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TQM To Spearhead Local AIDS Group

The Queen's Men, Inc., are attempting to create a local AIDS committee to funnel money into AIDS research.

TQM will host an organizational meeting of the Aid to End All AIDS Committee on Sunday, January 13, at 2:00 pm in the Surrey Room of the Coach House Hotel at 1262 Union Ave.

The purpose of the new organization will be to raise funds which will be used locally by the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences to conduct research into the cause and cure of the dreaded Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Another function of the committee will be to offer assistance whenever possible to any AIDS victims which might be discovered in the Memphis area.

Guest speaker at the organizational meeting will be Dr. Linda Pifer, Ph.D. who is in charge of the AIDS research now being conducted at UTCHS.

Dr. Pifer is on the national AIDS Working Committee and has the only lab in the country which can screen for Pneumocystis Carinii pneumonia, one of the chief opportunistic infections associated with AIDS. Results are obtained through a simple blood test. Pneumocystis pneumonia is the most common diagnosable precursor to the disease. Blood specimens from all

over the country are flown into Dr. Pifer's lab daily for testing. Dr. Pifer will offer free blood test screening to anyone attending the meeting who wishes to have this done. If her lab were to charge for this test, the fee would be about \$75.

When asked if her clinic could realize any true benefit in terms of research from the relatively small amount a local fund-raising group could contribute, she stated, "Absolutely! \$10,000 could purchase a new microscope — enabling an extra person to do research. Even if all you did was buy our cotton balls for us for a year, that would help!"

Dr. Pifer's work is currently being funded through a 3-year, \$800,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. She is making progress.

Gary Salles, president of TQM emphasizes that this meeting is an organizational one. An independent board of directors will be elected which he hopes will include all segments of the organized Gay community — social clubs, service clubs and bar owners as well as independents. He anticipates all of the traditional fund raising type events but says, "It will be up to the board of directors to decide just what will be done, where and how."

Coalition Elects Officers — Plans Christmas Party

The Memphis Gay Coalition has elected officers for the first time in its five year history.

Culminating moves made during the summer, the Coalition adopted new by-laws in October which called for elected officers to take office in January. Elected at the November 19 meeting were Bob Dumais, president; Cheryl Goebel, vice president; John Stilwell, secretary; and Cecil McLeod, treasurer. In addition to the executive committee, the board of directors includes three at-

large positions. Elected to those positions were Rick Bray, Vincent Astor and Joe Calhoun.

In other business, the Coalition agreed to have its annual Christmas potluck dinner in the parlor of the Orpheum in place of its regularly scheduled program meeting December 17. Anyone bringing a covered dish is welcome to attend. Turkey will be provided by the Coalition. Vincent Astor, host of the dinner, says the Orpheum Parlor will be decorated for the season.

by Allen Cook

BWMT Founder Seeks Cure For Gay Racism

The organized Gay community needs to make special efforts to outreach into the Black Gay community. So says Mike Smith, co-founder of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. Smith was in Memphis to spend Thanksgiving with the local chapter. He was hosted by BWMT-Memphis co-chairs Irwin Rothenberg and Joe Calhoun.

In remarks made during the taping of *Views from 10%* to be aired in December, Smith spoke on a number of issues relating to Gays and particularly Third World participation in the Gay rights movement.

He indicated that Black Gays are doubly discriminated against. First because they are a "visible" minority and, secondly, because of their "invisible" status as Gays. Smith says that the first level of discrimination is often so intense that the second is not even dealt with.

BWMT, he says, is an organization that attempts to deal with racism and racial discrimination on all levels. Nationally, the organization has been responsible for organizing boycotts against Gay businesses which discriminate and has been credited with spearheading a move in Atlanta to create a city ordinance which prohibits the use of excessive identification as a prerequisite to admission to area clubs.

Both Smith and Calhoun concede that discrimination against Gays within the Black community is also a difficult thing to overcome. Calhoun said the image of the Black man as a "super macho man" is a problem. "Society," Calhoun said,

"has a certain set of expectations of the Black male which make it hard to break the mold."

Smith contends that many Blacks in power also have problems in dealing with Gays within the Black community. Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, for example, reportedly has a problem dealing with the subject.

