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Falwell Visits Memphis

In early August Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, visited the Bluff City as a part of his nationwide campaign against AIDS. He has called for increased funding for AIDS research but it is his call for "radical action" to "discriminate against the persons who are known to be the high risk groups," which has Gays and Lesbians disturbed.

Falwell has accused Reagan and other government officials of negligence because they have taken no preventive measures to stop the spread of AIDS. Falwell blames this inaction on their fear of Gay and Lesbian voting blocs and the result of alienating that large group of voters. Falwell said that if sterner measures were not taken, within a year, "We're going to have an epidemic that's out of control, involving thousands, not hundred's."

Falwell's "radical action" calls for the mandatory closing of all bath houses and calls for blood donors "to fill out extensive questionnaires on penalty of perjury, detailing their health and sexual proclivities." He is also calling for firm guidelines for health care workers who deal with victims.

Falwell continues to call homosex-

uals depraved and an abomination and claims that AIDS is the wages for their sins.

Asked to comment on Falwell's appearance in Memphis, Memphis Gay Coalition member John Stilwell said, "We can use all the money Falwell can raise for research but we don't need Reagan or Falwell and his 'program of discrimination' to help us stop the spread of AIDS. The Gay community is taking care of its own through education and an intelligent and sensitive approach to the problem. Bars and bath houses across the country have recognized their responsibility and have started offering alternate activities which reduce the possibility of the spread of disease."

Stilwell said the fact that Lesbians have not had any incidence of AIDS shoots the theory of "God's revenge" but unfortunately, they are unfairly lumped together with Gay men in the new wave of discrimination that is sweeping the country because of the ignorance and fear that is being reinforced by the inflammatory remarks of people like Falwell.

"In fact," Stilwell said, "blood donation centers should be reaching out to the Lesbian community since

theirs is the safest blood. Historically, Lesbians have the lowest incidence of sexually transmitted disease and they are the one group of individuals least likely to contract AIDS."

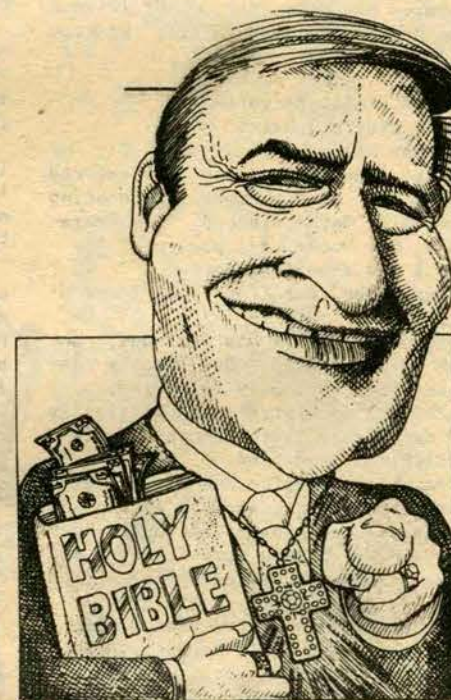
Stilwell called Falwell's remarks "ludicrous". He said, "AIDS is an epidemic and the Gay community has already taken steps to prevent its spread. Almost as devastating as the disease itself is the epidemic of hysteria and discrimination that people like Falwell are promoting."

The only positively identified means of transmission is through intimate sexual contact with a victim or carrier.

"Through education provided to the Gay community by the Gay community, changes in attitudes and lifestyles have already resulted in a decrease in the rate the disease is spreading," Stilwell said. "When it became known that blood transfusions might be a possible means of transmission, Gay men were urged to refrain from donating blood and the marked decrease in blood donations indicates they have responded."

The Red Cross has determined that the possibility of contracting AIDS through blood transfusion is one in a million.

In conclusion, Stilwell said, "Jerry Falwell has been carrying on a campaign against Gays and Lesbians for years. He is an opportunist and



has latched on to AIDS and the irrational fear and hysteria it has caused to garner support for his ongoing program to discriminate against and isolate Gays and Lesbians from the mainstream of society. Frankly, we don't need his kind of help."

Protesters Disrupt AGLRF Film for GPW

FAYETTEVILLE (Arkansas Gay Writes)--Gay Pride Week in Fayetteville was disrupted last month when a group calling itself Anti-Gays of Arkansas picketed a documentary film shown at the Fayetteville Public Library. The film, *Word Is Out*, was sponsored by AGLRF. About 60 people, Gay and straight, came to see the film despite the protesters, press and live TV cameras.

The protesters, all 6 of them, carried posters which read, "God did not create Adam and Steve, nor Gays and AIDS."

Their leader, Don Robison, 21, of Lincoln, who is single and unemployed, stated in his press release that his group is "made up of Christian, concerned parents whose primary goal is to help re-establish the moral fiber in our state and nation." The release said the group's purpose is to "get legislation on the ballot to abolish Gay activities in the State of Arkansas."

According to a story by Kay Albright in the *Northwest Arkansas Times*, "When questioned further about possible legislation, Robison indicated that he wanted to restrict homosexuals from meeting in public places" and from "flaunting their lifestyle to the world." Robison's father, Ralph, asserted "as far as

I'm concerned, they've got no rights" and thumped his Bible to show the basis for his statement.

In response to the protesters, an officer of AGLRF wrote a press statement which stated, "We (AGLRF) are tax-paying citizens who are entitled to our basic human rights which are guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Constitution. We have the right to assemble in a public facility and the freedom of speech. We are showing the film, *Word Is Out*, in honor of Gay Pride Week. The film is a documentary which was originally shown on PBS-TV. We invite the protesters and press to view this educational film with us in a peaceful manner."

Robison is currently circulating petitions that call for unspecified anti-Gay legislation. He said that the petitions have been distributed in the Fayetteville, Prairie Grove and Lincoln areas plus "we've got some below Little Rock and we're going to mail some to the Jonesboro area."

"When we've got enough signatures, we're going to take them to the legislature and get something done," he said. Robison did not have an estimate as to how many signatures he had at the moment, commenting, "We've really only started this five days ago when I saw that ad," (advertising the film).

Liaison Between MGC and AID Atlanta Established

A taped replay at the Paris Adult Theatre on Summer of the Memphis Gay Coalition's AIDS benefit, *Old Hash*, originally staged at Circuit Playhouse for a SRO audience, raised an additional \$113 for the Coalition's AIDS fund bringing the current total to \$2434.22.

New York and Atlanta were both contacted to get the most current information and pamphlets to distribute in the Memphis area and to get a speaker for a proposed symposium for local physicians. The problem with printed materials is that they are usually outdated by the time they are ready for distribution and must constantly be updated. (Between the first meeting to discuss a brochure for distribution and a second meeting two weeks later, the original brochure had been replaced with a more up-to-date and more comprehensive brochure.)

The Memphis Gay Coalition has established a liaison with AID Atlanta. We are currently their west-most distribution point and we have been charged with distributing information to Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

AID Atlanta has specially designed display stands for AIDS information brochures. The Coalition has received unrestricted permission to reprint any information received from Atlanta and we have been put on their mailing

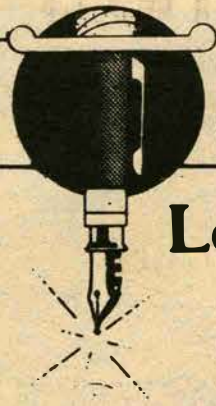
list so we will receive the most up-to-date information as soon as it is available.

The Coalition has placed an initial order for 15 stands at \$25.00 each which will be enough to cover all the bars, Club South and 4 Adult theatres. An initial printing of 5000 brochures will cost \$495.35. The brochures distributed to the bars will be replenished as necessary. Anyone wishing to receive the brochure may pick them up free at the locations mentioned or may send a stamped self-addressed envelope to The Memphis Gay Coalition, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

In requesting a speaker for a symposium for local physicians, both New York and Atlanta referred us back to Dr. Linda Pifer, a researcher at U.T. who spoke to a group of about 40 people at the program meeting on August 15. She gave a slide presentation and spoke about some of her own theories on AIDS.

The Coalition is also trying to obtain a one-hour tape from Atlanta on AIDS. When it is available, the tape will probably be scheduled for airing on *Views From 10%* and at a Coalition program meeting.

The most current statistics we have on the AIDS epidemic indicate there are 1922 reported cases (847 of those in New York) and 743 deaths.



Gazing

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Learning From AIDS

(The following is an editorial which appeared in the GAY COMMUNITY NEWS from Boston, Massachusetts, written by Jim Wilson)

I had almost forgotten. It's easy to forget. Almost all my friends are Gay or Lesbian. My social life is centered around Gay institutions. My reading is mostly Gay oriented, Gay magazines, Gay books, Gay poetry. So I had almost forgotten. Then along came AIDS and I remembered. I remembered, I was reminded, how much we are hated, how deeply despised, how tenuously tolerated. AIDS has demonstrated to me finally and definitely that homophobia is a PASSION, an avocation. Ten straight White Males die of a mysterious disease and the nation has apoplexy--Headlines--TV Reports--Sympathy. MONEY comes pouring in and there was no discussion where to find it.

I'm getting angrier. Each time I think about it, I get angrier. I had almost forgotten. But I'm remembering. I'm remembering the depths of sexism and its attendant blindness. In all the propaganda about the "homosexual" (sic) plague, about the infected blood supply, about removing us from the food industry, etc. AD NAUSEUM, the Patriarchs remain Lesbian blind. If they were really concerned about their blood or their

food, then they would put out a call for Lesbian blood donations and flock to Lesbian restaurants. For, since AIDS is very likely sexually transmitted through penile penetration, the group of people least likely on earth to get AIDS is Lesbians.

But they don't ask for Lesbian blood donors, and they don't flock to Lesbian restaurants.

And amidst all the cacophony about nature's revenge or God's curse, are we to understand that Lesbians are especially blessed because they are free of the plague?

I'm a little slow, but I AM learning that bigotry has its own twisted logic, its own way of systematically not seeing. I'm a little slow, but I think I can recognize a set-up.

If a mysterious disease suddenly appeared among the tightly knit Chinese community in New York or San Francisco, and if the government was, shall we say, sluggish in finding funds to combat it, the holy New York Times and other bastions of liberalism would have no problem identifying the reason for the government's lack of interest.

But let's face it. I mean I'm a little slow, but it's finally sinking in. Look guys--for all our glitter and "buying power," when push comes to shove we're at the bottom, rock bottom. Let's make it real clear -- we're below Blacks, Chicanos, Jews, Chinese. Only women and possibly Indians can share our status. We are expendable.

Every time I think about it I get angrier, furious. I'm furious at our helplessness.

I attended the AIDS demonstrations with thousands of my brothers and sisters and the solidarity was beautiful. And I cheered with the rest when it was announced that the government had released some money for AIDS research.

Why did we cheer? It took them YEARS to respond. Too little, too late for so many. We should have screamed in rage.

But the reason we cheered is demoralizingly obvious. We are beggars politely requesting the government (this same government which has mercilessly persecuted us) to please, oh please, help us. So we cheered when FINALLY they responded.

I'm learning. I'm a little slow, but I'm learning. I mean, dear broth-

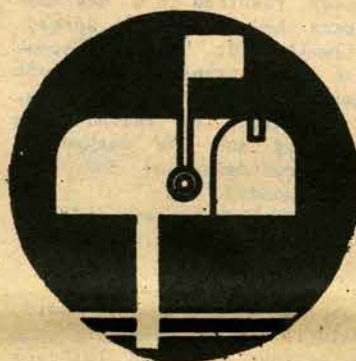
ers, let us never forget that the government responded only after it became aware that non-Gays could get AIDS. So NOW they panic--Headlines--TV Reports--Sympathy (for non-Gay victims) and, of course, MONEY.

So forgive me if I'm a little about the motives behind these recent appropriations.

And I keep getting angrier. And out of that anger a vision is forming.

Recently I read how the Gay Center in Philadelphia formed their own school for some Gay kids who lived in a house run by the Center. Seems they couldn't go to the neighborhood high school without getting beat up. So the Center formed its own school for Gay and Lesbian kids. (I had almost forgotten the constant terror I felt when I was in school.)

And that's a part of my vision. It's a vision of Gays and Lesbians raising our own children in our own schools; taking care of ourselves in our own healing facilities, dealing with our own problems in our own way, nurturing ourselves with our own holidays, rituals and ceremonies. It's vision of Gays and Lesbians becoming so strong, so INDEPENDENT, that we will never again have to grovel and bet while our brothers are dying.



Box 3038

News of Discrimination Disappointing

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In past letters to Gaze, I praised Memphis a being a "progressive city" and an ideal model for other cities, especially my home base of Little Rock. However, after reading the latest edition of Gaze, to my dismay

I may have spoken too highly of the city's Gay community and its business establishments.

The practicing of racist policies and any form of discrimination can not be of any value in the Gay community and it is up to the patrons of these establishments to recognize that it is more damaging to look the other way when you are aware that such procedures are being tolerated.

As the founder of GREAT (Gay, Racially, Equal and Together) Men of Little Rock, a Black and White Men Together affiliate, I felt that I should echo the sentiments of my counterparts and colleagues there in Memphis by pointing out that the problem of racism cannot simply be ignored. It is an attitude that does more to destroy a community than it does to unite one.

Being from a city that has made history, due to its extreme problems of racist attitudes, I am well aware

of the torment and bitterness that racism can cause. Even today, some 30 years later, we are constantly reminded of those evil days that discrimination prevailed openly in this city and state. Basically, we are reminded because it still exists in a variety of forms that society seems to deem tolerable and even the Gay community is no exception.

