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Jackson, MS — That Battle Rages On

Compiled from Press Releases
by John Stilwell

Jackson MS — In Jackson, MS the battle which began as the result of Gays beginning a local chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church, rages on as Rev. Mike Wells calls on city officials to "decrease or control the activity of the homosexual element" Eddie Sandifer of the Mississippi Gay Alliance points out the parallel between Wells' "clean up campaign" and Hitler's purges (also in the name of Christ); and Ass't Police Chief L.C. Smith puts things in perspective by pointing out that "He (Wells) must have been out really looking for that (homosexual activity). He probably went up to Smith Park and hid in the bushes."

In a press conference, Rev. Mike Wells, president of the Mississippi Moral Majority, complained of "men embracing one another...caressing one another...cavorting with one another. (They) openly display their perversion." According to Wells, "Downtown Jackson becomes a hot bed for this kind of activity. (It is) an embarrassment to the citizenry of our state." Wells claims that anyone who happens to be in downtown Jackson at night is likely "to be hustled" by homosexuals and called on the mayor "to encourage additional arrests."

Assistant Police Chief Smith said, "We used to get people complaining all the time. But we haven't had any complaints in a long time...If there is much activity, people start complaining." Smith pointed out that complaints had actually decreased and at any rate, the city has no ordinance prohibiting kissing, embracing or holding hands by two people of the same sex.

In response to Wells charges, the Mississippi Gay Alliance held a press conference at which, office manager Eddie Sandifer read a prepared statement and answered questions. Quoting passages from *IS THE HOMOSEXUAL MY NEIGHBOR?* by Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey Mellenkott, Sandifer pointed out that "Hitler had persons who were suspected of homosexuality either shot without trial or exterminated in concentration camp gas chambers." Sandifer accused Wells of using the emotional issue of Gay activity as a means of raising funds "There was a time when race was used as an emotional issue for the same purposes and also using quotes from the Bible to support it."

Sandifer emphasized his group was not opposed to enforcement of laws against sexual acts or the display of sex organs in public as long as it was enforced on heterosexuals as well as Gays. At the same rate, kissing, embracing and holding hands in public is not illegal for heterosexuals and should not be for Gays. "Gay people have just as much right to show affection toward their partners as heterosexuals do."

"Gay people know who their people are. There may be some exceptions but they're not going to bother anyone on the street," Sandifer said. Since Gays are everywhere at all times, if we were indeed a threat, the threat would be present everywhere 24-hours a day. He said, "...Mike Wells has said we were out to take over the country...to what end? Our parents, brothers and sisters, business associates and best friends, and neighbors are heterosexuals and we do not find them offensive nor do we wish them harm nor to change that which is normal for them"

Both Sandifer and Wells spoke of their past political activity and plans for the future.

Wells is continuing his media campaign against homosexuality, abortion, pornography and prostitution. An anti-pornography statute has passed the Mississippi Legislature, been signed by Governor William Winter and will take effect July 1. It contains a "vigilante" provision which allows citizens to file pornography complaints against businesses after posting a \$500 bond. Wells feels, "It is a good law that will withstand court testing. We will encourage citizens to support and uphold the law." He is looking to law enforcement officials to "move quickly to close down once and for all the smut shops that are growing in our state."

In other action, Wells' group will push for anti-obscenity legislation aimed at cable TV and he claims that a legislator has agreed to introduce an anti-sodomy bill in the next legislative session. Although the organization will not be making political endorsements this year, candidates' stand on "pro-life, pro-morality,

pro-family, pro-American" issues will be researched and published.

"We are not a phenomenon," Wells said. "We are a movement to re-establish the climate of morality that this nation enjoyed in previous years."

Sandifer said the Gay Alliance has a political caucus which has been endorsing candidates for six years based on their positions on many issues, not just Gay issues, and will continue to do so. The group will also stage a march the last Saturday in June in celebration of Gay Pride Week. Sandifer said, "As taxpaying citizens and as registered voters we shall do all that we can to help our city and state progress. We also want the best--but for all citizens...not just Gays but for all who live here."

"I think their chief concern is satisfying lust today," Wells said, "they don't care one iota about tomorrow."

Sandifer said that Gays in Jackson and throughout Mississippi, far from being intimidated by Wells and the Moral Majority are more unified as a result of these recent attacks.

