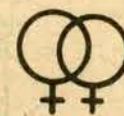


# Gaze

News of Interest to the Gay Community



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## COURT RULES GAYS NOT PROTECTED

### Judge: "Legislation May Implement Morality"

In a ruling that could only be described as "chilling", a federal appeals court ruled that "private consensual homosexual conduct is not constitutionally protected" in deciding that the Navy's discharge of a petty officer who acknowledged having engaged in homosexual activity was proper.

The written opinion by Judge Robert H. Bork reflected the unanimous opinion of the three judge panel. He indicated that while the Supreme Court has recognized a vaguely defined "right to privacy", the court "has never defined the right so broadly as to encompass homosexual conduct."

An article in the *New York Times* states that the 21-page ruling made August 17 was the broadest and most significant repudiation of the civil libertarian view that laws penalizing homosexual conduct are unconstitutional.

Some Lower courts have suggested that private homosexual conduct enjoys a certain degree of constitutional protection. In 1976, the Supreme Court in affirming a lower court's decision, ruled otherwise. However, because the high court issued no opinion of its own in that case, its use as precedent is somewhat unclear.

The ruling resulted from the case of James L. Dronenburg, who at first denied, but later acknowledged having repeated homosexual inter-

ludes with a 19-year-old seaman in a Navy barracks while attending the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. Following his discharge, Dronenburg filed suit against the Navy charging that the Navy's policy violated his constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection of the laws.

Dronenburg's lawyer, Stephen V. Bromse, a San Francisco lawyer, said that he will ask the full court to rule en banc on the case "if (Dronenburg) wants to pursue it."

Judge Bork stressed in his written opinion that "legislation may implement morality" in sexual matters and that the courts had no business creating new constitutional rights to engage in homosexual activity, according to the *Times*.

If left to stand, it is unclear what effect the ruling would have on already enacted legislation in communities which protect the rights of Gays. It is expected, however, to fuel demands for the passage of the "Gay Rights Amendment" in Congress. That bill now has 73 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

Conversely, the action may fuel increased efforts by the religious right to "legislate morality" by citing the fact that such a concept is endorsed by the federal courts.

The ruling comes at a time when Gay rights activists have made significant gains in the Democratic

Party and in many communities. Activists fear that many of the recent gains will be wiped out.

Reaction in the Memphis Gay community was negative. "This is 1984," said one Gay man, "If Reagan gets re-elected and appoints a few more members to the Supreme Court, we could have 30 years of progress wiped out overnight."

Judge Bork's opinion did not address the issue of whether or not private consensual acts by heterosexuals would be constitutionally protected either in the military or elsewhere. Many states, including Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, still have laws on the books which prohibit certain heterosexual

acts.

Bork noted that Dronenburg had "an unblemished service record and earned many citations praising his job performance" in the nine years he had served as a linguist and cryptographer. He had a top security clearance.

It is not known what action was taken against the seaman involved, although earlier reports on the case indicated that he was caught sometime after his encounters with Dronenburg. Like many military personnel faced with such charges, he was pressured into naming names in return for favorable treatment. His name and whereabouts have not been released.

## Johnson's Response

I am responding to the "Gaze Name May Change" article on page one of the last issue (the Gay Pride issue) because I believe it is reprehensible to assail an individual's character through a public medium to which the assailants have unlimited and guaranteed access. The facts should be known before an article is printed and, then, the article should contain the facts.

The choice to identify me with the ACLU is disturbing (only that I founded *Gaze* is relevant to the article — not my place of employment). In so doing, the assault on me appeared as an assault on ACLU as well. The ACLU, which has long been a leader in the fight for equal rights, is a large and extremely influential national organization with affiliates in every state. The ACLU has argued more cases before the Supreme Court than anyone other than the Federal government itself. For a Gay or Lesbian newspaper to even be published in Memphis today, people like Roger Baldwin and Emma Goldman had to serve time in prison and have their heads bashed in.

I feel that I have accomplished more for Lesbian and Gay rights since moving onward from *Gaze* and MGC than when I was involved with them. The article dwelled on my "abandonment" of those organizations — a topic which had nothing whatsoever to do with the topic of the anonymously written article. Two years ago, I moved onward from what had become counter productive for me; I feel no need to defend those actions nor to further explain them.

As for the name, "*Gaze*", please note that the lead editorial in the January, 1983, issue, some two months after I resigned as editor and the current editors replaced me, contains the following quote: "The name (*Gaze*), of course, was the only item we didn't discuss. Bill proposed it, having selected it some seven months earlier when his dream of helping to create a quality newspaper in Memphis began, and it became a given."

Finally, I feel no need to respond to the personal insults contained in the article (though I was hurt by them) other than to say I do not believe them to be a reflection on me.

I made many mistakes when I edited *Gaze*, and each was pointed out to me repeatedly — and not always in a manner one could term "constructive criticism." My resulting sensitivity has kept me out of the affairs of the current editors until now. I think, however, the necessity of this response is apparent.

— Bill Johnson

## No Name Change for *Gaze*

*Gaze* will not have to change its name after all. Because of an apparent misinterpretation of copyright laws, former editor Bill Johnson never owned the name as he contended.

The current editors of *Gaze* received a letter from Johnson on June 29, 1984 stating that he owned the copyright to the name *Gaze*, that he intended to retain possession of it for future use and that the name of the paper would have to be changed by the October '84 issue.

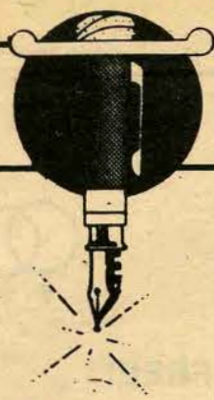
*Gaze* co-editors, John Stilwell and Allen Cook, obtained a copy of the original paperwork from Johnson, contacted the copyright office and learned that only the contents of the first issue of *Gaze* were copyrighted and that the copyright registration appears to have been paid for with Coalition funds.

In a third letter from Johnson, he stated he had changed his mind. He had come up with an alternative title for his future use and was willing to transfer the copyright to *Gaze*.

According to copyright law, a title cannot be copyrighted but it can be registered as a trademark. The editors of *Gaze* have applied for trademark registration in the name of the Memphis Gay Coalition and are currently awaiting papers transferring the copyright of the contents of the first edition of *Gaze* from Johnson to the Coalition.

— John Stilwell





# Gazing

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## ON THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

by John Stilwell

Once again, sex rears its ugly head and our straight sisters and brothers shine in their hypocrisy and intolerance as they try to impose their religious beliefs on everyone, completely ignoring the civil rights and freedom of others.

First we have the case of a national magazine using cheap sensationalism to sell its product, with total disregard for the effects on its victim — Vanessa Williams. Out of one face, folks are saying, "How disgusting! We can't have this sort of woman as a Miss America!" Out of the other face, people who were quick enough to get a copy of the magazine before they were all sold out, are saying, "Larry, have you seen this yet? How disgusting! Quick! Turn the page. It gets worse. Bill, come here. Have you seen this disgusting stuff? Don't hog it, Larry. Let Bill see."

But do you know what the scary thing is? With a few policy decisions and a few strokes of the pen, Vanessa Williams has become a non-

person. She will not be mentioned and she will be stricken from the records. Do you hear the Beatles and *Back in the USSR* playing in the background?

And back in old Memphis, the Playboy Channel has brought the religious nuts back out of the woodwork and into the streets in their never-ending battle to take freedom of choice away as they try to inflict their religious beliefs on us all.

In case you're not familiar with Cable — basic service gives you 28 channels with programs and several billboard (news, information, weather, etc.) channels. To get Playboy, you have to make a special request, pay an additional monthly charge and you can even request a parental discretion feature which locks out the channel unless a code is punched in. In other words, you have to make a choice and put forth some effort to have the Playboy channel added to your service.

The so called League of Decency wants to take away that freedom of choice because they think you won't make what they consider to be the 'right choice'. In order to accomplish this, they are staging a "boycott" of Cablevision. (This tactic is also known as blackmail or

extortion.)

Their goal? Hit Cablevision in the pocketbook by turning in disconnect notices and statements saying Cablevision will not be installed as long as Playboy is offered.

The effect? Of the 1,000 notices initially turned in, only 20% were cable subscribers. At a converter-return-event "staged" for the benefit of the media, only 85 people showed up. Of the 28 program channels offered in basic cable service, over half offer some religious programming and the PTL channel is religious 24 hours a day. So who is really being hurt?

The results? Cable Executives met with League of Decency representatives and found there was no room for discussion or compromise with the League. The League had a demand and Cablevision refused to bend to this kind of outright blackmail. The media, recognizing the League's frontal attack on basic freedom, is in Cablevision's corner for this fight.

You might ask how all this affects you since you don't care for Playboy, anyhow.

Channel 7, the community access channel, which is fed to every home with basic cable service, carries reli-

gious programming as well as *Views From 10%*, which presents the Gay lifestyle as a natural and acceptable lifestyle; *N.O.W. Women*, which discusses non-traditional families and non-traditional roles for women; as well as many ethnic and religious minority programs.

If the League wins this battle, where are they going to start "cleaning up" next? And where are they going to stop? One League representative said they were opposed to Playboy because it would result in an increase in rape and violence. If television programming is so effective and powerful, how come all that religious programming being offered hasn't converted all of us to the League's way of thinking?

I urge you to write Memphis Cablevision, 5450 Winchester, Memphis, TN, 38115 and thank them for fighting for your freedom of choice and encourage them not to give in to the extortion tactics of a vocal minority bent on imposing their religious beliefs on the entire community.

Don't wait until you are attacked directly because by then, there may not be anyone left to stand up and fight with you!

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### Support for Gay Community Center

I was very pleased to read your editorial in *Gaze* on the necessity of a Gay community center in Memphis and that the Memphis Gay Coalition was considering such an undertaking. The establishment of a local community center would mean a substantial boost to the political and social well-being of Lesbians and Gay men in this city. It could become an alternative social center teaching, especially young Gay women and men, recreation is not synonymous with alcohol consumption and casual sexual activity. A second major advantage would be its ability to be a con-

stant reminder that the struggle for our civil liberties under the law is not something that happens only in California and Washington, D.C., but must take place in Memphis and all over the country. I hope the MGC will move forward with its plans for a Gay community center in Memphis and that it will receive, as it deserves, the support of all Lesbians and Gay men in this city.

Obviously a major obstacle in the organization of a community center is the amount of money it would require. I believe in order to handle part of the problem the Coalition should consider presenting events similar to the River Ride. Considering the sell-out success of this year's River Ride there is an audience for this type of activity. People whose ages are below the drinking age should not be excluded from these events. Their potential for financial, through admission fees, and volunteer support should not be written off. Everyone should be encouraged to support a Gay community center which will be for their advantage and use.

Hopefully you have received a large response from individuals who feel they will benefit from a Gay

community center and will volunteer their support. I would like to volunteer my help to the MGC's plans. Please continue your work on *Gaze*, it is greatly appreciated.

Michael Hardin  
Memphis, TN

### Writer Saddened by Fight Over Gaze

I received my copy of *Gaze* today and was very sad to hear about the fight with Bill Johnson.

God, it saddens me to see we are fighting among ourselves. This is just what the anti-Gays love to see. Us fighting among ourselves. Divide and conquer.

When *Gaze* was first published I rejoiced that we at last had our own voice in this area. Several times I corresponded with Bill and once had an article published. So you see I would hate to see the name of the paper changed, since it is already established.

So as a concerned Gay I ask all concerned to try and resolve their differences.

Bill McHardy  
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## MGC To Consider Structure Change

by John Stilwell

A suggestion to restructure the Memphis Gay Coalition by current facilitator Bob Dumais at the business meeting held Monday, August 6th, 1984, met with unexpected support and enthusiasm from current members and at least one former member who was involved in the beginnings of the organization.

For almost five years, the Memphis Gay Coalition has operated without officers to "avoid power struggles" having only a volunteer facilitator who changed every month. At a retreat held in November of '82, Coalition members recognized the lack of "someone responsible" and long term goals. The answer reached at that time was making the facilitator a 3-month-long position.

"I've never dealt with or been involved with any organization that didn't have officers," said facilitator Dumais. According to a former member of the Coalition, "There's never been anyone 'in charge' or 'responsible' that you could go to. With everyone able to vote on important matters regardless of whether or not they were members, it was pointless to pay \$20 for a membership. I vowed I'd never pay another membership fee."

"Bob's suggestion that we restructure, establish officers and possibly even a board of directors and have some definite by-laws for handling things addresses problems that we've been kicking around for many years," Allen Cook told this reporter. "We came close at that retreat in '82. We established a budget, lengthened the term of the facilitator and tried to establish long term

goals but even though everyone was thinking we needed more structure, nobody has 'said it' until Bob spoke out."

This proposed restructuring, it is hoped, will address the question: "Why should someone pay dues and join the Coalition?" If the resolution is passed, only dues-paying members would be allowed to vote on matters although members and non-members alike would be able to enter discussion and offer opinions and ideas. It is proposed that verifiable "hardship cases" may be allowed to pay dues on a monthly basis and may vote as long as their dues are current.

Items to be discussed and decided on at future meetings include: Long term plans for the Coalition with a Gay community center/juice bar the most predominant and combining with other local organizations to work toward a common goal to benefit the entire Gay community.

"It's important for us to get new members," Dumais said. "But it's more important to bring back the talents and energies of the 'old members' who may have been turned off by the ways things were done in the past."

## Three New Places To Meet Gay Faces

by Dishing Dolly

If you're an avid bar-goer, then for the past few weeks you've been in Hog Heaven. Three bars in town have either gone Gay or been re-named and remodeled.

First to arrive was Harvey's (92 S. Front St.). The bar really opened in March but went ostensibly Gay in June. It features most of the accoutrements of straight bars — lots of campy pictures on the exposed brick walls, a glitzy chandelier and an old-time gas pump for good measure. Harvey's is definitely not a back alley Gay bar. In addition to liquid refreshment (beer and liquor), the restaurant offers a fair range of food from burgers and salads to full course meals of spaghetti, barbeque chicken and steaks. The drink prices are a little higher than most Gay establishments, but not unreasonable for the downtown area. According to Joseph Lydell, the manager of Harvey's, a downstairs bar will open soon. There are shows on many evenings and a weekly Talent Night through October will offer a \$50 prize to nightly winners and a \$1000 prize for the one who wins over all.