If one would think rationally about racism, they would come to a crossroad of questions such as, what significance does racist exclusion play in the popularity or prosperity of an establishment? Are these persons aware of the "traps" they are setting for themselves in being racist, whether openly or not? Do they realize that they are narrowing their prospects for meeting new and interesting people of color? It would seem that most bigots can't help them-

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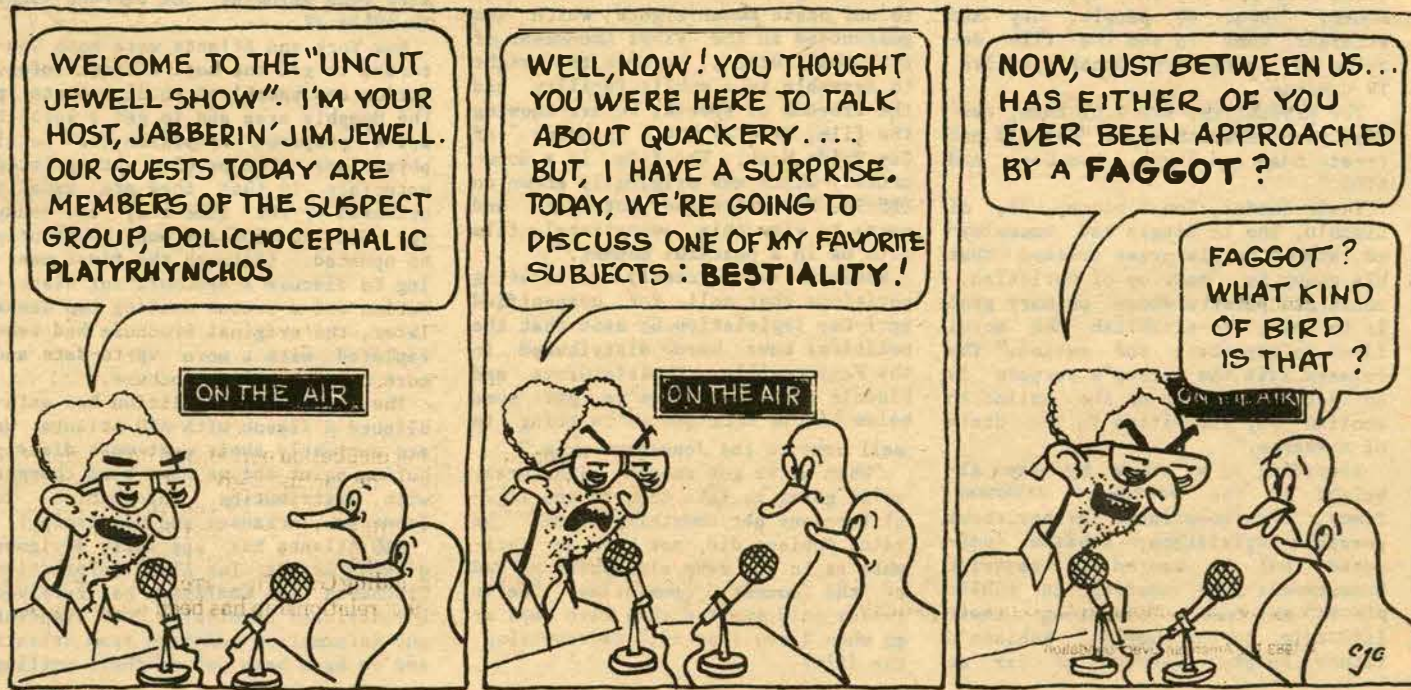
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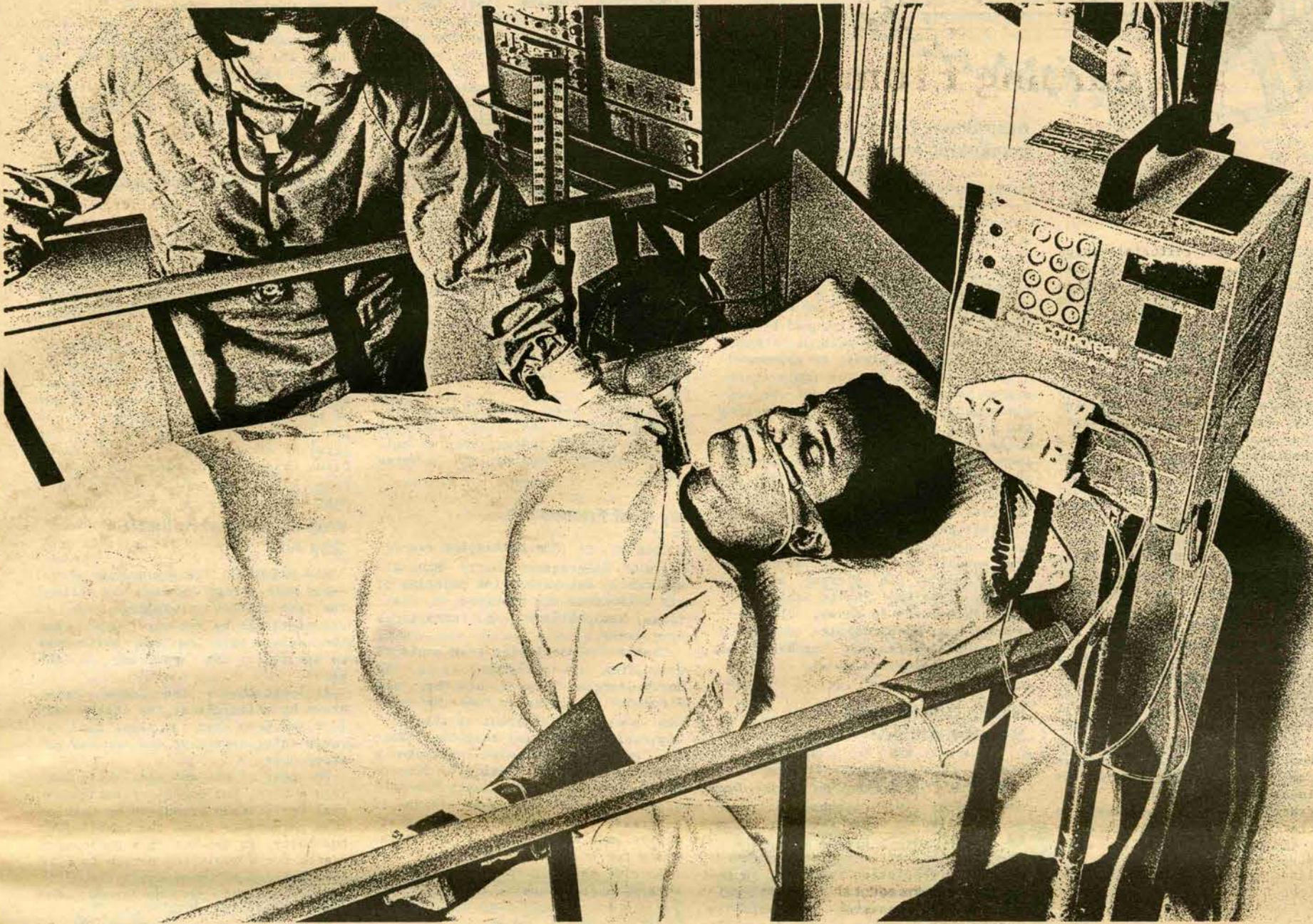
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HE TOOK THE CHANCE OF GETTING HEPATITIS B— AND LOST.



NOW THE CONSEQUENCES ARE JUST BEGINNING. CHRONIC ACTIVE HEPATITIS, CIRRHOSIS... OR DEATH.

You undoubtedly know someone who's had it. The "bad hepatitis" that can keep you in bed for weeks and out of a job for months—that can cause lifelong disability and even death from cirrhosis or cancer of the liver. Where do you get it? From people who have become carriers of the virus. Today, it is estimated that at least 100,000 gay men are carriers of the hepatitis B virus and spread the infection through intimate contact. That's the main reason

why more than half of all gay men will sooner or later become infected.

How can you tell who's a carrier? You probably can't. Most carriers seem to be perfectly healthy, and many are themselves unaware that they harbor the virus.

Once you get hepatitis B, there's no specific treatment for it. But now there's something you can do to help protect yourself.

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE— CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR CLINIC AND ASK ABOUT THE HEPATITIS B VACCINE.

It is highly effective in those who receive all three shots. Do it today because you never know where or when you'll make contact with a carrier.

If you'd like more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine, call The American Liver Foundation at (201) 857-2626.

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Studies showed that the vaccine protected against infection caused by hepatitis B virus in 85% to 96% of those who received the required three shots.

Hepatitis B virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

Because of the long incubation period for hepatitis B, it is possible for unrecognized infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis B in such patients.

In three studies involving 3,350 persons, the overall rate of adverse reactions did not differ significantly in those given vaccine and those given placebo (an inactive substance). As with any vaccine, broad use often reveals rare adverse reactions not observed during clinical trials.

Over 200,000 people are estimated to have received the vaccine since its release, and the vaccine continues to be generally well tolerated. Hepatitis B has a long incubation period, and unrecognized infection may already be present at the time the vaccine is given. Thus, reported cases of hepatitis are to be expected and do not appear to be caused by the vaccine. Reactions such as fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and local pain have occurred. Joint pain has been reported; rash has been reported rarely. Serious illnesses affecting the nervous system—including Guillain-Barré syndrome—have been reported rarely, but no cause and effect relationship has been established.



National

Gays/Blacks Join in Civil Rights Demo

CHICAGO, IL—A coalition of national Gay/Lesbian organizations has announced its support of the 20th Anniversary Mobilization for Jobs, Peace and Freedom and plans to coordinate the Gay/Lesbian community's participation in the event.

On April 17, 1983, the National Coalition of Black Gays became the first organization to officially endorse the commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington led by the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The National Gay Task Force subsequently endorsed the event. National organizations joining in this coordination include Gay Rights National Lobby, Human Rights Campaign Fund, International Association of Black and White Men Together and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

In a joint statement, the group issued a call to the Gay/Lesbian community to participate in large numbers as "an open declaration of support for the goals of the march and as demonstration that the goal of civil rights for all Americans includes civil rights for Gay/Lesbian Americans. Local organizations and individuals are urged to mobilize their communities for this march."

Negotiations are now underway to assure inclusion of a representative of the Gay/Lesbian community among the speakers at the rally.

Lesbian Sgt. Sues Military

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME (*The Washington Blade*)—A woman who served 4 years in the Army before joining the reserves is suing the military because she was discharged from a University of Maine ROTC program in '81 after acknowledging she is a Lesbian.

Sgt. Diane Matthews, 25 who still serves in the reserves, said she revealed her homosexuality to other ROTC cadets when she asked to be excused from a drill session to attend a student meeting where there was a vote on funding for the campus Gay group.

"About two seconds before (I spoke up), I realized (what I was about to say)," she said, but decided "I'm going to say it anyway."

Matthew's suit is strongly supported by her father, a sergeant major with 35 years of military service. He said his daughter would make a good officer.

"She's being honest with herself and everybody around here," he said. "I'm proud of her."

The elder Matthews also said he has worked with Gays in the military and that many officers know who is Gay, but "nobody runs and tells. They write a lot of crap in the Pentagon, but out in the field, it doesn't apply."

One of the reasons the Department of Defense has advanced for its policy of excluding homosexuals from the military is that morale would suffer if openly Gay people were allowed to serve in the field.

Oral arguments were heard in federal district court last week.

Restrictions Lift on Gay Immigrants Not Expected to Pass

(*Gay News*)—Little chance is seen for passage, this term, of Congressional bills that would remove restrictions against the immigration of Gays. But momentum is building; the House bill, introduced again by Rep. Julian Dixon (D-CA), has 42 co-sponsors—compared with 29 last term. The Senate bill was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) without co-sponsorship. Congress plans to recommend a major overhaul of the immigration system (a move that may not be completed this term) before considering the sexual preference issue. Meanwhile, judicial relief appears more immediate. The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals is expected to rule soon on the so-called "Carl Hill" case. In the case, a lower court determined in '80 that the government must certify an alien has a "psycopathic personality, sexual deviancy or mental defect" in order to prevent entry to the US. Since the Public Health Service has refused to do so, the government has been unable to enforce the sexual preference prohibitions for the past 3 years.

Health Official Fired for Negative Attitude

MADISON (*The Washington Blade*)—Dane County Executive Jonathan Barry recently filed an order removing a member of the county Health Board from his position after the board member opposed a resolution calling on the federal government to spend \$12 million on AIDS research and said Gay people must "pay the piper" for their behavior.

Dr. James Pawlich, the board member, also suggested that the money would be better spent attempting to change the behavior of homosexuals.

Barry, in firing Pawlich, said "freedom of speech (was) not the issue at hand," but that Pawlich's remarks were "inconsistent with the goal and commitment of the board to address health needs and concerns of all Dane County citizens equally."

Lesbian "Unfit to Parent" Charges Ex-husband

PIERSON, FL (*Washington Blade*)—The former executive director of the Florida Task Force, a state-wide Gay rights group, is being sued by her ex-husband who is seeking to reduce her visitation rights to their 2 children based on her "association" with Gay rights causes.

Ronni Sanlo, well known among Florida Gays as a Gay rights lobbyist with the Florida legislature, said her former husband filed a petition before a Seminole County, FL court claiming a "change of circumstance" has resulted in her being "unfit to parent" and that she should be denied visitation except "under the strictest of circumstances."

Sanlo said she is seeking contributions for attorney's fees in her legal fight to maintain visitation rights. She said tax-deductible contributions can be sent to the Sanlo Defense Fund, c/o EAGLS (Education Association for Gay and Lesbian Studies), P.O. Box 434 Pierson, FL 32080.

Gay Rodeo Held Despite Protests

RENO, NV (*Washington Blade*)—A religious group calling itself the Pro-Family Christian Coalition last week lost its attempt to halt the annual Gay Rodeo.

Calling the estimated 50,000 Gay spectators for the annual event a health crisis, the Coalition asked the Washoe County Commission to stop the 4-day event. But after hearing from the Reno District Attorney that the rodeo would have to be found to present a clear and present danger, the County Commission voted to take no action on the Coalition's request.

While the Coalition claimed to have garnered 6,000 signatures on a petition published as a full page advertisement in several Reno newspapers, organizers of the rodeo received support from the county health dept., the University of Nevada Health Dept., the Reno Casino Dealers Association and at least 1 daily newspaper.

The annual Gay Rodeo, Reno's 4th largest event of the year, includes such traditional rodeo events as bull riding, square dancing and a horse show.

My Best Friends are...

COBB CO, GA (*The Washington Blade*)—Georgia Congressman Larry McDonald apparently thinks that the majority of his colleagues are homosexuals, Haitians, hemophiliacs, or intravenous drug users.

That's the conclusion that could be drawn from McDonald's remarks to the North Georgia Chapter of the John Birch Society in early June. McDonald who is national chairman of the society, told the meeting that the federal government should institute a "user tax" on AIDS victims to finance research into AIDS. But, McDonald added "with the current makeup of Congress, we couldn't pass that. Congressmen would not want to raise taxes for themselves."

An aide said McDonald's remarks were made facetiously.



Conservative Joins Civil Rights Lobbying Effort

WASHINGTON, DC—Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL announced that former US Rep. Bob Bauman will serve as a lobbyist for GRNL. Bauman will assist Endean on Capitol Hill by lobbying for Lesbian and Gay civil rights legislation; working against Gay discrimination in immigration; fighting the anti-Gay McDonald Amendment (offered every session by Rep. Larry McDonald (D-GA) in an attempt to prohibit Legal Services funding from being used for any pro-Gay issue); and lobbying for greater government funding for research of AIDS. Bauman will serve on a *pro bono* basis (That is, without financial cost to GRNL).

Bauman was chosen "One of Ten Most Admired Conservatives in the US" by readers of *Conservative Digest* magazine in 1980 and is the founder of both the American Conservative Union and the Young Americans for Freedom. He served in Congress from 1973-81.

In a speech before the American Bar Association Meeting in Atlanta, Bauman stated his unqualified support for Lesbian and Gay civil rights legislation and added, "Yes, I am still a political conservative. And yes, I am Gay." Bauman cited many examples of

Second U.S. Gay Mayor Elected

LAGUNA BEACH, CA (*GCN*)—Bob Gentry has become the second openly Gay mayor in the country according to *Equal Time*. Gentry was elected to the city council in 1982 and was recently selected mayor by his fellow councilmembers. The mayor is selected from the council membership.

Gentry joins Mayor Gene Ulrich of Bunceton, MO, as the only other Gay mayor in the country.

Dan White Must be Released from Prison

(*Gay News*)—The California attorney general says Harvey Milk's killer must be paroled. In a non-binding legal opinion, the state's top lawyer says that the governor must parole Dan White next January. White, the opinion read, was put in Soledad prison under the state's determinate sentencing law which requires the state to release a convict at the end of his term. White was convicted of the 1978 murder of San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk. Present Mayor Diane Feinstein and many Gay leaders have asked that White not be freed next year.

Wall St. Journal Refuses Gay Ad

SAN FRANCISCO (*The Washington Blade*)—The *Wall Street Journal* has joined the list of those newspapers made so uncomfortable by the word "Gay" that they refuse to allow Gay businesses to use it in ads appearing in the paper.

At least that's the lesson being drawn by officials at the Atlas Savings and Loan that a classified ad for a chief executive officer was unacceptable.

The text of the ad read: "Atlas Savings & Loan, the world's first financial institution organized by Lesbian/Gay persons to serve the Lesbian/Gay community, is conducting a nationwide search for a qualified person to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer. Interested persons should send their resume to..."