Lack of Volunteers Prompts Move to Shorter Switchboard Hours

The staff of the Gay Switchboard voted at their April staff meeting to change the helpline's hours of operation for the first time in its seven year history. The new hours are 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM seven nights a week. The phones had previously been staffed from 7 PM to 1 AM.

Switchboard Coordinator, Ric Sullivan, told Gaze the change was made "to maximize staffing during the hours in which most calls are received."

"We hope that the shortened hours

will encourage more people to volunteer for the Switchboard and discourage our late night prank calls," Sullivan said. "Several volunteers had to drop off the Switchboard because they couldn't stay up until 1 AM because of their work schedule."

At present, the Switchboard has ten volunteers, some of whom work five or six nights a month, according to Sullivan.

Further information about Switchboard activities can be obtained by calling 726-GAYY.

Support Needed for

by Joel Tate

MCC Memphis

A district Metropolitan Community Church official says that if Memphians don't throw support into the local MCC, the seven-year-old church could lose much of its independence or be closed.

Rev. Gilbert Lincoln, coordinator for the 13 churches in MCC's South Atlantic District, sent letters to members of MCC Memphis last month calling for increased attendance, giving and support. Otherwise, he said, the district Board of Home Missions, which governs the church, is expected to either close the church, or revoke its "mission" status.

As a "mission", the church is operated by an interim board of directors and an interim pastor. But the district coordinator and the Board of Home Missions exercise more control over MCC Memphis than other missions than larger churches, which have been granted charters.

Lincoln is challenging Memphians to support the local MCC. He noted that active participation in MCC Memphis has declined since last November. And

he said if community support increased soon, he would have a much better argument to take to the Board of Home Missions.

The board was to meet May 27-29 at a district conference in Columbia, SC.

The guidelines governing the 180 churches in the fellowship are expected to be changed at a conference in July in Toronto. If the proposed changes are passed, any group of 12 persons who agree to sorship, pledge and support the church with their time and talent for one year should receive an MCC charter.

Rev. Jim Simon, interim pastor of the mission since April, 1892, said the church is several hundred dollars in debt. But he said letters have been sent to inactive members in an attempt to increase participation. He added that a small delegation of MCC Memphis supported would be attending the district conference, and that a major pledge campaign is expected to get underway soon.

MCC Memphis is located at 2224 Central Avenue.

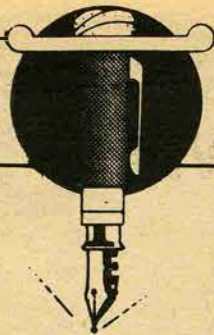
GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR

Gay Pride Picnic — Sunday, June 19, 3050 Chisca — 2:00 PM

**"Old Hash" — Benefit for AIDS Research Monday, June 20 — 8:00 PM
Circuit Playhouse**

**River Ride — Saturday, June 25 8:30- 12
Memphis Queen III**

**Parade and Rally — Sunday, June 26
12:30- Peabody Park/Overton Park**



Gazing

Porno Kings, Prostitutes and...

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By John Stilwell

At a recent meeting of MASH, I was mildly amused at Pat McNeeley's extreme outrage at a brief reference by John Scatamachia, grouping homosexuals and prostitutes together, during his recent appearance on Marge Thrasher's AM Memphis. I was amused until I realized I should have been outraged but I had become desensitized by hearing porno kings, prostitutes and homosexuals ranked together so many times by the religious zealots who have plagued us for so long.

Look at that grouping--porno kings, prostitutes and homosexuals--it glares at you like one of those tests where they set a pattern with several lists and then challenge you to select, in the next step, the item that doesn't fit or doesn't belong.

It's sad, but those religious fanatics did not pass the test so I feel it's my duty to help them on this one and get the lists corrected.

First, we must fill out the original list--porno kings, prostitutes and... Well, obviously, the first two form a duo that earn money for sexual performance either real or imaginary, so the obvious end of the list has got to be hustlers who also get paid for a sexual performance.

But now we have the vast majority of homosexuals who are not hustlers, standing alone and that will never do. Our antagonists are much too busy preaching "The Word" and raising money for their hate campaigns to hate us on an individual basis so we must provide them with a list of groups that they can hate. Their biggest hangup is sex so this list has got to have a sex base.

So try this on--breeders, fornicators and homosexuals. Sounds like a pretty nasty group, doesn't it?

