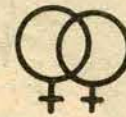
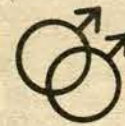


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FBI Surveillance of Gays Challenged

by Allen Cook

Dan Simonoski believes there may be hundreds of thousands of documents of FBI surveillance of Gay groups in this country and is trying to get them.

Dr. Simonoski, a political science professor and plaintiff in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the FBI to release the documents, was in Memphis March 22 through 25 on a 34 city fund raising tour.

"The FBI has admitted to having a total of 5600 documents which comprise all of the information they have gathered on 13 groups in 8 states from 1950 through 1982," Simonoski said. "That's poppycock," he went on, "Just last week, I finally received two volumes involving the Mattachine Society in San Francisco... There were 600 pages of documents on that group alone and that was only for 1952-54!"

A cursory inspection of those records revealed that FBI agents

conducting the investigation could find no reason to continue surveillance of the group. However, when *One*, a magazine the group published, ran an article alleging that there were homosexuals in important positions in the FBI, the tone of the memos regarding the investigation changed drastically. In a memo written by the second ranking official of the FBI, a handwritten passage expresses indignation at the possibility of homosexuals in the FBI and urges the Bureau to "take these guys on and get them to put up or shut up."

Another set of memos reveals that the FBI had particular interest in the author of the article and wanted to make every effort to identify the writer and, once identified, to "locate him."

Apparently the author was writing under a pseudonym because he was never identified or located.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, an individual or organization may request information compiled and held by agencies of

the federal government. These agencies are permitted to exempt the release of certain types of information from release providing they identify the reasons for the denial.

In response to Dr. Simonoski's request for records, some interesting exemptions are noted. Files on Daughters of Bilitis and the Lesbian Liberation organizations have been classified "per executive order : national defense or foreign policy reasons." continued on page 15.

Jackson Responds to NGTF Questions

Washington— The Reverend Jesse Jackson has responded to a questionnaire prepared by the National Gay Task Force and a number of other national Gay organizations. The questionnaire was sent to all presidential candidates.

Jackson expressed support for H. R. 2642, the bill which would include prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation along with those for race, color, creed, etc. in the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

According to a story in Boston's *Gay Community News*, Jackson characterized H.R. 2624 as "long overdue" and "more comprehensive than the senate counterpart (\$430) and is, therefore, preferable to it." Additionally, he promised to classify anti-Gay and Lesbian violence as a civil rights violation.

Jackson said he would issue an executive order within three months.

of taking office banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in all areas of federal contractors. According to *GCN*, the order would include the military. "Lesbians and Gays have long served in all branches of the military. There is, therefore, no reasonable basis for excluding them. Regarding the purging of Lesbians and Gays already serving in the military, I believe that such dismissals are not only unjust, but also wasteful."

The executive order would also include such agencies as the CIA, the National Security Agency, and the FBI. Jackson promised to remove restrictions on granting security clearances to Lesbians and Gay men, stating, "that after 30 years of monitoring, our government cannot offer a single case in which homosexuality has been the cause for compromising the national security by a

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Gay Pride Events Scheduled

by Allen Cook

Two events scheduled for June 30 will cap a month long celebration of Gay Pride in Memphis, according to members of the Memphis Gay Coalition.

Permission has been secured from the city to use Court Square as a rally site. Local and regional speakers will include representatives from local Gay or sympathetic organizations as well as regionally prominent speakers. Eddie Sandifer, president of the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA), has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers. Mr. Sandifer has been active in the Gay rights movement since the 1950's and is currently spearheading a fight for MGA to receive corporate status in Mississippi.

The idea of a march or parade this year has been scrapped by organizers. They have indicated that support for a parade has been dwindling over the years and that the weather in years past has been a deterrant. Last year both the temperature and the humidity were in the 90's.

While the idea of a parade has

been abandoned for this year, the rally is slated to take place just prior to the annual river boat cruise. It was felt that many participants might come to the rally downtown, and when it was over, simply walk two blocks to the boarding site to spend the next few hours on the river.

The rally has been tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm and be concluded in time for the 8:30 boarding. The boat will leave the dock at 9:00 and return by midnight.

Tickets for the river cruise will go on sale May 15 and will be available for purchase either through the mail or at Encore Cards and Gifts, 1266 Madison Ave., during regular business hours. Last year all available tickets were sold several days prior to the event.

Ticket prices this year will be \$12 per person.

Joyce Cobb will provide entertainment for the river cruise. 400 tickets will be available and will be sold on a first come, first paid for basis. No reservations will be taken without pre-payment.

Hart Rates High on Gays' List

With the withdrawal of John Glenn from the campaign for the Democratic candidacy for president, attention has turned to Walter Mondale and Gary Hart as contenders to be reckoned with.

Primaries in recent weeks have shown the previously thought unbeatable Mondale forces have weakened considerably as Gary Hart captured primary after primary.

"Take heart and vote '84" says one enthusiastic Hart supporter in Memphis. In perhaps one of the most enlivening coalitions in recent political memory, Sen. Hart has captivated a rare assortment of local political activists that include Tim Shaeffer, Walter Evans, Minerva Johnican, Cliff Tuck and Linda Ott.

According to Hart sources, "Gary Hart supports extension of civil liberties to those who have historically been without the full protec-

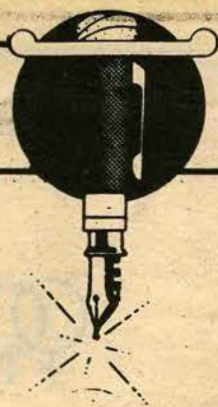
tion of the law. The ACLU rates his voting record on civil liberties the best in the Senate. Sen. Hart believes all Americans must be protected from discrimination whether based on race, color, religion, national origin, language, age, sex or *sexual orientation* (italics ours).

In a recent conversation with Hart's Senate office, an aide communicated the following on Sen. Hart's positions:

As president, he would issue an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in all federal hiring and contracts.

In addition, he would support banning of private sexual discrimination, oppose sexual orientation discrimination in immigration policy as well as in legal services.

Delegate selection for the Democratic National Convention begins March 31 with May 1 being the date of the Tennessee Primary.



Silence Equals Approval

by Allen Cook

I guess I'm getting crotchety in my old age. Things I used to let pass, don't pass anymore.

Take my office Christmas party, for example. It was held in a large apartment clubhouse with catered food, catered booze and catered music. The overzealous DJ, who desperately wanted people to dance to his music said, "Guess what? Today they had an AIDS meeting in this room... And you don't know WHERE they have been sitting... So get up and boogie!"

Needless to say, I was not amused.

There was a time when my irritation would have never seen the light of day. That night, however, I marched right up to the DJ and told him exactly how I felt about his remark. You've never seen a more sheepish grin in your life. But I suspect he will not be using that line to get people on the dance floor anymore.

All of which brings me to my point.

The other night at a local disco (I'm not going to mention any names because it could probably

have been any one of them), I was in a group of people who were talking with a security guard. Apparently one of the patrons had been asked for an ID before entering the bar (we were all old enough to pass). The guard explained that the police had caught someone underage in the bar in the previous week and that everyone would be asked for an ID for the near future. Seems that Tennessee law requires anyone in an establishment which serves beer or liquor to have some sort of identification on them while they are there.

Anyway, the conversation degenerated to a discussion of how the requirement of excessive ID's was being used to keep out "undesirable elements." Without actually saying so, everyone knew the guard was referring to Blacks.

At least one of the patrons agreed, saying that some nights it was almost 50-50... an obviously negative ratio. Others too, seemed to be in agreement. However, I seemed to be the only one thoroughly disgusted with the conver-

sation, said so, and left.

The idea of someone discriminating against other Gay people really gets my back up. And it probably does most of you. Unfortunately, about half of the people reading this will agree with the stated or unstated policies which discriminate against Blacks in our bars.

Sure, there are excuses:

"I'll lose all my white business if the bar gets too 'dark', if you know what I mean." Or...

"Those people just come in and buy one drink and sip on it all night. I can't make any money like that!" Or...

"I'm just doing what my clientele wants me to do."

But when it all comes down to it, that's all they are... excuses. There is no justification for discrimination. Especially, it seems to me, when one minority is doing it to another.

Meanwhile, back to my story. It seems I did make a point. Two people who had been in the group came up later and told me that

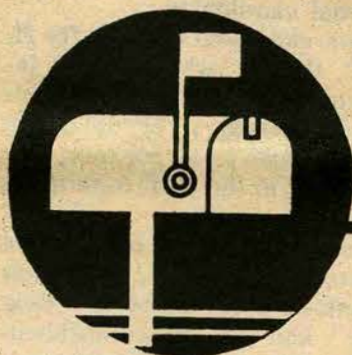
someone else in the group wanted to apologize. He said he really felt bad about what was said. I told him he had every right to feel bad.

Well, the person in question never did apologize to me and managed to look guilty while avoiding me for the rest of the evening. But, if nothing else, at least I raised the consciousness of a few people.

I have since concluded that whatever the situation might be — a straight man telling fag jokes, a male chauvinist maligning women, or a redneck preaching prejudice — silence equals approval. I'm not going to be silent.

Atlanta, Georgia recently passed a city ordinance that makes it unlawful for a bar to require more than one legitimate identification of any bar patron. This ordinance was the result of action taken by a local Gay group and supported by the Atlanta chapter of Black and White Men Together in response to local Gay bar discrimination policies.

Perhaps we should take a lesson from our sister city, Atlanta.



Box 3038

Lesbians Challenge Editorial

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Reading John Stilwell's editorial (March, 1984) about the reverse discrimination and separatism of some Gay women, I felt a response from the indicted class might be helpful. Not to disagree with his impression, but with another perspective to fill the cup that from his view looks half empty and from mine looks half full.

It is a common perception that Gay women (my term of preference — other people should be free to select their own name) are often not recognized as being in the lime-light of the Gay rights movement. But that depends on who's looking, where the looking's done and how one defines what one sees.

We celebrate Stonewall as our Gay July 4th because men's events and actions tend to be remembered, written about and celebrated. But

the women's movement (led by many Gay women, as was the emancipation movement before the Civil War) predated and in no small measure provided the atmosphere that allowed Stonewall to breathe. It is not likely, however, that women, much less those who are Gay, will be free until all men are.

Such is the rule of patriarchy.

It is true that the public, organized continuity of the Memphis Gay movement has been an overwhelmingly fathered event, and these daddies deserve praise and thanks and love and a backrub. But before any of us had more than one or two tentative guts, women were risking their own money and doing most of the work to organize massive all-Gay parties on riverboats and in midtown penthouse discos so that, and I remember her very words, "Gay people can feel good about themselves and meet each other someplace other than a bar."

We didn't know anything about Gay Liberation and not much about women's liberation in Memphis in 1972. But we should have known it was coming the instant each of us realized that we were Gay, not queer. That all those lies were exactly that: lies.

So we have been here, John, and we're still here; we were just doing other things to support other areas of our and your liberation.

Businesses, newspapers, marches, and organizations are vital to our survival and growth; our people contribute according to their interest, talent, and personal freedom, and every drop of effort adds to our family river. Both John Stilwell and Allen Cook have expressed this sentiment repeatedly. I respond now out of some guilt, warranted or not, for having not participated more in organizational efforts. And because some Gay women out here feel as I do about why we have not participated; reasons which have little if anything to do with hating men as a class, as if there were no members in it that we recognize as brothers, bent, linear, or any other geometric orientation.

The purpose of this response is to propose some possible reasons for our conspicuous absence. I'm a writer, and writers need to be concerned with whys, not perpetuate the old system but to understand its innards and do a little medicinal alteration. So, to some of the possible whys:

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If we are concerned at all about our rights as a class, the class we must first address is our minority treatment as women. Being female is a condition that most women have no desire to conceal, and must therefore deal with the daily circumstances of "externally imposed" limitations that femaleness entails. I risk being thought overly optimistic to call these circumstances anything less than difficult.

Money is the first difficulty.

