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News of Interest to the Gay Community



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GAYS RAISE RECORD AMOUNT FOR MDA

by Allen Cook

Proving that the Gay community has a heart, over \$9000 was donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) over the Labor Day Weekend.

By far, the most significant fund-raising for MDA was done by the newly organized Memphis "Gay" Select Committee of Activities for MDA which presented a check for \$8,266 on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon in the name of the Gay community.

Other fund-raising activities held separately from the Select Committee's netted approximately \$1207.

A controversy arose at the organizational meeting during which it was determined that The Other Side would serve as the host bar for the final events. Three barowners (Jackie Wilson of Jackie's, Tommy Stewart of J-Wag's and Jerry Marlin of Trapper John's) elected not to participate in the organized events but to sponsor their own events and separately donate to MDA.

George Wilson, in the name of

The Georgetown Inn personally donated \$2000 to the effort according to a final report issued by Committee Chairman Danny Ray. According to the report, the \$8266 raised was done so by more than a hundred people donating time, money and articles for auctioning.

The auctions held by the Queen's Men and Gay-A-Thon netted a total of \$1,022. Pool and Shuffleboard tournaments at various bars brought in \$252 and various donations from individuals or organizations raised \$2,275. Canister collections and various other fundraising events accounted for the remainder.

The final report indicates that \$2,116.86 worth of expenses in organizing the drive were absorbed by Danny Ray, including 21 kegs of draft beer, printing, postage, etc.

Not reflected in the totals given by Ray or on the Telethon were the donations given by the three bars not participating in the Gay-A-Thon.

Trapper John's held a show on August 30 during which \$676 was raised.

Jackie's held a bicycle raffle and a special event on August 27 which resulted in a \$526 donation to MDA.

J-Wag's staged an auction on August 26 during which \$505 was donated to Jerry's Kids.

John Salvati and Danny Ray appeared on Channel 3's local break in the annual telethon. Jerry Tate, anchorman for Channel 3's news accepted the check from the two and questioned them on how the money was raised. Ray indicated that the entire Gay community had

participated and many events had culminated in a Gay-A-Thon held the previous night.

It should be noted that the donation by the Memphis Gay community outstripped the total for many of the smaller Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee towns. The donation is believed to be the largest non-corporate donation received locally.

Anne Welke, District Director for MDA put the local total at \$418,522 and the nationwide total at \$32,074,566.

P-FLAG Wins Charter in Mississippi

After several attempts stretching over the years, the Mississippi Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has succeeded in obtaining a non-profit charter from the state of Mississippi.

According to Eddie Sandifer, who is involved with PFLAG and the Mississippi Gay Alliance, the battle will continue for chartering the second group which has been repeatedly denied a charter.

No stranger to controversy, Sandifer submitted to the attorney general's office a charter identical to the MGA submission with the exception that the group's name is listed as "The Mississippi Alliance For Human Rights." That charter received approval in April and may be the basis of a legal challenge.

According to Richard Allen, Mississippi Special Attorney General, the state has denied MGA a charter because of its purported subversion of the state's sodomy statute. Sandifer simply calls it discrimination and cites the state's record in thwarting progressive legislation. In an August, 1983 denial of a charter, Allen states, "For the state of Mississippi to approve a non-profit corporate charter of the

type you submit would ostensibly give legal status to an organization dedicated on its face to subverting this criminal statute." The statute quoted in the letter was originally passed in 1848.

Other than the name of the organization, supporters say there is nothing in the charter which would subvert that state's sodomy statute. In fact, Sandifer says, it uses language from other charters (for non-Gay organizations) which have already been approved.

Mark Turkel, an attorney engaged by LLDEF, said that before the parent's group charter was approved, the governor's office "told me that there were words in the corporate charter which might be deemed pornographic or obscene." I told her that was totally ludicrous and that we (LLDEF) were prepared to file suit if we didn't get the charter." The charter was subsequently approved.

Turkel told the *Gay Community News* that he believes the problem is with the name of the organization and cites the approval of the Mississippi Alliance for Human Rights as evidence.

Little Rock's Palladium Gutted by Fire

by Todd Williams
Little Rock Correspondent

A fire termed "suspicious" destroyed the Palladium restaurant, one of Little Rock's four Gay bars, and an adjacent advertising agency office in the old Terminal Hotel building which housed the Palladium.

The fire, which caused damages of more than \$300,000, was reported at about 5:30 am on September 11th. Eighteen residents of the Station House apartments located on the second floor of the building had to flee for their lives along smoke filled hallways. No one was injured in the blaze.

An article in the September 12th edition of the *Arkansas Gazette* quoted Lawrence Natanson, owner of the Palladium, as saying he believed the fire was related to a string of fires at six restaurants and bars in

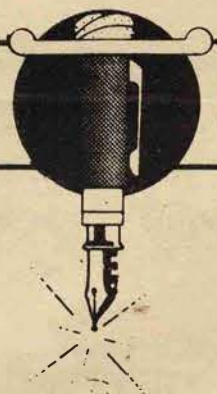
central Arkansas last year. Inspector Gary Jones of the Little Rock Fire Marshall's office said the fire spread quickly throughout the building. Inspectors later found "trace evidence" of what they believe to be flammable material. It was turned over to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

A security guard employed by the train station which is located across the street from the Palladium told investigators that he heard an explosion, saw flames and then spotted a man wearing a white T-shirt running away from the building. Police also noted that a white male about 30-years-old and wearing a white T-shirt was seen leaving the area in a late model brown Chevrolet pickup truck.

At press time, it is not known whether Natanson plans to reopen for business.

INSIDE

Memphis, Little Rock and Nashville news, a review of "Little Shop of Horrors," music and book reviews, classifieds, national and regional news and much more. As a matter of fact, this is the largest issue of Gaze ever! Read on!



Tradition Is Fine, But...

by John Stilwell

Well MDA '84 is behind us. Credit should be given to Danny Ray and Wayne Newsome for taking the initiative to continue the tradition and for the wonderful job of organizing that they did. But in spite of the amount of money raised, it was ultimately a failure because rather than uniting the Gay community, it split the community and left many with hard feelings.

Who did what and why are moot points at this time but this is the time to consider whether or not this tradition should continue.

MDA is a worthy cause but these days we have a disease that is killing members of our community. Our community is constantly fighting to get Federal funds released for research into AIDS. There are no nationwide fundraisers being led by well-known actresses or actors for AIDS. Money sent to MDA might reach a Gay person, but isn't our time, our effort and our money better spent if we send it where we know it will help Gay people? No one is helping us so we should first take care of our own.

Is forty-five seconds on television worth all the work and money? Will it change things one iota for Gays in Memphis? I think not.

In the overall picture, the money donated from the Gay community was miniscule compared to the total amount collected for MDA. Yet, that same amount of money could have been funneled back into the Gay community to start a much-needed community center and that same amount of money would have been like a small fortune.

I believe in and respect tradition, but there comes a time to question whether that tradition is worthwhile or whether it's counter-productive. We don't need to tell Memphis it has a Gay community anymore. By now, they should know.

We have problems of our own these days. We have the AIDS epidemic. We have 18-21-year-olds who have been forced out of their primary places of social activity and who have no place to go. We have

underaged people who have a healthy attitude about their sexuality, again with no place to socialize.

No one in the straight community has made any effort to address these problems. In fact, the trend is to drive all of us back into hiding.

So I think it's time we decide what is important: 45 seconds on television once a year or an ongoing effort to make life better for Gays in Memphis! To me the choice is clear. I know where and on what my money is best spent.

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee — It's South American

by Charlie McMullen

Progressive work is reaching a new level in the home of the free and the brave. For the first time since the civil rights movement, a new important struggle is becoming apparent in terms of world liberation. This movement is the search for peace in South America and this work is active here in the United States.

Holly Near, cultural worker/singer/activist and an exiled Chilean folk group — Inti-Illimani — have worked together this year (they met years ago) in concerts, recording and fundraising for various countries in South America. Their concert tour, "Singing For Peace in the Americas" is a dramatic cultural and political marriage celebrating peace and unity despite diversity. Holly and Inti are committed to

music of change and inspiration for repressed people but their work together means more than that.

Even though the civil rights, women's and Gay/Lesbian movements still have much to do, we are at a comfortable point in this country in terms of actual standards of fairness for everyone. Voting, job security and anti-discrimination laws are well into effect in America and even though inequities still exist, reasonable security is offered to minorities. The point is the progressive change movement is now focusing on other countries where peace and justice is not realized for their peoples. In other words with the help of pioneers like Near and Inti-Illimani, the peaceful work against injustice that has been personified in Martin Luther King and others in America continues.

The duality represented is this:

North American work for peace in South America — naturally brings to mind other double meanings. The U.S. government which has historically (in this century) made laws in support of many minorities is now supporting repressive dictatorships in South America. Holly and others choose instead to support the working people of these countries and their spirit to decide their own fate and government. The music of Holly and Inti-Illimani is truly a celebration of the spirit of the everyday people everywhere. But their focus on South America is the logical step in the progressive concern for others. To help our neighbors and relatives with the harmony of music seems a better cup from which to drink than the cup that quenches the thirst of war machines and dictatorships.

(See related article on page 20)

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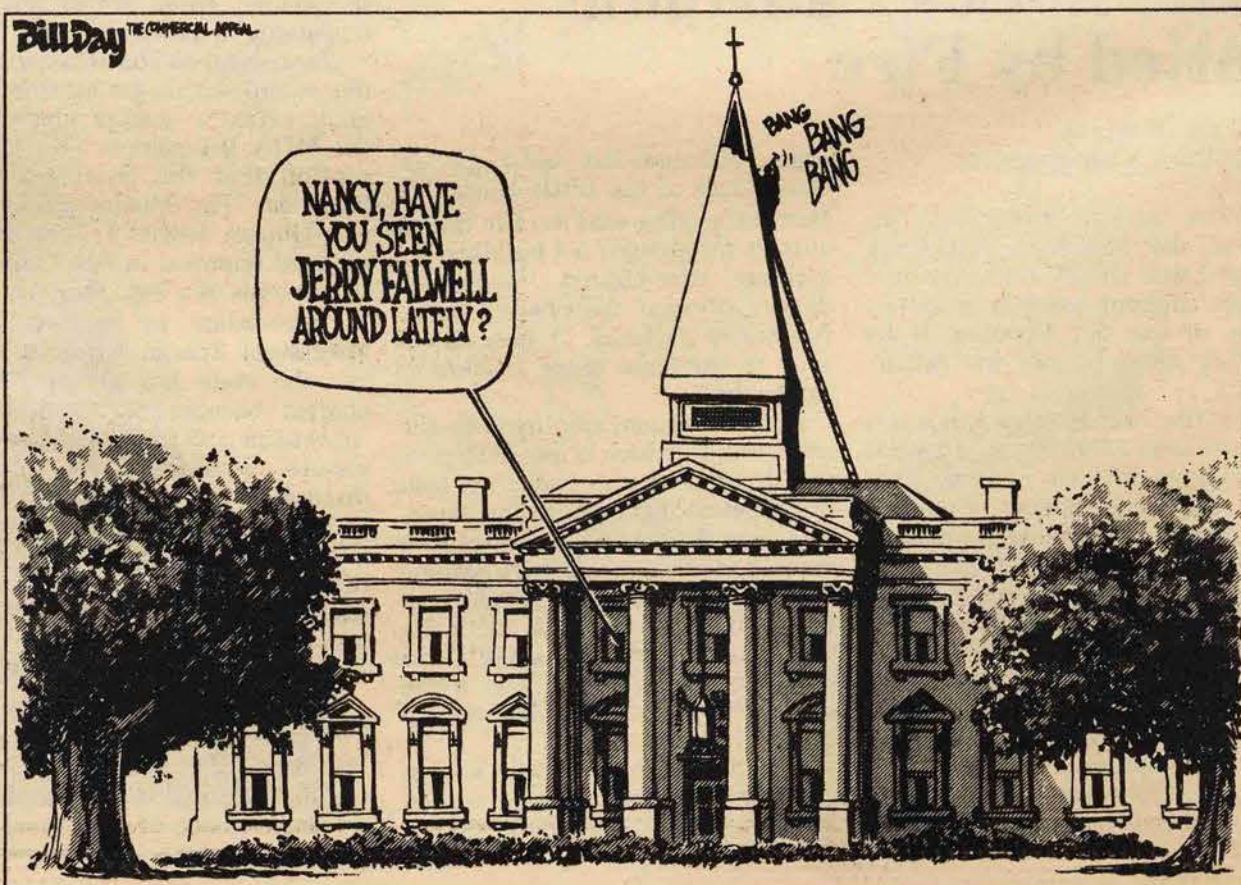
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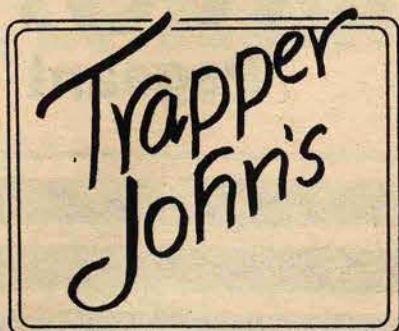
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Nashville

Nashville to Host Statewide Meeting

by Kip Sharp

Gays from across the state of Tennessee will gather in Nashville on October 13 for the annual Statewide Meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men. The event is being co-sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition, the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights and the Metropolitan Community Church of Nashville.

According to organizer Tommy Powell, the purpose of the meeting is to "provide an opportunity for Lesbians and Gay men and organizations from across the state to share information and strengthen our ties." This year's keynote speaker is Tom Chorlton, executive director of the National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs. Chorlton has long been known as a Gay activist on the national scene and has spoken at many conferences including the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay men held in Birmingham this year.

There will also be presentations by Milo Guthrie and Edwin Bridges on the Short Mountain Collective and from Irwin Rothenberg and Joe Calhoun of Black and White Men Together. Bob Keller of Nashville's Lifestyle Health Services will give an update on current Gay health issues.

Previous publicity on the meeting

indicated that Vicki Monrean, former executive director of Gay Rights National Lobby would be the keynote speaker. Ms. Monrean recently resigned from GRNL because of ill health and will not be able to attend the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to begin around noon October 13 at the MGC-Nashville building at 131 15th Ave. North and will adjourn about 5:30 pm. There is no registration fee; however, organizers hope that attendees will pre-register. Registration materials are available by writing to Statewide Meeting, Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202.