Smith spoke of homosexuality in Black history, noting an example of an African tribe which practiced homosexuality openly as part of its culture. It was only after the Europeans arrived and impacted on the tribe's culture that the practice went underground.

Another problem Smith and Calhoun see for Black Gays is the lack of a positive Black Gay role model. The media generally perceives the Gay man as "white and middle class," according to Smith. While recently gains have been made in the portrayal of Gays in television programs, movies and the like, they agree that the next step will be a portrayal of a positive image for Gay women rather than Gay Blacks.

Smith indicated that both a distrust of the law and of the white community power structure has contributed to Blacks avoiding involvement in Gay rights activities. He said that rather than sitting by and expecting the Black Gay community to become involved on its own, Gay activists should gain Black support by becoming involved in areas in which there is a common interest.

Views from 10% featuring the complete interview with Smith and Calhoun will be presented during December on Memphis Cablevision Channel 7. See ad on page 18 for times and dates.

If you are wondering why we look a little different this month, here's the scoop. Gaze has gone hi-tech...sort of.

Last month we acquired an NEC Advanced Personal Computer to help with our story writing and typesetting. Well, there are still a few bugs in our software and the copy this month has been set in a standard typewriter face. Hopefully we'll get the bugs worked out of the system and be back next month looking better than ever. Meanwhile, enjoy our fifth anniversary issue!



Gazing

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Happy Birthday, Gaze!

by Allen Cook

This issue of Gaze marks the fifth anniversary of its publication. And just to show you how while some things change, some things remain the same, we are reprinting the entire first issue of Gaze as our center spread.

Things certainly have changed. We hope changed for the better and perhaps now, at the end of the year, it is appropriate for us to look at some of the changes that have been made over the years.

Of course, the obvious thing for Gaze is that the newspaper itself is much larger... six to seven times as large as that first issue. If you look, you'll notice that there were few, if any, real ads in that first issue. Advertisers were justifiably wary of a "Gay" newspaper. After all, we didn't call attention to ourselves in the south in those days.

But times change, and so do attitudes. Today it is our advertisers who keep us publishing every month. Not just the obvious advertisers but lawyers, upholsterers, cloth-

iers, movies, clubs, bookstores, and the like. They advertise because they know they can reach the audience they want.

Another obvious difference is the growth of Gaze's distribution. We aren't sure how many of that first issue were distributed, but as of three years ago, only 2500 copies a month were printed. Today that figure has doubled and we have trouble fulfilling our obligations with those.

In the past few months, we've expanded our distribution to East Tennessee, not with an eye on increasing advertising revenue (although that would be nice), but

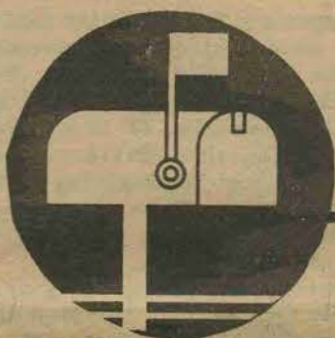
because we see a need in that part of the state which is not being met. Gaze has come a long way since December 1979 and as we begin work on Volume 6, Number 1, we hope to make you proud to be a reader of Gaze.

Editorial changes signaled new growth for the newspaper. As the size of the paper grew, no longer was it acceptable to be politically strident in our approach. After all, you can't spout political rhetoric for 24 pages every month. So we added lifestyle features, cartoons, health and religion columns to fit what you said you wanted. While we realize you can't

be all things to all people, we feel we've created a solid foundation on which to build.

One thing that hasn't changed is that Gaze is still published by the Memphis Gay Coalition and it's still put together by volunteers. Not one member of the staff is paid a cent for the work he or she does. For those of us who publish Gaze, it is a labor of love. We believe there is power in the press and that power is what eventually will make every Gay man and woman free.

Letters to the editor should be as short as possible and must be signed. Names will be withheld by request but anonymous letters will not be printed. "Box 3038" is a letters-to-the-editor column and is a public forum for readers to express their opinions. Gaze takes no responsibility for the views expressed. Mail letters to Gaze, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.



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Gay Plays Are Produced

Re: Book Review of *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* (November, 1984).