Crusades need financing as well as principles, and the fact is that men make more money than women in similar jobs. Gay men in general have more disposable income than Gay women. And I can tell you from personal experience that dealing with pay discrimination at work is like having three full time jobs. (You're already working two and they're refusing to pay you for the second one they added to your job description a year ago. And now

there's the third one to compel them to pay you for the second.) So now on top of less money, we have less time. Kvetch, kvetch, kvetch. And that doesn't count those Gay women who also have children and are single parents.

It has only been a few years that women have been able to get higher paying jobs in significant numbers, and our perception is that many male employers would welcome any excuse, any opportunity to

avoid having to deal with women as peers, or heaven forbid, as superiors. Gay women, who have always worked, were the first to realize the benefits of equal pay (when and if it occurs) and are not likely to be the first to risk losing a status that is about as secure as quicksand.

There is no excuse for whatever negative treatment John or other

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Dan White Prospering In Bel Air Mansion?

Los Angeles (*The Weekly News*) — Dan White is living rent-free in the Bel Air mansion of a movie producer who has paid him a \$50,000 advance for his lifestory, KABC-TV reported last week.

White, convicted killer of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk, was released early this year after serving a five-year sentence. An Orange County group had offered a \$10,000 reward for information on White's whereabouts. White contacted the group's lawyer and later met with the millionaire who posted the reward.

"He said they have many of the same ideas," KABC quoted the group's lawyer as saying, "including a belief that the system has become too loose and a belief that they were both against homosexuality."

In addition, White reportedly expressed remorse over the killings for the first time. "He is regretful about the incident — that this is something that will be chained to him the rest of his life and he will always have to live with it and it will cause him turmoil."

It may also cause him to become a rich man, if the KABC reports are true. Besides the \$50,000 advance given by the unidentified producer, White also stands to collect the \$10,000 reward from the equally unidentified millionaire.

State Assemblyman Art Agnos of San Francisco would like to see those profits rerouted. Agnos authored a recently enacted California law which requires a con-

victed felon to place profits from the sale of his crime story in a bank trust for at least five years. During that time, lawsuits can be filed for compensation by a crime victim or his heirs.

Agnos, who is now looking into the KABC reports, said, "It gives me grim satisfaction that my legislation will bring an additional measure of justice to Dan White because he has not fully paid his debt for the murder of two outstanding public officials and fine human beings."

State corrections department spokesperson Helen Krogh denied fully all reports that White was living in a Bel Air mansion. "It's a totally erroneous report. Other than that, I can't tell you anything," she said.

Meanwhile, both attorney Jeff Walsworth and KABC news director Terry Crofoot stand behind their stories 100 percent.

General Re-Instated In Germany

Bonn — Chancellor Helmut Kohl has reinstated General Guenter Kiessling, who was fired in a homosexual scandal, but Kiessling said he will not return to his post as deputy NATO commander because of ill health.

"I reached the conclusion that the charge against Gen. Kiessling could not be substantiated and he must be rehabilitated fully and his honor restored," Kohl said at a 45-minute news conference announcing the decision.

Kohl's offer and Kiessling's refusal were considered a compromise to restore the general's honor without sending him back to NATO and to defuse a mounting political crisis for the conservative government.

Gay Games "Olympics" Battle Continues

On February 14, 1984, the Board of Directors of San Francisco Arts & Athletics, Inc. voted unanimously to appeal the latest adverse court ruling in a lawsuit brought against the organization and against Dr. Thomas Waddell, founders of the Gay Games that were to be called Gay "Olympic" Games until the U.S. Olympic Committee and the federal courts stepped in. The latest ruling came on February 2, 1984, when U.S. District Judge John Vukasin held that the U.S. Olympic Committee's motion for summary judgment would be granted, avoiding a trial and a public airing of the issues in the case and making permanent a 1982 injunction against Gay Games' use of the word "Olympic."

Sentiment was strong among Board members that the cause of the sponsors and participants in the Gay Games must be held and sustained throughout another appeal. Recalling that the U.S. Olympic Committee's attorney had originally stated that the Gay men and Lesbian organizers and participants in the first Gay Games were an "unsuitable group" to have the U.S.O.C.'s consent to use the word "Olympic," members of the Board pledged continuing commitment to their position that they have a constitutionally protected right to use the word "Olympic," and to be free of homophobia, whether enforced by the courts or otherwise, in doing so.

"To say that the law does not matter, that the facts do not matter, that public policy does not matter, and even that the U.S. Constitution does not matter — that all that matters is what the U.S. Olympic Committee says it wants — is wrong. It appears to me that this is what Judge Vukasin has done here. This kind of treatment under law turns seekers of justice into cynics, but we have not allowed that to happen. We remain hopeful and dedicated to being treated fairly by the courts — whatever our sexual orientations, and howsoever powerful our adversary. The tortoise is gaining on the hare," attorney for Gay Games sponsors and organizers Mary C. Dunlap observed.

Democratic Convention Forum for Gay Rights

San Francisco (*Cascade Voice*) — Gay activists here are threatening to turn this summer's Democratic National Convention into a visible demonstration for Gay rights. "There will definitely be a Gay presence and a high Gay visibility," said Hank Wilson, a hotel executive and leader of a militant Gay rights group. He went on to say that the form that the demonstrations take will depend upon which Democrat leads the pack at convention time in mid-July. Gay leaders most recently demonstrated their ability to turn out big crowds a month ago, when 9,000 persons jammed the intersection of Castro and Market Streets to protest the release of political

assassin Dan White. Many Gay leaders seem unconcerned about the possibility that large Gay demonstrations might harm the Democrats' presidential prospects and help President Reagan, a longtime opponent of Gay rights. "Senator [John] Glenn (D-Ohio) has been making some statements against Gay school teachers that are very disturbing to us," said Wilson, also a former teacher. "It reminds some of us of the initiative campaign out here six years ago where they tried to ban all Gay teachers [the Briggs Initiative]. We were highly visible during that battle, more people learned about Gays and we're better off for it. Sometimes even when you lose, people learn."

Navy AIDS Victim May Retire

The Navy may continue to treat a sailor with AIDS and not discharge him. When John E. Baskin was diagnosed as having the disease, he told his doctor that he had engaged in sex with men. That disclosure was used later by the Navy in an attempt to discharge him — the patient-doctor relationship is not confidential in the military. The attempt was blocked by a threat from Baskin's attorney to file for a temporary restraining order. Just when it looked like the day was won, the Navy attempted to separate Baskin under a little-used regulation that would have given him an honorable discharge, but would have ended his treatment at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. The Navy, under more pressure from attorney Harvey Friedman, halted the process and now says Baskin's case will go before a board to see if he is qualified for a medical retirement.

New Co-Chair Announced by B.W.M.T.

The International Association of Black and White Men Together (I.A.B.W.M.T.) has announced the appointment of Tim Wilson of Denver as the group's new Co-Chair, succeeding Grieg Leonard of Atlanta. Wilson, 35, joins Co-Chair A. Billy S. Jones of San Francisco in heading the Gay interracial organization. His previous experience includes various leadership positions in the Denver affiliate group, G.R.E.A.T. Men of the Rockies (of which he is the founder), as well as anti-racist and networking activities on the local and national levels. Wilson was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of Parents and Friends of Gays/Denver.

At a February transition meeting of Jones and Wilson in San Francisco, it was determined that Wilson will oversee the I.A.B.W.M.T.'s Convention, Awards, Cultural, Media, and Business & Professional programs. Jones will oversee activities which relate to Education, Archives, Health, Publications, Incorporation, and Bylaws & Elections. The political projects of the I.A.B.W.M.T., including Task Forces on Racism, Gentrification, Crime & Violence, Poverty & Affluence, Militarism & Nuclear

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John Bush of Boston, Treasurer, and Rick Hanson of Cleveland, Secretary, will continue in their I.A.B.W.M.T. administrative roles of fund-raising and outreach, respectively.

B.W.M.T. chapters have been active in several projects in Gay and non-Gay communities, most notably in confronting racism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression in the employment and admissions policies of public places. Plans are now underway for the organization's fourth annual convention to be held in Atlanta in July. For information, write: I.A.B.W.M.T., 584 Castro, No. 227, San Francisco, CA 94114.

NGRA Enters Case On Behalf of Gay Judge

National Gay Rights Advocates has filed a brief in the Minnesota Supreme Court urging that a judge not be dismissed simply because he is Gay. The case involves Crane Winton, a District Court Judge in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Board on Judicial Standards, in recommending Winton's removal, concluded that "A homosexual may be a judge only if he or she is celibate."

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said Judge Winton was being subjected to an unfair double standard. "In Minnesota," Graff said, "the same sexual activity is illegal for Gays and Straights. Yet, straight judges have not been asked to vow not to engage in that type of sex."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary added: "It seems fairly obvious that Judge Winton is being treated differently simply because he is Gay. These outdated sex laws were never intended to be used as a measure of one's ability to serve the public."

Judge Winton has been on the bench for 21 years and is highly respected by his colleagues.

"Gay Lib" Statue Vandalized Figures Battered with a Hammer

According to the *San Jose Mercury-News*, George Segal's "Gay Liberation" sculpture— installed last month on the Stanford University campus— has been vandalized.

Stanford police said that a hammer-wielding male defaced the statuary. He caused extensive damage to the anodized bronze figures of two Gay men and two Lesbians.

All four figures in the sculpture— which depicts two women sitting on a bench touching hands and two men standing nearby— were dented in the head, face and body by a total of about 40 blows from what university police said was a hammer.

The worst damage, said the *Mercury-News*, was to one of the women's nose, which was nearly flattened by the blows.

Police said the incident was reported to them by an unidentified woman caller.

Police officer John Mullen said that a witness to the attack chased after the vandal but lost him. The vandal was described as a white man in his 20's.

The dents were about the size of a quarter to a half-dollar and were clustered in small groups, as if the vandal peppered one spot before moving on to another.

The sculpture, commissioned several years ago by the Mildred Andrews Foundation in Cleveland, is one of two casts. One was scheduled to be erected in NYC's Sheridan Square. The second was designated for Los Angeles. At one time San Francisco was considered as the site, and Harvey Milk Plaza (the Muni station at Market and Castro) was the favored setting. At Stanford "Gay Liberation" is set on a grassy knoll in a sculpture garden.

Mayors Pass Gay Rights Resolution

Washington— National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo called it "the opening of another door for Lesbian and Gay rights." Following her convincing testimony, the Committee on Human Development of the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution late last month endorsing legal protections for Gays. It reads: "Recognizing the right of all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, to full participation in American society, the committee recommends that all levels of government adopt legal protections for the rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans."

Boy George — "Not Gay"

New York— Entertainer and noted bisexual Boy George on his sexual ambivalence: "I'm not Gay. I'm as Gay as I am heterosexual. OK, I've experimented with both sexes, but I'm not a limp-wristed floozy and I'm not a transvestite. Transvestites show tits, man. I'm 6 feet, I'm a man, and I have no delusions."

Southeastern Lesbian Writers

St. Petersburg, FL — The sixth annual Southeastern Lesbian Writers Conference will convene in central Georgia June 7-10. Calling it "Womonwrites '84," conference organizers encourage advanced registration. Fees are: \$40, advanced; \$50, at the gate; \$25, low income; \$10, children. Registration fees include participation in all conference events, cabin-style lodging and meals. Childcare is available, but accessibility for the differently abled is limited. For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Womonwrites '84, 7134 5th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

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Tuesday, April 10: *C/R Support Group*: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18: *Steering Committee*: 8:00 pm Items of local chapter interest discussed.

Thursday, April 26: *C/R Support Group*: 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 28: *Yardsale*: Fundraiser — Midtown — Save Your Trash! 10:00 am

Sunday, April 29: *BWMT Brunch at the Benchmark Hotel*: Noon

May 4-6: *3 Day Weekend Retreat* in Monticello, Kentucky at the rural residence of two of our members.