New Gay Newspaper Set to Debut

Nashville will soon have its own Gay newspaper — *The Tennessee Valley Gay Authority*. According to a story in *The Warehouse* 28's preferred customer newsletter, the paper's board members are elected and "have expended considerable time and effort to ensure that TVGA is well-written, informative, and a worthwhile service to the Nashville Gay community."

Sources in Nashville indicate that TVGA will be in a tabloid format and may eventually be dis-

tributed throughout the Tennessee Valley and beyond. The paper is set to debut in early October.

Former MCC minister Gilbert Lincoln has been tapped as editor and John Thornton, a Warehouse employee, will be among the writers.

Persons who wish to contribute to the TVGA are encouraged to speak with Michael Wilson at Warehouse 28, with John Sawyer at Juanita's 224, or address an inquiry to TVGA, P.O. Box 3529, Nashville, TN 37219.

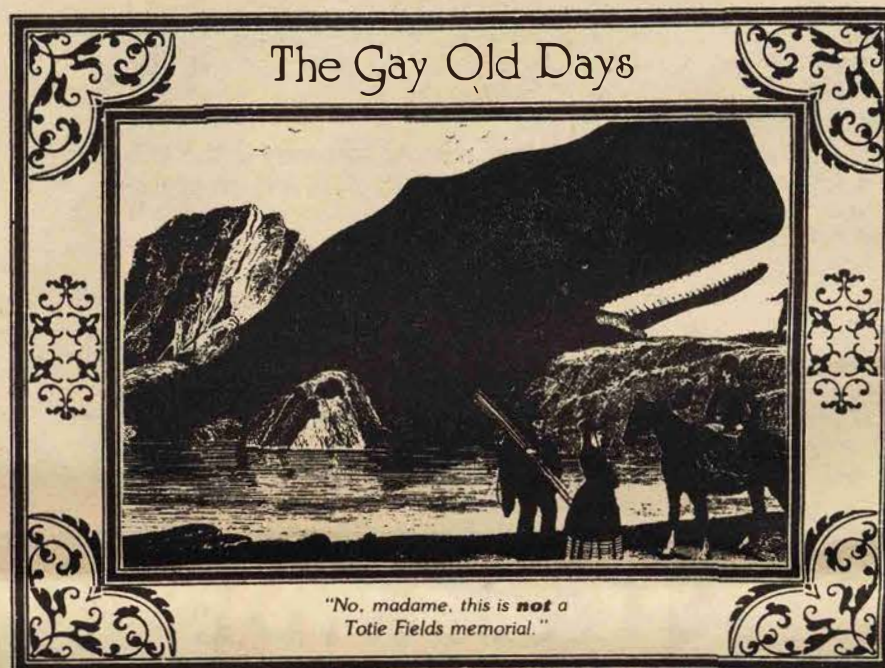
Harvest Moon Ball at Short Mountain

Short Mountain Sanctuary has announced its Harvest Moon Ball schedule for October 5 through 14. Short Mountain is a rural Gay

sanctuary located in northern Canon County about 60 miles southeast of Nashville. Included in the activities are potluck dinners, a "Parabacchus party/production show, a caving trip to Dry Creek, and a trip to the Statewide Meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men in Nashville. The Harvest Moon Ball, is to be a "pseudo-formal" event, according to organizers.

There is a registration fee of \$20 which will go for Short Mountain's land payment. \$5 a day will cover all other costs, food, etc. There is no registration fee for children and their food costs are negotiable. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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Coalition to Vote on New By-Laws

by Allen Cook

The Memphis Gay Coalition will vote on new by-laws which will result in a complete restructure of the organization.

A By-Laws Committee was formed in August after a suggestion by current Facilitator Robert Dumais met with surprising support. Under its current structure, the Coalition has a "non-structured" structure. It was originally felt that a traditional structure (President, Vice-president, etc.) would foster a power structure which would be detrimental to the group's functioning. Originally a Facilitator's function would be only to preside at the meeting to "facilitate" them. Two years ago, the Coalition voted to change the facilitator's term of office from one month to a three-month term to allow for initiation of projects and follow through. Considerable progress has been realized through that change and many members now feel that additional structure would be even more beneficial.

Among the problems seen with the old structure is the fact that no one person could speak for the Coalition. This created problems with media relations as well as in terms of organizational support. Under the new by-laws, a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer would be elected for one year; a Board of Directors would also be elected to conduct business of the organization. Standing Committees would be established and the Coalition put on a better organizational footing.

Because the proposed by-laws have yet to be adopted, anyone attending the meeting to be held October 15 will be allowed to vote.

If the by-laws are adopted, only dues-paying members will be permitted to vote on Coalition business. Non-members will be encouraged to attend meetings and participate fully except for voting. Officers will be elected in the coming weeks and are slated to take office January 1.

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this years theme. UNITY AND MORE IN '84

The Memphis Gay Coalition will celebrate its sixth anniversary November 1.

A complete copy of the by-laws is printed on page 22 and 23 of this issue. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting on October 15, 7:30 pm at the main library, Peabody & McLean, Meeting Room B for the vote. The vote will be a "Yes" or "No" vote only with no discussion permitted. If a "No" vote prevails, the by-laws will be open for discussion again at the next regularly scheduled business meeting, November 5. A program meeting featuring a lawyer well-versed in legal matters regarding Gays will follow the voting.

Gay Papers Used to Defraud

by Allen Cook

Gaze and many other Gay publications around the country were unwitting participants in a giant advertising scam involving weekend camping trips to various parks throughout the country.

Brian Jones of the *Bay Area Reporter* writes that Carl Halfpap representing "Wilderness Experience" advertised and carried out several excursions in June including one to Big Sur and one in the Blue Ridge Mountains (See *Gaze*, March 1984 issue, ad on page 24). Both trips were described by participants as disasters. They were disorganized and apparently did not deliver on advertised promises.

The various trips advertised in Gay newspapers across the country last month simply did not materialize at all leaving some people waiting for transportation that never arrived. Papers carrying the advertising were either given checks that bounced or not paid at all. Efforts to contact Halfpap or the advertising company placing the ad have been futile. The answering service answering the toll-free number has been disconnected.

Halfpap, aka Gus Sons aka Arnold B. Wagner aka the Contessa, resurfaced in Miami after a two year absence and went to Jack Campbell with his proposal for weekend excursions. Campbell knew Halfpap's partner so he leased them space in one of his buildings and made them clients in his consulting management firm.

Campbell, founder of the Club Bath Chain and involved in many Gay Rights organizations, is recognized nationwide as an influential business executive and Gay activist. Halfpap used Campbell's name to open doors long after Campbell became concerned about Halfpap's dealings and disassociated his firm and himself from Halfpap and the Wilderness Experience.

Although the June excursions and the Wilderness Experience seem to have been legitimate business ventures, it is becoming clear that Weekend Safaris and up to nine different excursions advertised last month were deliberate fraud.

Most papers trusted Weekend Safaris or A.B. Wagner Enterprises for the money. Some received checks drawn on an account in the Atlas Savings and Loan, the largest Gay-owned banking insti-

tution in the U.S. It is unknown how many potential campers, who were told to send postal money orders or cash, were cheated out of their money.

The California Attorney General's office has started an investigation. The federal postal authorities and the San Francisco District Attorney's office may also take action against Weekend Safaris.

Aphrodite to Hold Benefit & Video Series

Aphrodite, a Gay women's social and service organization will hold a benefit performance for the local Metropolitan Community Church, Sunday October 14.

Long known for the excellence of its productions, the Aphrodite show is being called "That's Entertainment III." Previous shows have netted hundreds, if not thousands of dollars for the charitable endeavors of the group. This year a single charity has been designated as the beneficiary.

The show-stopper this year may well be the group's adaptation of Michael Jackson's "Thriller." A spokesperson for the group said that members of Aphrodite have been working on this and several other numbers four days a week for the last several weeks. Other production numbers will include "New York, New York," "All That Jazz," "Chorus Line," "Rhinestone," and "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Tickets are \$3 at the door which opens at 6:30. The show will start at 7:00

Aphrodite will also present a video program of past productions at the Pendulum on September 28 and October 5 at 10:00 pm. There will be no cover charge for the screenings.

CORRECTION

In a sidebar story in the last issue of *Gaze* concerning the history of Gay involvement in activities for raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, we indicated that there was no involvement in 1983. However, it has since come to our attention that Aphrodite staged a benefit on August 28, 1983 at the Pendulum which raised over \$600 for the charity. Dennis Massey emceed the event. *Gaze* apologizes for the omission.

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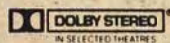


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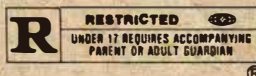
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AIDS' 'Posterboy' Dies

The man who referred to himself as the "AIDS Poster Boy" is dead of the disease at age 32.

Bobbi Campbell was the nation's leading activist of People With AIDS (PWA). He died on August 15 after struggling for three years against the disease.

Campbell was one of the first diagnosed cases of AIDS when he returned home from a camping trip and noticed purple lesions on his feet. Campbell thought they were blisters, the doctors diagnosed them as Kaposi's sarcoma.

He wrote a newspaper column which was called "Gay Cancer Journal," which appeared in more than a dozen Gay newspapers around the country.

Angie Lewis, a member of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, recalls seeing Campbell the day he was diagnosed. "Already he was wearing the button — the one that said, 'I Will Survive.' He wore that button to the end."

Campbell was diagnosed with cryptococcal meningitis, an incurable opportunistic infection associated with AIDS. According to Miami's *The Weekly News*, he was moved into intensive care and placed on life support. He had previously asked that all reasonable measures be taken to save his life.

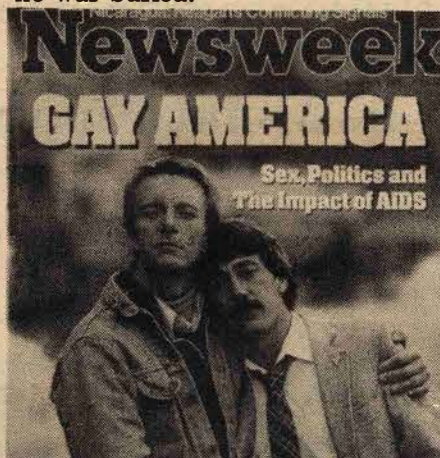
Campbell was a registered nurse who worked in a San Francisco hospital. It was his medical background which enabled him to gain a unique perspective for his columns and to be able to explain the progress of the epidemic to the Gay community.

He and his lover, Bob Hilliard, appeared on the August 8, 1983 cover of *Newsweek*. In his last public appearance at the National March on the Democratic Convention in July, Campbell said, "We appeared in an embrace to show America that Gay love is beautiful."

A thousand mourners gathered August 17 for a memorial service on

Castro Street where people hugged and openly wept on the street. Eulogies were made by Campbell's lover, his father and by friends and PWA's. Holly Near and Gwen Avery sang.

Campbell's body was returned to the state of Washington where he was buried.



Bobbi Campbell (left) and his lover on the cover of *Newsweek* last year.

Philly Radio Stations Under Fire

Five Philadelphia radio stations faced license renewal challenges because of anti-Gay programming.

The Philadelphia Lesbian/Gay Task Force filed petitions with the Federal Communications Commission to deny the renewal of licenses to WWSH-FM, WWDB-FM, WHAT-AM, WCAU-AM and WCAU-FM. All of the stations' current licenses expired August 31.

WWSH-FM announcers were accused of using the airwaves to organize a May 31 protest against Giovanni's Room, one of the largest Gay bookstores in the country. The protest was in response to news reports that the store was selling a pamphlet entitled "How to Have Sex With Kids."

Announcers Dan Cooke and Kelly Randall were charged with going on the air to "promulgate the myth of Gay men as child molesters" and "to incite a group of protesters in a manner . . . that could have caused serious incidents of violence against Giovanni's Room. The bookstore was, in fact, vandalized.

Compucopia Adds Newsletter

San Francisco — Compucopia, a nationwide computerized introduction service for Gay men, is now distributing a monthly newsletter to its members. The service, which currently has a national database of more than 600 members, is designed to facilitate the creation of satisfying Gay male relationships. The newsletter is intended to support this effort by fostering a greater sense of unity and purpose among the members of the service.

Compucopia, which has been in business since May, 1983, is based in San Francisco. The cost of membership ranges from \$20 to \$50 depending on the length of the membership and whether mail forwarding is requested. The questionnaire and software are custom designed and relevant to Gay male

relationships. The monthly newsletter will also address issues of relevance to Gay men.

Information on the service and questionnaires can be obtained by writing to Compucopia, 109 Minna Street, Suite 606, San Francisco, CA 94104. Interested men can also call 415-431-1158 and leave a name and mailing address.

Gay Causes: Hormones?

For years, both scientists and psychologists have argued as to whether homosexuals are born, made, genetically or hormonally influenced or simply choose to be Gay. Recent studies at the State University of New York and the South Beach Psychiatric Center in New York City seem to indicate that homosexual orientation is predisposed by the body's reaction to hormonal changes.

The study, according to a UPI story, showed a striking difference in response to estrogen when artificially introduced into the body.

A sudden increase in estrogen in the blood stream normally causes a response by the body of secreting a leutenizing hormone, a chemical which plays a role in regulating the menstrual cycle in women and production of the male hormone in men.

In men, the levels of the leutenizing hormone were higher in 64% of the homosexuals tested than in all of the heterosexuals. The study found that hormone levels in Gay men were about halfway between those of straight men and women.

The report said that such an intermediate level of hormonal response in some male homosexuals "would, in these individuals, constitute a biological marker of their sexual orientation."

Catalog Lists Gay Books

New York — Paths Untrodden, a Gay-owned mail order book service, offering "books of merit on the Gay male experience" has released its 1984 catalog, listing almost 1300 titles in 58 subject areas. This 1984 update of a yearly catalog focuses on those works which help Gay men understand and appreciate themselves.

Paths Untrodden specializes in hard to find books, out of print, small press, and imported titles. The current catalog also contains items on AIDS victims, news, Gay liberation poetry, and a special tribute to Gay activist/writer Arthur Bell.

The catalog, a 58-page bibliography, is available for \$2.00 from Paths Untrodden, Box 459, Village Station, New York, NY 10014-0459.