You may be interested in the fact that Jane Chambers' Lesbian comedy *My Blue Heaven* was performed in Nashville in October by the Circle Players and, in fact, the Circle Players used it to enter the statewide FACT competition (an amateur theatre competition held once a year in Murfreesboro). The Circle Players is a 35-year-old Nashville theatre group, doing about 7 plays a year.

M.A.
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Gay History Important

This is in reply to Arvon Tombs letter to this column in which he/she criticized my article on the Gay bars in Little Rock, (*Gaze*, Issue Vol 5, No. 9) claiming that I made many errors and didn't even come close to the real story.

As I pointed out originally, the information contained was based on personal recollections and due to hazy memories some of the facts might not be exactly correct. However, I have received many comments regarding the article with people saying, "Yes, that is the way it was or that is how I remember it." No glaring errors have been reported to me previously.

All in all I talked with about 25 different informants, many of whom have lived in Little Rock all of their lives (I personally have been a native only since 1971) and these informants—both male and female—ranged in age up to mid to late sixties.

Mr. Tombs (or Miss Tombs) claims to have talked with people who had first hand information regarding Gay Union and Confederate veterans when they held their reunion in Little Rock in 1911. This was obviously before my sources' time and therefore if this person would contact me or anyone connected with the Gay movement, it would be of considerable interest and quite beneficial to have his/her recollections recorded. After all, if we do not record our history, who will? Even Katz's *Gay American History* has little or no information regarding Gay activities during the Civil War and any input would be of great interest.

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Preventive Measures

I understand from Mr. Ray Diemer, there is a preventive ointment (for AIDS) developed by a firm in Los Angeles.

It is now in the hands of the FDA and Patent Office, soon to be on the market. It is in lubricant

form, such as K.Y. or Performance, and will be used as such. Also, it can be made into a lip balm such as Chap Stick, etc. Mr. Ray Diemer of Atlanta, is a stockholder in several Club Baths and has all the information on it.

Also I saw on the news yesterday, there has been a discovery of a blood test that will detect AIDS virus and should be available within the next several months.

—George Wilson
Georgetown Inn

News of the AIDS blood test is still somewhat controversial. As we understand it, it will detect whether or not one has been exposed to it, but cannot conclusively tell if you will develop the disease. That story is elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.





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Quick Clips

by Allen Cook

There are lots of little things that you run across during the course of putting a newspaper like this together that really don't merit a story, just a mention, and perhaps a comment or two. The purpose of this column is to take those things and put them in perspective. Sometimes, they'll take a stab at society's treatment of us. Sometimes, we'll just laugh at ourselves. Some of it will just be gossip and tid-bits of information.

In the art world: An exhibition opened a few weeks ago at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art called "The Heroic Figure." Missing from the exhibit were three bronze sculptures by William Crozier. While other subjects in the exhibit deal with male and female nudity, the Crozier sculptures deal frankly with sexuality in an explicit way. According to acting director of Brooks Rick Gruber, "This is the city's museum. It is important to present works of art which are suitable for the city and its population. I mean Memphis is Memphis." Sounds like censorship to me.

Bar Talk: Trapper John's has bit the dust after four months of operation, leaving piles of unpaid bills in its wake. The club at 616 Marshall was formerly The Barracks and Rumors. It is dark once again. Owner Jerry Marlin has reportedly filed for bankruptcy and the club's ownership has reverted to Don Rosignol (George's). Trapper's had an appearance scheduled December 7 for recording artist Pamela Stanley for which advance tickets were being sold. No word at press time on whether or not those who bought advance tickets will receive refunds or whether her appearance will be rescheduled for another club.

While one dies, another one opens. We understand a new bar, The Apartment, has opened at 343 Madison in the Madison-Danny Thomas area. Details are sketchy, but sources say that this is the first Black-owned Gay bar in Memphis.

Danny Ray has remodeled (again!) the upstairs of The Other Side and has been operating it once more under the name DR's. He is trying to get a liquor-by-the-drink license but has run into some minor setbacks on that front.

Tommy Stewart is remodeling the kitchen of J-Wag's. He says the new exhaust system will provide better ventilation so he can reinstall his deep fryer. A change in the menu and an addition of an afternoon-early evening cook indicate a greater interest in the food area.