A new bar across the street from The Other Side opened August 1. Oddly enough, it's called Across the Street and sits on the southeast corner of Madison and Cleveland. Owned by the same folks who bring you The Other Side, Across the Street is not fancy by any means, but seems to offer a reasonably friendly place to meet and

talk. Formerly Big Sam's, the bar was closed for a time, remodeled and opened up as (shh...) a Gay bar. Just to warn the unsuspecting patron wandering in off the street, there's a sign in the foyer warning you of the fact. Across the Street offers booths and tables as well as a bar. No liquor is served, but BYOB is encouraged. Right now they're serving some good ham sandwiches (to benefit Muscular Dystrophy), but we're not sure if the food thing is temporary or will be continued. Time will tell.

Finally, 616 Marshall has taken on new ownership and a new look as well as a new name. Formerly the Barracks (and the not too late lamented Rumors), Trapper John's opened in fine style August 6. Although there were some untoward incidents involving saboteurs ripping up upholstery and screwing with the plumbing (causing wet feet but not dampening the spirits), several hundred patrons had a rousing time. The space has been redesigned to reduce the openness of the former bar. There are lots of nooks and crannies and the cruising pattern is great. Jerry and Scott, the owners, promise live shows on an occasional basis (like once a month or so), but not like the ones we're used to (meaning drag). They envision something on the order of a Las Vegas or Broadway revue. Trapper John's opens around 5pm and stays open as long as anyone would reasonably want (yawning dawning!). Houston Butler (formerly of The Other Side and who also writes for these pages) is the DJ and manages to hold the dance crowd literally in the palm of his hand.

There you have it. Three new places. Don't ask us which is the best because it's all a matter of taste (as the old lady said when she kissed the cow). Try them all and try them more than once. Goodness knows there's plenty of business for all.

### MGC Program Meeting


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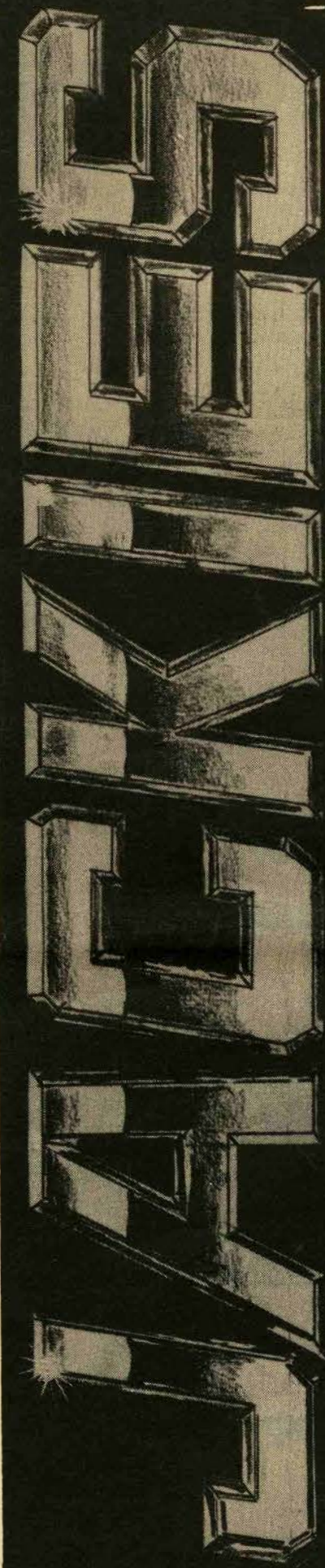
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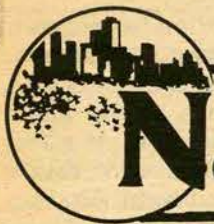
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# Nashville

## Laura Branigan, Parties, and Pageants Brighten Nashville's Summer

by Jeff Thompson

### LAURA BRANIGAN

"I finally made it! Music Town!" *Laura Branigan* exclaimed from the stage of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center downtown. "I have a little confession to make — when you look at me, you're not looking at country!" Indeed, Friday the thirteenth of July was a lucky day for Branigan's Nashville fans, as the singer appeared in concert that evening in the TPAC's Jackson Hall.

Laura Branigan was clad in a black-and-white tunic top covered with silver tinsel, and ultra-skin-tight, black leather, cropped pants. Her six-piece band was made up of guitars, bass, drums and synthesizers. (One guitarist's playing had been influenced by the late Randy Rhodes' style.)



The Grammy-nominated performer had recently remarked, "I have a broad audience and one that's steadily growing." Her point was proven by the enthusiastic Music City crowd, which consisted of elementary school children, teenagers, young adults, and middle-aged folks! Branigan built a remarkable rapport with her diverse audience as she sang "Imagination" (her song from "Flashdance"), "Solitaire," "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You?", "Ti Amo" (an Italian song from the 1970's), and other contrasting numbers. She won the audience's approval as she and her band performed "Self Control," the hit song whose video was directed by William Friedkin ("The Boys In the Band," "The French Connection," "The Exorcist").

Laura Branigan sang something new and lively, "The Lucky One," which she declared would be "my next hit — with your help!" ("The Lucky One" already has won the Grand Prize at the Tokyo Music Festival.) And Branigan gave her audience something old and mellow when she sat at the keyboards and accompanied herself on "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" the

Shirelles' 1961 hit.

Laura Branigan's Nashville concert appearance climaxed with an electrifying rendition of the sensational 1982 dance hit, "Gloria." Other recent stops on Branigan's July-September tour have been Memphis, Atlanta, and the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. This fall, the singer-actress will film "To Love and Die In L.A.," directed by Friedkin.

### PARTIES — B. Palola's

On Sunday evening, August 12, Nashville's Gay community *en masse* helped restaurateur Barbara Palola celebrate her thirtieth birthday in a grand way. B. Palola's Restaurant, normally closed on Sundays, opened its doors on August 12 for an unforgettable *birthday party*! Restaurant co-owners Barbara Palola and Mervin Luke welcomed a *huge* crowd which completely filled the two dining rooms and even overflowed onto the restaurant's front lawn!

The yard had been curtained off with tall, thick drapes. Within the "instant courtyard", stylishly dressed patrons sat at tables or mingled up and down the restaurant's front steps. Overhead, a *bubble machine* created large, glistening bubbles which wafted on the evening breeze. Meanwhile, inside B. Palola's, a sumptuous buffet stretched from one wall to another...balloons were everywhere...and festive music set the mood for what possibly was the most joyful thirtieth birthday party that *any* Nashvillean has had in a *long* time!

### PAGEANTS — Warehouse 28

Warehouse 28, Incorporated, began the summer by offering brand-new Preferred Customer Cards to its habitués. The numbered, plastic cards bring freebies, discounts, special offers, exclusive invitations, and other privileges and opportunities. Over *seven hundred* cards have been issued so far. Another Preferred Customer Card tie-in is The Warehouse's new monthly, photo-offset newsletter. The initial issue last month was attractive, informative, and well written — and it announced that very soon the popular club would begin a major *re-modeling project*, including "an expanded dance floor, new sound and lights, and fresh paint to show the

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## Hot New Nightspot Opens in Clarksville, TN

by Timothy James

If you live in the Nashville area, you are all too aware of the many bothersome detours and rerouted roads due to the huge I-440 construction project. Well, at last there is one detour that you don't want to *miss*!

Saturday evening, August 11, marked the grand opening of *The Detour* Disco Showbar in Clarksville, Tennessee, an hour's drive to the north of Nashville. The Detour, formerly the Haberdashery, brings Nashville-style nightlife to Clarksville and the neighboring towns. And many Gay Nashvilleans are discovering this new nightspot in near-by Clarksville.

When you first see *The Detour* (at 1808 Madison) from the outside, you momentarily wonder if you've found the right place. But as soon as you pass through the discreetly marked doorway, it's as if you've entered another world.

The first things to capture your attention are the exciting dance floor and fifty-square-foot, elevated stage. Mirrors reflect the excitement off the back walls of the dance floor. Myriads of disco lights dazzle your senses with everything from strobe lights to a rotating mirror ball.

To your left there are approximately thirty tables on the main floor, in front of the stage. Along the left and front walls there is an elevated seating section with twenty tables which allow guests to look down upon the stage and party. Clarksville's new Detour is dimly lit by multiple red globe lights. The Detour an ultra-modern appearance.

In the weeks to come, *The Detour* will be opening up a large room in the back of the building. This room is being converted into a cruisy sitting room, with couches and comfortable chairs, as well as a small bar.

When you visit *The Detour* (open nightly from 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM), be sure to say hello to Richard behind the bar. He'll set you up with one of fifteen or more different bottled beers, with a draft, or with other beverages. The Detour does not serve liquor (or food) yet, but the bar's owners, Don and Travis, promise that "it's on the way, within a couple of months." (There is a package store right next door to *The Detour* and the bar does offer set-ups!)

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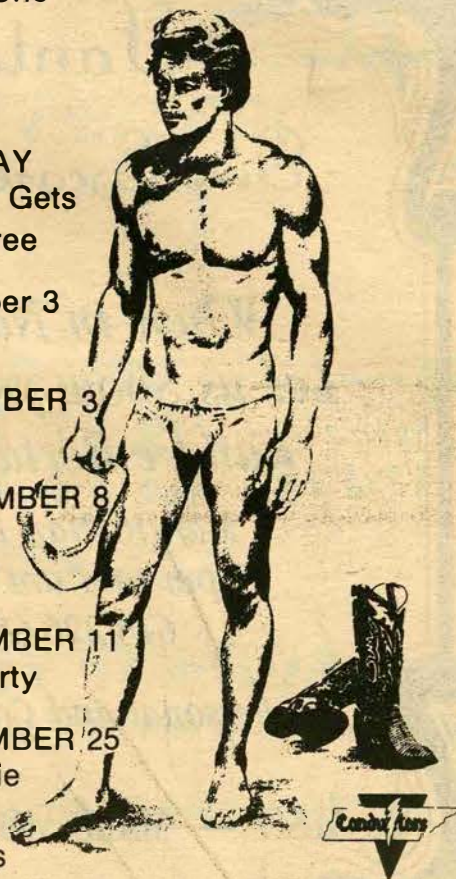
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# National

## Maine Murder United Gay Community

by Allen Cook

Bangor, ME — An ugly incident of queerbashing has rocked Bangor, Maine and stirred a wave of sympathetic support for the Gay community.

Three youths have been accused of attacking Charles O. Howard, beating him and throwing him off a bridge into a river to drown.

Howard recently moved to Bangor from Portsmouth, New Hampshire with his lover about three months ago. He was returning home from a Gay support group meeting when he was attacked.

According to police reports, the three teens confessed to murdering Howard on Saturday, July 17 because he was a homosexual. Two female companions sat in a car and watched.

Howard and a friend were walking across the State Street Bridge about 9:30 in a deserted but well-lit part of town. As the men walked, James Francis Baines, 15,

identified Howard as "a person who made sexual comments to him a few weeks ago." According to an article in *Gay Community News* (Boston), Baines allegedly ordered Shawn Mabry, 16, the driver of the car to pull over. Joined by Daniel Ness, 17, the two left the car, ran over to Howard and his friend, Roy Ogden and scuffled briefly. Howard attempted to run away but tripped on the curb and was repeatedly kicked by the trio. Baines told police, "The three of us threw him over a bridge railing" into the river.

Interviews with the two other boys, the two young women watching from the car and a 73-year-old man sitting unnoticed at a bus stop, corroborate Baine's version of the killing. Ogden, who fled during the scuffle to alert police, said he heard Howard's pitiful cries for mercy, screaming to his attackers that he could not swim. It was the first murder in Bangor in seven years.

The three teens were released in

the custody of their parents — an act which sparked anger and frustration in the Gay community. Bangor's newly formed Gay, Lesbian and straight Coalition, formed a week after the incident, said that the murder underscores the extreme expression of prejudice, which, they say, is not uncommon throughout the state. According to GCN, the murder is being used to persuade legislators to amend the Maine Human Rights Act to protect Gays.

On July 31st, Bangor's Gay community was surprised and pleased by the recommendation of Maine Attorney General James Tierney and Assistant Attorney General Thomas L. Goodwin that the three teens be tried as adults. On September 14th, a bind over hearing will be held at which time Judge David M. Cox will review the results of the psychological evaluations which he called for, and which are being conducted by state appointed specialists, and will hear arguments from the three defense attorneys and Goodwin. The factors the judge will have to consider in making his determination are: the gravity of the crime; the characteristics of the juvenile; the suitability of detention facilities.

Judge Cox's decision is a key factor in the justice the Gay community is looking for. If tried as juveniles, the three youths would be detained in a juvenile facility until their 21st birthday. If tried as adults, they would face a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years.

Commenting on the Attorney General's recommendation, Coalition member Anne Phibbs of Orono told *Gay Community News*, "We're really pleased with [the recommendation]. I think it shows the state is taking this seriously and it shows that they feel as we do. If [the teens] are going to commit an adult crime like murder, they should be tried as adults."

### Longstaff Granted Deportation Leave

Richard Longstaff, a British-born Gay man who is being threatened with deportation appears to be safe — for the time being — from deportation proceedings.

According to *The Washington Blade*, the House Judiciary Subcom-

mittee on Immigration has requested more information in the case. The move was taken during work on a private bill which would allow Longstaff to remain here. It effectively blocks any deportation action the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) might plan. Texas Rep. Mickey Leland introduced the bill last June after the Supreme Court refused to hear Longstaff's appeal. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Longstaff has not been "lawfully admitted" to this country because INS rules say Gays are "psychopathic personalities."

Meanwhile, it is reported that Longstaff has established a secondary residence in the San Francisco area. The ruling District Court there has a different interpretation of the INS rulings and does not allow deportation on the basis of sexual preference.