Victor/Victoria Headed for Broadway

Victor/Victoria is scheduled for a Broadway opening in January 1985 according to an announcement made by director Blake Edwards and his wife, Julie Andrews. Andrews will re-create her role in the Broadway play with music by Henry Mancini.

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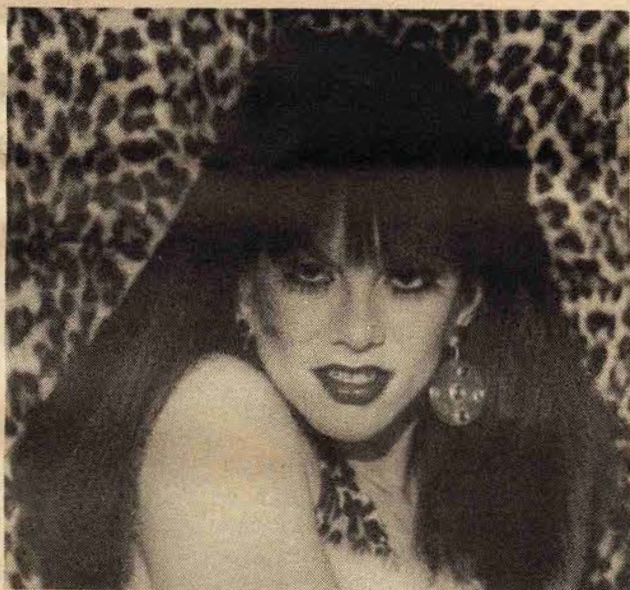
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Partying in "the Rock"

by Todd Williams

The Little Rock bar scene is flourishing as two of Little Rock's bars offer fun and excitement to all who dare party in "the rock."

Lil's Country Pub has taken on a new co-owner, Chuck Kalaf, and a new look as well as a new name. The Branding Iron Saloon opened Labor Day, September 3 after being closed the week of August 27-September 1 for remodeling.

The Branding Iron Saloon sports a levi country/western atmosphere and decor. In addition, the walls were mirrored, the bar enlarged and the ceiling and floor have been replaced with paint and carpet respectively. Parking, which has long been a problem for the establishment in the past will be extended on the lot.

Chuck Kalaf, a native of Dallas, has big plans for the Branding Iron. "I plan to build a strong, cohesive base for the local Gay community," he said. Mr. Kalaf has had prior experience in operating Gay bars. He is currently vice-president of a major hotel in Dallas and plans to resign that position soon and devote himself entirely to his plan in Little Rock. Kalaf will be joined by his lover of ten years soon.

Kalaf plans to get involved in Arkansas Gay Rights and the Metro-

politan Community Church by donating ten percent of his corporate profits into both organizations. "I firmly believe in getting involved with the Gay community and am always open to ideas and guidance from my customers," he said.

Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 5pm-1am and Saturdays, 3pm-12am. Specials include "nuts and bolts night," where if the customer is able to select a bolt that fits a nut, a free beer is received; half price happy hour nights; and beer busts have been extended on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8pm till 12am.

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The Palladium, destroyed by fire September 11, has not announced

plans as of yet on their decision to reopen.

The first "Ms. Gay Arkansas" will be held at the Discovery October 19. Presented by Arkansas Gay Rights, the contest will be the first such contest held.

Information provided to me by Mr. Chuck Kalaf of the Branding Iron is that plans are being made for another bar to be opened by himself in Little Rock. Primarily aimed at the female clientele, Mr. Kalaf hopes to serve the females of the Little Rock community by offering a bar that the females can socialize with one another in a relaxing, quiet atmosphere.

That's the latest on the ever-changing night life in "the rock," so go out and paint the town...

See ya next month...

Gay Cardinal Biography Softened

New York — Yielding to pressure from the Archdiocese of New York, John Cooney, author of a biography of Cardinal Francis Spellman, has agreed to de-emphasize the references to Spellman's homosexuality. The book is scheduled for release October 31. The section in question will now read: "some people knew that Spellman was a homosexual and others denied it," according to the *Gay News* of Philadelphia.

Cooney said that he mentioned the Cardinal's homosexuality because it showed "a bit of moral hypocrisy" but Spellman "did a lot of wicked things." Cooney elaborated that Spellman undermined John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign, hurt a lot of people and was involved with the FBI and the CIA and the emphasis by the Archdiocese on the sexual issue was ridiculous and blowing it out of proportion.

Serial Murderer Held

Chicago — A self-employed house painter has been indicted and is being held without bond in the kidnapping, murder and dismemberment of Danny Bridges, a 16-year-old male hustler. Larry Eyler is also charged with another Illinois murder and has been questioned about 18 sex-related murders, mostly of young male hustlers, in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The 31-year-old Eyler was free on bail in another murder case, at the time of the slaying. The dismembered body of Bridges, a chronic runaway, was found in a black plastic bag in a dumpster outside Eyler's apartment and a janitor identified Eyler as a man he had seen taking a filled plastic bag to the dumpster at 4 pm.

Third AIDS Virus

San Francisco — A third virus, AIDS-associated retrovirus (ARV) has been identified by researchers at the University of California. It is still unclear whether ARV, the Pasteur Institute's LAV and the National Cancer Institute's HTLV-III are the same or merely related. All three produce antibodies in people with the disease or people at risk of

developing AIDS. The ARV antibodies were found in 86 men diagnosed with AIDS as well as 30 out of 47 clinically healthy men. The ARV virus was isolated in almost half of 45 men with AIDS.

According to the *Gay News* of Philadelphia, Dr. Jay A. Levy, associate professor of medicine at the University of California campus in San Francisco and the research group leader, said, "If this retrovirus is the cause of AIDS, our findings would indicate that it is prevalent in the homosexual community, but that it is causing the disease in only a small percentage of those infected." He indicated that researchers would have to look at other "co-factors" of the disease if this were true.

Gay Methodists Issue "Reconciliation Statement"

Philadelphia — *Gay News* reports a "reconciliation statement" drafted by Affirmation, a Methodist group pushing for justice and support for Gay Methodists, has been adopted by St. Paul's United Methodist Church just prior to the national Affirmation convention held in Denver the second week in September. The policies adopted at the national United Methodist Conference held in early spring in Baltimore prohibit the ordination of Gays and limit the participation of Gay lay members. The "reconciliation statement" drafted in response to these policies, condemn the anti-Gay policies and say, "God is challenging the Christian community to accept Lesbians and Gay men as sisters, brothers and co-workers in the household of faith." Addressing the homophobia, it says, "Such fear and hatred does not reflect God's love nor God's intent for the community of faith."

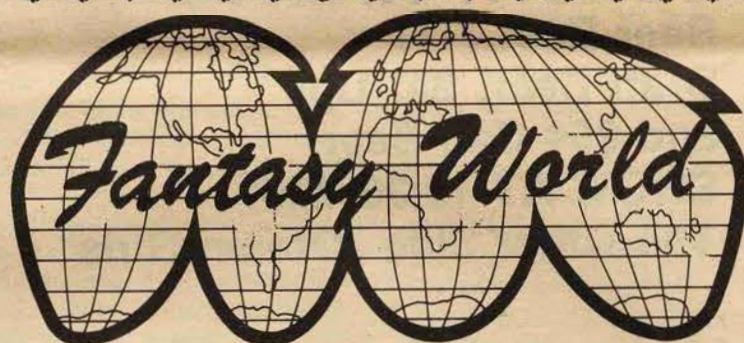
Consenting Adult Comes to TV

Laura Z. Hobson's book, *Consenting Adult*, comes to TV on ABC Theatre next season. The story revolves around the changes that come to a very close family when the son "comes out" to his parents. Although the role of the son has not yet been cast, Marlo Thomas is the mother and Martin Sheen, who made Gay cinematic history by playing the lover of Hal Holbrook in the 1972 movie, *That Certain Summer*, will play the father.

European AIDS Cases Up

The incidence of AIDS in Western Europe has increased 55% over a nine-month period, according to the World Health Organization which reported 400 cases currently as compared to 253 cases nine months ago.

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Health A Gay Person's Guide to Diarrhea

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

Four Classic Examples:

(1) Your roommate went to the bathhouse on the weekend and on Tuesday suddenly gets the chills, high fever and explosive diarrhea. What is the likely cause? Answer: shigella, a bacterial infection.

(2) The Gay Day Picnic included a booth by the MCC where banana cream pie and potato salad were sold. Many people who ate there started vomiting just a few hours later that day and having diarrhea. What is the likely culprit? Answer: staphylococcal food poisoning.

(3) You go to Mexico for vacation and sure enough five days later you come down with the runs. What is the most likely cause and what should you do? Answer: It is probably an infection with a bacteria *E. coli* or "traveler's diarrhea." Depending on how sick you are, you could either do nothing, take Pepto Bismol, start Lomotil or obtain an antibiotic from the Mexican pharmacy.

(4) An occasional sexual partner of yours (and everyone else's) says he has been noticing looser bowel movements over the past few weeks along with some cramps and gas. What does he most likely have? Answer: a parasite called amoeba.

These four examples cover the spectrum of adult diarrhea in the Gay community. They are: 1) dysentery, 2) food poisoning, 3) single "watery" non-invasive diarrhea and 4) parasitic. They are described in more detail below.

Dysentery - derived from Greek roots meaning 'bad bowels.' These people are sick! The bacteria *Shigella* is the common cause of this invasive type diarrhea which begins a few days after ingestion when it begins invading the lining of the bowel. It causes explosive bloody diarrhea, bad cramps and high fever.

It is common in the Gay community and a characteristic story is fecal contact just a few days before either from a rectal or bathhouse exposure.

Culturing the stool is essential to establish the diagnosis but empiric treatment can begin with either Septra or Bactrim since there is commonly resistance to other antibiotics.

Food Poisoning - Few diarrheas have the short incubation of food poisoning. This is because the symptoms do not depend upon the growth of a micro-organism, but instead result from the toxin produced by a bacterial infection in the food before it is eaten.

Several organisms can produce these toxins but staphylococcus is the most common cause and is inoculated into the food from the hands of the cook. The bacteria's favorite growth media is protein-rich foods such as meringues, mayonnaise, etc.

A mind-boggling example of food poisoning involved a stewardess aboard a jet liner between Anchorage and Copenhagen. She served poorly refrigerated foods along with the toxin produced from staphylococcus transferred from her skin pustules. Two hundred people spent the rest of the trip running between their seats and the tiny bathrooms at the end of the aisles.

Luckily this type of food poisoning is a self-limited illness and usually no treatment is needed except fluid replacement. Botulism is another example of food poisoning but is very rare but more severe and can be fatal unless its peculiar symptomatology is recognized and treated.

Watery Diarrhea - Someone once said that traveling expands the mind and loosens the bowel movements. Traveler's diarrhea may hit about one-third of tourists and begins a few days after arrival. The bacteria is usually *E. coli* of a type that produces a toxic 'enterotoxin' which trips off cyclic AMP and a secretory diarrhea that lasts an average of 93 hours. Tetracycline could be used to eradicate the bacteria but Pepto

Bismol is another approach that binds the toxin and neutralizes it. See the end of the article for advice on prevention or prophylaxis of traveler's diarrhea.

Parasites - *Giardia* is becoming increasingly common on the West Coast as it causes sudden-onset diarrhea. A big tip-off to giardial infection is periumbilical discomfort with foul-smelling stools. The organism inhabits the small intestine as opposed to the large bowel which is more commonly infected by the other causes of diarrhea.

Giardia is one of the simplest infections to cure but teach your physician to use Atabrine instead of Flagyl as it is much cheaper and better tolerated. Sometimes *Giardia* is hard to detect and only 50% of stools are positive even when it is suspected.

Giardia is a water-borne and fecally transmitted parasite so backpacking and drinking from contaminated streams as well as sex can be common setups for infection. Symptoms begin one to three weeks after ingestion of the cyst when the number of adult parasites has increased to the point of damage to the microvillae of the small intestine.

If testing for *Giardia* is negative as well as the stool culture for bacteria and the exposure to *Giardia* seems likely and symptoms persist, a course of treatment can be tried on a trial basis.

The other more common and better known parasitic infection in the Gay community is amoeba. It is notoriously difficult to diagnose, isolate, treat and eradicate. It is increasingly common.

Amoebic Diarrhea can be of sudden onset but more commonly there are chronic mushy loose stools. The promiscuous male with these symptoms and no treatment then can infect his sexual contacts. Some of these unfortunately get the more severe form of amoebic diarrhea with explosive bloody bowel movements.

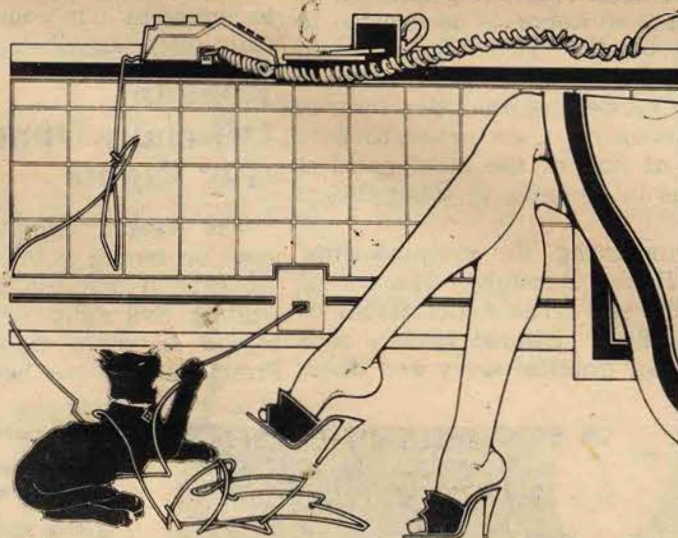
Diarrheal Prophylaxis or, "What Medicines Should I Take While Traveling in Mexico?" - The current recommendation for daily prophylaxis of diarrhea is "take no medication at all."

Recommendations change as fast as acquaintances, so whenever I tell patients of this latest advice, I add "but whatever I tell you, someone else is going to say it is wrong."

Over the years advice has ranged from Lomotil to tetracycline to ampicillin to Vibramycin, Pepto Bismol (a cup a day!) to Septra or Bactrim to the latest which is no medication.

