gay groups, alleging that NYNEX's resistant refusal to include a Gay and Lesbian heading in the Yellow Pages violated New York City law.

The Commission's finding and notice of intention to proceed to a public hearing was issued just days before NYNEX announced its agreement to restructure its New York and New England directories to allow for a sub-heading for Lesbian and Gay organizations. The sub-headings would come under a general "Social and Human Services" heading and would include other sub-headings for women's, disability, and children's groups, among others.

"The Commission's preliminary decision to proceed with the case is a significant legal victory which could have ramifications for the visibility of Lesbian and Gay groups around the country," stated Lambda's Legal Director Paula L. Etlebrick, the attorney who represented the groups. "Since the Yellow Pages directory is the major source of information in any community, this sets a significant precedent for groups everywhere to demand that our organizations be distinguished under a separate heading in the same manner that other groups

and businesses are accommodated.

The request for a Gay-specific heading was originally



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to adversely effect each and every one of us today.

Our political action committees and state lobbyists need to point out to our state legislators that "Crimes Against Nature" laws are unconstitutional because they infringe upon the First Amendment's guarantee of separation between church and state. Instead of apologizing for the homophobic Bible, we should be working to eliminate its influence from our lives.

Hasn't its "misinterpretations" caused us enough misery?

Don Sanders
Nat'l Director,
American Gay Atheists
Houston, TX

Make Your Voice Heard

I would like to take a poll. How many of you watch television on a regular basis? How many of you watch television on Thursday evenings at 9:00 PM? How many of you have seen a program aired on ABC at

this time called "Heartbeat"? If you answered yes to all those questions and even if you didn't, you and 999 more people are who I am looking for.

ABC's "Heartbeat" program, about a women's medical clinic, features some delightful viewing. Being a Gay person, I am particularly excited that this show featured an openly Lesbian couple as a continuing storyline. Their relationship was portrayed in an honest and thoughtful manner by the show's writers. However, that was a little too much for those of the viewing audience who would prefer that Lesbians and Gays be shown as pathetic and deranged characters. I am speaking of the Christian fundamentalists. They have sent one thousand letters or more to ABC calling for the cancellation of the Lesbian storyline or the series. I don't know about you, but that really chaffs me - the idea that just one thousand or so "loving" Christians could force ABC to alter the course of programming. It is appalling and needs to be stopped!

What I am asking you to do is to become involved in an action tree. What is that? I would like to get at least one thousand people to commit to writing a letter to ABC to show that there is support for the other side of the issue. Providing at least one-for-one letters in support. ABC would have a difficult time and probably second thoughts about pulling the plug on this series. We could also use the tree in other instances when we want to make our voices heard.

It would work like this: I would have the name and phone numbers of at least ten people I could call and tell that we need to write letters on this, to that person, at this address. I would only know the names and numbers of ten people. Those ten people would call ten other people, relaying the information and writing their letters, and they in turn, would call ten people, and so on and so forth, until we generated one thousand or more letters.

But what about confidentiality? You could call ten of your friends, and they could call ten of their friends. You need not go outside of your circle of friends.

But why do this? To quote, Harvey Milk, who lost his life trying to correct the injustices done to Lesbians and Gays, "Rights are won only by those who make their voices heard." Let us make a one thousand or more voices heard by getting

involved. You can contact me, Rick Bray, at (901) 274-0454.

Rick Bray
Memphis, TN

"Worried Well" a Misnomer

Thank you very much for the many articles you print on behalf of ATEAC. However, as a former facilitator for the Sunday HIV-positive support group, I must take exception to your referring to the group as an HIV-Positive "Worried Well" group. The HIV-Positive groups are based on the Body-Positive Groups that provide a support network for people who have been exposed to the HIV virus that is thought to cause AIDS.

People who have tested positive for HIV are not the "worried well." That term makes it sound like a support group for some frightened hypochondriacs. Instead, there is increasing support for the thought that early HIV-infection has measurable and distinct physiological and psychological effects long before the onset of any opportunistic infections or significant immune damage. These effects make the need for a support group even greater.

