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Memphis, Tennessee

Health and Politics Key Issues at Statewide Meeting

by Allen Cook

"The two scariest words in this election are not 'Ronald Reagan,'" said Tom Chorlton. "They are 'Supreme Court.'" Chorlton, Executive Director of the National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs, reflected the tone of many participants at the Statewide Meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men held in Nashville October 13.

Approximately 75 G y activists attended the half day meeting which featured Chorlton as keynote speaker as well as presentations by BWMT/Memphis, Lifestyle Health Services, Sister Missionary Position of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Milo Guthrie of the Short Mountain Sanctuary.

The meeting began with a presentation from the residents of Short Mountain, a Gay sanctuary and land trust which covers 200 acres in an area near Liberty, TN about 60 miles from Nashville. Slides and accompanying narration and music enlightened the audience to the goals and aspirations of the sanctuary. Visitors were encouraged to attend.

Milo Guthrie, who failed to be included on the ballot for the 6th District race for the Tennessee State House of Representatives, indicated in a short campaign speech that every Gay person could make a statement by supporting him. Since he is not on the ballot, voters who request a paper ballot can write in his name in any district. Guthrie is running on a "peace" ticket.

Sister Missionary Position presented slides and told of the work of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence in San Francisco. Sr. Position resides at Short Mountain periodically. She said that the Sisters' current project involves community education about sexually transmitted diseases.

Bob Keller, a Nashville Health Dept. employee who has founded Lifestyle Health Services, spoke for about 45 minutes on current Health issues in the Gay community. He said that he feels that AIDS is not a dead issue even through the media is not spending a lot of time talking about it. He has concerns about the new AIDS test and how it will be

used, the confidentiality surrounding the reporting of its results and its impact on those who have been tested. Apparently the AIDS test will show if a person has been exposed to the disease but will not show if a person has it or may come down with it. He noted that there are many diseases to which a person may have been exposed and to which his body has developed defenses. Keller indicated that he feels that the biggest threat to the Gay male community at large is one that is largely preventable — Hepatitis-B.

Tom Chorlton spent most of his allotted time on politics. He was substituting for an ailing Vickie Monrean who resigned her post at Gay Rights National Lobby shortly

after having been announced as this year's keynote speaker.

Chorlton noted that the Republican party's platform does not even mention the words "Gay" or "Lesbian" and that the general tone of the platform's language excludes Gays. He said that voters must not just consider the next four years when casting their votes on Nov. 6. They must also consider the fact that 5 of the justices on the Supreme Court are now over the age of 75 and that the next administration could appoint that many to the Supreme Court. The net effect would be a conservative interpretation of legal cases which could stretch into the 21st century. ~~Already~~ Nixon and Ford appointees comprise a ma-

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TN Health Dept. Releases AIDS Figures

According to a report from the Tennessee State Department of Health, 14 cases of AIDS in Tennessee residents have been reported as of mid-August.

The report states that there were six cases reported between October 1982 and December 1983 with the remaining cases identified in 1984. These are cases which meet the current CDC/Atlanta case definition of AIDS and does not include cases reported which may have milder forms of AIDS-related illnesses.

Most of these cases acquired their initial infection with the AIDS agent outside Tennessee. However, the report says that some cases were 'finitely exposed' within the state.

Among the 14 cases, 13 were male and one was female. Eight victims were homosexual or bisexual males, two were IV drug users, two both Gay and IV drug users, one transfusion associated and one investigation was incomplete. Exactly half of those cases reported in Tennessee have resulted in death.

Nationally, the rate of increase in new cases is slowing, but CDC is still reporting 90 cases per week. As of August 20, 1984, 5,699 cases had been reported; 2,586 people have died.

The report notes that many individuals have multiple opportunistic infections. *Pneumocystis Carinii* pneumonia has struck nine of the patients with atypical mycobacterium infection hitting 5. Two cases were afflicted with Kaposi's sarcoma.

According to the report, the proportion of cases in various risk groups has been remarkably stable with approximately 72% of the cases involving either homosexual or bisexual men. The stability, plus the results of thousands of case investigations, shows that the AIDS agent (possibly HTLV-3 virus) is transmitted only through intimate sexual contact (semen exchange), the sharing of contaminated needles, or, less frequently, through transfusion of blood or use of blood products. There remains no evidence of transmission through casual contact. No transmission of AIDS has been associated with the treatment or nursing care of an AIDS patient.

Questions concerning AIDS or possible cases can be directed to Dr. Carl L. Swinger at (615) 741-7247. Dr. Swinger is serving as Tennessee liaison to the AIDS Task Force at CDC/Atlanta. Written correspondence should be labeled "private/confidential to be opened by addressee only."

Maine Youths Plead Guilty

Bangor, ME — Three Bangor teenagers who killed a 23-year-old Gay man by throwing him off a bridge were sentenced October 5 to indeterminate sentences at the Maine Youth Center.

Prosecutors had attempted to try the three as adults but Judge David Cox ruled that psychiatric evaluations of the three presented no evidence that they were likely to commit a similar crime again.

James Francis Baines, 15, Shawn Mabry, 16 and David Ness, 17, admitted to police that they threw Charles Howard, 23, off a Bangor bridge in July. Despite Howard's protestations that he could not swim, the three shook hands with each other and laughed before leaving the scene, according to one female witness.

The trio were ordered confined to the South Portland institution until no later than February 1988 when Ness turns 21. Judge Cox specified no minimum term.

"One life is ended and three lives

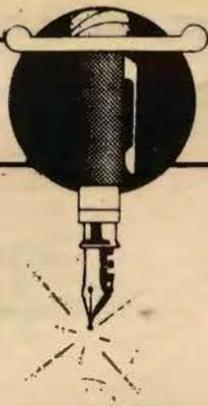
are ruined as a result of this incident," the judge said before imposing his sentence according to the Associated Press. He also said the attack on Howard reflected society's "prejudice, ignorance and intolerance."

According to the Portland Press-Herald, each of the youths spoke briefly at the sentencing saying that they regretted their actions, realized the seriousness of the crime, and recognized that nothing they could do would bring Howard back.

Psychiatrists had recommended that the three be remanded to a group home rather than being sent to the Youth Center.

The incident sparked heated debate on the issue of Gay rights in Maine. Earlier, the Bangor School District proposed steps to combat the homophobia which may have caused the attack. The following recommendations were approved unanimously:

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The Supreme (Court) Decision

by John Stilwell

When I first read that Leonard Matlovich was supporting Ronald Reagan I couldn't believe it. Then I thought it was an isolated case and surely Gay people recognized Mondale/Ferraro as the only logical choice. It soon became apparent to me, however, that based on basic party philosophies and what a person considered the important issues, many Gays think that Reagan/Bush is the logical choice. And the reason for that, it seems to me, is that many Gays don't consider their sexuality as an important issue in this campaign, when in fact it is.

Again it becomes a question of apathy and complacency. As long as there is not a direct frontal attack on the Gay community, as long as we can go out on the weekend and "be Gay" and Monday through Friday "be closeted" and as long as we don't feel personally threatened, then everything is fine and our sexuality is not important as an issue.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Gays are being discriminated against on the basis of their sexuality and they are taking these cases of discrimination to the courts. The courts are listening to these cases, they are interpreting the laws and the Constitution as they apply in these cases and the courts then hand down decisions which determine how we will be treated now and in the future. In the September '84 issue of Gaze, we reported that the courts had ruled (and set a precedent!) that homosexual conduct is not protected under the Constitutional guarantee of "right to privacy."

The present administration has a poor record on human and civil rights issues. If re-elected, there is a strong possibility that Reagan will be able to appoint as many as five judges to the Supreme Court which is already very conservative. Given

the conservative nature of Reagan and with Jerry Falwell's voice in his ear, any appointees will more than likely be ultra-conservative and not sympathetic to alternative lifestyles. Although, we would only have to "live with Reagan" for another four years, those judges will be with us for a long time.

Although efforts continue in local communities to pass Gay rights legislation, ultimately, only a federal law will really protect us from discrimination and be effective and enforceable in all fifty states. The current administration is not sympathetic to that need.

The tragic thing is that once a court decision is made, it is very hard, if not impossible, to reverse or overturn. And especially so, if we are talking about a Supreme Court decision. We can read the paper and watch our rights and protections

under the law be eradicated with very little that we can do, after the fact.

Unfortunately, only time will tell if the decisions and choices we make this November were good or bad. Tom Chorlton said at the Statewide Meeting that he did not advocate voting a straight ticket but the most important thing was for each of us to be informed — know the facts — then make a decision.

I would urge that when you consider the issues that are important to you, consider your sexuality and your rights and protection under the law. Many policy decisions on foreign or domestic affairs are going to affect your life to varying degrees and are very important, but the decisions that are going to hit closest to home and affect you every day are those court decisions that determine how you as a Gay person are going to be treated under the law.

When you go to the polls on November 6th, remember, you're not just electing a president and a vice-president, you're electing a Supreme Court.



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Ric's Advice

It's interesting that there is once again a movement to have elected officers in the Coalition. The MGC has been unique in that it hasn't had elected officials in its 5-year history. And it still accomplished a lot, and is accomplishing. In the formative days, elected officials decided against primarily for 2 reasons: people may be chosen by popularity rather than commitment, and we were afraid — rightly so, I feel — that not enough people would be willing to be nominated.

I'm glad the Coalition had no officers, though I have argued for such a system at times, primarily out of a need to establish responsibility for the obligations people take on. But just because you're elected in and of itself doesn't mean you'll be committed.

I'm glad the paper is still named Gaze. I'm proud the Coalition has turned 5 — its anniversary was Sept.