Monday, April 30: *General Meeting*, Library: 8:00 pm

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Spectrum

Sex Survey Notes Gay Differences

by Allen Cook

An article on sex and the American couple appearing in *Playgirl* magazine's May issue has some interesting facts concerning Gay and Lesbian relationships. The article, by Philip Blumstein, Ph.D. and Pepper Schwartz, Ph. D. was condensed from material contained in their book *American Couples*.

Regarding sexual frequency, the authors noted big differences when they compare hetero- and homosexual relationships. Gay men have more sex in the early part of their relationships — more so than any other type of couple. However, after 10 years, they have sex less frequently than heterosexual married couples. Lesbians, according to the survey, have sex less frequently than any other type of couple.

The four groups surveyed in *American Couples* included married couples, heterosexual cohabitants, Gay men and Lesbians.

The authors concluded that while their survey reflected frequency of

“genital sex,” they learned that Lesbians prize non-genital physical contact — cuddling, touching, kissing — probably more than other couples do. They are also more likely to consider these activities as ends in themselves, rather than as foreplay to genital sex. Blumstein and Schwartz conclude that, like heterosexual women, Lesbians need non-genital sex as much or more than genital sex.

The survey concludes that 67% of the Gay men surveyed who had been together 2 years or less had sex three times a week or more. That percentage dropped as the couple lived together longer. For couples living together 2-8 years: 32%; 10 years +: 11%

For Lesbians the drop-off was even more drastic; Two years or less: 33%; 2-8 years: 7%; 10 years +: 1%.

These figures compare with married couples: Two years or less: 45%; 2-8 years: 27%; 10 years +: 18%.

Perhaps romanticism reigns, however. 71% of the Gay male respondents indicated that they kiss every time they have sex. 95% of the Lesbians reported doing so.

TSARUS Anniversary Set

The banks of the muddy Mississippi will be the setting for fun, food, and frolic as members of TSAURUS get together to celebrate their seventh anniversary, April 13th through 15th. Organizers say the weekend will be intimate and informal and that the only requirement is a \$5 registration fee.

Limited housing is available through TSAURUS at the Georgetown Inn (\$10.00 per person, per night, dormitory style).

For further information, contact any TSAURUS member or call (901) 452-5581 and ask for David.

LLD reprints Gay Rights Article

Lambda Legal Defense announced recently the publication of “Our Straight-Laced Judges: The Legal Position of Homosexual Persons in the United States” and “Recent Developments in Sexual Preference Law,” by Rhonda R. Rivera, a professor at Ohio State University Law School and a Lambda Boardmember. These articles are the definitive work on Gay and Lesbian civil rights for lawyers, legal workers, law students, and laypeople. They constitute the most comprehensive account of the legal struggles of Lesbians and Gay men.

The articles, published in one volume, are available from Lambda Legal Defense, 132 West 43rd

Street, New York, NY 10036, at \$10 (including postage) for individuals and nonprofit organizations, and \$20 for law firms, libraries, and academic institutions.

The reprinting of these articles was made possible by a grant from the Playboy Foundation.

Gay Video Entries Sought

Entries are now being accepted for the third annual San Francisco Gay Video Festival 1984. Held each year during San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration, the festival brings together the best in professional, avant-garde and short features by independent Lesbian and Gay producers from around the country. Beyond this, theme and subject matter are irrelevant. The festival has been established by Frameline, a non-profit media organization to develop an audience for Lesbian and Gay video and to promote a demand for quality productions and wide exhibition within and external to the community.

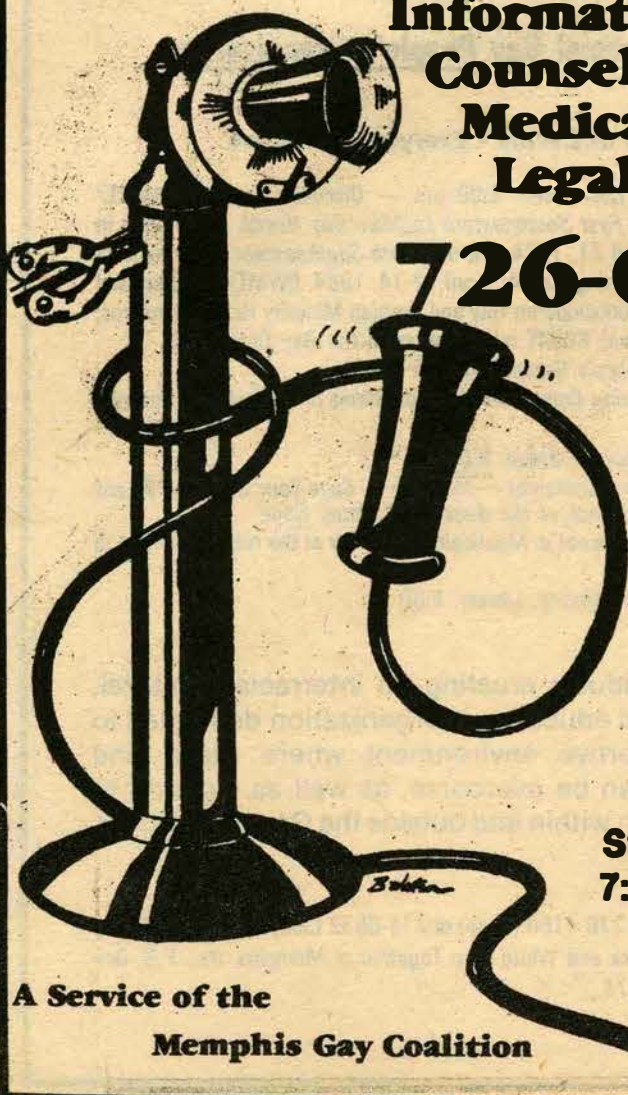
The Video Festival is a traveling exhibition. Entries may or may not wish exposure on metropolitan cable networks. All arrangements are possible. The festival is currently being presented at the Trocadero, Bay area public access stations, Manhattan Cable, and EZ-TV in Los Angeles. The 1983 festival included over 16 video works screened to audiences numbering more than 7000.

The Individual Rights Video Awards will be presented to network news stations for sensitive handling of Gay issues in the media. Categories presented are for national, documentary, single story

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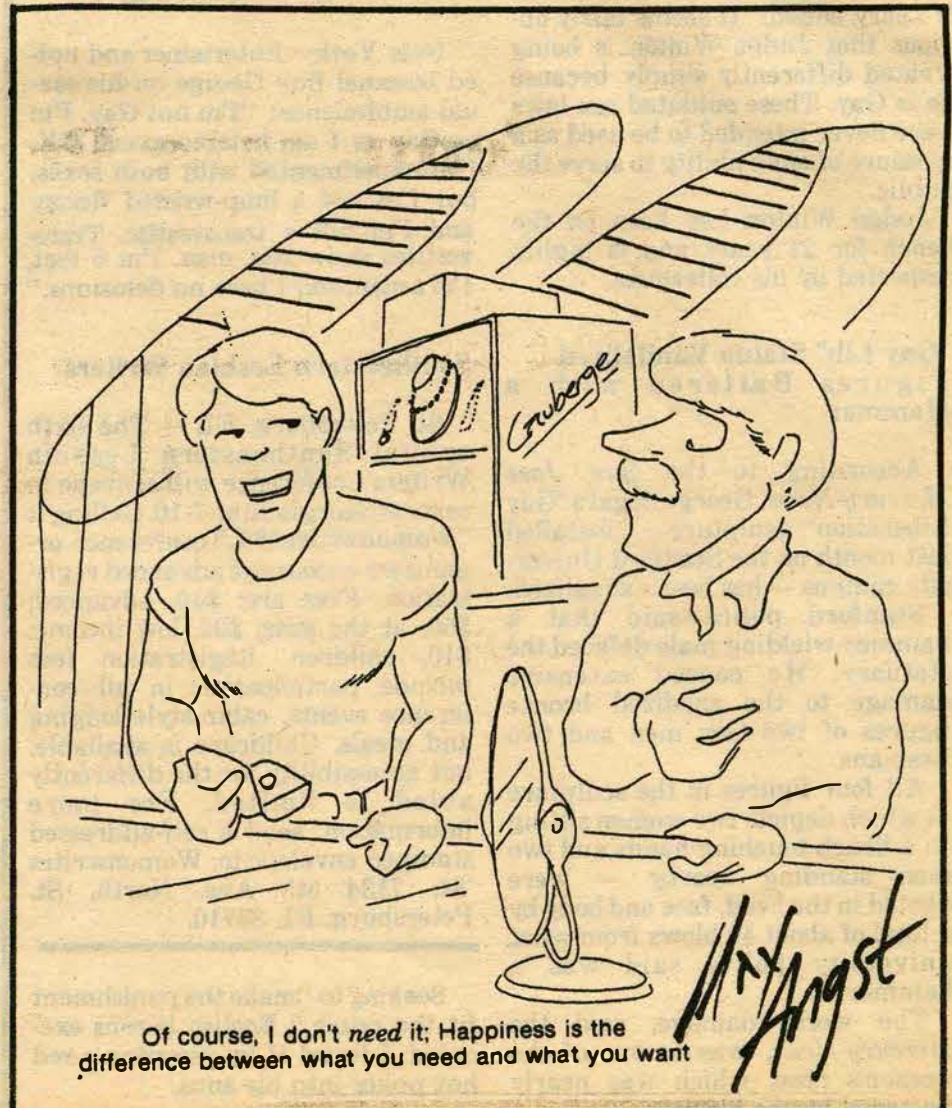
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Religious Paper published

A scholarly paper published by the Gay Academic Union has established that Jesus did make a significant reference to homosexuality in the Gospels, contrary to what has generally been held. This comment occurs in his longest single utterance, the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Warren Johansson has shown that the word *racha*, as it appears in the King James version of the bible (Matthew 5:22), is a contemptuous term for the effeminate homosexual. *Racha*, a word of Hebrew origin, was current in the street language of New Testament times much as "faggot" and "maricon" are today. The context in which the word is used shows that Jesus strongly disapproved of abusing someone as a *racha*. By itself, the passage gives no evidence of Jesus' own attitude towards homosexual conduct. Nonetheless, it shows that he meant to forbid any form of fag baiting by his followers.

The opera "La Traviata" was once banned in Brooklyn (1) because of its supposed "licentiousness."

Cows Do It Better

Colloquy on U.S. House floor in debate over banning all Federal funds for abortions, Sept. 22, 1983:

Representative William E. Dannemeyer, Republican of California: "If we are going to pay off (the national) debt, somebody has got to be born to pay the taxes to pay it off. Now, since 1973, the decline in the birth rate per fertile female has reached the point where, as a civilization, we run the serious risk of disappearing from the face of this planet. Right now, today, in the last few years, the rate of reproduction per fertile female is 1.8. Now, demographers tell us we need 2.1 to sustain a civilization."

Representative Barbara Mikulski, Democrat of Maryland: "I am just appalled at what the last speaker said. I am shocked to hear that American women are meant to be breeder reactors to sustain civilization and pay off the deficit, I am insulted, insulted!"

Gay Bank Successful

San Francisco — Atlas Savings and Loan Association, the world's first Gay and Lesbian owned financial institution, has seen its assets grow from \$2.5 million to \$85 million in barely two years. In addition to a three for two stock

split, construction has started on a spectacular \$1 million branch office on Castro Street. A public corporation, Atlas is owned by its thousands of gay investors and depositors in 48 states and beyond. Notes Board Chair John A. Schmidt, "We not only show the financial clout of Gay people, but also destroy the myth that Gay people are not good managers of their money."

New Lesbian Press

The formation of a new Lesbian publishing house, Lace Publications, was announced March 1.

The first offering *The Raging Peace*, an erotic romance by Artemis OakGrove, is due to be released in the Fall of '84.

Lace Publications plans to publish fiction with strong Lesbian main characters in the areas of erotica, adventure, fantasy, gothic, historical, humor, mystery, spiritual/occult (no horror), romance and science fiction.

A special feature of Lace Publications will be The Lady Winston series. This series will specialize in erotica of all types and Lace is seeking book-length manuscripts to consider for this series especially.