### Dirty Tricks in North Carolina

North Carolina — Governor James B. Hunt is challenging Senator Jesse Helms for his Senate seat and as the campaign heats up, "dirty tactics" appear to be surfacing.

J. C. D. Bailey, a Helms supporter, claims he purchased an ad, which charges that Gov. Hunt received \$79,000 in contributions from Gay activists, as an independent contribution to Helms. David Price, Chair of North Carolina's Democratic Party, has asked the Federal Election Commission to investigate the incident. According to Price, as a Member of Helms' state finance committee, Bailey may not engage in "independent political activity" and is in violation of federal campaign laws.

Although Hunt is the candidate favored by most Gay activists over arch-conservative Jesse Helms, they say Hunt has received no such contribution from them.

In another incident, *The Landmark* published a story saying, "that 'unidentified sources' alleged that Hunt had a girlfriend while in office and a homosexual lover on the side" as reported in *TWN*. The article admitted that the allegations were unsubstantiated rumors.

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Gov. Hunt demanded and received an apology in print from publisher Bob Windsor. *TWN* quoted Windsor as saying, "I was dead wrong to publish the article about Gov. Jim Hunt. I have asked God to forgive me this transgression and believe he will. I hope that the governor and those of you whom I have offended do so also."

Hunt decided not to pursue his proposed libel suit but is convinced Helms was involved in publishing the article.

## \$5 Million for Illegal Firing

Detroit — Timothy Trueman is suing his former employer, Howard Camden, who fired Trueman after learning he had Kaposi's sarcoma. Camden pressured Trueman and Trueman's doctor until he was told what kind of cancer his employee had. Trueman asked for his guaranteed 30 days notice when he received his termination notice from Camden's attorney and was told by Camden, "If you come to work, you'll find the door locked and I'll have you arrested." Camden, president of Advanced Underwriters Insurance Agency, Inc. is charged with violating the Detroit Human Rights Ordinance, sexual harassment, and handicap discrimination. Trueman is seeking punitive and compensatory damages, back pay, benefits, and pension.

## Police Violate Rights — Charges Dropped

Fairfax County, VA — Circuit court judge Jack Stevens ruled that the Fourth Amendment right to privacy of four men was violated by Fairfax police when they spied on the men through a two-way mirror. The mirror was installed in the public men's room as the result of complaints from shopping center merchants that men were loitering and on the prowl for sex partners. The four men were charged with sodomy, a felony according to Virginia law but the judge disallowed the evidence obtained through the two-way mirror and the charges were dropped.

## Jaycee Decision May Pave Way for Gay Boy Scout

Two Supreme Court decisions in early July may have the result that openly Gay young men may be allowed to join the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). In one decision, the court refused to hear an appeal by the BSA of a California Court of Appeals decision. That decision, based on the Unruh Civil Rights Act, voided the Scout's policy of prohibiting "girls, atheists and Gays" from membership.

Two days prior, the Court ruled that the Junior Chamber of Commerce is a "public accommodation" that is subject to state discrimination laws. The net effect is to force the all-male Jaycees to comply with a Minnesota anti-discrimination law which prohibits sexual discrimination. They must admit women as full members.

The Justices rejected both Jaycee and BSA arguments that they are private organizations and therefore, exempt. They contend that the court rulings violated their organization's rights to privacy and freedom of association.

The decision may gain Tim Curran, an openly Gay Eagle Scout, an opportunity to sue for reinstatement as an assistant scoutmaster. Curran said the decision "means that we can go back to court and finally sort this thing out. I'm glad we can finally get down to the merits of the case, which is that Gay people are as suited to be leaders as anybody else is."

Attorneys for the BSA have vowed to use "whatever legal means necessary" to keep Curran out of Scouting. Since the high court refused to review the case and the BSA had bypassed lower courts in the appeals process, lower courts still may overturn the original ruling. However, in light of the Jaycee case, this seems unlikely.

The Jaycees were unanimously ruled to be a "public accommodation." It is felt that although the BSA is a private organization, it, too, could be considered as a public accommodation and, therefore, subject to anti-discrimination laws.

## Catholics Will Not Abide by NYC Mayor's Order

by Allen Cook

New York — New York Gays are being frustrated by efforts by major religious groups to exempt themselves from an order which bans discrimination by agencies which have contracts with the city.

According to Mayor Ed Koch's Executive Order No. 50, any agency holding contracts with the city must agree not to discriminate against minorities in its employment and services. Among the protected groups are Gays. Earlier this year the Salvation Army made headlines by refusing to agree to the order, thereby jeopardizing about \$4 million in contracts with the city.

The controversy arose again as the Archdiocese of New York began renegotiating its contractual services amounting to as much as \$76 million. The Archdiocesan services are mostly in child care.

New York's new Archbishop John J. O'Connor was quoted as telling a group of Gay celibate Catholics, "I would rather close our child care agencies than violate church teaching." The Archbishop feels that signing the non-discrimination pledge would amount to endorsing homosexuality.

Currently, the Salvation Army and the Archdiocese are being allowed to continue to discriminate pending the outcome of a court

hearing on the matter. Nancy Langer, of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund says, "This is special treatment. The mayor did not stand behind his executive order which bars discrimination based on sexual orientation by all agencies doing business with the city. We had received a ruling from the city's legal department that the order was constitutional and the mayor could enforce it."

National Gay Task Force chair, Virginia Apuzzo said, "If the Catholic Church would look around, it would see who its political bedfellows are. They are using the same old red flag that was used against us in Miami and elsewhere — that homosexuals are questionable if they are working with children. That infuriates me. Since much of this funding involves children, the church is being openly and politically manipulative. It is holding children as hostages."

Lambda Defense said it was "appalled that the archdiocese, which publicly stated that it is against discrimination, has refused to sign the order. While O'Connor insists that he does not want to violate church teachings, this clearly has nothing to do with church teachings."

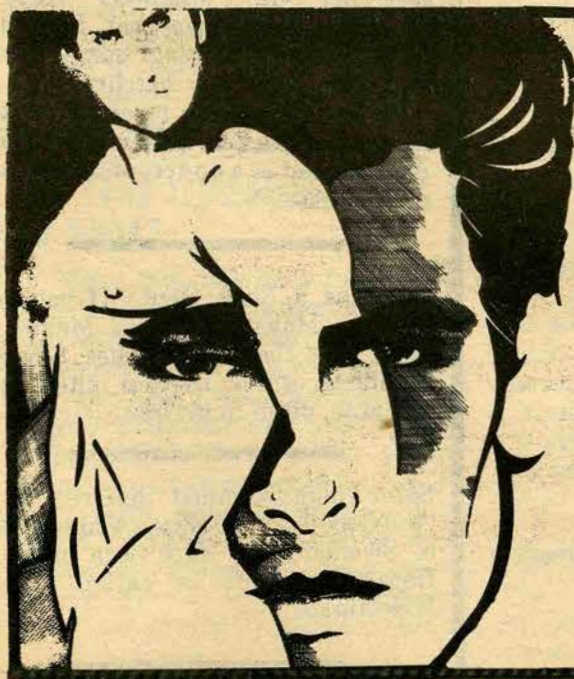
LLDEF is currently exploring legal options to force the city to enforce its own order.

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## Gay Marriages

The Unitarian Universalist Church has become the first major denomination to acknowledge marriages of Gay couples. The overwhelming majority of the 1,300 delegates attending the 23rd General Unitarian assembly voted to sanction spiritual unions of Gay couples.

The Unitarian Church has been on the cutting edge of Gay issues for many years. The church operates an "Office of Gay Concerns" in

its Boston Home office. Rev. Robert Wheatley, a Gay minister who directs that office, was quoted in the *Bay Area Reporter* as saying, "This is not a matter of civil rights, in the term of legal rights. This is a human rights issue in the sense of affirming human beings, to acknowledge and affirm and celebrate their commitment together."

Rev. Joan Hull, Associate Minister of First Unitarian Church in San Francisco says that she has performed perhaps 25 such services in the last five or six years. She says

she prefers to call them "service(s) of commitment" rather than a "marriage." Hull noted that the word "marriage" denotes a legal and financial contract with the state as well as a spiritual action. No state sanctions Gay unions legally.

The Unitarian Church in Memphis currently houses services of the local Metropolitan Community Church.

## Gay 'Cure' Labeled Malpractice

Albany — In an interview with *Forum* magazine (the August issue), Gay activist Dr. Damien Martin of New York University accused individuals employing "cure treatments" on Gays of malpractice. Martin said, "some therapists who try it, even those who are sincere and really think conversion is possible, are not trained in scientific

method or evaluational therapy. Simply put, they don't know what they're doing. If a person doesn't like being Black I certainly wouldn't advise him to straighten his hair. If a Jew comes in with a great deal of self-hatred, as does happen, I would not recommend converting to Christianity."

## Yellow Pages Ad 'Offensive'

Detroit — Ameritech Publishing has refused to print an ad for Chosen Books in the Yellow Pages even though it was "mistakenly" printed last year. According to *Equal Time*, spokesperson Jayne Columbo said, "It's been our policy since forever not to publish advertising material which we believe is offensive to our customers or may be offensive to our customers." The company suggested that Chosen Books change the ad which currently reads "Gay-Lesbian literary books and gifts" to something like "adult bookstore" or bookstore for "alternative lifestyles." The owners of the bookstore said it was definitely not an "adult bookstore" and the other phrase was too vague.

Attorney David Piontkowsky said, "If Ameritech's real purpose is to protect the morality or ethics of its readers, it is going about it in an absolutely inverse way. People could wander into it, or call, with no idea of its nature. I could end up affronting the public rather than informing it."

In a similar incident last year, Northwestern Bell Yellow Pages reversed its decision not to print an ad for A Brother's Touch Bookstore in Minneapolis.

## Lizzy and the Ax

There may have been a Lesbian motive behind the murder of Andrew and Abby Borden by their daughter Lizzy.

A new book by Evan Hunter alleges that Lizzy may have been caught in bed with the family maid, Bridget Sullivan. In *Lizzy*, Hunter theorizes that either in fear or self-defense, Lizzy first killed her stepmother with a candlestick and then gave her the infamous "forty whacks." Evan says that Lizzy's father upon returning home was also slain with the hatchet.

It has been long rumored that Lizzy was a lezzie because she was once named as a co-respondent in a divorce case.

Hard as a Rock Dept.: If you're visiting Mayan ruins in Mexico, don't miss the X-rated ones. Stone phalluses grace several sites in Yucatan, often in groups.

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## Studds Endorsed for '84 Bid

Boston — Rep. Gary Studds who came out on the floor of Congress last year, received an extended standing ovation at the Co-op Five Democratic Caucus. Founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Dr. Helen Caldicott offered Studds her personal endorsement. Other groups endorsing Studds' '84 campaign include: Action for Nuclear Disarmament/Cape Cod, the Sierra Club, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, the Council for a Livable World, and the National Committee for an Effective Congress.

## Update on Milk Documentary

New York — A "fine cut" of *Out Of Order: The Times Of Harvey Milk* was viewed at a fund-raising event in New York on July 18. Producers announced that the feature-length historical documentary is nearing completion and is expected to be viewed by nine million people. The film, narrated by Harvey Fierstein with original music by Mark Isham, uses documentary footage, TV clips, newspaper headlines, and personal interviews to follow Milk's career.

## Roomie and Referrals Toll-free

New York — GAY800 which began in January of 1984 has reached an agreement with "Roomies," the country's largest nationwide Gay roommate matching service. GAY-800, a 24-hour referral for doctors, lawyers, realtors, accountants, bars, baths, and other businesses receives an average of 200 calls a day. Andy Key, president of Roomies said "We expect that the toll-free phone lines and computerized referral system will help us reach more people who are interested in our service. This will make it possible for Gay men and women looking for a roommate to get in touch with us easier and more quickly. The number to call is 800-223-7030.

## No Gay Organizations at SMU

There will not be a recognized Gay student organization at Southern Methodist University.

University officials have said that the Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization was classified as a "non-affiliated" student group. That classification prevents the organization from using the SMU name, applying for student activity funds, or sponsoring fund-raising events on campus. They may, however, use university facilities when space is available.

The decision ends months of controversy over the organization. The

students had voted to withhold recognition while the Faculty Senate had backed the Gay students.

## Arsonists in GCN Fire Indicted

Boston — The arsonists believed to be responsible for the 7-alarm blaze at the Bromfield Street offices of *Gay Community News*, *Fag Rag*, and Glad Day Bookstore on July 7, 1982, as well as 162 other fires in Boston, were indicted by a federal grand jury. The fires, which resulted in more than \$22 million in property loss and 280 injuries, are believed to have been set by two police officers, two firefighters and a security guard.

Robert Groblewski, a Boston police officer, pleaded guilty to 29 other arson charges in May of '84 and received concurrent sentences of 12 years in federal prison and 6 to 10 years on state charges. The sentences, described as too lenient by presiding U. S. District judge Walter Skinner were given in exchange for Groblewski's cooperation in prosecuting his co-conspirators.

Described as a "model cop," Groblewski and the seven others set the fires to create a need for police and firefighters who had been laid off as the result of a local statewide tax cutting referendum, according to U. S. Attorney William Weld.

Prosecuting U. S. Attorney Mark Robinson told *Gay Community News* that there was no mention in the indictment about a motive for burning the GCN offices and no evidence that the arsons knew that the GCN offices were in the torched building. He declined to comment on what evidence they had linking the men to the GCN fire.

## Gay Pride Ad Rejected

Charlotte, NC — According to the *Raleigh Front Page*, paid advertisements for Gay Pride week were refused by the city manager, city bus service and three local radio stations. Only *The Charlotte Observer* agreed to run the ad.

The agency which is responsible for advertising space on buses accepted the ad from QCC but then rejected it when they learned that Queen City Quordinators was a Gay group and the decision was upheld by the city manager of Charlotte.

The 60 second radio spot, according to the *Washington Blade*, featured two heterosexual men discussing discrimination against Gays in North Carolina and concluded with one man saying "If you have a Gay friend or relative, how about giving 'em an extra warm hug this week."

Comments on the spot included: "in poor taste" and "too blatant." One radio station president felt that the ad promoted physical contact.