Encore Cards and Gifts has expanded the store to twice the size of the original. Taking the disco and game room space from J-Wag's, the store now allows for better display of its wares. One of the new lines of merchandise includes ceramics done by local Gay artists and craftspeople. We're glad to see someone supporting these folk. The prices seem pretty reasonable, too.

Chuck Kalaf who opened the Branding Iron Saloon in Little Rock says he is donating 10% of his profits to Arkansas Gay Rights and the Arkansas Metropolitan Community Church. Kalaf, who recently moved from Dallas Texas, also plans to open a women's bar soon.

In Nashville, a "sister" has moved in next to The Crazy Cowboy. You guessed it, it's called The Crazy Cowgirl (2309 Franklin Road). While some feminists might quibble with the "girl" in the name, we don't think any of the various politically correct alternatives would quite convey the same meaning.

On the DJ scene: A feature article in *The Commercial Appeal* November 23, examined the rise of nightclub DJ's. In the article, one DJ, Jim "Thumper" Richens of Confetti and Thrills, noted that one way to keep on top of things musically was to find out what records the DJ's are spinning at the local Gay clubs. "They're jammers," he said, "They're actually very hip clubs, musically. They have excellent DJ's." We, of

course, knew that. What is curious though, is that not one DJ at a Gay club was interviewed.

As you may know, Channel 24 (WPTV) in connection with its syndicated program "Puttin' On The Hits" has been staging lip-sync contests at Club Trivia for the past couple of months. Carol Hydrick, who imitates Dolly Parton, was the first place winner. Carole performed to ovation-giving audiences in this year's Aphrodite benefit and was featured prominently in the TV spots promoting the contest. Another well-known amateur stage performer, Dave Wiley, came in fourth place with his rendition of Ray Stevens' "Ahab the Arah." Both may be on their way to Hollywood to appear on the program in February. Another possibility is an appearance in *Us* magazine. Photographers for the magazine were on hand during the finals. The photo spread, if it appears, is scheduled for a February edition of the magazine.

Just when we all thought that Steven Carrington had become the first "cured" homosexual, here comes news that a future episode has him becoming involved with a new character named Luke Fuller. Insiders say that the script calls for an on-screen kiss, but few expect the footage to hit the airwaves.

We hear that 40% of the British group "Frankie Goes to Hollywood" is Gay and it's not hard to figure which two of the five. What we're wondering is how they managed to get past the immigration authorities. Most foreign stars hedge on the question of their sexuality since current laws say acknowledged homosexuals can't enter the country.

Just received a book in the mail called *The Wit and Wisdom of Quentin Crisp*, the English wit who, in my mind, ranks with Dorothy Parker and Alexander Woolcott. It's a truly funny book full of truisms and witty essays. My favorite quote: "Never keep up with the Joneses; drag them down to your level. It's cheaper."



Wings — New Club Formed

Wings, a new club catering to the levi-leather-western crowd was organized in September with five charter members and three pledges. Since then the number of pledges has increased dramatically with close to a dozen being signed up during their club night, November 24. According to a spokesperson from the club, its purpose is to "promote brotherhood among Gay people and organizations." Sources say that the club will be open to both men and women. Sharon Wray (The Eighth Day) and Barbara Pierce (P.W.Bumps) are pledges of the club.

The club is open to anyone who enjoys wearing levis and leather and biking," the spokesperson said. "We'd like to stress that this is not an S-M club. People sometimes get the wrong impression when you talk about leather clubs."

The group will hold club nights once a month at Jackie's (1474 Madison) on the last Saturday of each month. Four out-of-town bar nights are being scheduled over the next eight months with trips being planned for New Orleans, St. Louis, Nashville and Dallas. Club meetings will be held once a month on the last Sunday, usually in the home of one of the members.

Officers of the club include Steve C. president; Roger H., vice president; Steve Wesson, secretary; David B., treasurer; and Milt K., Road Captain.

Anyone wishing to become a member of Wings has to pledge for a period of four months. Interested persons can contact any member of the club or Steve Wesson, bartender at Jackie's.