Women of color are encouraged to send them their work.

Lace Publications emphasizes that it is completely neutral politically and prefers fiction that enter-

tains without theorizing.

For further information, contact Lace Publications, P.O. Box 10037-0037, Denver CO 80210.

Redgrave Set to Play Renee Richards

Vanessa Redgrave is about to take on another controversial role — Renee Richards. The CBS television network has approved the project — titled *The Second Serve* — and is awaiting an acceptable script adaptation of Richards' autobiography. "We want to make sure the subject matter is treated tastefully," said a network official. Redgrave would portray the transsexual tennis star both before and after her surgery. An anti-Zionist, Redgrave portrayed a Jewish concentration camp survivor four years ago and earned much criticism from Jewish groups.



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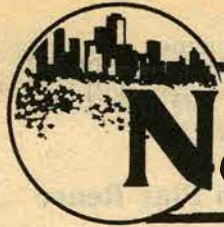
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Nashville

Parties, Plans and Premiers

by Jeff Thompson

What were you doing the last weekend of February? If you were a Gay Nashvillian, then there's a good chance that you were discovering the brand-new nightspot which has opened within walking distance of The Warehouse. *The Chute* opened its doors on Thursday afternoon, February 23, and began drawing impressive crowds almost immediately. Located at 2535 Franklin Road — in the building which housed Mother's Construction Company during 1983 — *The Chute* has exchanged Mother's metallic, high-tech ambience for an elaborate country-and-Western atmosphere.

What used to be the side door of Mother's, toward the back of the bar, has become the main entrance to *The Chute*. Upon passing through that door, customers are greeted by the appealing sight of a stone hearth surrounded by stools and padded seats. A *log fire* dances in the center of the hearth, immediately conveying a warm, inviting feeling to *The Chute's* patrons. A television and video-tape recorder are situated near the fireplace, and Monday night is Movie Night — a time when everything from "Clash of the Titans" and "La Cage Aux Folles" to "Venom" and 1943's "The Outlaw" is screened for *The Chute's* guests.

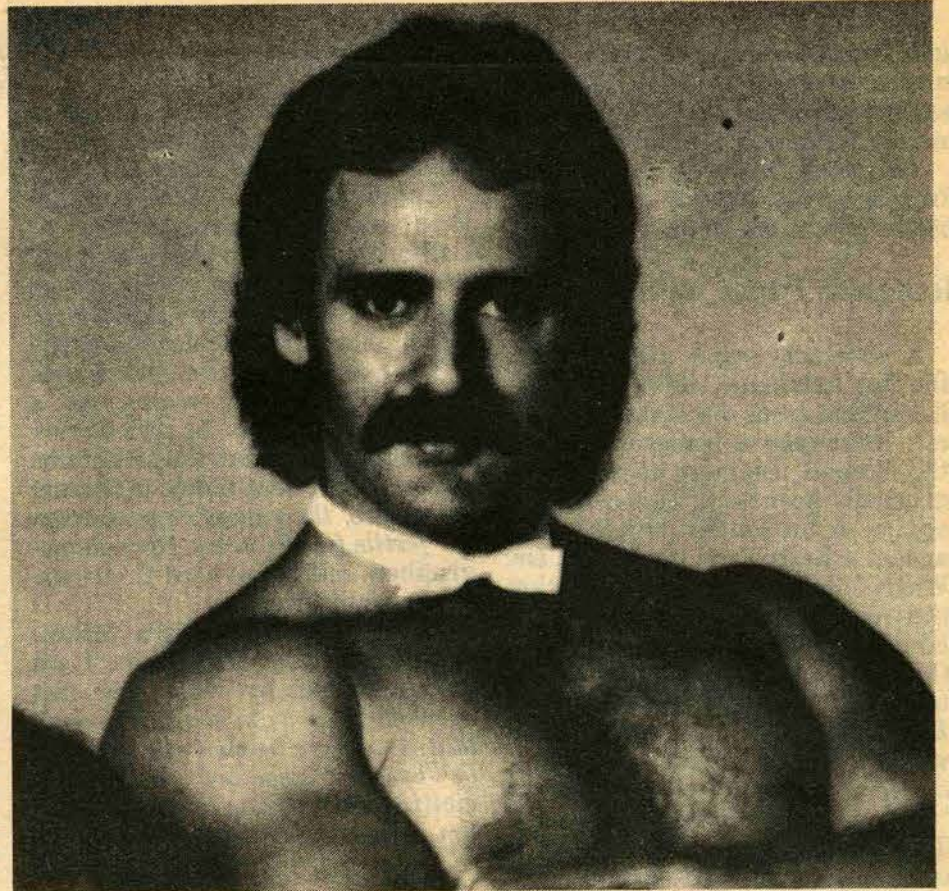
The counter is in the same place as Mother's was, but now the long bar ends in a shining *grill*. In addition to the usual beverages, *The Chute* offers an appetizing short-order menu featuring sandwiches, chicken, and beef — all at reasonable prices.

Lining the wall opposite the counter are restaurant-type tables, presided over by two Western-style chandeliers. Checkers and checkerboards dot the tables, giving *The Chute* another homespun, personal touch. Unusual splatter-paint artwork hangs on the brick walls above the dining tables. American Indian symbols run along the woodwork. Old West memorabilia is everywhere.

The Chute extends into the annex which, from August to December of last year, sported Mother's dance floor. Now the space is used for a few more tables and a mingling area — as well as a place to learn Western dances (on Tuesday nights only), with *Chute* personnel and guests as instructors.

The walls of Mother's elevated DJ booth have been removed, but the high platform remains. It now is used as both a makeshift stage for occasional shows and as the usual resting place of an authentic Conestoga wagon. The room literally drips with Old West artifacts and nostalgia, for a dense melange of curious objects is *suspended from the ceiling* — saddles, feed bags, bits, chains, ornate picture frames, buckets, wagon wheels, tools, barrels, brides, harnesses, horseshoes, and spurs! A glistening *waterfall*, surrounded by live cactuses, dominates one corner of the room and a rustic porch-swing sways nearby.

A jukebox straddles the archway between *The Chute's* two rooms and broadcasts customer's preferred country and Top 40 songs. Video games and a pool table are found behind the wagon platform.



David Silver performed at Nashville's Cabaret, then moved through Memphis to perform at *The Pendulum* and *The Other Side*.

The bar's lighting is subdued throughout, but with drama added by the flickering firelight in one room and an occasional small spotlight on a barrel, table, saddle, or picture in the other.

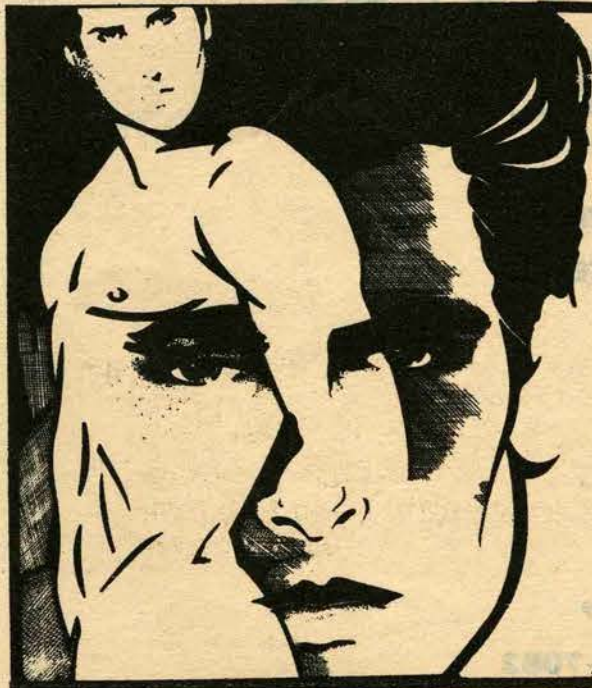
The Chute's co-owners, Gary and Jim, are very much in evidence as they mingle with guests and supervise the smooth operation of the bar and grill. Jim and Gary, both seasoned businessmen, are excited over their new venture — and over the widespread acceptance and patronage already awarded it by Nashville's Gay community.

One week after the opening of *The Chute*, members of the Tennessee Gay Coalition For Human Rights and other organizations gathered at the Metropolitan Community Church to begin preparations for Nashville's 1984 Gay Pride Week activities. (The city's Pride Week is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, through Sunday, July 1.) One function already made definite is the annual Pride

Picnic in the Park, to be held on July 1. Other activities are being considered — and everyone with suggestions and a desire to help with this very special week is urged to call the Metropolitan Community Church at (615) 320-0288.

As reported in the November 1983 *Gaze*, the Tennessee Gay Coalition For Human Rights had planned to hold a Statewide Meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men in Nashville on April 7. However, when regional meetings were organized in both Birmingham and Atlanta for this month, Nashville's Coalition rescheduled its own Statewide Meeting for autumn of 1984. A future issue of *Gaze* will give more details.

Between now and then the Coalition will busy itself with voter registration drives prior to Tennessee's primary in August and the all-important general election on November 6. Any person who has changed his or her local address or moved to Nashville from another city since the last election will be



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offered registration aid by the Coalition and by the drive's co-sponsor, the Metropolitan Community Church. The two organizations will have change-of-address and voter-registration forms available at various community gathering places during the coming months. According to Coalition official Tommy Powell, "A person must be registered thirty days prior to the elections to be able to vote. We are urging all citizens to register and to exercise their right to vote and express their opinions."

Nashville's Hayes Street show bar, the well-known Cabaret, wowed its patrons with a sizzling appearance by David Silver and the Fantasy Male Revue on Thursday night, March 15. (From there the Male Revue went on to Memphis and performed at The Pendulum on March 16 and at The Other Side on March 17 and 18.)

In the wake of David Silver's crowd-pleasing Nashville show and a sensational performance by The Cabaret's Rita Ross at The Warehouse three nights later, The Cabaret already is planning its popular Miss Gay Cabaret pageant. The seventh annual competition is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.

Music City's downtown landmark, Juanita's 224, has added an exciting new feature — live piano music nightly. A piano has been moved into one corner and local artist Thom Wever is on hand Monday through Friday nights from 8:00 to 11:00 to perform a sparkling

stream of pop, jazz, Broadway, standard, and country favorites. Then, pianist Phil House takes to the keyboard on Saturday (7:00 to 10:00 p.m.) and Sunday (3:00 to 7:00 p.m.) for more musical entertainment.

Saint Patrick's Day saw a dual celebration at Juanita's 224, as guests feted both the "great day for the Irish" and the first anniversary of the bar's move to its new Capitol Boulevard home. Some fortunate customers won impressive door prizes on that Saturday. Now Juanita's staff and patrons are gearing up for the gala *thirty-third anniversary* of the bar, two months from now.

One other Nashville Gay night-spot has been around since the 1950's — and soon it too will be the scene of festive celebration. The Jungle Lounge, which for years was located next door to the former Juanita's on Commerce Street, will hold its first anniversary party at its new locale on Monday, April 9. The Fourth Avenue nightspot will welcome the Gay community with a special party, complete with free munchies and party favors, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Plus, a lovely anniversary show will star The Jungle's regular slate of performers — Bridget LaBelle, Cookie, Sam, and Regina Ray — as well as a surprise guest.

This month will be a time of happy commemoration at Warehouse 28 as well! The famed Franklin Road dance bar will celebrate its

sixth anniversary April 12-15, and then present a San Francisco-based "bluegrass/fusion" artist in concert at The Warehouse, as a benefit for Gay Pride Week. On Tuesday night, April 17, Robin Flower and her three-member band will perform selections from their popular albums, "Green Sneakers," "More Than Friends," and "First Dibbs." With its sponsorship of Robin Flower's appearance as well as support of programs of theatre, dance, stand-up comedy, opera, female impersonation, and classical music, Warehouse 28 continues to be an amazing cultural force in Nashville's Gay community.