10. I'm very proud that I had a direct role in helping to bring the MGC through its first 5 years. I'm glad I did all I did to, with, and for the Coalition, and Gaze and the Switchboard. My only regret is that I — and we — may not have done all we could. Persecution, discrimination still exist against us. We have a lot of work yet to do, in Memphis, Florida, and a lot of other places.

Don't take things personally, especially perceived attacks from other people who tend to take things personally. There's too much work to be done.

And as I pointed out at the closing of the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay men in August, 1982, given all our differences, our varied opinions, our arguing, we couldn't have gotten through it all without our sense of humor.

I look forward to Gaze each month. And this is to everyone involved (directly or indirectly) with the Coalition (past, present, and future): Keep up the good work. God knows Memphis needs it.

Gayly Yours,
Ric Sullivan
Tampa, FL

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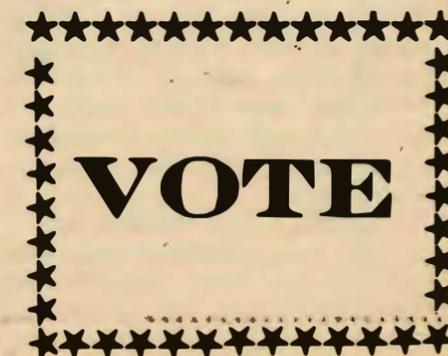
I made a foolish error of judgment and visited several "un-Gay" dreary bars in Little Rock last evening and picked up a copy (Vol. 5, N9) of Gaze.

From personal experience I remember the Little Rock-Memphis-St. Louis-Chicago-New Orleans-Dallas scene from 1934 to date and knew people (Gay) who talked to Union and Confederate Veterans at their reunion in L.R. in 1911 — Jim Norcross made so many errors — and didn't even come close to the real story — he, she, it knew nothing — first hand.

Avron Tombs

I have no idea whether or not Jim Norcross' facts are true. I suspect that opinions or ideas vary depending on who you talk with. Jim took the time and effort to attempt to preserve this piece of Gay history. Rather than spending your time putting down that effort I would suggest that you submit your version of the true story or get together with Jim Norcross and make "our Gay history" as accurate as possible. It's not enough to just say "that's not how it happened at all." You should be prepared to back that up with "the real facts."

—Editor



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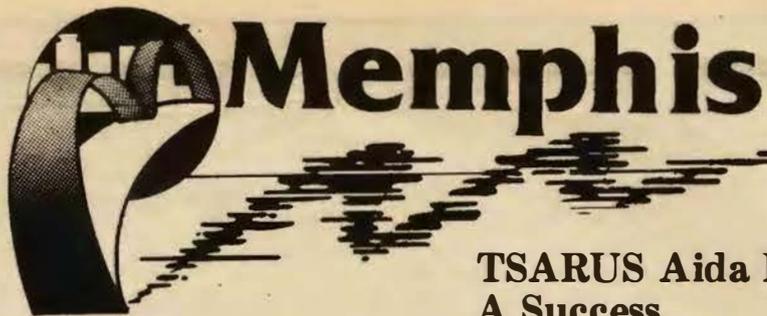
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MGC By-Laws Approved, Elections Set

The Memphis Gay Coalition passed a new set of by-laws which take effect immediately. Included in the revision is the establishment of a President-Vice-President-Secretary-Treasurer executive structure.

The vote was taken October 15 at the monthly program meeting of the coalition. There were no dissenting votes.

The change marks the first revision of the by-laws since the MGC's inception 5 years ago.

The next step in the process is election of officers. Anyone interested in serving as an officer of the Coalition should contact John Stilwell, Bob Dumais or Allen Cook. Interested parties must be current members of the Coalition by November 19. Officers will take office on January 1 and serve through 1985.

A list of people who have either been nominated or volunteered to serve will be presented by the nominating committee on November 5. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time. In addition to the executive officers, three At-Large positions for the Board of Directors will also be elected.

For further information about the election or for obtaining a membership, call the Gaze offices at 454-1411 or write Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

TSARUS Aida Run A Success

TSARUS held its outdoor run, Aida, September 28-30, on its club's site at Ennville, TN. Five clubs were represented including several independents from surrounding areas. Among the groups represented were Atlantis M.C., Atlanta; Lancers M.C., New Orleans; Gateway M.C., St. Louis; Conductors L.L., Nashville; and the Leathermen of Atlanta.

The men enjoyed people events, motorcycle events, cocktail parties and delicious meals.

First place club participation went to the conductors of Nashville, second place to Lancers of New Orleans, and third to Gateway of St. Louis.

Officers for the 1985 year were announced as follows:

President — Skeeter
Vice-President — Randy
Secretary — David C.
Treasurer — Lee
Pledgemaster — Ben
Road Captain — Jeff

TSARUS would like to thank all the groups and individuals who helped make this year's Aida such a success.

TSARUS held its monthly Club night at Jackie's on Madison, Saturday, October 13. There were door prizes, raffles, a boot black and other activities that kept everyone hopping all night. TSARUS hosts Club Night the second Saturday of every month. There is never a cover and everyone is invited to enjoy the fun.

TSARUS will be travelling to St. Louis in November to celebrate with Gateway their eleventh anniversary — Show Me 11. Hopefully, we will come back with 1st place in club participation as we did last year.

—Submitted by TSARUS

TQM Announces Formation of AID to End All AIDS Committee

The Queen's Men, Inc., today announced that it would host an organizational meeting for a new city-wide fund raising organization whose dual purpose will be to raise money to be used in research to find a cure for the deadly killer, *Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*, (AIDS), and to assist in any way possible the victims of this dread disease and their loved ones living in the Mid-South area.

TQM President, Gary Salles, said, "The formation of this group will enable the Gay community in our area to actively participate in, and contribute their funds to, a Gay oriented charitable organization."

"This committee will in no way conflict with the excellent charitable work already being done in Memphis by other Gay organizations for the general welfare, but will give people wishing to contribute money that will stay inside the Gay community a channel through which to do so."

AIDS research is already being conducted in Memphis at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences. A local committee would be able to disseminate information gained through this research directly to the Gay community here, Salles stated.

The committee being formed will be totally independent of any other Gay social, political, or commercial establishment, so as to avoid any potential conflicts. It is intended that the committee meet in some neutral location such as a restaurant or public meeting facility so that all Gay business persons can feel comfortable attending. The committee will elect its own officers at the first meeting, to be announced later this month.

First Tennessee Bank has agreed to act as Administrator for monies donated and will provide a complete accounting of all income and expenditures.

AID to End All AIDS — an idea whose time has come.

Local Frontrunners Organizing

Feeling that the Gay community needs creative athletic outlets for its energies, Rick Bray is organizing a group called Frontrunners of Memphis. The group will consist of people who are interested in all sorts of aerobic sports but most especially running and bicycling.

According to Bray, once the group gets large enough, they will plan fun-runs, bike trips and sponsor social events and races. He is currently pursuing the possibility of getting discounts at running stores for members.

The formation of a local Gay running club was sparked by the formation of a national Frontrunners organization. Bray has applied for local chapter status from that organization.

Anyone interested in joining Frontrunners of Memphis, can write to Frontrunners, P.O. Box 41251, Memphis, TN 38174-1251.

TSARUS to Honor 'Man of Year'

TSARUS, Memphis' Levi-Leather club will honor a man or woman of the year in January.

Although the honor is being called "Man of the Year", Randy Esslinger of the club says "that is not necessarily the case. We could name a woman of the year. If that happens, we'll call the honoree by his or her sex. We just felt that 'person' of the year was not appropriate."

The honor will be bestowed on the person January 23, 1985 at a \$10 a plate dinner to be held at the French Connection. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to a yet-to-be-determined AIDS organization in the name of the honoree.

According to TSARUS sources, the French Connection will hold about 80 people for the dinner. A sell-out would net better than a \$500 donation.

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Nashville

Goings-On in Nashville

by Jeff Thompson

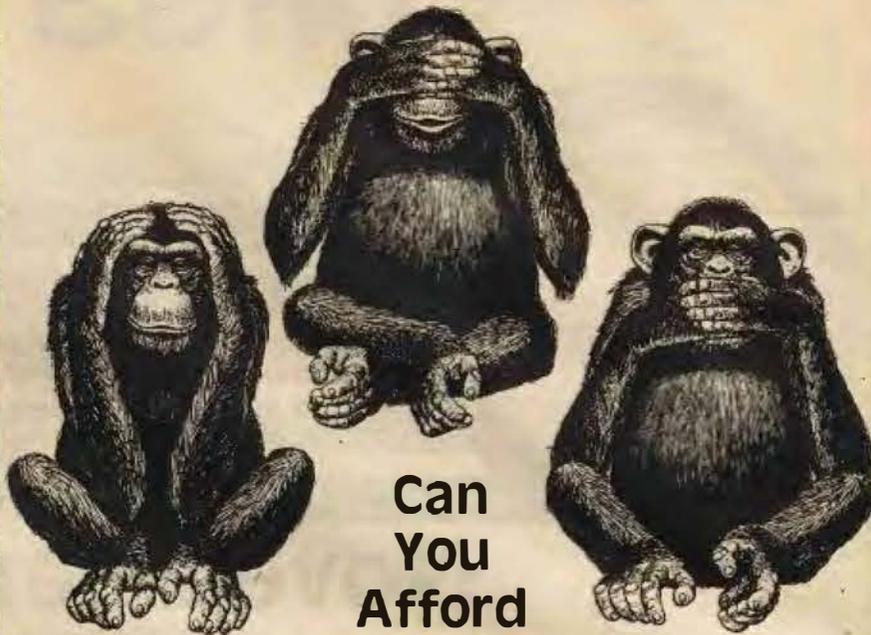
Although the autumn leaves have fallen and the temperature is dropping, the spirits of Nashville's Gay community are soaring as Thanksgiving, the holidays, and the New Year are approaching. In many ways, 1984 already has been a significant year for Lesbians and Gay men in Music City — and the final two months of the year promise still more excitement.