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## Tennessee Demos Ignore Party Directive

Despite the fact that many Gays are Democrats, the Democratic Party in Tennessee will ignore a national party rule which encourages state parties to recruit Gays as party members.

The Associated Press reports that state chair Dick Lodge said, "It's an example of the national party making it more difficult for us in the more traditional part of the country to be successful." He continued, "I think that our tradition is right and proper and we make no apologies."

The party rules dictate that state parties should recruit members from groups which may be under-represented within the party including "ethnics, youths, persons over 65 years of age and Lesbians and Gay men."

Lodge indicated that it was not a new rule and that the Tennessee state party has never paid any attention to it. "We have no plans to do this," he said.

## Gay Mayor Elected in Missouri

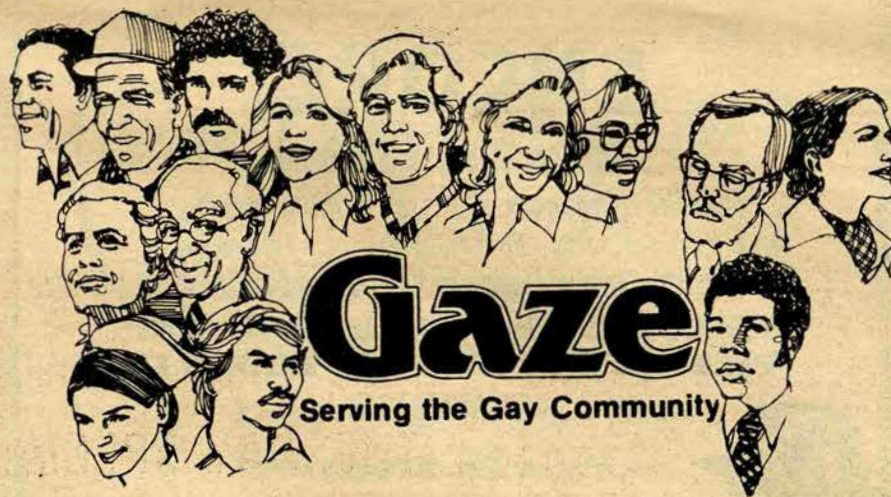
Bunceton, MO — According to the *Gay News-Telegraph*, mayor Gene Ulrich, the first openly Gay mayor of any municipality in this country, has been re-elected to a second term. Ulrich was responsible

for construction of new senior citizens' housing, paving streets, improved city services and a program for city residents providing solar heating units, according to *Gay Community News*.

## Teachers Stop Censorship

Racine, WI — The Racine Unified School Board voted 6-2 to reject social studies textbooks because the books took a neutral stand on the subjects of abortion, pre- or extra-marital sex, and homosexuality. However, in a second vote taken after the Racine Education Association threatened to file suit, the Board accepted the textbooks 5-4. The Board had objected to several texts including *Married And Single Life* and *Living Today*. Teacher James Ennis said the Board was acting on personal and religious beliefs and their action might violate the state law against discrimination of Gays.

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# Gays To Raise Money For 'Jerry's Kids' Amid Controversy

by Allen Cook

After an absence of two years, the Memphis Gay community is again gearing up for the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. Events are occurring throughout the Gay community designed to raise money for the charity. Last year \$78 million was raised nationwide. The Memphis Gay community has participated in the fundraising on and off since 1976 (See box)

A new group, the Gay Select Committee for Activities for MDA was formed by club owner Danny Ray in an effort to unite all the bars, clubs and service organizations in an all-out effort to raise money for MDA. In years past, money from the Gay community has been presented live on the telethon.

Leaders and bar owners met Sunday, August 5 in what was billed as an organizational meeting. According to some participants, however, all the organization had been done and what was needed was a commitment to a fundraising event, money from which would be pooled to present to MDA. A final event, to be staged at The Other Side Sunday, September 2, had already been decided upon and approved by the MDA regional office.

This action rankled some other

bar owners who favored a "neutral" setting for the event. Tommy Stewart of J-Wag's and Encore Cards & Gifts stated that he felt any bar which hosted a final event would stand to gain not only in money but also "get all the credit" to the exclusion of others' efforts. He indicated that he would not participate in any effort geared toward a final event staged in any Gay establishment — his or any other.

Ray countered by saying, "I'm not doing this to make money. It's for the Gay community." Ray indicated that a cover charge would be in effect for the September 2nd activities but that all that money was being donated to MDA. He claims that the only money he would make would be from canned beer and set-up sales, games and machines. Draft beer for the event is being donated.

MDA requires that no more than 10% of the expected gross of an event be used in staging it.

A vote was taken on whether to agree on The Other Side as the location of the final event or to attempt to find a neutral location similar to the East End Ballroom which was used in 1980. The vote ran 6 for having it at The Other Side, 3 against and 9 abstentions. Most of the abstentions came from Gay organizations which did not want to go on record as being

either for or against the proposal. Virtually all Gay bars and community organizations were represented.

Ann Welke, Regional Director of MDA assured those present that MDA valued the contributions by the Gay community and stated that the on-air presentation would be made on the afternoon of Labor Day in either the 12:15, 1:15 or 2:15 pm local breaks. She indicated that the last time the Gay community raised funds for MDA, its efforts were surpassed by only one group in the city — the firemen — and that the firemen had been raising money all year long. She apologized for the rocky start that the Gay community received from the telethon and indicated that she would do "everything within (her) power" to see that there would not be any untoward incidents surrounding the televised presentation.

At presstime, four Gay clubs are not participating with the Gay Select Committee. J-Wag's, Jackie's, and Trapper John's are planning

MDA events. There has been no word on Harvey's.

Among the fundraising events are the following:

Pool and Shuffleboard tournaments held at various establishments culminating with finals held at The Other Side September 2nd.

A Spaghetti Dinner held August 11 at P.W. Bumps.

A show held August 23 at The Other Side

A ham sandwich sale through Labor Day at Across the Street An auction and show at The Other Side September 2.

A special event at J. Wag's August 26th.

A special event at Jackie's August 27th.

A special event at Trapper John's August 30th.

Proceeds from all of the events will be donated to MDA. The amount presented on the telethon will probably not reflect the efforts of those acting independently.

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### HISTORY OF GAY INVOLVEMENT IN MDA

Compiled by Vincent Astor

1977 — Benefit held at Butterfly Cabaret organized by Buddy Haynes. Dennis Massey emcees. Over \$1000 raised to benefit MD. Donation was refused until national telethon was contacted and then accepted.

1978 — Dual benefit performance held at Kelsey's Saturday night and the Front Page Sunday afternoon. Organized by Buddy Haynes and Chris Hanley. Over \$2000 presented on telethon by Buddy Haynes. Haynes wins first Miss Unity Award

1979 — No benefit due to death of Buddy Haynes (Cass Michaels)

1980 — First officially recognized benefit held at the East End Ballroom. Organized by Chris Hanley, Ric Morgan and Lady Astor. Sponsored by GOPS. Directed by Rich Roberts. Largest attendance ever. Over \$3000 presented on telethon by Vincent Astor. Rich Roberts wins Miss Unity Award. Dennis Massey emcees. Memorial to Cass Michaels.

1981 — Officially recognized benefit held at George's. Organized by Leslie Carter, Rich Roberts and others. Dennis Massey emcees. Leslie Carter wins Miss Unity. \$1000 presented on telethon by Vincent Astor.

1982 — MDA contacted — lack of interest — no official benefit. Telethon calls Lady Astor early Labor Day morning, was informed benefit did not occur.

1983 — No benefit.

### European Gay Rights Resolution Passed

Strasbourg, France — In a 114 to 45 vote, the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Economic Community passed an important Gay rights resolution. The resolution calls for abolishing laws prohibiting sex between consenting adult Gays; making Gay and non-Gay age of consent the same; prohibiting special records on Gays kept by police; and rejecting "mental ill-

ness" as a classification of homosexuality. Nigel Warner of the British Campaign for Homosexual Equality said, "The resolution was so uncompromising, and was passed by such a large majority, that it will be impossible for it not to be accepted as a definitive statement of European opinion," according to *TWN*. The ten nations represented were: Belgium, Denmark, West Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.



# Music

## Shadows On A Dime—Ferron

by Charlie McMullen

Ferron is a Canadian performer who has a new album distributed and contributed to by Redwood Records in California. Redwood is Holly Near's record company that distributes some other progressive music groups like Alive! and Sweet Honey in the Rock. Redwood is dedicated to music of change and cultural work and Ferron's unique album leans in that direction.

*Shadows on a Dime* is anchored by Ferron's acoustic guitar work and provocative vocals. One must listen closely to catch the subtleties of Ferron's work, especially in the lyrics, which are almost complicated with literary ideology. The music is sometimes introspective on *Shadows On A Dime* and *Circle Round* and rocking on *It Won't Take Along* — which is an anthem to becoming part of change with lyrics like:

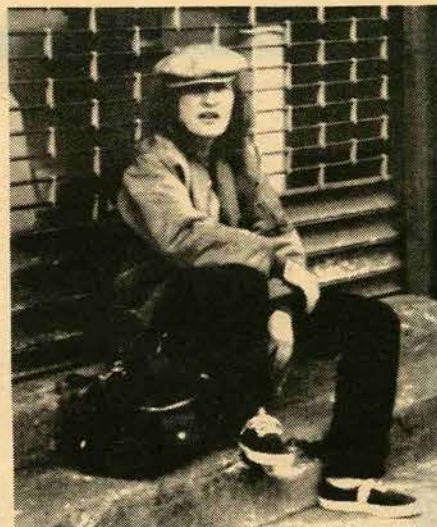
"We are women grown together,  
We are men who easily cry,  
We are words not quickly spoken,  
We are the deeper side of try."

One song, *The Return*, takes its idea from William Butler Yeats and is country-influenced with pedal steel and mandolin.

Ferron's voice is intriguing too, like her music, being low and almost monotonal sometimes — but this adds to the raw appeal of this sophisticated music. Overall, the album is almost rocking and the ideas are rooted in change and feminism but are also cued into literary ideas of the spirit that may be old but are used here to help shed new light on alternatives in love, peace and even the workplace. Ferron's album has the rawness of rock topped off with intelligence and progressive values. I am always amazed by the combination of so much in the work of musicians like Ferron. Other women's music,

like Holly Near and Margie Adam's may seem more easily accessible with their more polished sound. But Ferron's work intriguing and combined with the human awareness for alternatives, is important to help bring another look at the new consciousness that made women's music look for new answers and expressions. It would be a shame for Gay and Lesbian record buyers to overlook this new music which speaks effectively to our subculture.

FERRON



## Everyone Has a Song

Two Memphis musicians, Charlie McMullen and Kelly Johnson, attended the Gathering of the Midwest People's Music Network in Kansas City in July. Kelly and Charlie participated in workshops, song-sharing, a concert for all musicians, and meeting other folk-oriented artists.

Charlie conducted the same workshop he did here at the public library in January but the response was different. According to Charlie, "my intention was to describe the recent past of what I consider alternative music in terms of the mainstream: folk, blues, rock, and then women's third-world music becoming integrated into radio. But right

away, I realized what a politically aware group I was in. Immediately, my choice of alternative as a word to describe all this music was questioned. The feeling was these musical forms are not at all alternative to ones interested, but rather that mainstream is the alternative for a lot of people these days. Truly the progressive culture represented in Kansas City is very diverse and strong in feeling. There was no apathy about issues and ideas in that room." The discussion was as lively as during other workshops on audience participation, children's music, vocal production, and sound sys-

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## Hot Wax

by Houston Butler  
Trapper John's D.J.

Ramming Speed has released a remake of the Jackie DeShannon monster hit "When You Walk In The Room" on Proto Records. This fast uptempo Euro-disco 12-inch (136 Beats Per Minute) has three different versions. One of them is mixed by England's number one disco fanatic Ian Levine (producer of Hazell Dean). The production is, as usual, immaculate with studio effects, scratching, and synthetic drums worked to the max. Vocals are a bit high pitched (Dolly Parton played too fast) but all in all a surprisingly strong first effort for this English group.

"Greased Lightning," the new 12-inch release by Robert John on Mosaic Records, peaks from beginning to end with as much energy as the title suggests. Romping along at a brisk 146 Beats Per Minute, "Greased Lightning" is an absolute treat for Hi-NRG clubs, yet is slick enough to fit in anywhere. Robert John utilizes a sexy, clipped vocal style that sparkles as he skillfully rides this galloping orchestration. Hats off to Michael Zager (remember "Let's All Chant"), one of a few composer/producers who can create records strong in both melody and rhythm, a feat which he manages here with dazzling proficiency. Give this one a listen.

## Top 10

1. I NEED A MAN IN MY LIFE — Katie Kissoon
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3. WHO'S YOUR BOYFRIEND — Eric
4. YOU THINK YOU'RE A MAN — Divine
5. NIGHTIME HEAVEN — The Technos
6. I WANT A MAN — Bonnie Foreman
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# MAKING IT

by Larry J. Uhrig  
Pastor, MCC Washington, D.C.

"Making it" in life has to be more than just luck. There must surely be a systematic and intentional approach to our lives which will allow us to be all that we can be and achieve the goals we have set. Too often as I watch our community, I sense an aimlessness, a wandering, as if we have no roots or direction. Perhaps this is true for some. Perhaps this is true for many. Allow me to offer four suggestions how life can be redirected, motivated and empowered.

The first suggestion is this; we must live in the truth. This means that living a lie, disguised, in hiding will eventually erode our self-esteem and well-being to the point of poor health, low energy, or even death. Nothing is more powerful than the truth. Have you noticed that more often than not family and friends do not ask direct questions about your sexuality. They may suspect you are Gay, but will never ask. They don't want to face the truth. Remember how hard it was to admit to yourself the first time that you are Gay? Remember the relief, as if a great weight was lifted from your shoulder, when you first had

another Gay person to talk with? Living in the truth is essential for life to work and for you to achieve all of your goals.