Finally, a spectacular event which all of Nashville is awaiting is next month's Tennessee preliminaries for the Miss Continental USA Pageant. The lavish ceremony will be held in conjunction with The Cabaret at the James K. Polk Theatre of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center downtown. The pageant, scheduled for Monday, May 21, at 8:00 p.m., is being touted by coordinator Ginger LaMar as "a glamorous, formal event" for both the audience and the participants. Many professional female impersonators from across the region will be competing, for the four hundred-dollar Grand Prize and the privilege of being Tennessee's entrant to the Miss Continental USA pageant. (The state competition's first runner-up will be awarded three hundred dollars and the second runner-up will receive two hundred dollars. Winners also will

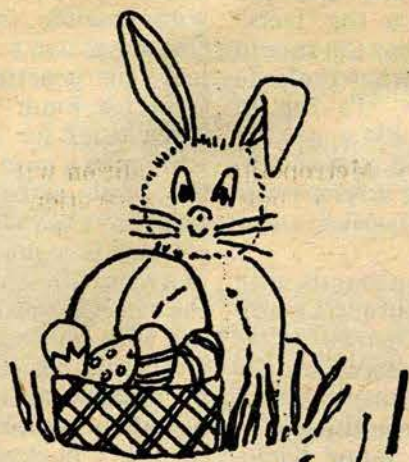
receive flowers and plaques.)

The performers will be judged in talent, evening gown, and swimsuit competitions during the evening's ceremonies, as well as be interviewed by the judges prior to the show. The panel of half-dozen, specially-qualified judges will represent a cross-section of the South.

In addition to the contestant's talent competition, the pageant's audience will be entertained by Chena Black, the reigning Miss Continental USA. Special music is planned, and elaborate floral decorations will be provided by John Carnes. General admission tickets will go on sale very soon for ten dollars each.

According to The Cabaret's Ginger LaMar, contestants may enter the Polk Theater pageant as late as 3:00 p.m. on the day of the show (May 21). Entry fee is sixty dollars. Further information may be obtained by calling (615) 320-7082 or (615) 834-3502. This dazzling night of music, fashion, and talent at Nashville's prestigious Performing Arts Center promises to be just as thrilling as last spring's Coalition fund-raiser held there.

What were you doing in the winter of 1984? If you were a Gay Nashvillian, then there's a good chance that you were partying, dining, planning, politicking, dancing, meeting, worshipping, working, theatergoing, sharing, and celebrating with old friends and new friends — and looking forward to doing more of the same in the spring and summer months to come.



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Health The Patient is an Admitted

Homosexual

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

A medical history is a basic part of any hospital admission. Common terminology from the physician on that report might be "The patient is a 35-year-old white married male who..." Frequently, my patients are described as "a 35-year-old white admitted homosexual male..."

"Admitted" implied some sort of guilt. There is nothing wrong in being homosexual. The only "admission" in these cases is that the physician is biased and judgmental. So, I have started writing "The patient is an admitted heterosexual" on charts to heighten sensitivity to the prejudice.

Physicians, even as medical students, seem to be a conservative lot. Since my business partner and I have faculty appointments, we occasionally precept students in the local medical school in our office. Just a couple of months ago, a first-year student evaluated his preceptorship with me at my office, where

he had been learning interview techniques. He described it as being "unnecessarily stressful" because he had to meet Gay patients. For that reason, he stated, he would not want me or my partner as a preceptor again.

Well, excuse me, young man! I thought you wanted a medical education. Shouldn't that include learning how to be comfortable with different lifestyles?

All physicians treating patients see many homosexuals throughout their careers. Most are totally unaware of the encounters. I always wonder what a doctor is thinking of when he comments that a middle-aged person is "single," without mentioning sex life. The written history of an illness should embody all facts of possible medical significance in the patient's life.

Medical schools emphasize that importance of sexual history early on. However, one gets the impression that many physicians don't want to talk about sex because of their own embarrassment.

So, it's not surprising to find there are "Gay practices" to fill the needs of Gay patients. A 1978 survey of 600 San Francisco respondents to a health questionnaire reported that

94% of those who never had a Gay physician would prefer care by one. (*New England Journal of Medicine*, vol. 303, no. 1, p. 51).

I can't think of a disease where it might not be important to know of lifestyle. Certainly, any illness with a fever, weight loss, or even a cough or sore throat could be a manifestation of sexually transmitted infection.

In AIDS, 14 different specialties could be involved, including tropical medicine, dermatology, gastroenterology, oncology, and certainly immunology. AIDS is currently the hottest topic in most medical journals, and knowledge of Gay sexually transmitted diseases is basic to its understanding. As a result, Gay physicians are in the forefront of public education; their expertise is being sought. They are, across the country, asked to sit on the advisory committees that consider infectious disease, bloodbanking, or public health. They are asked to be spokespersons on AIDS for the media.

Occasionally, I am asked NOT to identify myself with the Gay lifestyle in order to retain my credibility and the respect of the audience. That reminds me of the straight lawyer who cautioned me before my sworn testimony to say nothing about his client's lifestyle; he reasoned that the jury would rule against a Gay man, no matter how strong was his injury case.

So, when I am subtly — or even not so subtly asked to play down the "Gay part" and stick to the "facts" about AIDS, I agree; but I'm sure to use the pronoun "we" when I refer to the Gay community. It's fun to watch the medical people squirm. It makes me feel better-adjusted than those in the audience who are uncomfortable, and I become more confident myself.

Medical literature abounds with homophobia. I went through medical school when the *Journal of the American Medical Association* described homosexuality as "a state of illness." The article continued "to speak of a healthy, happy homosexual is a euphemism, similar to speaking of a cripple or a partially blind person as being 'happy.'"

Doctors are some of the most homophobic members in the audience of an AIDS presentation. Once,

at a very simple STD conference in a large hospital, I began by saying that 10% of the general population was Gay. A physician in the back objected. He wanted to know where I got such an "exaggerated figure." Yet time and time again, that very 10% figure has turned up in survey after survey, including that of the respected Kinsey Institute. People simply choose not to believe that such a large proportion of the population is Gay.

It has been interesting to see medical records arrive in the office with patients who left their previous physicians without knowing how their doctors reacted to them. One of the most inflammatory statements was from the records of a physician who stated, "patient admits to sodomy." I thought the next line might easily be, "so I called the police and had him arrested!"

Most of the time, there is no mention in the medical record of the patient's lifestyle. This probably rises from the fact that the patient never voiced his sexual preference. One wonders what diseases might have been missed without that information. Often, hundreds of dollars have been spent on diarrheal workups with upper GI series, barium enema, and sigmoidoscopy before a simple discovery of a sexual lifestyle that included bathhouses led me to diagnose Giardia.

Unfortunately, though, if the patient does the right thing and describes his lifestyle, he may be met with hostility from his physician. One physician told a Gay patient to leave his practice, since "he didn't treat his kind." Another was told when he left for Viet Nam, "Good! It will make a man out of you!" One of the most embarrassing situations must have been for the married, but closeted Gay man who was greeted in a room full of waiting people with the cheery words, "Oh, you're the one with the rectal gonorrhoea!"

Another patient stated that when he underwent a proctoscopy, the private practitioner said to him, "It shouldn't hurt; you must like that kind of thing." Still another was told by a surgeon who treated his venereal warts to change his habits and "quit having sex with men." Yes, sir! Right away, sir!

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HEPATITIS—Greater Threat Than AIDS?

by Patrick Henry

Philadelphia (*Au Courant*) — Within the last few years, AIDS has become a major health concern for Gays. The emergence of this disease created concern that has not been unfounded. But a far more pervasive disease that preys on Gay men, as well as on others, is hepatitis. And chances are you will find yourself exposed to it at some point in your "social career." This is because it is so easily transmitted.

Viral hepatitis attacks the liver in two distinct forms: IH (virus A or acute infectious), and SH (virus B or homologous serum hepatitis). The illness caused by the two is virtually identical, as is the damage each produces in the victim's liver. The major difference between these two viral agents is the manner of transmission. Most cases of virus A result from eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. The incubation period lasts from 14 to 40 days, and by age 40, 30 percent of all Americans are immune, protected by an antibody response that confers life-long immunity.

Hepatitis B is more seriously perilous as it can be spread easily through contact with an infected person's body fluids (*including* saliva, sweat, and semen). One can

recognize at once the course a disease like this can take.

Consequently, 200,000 Americans, including 15 percent of Gay men, will develop hepatitis B this year. 10,000 are hospitalized. A chronic carrier state develops in up to 10 percent of infections and chronic active hepatitis occurs in 3 to 5 percent of cases. Primary liver cancer occurs 273 times more often than in non-carriers, and 11 percent of all liver cirrhosis is hepatitis B related. Together, these two claim nearly 8,000 lives each year. This does not include the 70 percent of cases never detected or reported, estimates Brett Cassens of Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives (PCHA)'s Hepatitis B Vaccine Program.

Early stages of the 40- to 180-day incubation period for hepatitis B may be symptom-free. However, the early symptoms may include fever, headache, tiredness, and mild loss of appetite. As more liver cells are injured, symptoms increase with liver enlargement and tenderness.

All of this can be avoided. In 1981, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a hepatitis B vaccine composed of immune serum globulin. There is an initial injection which is followed by a second four weeks later and, in six months, a third and final shot. Boosters

may be required after several years. No side effects can be expected (besides, perhaps, a sore arm), and the cost runs about \$100 to \$125. Surely a small sum to insure one's health and safety, and it is covered by Blue Cross and Public Medical Assistance (although securing help from the latter can become characteristically complicated).

Since many people contract hepatitis without even knowing about it, many spread it with equal ignorance. Simple blood tests can be taken by your physician or health service agency to screen for this disease.

PCHA has designed a program (a companion to its VD Clinic and AIDS Hotline) to increase public awareness in the Gay community concerning hepatitis B, but it has faltered due to limited interest and participation. Support groups for sufferers and carriers have likewise suffered. One of PCHA's goals is reaching younger people, those who are least likely to have contracted hepatitis and developed immunity. It seems this group has been least attentive and receptive.

Why? Besides apathy and general ignorance, it's become clear that AIDS is a greater concern, even though the chances of developing this disease is much less and there is little or nothing that has been deter-

mined to avoid it since so little is known about it. But with hepatitis B there is a course of action one can take — indeed, that all should take — to avoid the emotional frustrations of contracting the disease and becoming ill, bed-ridden and socially separated. And there is a responsibility to others that each of us has, to be certain not to spread this to our lovers, friends, family and to anyone else whom we might infect.

This brings us to *whom* should be vaccinated. For the above reasons, everyone who has not had it already, advised Dr. Cassens. From blood tests to immunization, hepatitis B is an illness that can be contained within our community. It is necessary. One bartender I randomly questioned has never been ill or immunized, but serves drinks to hundreds of patrons. So certainly this includes all bartenders, food service personnel (waiters, porters, chefs, etc.), medical personnel and even hairdressers. The U.S. Public Health Services Immunization Practices Advisory Committee recommends, "Persons at substantial risk of HBV infection who are demonstrated or judged likely to be susceptible should be vaccinated... as soon as possible after beginning work in a high risk environment."

Consider it, if you must, a job-related responsibility, along with appropriate education and required dress. But basic concern for the health of oneself and others should

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The best theories are useless without a proper plan of action.

In Washington, there are people who prevent Gays and Lesbians from entering this country.

In Nashville, there are people who think they can control the sexual behavior of consenting adults of any sexual orientation.