One of the Gay community's best loved holidays is Halloween — and that devilish October night proved to be enchanting; as lavish costume parties were thrown at The Cabaret, The Chute, The Crazy Cowboy, Juanita's 224, The Jungle, and Warehouse 28. The patrons of The Cabaret turned out in costumes every night during the week of October 30 through November 3... while the costumers of Warehouse 28 kicked off Halloween Week (on Sunday, October 28) with "A Night Beyond Belief," featuring appearances by Aunt Samantha, Dolly Levi, Maureen Motown, Minnie Squirrel, Wicked Wanda (the reigning Miss Berry Hill), and other legendary ladies. The extensive remodeling at Warehouse 28 — now

virtually complete — added a thrilling, celebratory touch to the Halloween festivities.

Meanwhile, the staff and patrons of B. Palola's Restaurant enjoyed a fabulous dual celebration — of Halloween and of the first anniversary of B. Palola's! The Hayes Street establishment has proven to be one of the most remarkably successful new restaurants which the city of Nashville has seen in many years.

Now, Nashville's 53-member Metropolitan Community Church is preparing to host the annual District Conference, to be held at the MCC just a few days from now (November 9-10-11). The District Conference will bring to Nashville numerous representatives from Metropolitan Community Churches throughout a six-state region of the Southeast. Reverend Paul Tucker is pleased to announce that a special guest of the gathering will be Elder Freda Smith of Sacramento, California. The entire three-day conference will be "signed" for hearing-impaired participants. Nashville's growing Metropolitan Community Church continues to be a powerful force in the Music City Gay community.



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Hepatitis Common

Among Gay Men

Harvey Thompson, M.D.

INTRODUCTION: Hepatitis-B is an 'unusual' DNA virus with many disease manifestations. It is very common in the Gay community. Over three quarters of sexually active Castro men have evidence of past or present infection.

It can take three different forms.

1) Viral infection without signs or symptoms. This is subclinical hepatitis, which can even occur without liver enzyme rise. 2) Acute viral infection with nausea, jaundice (the yellows) and weakness. Most patients are sick for a few weeks, get well and become immune. Some patients, though, will become short-term carriers. 3) Unresolved hepatitis-B has two forms: chronic persistent and the more severe, chronic active hepatitis.

Carriers: Five percent of adults become healthy carriers after a recognized hepatitis-B infection. To be labeled as a carrier, though, there must be two occasions six months apart when the antigen or viral surface particle is demonstrated. There is no continuing liver inflammation, however, and their enzymes are normal, and therefore, the patient has no symptoms.

They are, however, infectious to others, and it is this large pool in the Gay community that is responsible for high hepatitis-B incidence. Especially infective are 'E' antigen positive patients as this subparticle seems to correlate with continued viral replication.

Chronic Hepatitis: These patients show continued liver enzyme elevation for more than six months. Usually, but not always, the severity of the chronic hepatitis correlates with the height of enzyme rise. If there are symptoms, most commonly they are fatigue, sleepiness, lack of energy, and tiredness. They may not, however, be jaundiced.

Ten percent of acute hepatitis-B cases progress through chronic forms: the milder chronic persistent type (seven percent) or the more severe chronic active hepatitis (three percent). These two types are separated by liver biopsy and its histology. CAH is characterized by "piecemeal necrosis."

Chronic Persistent Hepatitis-B: This is the more chronic form of unresolved hepatitis-B. Our practice has many Gay men being followed for this problem. Although they usually feel well, they may have continued low grade enzyme elevation.

Most cases eventually "burn-out" after a few years. A late-breaking interesting article on this spontaneous clearance of the hepatitis-B virus among male homosexuals was just published this year in the

Annals of Internal Medicine. A startling finding was an abrupt rise instead of decline in enzyme values may signal the resolution of infection. In some the first rise in clearance is sustained, but in others another enzyme rise months later can signal reactivation of the virus. This coming and going of hepatitis-B infection was peculiar to Gay males.

Long-term followup of chronic persistent hepatitis-B shows that up to half of patients may become cases of chronic active hepatitis mentioned below. Persistence of an 'E' antigen here is predictive of this progression. Why this change occurs is unknown but probably host immunity plays an important role as discussed later.

Chronic Active Hepatitis: Luckily, only three percent of all hepatitis-B cases end up in this more severe category. Strangely it is more common in those men who have not had any antecedent history of jaundice or even symptoms of hepatitis.

With the onset of CAH there may be symptoms of fatigue and intermittent jaundice. Liver biopsy MUST be done to establish the characteristic histology of 'piecemeal' necrosis.

The common natural history of this disease is of eventual progression into cirrhosis or liver scarring. The case fatality can then be quite high as liver failure ensues. Life indeed does depend on the liver. There are no medicines to correct the progressive liver scarring and a decline in the vital protein synthesis occurs as liver cells are lost.

It is also this group that can later suffer from the development of liver cancer.

Theory: Pathophysiology: Hepatitis-B is not cytopathic; it doesn't in itself harm cells. You do the damage yourself.

Early in the 1970s the theory of hepatitis was that of immune complexes of antigen (the virus) and antibody (immune protein or globulins) cause liver injury. Lately, however, it is thought that the T-lymphocytes mount the immune response.

Carriers and chronic persistent hepatitis patients probably represent tolerance rather than elimination of the virus. Acute forms of hepatitis with nausea, liver pain, and inflammation probably represent a full-blown immune assault. The fulminant case of acute hepatitis which can result in acute yellow atrophy and death has destroyed the liver in the battle; it is known that there is very little virus left at atrophy. Short of tragic death, maybe one should feel good about getting good and sick from

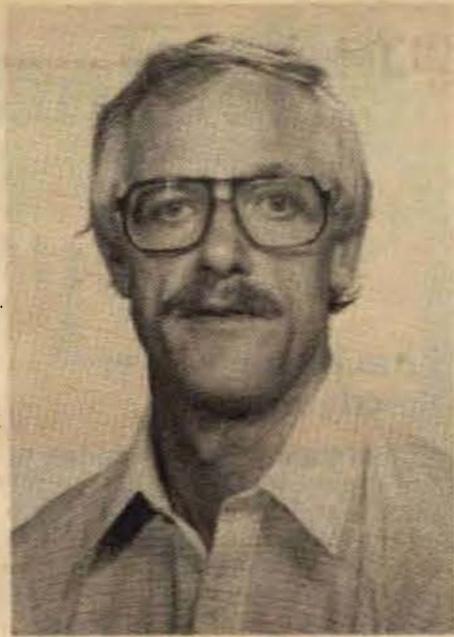
acute hepatitis for that would mean a full-scale assault. The patient is likely to come out of it immune, non-contagious and free of disease or any of the chronic hepatitis forms.

This theory would also explain why in the Orient newborns who get vertical transmission of the hepatitis-B from their carrier mother have a high incidence of carrier states themselves. Their immature immune systems seem unable to eradicate the virus which they may recognize as 'self.'

Conclusion and Treatment: So it appears that hepatitis-B is yet another disease which, like AIDS, depends upon immune response. Now that you understand the theoretical immune response you can speculate on two forms of treatment for chronic hepatitis.

First, anti-viral treatment makes sense because it could prevent the virus from continuing to enter liver

cells and therefore avoid confrontation with the body's immune system. Second, immunotherapy such as azathioprine or vidarabine could decrease the strength of the immune system's lymphocytes with less liver cell damage. Peculiarly, steroids (a form of immunotherapy) don't seem to work in cases of chronic hepatitis. Perhaps it only enhances viral replication.



Dr. Harvey Thompson

BWMT memphis

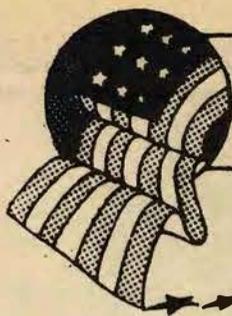
An Interracial Gay People's Organization

Calendar of Events - Everyone Welcome

- Nov. 1 — Action Committee Meeting, 8 PM
- Nov. 5 — Memphis Gay Coalition Meeting — Nominations
Main Library, Meeting Room B, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 6 — Election Day VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!
- Nov. 10 — Newsletter Staff Meeting, 3 PM
- Nov. 13 — Discussion Group, 8 PM
- Nov. 18 — Pot Luck Brunch & Board Meeting — 1 PM
- Nov. 19 — Memphis Gay Coalition Meeting, 8 PM, Main Library, Meeting Room B, 7:30 PM — Election of Officers and Special Video Presentation
- Nov. 21 — Mike Smith (Co-Founder of BWMT) Arrives
- Nov. 22 — BWMT Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 7 PM at the Pendulum (92 N. Avalon)
- Nov. 23 — Dinner Party (Call for time & location)
- Nov. 24 — Theatre Party — Orpheum "A Soldier's Story", 8 PM
- Nov. 25 — Brunch at Ed's, 12 Noon
- Nov. 26 — General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Main Library, Meeting Room B
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Files Show Hoover Spied on Gays

Los Angeles — The FBI has released more than 1000 pages of documents which demonstrate the agency's unlawful surveillance of Gay and Lesbian organizations for more than 30 years. The documents were released to the ACLU of Southern California in response to a suit filed last year under the Freedom of Information Act by Dan Simonoski. Simonoski has been researching the surveillance for several years.