The reasons for the 'nothing' recommendation is the inconvenience of the medications and their possible side-effects. It is wiser to instruct the traveler in how to manage his diarrhea if it develops. The treat-

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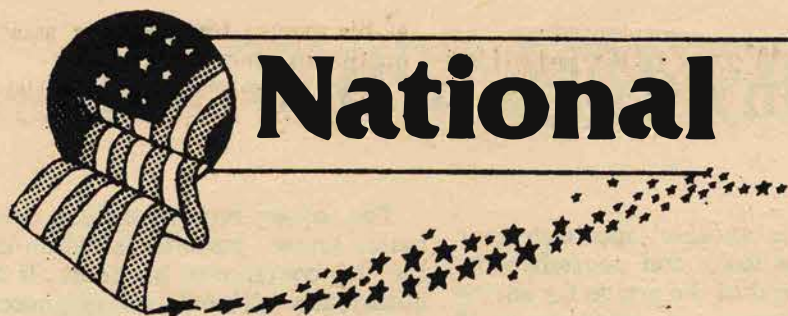
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Costanza and Other Leaders Join Gay PAC Board

Washington — Midge Costanza, former Assistant to the President, and two other leaders of the Gay community were elected in July to the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the national political action committee which contributes to congressional candidates who support Gay civil rights.

In addition to Costanza, the HRCF Board elected Diego Lopez, clinical director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York and Susan Russel, an activist with the National Organization for Women in Albany, New York. The three will join the other twelve board members in authorizing contributions, setting policy and raising funds.

Midge Costanza entered politics in 1959 in Rochester, New York, where she managed the senatorial campaign of Robert F. Kennedy in Monroe county. In 1977 she became the first woman ever to hold the title Assistant to the President of the United States. She is now vice-president of Alan Landsburg Productions in Los Angeles.

"It is an honor to be selected to serve on the HRCF Board," said Costanza. "I have seen Lesbians and Gays become a political force in this country. I am proud to be a part of one of the most political forces in America in this political year."

Announcing the appointments, Vic Basile, Executive Director of HRCF, said "The appointment of these three national leaders adds strength, political savvy and diver-

sity to the board, and significantly increases our ability to be major players in the political arena. They will play a major role in seeing that the Campaign Fund reaches its \$1 million goal this year."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund raised more than \$600,000 in 1982, and made contributions to 119 candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, more than 80% of whom won.

We have measurable evidence that HRCF has already made a difference. After our first round of contributions in 1982, the number of co-sponsors of the Gay Rights Bill reached 78, up 20 from the previous year. The Administration requested a \$17 million appropriation for AIDS research, but Congress appropriated more than \$43 million," said Basile. "As I travel around the country, I find that state and local PACs are springing up everywhere to support civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men," he added. "We are now universally recognized as a serious force in America's political life. With our new board members, we will be able to represent our community even more effectively."

Reagan Officially Opposes Gay Rights

The Reagan Administration has gone on record as officially opposing Gay Rights legislation by extending civil rights protections afforded to other minorities. Vice President Bush has been quoted as

saying, "We do not believe in codification of laws relating to homosexuals. We do believe that people shouldn't be brutalized, and they should have protection under the law that other citizens do, and they do have that."

Ron Najam, spokesperson for the National Gay Task Force countered, "There's no protection in the military, there is no protection in terms of immigration and in various areas of public accomodation and employment."

CDC to Restrict AIDS Case Access

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have invoked a little-used clause in the Public Health Service Act that gives it firm authority to limit access to AIDS case information to the few federal agencies directly involved in AIDS research and to state and local agencies on a "need-to-know" basis, according to *The Washington Blade*.

The change in policy seems to be the result of a year and a half of lobbying for increased confidentiality protections for AIDS patients. The campaign was initiated by the National Gay Task Force and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF).

Dr. James Allen, Assistant Director in charge of transfusions and blood studies announced the policy change.

The CDC, in its efforts to track the cause of AIDS, has compiled extensive information files on every AIDS case reported to it from various health departments across the country. Included in the files are detailed sexual histories of each patient.

Among the concerns of NGTF and LLDEF were the ramifications if a person's sexual orientation became known to employers, landlords or local law enforcement agencies.

Allen said, "No CDC AIDS surveillance information that could be used to identify individuals either directly or indirectly will be made available to anyone for non-public health services."

Tim Levi, Executive Director of

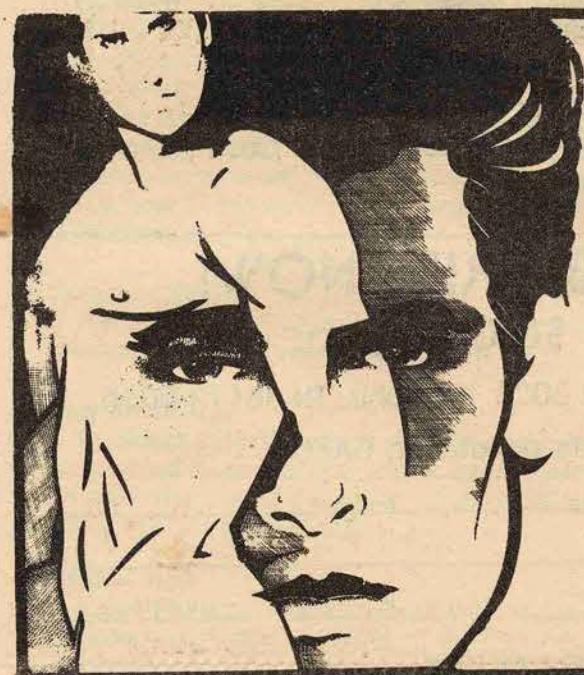
LLDEF indicates that CDC has already been contacted about some AIDS sufferers in the military for the purpose of discharging those individuals.

Newspaper Action Shocks Many

St. Louis — Journalists and the Gay community alike were shocked when the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* published the names, addresses, occupations and alleged sexual activities of seven men arrested in Shaw Park who had misdemeanor charges filed against them for alleged sexual misconduct in the park. As a result of the reports, two men lost their jobs, one marriage broke up and another was in serious trouble.

Police Chief Richard T. Morris says he was reacting to numerous complaints that Shaw Park, located in the St. Louis suburb of Clayton, MO, was the scene of homosexual activity (especially the restrooms). A special undercover operation designed to "arrest as many people as possible," according to the *St. Louis Gay News-Telegraph*, resulted in 22 arrests and revealed sexual activity ranging from "indecent exposure to provocative touching of an undercover police officer." Although Morris said he was pleased with the outcome of the undercover operation, received praise from the community, and got no more complaints about the park, he felt it was wrong for the two papers to print the names and addresses of the men.

Because of the adverse publicity caused by the exposure in the *Post* and *Globe*, other media had difficulty getting comments from the men involved. According to *TGN-T*, one man told KSDK-TV, "the press coverage had been more damaging than the actual arrest." Jim Thomas, editor of *TGN-T* told a local weekly paper, *The Riverfront Times*, "the situation would likely repeat itself as long as society, and particularly St. Louis, continues not to accept Gays and their lifestyle."



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GRNL Loses Exec. Director and Co-Chair

Both Executive Director Vicki Monrean and Co-chair Frank Scheuren of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) are resigning their posts. The resignations are unrelated.

Monrean, who was appointed last April after an extensive search, cited health problems as the cause of her resignation. "It's very difficult for me," she said, in making the announcement of her departure, "to express how disappointed I am at having to leave GRNL so soon after coming aboard. I welcomed the challenge I faced and looked forward with so much anticipation to working towards justice for Gays and Lesbians, and also to helping restore GRNL to its rightful place as a major force for Gay and Lesbian Rights on the national scene. I will do whatever I can to support the work of GRNL and that of my successor." A GRNL search committee has been established. Resumes should be sent to GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013, Attn: Kate McQueen.

GRNL Co-chair Frank Scheuren cited personal and political reasons for resigning. His resignation was effective September 1. The 42-year-old Atlanta activist said he was resigning from GRNL and some of

the Atlanta organizations with which he is affiliated because of a desire to open a consulting business with his lover and because of an alleged ongoing attempt by members of the Gay media to disparage him.

According to *The Washington Blade*, Scheuren was involved in a vehicular homicide in 1980 and an unrelated civil judgement against him. Scheuren insists that those and other allegations against him are an attempt to cast him in a bad light. Steve Endean, former Executive Director of GRNL alleged a similar "smear campaign" when he resigned last year.

In resigning, Scheuren alleged that national organizations are not reaching out to help the Gay rights movement in the South. He noted his frustrations in the "turf fighting" going on between the National Gay Task Force and GRNL. "To be quite frank, I'm tired of it," he said.

Scheuren also said he will retain a national position with Dignity and remain on the Board of the Atlanta Gay Center but that he would resign positions with an Atlanta Gay political group and the Atlanta Gay chorus.

Gay Women Evicted

Two Gay women were forced to leave their home in suburban St. Louis recently because a city ordinance there states that no more than two unrelated people may live in the same home. *The Gay News-Telegraph* reports that the couple, who did not want to be identified, is now raising five children. They were warned six months ago that a split would be necessary, but were informed only recently that one of them had to move out immediately.

The couple had decided to move to another town and maintain a low profile. Both women were encouraged by the fact that several of their former neighbors had tried to help them by circulating a petition in favor of them remaining in their home.

Political Slur Retracted

The publisher of a conservative North Carolina newspaper has apologized to the state's governor for remarks questioning his sexual identity.

Bob Windsor, publisher of *The Landmark*, called Gov. Jim Hunt "sissy, prissy, girlish and effeminate" and published the rumor that he has "a pretty young boy" as his lover. Windsor said he repeated the rumor without checking it because he had been working 36 hours straight. He cited extreme tiredness

as his excuse for his other attacks on the governor.

Hunt is opposing Sen. Jesse Helms for a North Carolina Senate seat. The ugly attack on Hunt was so severe that the governor threatened legal action. Even Helms was shocked by the attack, calling it "destructive and demeaning to the political process."

The attack on Hunt gave the North Carolina Human Rights Fund the opportunity to issue an open letter to Hunt and Helms, pointing out the stigma attached to homosexuality and urging their support for Gay rights, according to the *Gay News* (Philadelphia).

Thrush Seen as Precursor to AIDS

Fifty-nine percent of people at high risk of catching AIDS who had been diagnosed with the infection oral thrush, developed AIDS less than a year after, according to a recent study. Thrush is a fungus infection that usually strikes infants. It is characterized by white spots forming in the mouth, followed by shallow ulcers and painful swallowing. Twelve of 22 patients examined with oral thrush developed AIDS within three months. Researcher Dr. Robert S. Kline believes that such knowledge will enable physicians to intervene at an earlier stage before the patient gets severely ill. "Maybe intervention will work then and not at a later point," he said.

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INS Defies Circuit Court

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is defying a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and is demanding that all persons entering the United States declare if they are homosexual.

The court ruled in *Carl Hill v INS* case earlier this year that a person cannot be denied admission on the grounds that he or she is Gay without the certification of the fact by the Public Health Service. The Public

Health Service does not routinely issue such certificates.

The Justice Department has ordered the service to issue certificates to any person who declares their homosexuality. INS regulations equate homosexuality with a "psychopathic personality" and "sexual deviate" status and declares that they not be allowed to enter the country.

According to National Gay Rights Advocates, visitors and immigrants to this country are being given a brochure which says that homosexuals are not to be allowed in this country. NGRA states that a general information pamphlet says: "The following are reasons that you cannot be allowed into the United States. You are required to tell the consular officer or immigration officer if any of these reasons apply to you. You cannot be allowed into the United States if you are mentally ill or homosexual."

The courts have ruled that a person's declaration that he or she is Gay is not grounds for exclusion, but the INS is telling everyone that the policy applies to any alien entering the country including visitors on leisure trips.

NGRA recently won a lawsuit against the INS involving a Mexican clothing designer who arrived in San Francisco with women's dresses to show his clients. He was detained and harassed by authorities.

Carl Hill, a British reporter who attempted to report on the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade in 1979, was detained at the San Francisco Airport because he was wearing a

Gay Pride button. In 1982, he was victorious when U.S. District Court Judge Robert Aguilar ruled that the Public Health Service must issue a certificate declaring a person is Gay before the INS could bar that person's entry. The Health Service said it would no longer issue such certificates.

NGRA is considering what steps it will take in its battles with INS. The legal group is considering a lawsuit to further determine how the INS can continue to state one policy while, in practice, ignore its own policy.

Gay Bequest Defended

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Fund for Human Dignity of the National Gay Task Force are joining forces to protect the \$200,000 bequest of an Erie County (Pennsylvania) man who wanted to help in "furthering the rights of American homosexuals," according to the *Gay News*.

John DeWitt McBride, a professor at Edinboro State University from 1969-79, died in Mexico in 1983. His will bequeathed the bulk of his estate to the cause of Gay rights. Two of his nieces are challenging his will. LLDEF and FHD say they have hired a lawyer to defend the will even though they may not receive any of the estate.

A former colleague of McBride, Dr. Raymond Lemieux, was named as executor of the estate. He said that he was surprised by the bequest because he and McBride had never discussed McBride's sexuality.

NGRA to Appeal Order Banning Gays In Military

San Francisco — Gay women and men have again been denied the right to serve their country in the armed forces. James L. Dronenburg, represented by National Gay Rights Advocates, claimed the Navy discharged him solely because he is Gay in violation of his constitutional rights. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D. C. affirmed a lower court decision upholding the Navy's exclusionary policy.

NGRA Legal Director Leonard Graff indicated that a rehearing of the case *en banc* by the court was being sought. This means that all of the judges on the Court of Appeals will review the decision of the three-judge panel that made the ruling.

NGRA's cooperating counsel on the case was Stephen V. Bomse of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe, a prestigious San Francisco law firm. The ACLU had filed a "friend of the court" brief showing how the military's arbitrary and discriminatory manner of treating Gays paralleled the way they once treated Blacks.

In a related activity, NGRA has instigated a Government Accounting Office audit of the Department of Defense. It is expected that this

study will reveal that it costs the taxpayers at least \$20 million a year to exclude Gays from the military.

Airline Answers Gay Question

Eastern Airlines, the nation's largest passenger airline has consented not to discriminate against homosexuals in its hiring practices. The airline has deleted a question from its employment questionnaire about "homosexual tendencies." The *Bay Area Reporter* quotes Eastern officials as saying: "It is not Eastern's policy to inquire into an applicant's sexual preferences as part of the employment selection process."