Now, to define the different elements of the group.

Breeders are those people who have kids and to all outward appearances, they appear to be obeying the rules. They only do "it" when they have to and never, never do anything that might prevent conception. But sometimes, unknown to their closest friends, they do "it" just because they want to and "it" feels good. The fornicators are those people who make no bones about the fact that they do it because they enjoy "it" and they intend to continue doing "it". They have also been known to take precautions to avoid conception. And of course, homosexuals are fornicators who do "it" with same sex partners.

Now the job's almost done but we can't let our tormenters stand alone. They need a group, too.

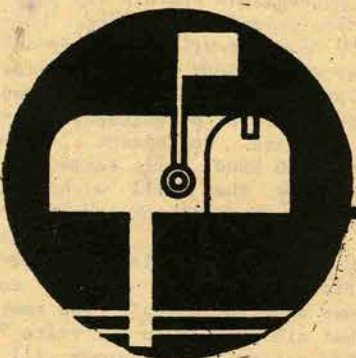
So how about this--the preachers, educators and disciplinarians? Sounds real nice, doesn't it?

Now these folks have a real hard time of it. Most of their free time they spend memorizing Bible verses that someone else will explain to them later. The rest of the time they spend trying to get public officials to pass laws forcing everyone to live like them. Oh, and they don't get to do "it" unless they're making a baby.

The preachers are the ones who are constantly begging for money to do "God's work". The ones who could fund any number of campaigns simply by li-

educators are the ones who want to keep sex education out of the schools because if those young folk think "it" is healthy and normal, they're going to want to do it. They'll also find out that what Daddy's been doing to them at home when no one else is around, isn't healthy and normal. The disciplinarians are the folk who have "spare the rod and spoil the child" highlighted in their Bible. So what if records show that fundamentalists are the single largest group of child abusers? God has told them it is their responsibility.

So the lists are complete and more accurate than they have been in a long time:



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can live with. When I first read your letter Mr. Gough, I was as you say, bitter. But as I end this letter I'm no longer bitter because I pity you, Mr. Gough, almost as much as you hate the people you don't know.

Gene Bredosky
Memphis

any way I can give is here for the asking...

HE MADE HIS MARK...

Dan Donovan
Vice President IGBO
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Minneapolis, MN 55407

Gay Christians CAN Make a Difference

For six months it has been no secret to many in the Memphis Gay community that the local Metropolitan Community Church has been struggling to recover from the loss of half its members last December. But few know that in spite of its growth and progress since that time, the district board that governs the church has strongly considered closing the church once and for all.

The fate of the 7½-year-old church should be decided by the end of July. Both the church members and the district officers are doing everything possible to guarantee MCC's survival. But success will ultimately depend on increased attendance, membership, donation and support in the very near future.

The problems that have struck the local MCC aren't very different from the crises faced by many churches and civic organizations. Personality conflict, philosophical differences among leaders and inflation have all taken their toll.

Yet the church has managed to survive without a major fundraiser in 10 months. It is sustaining its own building. It is as dedicated as ever to continuing to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. And it is helping Memphians and newcomers who often feel they have no other place to turn.

The death of MCC Memphis would, in essence, be the end of an organization that has helped, counseled and ministered to literally hundreds of Memphians in the last several years. And its dissolution would be a sad commentary indeed on the city of Memphis.

The Gay Christians of greater Memphis CAN make a difference, and so can the entire community. Let's see if we do.

Whitney Smith
Memphis

Ron Smith Mourned

Today I join you in mourning the brutal and senseless death of Ron Smith. I learned of it upon receiving the latest issue of Gaze.

I contact Gay/Lesbian Publications twice a year with news on IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) events. Last year Ron read that article in Gaze and contacted me. Thus began a warm and rewarding relationship with him.

I never had the opportunity to meet him, to shake his hand, to give him a hug or to expand our friendship, but I had a wonderful and intimate feeling with him.

He was a victim...and suffers no more. The person(s) responsible for his death is also a victim...of that part of the misinformed, misguided and mixed up part of society, which does not understand the values nor respects of the rights of individuals. That victim, his family and friends will suffer in the knowledge that they failed in teaching values and rights.

Ron's understanding of the purpose of IGBO (promoting Friendship, Unity, Competition and Kinship through bowling) was unique. He desired to bring into the Memphis Community this theme by organizing bowling leagues. At times he was discouraged and excited, and it was then he spoke on the phone rather than writing. It was this way our friendship developed.