The documents are from FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. and focus on the Mattachine Society, one of the first Gay organizations subjected to scrutiny.

The FBI admitted to investigating at least a dozen Gay or Lesbian organizations across the country. Such investigations were often continued against the specific recommendations of local agents who saw no subversive activity. The documents themselves do not reveal any such activity.

John Heilman, an ACLU attorney in the case, said the FBI field offices were often instructed to obtain per-

sonally prejudicial information on the personal lives of Gay and Lesbian activists. "Indeed," he said, "in several cases, investigations were closed for lack of prejudicial information only to be reopened by personal instructions from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover or his assistant Clyde Tyson."

Gay Women Charged, Straights Released

Madison, WI — Two women accused of having sex in a public park face charges in court while a heterosexual couple accused of a similar act were freed and not charged. Steve Bablitch, local district attorney, said charges against the heterosexual couple were dropped because "they did not believe that anyone was around." to see them.

The two women are being prosecuted, however, because they were in plain view of others. Bablitch denied being prejudicial, stating that the women were charged under a statute which bans "acts of sexual gratification in public." If found guilty, the two can face a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or 9 months in jail.

MCC Wins in NY Episcopal Hassle

Syracuse, NY — An Episcopal bishop in New York has intervened on behalf of a Gay congregation in a dispute between two Syracuse Episcopal rectors, according to the *New York Times*.

The conflict arose when Rev. Judith Upham permitted an MCC congregation to conduct weekly services in her church. In addition to allowing them to conduct meetings, she also allowed them to conduct "union" services for Gay couples.

When Rev. Robert Haskell of an Episcopal church across town heard about the situation, he sent a letter to Upham, the local newspaper and the bishop. Haskell demanded that the MCC congregation be put out of the church and that the bishop issue a statement "repudiating this conduct."

Bishop O'Kelley Witaker refused and instead wrote a strong statement repudiating Haskell's scriptural references to "sinful homosexuality." Witaker contended that the weddings were not technically marriages, since there is no such thing as a "homosexual marriage" but as ceremonies of "union" the services were acceptable.

According to the *Gay Community News*, Whitaker also wrote, "From time to time, isolated verses of the Bible are used by Christians to justify condemnation of homosexual activity and ostracism of homosexual persons. Such use of scripture is very dangerous. If one person is going to justify a position, another person is equally entitled to do the same for different positions."

Rev. Upham intends to keep her church doors open to the MCC congregation. "I think what we're doing is Christian," she said. "What we're doing is providing a place for people who have nowhere else to go."

DC Statehood in Jeopardy

Washington, D.C. — The District of Columbia may secure statehood at the expense of Gay rights, according to *The Washington Blade*. A task force working to gain statehood has discussed dropping Gay

rights from a proposed D.C. state constitution.

The draft of the constitution was drawn up in 1982 by a convention that included Gay women and men. The inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected class reflects current D.C. law. However, some working on the statehood project, indicate that some of the controversial elements of the constitution may have to be dropped if it is ever to win congressional approval.

Gay rights is not the only provision of the constitution which might cause problems. It also provides that employees have the right to strike and that residents have the right to a job and to an abortion.

Transexuals Stripped of Rights

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has stripped transsexuals of their civil rights, using the rationale that the constitution does not provide equal protection under the law for homosexuals and others with a "sexual identity disorder."

The ruling came after an appeal by Eastern Airlines of the U.S. District Court ruling that the airline must rehire pilot Karen Ulane, 43. Ulane was formerly known as Kenneth before undergoing a sex change operation in 1981. He/she had flown for the airline for over 8000 hours before being discharged.

The three judge panel said Congress "never intended" Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to "apply to anything than the traditional concept of sex" and repeated, failed attempts to include protection for homosexuals under the act "strongly indicates that the phrase in the Civil Rights Act prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex should be given a narrow, traditional interpretation."

Ulane's attorney said the decision would be appealed before the entire panel of nine appellate court judges.

As reported in the last issue of *Gaze*, Eastern has agreed not to discriminate against hiring homosexuals.

Recent surveys indicate that only 15% of Gay men would choose to be straight.

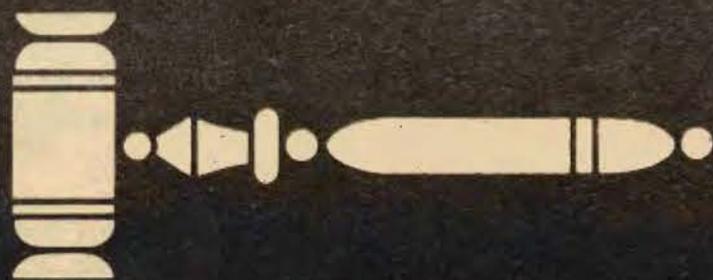
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Social Security Announces AIDS Patient Changes

Washington, D.C. — The Social Security Administration (SSA) has launched a nationwide campaign to inform People with AIDS (PWAs) about claim allowance eligibility and special claim-taking procedures. The measure was taken after recent criticism of SSA's policies and delays in obtaining benefits for PWAs.

In a press release, SSA noted a 95% allowance rate to applicants with AIDS. The release also mentions the fact that claim can be taken over the phone or completed by someone other than the claimant in SSA offices. Monthly benefits may go as high as \$850. SSA has also been criticized in its handling of AIDS cases, often requiring in-person interviews and long waits for processing.

Cuomo Issues Support of Gay Rights

New York — Gov. Mario Cuomo recently announced his personal support for a state law prohibiting discrimination against Gay people.

His statement came at a press conference at the World Trade Center, where he announced appointment of 12 Gay Community leaders to the Governor's Task Force on Gay Issues.

In appointing the Task Force, the *New York Native* reports Cuomo as saying, "It's a failure of government that I have to issue an executive order to protect Lesbians and Gay men from discrimination. Non-discrimination should be a matter of public policy."

Abby Rubinfeld, managing attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and member of the new Task Force, said, "It's very important that Gov. Cuomo called for statewide protection. The executive order was very positive because it protects Lesbian and Gay state employees. But it cannot protect the thousands of Gay people in the private sector."

Falwell Loses \$5000 Bet

San Francisco — Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, has yet to live up to a \$5000 pledge to prove him wrong.

Speaking on a July 13 talk show just before the Democratic convention, Falwell offered Gay activist Jerry Sloan \$5,000 if he could prove Falwell maligned the MCC. Sloan has since produced a videotape of Falwell's *Old Time Gospel Hour* in which Falwell described the MCC as a "vile and satanic system" and MCC members as "brute beasts." Falwell also said on the March 11 tape that there would be a "celebration in Heaven when MCC is annihilated."

So far, no word on the \$5,000.

NOW Joins Gay Parent Custody Case

New York City — Richard Gottlieb, a Gay parent activist, has been denied custody of his child and has had visitation rights severely restricted because of his homosexuality. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) has been joined by the National Organization for Women (NOW) legal defense and education fund in filing a friend of the court brief to challenge the court's assumption that Gay men and women are not capable of being fit parents.

The reason for the joint brief was

based on both NOW's and LLDEF's commitment to eliminate custody and visitation privileges based on sex or sexual orientation of the parent rather than the best interests of the children.

Studds Wins Big in Mass. Primary

Gerry Studds, the country's only openly Gay member of Congress, easily defeated two contenders in a bitterly fought race in the Massachusetts Tenth Congressional District primary. Garnering 61% of the vote, Studds defeated opponents who sought to oust him and who campaigned on the homosexual issue.

Tribe Joins Team at Supreme Court

San Francisco — The U.S. Supreme Court announced this week that it will review an appellate decision upholding the right of teachers to speak on Gay issues. The case involves a lawsuit initiated by National Gay Rights Advocates against the state of Oklahoma in 1979. Laurence H. Tribe, a Harvard Law School Professor and nationally recognized authority of constitutional law, will join in the effort to have the Court uphold the Court of Appeals decision.

At issue is a state law, aimed at teachers, that bars virtually any discussion, in or out of school, which could be construed as "advocating, encouraging or promoting" homosexuality. If the Supreme Court writes an opinion on the merits of this case, it will be the first time they have decided a Gay issue since 1967.

Given the Supreme Court's heavy docket, legal observers were surprised the Court took this case. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "When we won this case in the Court of Appeals, they only struck down that part of the law that infringed on well established

First Amendment rights. I believe we will win in the Supreme Court because it was a sound, narrow and well reasoned ruling."

Working with NGRA on the case is William B. Rogers of Oklahoma City, an attorney with the Oklahoma Civil Liberties Union. Rogers coordinated local court proceedings and presented oral arguments. The National Gay Task Force agreed to act as the plaintiff on behalf of its Oklahoma members. Because the Helm Bill had such a chilling effect, no individual teacher was willing to step forward to challenge the law. NGTF submitted a sworn affidavit which became the factual underpinning for the case.

The Helm Bill, named for its sponsor former state senator Mary Helm, is almost identical to legislation rejected by California voters in 1978 in a ballot contest known as the Briggs Initiative. Both laws were a product of the hysteria created by Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign in 1977.

The Court will probably have oral arguments in late January and issue a decision before its summer recess.

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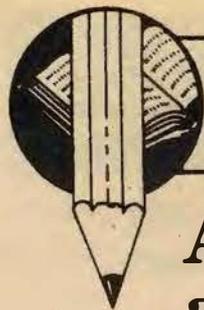
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A Mystery, A Play and a Sour Taste

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Last Summer at Bluefish Cove by Jane Chambers (The JH Press, \$6.95)

Since it may be unlikely that we will see this on the TV screen or on our local stages (Circuit Playhouse is our only hope in town) you may never hear of Jane Chambers' works. But on both coasts, her plays have been held over for packed houses, this particular one running with major actresses in L.A. and San Francisco this past summer.