Secondly; the truth is your source of strength. Only in the truth can you grow in power. Hiding expends energy. Living in truth generates strength which can sustain you through all difficult times. Many people will suggest that coming out and living in the light will destroy you. This is a lie. You may have to make changes, even major changes, but I am convinced that they will be worth whatever price and will ultimately grant you strength and good health.

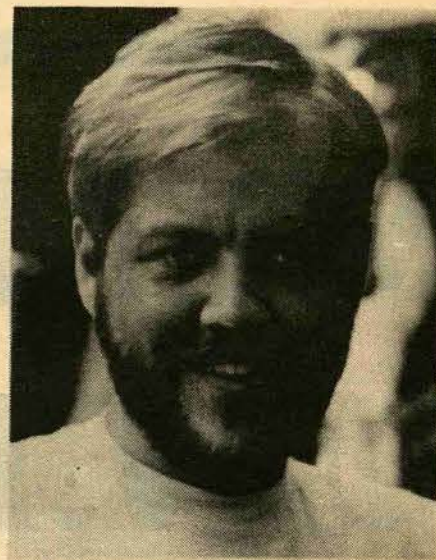
Thirdly; lifestyles of truth and openness produce achievement and success and provide greater possibilities for life lived to its fullest. We are all called to be dreamers, to envision the future. The future of our lives and our community is found in our dreams. If we can dream it, we can make it a reality. Now, more than ever, it is time for us to be possibility thinkers. One of my favorite scripture verses says, "The people without a vision perish." This dimension of life substance on our hopes. It is the maximum utilization of the God-given powers of imagination exer-

cized to dream the possible way by which our goals can be attained.

And the fourth suggestion? Openness to the future and to its great possibilities allow you and I to expect miracles. It is faith, a willingness to accept this dimension, which will enable us to achieve this level of living. Frankly, aren't you tired of maintaining? We so often live day to day, content to have a job and pay the bills, content to have a date once a week, content to be content. Why don't we allow ourselves to be gripped by a vision which shows us joy and power and the ability to achieve wonderful things?

A word of caution to our egos: let not this attainment of new strength be for our self-gratification, although this will be a by-product. Let our achievement be directed outward to the benefit of our sisters and brothers who have not yet seen the vision. We will find that our power and our gifts multiply as we give them away. Use your life to kindle a fire in another. Then you will surely find joy and fulfillment.

The bottom line is that none of us must stay where we do not want to be. None of us need to settle for getting by. I simply want to say that



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there is always more. Take these four suggestions, these articles of faith, and apply them to your life. Start where you are, and reach for your vision of the future. Dialogue with yourself about yourself and see where it leads you. Many of us have believed that we could only live in the realities of today, but I can tell you that it is time for us to move onto new levels of living brought about by the visions of the great possibilities which will shape the future of the world. Dare to join me in dreaming, for the reality of those dreams is within you.

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## MCC's Summer a Busy One

by Joy Peace

Summertime is usually a "slump period" for most churches in terms of activities and growth, and such has been the case for MCC of Memphis in the past: however, the summer of '84 has shone as a break in the clouds for our congregation. Attendance is up as more of our sisters and brothers become aware of our new location at the Unitarian Church by the River, and as the word is spread through *Gaze* and by word of mouth that MCC is once again becoming a viable, vibrant church.

The members have many ways they can serve and participate in the Lord's work. Three committees are currently active — the Outreach/Social Action Committee, the Finance Committee and the Worship Committee. The Outreach/Social Action Committee has been busy handing out flyers at the area bars, contacting members and visitors by phone and mail concerning "what's happening" at MCC, and visiting shut-ins.

The Finance Committee is working toward increasing the preacher search fund (which was graciously increased by \$500 by the new Ladies Plus organization) and the Worship Committee has been viewing new Bible study materials and taking a closer look at the worship service itself.

Sunday, July 23rd was both a sad and beautiful day. In memorializing

the death of Mrs. Opal Wiley, mother of one of our members, we were able to celebrate not only her victory in Christ, but we were able to share in the celebration with some dear former members. It is good to see Christian love and forgiveness in action.

July 27th and 28th, Ms Mary Moore, assistant district coordinator, held a spiritual growth workshop for the Church. The workshop is entitled "Overcoming Self-Defeating Emotions-Fears and its Relation to Other Negative Emotions."

On August 19th at our weekly worship service, the members of the Unitarian Church were invited to worship with us. Other MCC's have found in doing this, greater understanding is gained and we enjoyed sharing our worship service with the Unitarians.

Each Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, we gather in members' homes to study the Bible and what it means to us. During August we finished up the study of Revelation.

On September 12 we begin an 11-week study entitled "Survival Kit: On Being Christian." Both members and non-members are welcome to join us in our studies as well as at Sunday worship. If you need directions to Bible study, need someone to talk to, or have another question please contact Kriste Elrod at 324-1769. We are here for any interested person. Share your fall with us!





# Health

## Getting Ready for the Test

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

The U.S. Department of Health & Welfare promises an antibody blood test for the presence of retrovirus by the end of 1984. Retrovirus is the probable cause of AIDS and the Lymphadenopathy Syndrome. But it is also possible there can be retroviral infections which lead to no disease at all.

There will be confusion initially as to just what a "positive" result means. Experts predict there will be major problems in people who have retroviral antibodies but not AIDS.

How good will the test be? The May 1984 Science Issue published Dr. Gallo's results

1. 90% of AIDS patients tested positive.
2. 79% of pre-AIDS patients tested positive.
3. 35% of homosexual men tested positive. (Probably not representative of Gay men in general)
4. 0.6% of 'normal' controls tested positive ('Normal' is their term for straights)

The retroviral antibody test will probably reassure the straight community more than the Gay community. The homosexual male is going to have a good chance (up to a third?) of a positive result that will be difficult for him to interpret. They will, of course, worry if they are coming down with AIDS.

One must clearly understand antibodies. Antibodies are proteins produced by the B-lymphocytes via specialized forms, plasma cells. It is produced upon viral contact and later will serve as the defense against re-infection by the virus. This antibody can join up with the antigens on the virus and render it noninfectious. These complexes of antigen-antibody also attract complement which is mediator in the white cell cleanup operation launched against the infecting virus.

But the antibody also serves as a marker of current or past infection. An analogy most Gay men are familiar with is that of hepatitis-B. If you have a positive antibody to core (not surface) antigen, it can mean: 1) you have had the disease but are now immune, 2) you are presently infected with the virus and have active or chronic hepatitis, or 3) you are a carrier.

To separate out these categories one then orders further tests for hepatitis-B (usually the surface antigen and antibody). But things are never black and white. Even with hepatitis there are gray-zones of antibody levels which are 'borderline'

and one doesn't know whether to tell a patient he needs a booster of Heptavax to increase his antibody level or if he is a 'false-positive.' Perhaps the test results on that occasion were obtained by an overly cautious laboratory technician who read the results on the "high side." Then perhaps just repeating the antibody test on another occasion will supply further information and will help decide.

So, the antibody test for hepatitis in itself is an incomplete test. It only measures tracks left by the virus which could be hours, days, weeks, months, or years old. It would be nice if the infectious agent could be simply isolated as is the case in most bacterial infections. This is unavailable commercially for both hepatitis-B and retrovirus. This is unfortunate as it is likely much more predictive. For example, earlier this year Dr. Gallo isolated retrovirus from one of twenty-two presumed normal homosexual controls. That single culture-positive person came down with AIDS six months after he was surprised by being found culture positive!

An antibody test is less likely to be so predictive. Many positive results will probably be found in the Gay community among individuals that have had only past but not current infections with retrovirus, and like other infections, there will likely be carriers of retrovirus who have no disease or individuals with intermediate syndrome such as lymphadenopathy but not AIDS.

Nevertheless, many companies across the United States have begun applying for patents to begin marketing retroviral antibody test. One of the first applications will be by the Red Cross who will probably not allow positively tested blood to be transfused.

They have not decided whether to inform donors if they are test positive. One then begins to wonder about the legal ramifications of withholding this information from those donors. However, they worry that some people (Gays?) might give blood just to find out if they are test-positive. The thorniest question will probably be whether to tell recipients who have already received blood that is later found upon testing to be positive for retrovirus. They will of course misinterpret that they are certain to get AIDS. But the presence of retroviral antibodies will not mean that the donor could transmit AIDS nor would it mean that they even have the disease.

Having seen the hysteria associa-

ted with the AIDS epidemic there will probably be people with positive results who are told that they have AIDS. And there will probably be patients with negative results who do have AIDS. This gets into the sensitivity, specificity, and predictive values of laboratory testing which is beyond the scope of this article.

People will jump to wrong conclusions "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Health workers even now frequently confuse the T-cell ratio blood test to be diagnostic of AIDS which it is not. We know that T-cell ratios are poor predictors for AIDS. Much of the sexually active Gay male community have low T-cell ratios because of viral exposures.

I am not certain I would want the retroviral antibody test done. Arlo

Guthrie wouldn't take the blood test to determine if he had Huntington's Chorea which killed his father. Many Gays have rightfully turned down the flaky T-cell ratio which is expensive and can cause a lot of anxiety and sleepless nights if it is found to be low.

As well demonstrated by the AIDS epidemic, one can't count on rational thinking. Relationships and households broke up for the strangest of reasons. Will the retrovirus antibody test also taint positive patients who will be treated as lepers by both the Gay and straight communities?

It is wise to watch over the next few months for information on retroviral antibody testing and decide for yourself on its interpretation.

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## AIDS Documentary To Air

AIDS: Profile of an Epidemic will be shown Wednesday, August 29 on Channel 10 in Memphis and many other PBS outlets. A scanning of *TV Guide* listing for the week of August 25-31 revealed that neither Arkansas Education Television nor the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television will be broadcasting the special.

Produced by WNET, New York City's public station and hosted by TV actor Ed Asner, the documentary purports to clear up some of the misconceptions and myths about AIDS. It profiles five AIDS

patients: a Los Angeles Gay man who has Kaposi's Sarcoma, a 6-year-old born with the disease, an immigrant from Haiti, a Louisville, KY hemophiliac and an intravenous drug user who died while the film was being prepared.

It is estimated that more than 5000 people have contracted AIDS since 1979. AIDS patients find themselves victimized by societal misconceptions about the disease. According to Asner, they are plagued "by rejection, isolation, evictions and job firings."

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### An Interracial Gay People's Organization

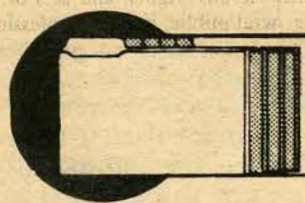
#### Calendar of Events - Everyone Welcome

- Sunday, August 26: **BWMT Brunch at the Benchmark**: 12 Noon
- Monday, August 27: **General Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Library Meeting Room A
- Thursday, September 6: **Action Committee**, 8:00 pm
- Saturday, September 8: **A Day at the Zoo** — Your chance to talk dirty to the animals
- Tuesday, September 11: **Support Group/CR**, 8:00 pm "Relating to Straight Men"
- Friday, September 14: **Voter Registration Activity**
- Sunday, September 16: **Cocktails and Board Meeting**, 4 pm
- Saturday, September 22: **Wine and Cheese Party**, 8:00 pm
- Monday, September 24: **General Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Library
- Thursday, September 27: **Support Group/CR** "To Vote or Not to Vote"
- Saturday, September 29: **Voter Registration Activity**
- Friday, October 5: **Voter Registration Activity**

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

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# Research

By Kevin Berrill and Judy Burns

The National Gay Task Force, in cooperation with eight local groups, has just released the first nationwide survey of anti-gay/lesbian violence. Part of the NGTF Violence Project's efforts to document the extent and nature of anti-gay/lesbian violence across the country, the survey indicates that harassment and attacks aimed at lesbians and gay men—specifically because of their sexual

**Have straight people ever done any of the following to you because of your sexual orientation:**

**Thrown objects at you?**

	YES	NO
Male	32.5%	67.5%
Female	16.1%	83.9%
Total	24.3%	75.7%

**Chased or followed you (either on foot or by car)?**

	YES	NO
Male	36.9%	63.1%
Female	30.5%	69.5%
Total	33.7%	66.3%

**Spit at you?**

	YES	NO
Male	14.3%	85.7%
Female	13.1%	86.9%
Total	13.7%	86.3%

orientation—are frequent.

Of the more than 2,000 gay people who responded to the survey at Gay Pride rallies and gay events in June and July, 1983, more than nine in ten respondents indicated that they experienced some type of victimization because of their sexual orientation, and more than eight in ten claimed to know other gay and lesbian people who had been victimized as well. Greater than one in five males, and nearly one in ten females, said they were punched, hit, kicked or beaten. Assaults with weapons were reported by one in ten males and one in twenty females. In many instances where subjects reported having been victimized, they indicated that it occurred multiple times.

In addition, one third of the respondents had been sexually harassed or assaulted because of their sexual orientation. And perhaps most disturbing, almost one in five had experienced abuse from the police, the officials supposedly responsible for protecting citizens.

Eight local groups participated in collecting survey data: Atlanta Gay Center (Atlanta GA), Watchline (Boston MA), Dallas Gay Alliance (Dallas TX), Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado (Denver CO), Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center (Los Angeles CA), New York City Gay/Lesbian Anti-Violence Project (New York NY), Celebration Committee (St. Louis MO), and the Dorian Group (Seattle WA). Seven other groups were invited to participate, but declined because of lack of volunteers or major events on which to focus surveying.

NGTF and the New York City Gay/Lesbian Anti-Violence Project had already conducted a pilot survey of violence among patrons of Man-

# NGTF Violence Survey Indicates Anti-Gay Violence Widespread

hattan gay and lesbian bars in May, 1983. Under the supervision of Ted Bohn, a graduate intern from the State University of New York, NGTF drafted a revision of the questionnaire for national distribution and sent it to the cooperating organizations.

These groups were asked to distribute 500 copies of the survey to equal members of men and women, preferably at a single survey site. Due to lack of time and/or volunteers, all cities fell short of the requested sample size of 500, although New York and Seattle came close. Nevertheless, all cities except St. Louis (33 responses) obtained samples large enough to provide sufficient power for statistical analysis.