The policy changes were apparently the result of a suit threatened by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA).

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "I pointed out, to their senior attorney, the number of cities that prohibit sexual discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. She recognized Eastern's potential exposure to liability and was very cooperative in reaching an out-of-court settlement." Graff noted that Eastern serves many of the cities that have job protection for Gay men and women.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director said: "It is our policy to vigorously fight for equal employment opportunities for Lesbians and Gay men. Eastern's employment practices were discriminatory. It is a victory for the entire Gay community that NGRA has effected a reversal of that practice."

The controversy arose when NGRA received information about a man in Detroit who had applied for a job with Eastern. He was given a medical questionnaire that asked: "Do you have homosexual tendencies?"

NGRA noted an apparent contradiction between Eastern's policy and its response to a 1975 National Gay Task Force corporate survey which indicated that Eastern did not inquire as to a person's sexual orientation.

Court Approves Discrimination

Washington — Students are appealing a court ruling that the Georgetown University can discriminate against Gays based on the principle of religious freedom. Lawyers for the Catholic school argued that to recognize a Gay student group would amount to endorsing homosexuality which goes against the teachings of the church. The court agreed.

In Denver this year, a Gay contingent was forbidden to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Obviously, they hadn't heard of Oscar Pinger, O'Flaherty, Wills, Wilde.

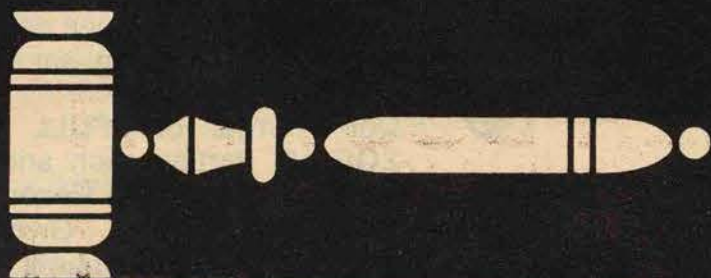
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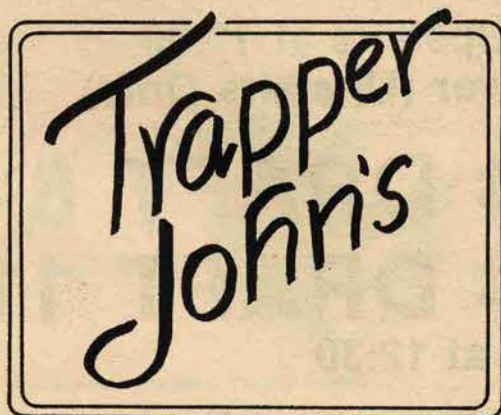
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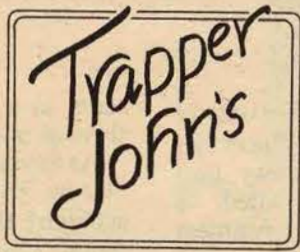


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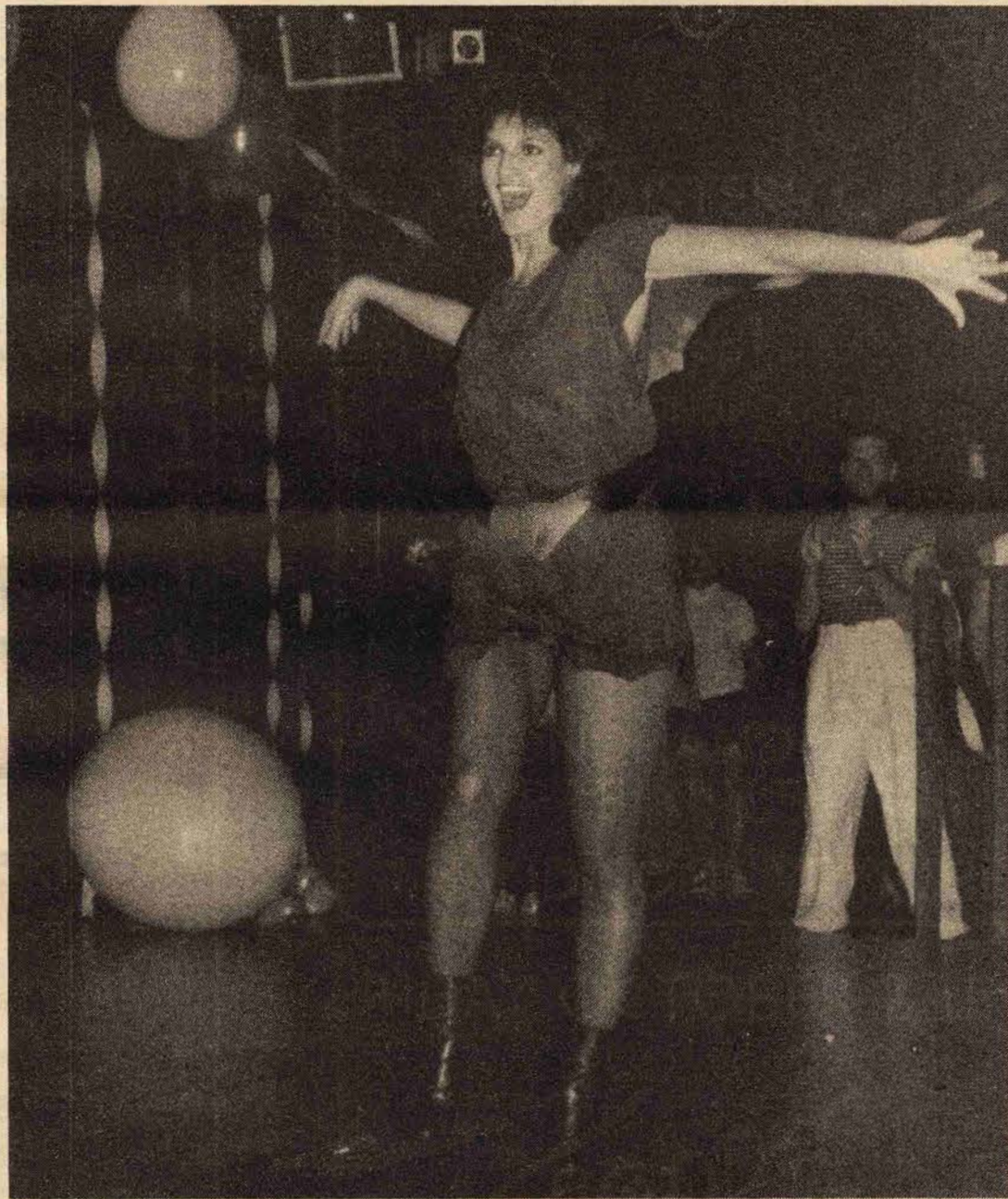
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by Jeff Thompson

Little Shop of Horrors Delightful

"On the twenty-first day of the month of September, in a early year of a decade not too far from our own, the human race suddenly encountered a deadly threat to its very existence. This terrifying enemy surfaced, as such enemies often do, in the seemingly most innocent of places" — Mushnik Florists, on Skid Row, USA! The failing small business was harmless enough, until a monstrous "enemy" turned it into a little shop of horrors!

The New York Drama Critics Circle and Drama Desk Award-winning, off-Broadway musical, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, was open for business in Jackson Hall of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center downtown September 11-16. Indeed, the touring production's Music City stop was extremely lucrative, because Nashville's ticket sales to *Little Shop* surpassed every other city on the tour up to that point!

Echoing "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and foreshadowing "Gremlins," *The Little Shop of Horrors* is the highly entertaining, imaginative product of Alan Menken (music) and Howard Ashman (book, song lyrics, direction). The excellent music is a charming mixture of 1950's rock and roll, soul, ballad, tango, Gilbert and Sullivan sounds, and standard Broadway show fare. The play is based on director Roger Corman's 1960 cult film, "The Little Shop of Horrors." Corman ("It Conquered the World," "Not of This Earth," "Teenage Caveman," "The Premature Burial," "The Raven," "The Tomb of Ligeia") filmed "The Little Shop of Horrors" in only two days, with a cast that included Jonathan Haze, Jackie Joseph, and a young Jack Nicholson. Now,

Corman's unusual black comedy has been transformed into an award-winning off-Broadway musical which one critic called "a solid hit! One of the funniest shows around!"

The *Little Shop of Horrors*' sets and costumes cleverly suggest both the 1950's and timelessness as the audience is ushered in to Mr. Mushnik's dingy flower shop on "Skid Row (Downtown)" (song). The elderly florist's two employees are Audrey, a good-hearted, buxom blonde, who is abused by her semi-sadist boyfriend (a dentist!); and Seymour, a timid, bespectacled, orphaned schnook, who yearns for his dizzy co-worker from afar, but who stands helplessly by as Audrey's despicable boyfriend continues to mistreat her (song "Dentist!").

Mr. Mushnik is on the verge of closing his failing little shop when Seymour visits "the Wholesale flower district" and purchases a weird potted plant from a Chinese vendor. The plant, which Seymour names Audrey II, resembles a Venus flytrap and suddenly appeared after an unscheduled "total eclipse of the sun," during which a strange humming sound, like something from another world, was heard.

Seymour displays Audrey II in the window of Mushnik Florists — and business booms (songs "Don't It Go To Show You Never Know!" and "Closed For Renovations"). "Suddenly Seymour" is a celebrity — a grateful Mr. Mushnik renames his business "Mushnik And Son" — and Audrey begins to notice Seymour. If only Audrey were not tied (sometimes literally) to Orin, the leather-and-spike-clad dentist, then she and Seymour could leave behind the grime and concrete of Skid Row and make a life together "Somewhere That's Green." "It's just a daydream of mine," Audrey confesses to three young Skid Row women who

serve as a Dream Girls-like chorus throughout the play.

As Seymour coaxes Audrey II to "Grow For Me," he discovers by accident that the plant thrives on blood — human blood. As Audrey II outgrows its small pot and becomes more than twice its original size, the bizarre life form begins to talk! "Feed Me!" Audrey II belows in a jive-talking basso profundo. "Must be human blood! Must be fresh!"

What is Seymour to do? "How am I supposed to keep on feeding you? Kill people?" he cries. "I don't know anybody who deserves to be chopped up and fed to a hungry plant!" Suddenly he remembers the wicked dentist and exclaims, "The guy sure looks like plant food to me!"

In one of *The Little Shop of Horrors*' most hilarious scenes, a gun-toting Seymour visits Orin's kinky dental *dungeon* complete with dull drills, huge pliers and forceps, and a nitrous oxide (laughing gas) helmet which Orin uses on himself as he "gets off on the pain he inflicts" upon his un-anesthetized patients ("It's Just the Gas!")

Ultimately, Seymour does not have to use the gun, because Orin's nitrous oxide helmet gets stuck on his head — and the dentist laughs himself to death! Seymour brings the body to Audrey II, which gleefully devours it ("Supper-time").

As Seymour and Audrey grow closer — and as Seymour's worldwide popularity increases ("Call Back In The Morning") — blood-thirsty Audrey II continues to mutate until the enormous, gnarled, leafy plant dominates the entire shop of horrors. Seymour realizes that he quite literally has created a monster! Thanks to Audrey II, fame, fortune, and lovely Audrey are Seymour's now, but the killer plant demands more and more human blood. Would Audrey still love Seymour if his seemingly invincible, famous plant were destroyed ("The Meek Shall Inherit")? And what action will Seymour take now that Mr. Mushnik has discovered the truth about Orin's death — and now that the

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Music

Holly Near Releases 10th Album

By Charlie McMullen

It is indeed unique for artists to cross cultural barriers to experience music of people thousands of miles away. Given the sameness and complacency of American mainstream popular music, it is unbelievable for an artist to not only cross that barrier and break it, but also successfully make a musical statement of critical acclaim. Holly Near and Chilean folk artist Inti-Illimani have created a gorgeous bilingual album that says much about "the land where dreams of peace are made."

Sing To Me The Dream, on Redwood Records, is a folk album that is an offer to sit down, drink a cup of coffee and discuss peace in the world. By mixing Holly's lyrical expressions of hope like *We Are Not Alone* and *Gypsy* with New Song statements, like *Hummingbird* (Calibri) and *I Offer You A Song* (Te Doy Una Cancion), the album sounds 60's folk with a South American feel. *El Arado* (The Plow)

is from the New Song Movement's Victor Jara and one of my favorites, *Samba Lando*, is about a South African. Two jewels *Gracia A La Vida* and *Sing To Me The Dream*, of particular interest here, need no comparison to each other, but are evident of the duality of this album. *Gracia A La Vida* by Violetta Para, is an anthem to the beauty and wonder of everyday life and is a favorite New Song Movement song by artists like Holly Near and Joan Baez. *Sing To Me The Dream* by Holly is a beautiful testament to learning of other cultures with the musical accompaniment of Inti-Illimani.

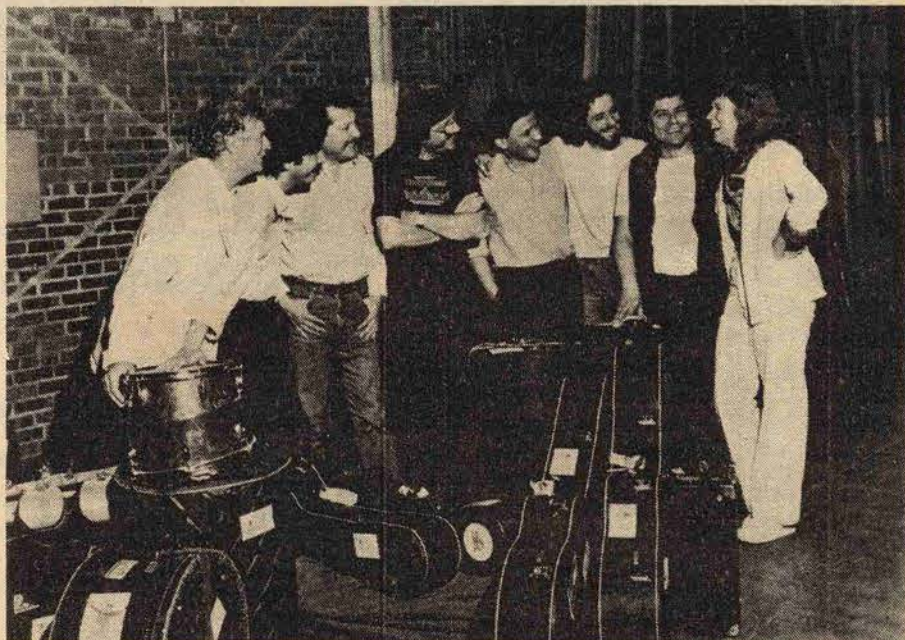
Through the power of music, *Gracias A La Vida* becomes a North American woman's interpretation of a foreign woman's love of life while *Sing To Me The Dream* is her love song to another country's artists who carry with them a universal dream of peace.