To the entire Memphis community, I express my personal sorrow, and extend on behalf of the over 5000 IGBO members our desire to bring bowling into your community activities. To any individual, or group or organization who desires to continue working on developing a Gay/Lesbian Bowling League in Memphis, my assistance in

Nellie Queen Letter Sparks Responses

Mr. Gough, I tell you if this guy doesn't blend well with the general public, I don't know who would. At a time when Gay activism is supposed to be on the uprise, up rises a hypocrite like him. I have been Gay for at least 17 of my 27 years and only 3 months ago knocked my closet door down. Reason being that the general public, or straight public as you call it, considers any and all homosexuals queers, fags, sissies and perverts, simply because they're as ignorant as you seem to be. In the short time I have been going to the Gay bars I've found it very difficult to make friends with the arrogant, hateful, self-centered and very plastic people like yourself who think they're too good for the rest of the world. You say you've known your sexual preference for 15 years and still haven't come out of the closet you carry with you. I only hope you wake up in time to see people for the persons they are inside and not the way they walk, wear their hair or talk. You seem to know a lot of \$10 and \$20 words to cut people down, but you don't know a damn thing about people. I'm very happy to consider myself a part of the group you have characterized in your letter, which is only part of a much larger group, thankfully a lot larger than yours. And I'd like to thank each and every one of them for making 3 difficult months a little easier. When Mother Nature shuffled her cards she dealt a lot of accidents. Personally, I prefer drag queens. Their kind of stuffed shift I

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AIDS: Test Your Knowledge

The following is reprinted from The Weekly News and modified slightly for the readers of Gaze.

In the interest of continuing our educational campaign to inform the Gay community about AIDS, the Health Task Force of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado has developed this "AIDS Quiz #1." Answers can be found at the end of the quiz.

1. What is AIDS?

- an antacid
- The "Gay plague"
- a poorly understood disorder in which part of the body's immune system is damaged in varying degrees of severity.
- the wrath of God called down on queers by J. Falwell of Lynchburg, VA.

2. Some victims of AIDS are more vulnerable (because of a damaged immune system!) than others to a large and growing number of serious, often fatal diseases. The two most frequently reported of these cases are:

- hemorrhoids and zits
- Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS—a cancer) and Pnuemocystis carinii Pneumonia (PCP)
- an uncontrollable desire to be Empress of Memphis and similar disorders characterized by an uncontrollable desire to be editor of Gaze — both leading to permanent insanity.

3. Who is at risk for catching AIDS?

- Dykes on Bikes
- The Pope
- Mayor Hackett, the City Council and John Scatamacchia.
- Gay or bisexual men sexually active with multiple different partners, IV drug users who share needles; some Haitians; individuals receiving large quantities of blood or blood products by transfusion (hemophiliacs)

4. Persistent fevers or night sweats; weight loss not related to diet or exercise; unexplained profound fatigue which may be accompanied by light headedness or headaches; and recently appearing or slowly enlarging purplish or discolored nodules, plaques, lumps, or other new growths on top of or beneath the skin or the mucous membranes (mouth, anus, under eyelids or nasal passages) are all:

- the result of voting Republican on a habitual basis
- some of the general symptoms often associated with AIDS — they can be symptoms for many other disorders, however
- the result of attending too many brunches where quiche was served.

5. Lymphadenopathy-- enlarged, hardened, or otherwise prominent lymph nodes (found in neck, armpits, groin) more than three months; a heavy persistent dry cough--not from the flu or smoking; a thick persistent, whitish coating on the tongue or in the throat which may be accompanied by a sore throat; easy bruisability or unexplained bleeding from any orifice, or new growth are all:

- some more of the general symptoms often associated with AIDS -- but can be symptoms for many other disorders
- the result of getting your picture on the front page of Gaze.
- the result of moving to the Skyline or Bellevue Towers.

6. If you exhibit any of the symptoms listed in questions 4 and 5 you should:

- move out of the Skyline or Bellevue Towers
- Register as a Republican and find Jesus
- give Phyllis Schafly a call and see what she would do
- don't be alarmed--but do consult your health care provider about it . If you don't have a health care provider familiar with AIDS and the other unique health issues of Gay men and Lesbians, call the Gay Switchboard at 726-GAYY.