Ms Chambers died in 1983 and while I don't know the circumstances, I would bet this play is autobiographical: the main character in this all woman cast has an unnamed disease, presumably cancer, and an assortment of New York friends, presumably urbane.

The wonderful thing about this play is that you know all of these people. You go to parties with them, have for years, and it's like meeting them again and getting caught up on the soap opera epi-

sodes of their lives that you missed since New Year's.

Read this one. And send a copy to Circuit Playhouse in a plain brown wrapper. If they can do *Bent*, they can certainly do this one for the ladies. Besides, this one is funny as well as poignant, and requires no special props like guns, whips, chains or barbed wire and only a minimum amount of forced labor. Somebody has to do quiche.

The Burton Widows by Vickie P. McConnell (Naiad Press, \$7.95)

The second of Ms. McConnell's Nyla Wade mystery novels is an interesting, well-constructed piece. Her characters are believable and the dialogue crisp and individual. By definition, a murder mystery is compelled to have at least one killing and this one has three, all of whom are Gay and all of whom are killed because of it. This particular slant is not a very encouraging one, but the book is as good as most light reading and decidedly better than any of the Candlelight or

Harlequin variety of tripe.

Occasionally an erotic work, it is a well-written book in which the characters have their flaws, even the Lesbian heroines; and the straight people are not all villains, just like the folks next door.

Nyla Wade, a sort of female Bob Woodward, in the woods, finds true love and the culprit on the coast of Oregon. It doesn't set out to be the great American Gay novel, and it is entertaining for what it is and worth the cover price if you're into mysteries. Other than the two-legged one you're living with.



Vickie P. McConnell

Old Dyke Tales by Lee Lynch (Naiad Press, \$7.95)

This collection of short stories by the author of *Toothpick House* fails to live up to the promise on the cover: that we will be introduced to "women from the broad spectrum of Lesbian life and experi-

ence." Although the writing style itself is often interesting, the characters themselves tend to be narrow. Not as individuals but as a group. And the group frankly does not inspire too many positive feelings about the Gay experience.

Not that this should necessarily be the purpose of all Gay writing, but if the people are uninspiring then the descriptions of them must be extraordinary to carry the story. This is too often not the case in this collection.

The emotion most often elicited by the characters is pity; and pity leaves a sour taste. I don't really want to know these people, wouldn't want to spend a lot of time with folks who are into drugs, loneliness, isolation, degrading men, and engaging in spouse and stranger abuse in the bars and at home.

Granted, these things happen all too often, but it's what we've heard all our lives: that that is the Gay experience. Reading about more of it isn't my idea of entertainment. Ms. Lynch obviously feels sympathy for her characters and her style is often good although somewhat inconsistent. But since the characters all seem to be older women who are isolated and lonely, or younger ones into the bar scene and who are less isolated but who still don't like themselves very much and are thus alone, the spectrum we are promised seems only to cover the ultra-violet and blue.

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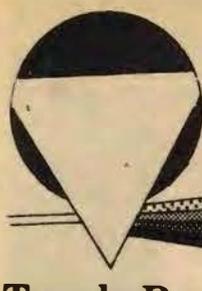
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"The Subway" was located in the downtown area of the city of 30,000 people and was the only openly Gay bar in northern Mississippi.

Police had raided the bar on several occasions according to patrons of the establishment.

The bar moved several months ago to a small rural town called Shannon where it was renamed the "Good Times Bar." According to reports, it has since closed.

The nearest Gay bars are either in Memphis or Birmingham, both more than 100 miles away from the northeastern Mississippi city.

Gays 7th Largest Voting Bloc

Washington, D.C. — *The Washington Blade* reports that Gays are the seventh largest voting bloc in the

country. Using the 10% figure established by Alfred Kinsey, the Gay community represents 17 million potential voters. The top six voting blocs are women (91 million), evangelical Christians (40 million), the "young between 18-24 (29 million), the "elderly" over 65 (28 million), Blacks (19 million) and union members (18 million).

Michael Insists — Joan Not So Sure

Michael Jackson, who insists that he is heterosexual seems to have gone on the offensive lately according to a recent article in the *Bay Area Reporter*. The San Francisco Gay paper reports that Jackson's spokesman Norman Winters suggested that comedienne Joan Rivers "look into her own closet."

The acerbic comedienne has recently made attacks on Jackson's manhood apparently sparked by his on-stage mannerisms and recent articles in various supermarket tabloids. Said Rivers in a routine,

"Michael Jackson is Gay. He's Gay. He lost his other glove in Boy George's pocket."

On hearing of Winters' remark, Richard Grant, Joan Rivers' spokesperson said, "I will not dignify that question with a comment."

It was reported elsewhere that Jackson may consider legal action if the remarks don't stop.

Gay Artists Honor Best in TV-Film

Hollywood, CA — *Hill Street Blues*, *St. Elsewhere* and the movie *Silkwood* were honored recently by the Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists for presenting realistic and positive portrayals of homosexuals. Presenters at the 4th annual awards ceremonies included Alan Bates, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Julie Harris.

Others honored included the TV series *Hotel*, a Seattle produced documentary on AIDS, a Cable Health Network production on sexual identity, Phil Donahue, *Torch Song Trilogy*, and the Nickelodeon cable TV program *Livewire*.

"It is important for us to recognize positive work," said AGLA chair Chris Uszler. "Very often when Gays lobby for change, we hear negativism and criticism. The awards are a very good way to capture some positiveness." The alliance offers suggestions to producers of movies and plays in which Gay characters are depicted and is generally seen as a "watchdog" on network television's depiction of Gays.

TST Called 'Dangerous'

Dallas, TX — Fear that a presentation of Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* might promote homosexuality has resulted in picketing outside of the Majestic Theatre in Dallas. About 200 "Alert Citizens for Texas" carried placards protesting what Dallas lawyer Rod Streakley called an "insideous danger." Streakley said the play suggests that there is such a thing as a traditional homosexual family relationship. Spokeswoman Molly Smith said the group's allegations misinterpreted the show which won a Tony award for its run on Broadway.

GAY800 Survey

Most callers to GAY800, the national toll-free Gay referral service want information on doctors, lawyers and counselors, according to a new study just released.

The analysis of calls to the GAY-

800 switchboard in New York during the second quarter of 1984 showed that a total of 20,809 calls were handled during the April through June period, an average of 228.7 calls per day.

The Gay 800 switchboards are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Specially trained operators give callers referrals to local businesses and professionals serving the Gay community. There is no charge for the call or information and the service is supported by the businesses and professionals listed on the computerized referral system.

The number to call for information in the continental U.S., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands is (800) 223-7030.

In Australia

Sydney, Australia — The Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC), the national radio and television authority in Australia, has extended spousal benefits to partners of homosexual staff and the decision is not a popular one.

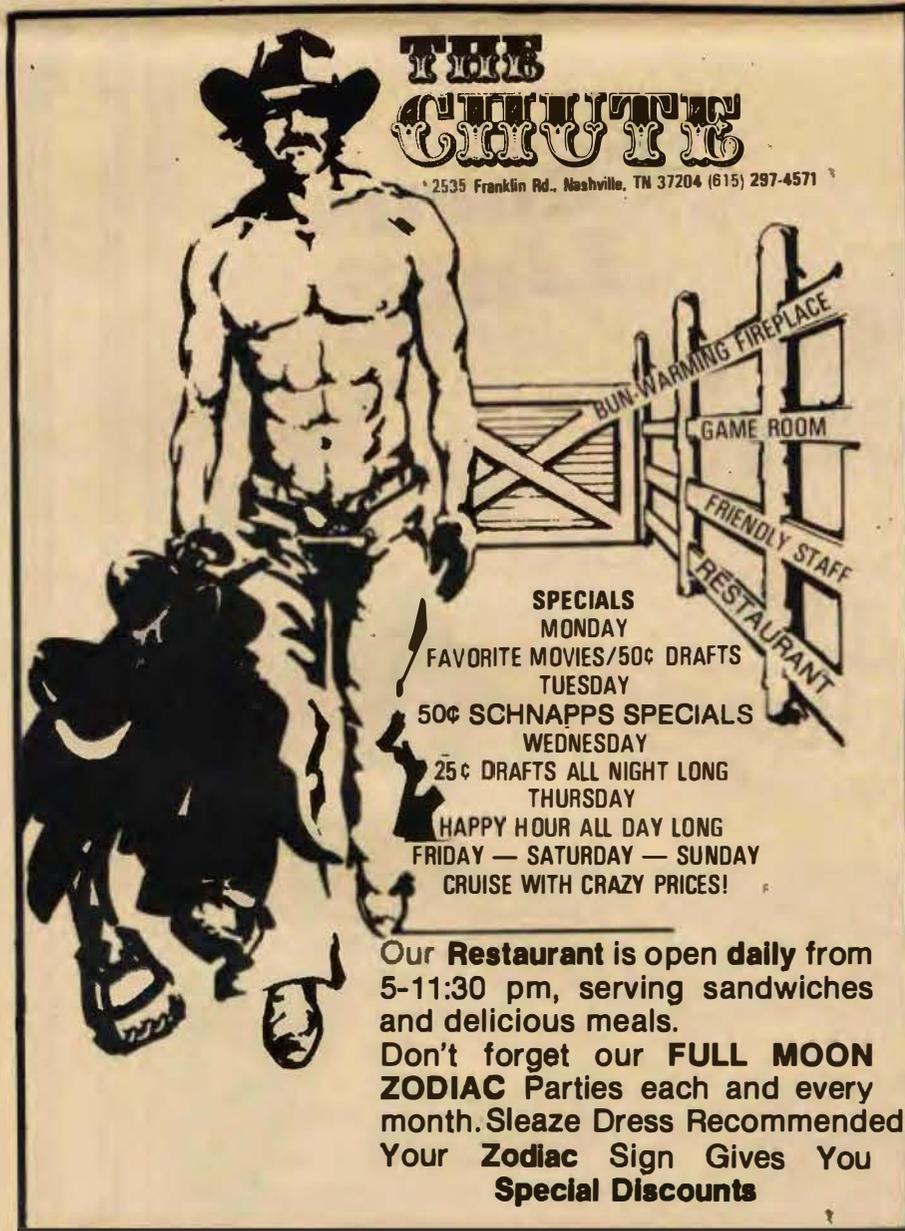
Other new policies include provision for opening up the male-dominated ABC to women, the disabled, aboriginal people and non-English speaking migrants who will now have places set aside for them in training courses.