"I was shocked by their lack of enlightenment in this day and age," said John Schmidt, chairman of the Atlas Board of Directors.

discrimination against Gays and stated: "Your average attorney with a degree in economics and international relations and a doctorate in Law, 3 years in the Senate of one of the several states and nearly 8 years in the Congress would ordinarily have few problems in finding employment upon leaving public office --- especially when the man he supported in 3 presidential elections finally wins the White House. A parliamentary wizard who could silence Bella Abzug and hog tie Tip O'Neill must have some utility in a Federal agency, an ambassadorial post or a Washington law firm, wouldn't you think?"

"The answer is No if you are Gay."

Endean called Bauman's new involvement with GRNL, "A tremendous opportunity to show that the Gay civil rights movement is not just for liberals. Gay civil rights legislation is consistent with conservative thought of less government intervention in private lives and individual rights. Bauman's involvement sends a loud, clear signal to policy makers that the issue cuts across political and ideological boundaries not only in Washington, DC but around the nation."

Black Caucus Supports Gay Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON, DC- Civil rights, long an issue associated with Blacks, now is a rallying point within the Gay movement, and the alliance between the two groups is growing.

The Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Julian Dixon(D-CA) as well as 16 others in the 20 member caucus, are co-sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. One-fourth of the bill's co-sponsors are Black, the highest percentage of any caucus in Congress.

The bill, H.R. 2624, extends fair employment and fair housing laws to

Gay and Lesbian people. It is the brain-child of the Gay Rights National Lobby, an organization established 7 years ago to fight for Gay issues in Congress.

"There has always been Gay support for those fighting for civil rights and quality, including Blacks, and equality, including Blacks, women, and religious groups," said Dixon. "Gays are strong civil libertarians."

"Discrimination based on sexual preference is still discrimination, and we oppose discrimination of any sort," Dixon stated.

Another co-sponsor of the bill is Rep. Gus Hawkins(D-CA). His support is vital because he chairs the Employment Opportunities subcommittee, one of the subcommittees which will hold hearings on the bill.

"Support by the Black Caucus demonstrates that Gay civil rights is becoming a mainstream issue of civil rights," said Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL. "Anyone who has been discriminated against knows the suffering it causes. The alliance between Blacks and Gays is very understandable."

The entire membership of the Black

Caucus voted for increased federal funding for AIDS research, as well.

GRNL is working with the National Coalition of Black Gays as well as Black and White Men Together to secure the co-sponsorship of the three remaining members of the Black Caucus, Reps. Harold Ford (D-TN), Katie Hall (D-IN), and Gus Savage (D-IL).

Increasing the number of co-sponsors of the bill is a continuing priority of GRNL, which is based in Washington, DC. Currently, the bill has 71 co-signers, the highest number since the bill was first introduced in 1975.

Gerry Studds — Openly Gay Congressman

WASHINGTON, DC- Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) became the first Member of Congress to openly declare he is Gay on the floor of the US House of Reps.

In a statement in response to charges by an ethics committee that he had sex with a House page, Rep Studds stated, "All members of Congress must cope with the challenge of initiating and maintaining a career in public office without destroying entirely the ability to lead a meaningful and emotionally fulfilling private life. It is not a simple task for any of us to meet adequately the obligations of either public or private life, let alone both. But these challenges are made substantially more complex when one is, as am I, both an elected public official and Gay."

Also charged in the ethics committee's report was Rep Dan Crane (R-IL) who was alleged to have had sex with a female page. Predictably, the non-Gay media swamped Rep Studds' office after his statement but virtually ignored Rep Crane's office.

Studds' relationship occurred in '73 and involved a 17-year-old male page in the House of Reps. (17 is over the age of consent, so there is no question of sex with a minor). In his statement Studds stressed that the relationship was "mutual and voluntary; without coercion; without any preferential treatment, expressed or implied; without harassment of any kind;" private and that it occurred 10 years ago. He also stated that the relationship "without question reflected a very serious error in judgement..."

While a number of male members of Congress have admitted having sex with other males under a variety of circumstances, their admissions have been accompanied by explanations of alcoholism or other drug use and none has gone farther than to 'admit' to 'homosexual tendencies'. What makes Rep Studds' declaration fundamentally important is that he not only did not try to explain his behavior as influenced by drugs, he made an open and unambiguous statement on the

floor of the House that he is Gay.

Rep Studds raised sharp questions in his statement about the procedures used in the investigation, saying he was extremely tempted to contest the allegations and force an open hearing. He concluded, however, that he wished to protect, as much as was still possible, the right to personal privacy of other individuals affected by the allegations.

Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, praised Studds for his courage and honesty in making his statement on the floor of the House, commenting

that "Rep Studds has my deep admiration and respect and I have communicated to him my full support." Endean went on to say, "For the first time in history, a current Member of Congress of the US has declared on the floor of the House he's Gay. And he did say 'Gay', not 'homosexual'. We have taken a monumental step forward!"

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selves or don't want to be reminded how unproductive that type of attitude can be.

I urge all Memphians to take a closer look at racism in your city and throughout your community and examine its effects. I believe that you will find that there are no positive attributes...only negative ones. In closing, I applaud the work, as well as the entire effort that BWMT/Memphis has done to help end this unfortunate element of the Gay community around the country. It is efforts such as the letters that appeared in Gaze, that will let others know that there is an organization that is working on behalf of the oppressed. We all must realize that confronting racism is the only way to eliminate it and that we must in order for our survival as a Gay community and the rest of society as a whole. In the words of our national co-chairperson, Jerry Mallon, BWMT Philadelphia, "Remember, none of us are free until all of us are free."

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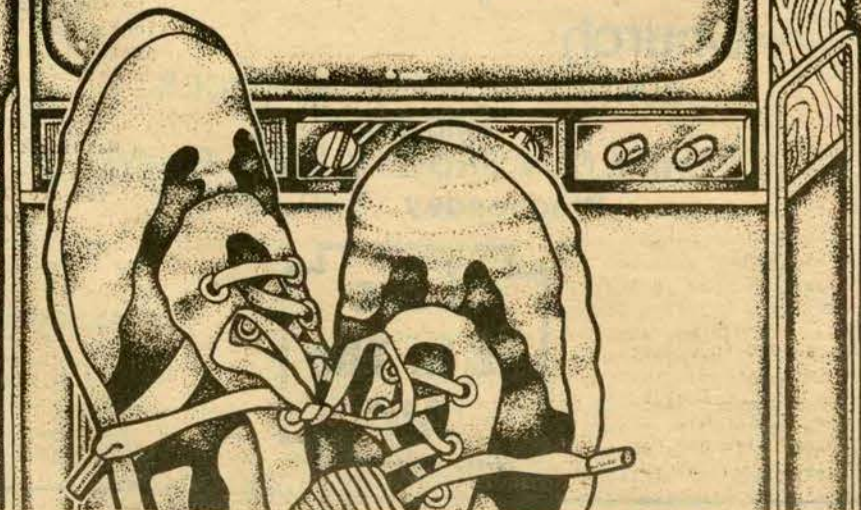
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For Information call: Irwin at 901-276-4160 or Joe at 901-274-0532. BWMT meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Main Library, Meeting Room A, Peabody and McLean.

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One Step Forward, Three Steps Back

(Gay News)--Some American attitudes towards Gays and Lesbians have changed according to a Gallup Poll recently released. The poll takers asked Americans about their feelings concerning homosexuality and homosexuals in the light of the AIDS crisis. 21% of those responding said they are less comfortable about having Gay friends because of AIDS than they were before the disease. Also, fewer people than before believe that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. But more people than previously supported increased employment rights for Gay men and Lesbians.

Feminist Seeks Women Interested in Woodworking

NEW YORK--In the southeast corner of New York state, about a 8½ hour drive from New York City and about a 1½ hour drive from Buffalo, is Jamestown where Jamestown Community College is located. The Artisan Center is feminist run and according to Elizabeth Bradbury, the coordinator, "I'm especially concerned with interesting more women in a career in woodworking and one-of-a-kind furniture making. I feel that the best way that women can get into this field is through college programs where prejudices are less prevalent than in industry or apprenticeships."

The Jamestown Artisan Center offers the type of environment where a person can learn this craft, if they are serious, regardless of previous experience.

The program is relatively inexpensive compared to other universities and crafts schools. There is still time for Fall '83 admission.

For further information contact: Elizabeth Bradbury, Jamestown Artisan Center, Jamestown, NY 14701.

GRACE: New Dallas Organization

(Gay News)--Ten Dallas Gay Religious groups have formed an ecumenical organization called GRACE, which stands for Gay Religious Activities Coalition and Exchange. Organizers

admit that the title was contrived to fit the acronym. Among those organizations forming the group were Dignity (Catholic), Integrity (Episcopal), the Metropolitan Community Church and Gay Unitarians.

NAGBPEE Recruiting Members

The National Association of Gay Business, Professional and Entrepreneurial Enterprises is accepting membership. The organization is a new one and plans to recruit its members nationwide. The primary purpose of the organization is to serve as a clearinghouse for information on Gay business, professional and entrepreneurial endeavors in an effort to promote Gay support for Gay owned, operated or supportive businesses. Members in the organization have the opportunity to share ideas and discuss business pros and cons via a monthly newsletter published by the organization for dissemination to members only. Profiles on individuals and their respective businesses bring members closer together in the respect that open examination of successes and failures will enable the Gay businessperson to assess certain business practices which may enhance business. Another major purpose of the organization is to compile a directory of Gay businesses nationwide in an effort to permit the member/consumer to shop where his dollar is most appreciated. The directory will contain pertinent information about business services in a categorical format. All businesses listed will be member businesses. All organizations will be member organizations and so on. The directory will not be available to anyone outside of the organization because some of the members will be opposed to arbitrary distribution since information contained in it will be quite detailed.

The organization expects to register 3000 members within the next 83-84 fiscal year. Anyone interested in more information should write The National Association of Gay Business, Professional and Entrepreneurial Enterprises, 1415 Rhode Island Ave., Suite 922, Washington, DC, 20005

All information received will be kept in strictest confidence unless

China Bike Tour

On October 1, 1983, the world's first all Gay bicycle tour will depart for Mainland China. Among the list of enthusiastic cyclists are Gay people of all ages, professions and levels of cycling ability.

"Anyone in reasonably good shape with a spirit of adventure can make the journey," says Peter Greene, owner of China Bike Tours.

Greene recently moved to San Francisco from Boulder, Colorado where he has been operating bicycle tours to Mainland China for three years. This is the first time he has advertised for an exclusively Gay trip. The response to the October tour has been tremendous.

"Gay people from all over the country and as far away as England have been signing up for this historic tour," says Greene. "Most of them are not hard core cyclists. They just think this is a fantastic way to see China, a country that had been closed to tourism for many years."

The tour itself is not rigorous. The average day of cycling is about 30 miles. The tour begins in Hong Kong. The group then ferries across to the Portuguese territory of Macau. From Macau, the cyclists enter China through the Macau/China archway gates. The next 14 days are a leisurely cycling trip along the Pearl River to Canton, China's city of flowers. Stops include the birthplace of Dr. Sun Yet Sen, overnight an exclusive hot springs resort, visits to Daoists temples as well as the Chinese communes that line the roadside route to Canton. A "sag wagon" trails behind carrying luggage, medical supplies, spare bike parts and any weary bikers...Meals range from roadside picnics to 7 course banquets with Peking duck.

"China gives us the best they have to offer in any given place," says Green. "In some of the more remote places, it's a real adventure into a

completely different culture and standard of living. There is so much joy in these curious people and that is what one remembers most."

After 16 days the group leaves their bicycles in Canton and fly to Peking for a 4-day non-cycling extension to the tour. Sightseeing to the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Ming Tombs and Chinese Opera are all included. On the 20th day the group flies back to Canton where they pick up their bike and take the train out of China to Hong Kong.

"Hong Kong is such a fantastic city in itself," says Greene. "It has a vibrancy comparable only to New York."

Included in the tour are optional stops in Taiwan, Japan and Honolulu. The trip spans 22 days with all meals, guides, visas, accommodations and sightseeing included. The cost of the tour is \$3275.00 which is also inclusive of airfare from the West Coast.

"Many of us are going to take the whole month off and take advantage of some of the other stopovers," says Greene. A few people are going to Australia and New Zealand and one couple is traveling around the world for six months.

And how does China feel about an all Gay bicycle tour to China?

"The Chinese are interested in promoting tourism and warmly open their doors to anyone who wants to visit," says Greene. "Besides many Gay people have been to China before. And most travellers have a sense of diplomacy. In any case, the Chinese seem to respect a person's right to privacy. We shall see. It's going to be a very interesting trip in many ways..."

There are still some spaces left on the October departure. Future trips are also being planned. For information and reservations, write China Bike Tours, Box 14373, San Francisco, CA, 94114.

otherwise indicated.

Business and professional profiles are requested from individuals applying for membership.

Paths Untrodden Bookshop

NEW YORK---Paths Untrodden, a Gay-owned mail order service, offering "books of merit on the Gay male experience" has released its 1983 catalog, listing more than 1100 titles in 52 subject areas. This 1983 update of a yearly catalog focuses on those works, primarily by Gay authors which

help Gay men understand and appreciate themselves.

Paths Untrodden specializes in hard-to-find books, small press, out of print and imported titles. Its catalog is updated several times a year through free supplements. Short articles are devoted to AIDS and the growing freedom from censorship of Gay literature.

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Dear Duchess:

The guy I am going with is in a Levi-Leather group. I like the look, but I am wondering if all these guys are into S&M, as I am definitely not. He has never shown any S&M tendencies.

Steve

Dear Steve:

Sweetheart, the Levi-Leather look is just another form of identity-like dresses are to female impersonators and designer clothes to preppies, Levi's and Leather are to the macho. It's all a form of DRAG. Not all DRAG QUEENS are femme in bed; not all BULL DYKES are butch in bed; not all PREPPIES believe in only the missionary position; and not all LEVI-LEATHER FREAKS are into S&M.

I think you answered your own question though. If he has not shown any signs that he is into S&M, then evidently not everyone in these groups are into it.

Dear Duchess:

What goes on in those quarter movie booths?

Curious

Dear Curious:

Anything you want!!!!

Dear Duchess:

My lover and I have been together for two years and it looks like it's going to work out in the long run. I am 22 and have a full-time job; he is 28 and has a very good job.

What do you think about us buying a house together and having a joint bank account? I trust him explicitly but am not sure about making these kinds of commitments.

Should I or Shouldn't I?

Dear Should I or Shouldn't I?

I think it's great, if that's what both of you want. But there can be complications.

There is no guarantee that two people, whether they are straight or Gay, will stay together for life..

Since there is no guarantee, I suggest you seek legal advice (the Gay Switchboard has a legal referral list.) Needless to say, the laws were not written with the needs of Gay people in mind and property settlement is complicated enough when straight people separate. Have your lawyer draw up a contract so IF that separation come, you will know what

you are entitled to. Such a contract will solve a lot of headaches, time, and legal fees IF you two ever separate.

As for the joint bank account, I really see no need for one. I would suggest one ONLY for mutual expenses: rent/house note, utilities, telephone, etc. Both of you should deposit a mutually agreed amount or per-

centage each pay period and both of you should sign the checks.

What concerns me most about your letter is that you state you are "not sure" about making these kinds of commitments. If you are not sure, give it a little more time. Have you and your lover made a commitment to each other? If not, absolutely do NOT make these commitments.

Dear Readers:

I hope this column will serve a real purpose to our community. I hope it will be both fun and serious and address the problems and issues you want to hear.