7. If your health care provider does know you are Gay or Lesbian, you should:

- thank your lucky stars
- keep your mouth shut and hope for the best
- tell him or her right now and if they can't handle it, get a new one
- invite him or her over for brunch, serve quiche if you are a Gay man or Tofu if you are a Lesbian and hope s/he gets the message

8. At the present time, there are several routine, inexpensive laboratory tests that may either strengthen or help to rule out a diagnosis of immune deficiency. These include:

- the inhalation of large amounts of poppers with the immediate appearance perusing back issues of *Drummer* for at least two hours-- if blisters appear anywhere you're in trouble
- a white blood cell and lymphocyte count (skin testing with common recall antigens, " which continue to have uncertain diagnostic value--- both of which are often low in victims of immune deficiency

9. Although no conclusive evidence exists, so far as we know, to lay direct blame on any drug, activity, place of residence or other factors as the cause or causes for AIDS, virtually all leading observers currently believe that the risk of AIDS can be reduced (not eliminated) if you:

- reduce the number of different sexual partners and cease the use of shared needles for injection of drugs
- get a friend with a whip, go to the nearest Catholic Church during Holy Week and do the stations of the cross on your knees while being flogged
- cancel your travel plans to New York and head for Missoula, Montana, instead
- absolutely refuse to use stale poppers or rancid Crisco

10. AIDS IS:

- not funny
- killing us softly
- something that an educated responsible, cohesive and nurturing Gay and Lesbian community can conquer
- all of the above

ANSWERS

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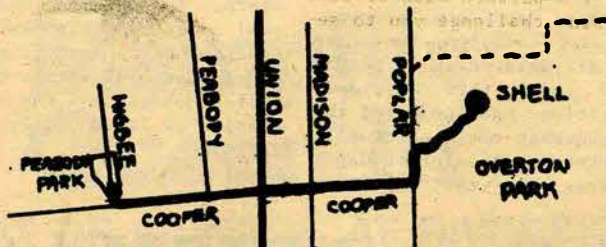
in such areas as

- Improving relationships • clarifying personal values and goals • Solving conflicts
- Increasing self-understanding

For Further Information call 726-1284

GAY PRIDE WEEK '83

PARADE and RALLY



Participants will assemble in Peabody Park at 12:30 p.m. and proceed North on Cooper Street, cross Union Avenue, Madison Avenue through Overton Square and continue to Overton Park ending at Overton Park Shell for rally.

Sunday, June 26

March begins at 12:30 p.m. at Peabody Park

A Rally at the Overton Park Shell will follow the Parade

BWMT/Memphis BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER

We are Gay individuals creating an interracial, cultural, social, political and educational organization dedicated to fostering a supportive environment where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome, as well as working to combat racism both within and outside the Gay community. —JOIN US!

General Meetings
Action Committee
Potluck Social Evenings
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Canned Food Drives
Gay Pride Week Activities
Employment Surveys of Bars
Community Dances

JUNE CALENDAR

June 2: Action Committee Meeting
June 7 and June 23: C/R-Support Group Meetings
June 26: Participate in Gay Pride Fest '83
June 27: General Meeting

For Information Call: Irwin at 901-276-4160 or Joe at 901-274-0532. BWMT meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Main Library, Meeting Room A, Peabody at McLean.



Record Number Co-Sponsor Federal Gay Civil Rights Bill- More Expected

Washington, DC--Co-sponsorship of the House of Representatives' Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, H.R. 427, has now reached a record level of 63, according to Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL)--the primary lobbying group for the legislation. The chief sponsors of the bill are Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA).

The record co-sponsorship came as no surprise, according to Steve Edean, the Executive Director of GRNL who also serves as Treasurer. GRNL, who also serves as Treasurer of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "The re-election of every co-sponsor (who ran) from the last session, the election pledges coming from GRNL's Constituent Lobby of Candidates program, and the help the Campaign Fund gave in key races all pointed to is reaching a record level this session." Earlier projections had indicated the House co-sponsorship could eventually hit 80-85 members, but informed Capitol Hill sources note that the death

of Rep. Phil Burton, an influential Gay civil rights supporter who had pledged to help gain co-sponsors, could make it difficult to reach those numbers this year.