However, it was the spousal benefits provision which is causing the fuss. ABC entitlements include bereavement leave, moving costs for both partners when a staff person is transferred and accommodations for both if a staffer is sent to a remote area. Unmarried heterosexual relationships had previously been recognized.

In a related development, Andrew Peacock, leader of the conservative Liberal Party, said his party would reverse a Parliament ruling that unmarried members of the Parliament can take their lovers on official trips in place of husbands and wives for whom the government sometimes pays expenses. It is assumed that a similar tact will be taken against the ABC policy if the Liberal Party gains power in this month's election.

The new ABC policies, according to an equal opportunity officer, are a natural consequence of ABC's commitment to equal opportunity. He said that as an equal opportunity employer, it could not discriminate on the grounds of "such irrelevancies as sexuality."

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Capote's Will

A medical examiner's report has indicated that Truman Capote's death was caused by liver disease made worse by a leg infection. The coroner said that the medication drugs in his blood would have caused no problem if the author had been in good health.

Capote's longtime companion Jack Dunphy is the chief beneficiary of the author's will. According to its terms, Dunphy will receive an income for life from the \$600,000 estate. After his death, the monies will be used to support a literary-criticism award in the memory of Newton Arvin, a Smith College teacher who died in 1963 in disgrace after an arrest for possessing pornography.

Virginia Woolf 'Distortion' Closes Play

Dallas, TX — Citing a "distortion" of the playwright's intent, author Edward Albee has taken legal steps to close an all-male production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* in Arlington, Texas.

The play's director was quoted in a *New York Times* article as saying "a very, very close friend of Albee's told me that the playwright had originally intended all the characters to be male. Albee purportedly changed the play when he was told that audiences would not want to see a play about homosexuals."

Albee said, "There is a certain amount of directorial creativity, but that doesn't give permission to distort." Albee said all copies of his plays have clauses which say the plays must be performed without any changes or deletions or additions and only by actors "of the same sex as written."

MCC News for November

Busy, Busy, Busy, Late, Late, Late, that seems to be the way life goes. But life the last two months for M.C.C. Memphis has been just that — busy. Several of our members had the good fortune of traveling to Oak Mountain State Park in Birmingham, AL where we were joined by our sister churches from Atlanta; Jackson, MS and our hosts M.C.C. Birmingham. The retreat weekend was filled with enlightening workshops and outdoor fun of volleyball and an old fashion campfire sing-a-long. A good time was had by all and returning to city life again was hard.

M.C.C. Nashville will be hosting the Fall Conference of The South Atlantic District, November 9-11. Churches from around the district will be joining each other for a weekend of workshops, fellowship and worship. Several of our members will be attending. Non-members are welcome to attend, also.

One last word about M.D.A. — We in M.C.C. Memphis would like to thank the Memphis 'Gay' Select Committee of Activities for M.D.A.

MCC Pastor Holds the Line

Charleston, SC — In an on-going probe to ferret out homosexuals among its ranks, the U.S. Naval Investigation Service (NIS) has been pressuring MCC Pastor Stan Harris to release a membership list entrusted to him by a local Gay club. He charges that the NIS is attempting to infiltrate Gay clubs and bars in an attempt to find Gays in the military.

St. Joan of Arc Pastor Harris has flatly refused and has offered refuge for other membership lists of any establishments being harassed by NIS agents. "We can bring a quick halt to this fiasco by refusing to be intimidated. The church is not afraid of NIS or anyone else," Harris declared in a press release. "Drawing a curtain of silence about our military brothers and sisters is the quickest way to stop this persecution. We are hard working, productive human beings and no one has the right to make life unpleasant for us — and we will no longer stand for it," he said.

Court Rules MCC Prison Security Threat

Cincinnati, OH — The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the presence of the Metropolitan Community Church in prison poses too much of a security threat, and that officials at Jackson State Prison in Michigan acted properly in banning services.

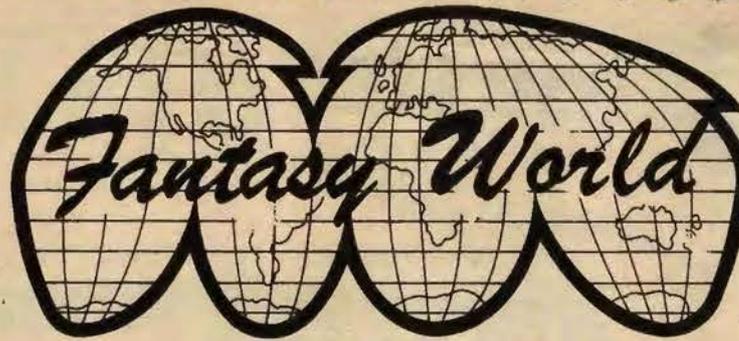
According to the ruling, MCC can minister to inmates on an individual basis and mail religious literature to them, but cannot conduct religious services at the prison. MCC filed suit, saying the constitutional right to religious freedom was being breached.

for asking us to participate in helping us raise money for Jerry's Kids. We had fun with the Space Walk and Dunking Tank. Thanks to all who helped make the Dunking Tank a success. A special thanks to Danny Ray in helping M.C.C. raise the money they did. His help and support was very much appreciated. We look forward to working with the committee next year and hope that much more will be raised.

A special, special thanks is extended to the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite who recently raised a total of \$672.00 in our behalf. The Aphrodites produced, directed and starred in a tremendously exciting show at The Other Side. Their dedication and service to this community is greatly commended. A special thanks to Danny Ray for allowing them to have their show at The Other Side. The money will certainly be put to good use in helping us continue in our ministry.

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Sing To Me The Dream by Holly Near and Inti-Illimani, released by Redwood Records

Review by S. Miller with thanks to E. Vera from CELA

Sing To Me The Dream is an historic blend of cultures and musical styles from the rich Andean melodies of Inti-Illimani to the impassioned lyrics of Holly Near. The result of mixing these leaders of progressive music is a series of uniquely poignant "songs of hungry hearts and of the dream." The lyrics speak of people in exile, as the six members of Inti are in exile; "...When our land is not our home, home is not where we are." The superb musicianship of Inti-Illimani and their traditional latin rhythms mad instruments give *Sing To Me The Dream* a different flavor than we have heard yet from Holly, a new way to express the tragedy of U.S. involvement in other countries' national affairs. You will be moved by the beauty and power of this music that, in the words of Holly Near, "goes beyond language, instruments and politics, because it is all of those things and more."

Kay Gardner, *A Rainbow Path*, released by Ladyslipper Records. Review by S. Miller

Kay Gardner's latest release is a masterpiece of music born out of inner quietude. *A Rainbow Path* coordinates sound and color meditations in the techniques of ancient healing. The instrumentation includes flutes, strings, wind instruments, exotic small percussion and harp which are gently mixed into mellow sounds, suited for tai chi, yoga, dance, meditation and healing. A written guide, as well as a bibliography and discography, are included to enhance listening and to aid further study, Kay's music has a calming power in its simplicity; it can even ease your mind while driving on the freeway during rush hour. Whether you listen in order to enhance meditation, for healing, for artistic inspiration or as a calming influence on every-day activities, you will be sure to enjoy walking along *A Rainbow Path*.