Don't be afraid to write. If you do not want your name published, please indicate so in your letter. Only first names will be published. If referring to someone else, please don't use his/her real name; they may not want their name used.

Only letters in this column can be answered. No letter will be returned. All letters will become the property of the confidential files of Gaze.

I hope this column will be helpful to everyone concerned. Please don't take my advice as "the" answer but, instead, use it for "Food-for-thought" to help you sort things out.

Dear Duchess:

I am really tired of the bar scene with its emphasis on alcohol. Also I am tired of the cruising game. The problem is I don't know anywhere else where I can be Gay without creating a hassle. Can you give me some alternatives to the bars for meeting nice Gay people?

Lonely in Germantown

Dear Lonely:

With the growing awareness in the straight community that there are Gay people and the COMING OUT of many other Gay people, there is an ever-increasing number of places to meet Gay people besides the bars. Memphis has several organizations where you can meet other Gay people. There is the Metropolitan Community Church, Memphis Gay Coalition, Black and White Men Together, and several social clubs which are by invitation only. Are you a college student? If so, Memphis State University now has Gay Student Union. For more information on these and other groups, call the Gay Switchboard.

Dear Duchess:

What do you think of Jerry Falwell?

A Confused Christian

Dear Confused:

I try NOT to think of him and his

1983 Studstore Summer Catalog

The Studstore, the country's fastest growing mail order company for Gay men, has just released its '83 Summer catalog, a hefty 36 magazine-sized pages featuring everything from leather wear to the latest Gay video cassettes.

The studstore catalog, which will be completely revised twice a year, contains hundreds of new items as well as some of the classic Gay products still on the market. Highlights from the best-known manufacturers of Gay toys, like Mr S Products and The

Pleasure Chest, are featured throughout this edition of the catalog.

The Studstore catalog also contains a special section of popular books and magazines at discount, as well as a number of exclusive items not to be found anywhere else.

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An Open Letter to the Gay and Lesbian Community

by Steve Endean

We are at a critical point in the progress toward ensuring civil rights, human dignity and equal justice for Lesbians and Gay men in the United States. We must analyze where we've been, and what tools we need to utilize to reach out future goals. This open letter sets forth what I believe are some of the current challenges and what it will take to meet them.

Critical to this analysis is an understanding of the increase in issues which the Gay community rightly demands that the Gay Rights National Lobby handle and an understanding of the structures which exist in order to win on Gay issues in Congress.

When I took responsibility for the non-functioning Gay Rights National Lobby in late 1978, there were two major issues on the Lobby's agenda: co-sponsorship of the federal Gay Civil Rights Bills to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, etc., and the defeat of the anti-Gay "McDonald Amendment" to exclude Gays from the federal Legal Services program. Today, the Lobby is working hard on both of these issues PLUS: reform of immigration laws, Congressional veto of D.C. sexual assault reform, and the defeat of anti-Gay appointments to the Reagan Administration. GRNL is now turning substantial attention to securing adequate federal funding for research into the cause and cure of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Most people think the task of GRNL is what I call 'direct lobbying':

talking with the members of Congress to persuade them to vote in favor of basic fairness for Gay people. Indeed, back in '78 this was a major focus for me, but it was clear we had to build the sort of structures to reinforce our Capitol Hill efforts. Recently, we've created GRNL's Lobbying Team, which is made up of experienced, Washington-based people, to provide broader direct lobbying on Capitol Hill.

In addition, GRNL's Field Program provides a way to generate pro-Gay grassroots constituent pressure on Congress. GRNL's Field operations are handled by one Field Director in Washington and one Western Regional Director. Even with the opening of the Mid-West Regional Office and appointment of a Mid-West Regional Director, this program remains too large for only two or three people. The volunteer Field Associates are very effective and dedicated, yet can not provide the same service as full-time, paid staff.

Realizing that direct lobbying and constituent pressures are not enough, I founded the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national political action committee, to raise money for contribution to Congressional campaigns. There is no doubt that actions by HRCF have the effect of increasing the support in Congress for Lesbian and Gay issues.

The number of issues the community has demanded GRNL deal with has increased dramatically. While some of the structures to assist these issues have been put in place, they are complex and require considerable attention. The support of the Gay and Lesbian community has been heartening and has allowed both staffs to ex-

pand. But, frankly, support hasn't expanded at nearly the rate necessary to keep up with our community's Congressional agenda, not sufficiently to nurture the essential structures that will help decide the outcome of these issues in Congress.

I could go over the operations of the Lobby and the Campaign Fund point by point and show how the workload expected by the community are far greater than what staff size of either organization can handle. Anyone who chooses to do so could easily present the situation as helpless and hopeless. It is not.

What can be done to work toward a balance between expectations and output?

Utilize volunteers? That's being done, both in GRNL's national network of Field Associates and in its Capitol Hill Lobbying Team. The Campaign Fund has made incredible use of volunteers through its network of dedicated City Committees.

Limit our focus? Clearly that would be a logical suggestion in the context of movement organizations that have diverse, undefined agendas. Such does not apply here, however. The Campaign Fund's purpose is clear: to raise funds to help federal candidates. And, despite the expanded Congressional agenda, GRNL attempts to manage our efforts by clearly defined goals and objectives, approved by the GRNL Board of Directors each year.

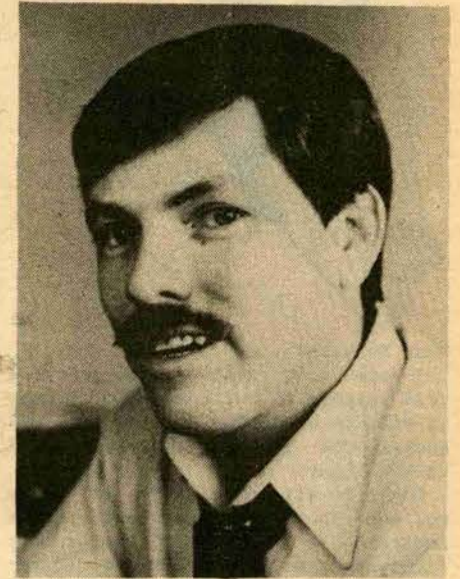
When I look at the staff of people of both groups I see dedicated individuals who work extraordinarily hard, facing both immediate challenges and building the critical groundwork for future victories. These people, as well as myself, live with both a deep sense of responsibility for the progress of our movement and constant frustration in seeing opportunities which go unfulfilled because of lack of staff time.

How do we -- as a community -- deal with these problems?

First, we must increase the size of these staffs. Additional funds MUST be raised. It's been correctly suggested that the Boards of these groups (as well as others) must raise funds for the organizations. This is particularly true if we're to hire--and keep--the best people to do the job the community needs done. While the Boards have, to some degree, done fundraising in the past, their responsibility in that area must increase. However, if we are to ensure input from grassroots Gay and Lesbian America-- including people of color and other minorities within our community--we must not make up our Boards solely of fundraisers. We need balance.

It isn't the task of Boards alone to raise the necessary funds. Each of us must do our part. To place burden of blame for fundraising and contributing on the Boards alone is to avoid our share of responsibility. Only a tiny number of Lesbians and Gay men contribute to GRNL, the Campaign Fund of NGLTF, our community's three major national political groups. Speaking for the Lobby, if we're to effectively handle the expanded Congressional agenda demanded we must have increased support, funding and staff. This will go far to deal with missed opportunities and overextension.

As regards the Human Rights Campaign, I've recently recommended we hire an Executive Director to lead the group. Based on the Fund's suc-



Steve Endean

cess, we can now make this critical move. Although it's hard to leave the Chief Executive position in a group I've founded, I'm convinced both groups must grow and the community best served by this action.

As much as our organizations need dramatically increased funding and staff, we need something else from you as well. Calls for "accountability" from organizations serving the community are appropriate and I encourage them. What we need from you is for you to distinguish between "accountability" and "perfection." Even with increased staff (which is unlikely to appear overnight), mistakes will be made from time to time. Our community is growing and developing too quickly and related events happening too fast to proceed flawlessly.

Problems will develop. Ironically, this often happens as a result of our successes. We must address these as rapidly as possible, realizing that solutions take thought and time to institute.

It is easy to find things to criticize, and I realize criticism will come. It is welcome when legitimate, appropriate and constructive. Unfortunately, often it is petty, destructive and counter-productive. Second-guessing is easy. Such can bleed us of energy and time, and divert our focus from the real work.

As I look at what has been accomplished, and what must be done to take advantage of new opportunities for advancement, it is clear to me each of us must work for growth. I, and those I work with, can't rest on past accomplishments. We must learn new and better techniques to accomplish our tasks, and be willing to bring in others to supplement and compliment our skills. For the community, the willingness to expand financial support to match the increasing tasks we face is essential. And, on an individual basis, there must be a willingness to increase personal involvement in this effort.

We must all demand the best. We must stop demanding immediate perfection and start supporting steady advancements. In our demands we must show patience and an understanding that the national battle for our rights will be long, complex and ever changing. It is ours to win, but to do so we must work together to overcome problems as they arise. In that way alone we will achieve success.

We'd like to make a point...

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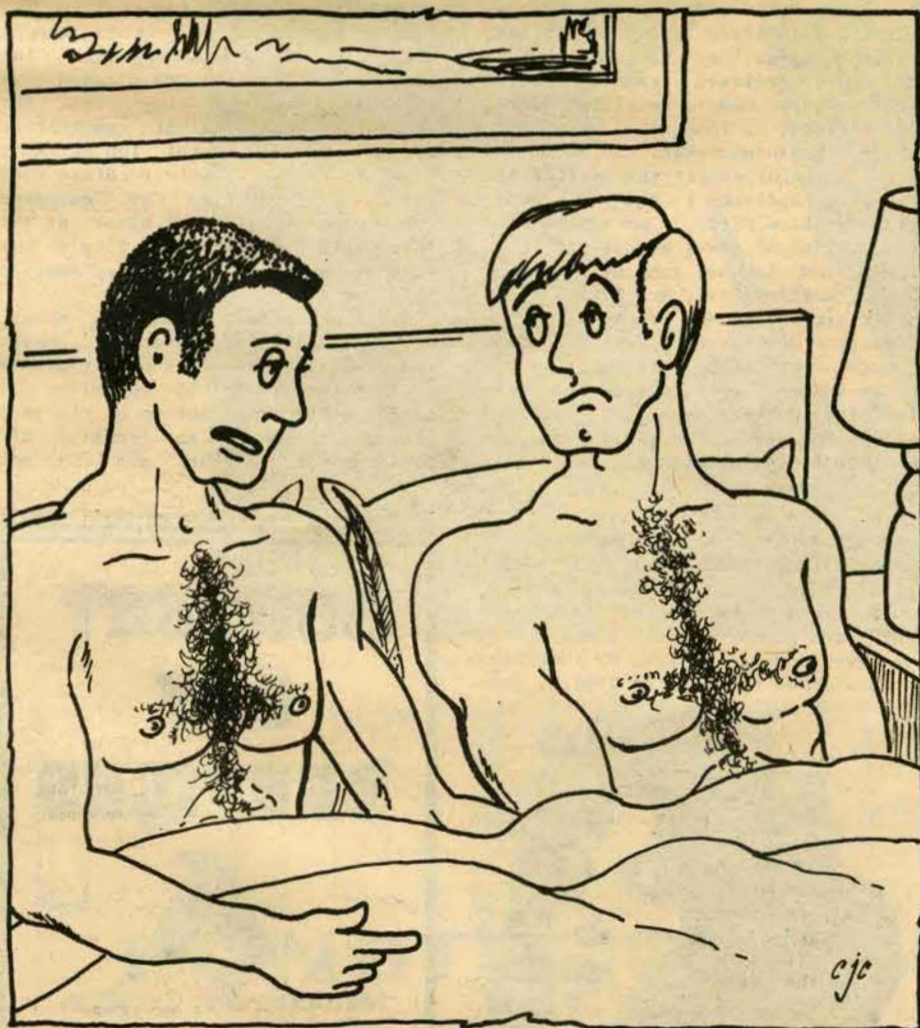
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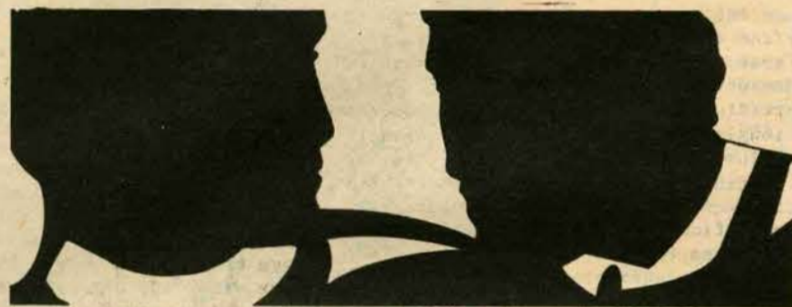
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July Fireworks NOBODY Wanted

and other Nashville News

by Jeff Thompson,
Nashville Correspondent

It was the early evening of Monday July 4, 1983 --- our country's 207th birthday---and many Nashvillians were outside picnicking, partying and playing. However, at 1713 Church St. downtown, the dejected employees of the recently-remodeled World's End Restaurant were out sitting helplessly on the curb in front of their smoldering eatery. At about 5 pm, a serious fire had broken out next door at Amie's Pub, a small (straight) bar at 1715 Church St. Being part of the same long building which also houses the popular World's End Restaurant and Lounge, the blaze at Amie's sent thick, destructive smoke billowing through its neighboring establishment, as well as sending fire along the common ceiling beams. By the time the incident was over, The World's End had sustained severe smoke and water damage---and the ceiling had been charred.

Ironically, just last winter, the World's End had taken over two adjoining sections of the long Church St. building and had tripled in size, adding more dinner tables, a second bar, and a game room. The expansion had given the restaurant a brighter airier, more comfortable look and really added a strong visual complement to the restaurant's superb food and live jazz and classical music. Now, in that one July 4 evening, a hideous burst of uncontrollable "fireworks" had obliterated all of that progress.

World's End owner Jeff Barte, along with manager Alison Smith (a prominent Coalition worker here in Nashville) and many others, began the formidable task of repairing and re-decorating the popular restaurant. The smoke-and-fire damage was extensive --- The World's End remained closed (its front door hidden behind a grim wooden board) for the rest of July and all of August. As you are reading this, however, the downtown cafe should have reopened, looking (and tasting) even more marvelous than ever.

Three weeks later, there was an occurrence here in Music City which smacked of uncanny déjà vu. The three month-old Mother's Construction Co. bar at 2535 Franklin Road (described in the June Gaze, having met with initial success, had acquired the adjoining store in its long, multi-business building. The special "breakthrough party" and unveiling of the new half of Mother's was set for Friday night, July 29.

At noon on Thursday, July 28 (less than 36 hours before the celebration) chemicals in a janitorial service within that same building exploded. The ensuing fire sent incredibly thick, smothering smoke clouds throughout Nashville's newest Gay bar --- and on the eve of its expansion party.

Fortunately, the smoke damage at Mother's was not as serious as the World's End's July 4 injury. Mother's owner Mark Ryan and friends worked inside the closed bar virtually 'round-the-clock, cleaning and repairing--- until the Franklin Road nightspot reopened its doors for the belated "breakthrough party" on Friday, August 5.

Now double its former size, Mother's has added an office, a pool table, a larger video game arcade---

and an exciting dance floor. Patrons flashdanced their way through rainbow patterns streaming from the colored, moving lights overhead (custom-made for Mother's in Spain), while a cityscape is projected onto a nearby metallic wall. Music is provided by DJ Steve Starkey, who has moved to Nashville and Mother's direct from the Saint in Dallas, Texas. Memphians remember Steve Starkey for his brief DJ stint at Ten North Cleveland in the Bluff City. Mark Ryan of Mother's Construction Company promises the Nashville community some good times this fall, including a Halloween Party in October.