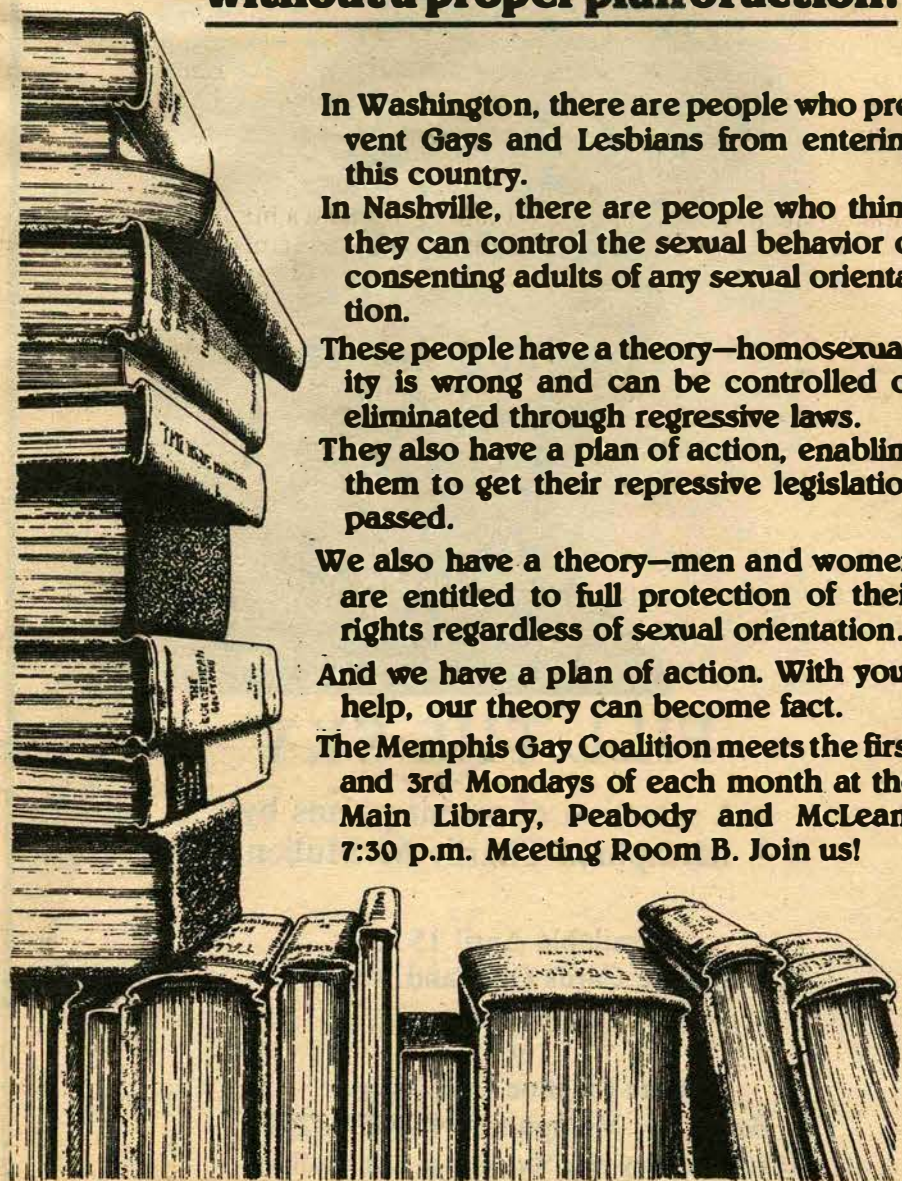
These people have a theory—homosexuality is wrong and can be controlled or eliminated through regressive laws.

They also have a plan of action, enabling them to get their repressive legislation passed.

We also have a theory—men and women are entitled to full protection of their rights regardless of sexual orientation.

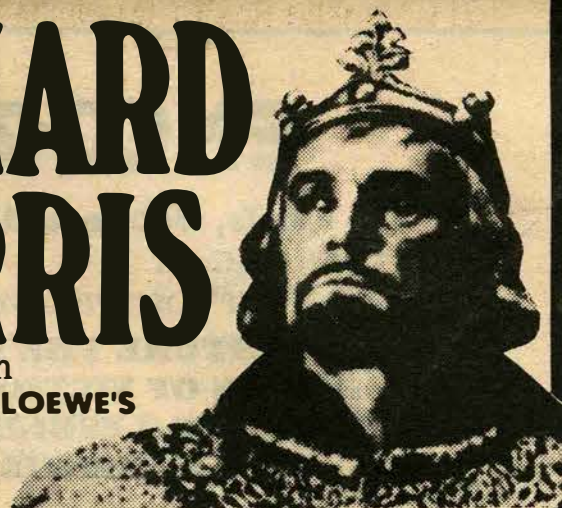
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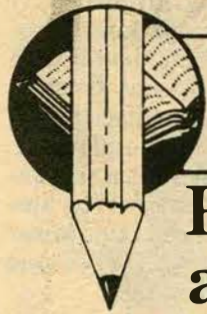
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Palindromes, Mirrors and Swiss Cheese

As If After Sex by Joseph Torchia is essentially the autopsy of a relationship. Robert, the writer, first sees Julian in a spa working out. Their first meeting is in a booth at the quarter movies. When Julian moves in with Robert, a mirrored wall is installed beside the bed. But more insinuating is Julian's private phone which Robert is not allowed to answer. A phone which only rings at night prompting Julian to go out with no explanation of where he is going.

Needless to say, Robert can't be satisfied with this arrangement in spite of how perfect everything is when he and Julian are together and Robert finally starts following Julian on his night-time excursions. But the knowing in this case is much worse than the not knowing and most assuredly begins the end of the relationship.

Throughout the book, Torchia seems to be trying to define or explain the coupling of two men but it all gets bogged down in talk of palindromes (words or phrases that read the same backward or for-

ward, eg. "Lewd did I live, evil I did dwell"); mirror images of mirrors; and pieces of swiss cheese with holes that are filled by other pieces of swiss cheese. It was all very confusing and just made my head reel. I never liked any of the images or explanations. Torchia seemed to be saying we were unfulfilled in ourselves and seeking fulfillment in other unfulfilled individuals.

Coupled with that, Robert has an aggravating habit of flashing forward and backward in time and combining real events and real conversations with imagined events and conversations without clearly drawing the lines between the real and the imagined. In the end, I had no clear sense of space or time and couldn't be sure if the span of time was two months or two years.

In the end, I had a couple of unanswered questions: "Why did Torchia mention the psycho who was killing and mutilating Gay men and then just drop it?" and "Why would someone like Julian, so aware of his good looks, working so hard to maintain them, so dependent on them, destroy himself in agonizingly slow degrees with hard drugs like

angel dust?"

I offer a few words of caution to potential readers. Despite its title, this is not an erotic novel full of lurid passages. Do not read it if you are depressed or have just broken up with a lover. Don't recommend it to a person who might be critical of the Gay lifestyle. Although Robert's arrival in San Francisco is

bright and full of promise, the final lasting impressions are of the sleazy drug addicts and misfits inhabiting the back streets and alleys in the bad part of town.

As If After Sex by Joseph Torchia, A William Abrahams Book, Holt, Rinehart And Winston, 521 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10175 (\$13.95)

Lady Astor's Ball to Benefit Gay Alternative

Vincent Astor, everyone's idea of a "lady fair," will present a benefit gala drag show in the sumptuous grand lobby of the Orpheum on Monday night, April 2. As usual, Astor will assemble the "grande dames" of Memphis drag for a performance unparalleled in Memphis history.

The show will benefit "The Gay Alternative" radio program which until recently was heard weekly on WEVL (FM 90). WEVL has temporarily gone off the air in order to devote all of its efforts to raising needed funds to increase the power from 10 watts to over 6000 watts. Proceeds of the benefit, however, are not necessarily earmarked for WEVL. Astor said, "We want to see WEVL back on the air and support them in that. But the money will go into a special fund to support the radio program. If [WEVL] needed the proceeds to reach their goal, we might use the money to

put them over. However, if it becomes apparent that WEVL will fold, we want to see that the money goes toward furthering the radio program. We might consider buying time on or donating to another radio station which would allow a Gay-oriented radio program."

"The Gay Alternative" featured music by openly Gay artists as well as news and commentary on Gay issues.

The April 2 benefit will be staged in the Orpheum lobby by special arrangement with the Memphis Gay Coalition and *Gaze*. Admission will be \$5. There will be a cash bar offering drinks for \$1 (no other beverages allowed). In addition to the show, there will be a buffet and dancing. Showtime is 8:30 pm with the doors opening at 7:30.

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by Houston Butler
The Other Side D.J.

Old dance music classics are *reincarnating* at an accelerated rate lately. Unfortunately, most lack the pizzazz of the original and fall to the wayside, unable to hold up to another rehashing. But once in a great while, a superior attempt surfaces. Such is the case of Yvonne K's new version of "I Got the Music in Me," an exceptional remake with contemporary charm. Opening with a long synthesized percussion intro, the beat begins to push the song. Yet the drums cannot hide the beautiful melody line, the lush production, or the powerful, stirring vocals. The heavily synthesized arrangement is both creative and ever-changing, a reflection of the best in Italian import music. This 12" single on Energy Records offers a 7:27 vocal with a 9:23 instrumental "megamix" on the flip side. Definitely worth your time and investment.

Top 15

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Hepatitis

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motivate us to heighten our awareness regarding this and other viruses and sexually transmitted diseases, and support the effort of others who are engaged in tackling these health threats (like those at

PCHA).

Author's Postscript: In May 1983, during a routine blood check, I was found to have hepatitis B. I was unaware of this as I was not the least bit ill at the time. Nevertheless, I was forced to quit work and to limit, to an excruciating degree, my contact with others. For me, who never suffered from physical distress

(discounting mild jaundice which appeared briefly), the discomfort was distinctly emotional and financial. And, although I had previously investigated the availability and cost of the vaccine, I had done nothing directly to secure it. So I secured the disease instead. During my convalescence, I met other sufferers, one of whom remained ac-

tive socially (at popular gay bars) and sexually, disregarding his physician's advice and the risks and responsibilities. "Someone gave it to me..." was his reasoning. By the summer's end, I had fully recovered and was not, fortunately, found to be a carrier. Later that month, ABC News Anchor Frank Reynolds died — of hepatitis.

Attention Women!

There is a new baby sister in the national community of women's music festivals — and, as many other younger siblings, she's shaping up to be original and spunky. CAMPFEST '84 will be held in Alloway, New Jersey over Memorial Day Weekend and is being produced by Womyn Artists' Productions, the four-year old Philadelphia-based company.

CAMPFEST '84's night stage will feature nationally known musicians, and the day stage will provide a showcase for regional talent. Original to CAMPFEST '84 will be a recreational and sports slant; baseball and volleyball teams will be coordinated, and there will be a 24 hour recreational room with board games and cards available. Movies will be shown throughout the weekend.

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THE GAY OLD DAYS

"My God, Brutus. it's a Gay Winnebago!"

Lifetime Commitments or The Dating Game

by Rev. Larry J. Urhig

We live in the most mobile society in human history. Have you ever tried to update a mailing list? No one stays put for very long any more. With this great shifting of human mass, we have all learned to expect change and shift.

Now, there is nothing wrong with mobility, and I, for one, love people on the go, "movers and shakers." There is, however, at least one piece of negative fallout from all this mobility: we have learned to create brief relationships, we have learned to expect nothing to last. Indeed, we have grown up with a motivational principle of immediate gratification, and when our needs aren't met when we want them in the way we want them, we simply move on.

For mobility to be a creative force, there must also be constancy, dependability, a sense of purpose or direction. People who are movers and shakers seem to know where they are going, and how they will get there. Without this kind of "directness" and "purposefulness," movement for movement's sake alone is simply wandering from pillar to post, aimlessness.

Within the Gay community, I have seen a large body of people who float about from job to job, city to city, event to event, cause to cause. There is a nomadic flow of young people, and often older people, who seem to follow the tide for gratification's sake alone. While I do not want to nail down everyone to a job or place, I would certainly like to advocate that we take a new look at our wanderings.

If a relationship, an organization, a church, a cause, or a political movement is going to achieve its goals, it needs people who are in it for the long haul. It needs dedicated, committed, and dependable people who stay put. As much as you and I want our lovers to be there when we need them, so also our community needs us to be there. One of the wonderful things about life is also one of

the simplest and most often overlooked: having the same person steer the ship for a consistent period of time, the same voice at the end of the phone, the same address to write to, the same face on the pillow beside you.