A disproportionate number of the respondents were male. Of the 2,074 who identified themselves as predominantly or exclusively homosexual, 1,420 were men and 654 were women. New York and Los Angeles had the highest rate of female participation, but even those samples did not have an equal distribution, as had been requested.

**Punched, hit, kicked or beaten you?**

	YES	NO
Male	23.8%	76.2%
Female	9.1%	90.9%
Total	16.4%	83.6%

**Assaulted or wounded you with a weapon (gun, knife, baseball bat, bottles, etc.)?**

	YES	NO
Male	11.4%	88.6%
Female	5.0%	95.0%
Total	8.2%	91.8%

**Committed arson or vandalism against your property?**

	YES	NO
Male	20.4%	79.6%
Female	14.4%	85.6%
Total	17.4%	82.6%

The survey sample was limited in a number of other respects as well. Although lesbian and gay people are represented in every racial/ethnic group, age group and social class, our sample was mostly white (85%) and relatively young (average age, 30 for males and 28 for females). No information on personal income was requested; however, in all likelihood, the great majority of those sampled were middle class. Because the survey was conducted in gay/lesbian-identified contexts, it very likely excludes those who are marginal to the mainstream of our community. Despite these limitations, the consistently high rates of victimization in all survey locations and the considerable size and geographic diversity of the sample indicate reliably the widespread scope of anti-gay/lesbian harassment, threats and assaults.

The survey contains statistics for men, women, and total responses for each city surveyed. Because the sample is more than two-thirds male, percentages calculated from total responses would be unduly biased toward male responses. Although NGTF recognizes that gay males and lesbians are not necessarily equally represented in the general population or in differing geographic locations, it was our initial intention to obtain a sample with an equal membership of males and females. Therefore, "total" percentages were computed by averaging percentage responses of males and females.

The survey contained thirteen questions. Ten of them asked whether respondents had experienced various kinds of harassment, threats or attacks because of their sexual orientation, and if so, how many times. The remaining three asked about specific ways anti-

**Have you ever been called "faggot," "dyke," "sissy," "manhater," "queer," or other anti-gay/lesbian words by a straight person or persons?**

	YES	NO
Male	90.2%	9.8%
Female	77.5%	22.5%
Total	83.8%	16.2%

**Have you ever been threatened with physical violence by one or more straight person(s) because of your sexual orientation?**

	YES	NO
Male	48.9%	51.1%
Female	34.2%	65.8%
Total	41.5%	58.4%

gay violence has affected respondents' behavior and expectations.

Overwhelming numbers of males and females indicated they had been verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation. Eighty-six percent reported they had been called "faggot," "dyke," "manhater," "queer," or other anti-gay/lesbian words by a non-gay person or persons. In the second part of the question, 53% of respondents said they had experienced verbal harassment more than once, and 38% said "many times."

Because there is such diversity of opinion about what constitutes violence, researchers decided to list on the questionnaire specific aggressive or violent acts. Respondents were asked to state if they were ever subjected to any of them because of their sexual orientation.

Of those sampled, 24% said that non-gay people had thrown objects at them; 16% said they had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten, 8% reported having been assaulted or wounded with a weapon, and 17% said their property had been damaged or destroyed through arson or vandalism. More than 45% of those who reported having been victimized in any of the above contexts (except assault with a weapon)

**Have you ever been sexually harassed or assaulted by straight people because of your sexual orientation?**

	YES	NO
Male	28.5%	71.5%
Female	36.0%	64.0%
Total	32.3%	67.7%

**Would you say that you have modified your behavior because of anti-lesbian/gay violence (for example, have you taken a self-defense course, stopped walking with a lover, or a friend who is identifiably gay/lesbian, avoided certain gay/lesbian locations such as neighborhoods or bars, etc.)?**

	YES	NO
Male	39.2%	60.9%
Female	56.7%	43.2%
Total	48.0%	52.0%

went on to state that incidents occurred more than once or many times.

When asked if they had ever been harassed, threatened with violence or physically attacked by the police because of their sexual orientation, 18% of respondents answered yes. To keep the survey short enough to attract large numbers of respondents, NGTF was not able to ascertain how many of those who reported police harassment had actually experienced physical abuse. It is hoped that future surveys

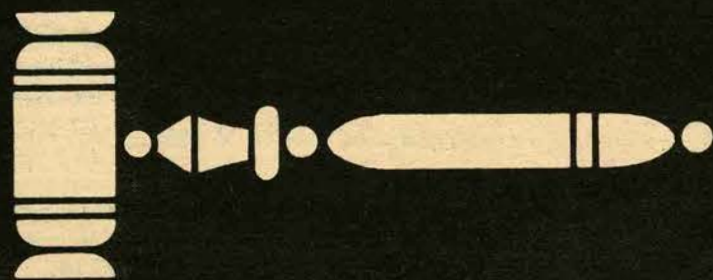
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can explore this question in greater depth.

Survey results also indicated that the perpetrators of anti-gay/lesbian violence are not always unknown to their victims. Thirty-four percent of respondents indicated that they had been taunted or harassed by family members or other relatives because of their sexual orientation. Seven percent of these had actually been physically attacked by family members.

Schools were also a frequent scene of anti-gay/lesbian incidents. Forty-five percent of males and 19% of females said they were harassed, threatened or physically attacked in high school or junior high school because they were perceived to be lesbian or gay.

Three questions on the survey examined respondents' expectations and behaviors concerning violence. When asked if violence and harassment had caused them to fear for their safety as gay men and lesbians, 64% responded affirmatively. Forty-eight percent said they had modified their behavior to avoid being victimized because of their sexual orientation, and 84% felt that they might possibly be the object of violence or harassment at some time in the future.

In general, more males than females reported having been victimized because of their sexual orientation. For example, 24% of males indicated they had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten by non-gay people as compared with 9% of women. Males in the study also reported

greater victimization by police and in school.

Women, on the other hand, reported higher rates of sexual harassment or assault and verbal abuse by family members. When asked whether they had ever been sexually harassed or assaulted by non-gay people because of their sexual orientation, significantly more females (36%) than males (29%) responded affirmatively.

The females in the study also expressed greater concern about homophobic violence: 70% agreed that violence was sufficiently prevalent for them to fear for their safety, as compared to 58% for males. In addition, significantly more females than males reported that they had modified their behavior to avoid an attack (57% and 39% respectively).

Differing rates of victimization reported by gay males and lesbians in the sample may possibly be associated with differences in visibility. In general, gay males have a higher profile than lesbians, and gay male establishments (such as bars, businesses and clubs) are far more numerous. Media coverage of the gay/lesbian community frequently focuses on men to the exclusion of women, reinforcing stereotypes in general, and lesbian invisibility in particular. Certain "looks" favored by some gay men are more widely known to the public and more readily identified by potential assailants.

Lifestyle may also be related to sex differences in rates of victimization. Gay men, like

men in general, "go out" more often, are more likely to travel alone, and more likely to visit areas where the risk of crime is greater. That significantly more females report that they fear anti-gay/lesbian violence and have modified their behavior to reduce the risk of an attack, may also contribute to the lower rates of certain types of violence that they experience. However, reducing risk often entails taking steps which reduce one's visibility, and this itself becomes another form of victimization.

While lifestyle and levels of visibility may have some bearing on sex differences in victimization, undoubtedly the primary cause of these disparities lies with those responsible for such incidents—the criminals. Because we could not collect data in this survey on assailants and their motivations, these considerations are outside the scope of this report.

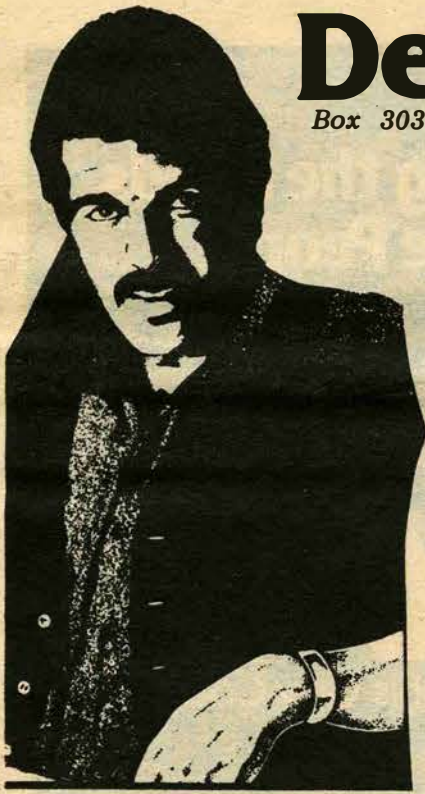
When responses to all questions regarding anti-gay/lesbian harassment, threats and attacks are collapsed, 93% of all respondents experienced at least one type of victimization. Moreover, 84% of all males and females said they knew other gay and lesbian individuals who have been harassed, threatened or attacked.

What all these statistics boil down to is that anti-gay/lesbian violence is a widespread problem that has at least some influence on the lives of many, perhaps most, gay men and lesbians. Yet, in spite of increasing national concern

with crime, victims' rights, and acts of bigotry—the general public, helping professionals, federal officials and the media are still largely ignorant about anti-gay/lesbian violence.

It was in the context of this evident need to document anti-gay/lesbian violence nationwide and draw public attention to it, that the Violence Project was formed in 1982. Violence Project staff and volunteers have been systematically clipping reports of anti-gay/lesbian from the gay press and—via the toll-free Crisisline—have been encouraging local groups and individuals to report incidents to NGTF. The survey provided a means of obtaining more broad-based data for at least a sample of localities across the country.

In the same way that other minorities document discrimination and bigotry, NGTF would like to do an annual violence audit culled from Crisisline calls, local violence projects, and articles in the media, in order to keep this issue before the public. Our ability to do so, however, depends on finding substantial funding support, as the violence audit is extremely costly both in actual dollars and cents, and in person hours.



# Dear Butch

Box 3038, Memphis, Tennessee 38173-0038

## Motive Examination in Order

That is when you can be a "genuinely concerned friend" and offer Kenny love and support through the difficult time.

DEAR BUTCH: I am 19, I live at home and I am going to college. I try to help out around the house by cleaning and dusting and I keep the pool cleaned. I don't get one red cent for all I do and I just don't feel that Mother and Dad appreciate me. They are paying my college tuition but they owe me that for bringing me into this world.

But the last straw was when Mother took back the gas credit card she had given me. I just don't know what to do. — Upset.

DEAR UPSET: I think parents should take care of you until you are 18 or 19 and provide your education through high school. That's what they "owe" you.

Your parents are paying tuition, saving you food and rent expense by letting you live at home (with your own pool) and you're complaining? A lot of struggling students would trade places with you in an instant.

Your mother probably decided it was time for you to take on some responsibility for yourself and since you weren't doing that on your own, taking back the credit card was the impetus to get you off your butt. Expecting you to get a part-time job to pay for your miscellaneous expenses is not unreasonable.

Stop belly-aching and get a job. You said your parents didn't appreciate YOU. Sounds to me like it's

the other way around.

DEAR BUTCH: I have a couple of friends (not real close) and quite frankly, I can't see how Betty and Joan have managed to stay together as long as they have.

They are old school LESBIANS, political and feminist and either one could have been the inspiration for the misconception of a Gay woman. In a word — they are "dykes."

What really upsets me is Joan's treatment of Betty. Joan acts the "male part" in their relationship and treats Betty like dirt. Joan's is always the decision that they follow and there is no room for discussion or disagreement from Betty. Joan has, on several occasions, in my pre-

sence, verbally abused Betty in a way you seldom hear one human being talk to another. I was so taken aback, I was speechless.

I've known these two for about three years and understand they've been together for a long time. But why does Betty put up with this treatment? I certainly wouldn't! How can this relationship last? — Just Can't Believe It

DEAR JUST CAN'T: It's very strange how the older women protest so loudly against patriarchy, rebel against male domination, and yet in their behavior and dress, they assume masculine characteristics and in their relationships, they have "male" and "female" roles. I suppose they felt they needed some pattern to follow and straight marriage is the only pattern available. Fortunately, this is not true of all "older" Gay women and even less frequent in the younger ones.

Abuse is another "straight pattern" carried over into the Gay lifestyle which would have been better left behind. I understand the superi-

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DEAR BUTCH: I have known Kenny for a long time and we are very close. When he and Max got together two years ago, I was very skeptical about the relationship. But everything seemed to be fine for a while.

But, as I knew he would, Max has started sleeping around behind Kenny's back and it just tears me up to see Max hurt Kenny like that.

I think I should tell Kenny but many of my friends tell me "to stay out of it." What do you say? — A Genuinely Concerned Friend.

DEAR FRIEND: I think you should examine your motives and not be so anxious to be the bearer of bad news. From the tone of your letter, I would say there is a certain animosity between you and Max.

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# Counterpoint Error In Judgement

by Charlie McMullen

The recent case of Vanessa Williams' situation with the Miss America pageant brings to mind judgments made by some women recently that may shed some light on some men and their actions and reactions.

Driving from downtown one evening recently, a friend and I noticed a lone female bicyclist yelling at a car of men who were harassing her. She was angry enough to kick at their car, as we in traffic watched. As we pulled away from the red light, the men got out and one took a swing at the woman. My friend and I and another car turned around to help. The men jumped back in their car and the woman, still on her bicycle, rode away. She told us the men grabbed at her, yelled at her and she became very angry and yelled back. She tried to defend herself for she felt someone in traffic would help. She did have help this time because we returned to offer assistance. But I couldn't help thinking how dangerous the situation could have been and I even felt she should not have been bicy-

cling alone at night. But I was wrong.

Did this woman err in her judgement to be riding alone at night and then to defend herself against such a sickening spineless outburst by the men? Or did those men err in their judgement to grab at and accost an innocent bicyclist? Maybe the woman was some wrong to bicycle alone but the men were much more wrong to take advantage of what seemed to be an easy object of their hateful harassment. Furthermore, it is wrong for onlookers to blame someone, like this woman, for an action that in itself is innocent but becomes dangerous with the realities of our violent world.