Sylvester

Virtually next door to Mother's on Franklin Road, The Warehouse 28, Incorporated--- with its music, lights, dancing, theme parties, special performances, theatre tie-ins, buffets, activities, and hospitality --- has been offering Nashvillians nights to remember since 1978...but what was perhaps the club's coup de grace occurred on the evening of Friday, July 8, when the Warehouse threw a lavish "Silver Party" with special guest star Sylvester appearing live. The Megatone recording artist (famous for his danceable *Do You Want To Funk*, *Don't Stop* and *All I Need*) sang live along with pre-recorded instrumental tracks, to the delight of the bar's patrons.

To coincide with his well-publicized July 8 Nashville appearance, Sylvester chose that very day for the nationwide release of his brand-new, twelve-inch single, *Band Of Gold*. Composed by R. Dunbar and E. Wayne, *Band* features synthesizer and saxophone and is a driving, rhythmic, seven-and-a-half-minute indictment of the singer's spouse, who (in the song) has abandoned him inexplicably, leaving him with only his "memories", his "dreams of ole", and a now-meaningless "Band of Gold."

A dramatic redecoration of The Warehouse 28 in preparation for the

twelve-hour-long "Silver Party" was the complete repainting of the walls. Formerly black, the walls are now a dazzling silver, making the club look larger--- and quite futuristic, as several jagged, "high-tech" lines angle their way along the walls. Plus autographed pictures of celebrities (including Lena Horne and Lily Tomlin) have been framed and hung near the front bar. Amidst the changes, accomplished DJ's Michael Stark and Eddie Denson continue their innovative and crowd-pleasing music mixes six nights a week.

On Election Day---Thursday, August 4, 1983 --- Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton easily was re-elected to his third and final term, commanding 65% of the votes. Eight months earlier, on the night of The Warehouse 28's glorious, by-invitation-only Employee's Christmas Party (Tuesday, December 14, 1982), the guest DJ had been Sharon White of Washington DC---and Mayor Fulton had sent over a certificate making Ms White an honorary citizen of Nashville.

Also on election Day last month, candidate Carole Powell did not win in her bid to become an At-Large Councilwoman. The personable Ms. Powell participated in the Gay Pride riverboat cruise on the Cumberland River on Saturday June 18 (reported on in the July/August Gaze.)

Tuesday, August 9, was a red-letter day for local fans of Melissa Manchester, because the Grammy Award-winning performer appeared live in concert that evening at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center downtown. Clad in black tuxedo pants, a black sequined blouse, and a red blazer, the elegant singer-songwriter proved to be a dynamo on stage, exuding the stunning stage presence of a Judy Garland or a Barbra Streisand.

Melissa Manchester's seventy-minute show exhibited all of the qualities of a superb stage performance---a remarkably well-rehearsed, cohesive band (keyboards, guitar, drums, bass, saxophone and even strings and a harp); a mixture of song styles; varied tempos; key changes; onstage movement; relaxed, candid remarks from Melissa; humor; excellent lighting effects; a fine sound mix; and, above all, showmanship.

The graceful songstress treated her receptive audience to powerful renditions of *Nice Girls*, *Don't Cry Out Loud*, *Midnight Blue*, *Whenever I Call You Friend* (a duet sung with Michael Hamm), *Working Girl*, *Hey Ricky*, and other hits. The New York-born Manchester delivered *Just Too Many People*, her catchy, danceable, 1975 hit---and she premiered a new song included on her soon-to-be-released album, *Emergency*. Energetic and pulsating, *I Can Love You Better* (as it probably will be titled) is certain to become a smash dance hit.

A highlight of Melissa Manchester's Nashville appearance was a marvelously arranged George Gershwin medley, much of which she sang perched atop her grand piano. A great admirer of Gershwin and his genius, Ms Manchester performed *Fascinating Rhythm*, *Sum-*



Melissa Manchester

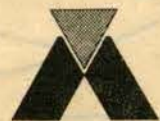
ertime, *Embraceable You*, *I Got Rhythm*, *The Man I love*, and other immortal melodies, before climaxing her show with scintillating renditions of *You Should Hear How She Talks About You* and *Come In From The Rain*. The spectacular songstress received two wild standing ovations from her appreciative Music City audience.

Over the summer months, Nashville's 62-member Metropolitan Community Church (at 131 Fifteenth Ave, North, near the World's End) continued to be an active and positive force in the community. In June, the church's new pastor, Rev. Paul Tucker, was interviewed and photographed for the second part of a two-part article on Gay Pride Week published in Music City's evening newspaper, *The Nashville Banner*. Rev. Tucker happily cited the *Banner's* favorable two-parter for the influx of several new church members this summer. Last month, Rev. Tucker joined Bob Keller of Lifestyle Health Services for a discussion of AIDS on WNGE-TV/Channel 2's taped public affairs program, *Face to Face*. The show aired on Sunday morning, August 14.

In late August, two popular beauty pageants were held here in Nashville. On Tuesday evening, August 23, Michael Wilson and Steve Smith opened the doors of the specially-decorated Warehouse 28, Incorporated, for the annual Miss Warehouse Pageant. The evening's hosts were DJ Michael Stark and the Cabaret's Diana Hutton. Then, on Wednesday night, August 24, The Cabaret hosted the thirteenth annual Miss Gay Tennessee Pageant. Club manager Pat Blaylock was pleased that this was the second time that the statewide beauty/talent competition was held at the Cabaret. Ten entrants from around the Volunteer State vied for the title of Miss Gay Tennessee 1984---and a guest of honor at the festivities was Johnson City's own Francesca Wakeland, Miss Gay America 1983.

Riverboat rides, parties, shows, politics, religion, meetings, music and even set backs that were overcome...The summer of 1983 certainly was unique...But the autumn of the year promises to be just as eventful and exciting for Lesbians and Gay men here in Nashville.

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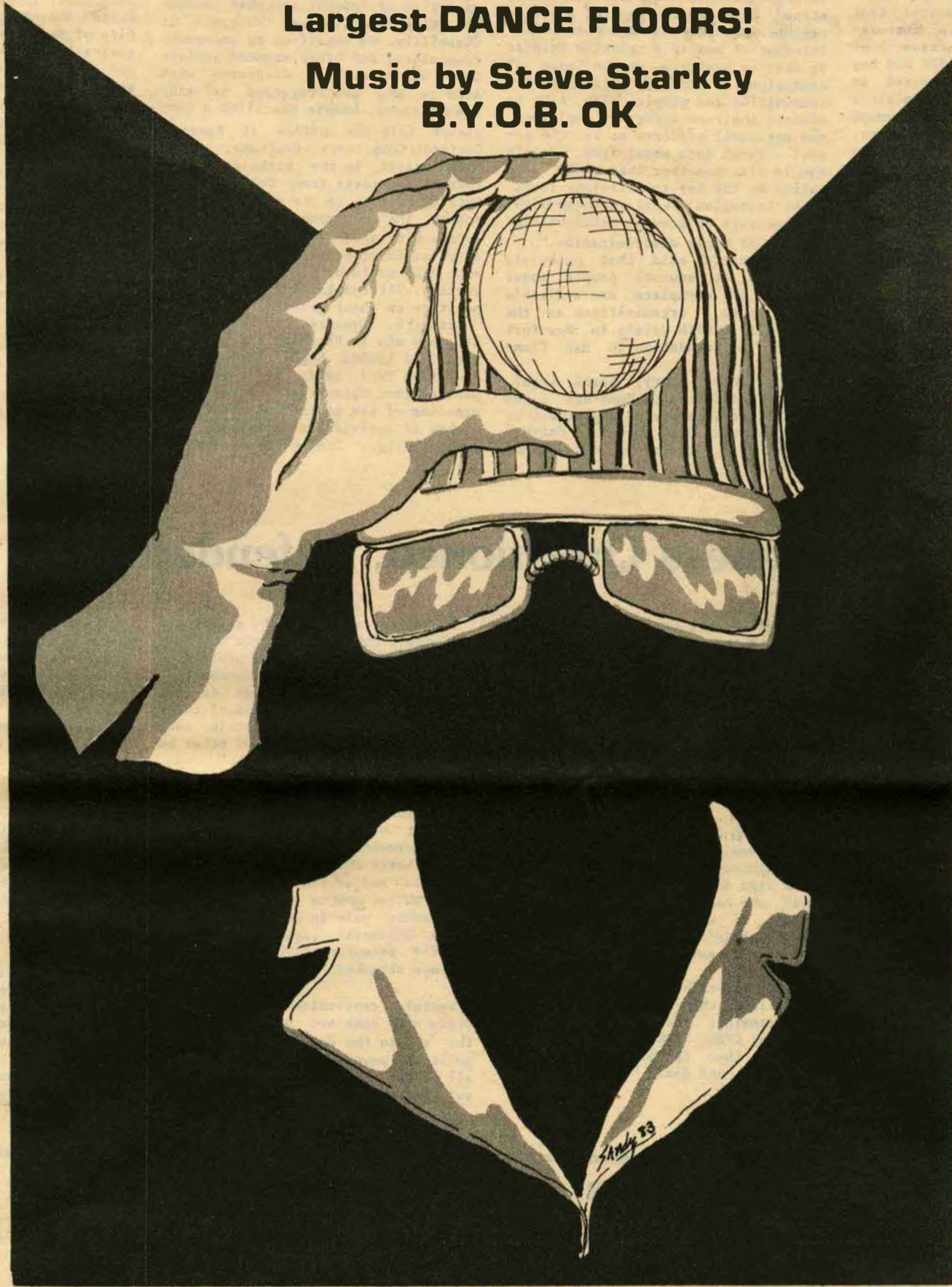


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Discrimination Against AIDS Victims: Adding Insult To Injury

NEW YORK, NY -Six Lesbian and Gay public interest law groups and legal defense funds have announced that they have been receiving an increasing number of discrimination complaints from people with AIDS and Gay men in general who are perceived as being AIDS-carriers. The complaints have centered mostly on employment situations, including terminations, refusals to hire, or restrictions on the activities of certain employees. The lawyers involved with these groups stressed that all people faced with this kind of discrimination should report such acts immediately to a local Gay/Lesbian legal service and to any available local/state human rights agency.

In many jurisdictions, employment rights are protected by civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In addition, an even greater number of jurisdictions prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability or handicap, and in many of those jurisdictions, AIDS is considered a disability or handicap.

Abby Rubinfeld, attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, stated "Much of the general public's response to AIDS is based on false information and is a reaction tainted by fear or hysteria on the issue of contagion. We strongly urge local Gay communities and people with AIDS to educate their co-workers, employers, and personnel officers as to the actual medical data about AIDS. People should also remember that while education is the key to allaying fears about contagion, legal recourse might be necessary to prevent outright dismissals or other discrimination."

Ms Rubinfeld said that materials necessary to educate people about AIDS and the workplace are available from such organizations as the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York and the KS Foundation in San Francisco.

In a related story, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a complaint with the US Department of Labor, stating that Columbia University is in violation of Federal law

because of its policy of refusing to hire persons with AIDS or suspected to be transmitters of the disease. Lambda alleges that this policy is in violation of Federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. On behalf of an anonymous complainant and other unnamed individuals who have been diagnosed with AIDS or who are regarded as AIDS transmitters, Lambda has filed a complaint with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, which could result in the withholding of federal contracts from Columbia University because of its discriminatory policy. The anonymous complainant was informed by several Columbia University administrators that no person with AIDS would be hired by the University. The complainant was denied a position on these grounds.

Arthur S. Leonard, a cooperating attorney who is handling the case on behalf of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said, "It is most important that appropriate enforcement agencies of the government assert the rights of individuals decisively and without delay. The current rash of

discrimination cases which Lambda is receiving must not turn into an epidemic of discrimination parallel to the medical epidemic." Public health officials, including officials of the United States government and of the City of New York, have stated categorically that AIDS is not transmitted through ordinary contact in the workplace. Lambda Legal Defense maintains that there is no rational basis for Columbia's policy of discriminating against employees and applicants who are willing to work but who have AIDS, have had AIDS, or are regarded as having AIDS.

The complainant has also filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission of New York City, based on the same facts. The Human Rights Commission has scheduled a fact-finding conference between Columbia University, Lambda Legal Defense and the Commission.

Lambda has designated AIDS-related discrimination cases a legal priority over the last 3 months because of the potential threat to Gay and Lesbian civil rights that the AIDS crisis represents.

Endean's Effectiveness Questioned, Defended

Philadelphia's *Gay News* has responded to recent harsh criticism of Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Steve Endean in an editorial strongly supportive of him and sharply critical of *Advocate* owner David Goodstein and journalist Larry Bush.

In its issue of July 29-August 4, 1983, the *Gay News* responded to Goodstein's editorial call for "a change in leadership" at GRNL and at the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee of which Endean is treasurer.

"Our endorsement of Endean..." the *Gay News* editorialized, "is based first and foremost on his record of effective service... We certainly agree with the concept of accountability; anyone who is demonstrably incompetent should be removed from his or her position. But this is clearly not the case with Steve Endean."

The editorial statement sharply criticized Goodstein and Bush, stating that the *Advocate* owner and his

supporters are cultivating a "Great White Father image" which judges people of the Gay/Lesbian community on the basis of "social status, wealth and power" resulting in the "exclusion of minorities, women and middle-class/blue-collar Gays from the decision-making process" and "unilateral return to patriarchal values that replace justice and morality with assimilation and success."

Charging Goodstein with initiating "an epidemic of political pandering and ethical prostitution," the *Gay News* also noted that "reporter Larry Bush, who has predictably fanned the flames of opposition to Endean, is on Goodstein's payroll as a columnist for the *Advocate*."

In a copyrighted front-page news analysis in the same issue, Dan Daniel examines the controversy surrounding GRNL, HRCF and Endean, concluding that the dual criticism of Goodstein and Bush "conceals a hidden agenda."

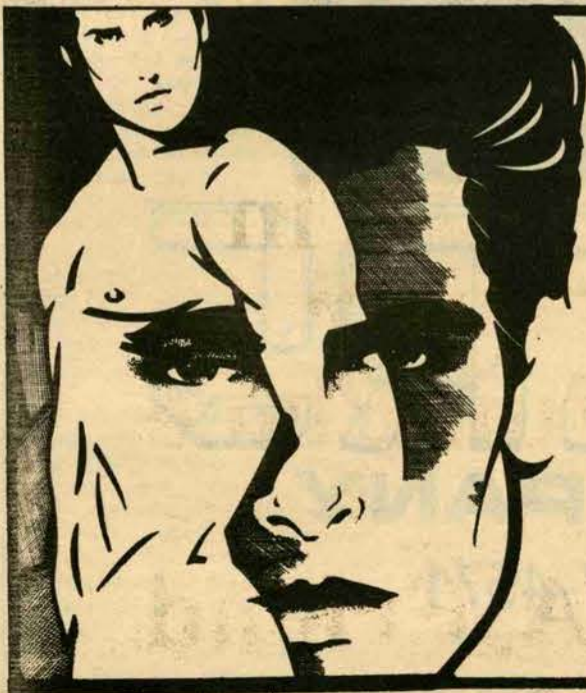
Daniel notes that Bush, a journalist widely published in the Gay community, has embarked on a protracted campaign of derogatory comments about Endean in his column for the *Advocate* and elsewhere. Daniel charges that "Bush and Goodstein each parrot the criticism of the other on the subject of HRCF and GRNL."