The phenomenon we more often see is "the dating game." People flirt with an organization, or a cause. They try it out, "have a few dates," maybe even express a hope for fuller commitment, perhaps join the church, club or organization. Sometimes, they pay their dues and vote once or twice before disappearing. It's almost as if they are saying, "Well, I've done that." Someone recently told me they had recently noted people committed to the church one Sunday, and rugby the next.

If the dating game goes on in every group and organization, then we have a lot of wasted energy, false expectations and mutual disappointment going on which can only feed our sense that nothing will last, no one will stay. When our expectations grow limited and we become cynical about the commitment of others, we end up creating an environment which does not expect, and therefore cannot encourage deep commitment.

We must allow and enable people to move beyond the "dating" stages of relationships to the committed stage expressed in mutual bonding and deeper investment between the individuals and the organizations they are a part of. What I am suggesting is longer-lasting relationships at home, of course, but at work, too, and especially in the volunteer, not-for-profit organizations which make up such a large part of our communities. How can we get beyond the "dating game," beyond the shiftless search for some fantasy, beyond the "grass is always greener syndrome?"

Here are a few viewpoints and directions that may help:

1. You must have a vision of the long-range goals or a desired end if you are to understand and cope with

the day-to-day. People without a vision perish; they just do not succeed.

2. When an individual in an organization's leadership disappoints you, don't generalize that failure to the entire organization.

3. Define your problems specifically, and address them individually.

4. Leaders, be specific in what you expect from volunteers.

5. Assess your own talents and gifts as well as the time commitment you can afford — accurately. Don't overextend yourself. (Overextending generally reflects an attempt to prove self-worth; this is a dead-end street for those with low self-esteem.)

6. Seek professional guidance to determine your skills and abilities.

7. Divide large tasks into small, achievable parts.

8. Don't sit and stare at the nega-

tive; you will be blinded to the positive.

9. Absolutely nothing is as bad as it feels, looks or as people say it is.

10. Take commitments and vows seriously, and renegotiate them as needed. Don't run away from a promise; renegotiate it.

Ten is a good, round number to end up with, so I think I'll stop here. I'm sure you understand the general drift.

I shared a personal story at a recent public event. A friend commented later, "I didn't know that about you! How come you never told me before?"

My response was immediate and required little thought. "I am in this for the long haul. I can't give all my gifts at once." After I said that, I realized that it was the secret of survival and success, and just maybe reflected some maturity and wisdom.

Life-long relationships are not as much romantic as they are workable and creative. Go make yourself some!

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Patient

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The very first edition of Harrison's *Principles of Internal Medicine*, published over 35 years ago stated, "To the physician, nothing human is strange or repulsive. The true physician has a Shakespearean breadth of interest in the wise and foolish, the proud and the humble, the stoic hero and the whining rogue." At this point, I

am tempted to add, the Gay and the Straight. But Harrison goes on, covering all the bases: "The essential quality of the clinician's interest is humanity; the secret of the care of the patient is caring for the patient."

Words to live — and cure by, fellow physicians.

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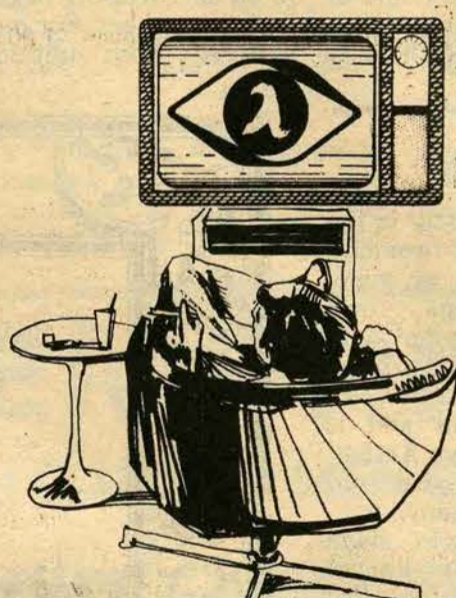


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Jackson

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federal employee only further supports my belief that such restrictions against such employees have no reasonable basis."

In response to a question on immigration, Jackson promised to push for an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws and said that until new laws are in place, he would instruct the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Dept. of Justice to "neither enforce or defend these discriminatory policies."

Additionally, Jackson said he would press for greater cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies dealing with the AIDS crisis and called for additional public educa-

tion, lack of which has caused a "near-hysterical reaction by the general public regarding AIDS."

Jackson expressed hopes that Gays and Lesbians would join his "Rainbow Coalition" and noted that he has established a Lesbian/Gay issues desk in his national campaign office.

The responses were sent to the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) which is coordinating the questionnaire program in conjunction with the Gay Rights National Lobby, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, and the National Coalition of Black Gays.

The Dynasty Dilemma

Just what is Steven Carrington's sexual orientation? Certainly that's one of the Gay community's most burning (if not most pressing) questions these days. It seems that it all started when Armistead Maupin, a Gay novelist, wrote a piece for the *LA Times* in which he criticized both the producers and writers for ABC-TV's *Dynasty* for apparently "straightening out" Steven Carrington. The character, played by Jack Coleman, was, until recently, a Gay character, however, plotlines have occurred which have thrust him into marriage — a situation in which he has "renounced" his homosexuality. Maupin told *USA Today* that the

plot twist "seems to imply that [being Gay] is a transitory thing."

The writers of the prime time soap agree that being Gay is not transitory. Richard and Esther Shapiro, the creators of *Dynasty*, are quoted by *USA Today*: "Steven Carrington has not gone straight. He was, is and always will be Gay... (His) story is not over with his marriage to Claudia. It has only just begun."

Pamela Bellwood, who plays Claudia, reportedly said to Maupin, "If you have your way, what the hell am I going to do for a job?" What indeed?

FBI Surveillance

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Dr. Simonoski is pursuing the release of all records through an appeal to the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. The ACLU of Southern California is acting as counsel. "The case offers an opportunity to test the adequacy of the Reagan Administration's FOIA guidelines as well as a chance to determine the complexity of the FBI's surveillance of a national community of law-abiding people for a period of over thirty years," Simonoski said.

A waiver of search and copying fees has been requested and denied. Under the FOIA, a waiver can be granted if the information provided would be "in the public interest." The government, apparently, does not feel that the information obtained from these files would qualify. The fee waiver denial is being appealed. At a cost of 15-25 cents per page, the fee could run to thousands of dollars.

The groups Simonoski has requested information on are: The Daughters of Bilitis, East Coast Homophile Organization, Gay Academic Union, Gay Activist Alliance, Gay Liberation Front, Gay Rights National Lobby, Lesbian Feminist Organization, Mattachine Society (San Francisco and New York), National Gay Task Force, One, Inc., Radical Lesbians and the Society for Individual Rights.

Simonoski told *Gaze* that he believes some "dirty tricks" have

been played on him to discourage his pressing of the case and to personally intimidate him. Late last year in Phoenix, the car of his host was broken into. His briefcase was the only item stolen. It was returned a few days later with a number of negotiable items intact (plane tickets, traveler's checks, etc.). The only items missing were documents pertaining to the case.

Prior to this trip, his plane tickets mysteriously disappeared from the filing cabinet in which they were stored and his checking account frozen.

While in Memphis, Dr. Simonoski appeared on a number of radio and television programs, was the subject of a *Commercial Appeal* article, spoke to a group of students at Southwestern at Memphis, and was honored at a reception by the Memphis Gay Coalition. His appearance was co-sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition and the ACLU of Tennessee.

He also taped a *Views from 10%* program which will air April 4, 4:00pm; April 9, 4:30 pm; and April 27, 7:30 pm on cable channel 7.

Simonoski's nationally syndicated newspaper column regularly appears in *Gaze*.

Names Make Destiny Dept.: The last lover of Gay king Ludwig II was Richard Hornig.

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Notes on the Primaries

by Dan Siminoski, Ph.D.

1984 was supposed to be the year of the Organization Man in the presidential campaign, the year in which the best-organized, best-financed, most careful juggernaut in primary history would propel former Vice President Walter Mondale to control of the Democratic nomination by the night of the New Hampshire primary, the first in the nation.

Well, the results are in. The polls and predictions have been proved to be stunningly in error. Senator Gary Hart swept to victory with the largest winning margin in the history of that election. Winning most age, class, and demographic groups, Hart took 40% of the total Democratic vote, while Mondale and John Glenn got 29% and 12%, respectively. He followed up with an even more impressive victory in Vermont.

In the wake of their own poor showings, Senators Alan Cranston and Fritz Hollings as well as former Florida Governor Reuben Askew dropped out of the race. George McGovern has said he will do the same if he does not score an "upset" in the Massachusetts primary (still in the future as of this writing).

Prior to this, virtually all observers thought that the nomination

was Mondale's, a belief strengthened when Glenn managed only a weak sixth place finish in the Iowa caucuses. Mondale had money, organization, endorsements, and (apparent) popular support as measured in opinion polls. That support proved "wide, but short" as an elated Hart put it.

Mondale's pre-New Hampshire image as "heir apparent" is radically different today. Hart's success in Maine, with practically no money or time invested has made Mondale look vulnerable, and his support throughout the primary states is seen as soft and available for plunder. Mondale has an aggressive, effective challenger in Gary Hart. In New Hampshire, they split the union vote about equally; the "gender gap" leaned significantly to Hart, and only the "60 and older" vote was Mondale's. While Mondale must certainly still be considered the more likely nominee, likelihood no longer is a certainty.

Hart's victories (and the momentum they generate in volunteers, donations, and credibility) have turned a one-man "sure thing" into a two-man race. Now, both must be tested by Democrats and Independents across the nation, their positions compared and judged, their claim to party nomination based on the results of primaries and caucuses.

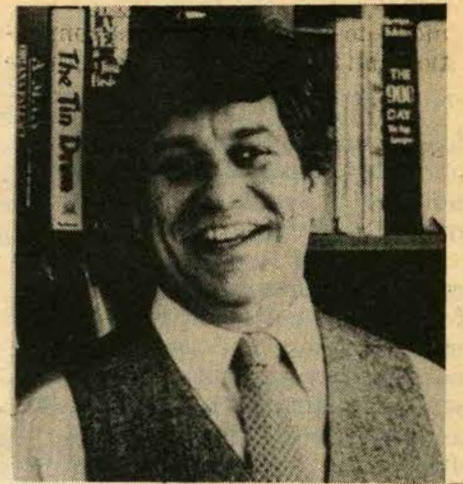
Senator John Glenn and Rev. Jesse Jackson are still in the race at this writing, but Glenn's failures seem to have hobbled his national strategy, and Jackson has campaigned primarily to a Black constituency in the South and in large Northern cities. Neither is expected to develop a credible strategy at this point in the campaign.

So, Democrats are left with a truly surprising choice between two men — both liberals, both Civil Rights advocates, both Gay Rights supporters. Mondale seems to represent the "traditional" Democratic alignment of unions, interests, and incumbent office holders. Hart campaigns to the "New Democrats," and won in New Hampshire with the votes of younger, better educated, more liberal voters who were more critical of President Reagan than those who voted for Mondale.

"Traditional" and "New" Democrats seem to divide more along lines of age and lifestyle than of ideology. Both candidates (and their supporters) agree on basic campaign issues, as evidenced in campaign debates so far. Both clearly occupy the party's liberal wing. Because of this basic consensus, debate in ensuing months should focus on clarification of programs. That will be good for all voters, especially those concerned with Lesbian and Gay issues.

Many Civil Rights activists (including Black and Hispanic leaders, NOW, and labor unions) endorsed Mondale last year in the hope that an early Mondale victory would guarantee a liberal nominee (in other words: Stop Glenn!) while avoiding the fierce internecine battles that resulted in Democratic defeats in recent elections. However, those conflicts (pro- vs. anti-war forces in 1968 and 1972, Ted Kennedy vs. Jimmy Carter in 1980) were intensely personal and tied to the heatedly ideological cleavages of their times.

The difference between Hart and Mondale is more concerned with vision and progress. There is little reason to assume that a vigorous



contest between them will result in a party so divided that it cannot wage a strong campaign in the fall. On the contrary, I think it will lead to a stronger party.