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by Jeff Thompson

Sunday In The Park With George

Herself" (circa 1888), and the large, 6'9" x 10' "A Sunday Afternoon On the Island of La Grande Jatte" (1884-1886) — were denigrated by smug, unbending art critics and art enthusiasts alike. He has taken his place alongside Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, August Renoir, and others as a significant, visionary Impressionist.

Appropriately, the action of Broadway's seven-month-old *Sunday in the Park with George* takes place both in the 1880's and in our own 1980's. James Lapine's extremely introspective, philosophical Book stresses how some things never change — the pursuit of great art, the rarity of great beauty, the frustration and alienation sometimes borne with creativity, and the exorable passage of time. Meanwhile, Stephen Sondheim's brilliant instrumental and vocal music is a multi-textured canvas of staccato notes (suggesting Seurat's obsessive and ordered system of dots), passages reminiscent of operetta, high-tech synthesizers, poignant recitatives, arpeggiated piano chords, and varying tempos. Very little of Sondheim's mosaic score for *Sunday in the Park with George* can be "hummed" in the manner of "Some Enchanted Evening," "Tomorrow," "Seventy-Six Trombones," or "I Am What I Am," but Sondheim's complex music merges with the atmospheric lighting, dramatic vignettes, stream-of-consciousness soliloquies (both spoken and sung), and changeable backdrops and set pieces (painted in Seurat's unmistakable style) to bring to the stage an astonishing multi-

media presentation which, just like a Seurat painting, is nothing short of a complex, ordered work of Impressionistic art.

Through a series of vignettes, the audience is introduced to George, the ostracized Divisionist, and to Dot, his reluctant model — as his restless, neglected mistress (song "Sunday In the Park With George"). Dot yearns for an ordinary suitor who will pay attention to her and take her to the Follies, rather than for a moody painter obsessed with "Color and Light" (song) and with "Finishing the Hat" (song) on an enormous canvas which is taking him two years to paint. Indeed, George's fellow members of the Parisian art community agree that his style is "mechanical" because it and he have "No life" (song) — "It has no presence — no passion — no life — It's neither pastoral nor lyrical — You don't suppose that it's satirical?"

As the vignettes and brief exchanges continue, the audience meets the diverse Park inhabitants whom George observes and sketches — and who eventually make their way into his finished painting. "A Sunday Afternoon On the Island of La Grande Jatte." George's wistful old mother is there (song "Beautiful") and so are young girls who like to "Gossip" (song), exhausted servants taking "The Day Off" (song), a gruff garbage scow Boatman and his dog, bored soldiers eyed by the young girls, and a nouveau riche American couple taking the Grande Tour. Also finding his way into the Impressionistic tableau is Louis, the uncompli-

cated baker to whom Dot turns for attention (song "Everybody Loves Louis") — and who marries Dot before the birth of her and George's baby girl (song "We Do Not Belong Together"). As Act One ends, the actors take their places (along with several cut-out figures) on the stage (song "Sunday") in a carefully posed arrangement reproducing Georges Seurat's masterpiece (which currently hangs in the Art Institute of Chicago).

Act Two leaps into 1984 and presents wheelchair-bound Marie, George's almost one hundred-year-old, illegitimate daughter (portrayed by the actress who played Dot in Act One); and Marie's grandson, George (played by the Act One George), who, like his ancestor, is a dedicated artist searching for true beauty in order and design. The modern-day George is an inventor-sculptor who has created a series of seven "Chromolumines" — monolithic white pedestals with huge spheres perched atop them (song "Chromolume No. 7"). George's high-tech *objets d'art* are hooked to control consoles which cause the white globes to turn, colored laser beams to burst from the spheres (and into the Booth Theatre audience!), and the globes to frame a multi-media presentation commemorating Georges Seurat's Pointillistic works. Through the use of 3-D and the all important "color and light," young George has brought his great-grandfather's paintings into the Eighties in a dazzling way. But is it great art? George has learned that "Putting It Together" (song) involves just as much shallow cocktail conversation, deal-making, and patron-gathering compromises as it does true artistic inspiration.

Marie dies (song "Children and")

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Gays Win In Elections

In what could have been a disaster as far as Gay candidates goes, the November 6 election posted some very significant gains.