The analysis concludes that Goodstein has editorialized in favor of the exclusion of women from our movement on an economic basis, of the exclusion of working-class Gays on the basis that they are "scruffy" radicals and of the solicitation of rich white men to take a stronger leadership role in our movement and whose financial support should be eagerly accepted "even if there are strings attached."

Daniel's conclusion is that Goodstein and Bush are using Endean as the key to the door of national Gay political power. He says that "when all of the pieces of the puzzle are put together, we are left to conclude

that David Goodstein wants to be THE power in American Gay politics. He wants to build a network of rich white men to take over the boards of directors of our national Gay organizations on the theory that these organizations cannot function adequately or properly without the money they would provide. He wants to oust Steve Endean from his positions at GRNL and HRCF and replace him with Jim Foster (a long-time Goodstein crony and political fundraiser), and he wants to then merge GRNL with the National Gay Task Force, creating one vast Gay rights organization with himself as the power behind the throne."

However, Daniel says, "We are left to wonder where all the 'little people' fit into these grand machiavellian maneuvers. NGTF and GRNL now represent grassroots constituencies: what happens to those constituencies when the network of rich white men takes over those organizations?"



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Gazing Back

The Ghettoization of Midtown

by Scott Correll

(In 1980, Scott Correll wrote a column called GAZING BACK which dealt with Gay history. Scott returns to the pages of GAZE with a series on the history of Gay Memphis which was begun in the December 1980 issue of GAZE.)

I believe that Midtown is indeed Memphis' Gay hub. The history of any city's Gay community is found within the "ghettoization" of an area within that city.

This GAZING BACK article will not deal directly with Memphis' Gay history but, instead, with the "ghettoization" in a city; the next four issues will deal with Memphis Gay history.

Gays have claimed that there exist within major cities "Gay Ghettos." Laud Humphreys in *Out Of The Closets: The Sociology Of Homosexual Liberation* defines a "Gay Ghetto" as a neighborhood characterized by marked tolerance of homosexuality and a clustering of Gay residences and bars. Martin S. Weinberg and Colin J. Williams in *Male Homosexuals: Their Problems And Adaptations* define "Lavender ghetto" as a district with large numbers of homosexuals and their institutions.

Most sociologists consider a ghetto to be an area of the city housing a segregated cultural community. Ghetto was first used in accordance with its historical connotation, applicable

only to the Jewish community. In the 1920's Robert E. Park and Louis Wirth began to use the term to describe an urban neighborhood inhabited by a people socially segregated from the larger society and bearers of a distinctive culture. They noted that the circumstances of immigrant groups often fit these requisites and applied the term to neighborhoods of Jews and Poles, specifying four key elements of a ghetto: institutional concentration, culture area, social isolation, and residential concentration. Park and Wirth remove "ghetto" from its historical connotation and translate it into a construct useful to the study of urban ecology. Wirth notes that ghetto epitomized ecological segregation in the sense that it is isolated from the surrounding society.

October's GAZING BACK will be about institutional concentration, the centralization of the Gay community's gathering places and commercial establishments in Midtown. November's will deal with the culture area, Memphis' Gay community's cultural traits. December's will be the social

isolation, the segregation of our community. And January's will deal with the residential concentration, the concentration of the Gay community living in Midtown.

Contemporary usage of "ghetto" has in some instances restricted the concept. Edgar W. Butler in *The Urban Crisis: Problems And Prospects In America* uses the term to define a community inhabited by racial and ethnic groups, particularly those that are poverty stricken and socially disorganized. Claude S. Fischer in *The Urban Experience* and George A. Theodorson and Achilles G. Theodorson in a *Modern Dictionary Of Sociology* use the word "ghetto" as any area inhabited by a minority group.

In the forward of *The Ghetto* by Louis Wirth, Robert Patrick defines ghetto as an area of a city that houses a segregated cultural community. Wirth develops this concept further by Blacks, Italians, etc. They also suggested its suitability as a depiction of areas dominated by such moral deviants as bohemians, hobos, and prostitutes.



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AIDS and the Immune System

(from the July/August AID Atlanta Newsletter)

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease of the immune system whose intricate workings are not yet fully understood. Here is some background on what is currently known.

Immunology is all about recognition. Two types of white blood cells patrol the body for foreign materials such as antigens, disease causing agents. "B" cells make antibodies which can identify, latch onto, and thereby destroy certain antigens.

If unchecked antigens become a threat to cell tissue or functions, the more specialized "T" cells go into action. Some may become cytotoxic, capable of attacking viruses already infecting other cells. Other "T" cells become helpers, stimulating the "B" cells to produce more of certain antibodies. Still others become suppressors, telling antibiotic reactions to shut down when the threat subsides.

AIDS involves the disfunction of these latter two types "T" cells. Normally the helper-to-suppressor ratio is about 2 helpers to 1 suppressor, but when there are equal numbers of each, or when more suppressors are present than helpers, an immune deficiency develops. This means that not enough antibodies are produced to stop otherwise controllable diseases from seriously affecting the body. But it must be emphasized that an immune deficiency alone does not signify the AID syndrome; it is quite normal for the H-S ratio to fluctuate. Stress, poor nutrition, tobacco, and/or recreational drugs including alcohol and marijuana can all temporarily lower disease resistance, as can a drain on antibodies because of an infection. Eventually, the system returns to normal, and responses are restored. With AIDS, however, something causes a permanent imbalance in the H-S ratio. Most researchers now believe an unidentified virus is responsible for this immune suppression. Certain diseases then take advantage of the lowered resistance, and become serious and potentially fatal.

AIDS AND OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

The AID Syndrome was identified when several Gay men were discovered to have particularly virulent cases of a rare cancer, Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS). Since then, it has been learned that KS is just one of several opportunistic diseases which attack the vulnerable immune systems of persons

with AIDS. A few types of infections and cancers are most common, and autoimmune disorders may also occur when the malfunctioning system produces antibodies against its own tissue. A poorly understood phenomenon of generalized lymph-node swelling is seen in many immune cases, which may be associated with the Helper-Suppressor imbalance, since white blood cells pass through the lymph nodes in a cleansing process which regenerates antibodies. More research is necessary to find out if this swelling is an early stage of AIDS or a milder form of it.

Diseases which present the most serious threat to persons with AIDS are: Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), a severe lung infection; Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS), a rare form of skin cancer; Cytomegalovirus (CMV), an infection similar to mononucleosis; and other fungal, bacterial, and viral infections such as Thrush, Herpes Simplex, and Zoster, which while controllable and non-fatal in normal systems, can easily become very dangerous for persons with AIDS.

Current Treatment

While no treatment is currently available for the immune deficiency which is the underlying problem in AIDS, the medical community is learning more and more about treating the accompanying diseases. PCP treated with powerful antibiotics can often be controlled and cured. For some time, KS was treated with standard chemotherapy and radiation, but these methods tend to further depress immune systems which cannot recuperate. More success has been reported using interferon, disease fighting substances produced by blood cells and now made in the laboratory as well. These treatments mimic certain white cell reactions to specific diseases, without further immune suppression.

Most promising, though least tested is Interleukin-2, a form of interferon made from the same "T" cells which are defective in persons with AIDS. In early laboratory tests, interleukin-2 not only encouraged improved antibody responses, but also stimulated other cells to participate in the defense reactions, as do healthy "T" cells. At the time of this writing, tests were just beginning with human subjects using interleukin-2.

Various forms of alternative treatments are also being pursued by

physicians who treat people with AIDS and by the patients themselves. These treatments range from nutritional therapies to hypnosis, relaxation techniques, and visual imagery. Guided imagery techniques based on the work of Dr. O Carl Simonton, a Dallas-area oncologist, and his wife, Stephanie Matthews-Simonton, are part of a growing field of medicine called psychoneuro-immunology. The impact of stress and mental attitudes on health are seen as increasingly related. Acceptance of the value of alternative therapies was put forth as a recommendation from the National AIDS Forum in Denver by the steering committee of People With AIDS, a recently formed organization which produced a Bill of Rights for persons who have AIDS. Their recommendations are based on the consideration that self-determination, positive thinking, and the will to survive will often play as effective a part in the healing process as traditional treatments.

Transmission of AIDS

Uncertainty over possible ways that AIDS may be transmitted has led to a great deal of fear and anxiety among the general public. Many members of the Gay community are preparing for an anticipated backlash of violence, hostility and economic reprisal towards Lesbians and Gay men. In New York City, where the greatest number of AIDS cases have been reported, public officials have reacted to quell these rumors, and to provide open access to what is currently known about transmission of AIDS. According to Mayor Edward Koch: "There are any number of rumors about the spread of AIDS. These include allegations that the disease is spread through food, through the air, or merely by touching someone who has AIDS. These rumors are not true. Scientists may make imprecise statements; headline writers may draw on these imprecisions. Rumors about AIDS have prompted, in many people, an unreasoning and unreasonable fear of contracting this disease. This fear is unfounded."

According to Dr. James Curran, head of the CDC (Center for Disease Control Task Force. "Transmission requires intimate contact-sex-with an infected person, or contact with infected blood." Although 4 people have recently contracted AIDS who were not identified with one of the 4 high risk groups, the CDC is being cautious about speculating on the mode of transmission in these particular cases. However, it is unlikely that the agent was spread through simple social contact.

Fears also persist that AIDS may be contracted through blood transfusions from infected donors. To avoid this threat, high risk groups have been asked to voluntarily refrain from giving blood. While blood collection agencies in some areas ask questions intended to screen out high risk persons, a truly reliable safeguard must deal with the donated blood itself. The Food and Drug Administration is currently working on a heat treatment which will kill ALL viruses in blood used for transfusion and for treatment of hemophiliacs, but the procedure has not yet been approved.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross estimates that the chances of contracting AIDS from blood transfusions are 1 in 1,000,000 and believes the present collection methods to be the safest possible at this time. The use of private blood banks, besides presenting impossible tagging, storage, and retrieval problems, would only provide a false sense of security, says the Red Cross. The social pressures which might lead persons to conceal

their risk level would be even stronger within a small group of known contributors.

Whatever risk may be involved in receiving blood, there is absolutely none for contributors. All bags, tubes and needles used during donations are new, sterile, used once and discarded immediately. Since no blood comes into contact with other blood products, contamination is not a possibility. Blood supplies have been reduced by worries and fear due to misinformation, so it is now very important for persons not at risk to donate blood.

New Orleans AIDS Cases Exaggerated

(Gay News)--The number of AIDS cases in New Orleans is exaggerated, according to health officials. City Health Director Dr Brobson said that reports of 25 cases of the deadly disease were false. So far, he said, only 6 cases have been officially reported, but more than 25 persons are "suspected" of having AIDS. Meanwhile, New Hampshire has reported its first death from AIDS-- a 35-year-old man.

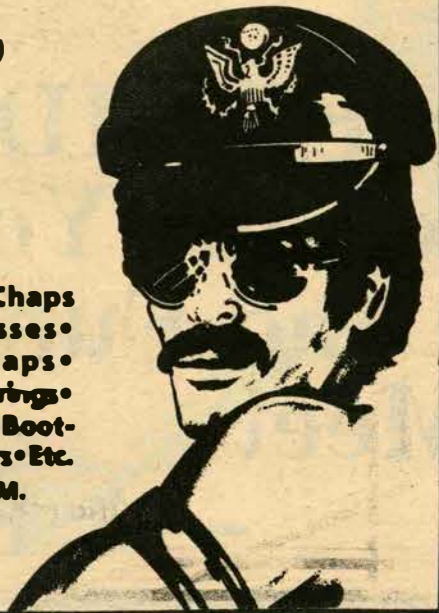
No Win Situation

(Gay News)--An Air Force man has lost an attempt to win service disability payments because he has AIDS. Airman First Class Ray Orsini, 27, has appealed the decision of a Norton Air Force Base disability board recommendation that he not receive a medical discharge with full benefits. However, the board did recommend that Orsini be discharged. He had first said that he was not Gay and did not use intravenous drugs, but later, he admitted that he had a few "bisexual encounters." But, he claimed, he contracted the disease from living in close quarters with other Air Force men. AIDS is not thought to be spread through casual contact, but primarily through Gay sexual contact or IV drug use. Both activities are illegal in the military, and benefits cannot be awarded for the results of prohibited conduct, a military spokesman said.

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AIDS Developments to be Released Sooner

(Gay News)--News of AIDS developments may be coming faster now. The *New England Journal of Medicine* will break a long-standing practice and allow researchers whose articles are selected for publication release their findings before they are published in the respected journal. Presently, it takes 6 months or more between the time a paper is selected for publication and it appears in print because of peer review and editing the articles, Dr. Arnold Relman said he would authorize release of AIDS research prior to publication because of the unusual need for timely information about the mysterious, deadly disease. Some publications are following suit. The American Association for the Advancement of Science, which publishes the magazine *Science*, said that they would also change their policy. But an American Medical Association spokeswoman said no change was planned in *JAMA*--*The Journal of the AMA*.

Help from the Family

SAN DIEGO (*The Weekly News*)--A Lesbian group last week announced a blood drive to help Gay males who need transfusions, in the light of blood banks' refusal to accept many donors as a result of the AIDS scare. The 40-member Women's Caucus of the San Diego Democratic Club, said they hope to "replace" the blood ordinarily given by male homosexuals. "Gay women have practically no incidence of sexually transmitted diseases," said Dr Brad Truax, head of the SDDC. "We hope to stress that blood among many Gays (Lesbians) is the safest of all and to show concern for Gay men."

Prisoner Dies of AIDS

(Gay News)--A New Jersey prison inmate has died of AIDS--the 10th confirmed death from the disease in the state system since '79. Donald Vander Laan, 28 of Passaic, died in a Newark hospital a Corrections Department spokesman said. He had been in prison prior to the hospitalization.

Falwell Blames Reagan for AIDS Spread

(Gay News)--Jerry Falwell has found someone to blame for spreading AIDS, or as he calls it, the "Gay plague". Speaking in Cincinnati, Falwell, the Moral Majority leader, said politicians--including President Reagan--are afraid of alienating Gay voters and therefore refuse to take the necessary steps to halt the spread of disease. According to Falwell, Gay bathhouses should be closed and blood donors must be forced to reveal their sexuality under oath. Unless these steps are taken, Falwell warned, "President Reagan will personally be blamed for allowing this awful disease to break out among the innocent American public." The White House called Falwell's remarks "preposterous." The conservative preacher repeated his charges at a Washington press conference a few days later, and added that the "lethal epidemic sweeping out of control throughout the homosexual enclaves of America has been turned into a propaganda ploy by homosexual sympathizers." Reaction to Falwell's charges came swiftly from the Gay community. Jeff Levi, of the National Gay Task Force, said Falwell was distorting the public health issue to suit his own ends. "He is trying to mask his homophobic views with a concern about medical issues," Levi said. "This is a medical issue. This is not a moral issue."

New AIDS Cases Increasing at Slower Rate

(GCN)--New York City Health Commissioner David Sencer announced on July 27th that the number of AIDS cases has continued to increase in the city but at a rate slower than had been predicted.

James Curran, head of the AIDS task force at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta announced at the same time that while the total number of AIDS cases continues to rise nationally, the rate of increase appears to be decreasing on that level, too.

"My feeling is that the number of cases will continue to increase gradually, but more slowly and accompanied by a leveling off," Curran told the *New York Times*.

AIDS Hotline Goes 24 Hours

The AIDS Hotline is being expanded because of the heavy volume of calls. Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler announced that five more telephone lines will be added and they will be answered 24-hours-a-day. Between 8000 and 10,000 calls have been received daily since the service opened last month. The number is (800) 342-AIDS.