There is considerable reason to believe that a debate on the issues will strengthen the Party's platform and improve its candidates' abilities to speak to its several constituencies. Let's consider the strategies of Gay Democrats in the situation of an early Mondale victory or a continuing race between Mondale and Hart.

Had Mondale sewn up the race by "Super Tuesday," I feel our leaders would have had little ammunition with which to negotiate with party leaders — much less with Mondale himself. There would have been scant chance to strengthen the 1984 Gay Rights platform position. Lacking an exciting race in the remaining primaries, our communities might not have mobilized as fully as expected. Thus, our ability to demonstrate national electoral power might have been diluted. Moreover, the campaigns of openly Gay candidates and delegates would have been weakened through lower turnout. Most important, lowered participation of Gays and Lesbians would have hurt the campaigns of our supporters throughout the country. An intensely fought Hart-Mondale race will significantly increase voter interest and participation.

Given the present two-man race that confronts us, we are in the enviable position of having two friends campaign for our votes. I am confident that we can use their competi-

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tion to extract stronger commitments to our issues from the convention and the candidates. Though the convention is still months away, what was true two months ago is still true today: we must continue to organize, to make maximum use of the primary and caucus process, and to raise funds for the men and women who will work for our agenda.

We have two decent candidates for the Democratic nomination, and we have a great many candidates for state and national office who have endorsed our rights and who deserve our support. They have put themselves on the line for us. We can do no less than to share that burden with them.

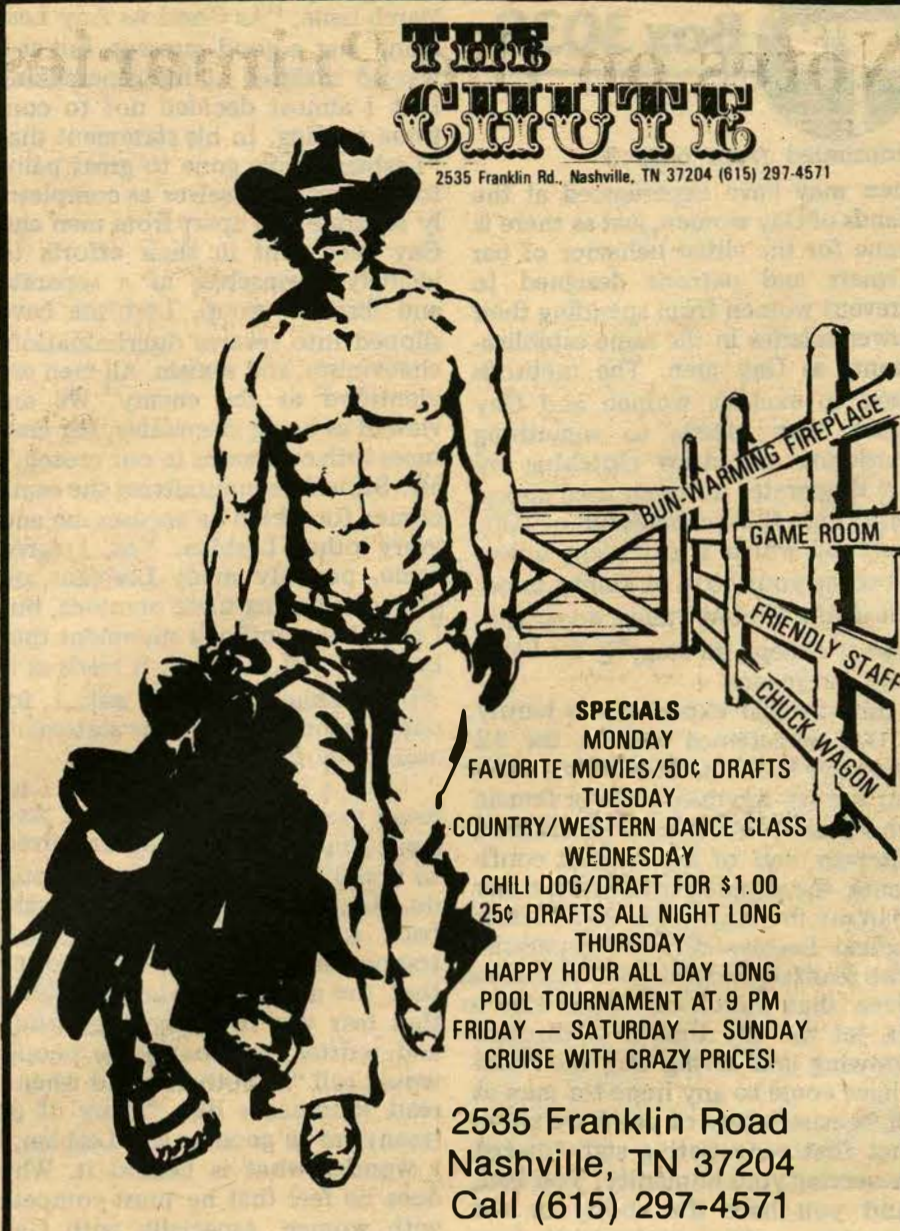
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men may have experienced at the hands of Gay women, just as there is none for the elitist behavior of bar owners and patrons designed to prevent women from spending their lower salaries in the same establishments as Gay men. The methods used to exclude women and Gay Black men attests to something bordering on straw clutching by the desperate: no open toed shoes; requiring a filing cabinet full of ID's, none of which is sufficient unless it proves your birth or ability to get out of the United States; no spiked heels (except on stage?); the list is long and recent.

But the bar experience is hardly a Gay experience and in the 12 years I've been out (relatively), I have not known anyone, male or female who practiced full time separatism. Literally half of my dearest confidants, the people I love most, other than my lover, are men. As a former radical Lesbian feminist separatist who realized the futility of succession given that there's no where else to go, let me say that it is through knowing and loving Gay men that I have come to any hope for men at all, because many of you have taken that first excruciating step toward preserving your humanity: You feel. And you have the ability or the occasion to understand how women have always felt, subject to the whim of power assumed by most men. And you have stopped in some measure the infuriating trait that men tend to find so difficult to renounce: the presumption of power by virtue of one's existence when one has the good sense to arrive equipped with a few extra inches of dangling flesh.

But I agree with John, that whether one dangles or jiggles is beyond the proverbial point, as is the question of who one chooses to dangle or jiggle with. We have to avoid or stop doing the very things that we criticize in others, get past images and labels and groupings, stop nicheing people as if we were grading and sorting Japanese hen eggs. There's more inside each of us than an ethnic yoke.

(Please... if you must groan, do it on key.)

Carole Taylor
Memphis

John Stilwell's article in the March issue, "As Good As Any Lesbian," has a good message, but as I was so irritated at his generalizing that I almost decided not to continue reading. In his statement that "Lesbians have gone to great pains to identify themselves as completely separate and apart from men and Gay men, but in their efforts to identify themselves as a separate and distinct group, Lesbians have slipped into reverse discrimination, chauvinism, and sexism. All men are identified as the enemy. We are viewed as being insensitive, bar creatures with our brains in our crotch." Mr. Stilwell is committing the same crimes for which he accuses me and every other Lesbian. Yes, I agree some, possibly many Lesbians are guilty of having these opinions, but I resent the author's statement that Lesbians feel this way. It reads as if ALL Lesbians feel this way. I, for one, do not, making his statement absolutely false.

I am a Lesbian. For years. I refused to call myself a Lesbian. As a female and a homosexual, I referred to myself as Gay. Oftentimes, I still do. Reading John's article brought back a fear; the fear of being trapped in a mold. It is sad to me that the article that brought back that fear was in a Gay publication and written by what some people would call "a brother." And when I read statements like "Many of us (men) are as good as any Lesbian," I wonder what is behind it. Why does he feel that he must compete with women, especially with Gay women/Lesbians? Perhaps Mr. Stilwell should read the last paragraph where he states "We need to get our act together (the word to remember), get our forces together and present a strong force if we ever hope to make a place in this world for Lesbians and Gay men." (People!)

M.L.
Memphis

Men's Elective Corsets

In response to the small filler-article about men wearing corsets (Feb. '84 issue):

You can be sure those men's corsets did nothing more than compress their fat a little and never seriously threatened health or movement. I certainly doubt the practice lasted more than 50 years, Whereas men are still demanding

To the two women who took the time to write in response to the editorial of last month—Thank you and consider me properly and rightly chastised.

I did not want or intend to indict ALL Lesbians. Just as Carole has many male friends, I have many female friends, Gay and straight, I know and love and enjoy being with. I was addressing the many or large number of Lesbians who exhibit those attitudes and traits.

Any achievements made by the Gay rights movement will benefit men and women alike. As all three of us have pointed out, the bottom line is still the same—we have to work together instead of working against each other.

While I appreciate the special problems that many women face—over-worked, under-paid, raising children—not ALL Lesbians have ALL those problems. And sometimes it comes down to deciding that something is important to you and you MAKE time.

The real purpose and intent of the editorial was to address the critics who accuse the Coalition of being a male organization and all of its services male-oriented. It's like a bad relationship—you put nothing into it and you get nothing out of it!

(A note: The editorial elicited two responses—about average for most of Gaze's contests and surveys—and two women have joined us on the newspaper—Thanks Linda and Carole)

John Stilwell

that womyn (sic) distort their bodies to fit male images of the perfect woman's (sic) body.

Womyn have worn corsets and other restrictive garments for hundreds of years: garments that for decades were so tight as to damage their health; displace internal organs. It is no wonder womyn had a reputation for swooning; they couldn't breathe, and could hardly move!

For men it was nothing more than vanity, they simply wished to look thinner than they were. For womyn, it was bondage: trying to conform to MEN's ideals; submitting to the slavery of MEN's standards of propriety for womyn. Wearing the clothing dictated by men, a half-dozen skirts and petticoats, added ten to twelve pounds she had to constantly carry. The woman who, in the last century adopted Ms.

Bloomer's freer style of dress then suffered the mental bondage of ridicule.

"...high heels, corsets, panniers, farthingales, crinolines were intended less to accentuate the curves of the feminine body than to augment its incapacity. Weighted down with fat, or on the contrary, so thin as to forbid all effort, paralyzed by inconvenient clothing and by the rules of propriety — then woman's body seems to man to be his property, his thing." —Simone de Beauvoir

M.G.R.
Memphis

It Must Be 1984 Dept: The North Carolina legislature is considering making it legal to serve a homosexual in that state. Cheers!

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- Black and White Men Together: support/movement; Box 41773 Memphis, 38104, (901) 276-4160 or 274-0532
- Gay Advocacy Project: movement, ACLU and MGC, 521-9875
- Gay Catholics: Call 725-1698 for recommended Sunday Mass.
- Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-hetero-sexist; 1462 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38104, 274-3550
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- Memphis Gay Speakers Bureau: movement, general education, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038
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- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; Box 41822 Memphis, 38104
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- National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 40982, Memphis, 38104
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- Mid Town Video: Video cassette sales and rentals; 1264 Madison

NASHVILLE

Organizations

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement, legal Box 120160, Nashville 37212
- Conductors: Levi-leather club; Box 40261, Nashville 37212
- Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STD's 1729 Church St., Nashville, 37203, (615) 329-1478

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

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

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

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Organizations

- ACLU of Arkansas: general movement, legal; Box 2832, Little Rock AR 72203
- Arkansas Gay Rights: general movement, Box 3115, Little Rock, AR 72203
- Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut Little Rock, AR 72205, (501) 663-6455
- Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, AR (501) 378-7851
- Great Men/BWMT: support/movement: Box 3123, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 374-3217
- Metropolitan Community Church-Little Rock: non-denominational, Box 1964, Little Rock 72203, (501) 666-2404
- National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 662, Little Rock. AR 72203
- Parents and Friends of Gays: movement/support. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501
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MEDIA

- Arkansas Gay Writes: AGR, Inc., Newsletter; Box 3115, Little Rock AR 72203

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