Holly Near and Chilean folk artist Inti-Illimani team up for Holly's tenth album — *Sing To Me The Dream* — on Redwood Records. Photo by Miguel Sayago

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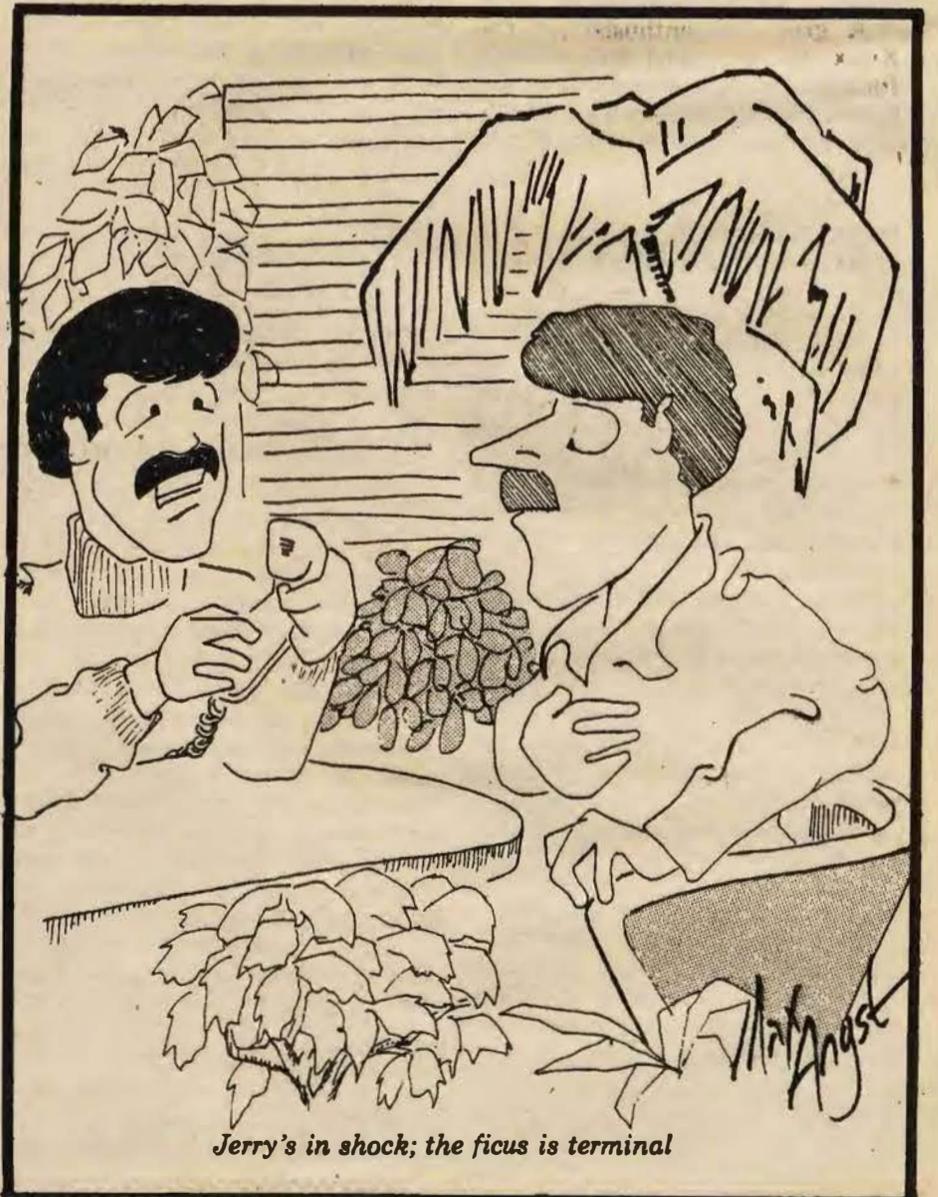
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Sylvester, a name synonymous with the best in dance music, hip-hops back on the dance floor scene with his current 12 inch release *Rock the Box* on Megatone Records. This mid-tempo Euro-styled disc offers a slick production highlighted with synth effects, scratching, and a New York style street beat. Sylvester shines through otherwise harmless "radio record" lyrics with an urgent, sensual performance proving once again that he commands respect as one of the prime male vocalists of the 80's. The Jose Rodriquez mastered dance mix runs 5:02 and is backed with a 6:12 dub and 3:59 radio edit on the flip side.

Top 15

1. BETTER BE GOOD TO ME — Tina Turner
2. COVER ME — Bruce Springsteen
3. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR LOVE — Lime
4. SWEEP AWAY — Diana Ross
5. LAST CALL — Jolo
6. CHINESE EYES — Fancy
7. I NEED A MAN IN MY LIFE — Katie Kissoon
8. BODY ROCK — Maria Vidal
9. HIGH SEX DRIVE — Dolmann
10. INVITATION — Life Force
11. THE FIGHT — Norma Lewis
12. BLACK LEATHER — Miquel Brown
13. NO ESCAPE — Maxhim
14. I'M SO BEAUTIFUL — Divine
15. MASTER & SERVANT — Despeche Mode



Jerry's in shock; the ficus is terminal

15th Annual Miss Gay Memphis Pageant to be Held Halloween

The Queen's Men, Inc., Memphis' oldest gay social organization, announced that the 1985 Miss Gay Memphis Pageant will be held again this year on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31, at the Pendulum, 92 N. Avalon, beginning at 9:00 p.m. with tickets available at the door for only \$4.00.

This is the fifteenth annual Miss Gay Memphis Pageant and many former holders of that title will back to entertain and reminisce, such as co-emcees Loretta Williams (*Miss Gay Memphis 1971*) and Michelle Marie. (*Miss Gay Memphis 1974*), as well as Shari Turner (*Miss Gay Memphis 1981*) and current Miss Gay Memphis, Roxie Bleu.

The contestants will be competing for over \$1,000 in cash and prizes, which includes flowers and trophies for all the winners, as well as an exclusive photo session at Blue Light Studios on Mid-America Mall; a weekend vacation at the Georgetown Inn, complete with Champagne Bunch on Sunday; 6-months free skin, nail and hair-care from *Stage One*, official hair-stylists to the Miss Gay Memphis Pageant; and a custom-made 1 hour videotape, as well as numerous other gifts for Miss Gay Memphis 1985.

Knoxville's Out and Movin' Up

A group of enthusiastic Gay Knoxville men and women has formed, out of the closet and hoping to provide those on both sides of the closet doors a place to voice concerns, talk out problems, provide answers and generally make being Gay in today's world a little easier, while striving to have as much fun as can be had!!!

Knoxville's Ten Percent consists of people in every sector of Knoxville society — both students and professional men and women — open-minded and concerned with the problems (and joys) of living in the '80s.

Support us!! We're trying to make life better for all Gay citizens, and we need your backing. Let us know you care!!!

We're still organizing, so get involved now in one of the (if not the one) most exciting minorities in Knoxville — Knoxville's Ten Percent.

Meetings are conducted bi-weekly (first and third Thursdays of each month). Contact us at P.O. Box 9816 (zip 37940) to express your interest. We're doing it all for you — Knoxville's Gay community.

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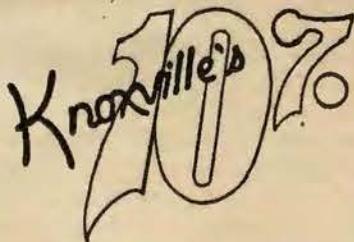
Nude photos were in circulation only one year after Daguerre introduced his photographic process in 1840.

The judges for this year's affair read like the Who's Who in entertainment, society, and business. Although their identities cannot be revealed in advance, it is reasonable to say they are ideally qualified for the job.

TQM Entertainment Chairman, Steve Edwards, and Assistant-Chairman Barry Morgan have done an excellent job in assembling a top-notch crew of hopefuls competing for the number one title in Memphis. As we go to press, contestants include Summer Holiday, Billie Jo Casino, Pearl Harbor, Tiffany Howard, Marilyn Morgan, Erika Street, and Divine. With a group of contestants like this the judges' task will be an extremely difficult one.

TQM President Gary Salles also announced that the judges will be the guests of Mr. Denny Bright at his home for a buffet and wine tasting immediately prior to the pageant. The 15th Annual Miss Gay Memphis and Halloween 1985 will definitely be a THRILLER. See you there.

—Submitted by TQM



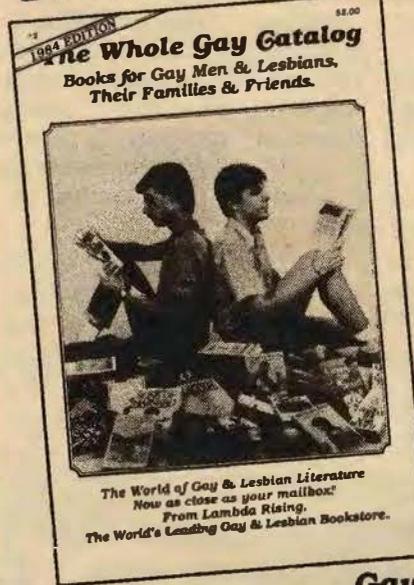
BWMT To Host Founder

The Memphis Chapter of BWMT is very excited at having an opportunity to host Mike Smith, founder of the national organization. Smith will arrive in Memphis Thanksgiving week and plans to stay for at least five days.

BWMT was founded in 1980 and has since become a national association with over 30 chapters throughout the country. This will be the first time Mike has visited the Memphis Chapter, so we plan to show him the best that Memphis has to offer. This will also prove to be an invaluable opportunity for an exchange of information. Mike Smith will be our special guest at the annual BWMT Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pendulum on November 22. We are hopeful he will also be available as our guest speaker at the November general meeting Nov. 26.

—Submitted by BWMT/Memphis

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Statewide Meeting

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majority of those under the age of 75. Recent decisions of the Court reflect the already conservative nature of the court.

Chorlton balked at the idea of endorsing a straight ticket (no pun intended). He said that he feels that each voter should vote his conscience and that he or she should

consider items far beyond those of "are we doing better now than four years ago."

Strong representation from groups in Chattanooga and Knoxville attended as well as those from Nashville, Memphis and smaller towns in Tennessee. It was decided to hold another statewide meeting in October of next year in Nashville.

This year's meeting was co-sponsored by the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights and the

Memphis Gay Coalition. It was held at the Metropolitan Community Church-Nashville.

Bangor Youths

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The district administration should require employment and student policies to include language which would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Establish a policy statement supportive of faculty and staff in their efforts to deal with student

homophobia and other forms of bigotry.

Establish a philosophical statement supportive of reprimands of students for expressing intolerance.

Directed school superintendent to develop a series of workshops on bigotry for faculty and staff, to specifically address the issue of homophobia.