Reported Cases of STD's Down

(GCN)--Reported cases of syphilis and gonorrhea have dropped nationwide so far this year, and some health officials have attributed the decline to changes in sexual activity sparked by the fears of herpes and AIDS.

Joe Blount, a statistician for the Federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said syphilis cases dropped about 3% in the first 24 weeks of this year, as compared to a 7.5% increase in '82. Gonorrhea dropped 6.6% in the same period, compared with a 3% decrease in '82.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS Cases Reported to CDC as of 6/27/83) SOURCE: College of American Pathologists

AGE	CASES	% of total
under 20	9	0.5
20-29	368	22.0
30-39	791	47.2
40-49	351	20.9
50	126	7.5
Unknown	31	1.9
TOTAL	1,676	100.0

RACE/ETHNICITY

White, not Hispanic	955	57.0
Black, not Hispanic	465	27.8
Hispanic	238	14.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2	0.1
Asian	4	0.2
Unkown	12	0.7
TOTAL	1,676	100.0

RESIDENCE

New York State	801	47.8
California	345	20.6
New Jersey	116	6.9
Florida	1123	6.7
Texas	34	2.0
Pennsylvania	33	2.0
Massachusetts	30	1.8
Illinois	29	1.7
Georgia	26	1.6
Connecticut	17	1.0
Colorado	15	0.9
Ohio	13	0.8
Washington, DC	13	0.8
Other states (27) and Puerto Rico	91	5.4
TOTAL	1,676	100.0

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Books

The Dan White Parallax: From Violent Men

This review originally appeared in *Manifest Magazine* and is reprinted here with the permission of the reviewer, John W. Rowberry.

A very long time ago, over a decade, Daniel Curzon wrote a novel about police brutality and revenge. The book, *Something You Do In The Dark*, was a milestone in what was then a skimpy contemporary Gay literature. Although *Dark* had a tragic ending, it was ultimately an uplifting book, providing a central character that personified a majority of Gay men at the time, and peppered with situations that literally were carbon copies of how many Gay men found themselves.

Curzon has written his second novel of revenge and, oh, how the times have changed!

From Violent Men (IGNA Books, 511 Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110; 1983; 250 pgs, \$9.95) is not a pretty book. No precious disco darlings litter its pages. No greeting-card descriptions of lonely young men looking for love. Instead, chapter after chapter follows desperate people as they claw their way to the story's final pages. They are not easy people to love, but they are identifiable, recognizable, cut from the very cloth of who we are and what we are in the here and now. And a striking aside that comes from having read each of Curzon's works as it has appeared, is how devastatingly accurate he is at capturing the changing social mores of Gay men and women.

The place is San Francisco, slight-

ly in the future. A member of the Board of Supervisors has, in a shattering moment of madness, assassinated the mayor of the city as well as an openly Gay Supervisor. The mayor is obviously George Moscone, the supervisor obviously Harvey Milk, and the assassin is none other than Dan White under a pseudonym--Brad Short. With the exception of four other obvious characters -- Brad Short's wife (Debra Ellen), his parents, and the current mayor of San Francisco--none of the other characters seem rooted in historical reality. Indeed Curzon, in an introduction, says that ALL these characters are works of his imagination and, insofar as a novelist "creates" characters, they are. But the stone cold reality of the matter is that this novel is about an attempt to murder Dan White before he is released from prison. It is a theme that will strike a responsive chord in a majority of the Gay population.

From Violent Men centers around combinations of couples. Rick Jessup, a Gay reporter, and his boss, Robert; Desmond Rhodes, a Gay supervisor, and his lover, Matt; Rick Jessup and Debra Ellen Short. While these characters overlap and other characters play the supporting parts, this is ultimately a book of specific interaction--one on one. From these three combinations a chilling and riveting tale unfolds.

Rick Jessup, a semi-professional everyman, lives a growingly disenchanting existence at the center of contemporary San Franciscan Gay life.

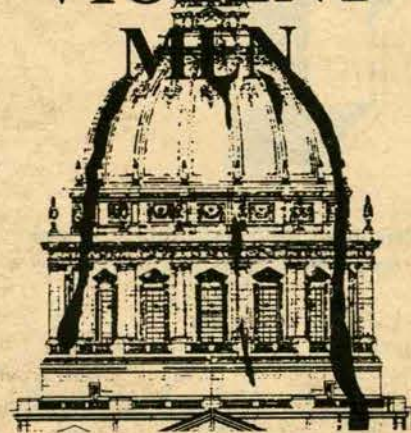
He works for the nation's only Gay new agency as its hot shot reporter; he cruises the bars, the baths, the bookstores looking for the security of an orgasm, lives with a pair of stereotypical roommates, and generally considers himself "in touch" with things. His boss, an older, conservative, practical Gay man eeking out a living from his news agency through hard work, discipline, sacrifice--all the attributes of the Protestant work ethic wrapped around the shoulders of a Gay man who can not compete with the muscular clones on the streets of the Gay mecca. Their relationship is strained, typical of employer-employee opposition. But deep down inside they CARE about each other; that's the kind of people they are.

If Desmond Rhodes hadn't been Gay, he would have still been a politician, still been as corrupt, as calculating, as dishonest--with himself as well as with the world--often the center of controversy, always on the offensive. It is he who hatches the plot to have Brad Short snuffed, he and two vaguely-identified co-conspirators. He has used the Gay community to get on top (although it must be said in his defense that it has almost equally, used him) and he sees no immorality in either his plot nor his grand design.

It is small wonder that Matt, his lover, abandoned him. True, Matt is a man without the great fix on things Desmond possesses; his *raison d'etre* often without reason to the point of being slightly suicidal. But once upon a time he loved Desmond, and once Desmond loved him. Although they have parted company, and regardless of how clearly Desmond thinks he sees through Matt's motives in reestablishing contact--between them there is still some deep-seated regard, perhaps a respect, that can not be easily brushed away.

Debra Ellen Short, the wife of the imprisoned assassin, is the real victim of the piece. A woman denied anything except the status of servant to her husband--she is the character who most comes to life on the page, to the point of dominating the sections in which she appears. Always we are watching a character evolving, some times in reaction to her environment, to circumstances, to a private flow-

FROM VIOLENT MEN



ering time and place have necessitated. Of all the characters in *From Violent Men*, Debra Ellen is the great surprise, and easily becomes the fulcrum on which everything else hinges. She is perhaps Curzon's finest literary achievement with a uniqueness all her own.

Structurally this is a breathless excursion of a mystery that moves from one set of characters to another at an exciting pace. But it is, as well, a panorama of modern San Francisco, offered up in calculated tidbits constructed as footnotes to each chapter. For the reader familiar with the city, they are glances at the everyday world around them; for the outsider they are a film that covers, and reiterates, the novel's narrative lines.

From Violent Men is indeed about revenge: bitter, unfulfilling, meaningless. The twists of the plot underscore the author's feelings--violence in itself serves no good purpose.

These are not pretty people, and it is easy to imagine that Curzon might be criticized for writing a politically-incorrect book filled with mindless clones, viscious Gay parasites, despicable characters--unfortunate, but like the characters and events that fill this novel, indicative of the society in which we live.

Trade Paperback Line Announced

SAN FRANCISCO, CA-- Alterante Publishing, the Gay-owned and operated publishing house that issues *Drummer*, *Manifest*, and *Mach* magazines, has announced a new line of trade paperbacks beginning with the release of John Preston's *Mr. Benson: The Complete Novel* on September 1, 1983.

Alterante Publishing's initial title for this line of novels and non-fiction works was originally created for and serialized in the pages of *Drummer's* fiction offerings over the past 8 years. Praise from such Gay literary figures as Michael Denny (*Lovers: The Story of Two Men*) and George Whitmore (*The Confessions of Danny Slocum*) came immediately: fan clubs sprang up in cities around the country; even Mr Benson teeshirts appeared in New York and San Francisco.

Mr Benson: The Complete Novel was re-edited by John Preston for its trade paperback debut and includes a previously unpublished chapter that considerably expands the original story.

At the same time that Alterante Publishing is releasing *Mr. Benson*, another Gay press, Alyson Publications has John Preston's second novel picking up praise and attention. *Franny, The Queen of Provincetown*, a dramatic departure from the hard-edged SM setting of *Mr Benson*, is the story of a pre-liberation Gay man who goes from stereotypical queen to Gay sage over the decades.

Alterante Publishing's second trade paperback (set for October release) is Carlo Carlucci's, *He's Not*

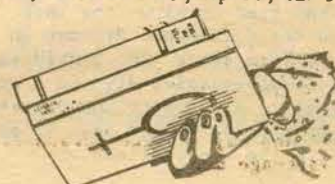
Heavy, He's My Lover-- a funny, satiric look at contemporary Gay life from the pen of one of America's brightest, warmest, wittiest cartoonists. Alternate Publishing feels Carlo's cartoon book is, without a doubt, a definite stocking stuffer that will be treasured for years to come.

Next on the list (set for fall release) is an original novel by Mason Powell, contributing editor of the *Castro Times*, called simply *The Brig*. But the title is the only simple thing about this devastating account of what happens to a young man when he tries to have himself dismissed from the military because of his opposition to the war in Viet Nam.

For further information, contact: Alternate Publishing, 15 Harriet, San Francisco, CA, 94103

Womyn's Braille Press

The Womyn's Braille Press offers feminist and Lesbian literature on tape or in Braille, to women who are blind or physically disabled. WBP has over 75 titles in its tape library, and records and circulates several feminist periodicals. WBP also produces a quarterly newsletter in Braille, print and on tape. Anyone interested in further information should contact: Womyn's Braille Press Inc., PO Box 8475, Mpls., MN 55408



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Music

Hooray for Holly!

by Donna Leslie Blan

Once again Holly Near has thrown the Lesbian community a *Lifeline*, in her new release with Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers. It is a joy to hear voices of two strong women so perfectly matched, musically, personally and politically.

Both women have paid a price for their political beliefs. Most of us are aware of Holly's political stand and have at least heard Ronnie's *Good Night, Irene*. I was aware of the Weavers and wondered what had happened to them. They were so popular in the 50's.

Somehow it comes as no surprise in this era of Reagan and Falwell to discover that Ronnie was a victim of a political witch hunt of the early 50's. The House Un-American Activities Committee labeled the Weavers as "subversives" in the entertainment industry. Even their singing of *Good Night, Irene* was suspect since it had been written by a black ex-convict, and it was clear the Weavers supported progressive causes. Blacklisted, the Weavers continued to sell millions of records, but it was increasingly difficult for them to get bookings.

Musically speaking, this album is a

break from Holly's last two, *Speed Of Light* and *Fire In The Rain*. It is the first album since she has joined the Lesbian community, to use a male. She has included Jeff Langly, friend and accompanist from her earlier recording days. We hope that Holly will not be criticized for including a male in this album for even on this album, she is more "out" and supportive of her Lesbian sisters than the latest releases of Meg and Chris.

In Holly's rendering of *Gracias A La Vida* she changed all the gender endings to the female form thus making who her love was patently clear. She also changed *Amado* the masculine form to *Amada* the feminine form translated as "my loved one." She goes on to give vibrant new meaning to several old standard love songs especially *People Will Say We Are In Love*, as attested to by the audience response when she sings "don't please my folks too much." Then there is Holly's new song *Perfect Night* that beautifully describes the many facets of the Lesbian life style.

The other songs in this album include many groups of people that have been left out in the history books such as *Harriet Tubman* (from which the title *Lifeline* is taken), *The Activity Room* which is about senior citizens and *Hay Una Mujer* the lament

Your Rights in the Military-Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men is a one-page leaflet reciting the most important facts every Lesbian and Gay serviceperson should know.

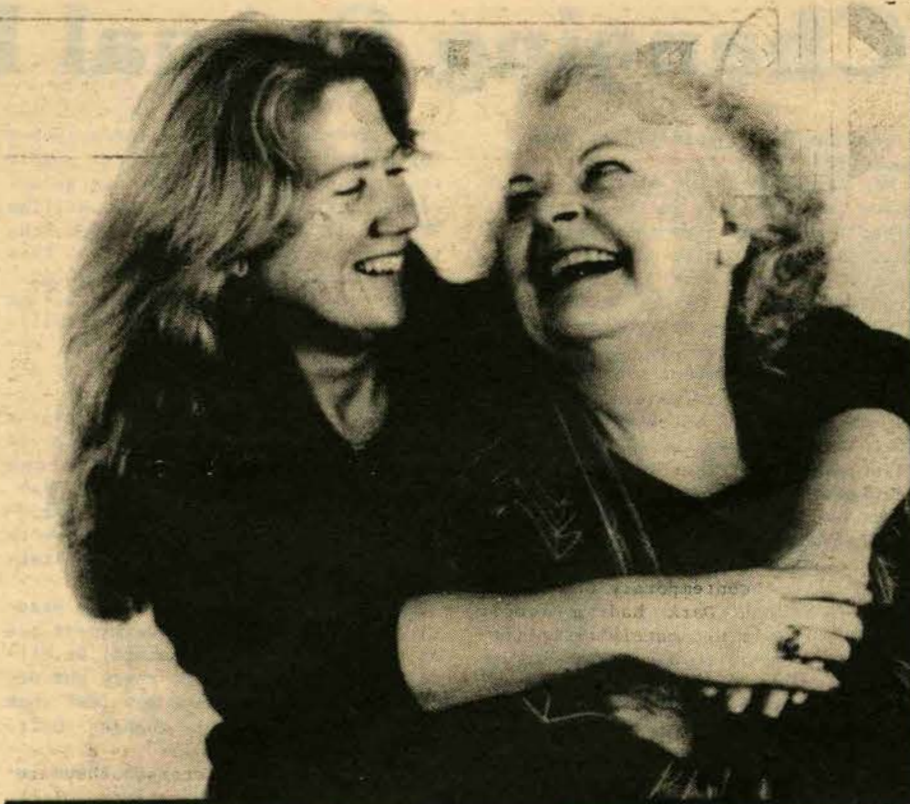
The Draft: Gay Questions, Serious Answers presents important information in a simple, easy to follow question and answer format. The first printing of this handy 12-page brochure was well-received and has been out of stock for a long time. Now it's available again, with improved and clarified text.

Both publications are available from Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, 59 East Van Buren, #809, Chicago, Illinois 60605. The single copy prices of 50¢ for the draft brochure and 30¢ for the military leaflet include postage and handling; bulk rates are available on request.

The sponsoring organizations are preparing a longer publication intended for lawyers and counselors and dealing with draft, Military and veterans issues facing Lesbians and Gay men. The publication is expected to be available soon.

Stars Turn Out for AIDS Benefit

(*Gay News*)--Debbie Reynolds was the headliner last month at a National AIDS Foundation fundraiser in San Francisco. The event attracted 2000 and raised close to \$50,000, according to Bob Ross who co-chaired the benefit. Also appearing with Reynolds were Shirley MacLaine, Sylvester and George Kirby. Honorary sponsors included former astronaut Buzz Aldrich and Bob Hope. Both sent telegrams supporting the fundraising effort. Included among the evening total was \$500 pledged by San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.



Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert

for women missing in Chile.

Finally, Holly has included *Singing For Our Lives*, one she has been doing for a number of years in her concerts. This song is near and dear to the hearts of those 30 or so of us who have been crazy, foolish or brave enough to participate in Memphis' Gay Pride March, for it has been our theme song.

To celebrate the release of *Life-*

line, Ronnie and Holly will be on tour this fall stopping in 10 cities. The closest one to Memphis is Kansas City, September 24th. If you are interested in obtaining tickets, call 816-753-6617. Unfortunately, we do not have a Gay record store locally but I strongly urge everyone to order the record directly from Redwood Records, 476 West MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Ca 94609.