Love and support for other cultures, however different or unusual,

is the heart of this album. A bilingual tribute to international relations. *Sing To Me The Dream* is a musical expression of the beginning of understanding of universal peace,

but keeping in mind that peace begins with the people themselves, not their governments, and begins with our neighbors.

(See related article on page 2)



Holly Near and Chilean folk artist Inti-Illimani team up for Holly's tenth album — *Sing To Me The Dream* -- on Redwood Records.
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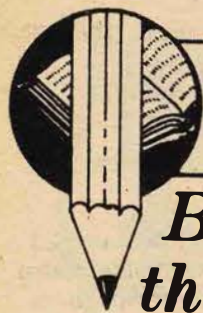
Trapper John's D.J.

Before her vanquishing version of Al Green's *Let's Stay Together* hit the USA this spring, Tina Turner's name was just part of a fabulous rock & roll phrase; Icanteena. As Ike Turner's wife, she had been the woman God made to show other women how to dance in high heels, the soul seductress with the revelatory "legs of death." Divorced from Ike since 1976, Turner began her comeback. Unfortunately before *Let's Stay Together*, she didn't have a "comeback" record. The fabulous *Private Dancer* album is that record as well as much more. It's the work of the current generation of English synthpoppers reflecting the European trend of techno pop music.

Tina has come back with *What's Love Got To Do With It*, a sensuous mid-tempo ballad moving with glistening dance beats; with the steamy techno recasting of Ann Peebles' *I Can't Stand the Rain*; and with *Let's Stay Together*, the heart of *Private Dancer*, a romantic paradise of synthesizers with a sure-footed hypnotic beat.

Top 15

1. BETTER BE GOOD TO ME — Tina Turner
2. SWEPT AWAY — Diana Ross
3. INVITATION — Life Force
4. GIVE ME BACK MY HEART — Norma Lewis
5. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU — Lime
6. I NEED A MAN IN MY LIFE — Katie Kissoon
7. DANCE PARTY — Blue Lazer
8. THE FIGHT — Norma Lewis
9. NIGHTTIME — Pretty Poison
10. A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND — Boystown Gang
11. CAUGHT IN THE ACT — Earlene Bentley
12. LOVE SYSTEM — The Twins
13. CHINESE EYES — Fancy
14. SHINE — Frida
15. I SEND A MESSAGE — Inxs



Books

Baby Cakes or Tales of the City Goes to London

by Carole Taylor

Baby Cakes by Armistead Maupin (Harper Row, \$8.95)

The simultaneous hardcover and paperback release of Armistead Maupin's fourth city tale is an encouraging event. (It would be even more encouraging if major publishing houses recognized more often the talent and commercial viability in books whose main characters are Gay. Instead, small Gay presses are usually the only ones willing to take the "risk." The majors come calling after the best seller statistics are tallied.) But Harper and Row has picked a winner in Mr. Maupin. His first three novels, *Tales of the City*, *More Tales of the City* and *Further Tales of the City* are masterfully entertaining and will pass the tickle test. If you don't laugh

IABWMT Guide on Racism

The International Association of Black and White Men Together has published a manual to guide Gay groups in an exploration of racism in the community. Gerald Mallon edited *Resisting Racism: An Action Guide*, produced by the IABWMT Education Committee.

The guide is divided into three sections: Workshop Outlines; Resource Materials; and Bibliographies. Workshop Outlines provides topic lists, questions, suggestions for materials to be used and guidelines for a group facilitator. The second section, Resource Materials, contains some of the materials suggested for use in the workshops, as well as helpful information. And the Bibliographies cover literature and non-fiction, books and articles.

Resisting Racism is available for \$15 per copy. Make checks payable to IABWMT. Send requests to Gerald Mallon, 250 Ridge Pike, No. 136A, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

New Lesbian Erotica

On Our Backs, a new sex entertainment magazine for the adventurous Lesbian, is now in print. The slick magazine contains erotic stories, poetry and photos, plus sex-oriented display and personal ads. The top feature is the centerfold, appropriately named "Bulldagger of the month." Publishers promise to "explore the diversity of Lesbian sexual expression through material bound to stimulate Lesbian erogenous zones." The debut issue is available by sending \$3.50 to: Box 421916, San Francisco, CA 94142.

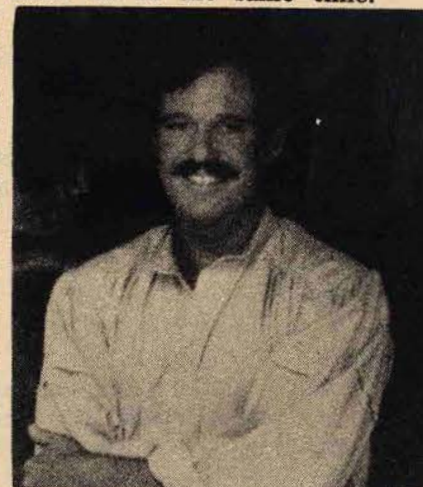
out loud at least once per page, you'd best stick with reruns of *Silver Spoons*.

Baby Cakes could as well have been titled *Tales of the City Goes to London*: the same characters live on from the other three books, but with more plot twists than Highway 1, and ones that carry some of them this time to a castle in England.

It helps to have read all of the books in the series by Maupin because his characters reappear in each book and are a tad more complicated than your average bear: Mouse used to live with Mona whose father is now her mother. Mona is Gay but marries Lord Roughton. Lord Roughton is a "poofster" who had rather put a down payment on a cubicle in the Club Baths. Mary Ann and Brian can't have a baby but they inherit one. Mona used to live with D'or who is a white girl who worked for years as New York's hottest Black model. D'or now lives with DeDe who is a fixture in the old guard Knob Hill set but had twins by the Japanese delivery boy.

Trust me. Read all four books. It will uncomplicate your life. If you don't get anything else out of them but some belly laughs, you will at

least leave with one of the great homilies of life in the big city, Mona's Law: You can have a hot job, a hot lover, and a hot apartment. You can't, however, have them all at the same time.



Armistead Maupin, Author of *Baby Cakes*. Photo by Mick Hicks.

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Memphis Gay Coalition Proposed By-Laws

The Memphis Gay Coalition will vote on these proposed by-laws on October 15.

See story on page 6 for details.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1.01

Name: The name of this non-profit corporation is the Memphis Gay Coalition, hereafter referred to as the MGC.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 2.01

Purpose: The MGC is an organization of women and men working together to educate the general community and the Gay community about human rights issues, to foster awareness and communication, to assert rights, and to confront and work to overcome oppression and discrimination.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.01

Membership: The membership is composed of those individuals who have paid their annual dues.

Section 3.02

Dues: Annual membership dues are set by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.03

Meetings: The Annual Meeting of the membership is held on the third Monday of October, at which time the officers are elected. Business meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and program meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

Section 3.04

Quorum: A quorum consists of those members present at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

Section 3.05

Voting: Those individuals who qualify as voting members have one vote on any issue presented to them. Members who abstain in any vote are not counted as either for or against the motion. Issues are decided by a majority of the members actually present, except where the By-laws require a two-thirds vote of the members actually present.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 4.01

Titles: The officers of the MGC are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 4.02

Elections: The election of officers is held at the Annual Meeting of the MGC and a majority of the members present is necessary to elect each officer. A nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors presents a list of candidates at the program meeting which precedes the Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, this list is to be multi-racial and co-sexual. At the time of its presentation, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. An announcement of the election is to appear in the issue of *Gaze* which is published immediately prior to the election.

Section 4.03

Term Of Office: Each officer serves a term of one year (January 1 to December 31) and may be re-elected.

Section 4.04

President: The President presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all business and program meetings. S/he exercises general supervision over the affairs of the MGC and has such powers as ordinarily accompany the office.

Section 4.05

Vice-President: The Vice-President, in the absence or disability of the President, performs all duties of the President. S/he has such other powers

and duties, not inconsistent with these By-laws, as may be assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors. The Vice-President also acts as the parliamentarian, welcomes new members and informs them of the activities and goals of the MGC, certifies those persons eligible to vote, and solicits new members.

Section 4.06

Secretary: The Secretary keeps the minutes of both the business and program meetings. The Secretary is the custodian of all records and documents. S/he performs all other duties, not inconsistent with these By-laws, as are incident to the office of the Secretary or that are assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors. The Secretary will submit a summary of the minutes to *Gaze* for publication.

Section 4.07

Treasurer: The Treasurer, under the general supervision of the Board of Directors, has custody of all funds and makes disbursements according to regulations prescribed by the Board. S/he keeps proper books of account, and annually and at such other times as may be required, submits to the Board a report of receipts and disbursements, and the financial condition of the MGC. The Treasurer performs all other duties, not inconsistent with these By-laws, as are incident to the office of Treasurer or as may be assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 4.08

Removal: Any officer may be removed at any time for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors. A notice of the Board of Directors meeting where such removal is to be voted upon must be sent in writing to all members of the Board, specifying the removal action proposed. The decision of the Board to remove an officer may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the members at a business meeting.

Section 4.09

Vacancies: Any vacancies which occur in an office of the MGC are filled for the unexpired term by the same general procedures that govern the annual election of officers.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.01

Powers: The business of the MGC is managed under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.02

Composition: The Board of Directors consists of the four officers and three members-at-large.

Section 5.03

Terms: Each member of the Board of Directors serves for one year (January 1 to December 31) and may be re-elected.

Section 5.04

Elections: The election of the members-at-large to the Board of Directors is held at the Annual Meeting and a majority of the voting members present is necessary to elect each member-at-large. A nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors presents a proposed list of members-at-large at the program meeting which precedes the Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, this list is to be multi-racial and co-sexual. At the time of its presentation, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. An announcement of the election is to appear in the issue of *Gaze* which is published prior to the election.

Section 5.05

Meetings: The Board of Directors meets monthly at a date and time set by the Board and published in *Gaze*. Meetings of the Board are open and may be scheduled to coincide with the business meetings. Emergency meetings may be held without published notice, but a summary of business conducted at such a meeting must appear in *Gaze*.

Section 5.06

Quorum: There must be quorum present in order for the Board of Directors to conduct business. A majority of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum

Section 5.07

Voting: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, matters are resolved by a vote of the majority of the Directors present, except as otherwise expressly required by the By-laws.

Section 5.08

Removal: Any Director may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors, providing that a written notice is sent to each member of the Board stating the time of the meeting and the removal action that is being proposed. A removal action taken by the Board of Directors can be overturned by a two-thirds majority of the membership at a business meeting. A Director, including any officer, subject to a removal vote is to be accorded fair and reasonable opportunity to respond to any statements made in the course of the removal proceedings.

Section 5.09

Vacancies: Any vacancies among the members at large on the Board of Directors are to be filled for the unexpired term by the same procedures that govern the annual elections of the members at large.

Section 5.10

Annual Report: The Board of Directors presents an Annual Report of the Activities of the MGC for the preceding year at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5.11

Compensation of Directors: The Directors of the MGC serve as such without salary or other compensation.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 6.01

Standing Committees: The standing committees of the MGC are the Newspaper Committee, the Switchboard Committee, the Broadcast Media Committee, the Program Committee, the Fundraising Committee, and any other committees so designated by a majority of the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership. Any such committees that are established should have a member of the committee designated as liaison to the Board of Directors.

Section 6.02

Other Committees: The Board of Directors may create ad-hoc or other committees as are considered necessary to carry out the purpose and goals of the MGC. Any such committees that are established should have a member of the committee designated as liaison to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 7.01

Checks, Drafts, Etc.: All checks, drafts, and orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the MGC are to be signed with two signatures, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors. These signatures are: the President and/or the Treasurer and/or the Vice-President.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01

Conduct Of Meetings: The conduct of the Board of Directors and business meetings of the MGC is according to Robert's Rules of Order to the extent that these rules are consistent with the laws of the State of Tennessee. Such rules are the final authority unless there is a provision of these By-laws for a different rule or procedure. The Vice-President is the parliamentarian for both the Board of Directors and the business meetings.

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A History of Little Rock Gay Bars

by Jim Norcross

(Reprinted from *Arkansas Advisor*)

Little Rock has long been the setting of Gay bars, dated back to 1940 when the Brass Rail was Little Rick's, hot spot for the many soldiers stationed at Ft. Roots.

The Discovery, Little Rock's biggest and best known disco and bar was named in *The Arkansas Times* (a straight magazine) as "the best disco in the state." On any given weekend you can find literally hundreds in the establishment, either in the front lounge or in the back room with its impressive light show and "hot" music. Shows are held Wednesdays and Sundays (beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Sundays and 11:00 p.m. on Wednesdays) and all of the well known female impersonators have performed here (Hot Chocolate, Naomi Sims and Tasha Cole, Miss Gay America 1983, just to name a few), not to mention the show regulars, Sookie Simone, Brandy Lane, Febe Khoale, Shelley Nicole, Billie McBride and on occasion, Norma Kristie herself (Miss Gay America 1972).

Another popular Little Rock bar is The Palladium, located on the corner of Markham and Victory Streets in downtown Little Rock. Known for their nightly drink specials, The Palladium is open Monday-Saturday. Currently, the bar provides a dance floor in the middle section of the establishment, but owner Lawrence Natanson plans to expand the dance area into the upper level of the building formerly used as a dining room. The lower level of the bar provides a dimly lit lounge to enjoy your favorite cocktail and indulge in conversation.

The Silver Dollar, primarily a women's bar, provides a unique meeting place for the gals. Constant pool table action to make an exciting evening for pool enthusiasts is always at an all-time high.