The woman is obviously trying to "take back the night" by not giving in to the potential dangers and inconveniences of the violence around. Also, it is wrong for us to let harassment and assumption of danger preclude freedom to live our lives as we choose whether that means riding a bicycle at night or not watching the Playboy Channel or even buying a copy of *Penthouse* magazine because it has nude photos of Miss America.

Now, there is no doubt, Vanessa

Williams caused herself a lot of grief posing for pictures that perhaps she felt would never be published. Her ordeal has opened a lot of discussion about the purpose, reputation, etc. of the pageant and even the ethics of such a male-dominated magazine as *Penthouse* and this is all good, though it is quite traumatic for Miss Williams.

Her judgement about doing the pictures does not reflect on the pageant or its wholesomeness but on Miss Williams herself — after all, the pictures were taken before the pageant and neither she nor the pageant officials had any idea she would win the title and represent so many good people. But *Penthouse* magazine's printing of the pictures and people's reaction to the situation, reflect things also.

For example, the day the magazine came out, an FM-100 deejay

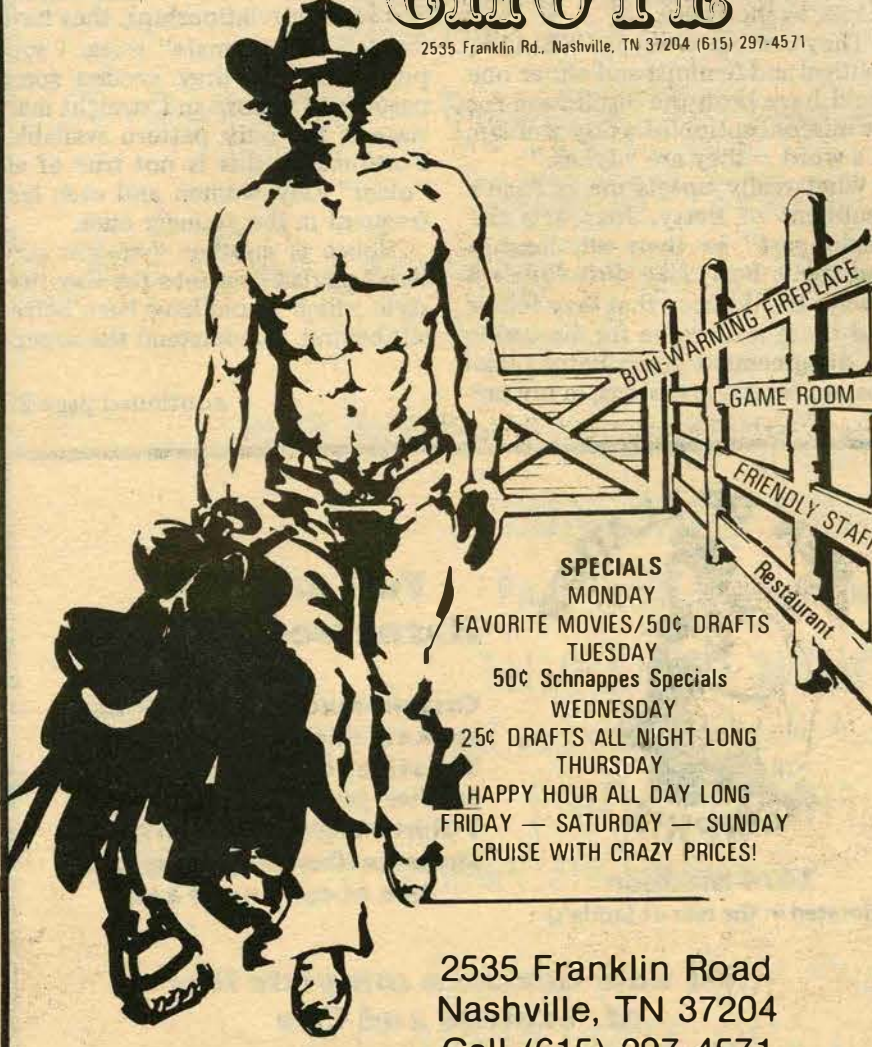
and his on-the-air cohorts verbally reacted to the photography by making sexist remarks and describing in detail for radio listeners the photos: "Oh no, look at this one," "they look like dogs here," etc.

Now, Miss Williams and the Memphis woman bicyclist put themselves in positions vulnerable to harassment and some consider this wrong. But what about the judgement of three highly-paid radio employees and three night riders who seize the opportunity to publicly display their desire to harass, overpower and hurt two women? Are the radio employees in the same category as the night riders and does their reaction and judgement in these situations reflect their personal desires and perhaps the desires of the people they think they impress?

Yes, yes, yes.


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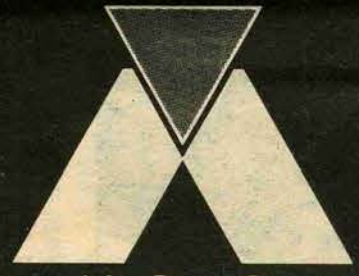


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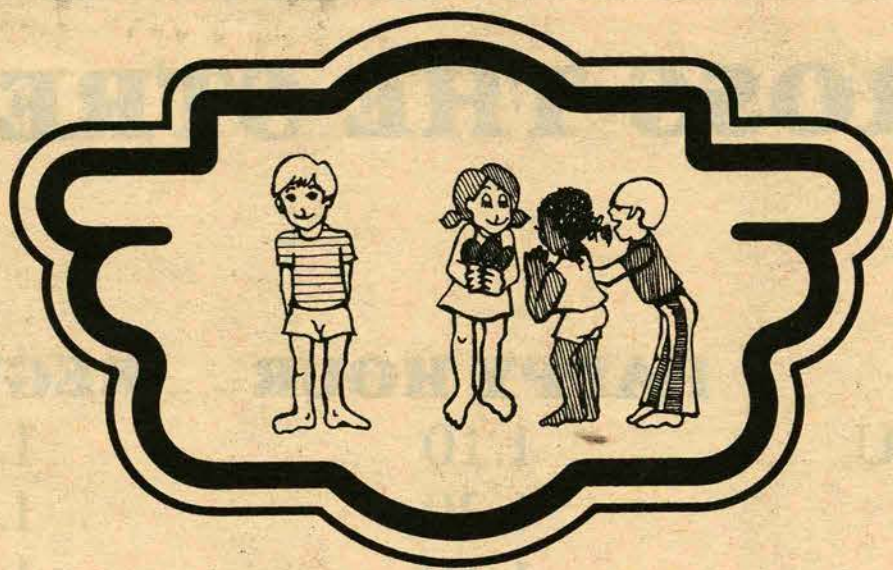
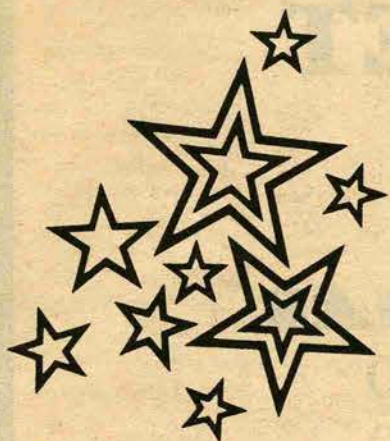
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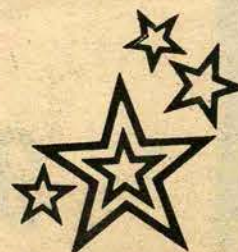
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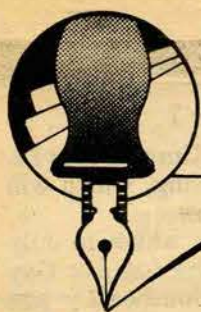
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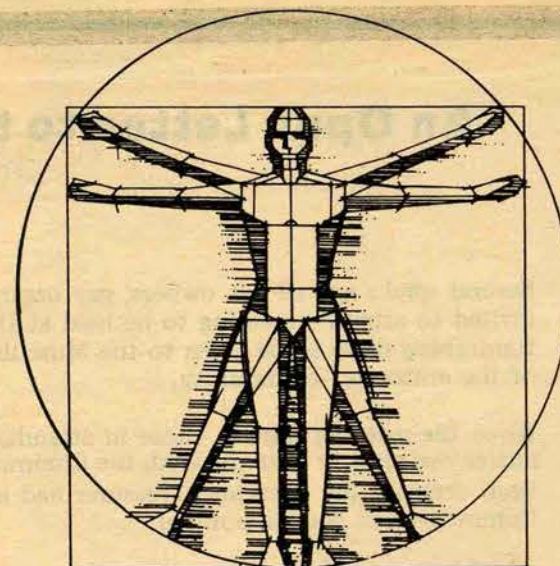
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## The Torture

Spiral movement down the chain  
Stepping over skeletal remains  
On the ancient shore  
Where only the day has changed  
And I have aged

At the decrepit watchtower  
We all used to play  
'til we discovered that one of us  
Was not the same  
For I am different in every way  
And you could not accept my changes  
And with a tear  
Sprinted out of my life forever

Stumble and almost injure  
On a scrap of glass from a golden ale bottle  
Playing footsie with the tide  
There is no reason for this torture  
I have reaped what I planted  
Many steadfast friends — a career with a beat  
The dreams I stopped at nothing to achieve

Yet I had expected something more  
Someone waiting at the door  
When I come home at four in the morning  
A strand of your black hair  
In the bathroom sink

It will never be  
For I have chosen  
And you're second  
You said that you could never  
be anything but first  
The waves will kiss my fresh scraped shin  
I will never come here again

— Tom Jackson

## WRONG PEOPLE

I was told by a most pious person that I was seen  
with the wrong people.

Another day I was told my most pious, "I want  
to help you."

One is told. . . there are wrong people! !  
Who. . . needs the help?

There are no wrong people.  
This person understands not a soul of others.  
This person understands not a feeling of others.  
This person understands not others.

We must work together to explain  
United We Stand

— dvm

## You!

You came to me  
In my hour of need  
And removed the thorn  
Which had caused my soul to bleed

You were kind and gentle  
But above all, understanding  
As you kissed away my tears  
And rekindled the flame.

You gave me your love  
And asked nothing in return  
As you lit the flame, which  
To this day burns.

So now, when I see your warm smile  
And dancing eyes,  
I think of our first meeting  
And remember. . .

You came to me  
In my hour of need  
And removed the thorn  
Which had caused my soul to bleed.

—Den Smith

## Perry's Summer Job

The Speedo slides easily down his well oiled thighs  
as sweat bathes his body in an effort to quench his  
heat  
He stretches and ripples race across his taunt tanned  
chest.  
Blonde wisps of pubic hair dance gently in the summer breezes  
of a hot August noon.  
He is one with the sun.

Silently he reaches for the weathered tube of lotion.  
A hard squeeze shoots its cream across the eager palm.  
He smiles as the hand begins its familiar descent.  
His fire now spreads from shoulder to groin.

His pulse quickens in between deep  
deep breaths.  
He trembles with each firm stroke.  
A movement . . .  
A moan escapes his parched lips.  
He is finished and he wipes the residue away.  
Quietly he muses. . .  
"It's a shame you have to go through such a hassle  
to get a good tan."

— Danny Pike



# Branigan

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old girl off!" Ric Kinsman will supervise the remodeling, which will begin days from now.

Warehouse 28 — which in July was voted one of the *top five* Gay nightspots in the Southeast — presented the second annual Miss Warehouse pageant on Sunday night, August 19. The dozen contestants modeled evening gowns and sportswear and then competed in talent and question-and-answer categories. The contestants crowned Miss Warehouse received five hundred dollars and went on to compete in the Miss Gay Tennessee pageant at The Cabaret in Nashville on Wednesday night, August 22, 1984.

Concerts, plays, picnics, pageants, worship services, voter registration...The summer of 1984 certainly was unique...But the autumn of the year promises to be just as eventful and exciting for Lesbians and Gay men here in Nashville.

## Documentary

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The film also looks into the findings linking AIDS to a single virus — and offers some hope.

Comment: Public Television stations in many areas are underwritten by viewer contributions. PTV everywhere is supported by tax dollars. If this program is airing in your area, we suggest you call or write the program director of your local station and communicate your appreciation. If, on the other hand, your local affiliate is not running it, find out why. Ed.

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# COMMENTARY

The following is a portion of a letter sent to Bill Johnson. Allen and I hope that perhaps it will help to explain our feelings and our position when we first received Bill's letter telling us we would have to change the name of *Gaze*. It also responds to various other letters we have received from Bill, including the one printed on the front page of this issue.

— John Stilwell

Dear Bill,

The article on the front page of the July/August '84 issue of *Gaze* was not written to insult, hurt or assault you and we are both sorry you perceive it as such. It is a misinterpretation on your part.

However, when one becomes a public figure or takes on responsibilities like *Gaze* or the Memphis Gay Coalition or the Political Caucus or Associate Director of the ACLU, it is a given that that person may be called on to give an accounting of their actions (or inaction) and decisions and those actions (or inactions) and decisions may be challenged and criticized.

You accuse us of attacking the ACLU. The Coalition, *Gaze* and Allen and I are aware of and appreciate the work of the ACLU. We have supported the ACLU in the past and will continue to support it. *Gaze* publishes ACLU press releases, publicizes ACLU publications and the July/August '84 issue carried a free ad for *The Rights of Gay People*, an ACLU release.

Your place of employment would not be pertinent if you worked for First Tennessee Bank, for instance, but you don't. As a human rights organization, the ACLU has always worked very closely with the Gay community in Memphis and has always been a very "visible" force in the Gay community and straight community until you became Associate Director.

We would not dream of attacking the ACLU but we would question the effectiveness of their representative in Memphis.

You say that "I feel that I have accomplished more for Lesbian and Gay rights since moving onward from *Gaze* and MGC then when I was involved with them."

If this is true, why have you not shared these accomplishments with the Gay community through the local Gay media — *Gaze*? Why did you not use us to publicize your annual rummage sale? (We have always done this for free, in the past) Why did the ACLU arrange for Dr. Dan Siminoski to come to Memphis and then have no representative available to take care of him? (The Memphis Gay Coalition met him, fed him, housed him and arranged speaking engagements for him.) And why was the ACLU banner noticeably missing from the '83 Gay Pride March and Rally and the '84 Gay Pride Rally?