Although passage of the national civil rights bill--which would prohibit discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men in employment, housing, etc.--will take several sessions to pass, Edean asserted there are concrete, positive advantages to the continually expanding co-sponsorship. He noted that GRNL works particularly closely with co-sponsors on a variety of other Congressional issues such as AIDS funding, immigration reform and defeat of anti-Gay amendments. In addition, large Congressional co-sponsorship encourages prominent public leaders and organizations, such as former Vice-President Walter Mondale and the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) to speak out in favor of Gay Rights.

Black Gays, NGTF Meet

Washington, D.C.- According to the *Washington Blade*, Ginny Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, called a meeting with members of the D.C. Coalition of Black Gays in response to their letter in the *Blade* denouncing the firing of Mel Boozer. According to the Black Gay leaders, Boozer was a highly visible Black Gay and his forced resignation appears to indicate that the major white-dominated Gay organizations are insensitive to the needs and concerns of the Black Gay Community. They also objected to Apuzzo's appointment of Jeff Levi to replace Boozer without allowing other Black Gays to apply for the post.

Apuzzo said that she had openly stated if she were chosen to replace Valeska, her intention was to hire her own staff. According to Apuzzo, "The previous administration has a dismal record in terms of programatically working with the Gay Rights National Lobby. It was my deeply felt belief that if nothing else, it was absolutely crucial that NGTF work well with GRNL." Apuzzo also claimed that Boozer could not get along with other Gay leaders but when pressed

for specific names, she replied, "My major concern was with GRNL. If (Boozer worked well programatically with GRNL, (he) would not have been terminated."

In a statement issued by the Black leaders, they indicated that their specific questions about Boozer's forced resignation had not been satisfactorily answered but Apuzzo had to certain objectives designed to discourage discrimination against Black Gays by other Gays. These include: encouraging Gay businesses and organizations to stop discriminatory practices, refusing to accept funding from groups or businesses that discriminate and encouraging businesses and groups to stop displaying symbols of oppression (eg. Confederate flags). It was further decided that additional discussions were necessary.

Jane Rule Honored

New York(*The Washington Blade*)-- The Fund for Human Dignity, the tax-exempt arm of the National Gay Task Force honored Canadian Lesbian author Jane Rule at its annual awards dinner held May 16 in New York. Rule is the

author of a diverse body of work, including criticism (*Lesbian Images*) and short stories (*Theme For Diverse Instruments* and *Outlander*), but is perhaps best known for such novels as *Desert of the Heart*, *The Young in One Another's Arms*, and *Contract With The World*. Also honored were Sgt. Perry Watkins and Holly Near.

NGTF Head Threatened

NGTF HEAD THREATENED.

Washington- (*The Washington Blade*)-- A 40 year-old Washington man, who earlier in April threatened National Gay Task Force official Jeff Levi with a handgun to show "how easy it is to murder a homosexual," was released from custody two hours after he was arrested when an assistant U.S. attorney refused to prosecute the case.

An official with the U.S. Attorney's office has since said the decision to decline to prosecute the case was based on "incomplete information" and that prosecutors now plan to issue a judicial summons for future prosecution of Paul Franklin Buck.

Gay activists, however, said they were outraged when they learned that Buck returned to the D.C. Gay community Center--the place where he first encountered Levi--the following day, in an attempt to locate Levi a second time.

Levi, meanwhile, was unharmed but shaken following what he said were a series of developments that raise further questions about whether the U.S. Attorney's office is doing all it could to prosecute cases in which Gays are victims.

Freud's Daughter "His Only Son"

(*Out Front*) - Anna Freud, Sigmund Freud's daughter, was known to him as "my only son," according to the most recent *Emma*, West Germany's feminist monthly. Anna Freud died at 86, after a life spent as a psychoanalyst and founder of the children's therapy clinic in London.

She was co-publisher of her father's works and author of the first standard psychoanalytic work on treating children. In 1938 she fled Nazi persecution and settled in London with the woman who remained her constant companion and who was treated as a member of the family by Anna's father.

"The public remained unaware of what the Freud family didn't mind," *Emma* claims. "The fact that the daughter of the famous analyst was a Lesbian." *Emma's* article was prompted by an implication in one of *Der Spiegel's* columns that Anna Freud "sacrificed marriage because she loved her father so much and that, therefore, she involved herself totally in his work."