The most significant win was that of Rep. Gerry Studds of Massachusetts who won his race handily over his opponent, Lewis Compton. Studds was censured by the House of Representatives last year for his involvement with a 17-year-old male congressional page.

His election makes Studds the first openly Gay candidate to win election to Congress.

Studds' Republican opponent did not engage in mudslinging during the campaign but pointed to the incident as indicative of a "diminished effectiveness" which he implied would be detrimental to holding office. In his victory speech Studds praised his opponent for waging a campaign "based on the issues."

In a Minnesota race, openly Gay Karen Clark was re-elected to her third term in the Minnesota State House of Representatives from the 68th District. Her district includes a potpourri of ethnic and minority groups including elderly, Gay and Black citizens.

Clark's Republican opponent reportedly used anti-Gay tactics in his door-to-door campaign, maligning Clark for her personal lifestyle as well as her sponsorship of Minnesota's Gay rights bill. Clark won 16 out of 18 precincts in her district.

On the minus side, openly Gay professor Omck Hitchcock lost his bid against three-term incumbent John Behan in the Second District seat in the New York State Assembly. Gay-baiting seemed to be at a minimum although Behan criticized Hitchcock's support of openly Gay teachers.

Two U.S. Senate races caused con-

cern among Gay poll watchers. In North Carolina, Republican incumbent Jesse Helms, friend of Jerry Falwell, defeated his challenger Jim Hunt in what was termed as "the most expensive Senatorial race in history."

During that campaign a North Carolina newspaper implied that Hunt was, in fact, Gay and kept a young lover. The editor later retracted the statement citing overwork for his poor judgement in publishing such a statement without checking it out first. Helms himself said he thought the newspaper had gone to far, but accepted its endorsement.

In Texas, Democrat Lloyd Doggett was defeated by almost two-to-one in a race against Republican Phil Gramm.

The race was for the seat vacated by retiring Senator John Tower. Gramm repeatedly attacked Doggett for his stand in favor of Gay Rights.

Brandt Resigns Reagan Post

Washington — Dr. Edward N. Brandt, the Assistant Secretary of Health, has announced that he will not serve during the next administration.

In his government post, Brandt was responsible for directing efforts to combat AIDS. It was a memo from Brandt that was leaked to the press last year that may have led to an increasing in AIDS funding. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Margaret Heckler, responded to the memo that Brandt should find funds in his current budget to respond to the problem. However, on the strength of the memo, Congress recently approved \$ 92 million for

the disease, almost double that requested by the administration.

The Philadelphia *Gay News* reports that there are fears in Washington that the current Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, will be appointed to replace Brandt. Koop has made news by reportedly making some homophobic comments about AIDS and is known to be a strong opponent of abortion.

Brandt has accepted the position of chancellor of the University of Maryland beginning in January.

Gay Father To Keep Son

San Diego — A judge in San Diego has upheld a 1982 child custody decision, ruling that Brian Bately can remain with his Gay father and that the boy's mother be tried for contempt of court in trying to thwart the order.

Betty Lou Bately has since been convicted of contempt of court on three counts and could receive a sentence of five days in jail or \$1000 fine for each count. In addition, she still faces criminal charges for stealing her son.

The case came to national attention a few months ago when the boy's mother, a member of a fundamentalist Christian sect, kidnapped her son and hid him for 19 months. She is charged with taking the boy out of state (California), refusing to have him see a psychiatrist and making disparaging comments about the court.

The son, Brian Bately, has been living in a foster home since his return to California. He has indicated that he didn't want to live with his Gay father.

Psychologist Dropped By APA

A Nebraska psychologist who advocated a tie between homosexuality and child molestation by misstating scientific findings has been expelled from the membership in the American Psychological Association (APA).

According to the APA, Paul Cameron was "dropped" from the group "for a violation of the Preamble to the Ethical Principles of Psychologists." Although the association

would not comment further, Gay rights leaders in Nebraska said that six faculty members of the University of Nebraska had filed a complaint with the APA in 1982 because of Cameron's statements against a Gay rights ordinance being considered at the time in Lincoln, NE.