Lil's Country Pub offers a country atmosphere with its outdoor patio which is always booming, especially in the mid-summer months. Not a bad choice for a night out on the town, eh?

What was Gay life like in Little Rock before the '80's? What do you recall? We have done extensive research into the past to examine the bar scene before the 1980's and this is what we have found.

In 1971 the Gay community swamped Main Street's popular nightspot, Variations. The Iron Skillet, Little Rock's only "Gay restaurant," was located in the basement while the bar and small lounge area was located on the street level of Variations. The winding staircase led to the upper level of the bar which provided another bar and small dance floor. Before Variations opened, many will recall the equally popular French Quarter in the same location.

Before the move of Discovery to

its present location, many went to Discovery I at Asher and University.

The Drummers Club was Little Rock's only "Gay bar," though the owners steadfastly refused to admit that it was a Gay bar. Hard as it may be for some of today's younger crowd to believe, an evening out might have consisted of having dinner and remaining in your chairs and talking with the straight clientele in the bar. Moving around was highly discouraged. Any show of affection was forbidden, holding hands under the table was grounds for being asked to leave as management and employees made it a full-time job to monitor the crowd and were quick to point out that the Drummers Club was not a Gay bar, though the Gay dollar was certainly welcome. Any kind of dance was also strictly forbidden.

In 1975, many journeyed to Hot Springs (some 50 miles away) to visit the Royal Lion (a private club) or the Peacock Lounge (later known as Norma Kristies) for the chance to dance.

The Drummers finally permitted dancing at 10:00 p.m. and only on weekends. A sign was often posted on the door that a private birthday party was being held inside.

Big David (from Houston), a well known performer, came to Little Rock in 1976 and began having shows on Wednesday evenings. This is believed to have been the first regularly scheduled shows held in Little Rock. With the coming of these activities, business boomed and the Gay community is credited with keeping the Manning Hotel and the Drummers Club open for perhaps 2-3 years longer because of the business these shows and the bar generated. A cover was placed on the door for the shows and this practice soon caught on with other bars — if dancing was going to be permitted, a cover must be paid.

After dancing was permitted, women began to go to The Drummers, but little mixing between the sexes occurred. The women had their own bar at Arch Street Pike called Tommies, in addition to Nina's located on Fourche Dam Road. Both bars were popular among the female community.

In the early 1970's, the El Toro Club opened near the Rixey Road exit in Jacksonville on Highway 167. Popular with both men and women, dancing was permitted and liquor and beer were served. Annoying to customers was the common occurrence of police blocking both exits as Gays began to leave the bar and many were taken in and booked for DWI with the passengers put out to get home as best they could. The same owners of this club operated the Actors and Artists Club on the New Benton Highway. There were occasional shows at both bars.

The Gar Hole, located in the basement of the old Marion Hotel (now demolished), was closed April 30, 1970. The Marion was a regal old

downtown hotel, well known to a cross section of the city including politicians, as a gathering place for Gays. Former employees deny any knowledge of a Gay gathering place there, even to this day. It was well known throughout the southwest, and while it may have appealed to closeted Gays, it was certainly popular with Gays throughout the state.

During the Gar Hole's heyday, there were more openly Gay establishments being opened in the Little Rock area. The Brown Jug, located in the downtown area of 13th and Scott, was well known for its food and was often a place of openness largely due to the mixed clientele in the establishment at the time. Many people remember the large piano which was highly lacquered, not to mention the huge fireplace. On rare occasions dancing was permitted near closing time but the player piano was most frequently the attraction, as was the food.

In the late 60's, the Brittany House on the old Memphis highway was shortlived due to harassment from the police. The bar permitted dancing and shows were occasionally held there, but it closed shortly after opening.

In the early 60's and late 50's, there was The Continental and The Pit. The Pit, opened first, was in the vicinity of 2nd and Spring Streets, and featured live entertainment,

folk singers, etc. and was also well-known for its food. It attracted a considerably Gay clientele so the owners opened up The Pit next door as a private club, Little Rock's first openly Gay club and popular with both men and women. It featured a black band, Sweet Mama Newman, which attracted a lot of business, but closed in 1964 and the crowd shifted to the Gar Hole.

As far back as 1940 and until it closed in about 1960, the Brass Rail located in a building next to the Manning Hotel was extremely popular with the many soldiers stationed at Ft. Roots during the war. People will speak of the lively Patio in the rear with its large fish pond.

Little Rock's Gay community can be thankful of the bars available today as Little Rock has come a long way in the forty-four years that Gay bars have existed in the Little Rock area. This report may not be completely correct due to hazy memories and faulty recollections and any corrections or additions are certainly welcome.

Editor's Note

At the time this article was originally written, the Palladium was still in operation. A few weeks ago it burned under mysterious circumstances. The complete story is on page one of this issue. —Ed



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Dear Dreamer:

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

This is somewhat of a philosophical piece addressed to dreamers. There are many of you out there: dreamers or visionaries. Every organization in our community has a few of you. We live as much in tomorrow as today, maybe more. We thrill at the sight of things to come, the hope of our dreams coming true. On the other hand, we often detest waiting, resist the detail of today and the housekeeping chores of the moment. The Gay movement to freedom and wholeness was birthed by dreamers and is sustained in the dream and the vision.

If you are dreaming and nothing seems to be happening; if there seems to be no momentum toward your goals, consider this: the waiting times are essential for the dream to become reality. The times of your waiting are like the years that the soil in a field lies fallow. It may appear that nothing is happening and you may indeed feel as if your friends and co-workers look upon you as a vacant lot, an empty place where nothing seems to grow right now. When a field lies fallow it is resting and being replenished and nurtured for its future harvest. The more you reflect upon this image, the clearer life seems to become.

Consider all the people we have seen throw themselves into the cause, the organizational agenda,

the party, etc., until they have burned up all of their energy and are discarded by their peers. We rush to judgement on every project, every hope and every promise with little or no knowledge of the time required to fulfill our dreams. We are children of a generation which demands instant gratification and as such, we kill off a lot of good dreams and dreamers by our impatience and our need for urgency.

If I could say anything to the leaders of the organizations that serve our community, I would say, "Your dreams can come true." But to make a dream a reality requires some practical and tested tools. I want to share some of these with you here.

Stay Put. So often we run away from our dreams and our responsibilities because we have prematurely concluded that we have failed. To be successful in leadership, you need to stay in one place. Whether you are committed to a lover or a political cause, staying put is essential for success. By longevity, I mean several years, five or more, not several months.

Be Direct. When conflicts come, face into the wind. Address them directly rather than attempting to hide them or disguise them. The secret is discerning what is a conflict and what is not. Many people will present every issue as a conflict. My experience is that there are few crises in daily life and very

few worth getting upset over. None are worth giving up your dream.

Never Lose Sight Of The Goal. No matter how obscure the goal may become, no matter how distant it may seem, and no matter who attempts to discourage you, don't let the goal escape your vision.

Trust Your Guts. How do you know if the goal is right? Trust your guts and others will give you confirmation. When you trust your gets, it always feels good and creates your good mental health. Listen to everyone, but most of all to yourself and the voice within you lest you be confused and sidetracked by a multitude of voices.

Have Faith. This means taking risks in order to move toward your goals. There can be no success without risk taking. This is true whether you are investing money or having a Holy Union with your lover.

Take Time. Consistently and regularly get away from the crowd and nurture yourself. The leader's best gift is her/himself. If you wear yourself out, you will have nothing to give. This brings us back to waiting and resting. If it appears as if nothing is happening, remember that this is never true. Something is always happening and you must trust that it is happening for the

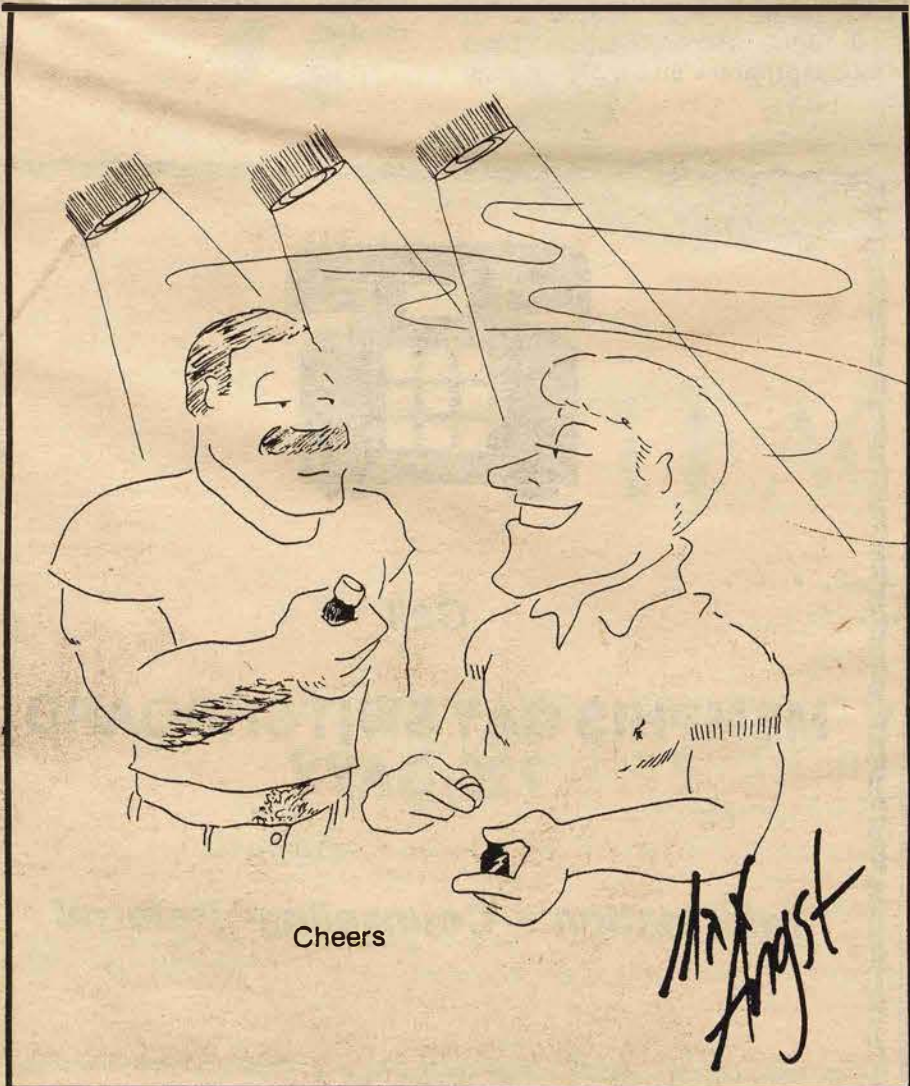


Rev. Uhrig

good. Even when there appears to be a setback or a failure, you must expect that you can use it for the good.

The secret of success is not turning back. Once you have started toward a goal and set the direction and received support and encouragement from those who share the dream, you must not turn back. Much of what I am saying is rooted in a healthy self-esteem, a confidence in oneself which enables you to resist the pressures around you which seem to steer you away from your goals and defeat your purposes.

For the dream to come true, it must be allowed to flourish. It must be spoken and shared. How many dreamers are around us, who have not yet come out of their closets to share their dreams? You may have within you the idea, the dream or the vision which will bring us all to greater health and freedom. Believe in it. Share it. Wake us up with your dreams to the brightness of our future.



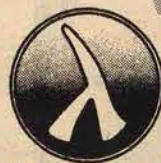
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Gay May Murdered in Little Rock

by Todd Williams

The decomposed body of James K. Mitchell, 55, of 39 Bertha Street was found Saturday, September 15, by Little Rock detectives and Pulaski County Sheriff's deputies. The body was in eight to twelve inches of water in a swamp area of the Arkansas River, just south of Faulkner Road in eastern Pulaski County. Mitchell had been reported missing July 9th by his roommate, Gilbert King. Witnesses had reported last seeing Mitchell on the parking lot of the Discovery Disco about 4 am Sunday morning, July 8. He was reported to be talking with two "rough type characters."

Dr. Fahmy Malak, the state medical examiner, who performed the autopsy determined the cause of death was a blow to the head with a blunt instrument. Police have recovered a tire tool near where the body was found but have not commented on whether they believe it to be the murder weapon. Mitchell's car, a 1974 green Cadillac, has also been found.

The detective division of the Little Rock Police worked diligently after receiving the missing person report on July 9th. Working with the Pulaski and Saline County Sheriff's offices, arrests were made Septem-

ber 15th. The two men who are being held without bond are identified as John Edward Jones, 37, no address listed, and Herman Martinez Holland of 1813 Boyce Street. Both men are charged with capital felony murder and the state is seeking the death penalty. Police consider the case a robbery homicide.

According to Gilbert King, Mitchell's roommate, one of the suspects entered the Palladium restaurant the night of September 1st. King, who worked as a bartender at the Palladium, and several other employees recognized him as one of the men last seen with Mitchell. The man left abruptly and began running east on Markham. King and another unidentified man gave chase but were unable to catch him. Police, responding to a call from the bar, also failed to find him after an exhaustive search of the area. But King was able to give an excellent description of the man and working with police create an almost lifelike composite picture of the suspect. Within less than two weeks, police were able to identify both suspects and make arrests. It is believed that the composite drawing was one of the main breaks in the case. No doubt, King was responsible for that and should be credited with providing the most important information in the case.

Little Shop of Horrors continued from page 20

gigantic Audrey II has seriously wounded Seymour's beloved Audrey? Despite its fantasy and comedy, *The Little Shop of Horrors* is actually a significant and very real exploration of human responsibility, decision-making, and intentions.

In this touring production of *Little Shop*, the role of Seymour is played by Ken Ward, who recently portrayed Pepe, one of the St. Tropez townspeople, in *La Cage Aux Folles* on Broadway. Earlier, Ward appeared in *The Pirates of Penzance* on the Great White Way. Audrey is played by Eydie Alyson, who originated the role in *Little Shop's* Los Angeles company. Alyson has appeared in many television commercials and on "All My Children" and "The Doctors."