New Publication From Lesbian Rights Project

The Lesbian Rights Project now has available the newly-revised, second edition of *Lesbian Mothers And Their Children: An Annotated Bibliography Of Legal And Psychological Materials* by Donna J. Hitchens and Ann C. Thomas. The bibliography includes annotations from court opinions in Lesbian mother custody cases, law review articles and psychological research on Lesbian relationships, mothering among Lesbians and the mental health of children raised by Lesbians. This comprehensive 67-page booklet is an essential information resource for anyone who is interested in or involved with Lesbian mother or Gay father custody issues.

The Lesbian Rights Project is the only public interest law firm in the country exclusively devoted to helping Lesbians with their legal problems. The LRP provides day-to-day counseling and legal representation to Lesbians and helps to educate the legal and mental health communities about the special concerns of Lesbian clients.

To order, please send \$3.60 to Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission St., 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Gay/Lesbian Military AIDS Available

Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild, the Gay Rights Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild, and the National Educational Foundation for Individual Rights announced the availability of two important resources for Lesbian and Gay service personnel and for draft-age men.

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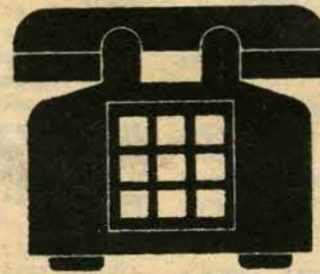
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Changing Sexual Lifestyles

(From the July August AID atlanta Newsletter)

The rapid spread of AIDS has provoked many changes in our communities; certainly a re-thinking of how we interact sexually is foremost among them. The fear of the sexual transmission of AIDS has led to a decrease in bath house patronage and lowered visibility in the bars of some areas. Many men in relationships are considering monogamy, and men who were content with impersonal and casual sex are beginning to consider relationships. There appears to be a resurgence of dating and growing concerns over capacities for intimacy.

This transition is not any easy one. However, as a minority whose rituals have evolved from survival and necessity, through creating alternative social structures, adaptability appears to be a natural component of the Gay psyche.

In considering the evolution of Gay sexual liberation, some personal commentaries trace its development to that period just following Stonewall, the event which launched the Gay Liberation movement in the US. The resultant sexual awakening of the late 60's and early 70's had particularly liberating effects on Gay male culture. Socializing through sexual contact became more prevalent, along with more casual attitudes toward sexually transmitted diseases.

Most of the effects of liberation are positive one, but critics like New York physician, Dr Dan William, see the sexual revolution as evoking

some irresponsible attitudes toward Gay health. "We had taught people that being sexually active was an accepted health risk," says Dr. William. "We were wrong. AIDS changed the rules. I'm very regretful that this recognition has been slow in coming." While some individuals are calling those with views similar to Dr William's, "the new moralists," he asserts that, "I don't consider it morality. I consider it survival."

Michael Denneney, a senior editor at St. Martin's Press, has observed that Gay men are not the only ones who choose frequent anonymous sex. "How else do you explain the existence of prostitutes?" he asks. "We're just different because we have alternate institutions."

While teaching Gay men in his practice to reconsider indiscriminate sex as a potential health hazard, Dr William has observed some angry and depressed responses. Some men feel that they can't, or won't, change their lifestyles.

A preference for anonymous and impersonal sex can be traced to preliminary sexual encounters for many Gay men. As David Goodstein noted in a recent editorial in the *Advocate*, a national Gay news magazine. Male sexuality is usually habitual and response patterns tend to form around one's first sexual encounter with another man. In later relationships for many Gay men, love interest can diminish quickly. Women's first encounters, on the other hand, are usually more romantic, due to their so-

cialization. Thus, sexual behavior revolves more around partnering and monogamous relationships. Heterosexual men, too, by virtue of their involvement with women, may have more romance in their first encounters than Gay men.

Rethinking intimacy is the subject of discussion among Gay men these days who are concerned about the costs of anonymous or impersonal sex. Fear accompanies change. As David Goodstein comments, on his own fears, "I realized that part of changing my own habits has been my new willingness to have all of the experience of my own fears, my own grief, my own unrequited longing for intimacy, my own doubts about my physical self." Change is rarely easy and there are risks to increasing intimacy with others, especially when intimacy, for many men, may be an uncharted frontier.

Goodstein challenges his readers to take these risks. "Many Gay men are going to have to take risks of different kinds if they want to lead a sexual lifestyle that has less risk of disease in it. They are going to have to risk being hurt, being loved and loving one another. They are going to have to acknowledge how vulnerable and human they themselves are and how vulnerable and human their lovers are, even the most macho ones." Talking about your fears with others who share them is one of the most effective ways of overcoming them.

And openly facing fears, as a community, appears to be drawing the Gay

community closer together, Lesbians and Gay men, for example, have traditionally had difficulty working together and seeing the relevance of one another's needs as separate groups of individuals. Many women are working on AIDS related issues and are among the health care providers helping people with AIDS. An understanding of the dynamics of women's relationships, their increased intimacy and capacity for relating, can help Gay men respond to the need for change with some models for learning new ways of interacting. The socializing of women and men has led to an overdevelopment of different kinds of skills in each gender group. Women tend to bond more, readily in monogamous relationships. Men tend toward independence and autonomy. According to Marty Levine, a Gay sociologist, many Gay men lack the social skills of forming relationships. These skills, however, can be acquired.

The strengthening of community around the AIDS issue appears to be the most positive aspect of this frightening disease. Bill Kraus, aide to the late Rep Philip Burton, a strong supporter of Gay rights from California, has observed: "If there is anything positive about this horrible situation, assuming the great majority of us survive, it will have been a crisis that makes people stronger. I see it de-trivializing sex. I think that will be permanent. I think there's room in human society and Gay society for people to be kinder and warmer to each other."

Reagan Signs Public Health Fund Bill

WASHINGTON, DC - President Reagan signed into law a bill calling for the creation of a \$30 million Inter-agency Public Health Emergency Fund. This fund could potentially release millions of dollars for AIDS research.

The act authorizes the creation of a fund from which any agency of the Department of Health and Human Services can withdraw money to do research or educational activities to combat a public health emergency. "The Secretary of HHS would declare a public health emergency, and then determine how the Emergency Fund monies would be spent.

The sponsors of the Emergency Fund Bill in Congress made it clear that the \$30 million was only to be spent as a last resort if Congress could not address a public health emergency in its regular appropriations process.

The Gay Rights National Lobby's AIDS Project organized constituents all over the country to write and call their members of Congress in support of the Emergency Fund. AIDS Project staffers also worked closely with key House and Senate leaders and staffers to ensure passage of the bill.

Reagan surprised the Gay Rights National Lobby and supporters of the bill in the House and Senate when he approved creation of the Emergency Fund. Reagan had opposed the bill in Congress, and had been expected to veto the bill or merely allow it to become law without his signature.

"I am very pleased that the President has signed the Public Health Emergency Fund Act into law," said Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), one of the key legislators responsible for getting the Emergency Fund passed by unanimous consent in the Senate. "I

have been very pleased to work with the Gay Rights National Lobby in obtaining this vital legislative victory.

"It is important to recognize, however, that passage of this legislation is the beginning, not the end, of our efforts. We need to ensure that the funds that this bill authorizes are actually appropriated."

Now that the Public Health Emergency Fund Act has become law, GRNL and other groups and individuals interested in actually establishing the fund must go back to Congress to get a \$30 million appropriation for the fund. (Congress first authorizes a program, and then must actually appropriate money for it -- these are separate legislative processes.)

"I hope the administration will recognize, as the House and Senate have, that we need significant, research money on AIDS as soon as possible," said Rep Henry Waxman (D-CA), who wrote the original bill and was instrumental in winning unanimous approval for the Public Health Emergency Fund Bill from the House. "The administration has tried to deal with the epidemic cheaply and routinely."

Key Hill staffers predict it will be difficult, but not impossible, to get a \$30 million appropriation for the Fund in Fiscal '84.

"We've got a lot to do to get the appropriation," said Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL. "GRNL, working with other Gay organizations, is going to try to mobilize the Gay community to write to Congress on this and other AIDS-related issues."

Those key in gaining passage of the Bill include Rep Henry Waxman; and Senators Edward Kennedy, Alan Cranston (D-CA), and Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

BWMT, MGC Address Discrimination Problem

As a result of complaints received about discrimination against Blacks at 2 local Gay bars, Black and White Men Together sent out a letter and questionnaire to all bar owners asking about any problems that might exist.

In a show of support, the Memphis Gay Coalition sent letters to all bar owners urging them to meet with BWMT representatives to clarify any misunderstandings and to head-off any potential problems.

"The initial reaction has been very favorable," a BWMT representative told Gaze. "A prominent local bar

owner was the first to respond to our letter and he expressed a willingness to meet with BWMT members, although he was unaware of any problems."

The BWMT representative explained, "Sometimes an individual will take it upon him/herself because of their personal prejudices, to hassle certain people without the bar owner's knowledge or consent."

The impression received by BWMT indicates that the bar owners are showing a willingness to discuss problems and seek solutions. It is anticipated that the problem can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

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Black & White Men Together: support/movement; 276-4160 or 726-4299

Gay Advocacy Project: movement, ACLU & MGC; 521-9875 or 726-4299.

Gay Catholics: Recommended Sunday Mass 11:00 AM—St. Peters Village.

GOPS: social, private membership; no address listing.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group: NOW, 458-1661.

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

Memphis Gay Activists: movement, private membership; 274-0431.

Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis Gay Speakers Bureau: movement, general education; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis State University Gay Student Union: movement/student support; Room 416, University Center, MSU, Memphis 38152.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 2224 Central Ave., 278-1091.

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

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

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminists; P.O. Box 40982, Memphis, 38104, 452-6983.

Phoenix: Gay alcoholics anonymous; meets Weds., 8 pm in Clark Tower, 5050 Poplar, Room 3102; 365-7153.

Queen's Men: social, private membership; no address listing.

Tsarus: social, levi-leather/motorcycle, private membership, P.O. Box 11831, Memphis 38111.

Hotlines

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

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

Media

"Gay Alternative": radio, weekly, Sundays 3 p.m. WEVL-FM 90.3, P.O. Box 41773, Memphis 38104.

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

Lambda Televideo: television, monthly program *Views from 10%*, cable channel 7; P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

Restaurants & Bars

The Barracks: bar, large disco, patio. Late hours; 616 Marshall Ave., 527-6348

Family Affair Club: bar, Gay crowd Sunday nights only; 873 Vance Ave., 527-0672.

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

George's: bar, shows, large disco; 600 Marshall Ave., 526-1038.

J-Wag's: bar, serves food, moderate menu, patio, late hours; 1268 Madison Ave., 725-4670.

The Other Side: bar, 12 N. Cleveland, late hours, 726-9245

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

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

Psych-Out II: bar, shows on weekends; 571 Marshall Ave., 523-1940.

Jackie's: bar; 1474 Madison Ave., 278-9021.

Nashville

Organizations

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

Conductors: Levi-Leather Club; P.O. Box 40261, Nashville 37204.

Justice for Parents Defense Fund: legal child custody; 43 Music Square West, Nashville 37203.

Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STDs, 1727 Church Street, Nashville 37203 (615) 329-1478.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 131 15th Ave. N., Nashville, (615) 320-0288.

Nashville Committee: social/movement, P.O. Box 23321, Nashville, TN 37202.

Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR): movement, Box 24181 Nashville 37202.

Womankind Books: 2006 20th Ave. S. Nashville, 27212 Open Saturdays Noon-6 p.m. (615) 297-3450

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

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

Restaurants & Bars

Aaron's: 154 6th Ave., N. Nashville (615) 254-9911.

Cabaret: 1711 Hayes St. 320-7082.

Crazy Cowboy: 2311 Franklin Rd. 383-9493.

Mother's Construction Co.: 2535 Franklin Rd. 297-4571.

Slippo's: 2106-A Eighth Ave., S. 269-9150.

Warehouse 28: 2529 Franklin Rd. 385-9689.

World's End: 1713 Church St. 329-3480.

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Little Rock

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement; Box 2832, Little Rock, AR. 72203.

Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc. (AGR): movement, P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Arkansas Women's Network: movement, feminist; Box 1787, Little Rock, 72203.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay-AA): meets every Tues. & Sun., 8 p.m., 7509 Cantrel, Suite 102, Tanglewood Shopping Center.

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

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

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; Box 1964, Little Rock 72203. (501) 664-3749.

Media

Arkansas Gay Writes: AGR, Inc., newsletter; P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Ours: newspaper, 5 times/yr., feminist; P.O. Box 2352, Little Rock 72203.

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

Parents & Friends of Gays: movement/support; P.O. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

Hotlines

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

Restaurants & Bars

Chaps: 1701 S. University, 663-8682.

Silver Dollar: 2710 Asher Ave., 663-9886.

Discovery II: 1021 Jessie Rd., 664-4784.

Variations: 113 1/2 E. Main, 371-9919; Disco nights, piano bar days, restaurant 24 hours.

Miscellaneous

Club South: baths, TV room, sauna, spa lockers, rooms. 628 Madison Ave. (901) 525-2852.

Club Memphis: baths, 12 N. Cleveland 722-8006.

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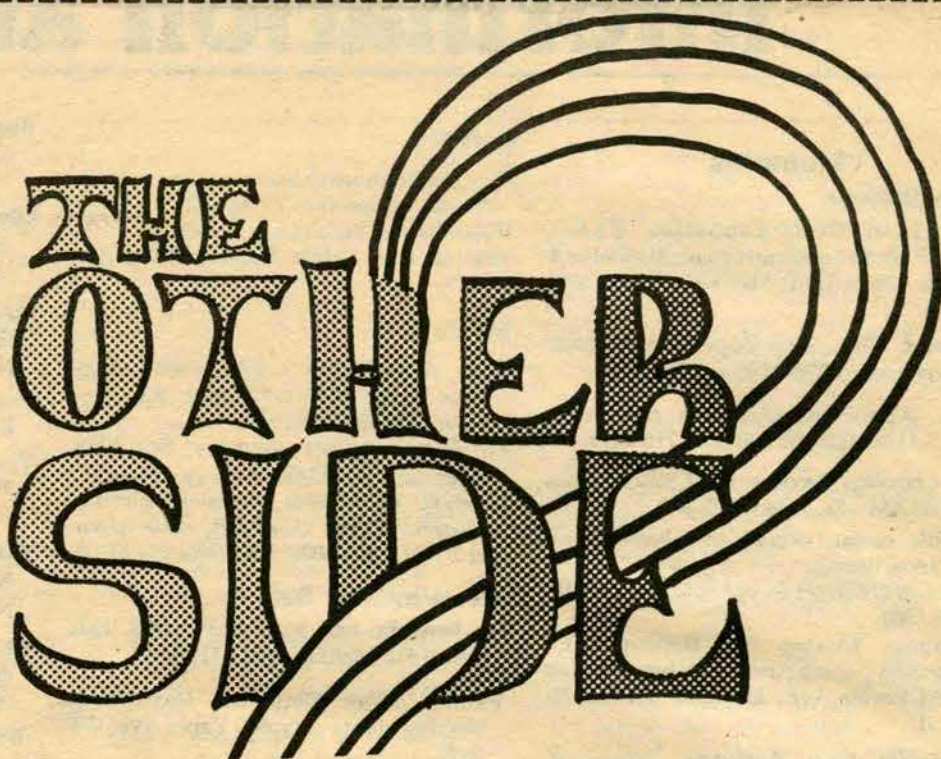
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