Thank you for the opportunity to clear up the confusion surrounding HIV-positive status and the misnomer of the "worried well."

Marty Katz
Memphis, TN

GayRap

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activists, because they tend to promote the "stereotype" of Gay people. But it should be pointed out that these individuals were the first to "come out" and often accepted the responsibility of carrying the banner of Gay rights. Their bravery and outspokenness have done a great deal in furthering the cause of Gay civil rights. They will surely have some very interesting and funny tales to share.

The April and May GayRap meetings are shaping up to be discussions of Gay Pride as a

sort of preamble to the Gay Pride Celebration in June. According to Coalition President, Ken Horton, "Pride in oneself and in the community is something which has not been a strong part of our being. Growing up with our 'terrible secret' has damaged far too many of us. It has led to alcohol and drug addiction or, at the very least, a very low self esteem." According to Horton, "the bad publicity which Lesbian and Gay people have received has done much to keep us frightened and closeted. Pride in ourselves, not haughtiness or conceit, will enable us to show the world that we are 'normal' people who can be as proud as anyone else. We certainly cannot expect to gain the respect of others if we do not respect ourselves."

This June marks the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots which told the world in no uncertain terms, "We will not take this treatment anymore." It marked the beginning of the modern Gay rights movement.

Man of the Year

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diverse causes as Jerry's Kids, the Gay Switchboard, and the Gay Community Center. He headed the first AIDS benefit in Memphis, "Old Hash," in 1982.

Vincent Astor is truly a legend in his own time. He is known in both the straight world, for his work at the Orpheum and in various theatrical productions throughout the years, and the Gay world, as the most flamboyant and outspoken member of the Gay community. More recently, Vincent has become a *Gaze* staff member, researching and writing perhaps the most widely read feature of the paper, "Quick Clips." He has also taken on the task of researching and writing Memphis Gay history in "Memphis Memoirs," and establishing a complete *Gaze* archive.

As recipient of the award, the \$300 raised above expenses will be donated to the charity of Vincent's choice. Astor will use the money to restore the Coalition's AIDS education fund.



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GDI on the River: 287 S. Front Street - 526-1038.
Hours: 92 N. Avalon (upstairs) - 725-9400.
J-Wags: 1268 Madison - 725-1909.
Numbers: 600 Marshall - 526-5553.
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 (P-FLAG): 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.

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

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

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

Women of Leather: 181 N. Willett, Memphis, 38104 - 278-9321

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 458-AIDS. 3:30-11pm
Gay Switchboard: 324-GAYS. 7:30-11pm
LINC: 725-8895.
Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.
Rape Crisis: 528-2161.
Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

COUNSELING & LEGAL SERVICES

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Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 n. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis, 38103 - (901) 525-0417.
Carole Taylor, MS: Counseling - 458-7098.
Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

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The Book Mart: 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546.
Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.
Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.
Economy Interiors: Antiques 1466 Madison - 725-9222.
Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.
Getwell Adult Book Store: 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.
Men of Leather: Leather shop - 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. - 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.
The Personals: Gay Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.

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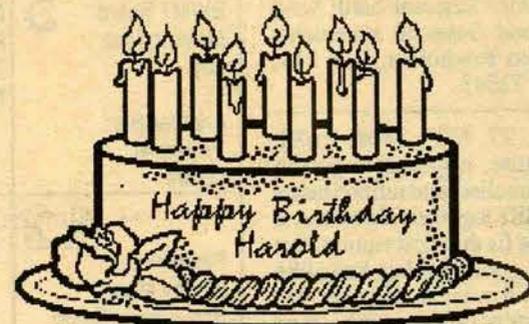
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GWM, 32, 5'11", 180#, seeks feminine pre-op male-to-female transsexual taking female hormones. Discreet. Want to swap transsexual films, magazines. Send photo! Stan, Box 751151, Memphis, TN 38175-1151.

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GWM, 18, 5'4", 130#, Br hair, Hazel eyes, fun-loving. Seeks 17-25, straight-acting, GWM for friendship/relationship. Only serious need reply. Write: Billy, Box 881, Memphis, TN 38130.