'Olympics' Injunction Permanent

San Francisco(*Gay Community News*)-- The U.S. Ninth Court of Appeals made permanent an injunction against the Gay Games use of the word 'Olympics,' according to the *Bay Area Reporter*.

U.S. District Judge Robert Peckham on April 12 turned down the appeal of attorney Mary Dunlap to lift the ban. Peckham upheld the U.S. Olympic committee's claim that the use of the word confused the public about the nature of the games.

Dunlap has said, however, that the case will be pursued in a trial scheduled to begin this summer.



Greensong Foliage

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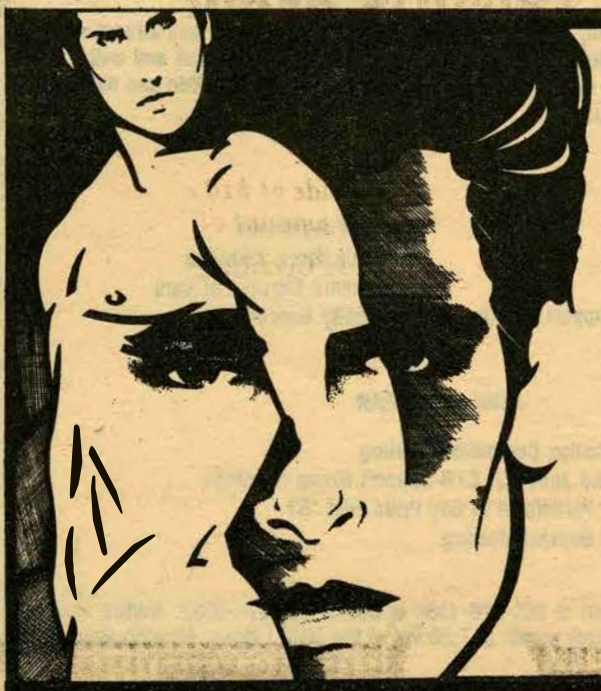
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Mother's of Nashville Opens

By Jeff Thompson

Already 1983 has brought a host of changes to the gathering places of the Nashville Gay community. In the wake of the enlargement and charming redecoration of The World's End restaurant; Juanita's stylish (and wise) move uptown on St. Patrick's Day; The Jungle's successful relocation to East Nashville---and the fiery (and mysterious) demise of The Mind Shaft---a new Gay bar unobtrusively opened its doors on Tuesday, April 12... and quickly proceeded (through word-of-mouth) to make its presence known.

Located at 2535 Franklin Road in Nashville, Mother's offers a striking-somewhat surrealistic "street scene" decor within its relatively small confines. An intriguing, perhaps forbidden urban alley-way is suggested by Mother's long and narrow dimensions, dim lighting and contrasting walls of either exposed brick or shimmering chrome. Plus, a changeable light projection of a metropolitan skyline or the starry heavens glitters on a brick wall...and an actual motorcycle, permanently parked against the brick wall, provides a novel place to sit. The bar (drink counter) is comfortable and L-shaped. Pinball and video games are found in the back corner. There is no dance floor. Setting an aural mood are continuous, professional sounding music tapes, featuring a mixture of dance music, new wave, and rock music (including such seldom heard gems as The Alan Parsons Project's "(You) Can't

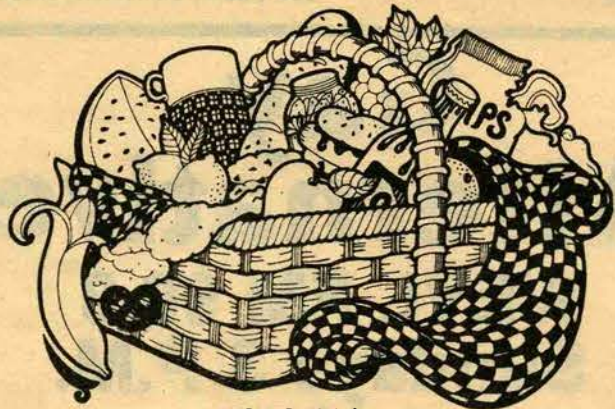
Take It With You," from the 1978 "Pyramid" album.