In releasing its statement, the school committee said, "Given the recent tragedy that has shaken our community, we are especially concerned about the right of Gays and Lesbians to expect civility, and to be free from harassment and physical abuse. We encourage our teachers to air these issues in their classrooms, where appropriate to subject matter. We support our administrators and staff in their reprimand of intolerance in all its forms."



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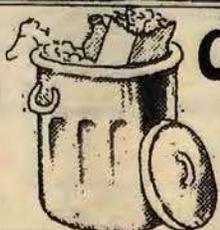
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WANTED — Piano player on voluntary basis for MCC Memphis, Will provide transportation. If interested, please call Sheryl at 274-8355.

NATIONAL GAY CONTACT CLUB — Men/Women. Low rates. Send SASE to: NGCC, P.O. Box 28781, San Jose, CA 95159.

LITTLE ROCK — Looking for correspondents, to cover news, sell ads, aid in distribution. Write Gaze, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038 or call (901) 454-1411.

WHITE, F, 60, educated, sincere, respectful, seeks mature female. Will answer. Please respond. J.W. Rt. 6, Box 28, N.L.R., AR 72118.

ROOMATE WANTED — Midtown on Peabody — 2 bedroom apt. 1/2 rent and utilities (about \$200). Call Marty 728-4100 M-F between 3:30-6 p.m., SS 1-5 p.m.

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JOHNSON CITY — Help us keep you informed. People needed to cover news in East Tenn, sell ads and help distribute Gaze. We pay commissions on ad sales! Write: Gaze, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038 or call (901) 454-1411.

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Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness re-forming at MSU. Call Jim at 324-6808 or 454-2669

Information and Services

MEMPHIS

ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union — (ACLU): general movement; 81 Madison Bldg., Suite 1501, Memphis, 38103, (901) 521-9875

Black and White Men Together: support/movement, Box 41773, Mphs, 38104, 726-1461, 726-4299.

Gay Catholics: Call 725-1698 for recommended Sunday Mass.

Ladies Plus: service organization for men and women, public. Call 725-9877 after 3 pm daily.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-hetero-sexist; 1462 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38104, 274-3550

Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Meeting Room B of Library at Peabody & McLean; Box 3038, Memphis TN 38173-0038

Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational, Sun. worship 3:15 pm at Unitarian Chh, 292 Va. Ave. W., Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm, Box 241592, Mphs, 38124-1592, 324-1769.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; Box 41822 Memphis, 38104

Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 40982, Memphis, 38104

The Queen's Men (TQM): social, private membership, no address listing

Phoenix: Gay AA; meets Wed., 8 pm Fri., 10 pm; Sun., 8pm. Methodist Central, Medical Arts Bldg., 1265 Union, 365-7153

Tsarus: social, levi-leather/ motorcycle, private membership, Box 41082, Mphs, 38174-1082.

MEDIA

Gaze: newspaper, monthly; Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038 (901) 454-1411

Lambda Televideo: TV, monthly program Views from 10%, cable channel 7, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038

HELPLINES

Gay Switchboard: information, crisis, referrals, counseling, 726-GAYY.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161

Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Across The Street: bar, 1349 Madison, 726-9875.

Adams Family Restaurant: Home cooking, 1782 Madison, 725-7336.

The Eighth Day: bar, pizza/beer, 1382 Poplar, 725-9877

The French Connection: restaurant, bar, dining menu; 598 Marshall, 526-1038

George's: showbar, large disco; 600 Marshall, 526-1038

J-Wag's: bar, serves food, moderate menu, games, patio, late hrs., 1268 Madison, 726-9011.

Jackie's: bar, 1474 Madison Ave., 272-1104.

The Other Side: bar, large disco, restaurant, showbar, late hours. 12 N. Cleveland, 726-9245.

The Pendulum: bar, serves food, limited menu; 92 N. Avalon, 725-1530

P.W. Bumps: bar, serves food, limited menu; 238 N. Cleveland, 726-9953

Trapper John's: bar, disco, late hrs., 616 Marshall, 527-6348.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Book Cottage (Overton Square): mainstream book store, includes section of Gay/Lesbian novels and nonfiction; 2113 Madison Ave., 726-5857

Club South: baths, TV room, sauna, spa, lockers, rooms, 628 Madison (901) 525-2582. CBC affiliated.

Encore Cards and Gifts: cards, gifts, ceramics, posters, etc. Large selection of Gay/Lesbian fiction and nonfiction. 1266 Madison Ave., 722-8963

Fantasy World: bookstore, 1814 Winchester, 346-2086.

Georgetown Inn: hotel, daily, weekly and monthly rates. 628-630 Madison Ave. Reservations (901) 525-0725

Getwell Book Mart: bookstore, 1275 Getwell, 454-7765.

Getwell Book Store: bookstore, 1617 Getwell, 745-9054.

Men of Leather: clothing, accoutrements. 1474 Madison (in the rear of Jackie's). (901) 458-8342

Midtown Adult Theatre: bookstore, 1360 Poplar, 725-4306.

Mid Town Video: Video cassette sales and rentals; 1264 Madison

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

Tobacco Corner Newsroom: mainstream newsstand, carries Gay periodicals. 669 Mendenhall Rd. South, 682-3326.

NASHVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement, legal Box 120160, Nashville 37212

Conductors: Levi-leather club; Box 40261, Nashville 37212

Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STD's 1729 Church St., Nashville, 37203, (615) 329-1478

Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational; 131 15th Ave., N., Nashville TN 37202

Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: movement, Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202

Womankind Health Service: confidential clinic, feminist. 1727 Church St., Nashville, 37203 (615) 329-1478

Women's Resource Center: general services for women; 1608 Woodmont YWCA, Nashville, TN (615) 385-3952

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

B. Palola's: Restaurant, bar, 1812 Hayes St., (615) 320-0713

Cabaret: Bar, disco, drag shows; 1711 Hayes St. (615) 320-7082

The Chute: Restaurant, bar, 2535 Franklin Road., (615) 297-4571

Crazy Cowboy: bar; 2311 Franklin Road (615) 383-9493

Juanita's 224: bar, 224 Capitol Blvd. (615) 255-9841

The Jungle: bar, restaurant, patio, shows, 300 4th Ave., S. (615) 256-9411

Slippo's: 2106—A Eighth Ave. S. bar, (615) 269-9150

Warehouse 28: Bar, disco, shows and special events; 2529 Franklin Rd. (615) 385-9689

World's End: Restaurant, live music (jazz); 1713 Church St. 329-3480

CHATTANOOGA

Alan Gold's: bar, restaurant, disco, 1100 McCallie, (615) 629-8080.

Go Go: bar, dance, drag, 1077 Duncan Ave., (615) 698-1023

MISCELLANEOUS

Riverside Adult: bookstore, 1009 Riverside Dr., (615) 622-9335

Startime Video: bookstore, 6309 E. Brainard Rd., (615) 899-9714

CLARKSVILLE

The Detour: bar, disco, 1808 Madison, (615) 645-8146.

JOHNSON CITY

The Connection: bar, disco, Gay/straight, 429 W Walnut, (615) 928-9925.

KNOXVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

Dignity/Knoxville; religious, Box 9451, Knoxville, 37920, (615) 577-3772.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 2343, Knoxville, 37917, (615) 521-6546.

BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Badlands: bar, disco, restaurant, 317 N Gay, (615) 542-9257.

Factory: disco, 400 Dale, (615) 522-4375.

Lord Lindsey's: restaurant, 615 Hill, (615) 522-2178.

Upstage 54: bar, restaurant, disco, entertainment, 1501 White, (615) 522-6966.

LITTLE ROCK

ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Arkansas: general movement, legal; Box 2832, Little Rock AR 72203

Arkansas Gay Rights: general movement, Box 3115, Little Rock, AR 72203

Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut Little Rock, AR 72205, (501) 663-6455

Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, AR (501) 378-7851

Great Men/BWMT: support/movement: Box 3123, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 374-3217

Metropolitan Community Church-Little Rock: non-denominational, Box 1964, Little Rock 72203, (501) 666-2404

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 662, Little Rock. AR 72203

Parents and Friends of Gays: movement/support. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501

Crisis Center: 664-8834 (toll-free, 1-800-482-8886)

MEDIA

Arkansas Advisor: newspaper, monthly, Universal Publishers, box 4397, 72214, (501) 225-1300.

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

The Branding Iron Saloon: bar, country/western, 1701 University Little Rock, AR, (501) 663-8682

Discovery II: 1021 Jessie Road, (501) 664-4784

Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave., Little Rock, AR (501) 663-9886

MISCELLANEOUS

4-Star Video: bookstore, 5300 Baseline Rd., Little Rock, AR, (501) 562-4762

University Adult Arcade: bookstore, 6316 Asher Ave., Little Rock, AR, (501) 568-2952

MISSISSIPPI

ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement, 528 N State St., Jackson. MS. 39205-2242, (601) 355-7495.

Gay Switchboard: 24 hrs., information, referrals, counseling, (601) 355-7495.

Integrity/Mississippi: religious, Episcopaleans (all Gay Christians welcome) Box 4235, Jackson, MS 39216 (601) 355-7495

Lambda Group (Gay AA): meets Sat., 8 pm, 4872 N. State St. c/o Box 8342, Jackson, MS, 39204

Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational, Box 8342 Jackson, MS 39204 (601) 355-7495

Mississippi Gay Alliance: movement; Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 355-7495

MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: newspaper, monthly, Box 8342, Jackson, MS, 39204, (601) 355-7495.

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Bill's Disco and Show Bar: 207 W. Amite, Jackson, MS 39201 (601) 969-9765 (Th-Sat only)

Emerald City: 2912 Old Canton Rd. Jackson, MS 39216 (601) 366-7315

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