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GWM, 5'5" tall, 135#, very clean and discreet, seeking TV/TS or she-males, black or white. Postage is guaranteed return. Write: Boxholder, Box 281182, Memphis, TN 38168.

GBM, 37 (look younger), 5'7", 138 #, with trim beard and moustache. Would like to meet GWM's for friendship/companionship, and possible lover. I am honest, sincere, private, fun-loving, and trustworthy. My interests include movies, music, theatre, travel, nature, and spending time with a special someone. I am sexually versatile and into safe sex. Free to travel. Will exchange photos. Only serious replies please. Write in detail to: Jesse Pippins, Box 1388, Tupelo, MS 38802.

GWM, 50, seeks honest, sincere GWM, 19-23 who has a smooth body and wants a good solid relationship, with support and guidance. You must be clean-cut with no game playing. I can give you the love and support that you have been looking for, if you are willing to open your heart to me. Please send information about yourself to Suite 243, 4770 Germantown Rd South, Memphis, TN 38115 so that I may contact you. No drugs, no drags.

GWF, seeking same, ages 17-25 for friendship and/or relationship. Preferred characteristics: intelligent, unique, creative, interesting, and fun-loving. Box 30881, Memphis, TN 38130-0881.

GWM, 26, 5'9", 155#, medium build, moderate endowment, masculine, very discreet, HIV negative. Seeking GWM couples to meet and enjoy, sharing company and other things. Couples ages 25-50, no fats, no fems, or druggies. Only serious men reply to: Box 750921, Memphis, TN 38175.

GWM, 37, 6'1", 210#, very submissive, blond, blue eyes, clean, just relocated from east. Seeks 2 topmen or Roommates for regular, non-serious encounters of my fantasies. Reply: Dept S3, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 32, 5'11", blue eyes, business owner. Seeks male to female transsexual taking female hormones. Men with breasts are very attractive. Send photo to: Stan, Box 751151, Memphis, TN 38175-1151.

GWM, 27, Brn/Bl, 6'1", 175#, clean, attractive, masculine, and more. Exchange photo or simply write: Boxholder, Box 41022, Memphis, TN 38174.

WORLD'S LARGEST PENIS Find out who and where on page 26 of "Gary Griffin's Confidential Report on Penis Enlargement Methods." Also read how Sudanese "grow" 10" penises (p. 44), the secret penis enlargement ritual of Mongolian Monks (p. 47), 42 horse-hung celebrities (Chapter 4), new surgical enlargement methods (Chapter 5), how I gained 1" in 4 months. You can too! (p. 77), and

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March Gay Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	ATEAC Buddy Training 4 Lambda Center Las Vegas Night - 9:30
BWMT Board Meeting (see ad) 5	Memphis Gay Pride Meeting 7:30 Main Library Meeting Room A 6	7	8	BWMT Pot Luck (see ad) 9	Numbers: Miss Numbers Pageant 10	Chaps: Wings Benefit 11 Another Bar: Texas Headliners Hours: Grand Opening
Another Bar: Victims of Desire						
Pipeline: Bloody Mary Screwdriver/Setup Party 9a-1p 12	13	14	April Gaze Deadline for letters, stories, and advertising 15	16	17	March AIDS Awareness Night. Help PWA's - Buy a Sticker! Gay Women's Social Group, 7:30 (see ad) 18
Palm Sunday 19	GayRap 7:30 Main Library Meeting Room A 20	21	22	23	24	3rd Annual ATEAC Auction Airport Hilton 7:30 25
BENEFIT: GDI hosts a fundraising benefit for ATEAC, 8 PM						
Easter 26	ATEAC Board Meeting, 7:30 - 689 Melrose. All interested welcome 27	28	29	Memphis Gay Coalition Steering Committee 8 PM, Bryton Tower Party Room 30	April Gaze Due Out 31	April 1 GDI: Anniversary Party Community Ctr Mtg. 11am, Agape Church

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