Housed in a former laundromat, Mother's is owned and operated by Mark Ryan, a 28-year-old Nashville businessman who previously has produced Gay-oriented illustrations and T-shirts, including material for TWIT magazine. The moustachioed Ryan labored for nine months to launch the Franklin Road nightspot. In addition to the obligatory paperwork and actual design and construction of the interior, Ryan's exhaustive preparations included a fact-finding tour of successful Gay bars in New Orleans, Houston, Austin and Los Angeles. Interestingly, a widespread comment among Mother's Nashville patrons is that the bar is "like a New York or California bar."

Music City's Gay community seemingly has embraced this newest club---and owner Mark Ryan couldn't be happier. He describes Mother's patrons as "the best." He observes that his weeks-old bar has "developed a real nice crowd. Everybody seems to talk here, more than in any other bar." In his opinion, Mother's is a place to meet people. Improvement plans for Mother's in the immediate future include the acquisition of the store next to the club and the addition of more seating and two pool tables. The full, official name of the bar is Mother's Construction Company-- and Mark Ryan reveals that his 55-year-old mom is a partner in the business! Mother's, at 2535 Franklin Road in Nashville, is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 PM to 3:00 AM, and on Saturday and Sunday from three to three.

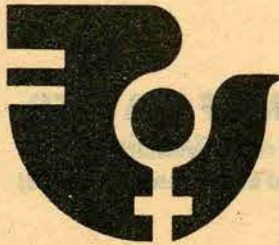
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Reunion - Diaman's Latest

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N.A. Diaman is a native San Franciscan and an eight-year resident of the Castro District. His previous books are *Ed Dean is Queer*, *The Fourth Wall* and *Second Crossing*, all published by Persona Press.

In 1978 Diaman published *Ed Dean is Queer*, "which is part satire, part Utopian fantasy beginning with the Florida Gay rights struggle and ending with a part of California forming

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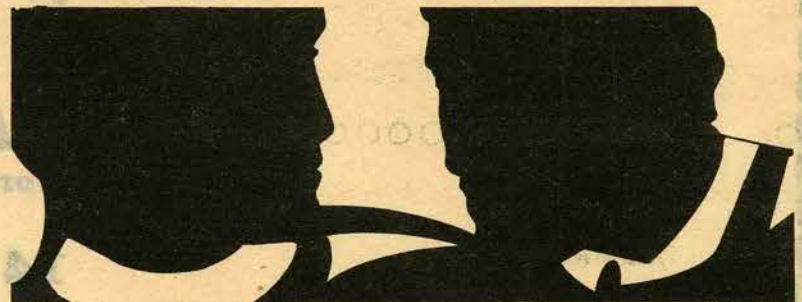
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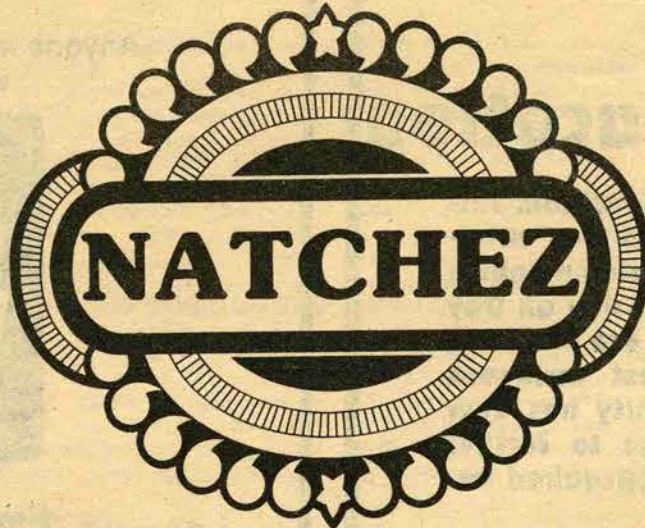
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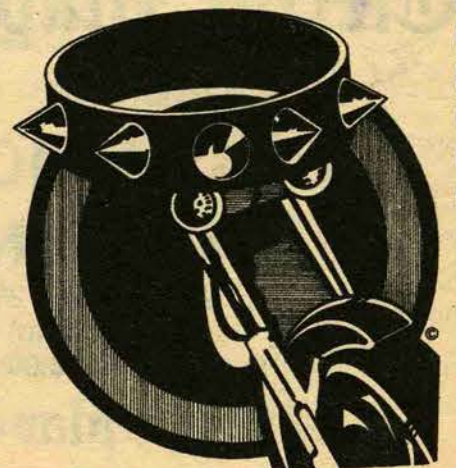
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