I suppose some people may wonder why we did not just "respect" your wishes and change the name of the newspaper. That is why we mentioned the way you had abandoned everything. As the author of numerous editorials lambasting the community for not coming out, for not helping, for not supporting the Coalition and *Gaze* and for being content to allow others to do all the work, you then walked away from everything without any apparent concern about whether or not there was somebody else willing or capable of taking over. That is why we lost respect for you and your wishes.

You are right "the 'facts' should be known." Unfortunately, that may not be possible since no written record of what happened and what was said exists (to my knowledge) and the collected "remembrances" of that time vary significantly. The editorial you chose to quote from, written by your former lover, is another person's memory of what happened.

In your July 11 letter, you said, "I had no idea you would take it so personally." Let me try to explain why we did.

When Ric came to me and asked me to take over the paper, I was floored. You had told him the November '82 issue was the last that you were doing and he needed to find someone else to do it.

When Allen and I took over, the ad revenues from the current issue were going to pay for the previous edition. The last two full pages of advertising you had sold to a new bar were never paid for. (The money was lost when the bar owner declared bankruptcy.)

Fortunately, Allen had begun working with Ken Hagenback some months earlier so he had some idea of how the paper went together. It was a long difficult learning process and we made lots of mistakes. But we learned and we're still learning.

In a year-and-a-half, the paper has turned around. Current issues are paying for themselves with excess revenue going to pay for non-revenue producing services like the Switchboard. Circulation has doubled, we've reached out to East Tennessee and there are now more "real" people working on the paper than ever before.

At a time when the Memphis area is being hit with various other Gay publications and after all our work — you wanted to take away our identity and make us re-establish ourselves.

Yes, we took that personally.

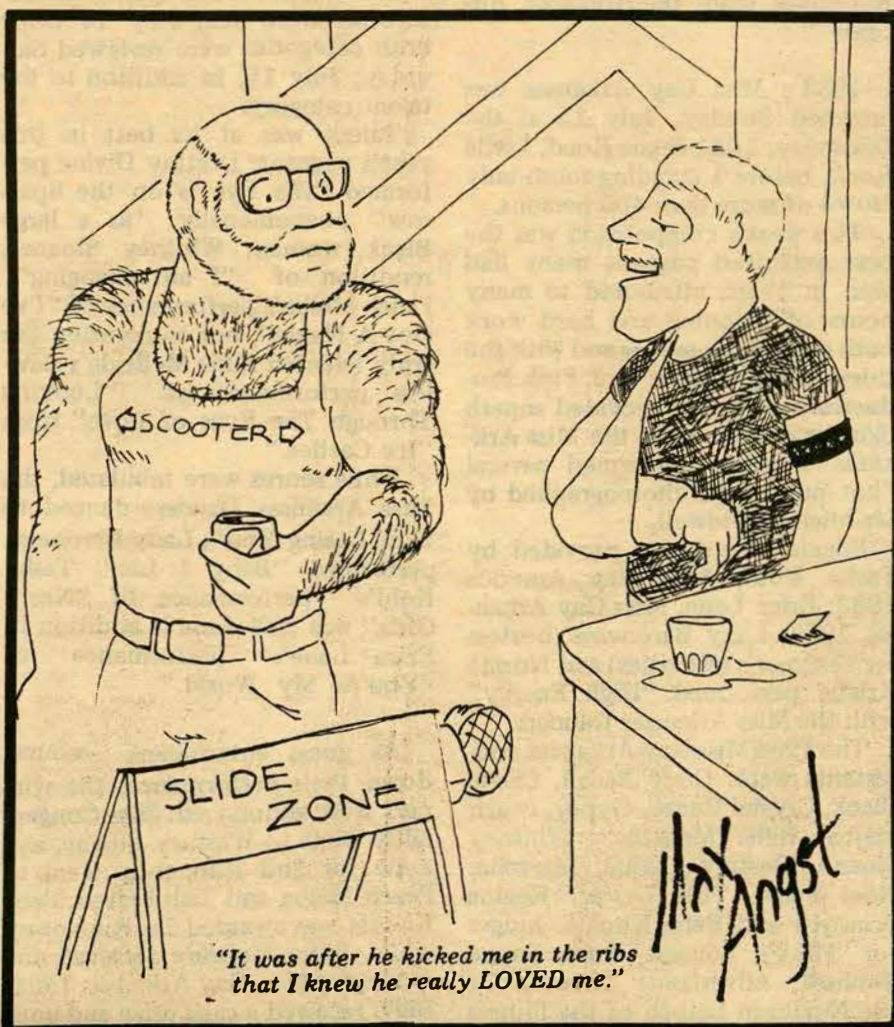
You've called it a thankless job. If individual accounts can be believed, you put people down, discouraged them, refused their help and drove them away until there was no one left but you and your "concocted cast of characters." If your job was difficult it's because you made it difficult.

We have found it to be hard

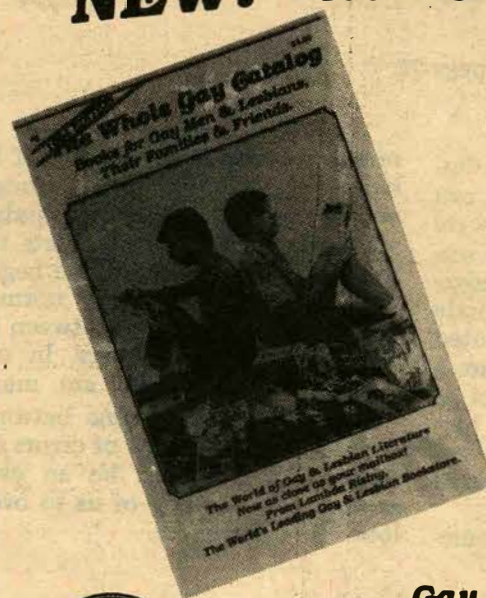
work but also very rewarding. Putting aside the few "flakes" you run into, there are plenty of people willing to help if you'll just let them.

If you had a dream and idea, we made the dream real and the idea

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# Miss Gay Arkansas Crowned in Little Rock

by Todd Williams  
Reprinted from the *Arkansas Ad-visor*

1984's Miss Gay Arkansas was crowned Sunday, July 15 at the Discovery, 1021 Jessie Road, Little Rock, before a standing-room-only crowd of more than 400 persons.

This year's competition was the best organized pageant many had seen in years, attributed to many hours of planning and hard work both behind-the-scenes and with the thirteen contestants. R. J. Fink Productions of Dallas provided superb lighting effects while the Miss Arkansas Dancers performed several "hot numbers", choreographed by Mr Michael Tidwell.

Special talent was provided by Tasha Kohl, Miss Gay America 1983; Erica Lane, Miss Gay Arkansas 1983; Lady Baronessa (hostess for this year's festivities) and Norma Kristie performed "High Energy" with the Miss Arkansas Dancers.

The 1984 Miss Gay Arkansas contestants were: Cody Bacall, Carrie Black, Crystal Renee, Gypsy, Peach Melba, Billie McBride, Whitney Sloane, Destiny Divine, Marvella, Noel Paige, Tish LaNae, Regina Scarlotti and Febe Khoale. Judges for 1984's contest were Emma Shohoff, Advertising Director for the Northern branch of the Illinois Tupperware Division; Jerry Byrd, promoter of the Miss Gay Texas pageant and Donna Crane, Administrative Assistant for the Miss Gay

America pageant.

Evening gown and sportswear categories were held July 14 while both categories were reviewed Saturday, July 15, in addition to the talent category.

Talent was at its best in this year's pageant. Destiny Divine performed "His Eye is on the Sparrow" phenomenally, as a large Black woman; Whitney Sloane's rendition of "I am changing"; Peach Melba's performance of "I've Got A Name", not to mention the truly talented Billie McBride's flawless performance of "Looking Through The Eyes of Love" from "Ice Castles."

While scores were tabulated, the Miss Arkansas Dancers danced to "I'm Losing You"; Lady Baronessa performed "Baby I Lie"; Tasha Kohl's performance of "Nasty Girls" was well done in addition to Erica Lane's performance of "You're My World."

As guest entertainers wound down their performance, the winners were announced. Miss Congeniality went to Whitney Sloane, and a tie for 2nd Runner-up went to Peach Melba and Tish LaNae. Febe Khoale was awarded 1st Runner-up while Billie McBride received the crown for Miss Gay Arkansas 1984. Billie received a cash prize and both winner and 1st Runner-up will compete in the Miss Gay America pageant September 17-23 in Dallas, Texas.

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\$1.50. The Detour also features "long mugs," thirty-six ounce mugs of beer, at \$2.00 each. ("Long mugs" are only \$1.25 all night long on Tuesdays.)

So all you Nashville people and visitors to Nashville who are looking for something fresh and excit-

ing, why not deviate from your regular path, change your course, and take The Detour that won't get you lost!

Gaze and Jeff Thompson welcome Nashvillian Timothy James to the newspaper's Music City staff.

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tems.

Kelly and Charlie both performed energetically during a concert with all the other musicians. Though their songs weren't quite as traditional as other's original songs about dairy farmers, etc., neither performer felt out of place. It is apparent Gay and Lesbian perspectives are a part of folk tradition today as farmers', womens' or Indians'. The inclusive attitude of the Gathering embraced traditional folk

values as well as values of recently liberated folk and the theme of music meant for healing and change was really celebrated. From Barbara Tilsen's rendition of Holly Near's *No More Genocide* (with her own lyrics) to Charlie's performance with the audience participation workshop (in a circle — holding hands) of Holly Near's *Singing For Our Lives*, progressive change rooted in musical expression was the order of the day in Kansas City.



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All the errors in judgement described here, while unfortunate, can be separated into bad and worse accordingly with the men and women in these situations. The judgments of the women to pose nude or to ride a bicycle are not rooted in hatred or hurt but rather are a matter of what seemed correct at the time. It is obvious that to harass or strike out at someone is not the thing to just "do" and is based in some sort of hatred.

To just go out and accost some-

one or to slander them even if by suggestion, is truly error in judgement or perhaps reflects no judgement at all. Maybe it reflects the hatred that some people are beginning to feel is perfectly normal. There is no difference between the day and the night riders. In our complex world, there are many wrongs. But distinctions between bad and worse wrongs or errors are there, and it would be an even graver error for any of us to overlook the differences.

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ority of verbal abuse over physical abuse. With verbal abuse, you can hit harder and deeper, it hurts longer and there is no physical evidence of the attack. Like you, I wouldn't tolerate it.

Perhaps Betty comes from a home where one or both parents were abusive. In that case, she may think that sort of thing is normal. Perhaps her self-esteem is so low (and kept low by the continued abuse), that she believes she deserves it. If one of these is the case, I would urge her to seek professional counseling.

And just possibly, the love they share when they are alone may be good enough and strong enough to minimize the bad treatment.

You and I will probably never know for sure why Betty stays. It may be as simple as wanting someone to take care of her and make all those decisions and in return for that, she may be willing to put up with some unpleasantness.

At any rate, they've been together for many years, so something is working right and in the end, that's all that matters.



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Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing  
National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 40982, Memphis, 38104  
The Queen's Men (TQM): social, private membership, no address listing  
Phoenix: Gay AA; meets Wed., 8 pm Fri., 10 pm; Sun., 8 pm. 2009 Lamar, 365-7153.  
Tsarus: social, levi-leather/ motorcycle, private membership, Box 41082, Mphs, 38174-1082.

## MEDIA

Gaze: newspaper, monthly; Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038 (901) 454-1411  
Lambda Televideo: TV, monthly program Views from 10%, cable channel 7, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038

## HELPLINES

Gay Switchboard: information, crisis, referrals, counseling, 726-GAYY.  
Rape Crisis: 528-2161  
Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477

## RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Across The Street: bar, 1349 Madison, 726-9875.  
Adams Family Restaurant: Home cooking, 1782 Madison, 725-7336.  
The Eighth Day: bar, pizza/beer, 1382 Poplar, 725-9877  
The French Connection: restaurant, bar, dining menu; 598 Marshall, 526-1038  
George's: showbar, large disco; 600 Marshall, 526-1038  
Harvey's: restaurant/showbar, 94 S. Front, 525-3456.  
J-Wag's: bar, serves food, moderate menu, games, patio, late hrs., 1268 Madison, 726-9011.  
Jackie's: bar, 1474 Madison Ave., 272-1104.

The Other Side: bar, large disco, restaurant, showbar, late hours. 12 N. Cleveland, 726-9245.  
The Pendulum: bar, serves food, limited menu; 92 N. Avalon, 725-1530

P.W. Bumps: bar, serves food, limited menu; 238 N. Cleveland, 726-9953  
Trapper John's: bar, disco, late hrs., 616 Marshall, 527-6348.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Airport Adult Theatre: bookstore, 2214 Brooks Rd E, 345-0657.  
Book Cottage (Overton Square): mainstream book store, includes section of Gay/Lesbian novels and nonfiction; 2113 Madison Ave., 726-5857

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NASHVILLE

### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

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

The Chute: Restaurant, bar, 2535 Franklin Road., (615) 297-4571  
Crazy Cowboy: bar; 2311 Franklin Road (615) 383-9493

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

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

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

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

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

Timberfell: accomodation, Rte 11, Box 94A, 37743, (615) 234-9272.

## CHATTANOOGA

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

## CLARKSVILLE

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

## JOHNSON CITY

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

## KNOXVILLE

### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

## BARS AND RESTAURANTS

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

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

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

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

## LITTLE ROCK

### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MEDIA

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

## RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

Lil's Country Pub: 1701 University, Little Rock, AR (501) 663-8682

The Palladium: 101 S. Victory, Little Rock, AR (501) 372-2372

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

University Adult Arcade, 6316 Asher Ave., (501) 568-2952

## MISSISSIPPI

### ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MEDIA

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

## BARS AND RESTAURANTS

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

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

Jack's Saloon: 208 W. Capitol, Jackson, MS 39201 (601) 354-9588

Jill's: (at Jack's) see listing above.

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