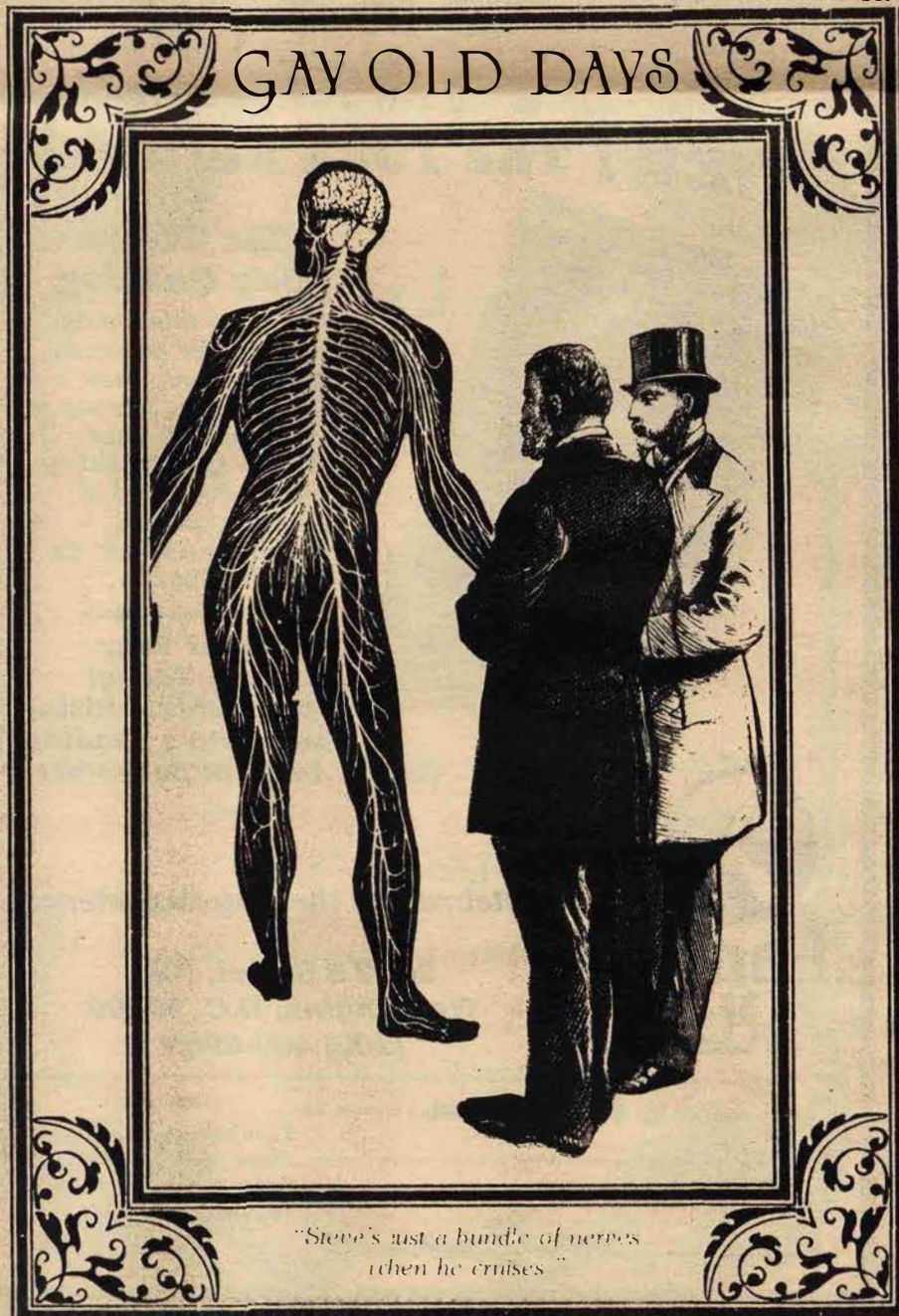
Stan Rubin, a New York textile designer who became an actor late in life, plays Mr. Mushnik, and Ken Land (*Serious Bizness*, "Ryan's Hope") has a tour de force as Orin the dentist, a flower shop customer, a TV network executive, a horticulturist, a Phillip Marlowe type, and a society matron!

Another real star of *The Little Shop of Horrors* is the amazing Audrey II, which talks, undulates, grows, grabs, eats, and spits! There are actually four different cloth and foam rubber Audrey II models. The original Audrey II is only six inches tall and is a hand puppet worked by Ken Ward (Seymour). Later in Act One, the plant grows to fifteen inches tall. In the second act, Audrey II (whose name was Audrey Jr. in the 1960 Roger Corman film) metamorphoses into a 3¼-foot-tall

creature — and finally mutates into a delightfully grotesque monster 8¼ feet tall and 24 feet wide, and weighing 115 pounds! For these last two incarnations, puppeteer William Szymanski manipulates Audrey II from the inside. The creature's soulful voice is supplied masterfully by Michael Leslie, who spoke for Audrey II in the Los Angeles and London productions. Leslie also has performed on an acclaimed tour with singer Stephanie Mills, and portrayed The Lion in *The Wiz* on Broadway. As Audrey II, Michael Leslie speaks and sings offstage, while watching the play on a television monitor.

On this Nashville stop of *Little Shop's* touring company, the actors portrayed their roles excellently and as a very pleasing ensemble. The humans and the "plants" elicited much laughter and gasps from the large Jackson Hall audiences — and delivered an hilarious, unexpected, local in-joke, which they slipped into the lyrics of the finale! A slight microphone problem on opening night was corrected later in the six-day Nashville run.

The Little Shop of Horrors' winning of the 1982-1983 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best musical marked the first time in fifteen years that the Circle had gone outside of Broadway to name a best musical, and the first time in three years that it had named a best musical at all! Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's *Little Shop of Horrors* provides a fabulously entertaining, uplifting, unforgettable night of theatre.



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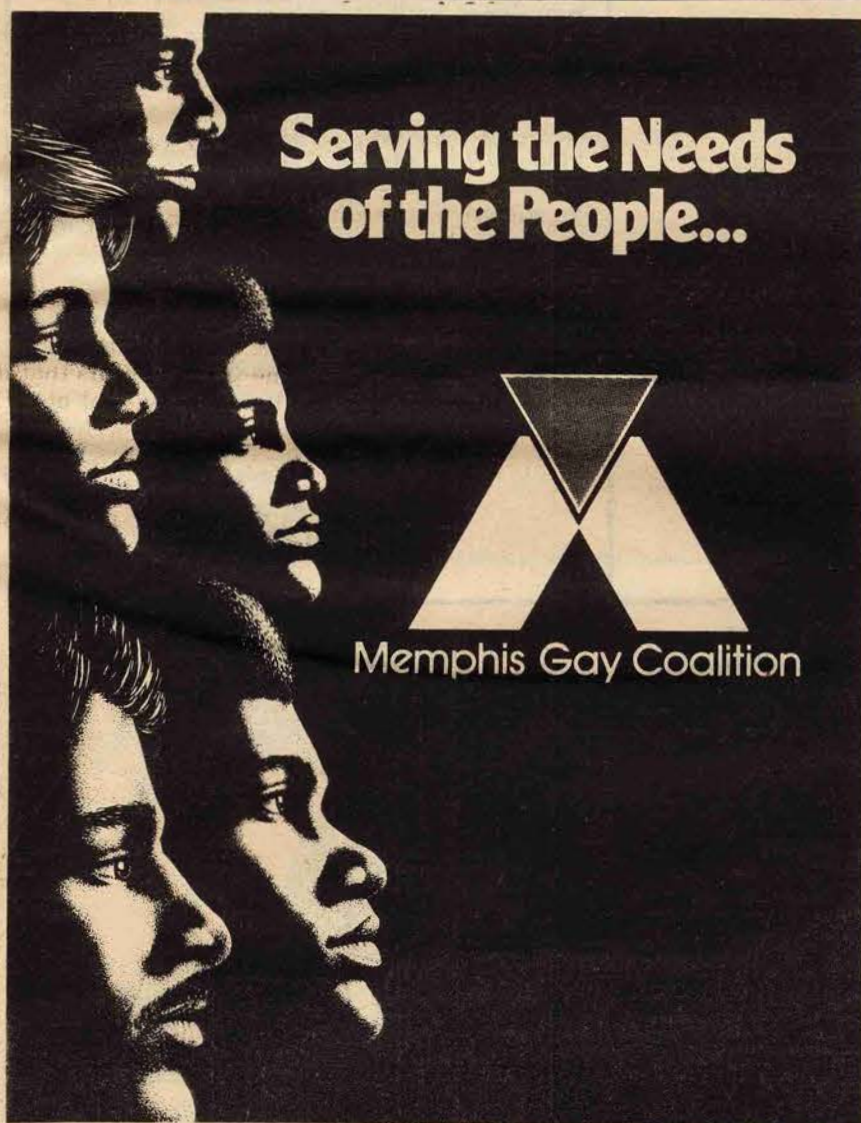
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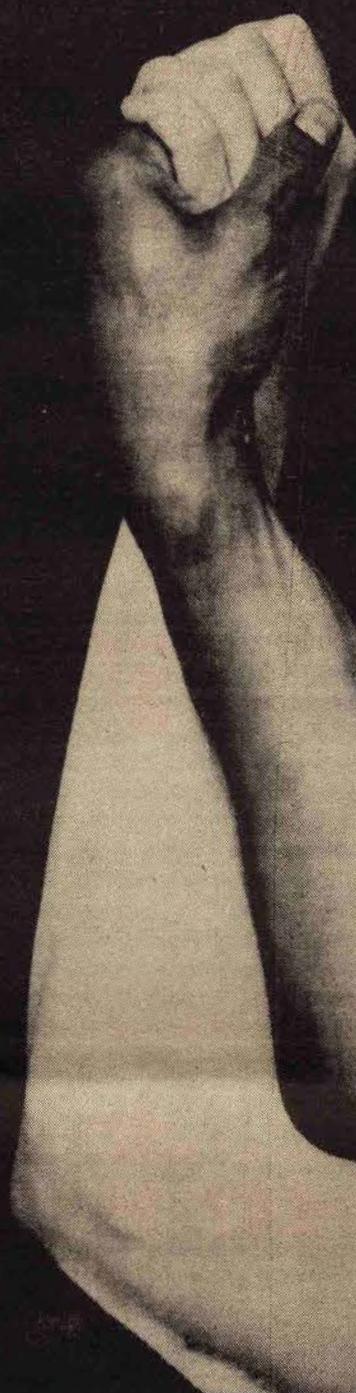
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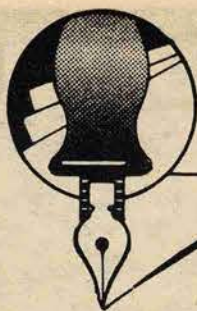
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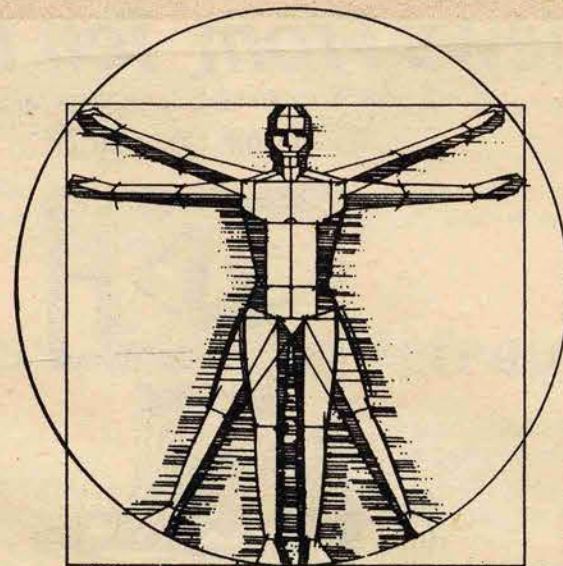
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Bruce Is Gone

We were together once
Kisses were planted on the porch
of my friend's apartment building
I sang a capella for you
it's something I usually don't do

You were the only ex
I still spoke to
You gave me courage, helped me relax
Why is it
I couldn't see that inside you were
breaking — shattering — exploding — ripping
crumbled to pieces
When the dust cleared, I heard you had been taken away
Maybe if I hadn't left you . . .

Well, you got better and kissed me goodbye
as you left for a healing summer
Maybe if I hadn't . . .
We were going to write
but you never replied
Maybe if . . .
they say you're never coming back
they say you're worse — but then better
Maybe . . .

Maybe, maybe, maybe
Dammit! I should have held you longer
and whispered more endearments
but I was too weak — and I didn't

I guess I'll never sing "Fire and Rain" again
I'll never again feel your fingers in my hair
I'll have to cry in the summer
and remember that exquisite kiss
with a firefly crawling up my ear.

—Tom Jackson

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When we give, it's gladly to receive
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As we try to live and learn
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For honor — to love, to share
I see grace and beauty in the air
And many feelings to compare
If we just open our eyes to see
I think the truth is over there

— C. McMullen
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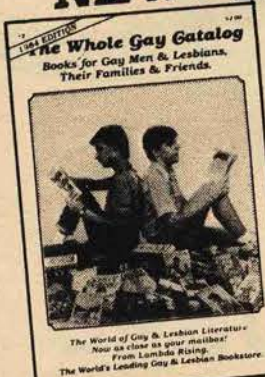
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- Ladies Plus: service organization for men and women, public. Call 725-9877 before 3 pm daily.
- Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-hetero-sexist; 1462 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38104, 274-3550
- Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Meeting Room B of Library at Peabody & McLean; Box 3038, Memphis TN 38173-0038
- Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational, Sun. worship 3:15 pm at Unitarian Chh, 292 Va. Ave. W., Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm, Box 241592, Mphs, 38124-1592, 324-1769.
- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; Box 41822 Memphis, 38104
- Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing
- National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; Box 40982, Memphis, 38104
- The Queen's Men (TQM): social, private membership, no address listing
- Phoenix: Gay AA; meets Wed., 8 pm Fri., 10 pm; Sun., 8pm. Methodist Central, Medical Arts Bldg., 1265 Union, 365-7153
- Tsarus: social, levi-leather/ motorcycle, private membership, Box 41082, Mphs, 38174-1082.

MEDIA

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

HELPLINES

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

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

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

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NASHVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BAILEYTON

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

CHATTANOOGA

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

CLARKSVILLE

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

JOHNSON CITY

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

KNOXVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

BARS AND RESTAURANTS

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

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

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

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

LITTLE ROCK

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDIA

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

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

MISSISSIPPI

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDIA

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

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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

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

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

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

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