The faculty members said Cameron grossly distorted scientific findings about homosexuality and child abuse and unethically tried to link the two. Cameron says he was not dropped, but resigned. He also accused the APA of trying to ruin his reputation professionally because Gays have "taken over" the APA.

Maryland Court Kills Anti-Gay Referendum Bid

The Supreme Court of the state of Maryland has killed an attempt to have provisions of the Montgomery County Human Rights Ordinance pertaining to Gays put on a referendum.

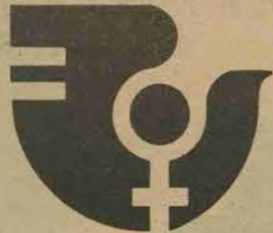
The Montgomery County Council passed amendments to the ordinance in February specifically including "sexual orientation" as a protected class. A group called Citizens for Decent Government almost immediately began circulating petitions seeking a change of that ordinance through referendum.

CIG amassed 26,000 signatures but the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors ruled that they were invalid because they sought an amendment to the existing ordinance rather than a repeal as required under the county charter.

The ruling has effectively killed any chance that the question will again come up. Civil libertarians contend that referendum votes on civil rights issues concerning minorities could only result in a negative outcome.



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SF Baths Closed

First they said they would, and then they didn't. Then they said they wouldn't and then they did. At least for now, the bathhouses in San Francisco are closed.

When City Health Director Dr. Mervyn Silverman ordered the closure on two hours notice, the city's bathhouse owners all but thumbed their noses at him and, on the advice of their attorneys, reopened in about four hours. However, on October 15, local Superior Court Judge William F. Mullins issued a temporary restraining order — valid for 15 days — telling the clubs to close.

The ruling came after Silverman placed secret investigators on the premises of about 30 sex-related businesses. After he received their reports, he ordered 14 of the businesses closed and issued mandatory guidelines which would allow two others to remain open.

The Bay Area Reporter reports that the judge rejected arguments from both the ACLU and a group of lawyers retained by the businesses involved. In doing so, he accepted the contention made by Silverman that bathhouses and sex clubs encourage sex, which in turn causes the spread of AIDS and should be closed down as a "public nuisance."

However, a month later (Nov 15), the Superior Court was promising a "prompt" decision of whether or not the order would be made permanent.

Club attorneys pleaded that there had been "prior restraint" in Silverman's original order. They contended that due process had been violated and they were not allowed public hearings or to respond to arguments for closure.

Attorney Tom Steel, representing the bathhouses, pointed out that the city had the authority to regulate conditions in the establishments but not the power to regulate conduct. He said that the city is not closing the thousands of other places where sex is also taking place.

The defense attorneys insisted that the city has not proved any direct correlation between bathhouse attendance and AIDS and that it could not be proved that closure of the baths would halt the spread of AIDS.

Silverman presented more than 80 pages of reports from four private investigators describing sexual acts between males in graphic detail.

About \$35,000 was appropriated retroactively for the investigation amid controversy that the money was spent prior to the Board of Supervisors approval.

Of the original 14 clubs ordered closed, 5 have gone out of business.

The controversy over the role of the Gay bathhouses and other sex businesses in the spread of AIDS has been an issue for months in San Francisco. The city has the highest per capita incidence of AIDS in the country (also the highest percentage of Gays).

The issue is complicated by the fact that AIDS is not believed to be transmitted by any sort of building but by sexual behavior which allows for the transmission of bodily fluids, primarily semen. Reports from the Bay area indicate that there has been a rise in public sexual activity. The unaffected bathhouses in Berkeley, across the bay, have experienced a corresponding increase in business.

According to a copyrighted story in The Texas Star by Michael Helquist, many Gay men in San Francisco long ago gave up going to the baths because of the fear of AIDS. Among those who still go, he reports an increase in "safe sex," those practices which do not involve the exchange of bodily fluids.

Advocate To Discontinue Pink Pages

San Francisco—A standard in Gay male classified advertising will be a thing of the past next year. An *Advertiser* reports. The "Pink Pages" classified insert, which accompanies every issue of the *Advocate* will be removed from the publication beginning next year. The section will be available as a separate publication according to the publishers. It will be renamed *The Advocate Pink Pages*, and distributed free in bars nationwide.

Some larger advertisers apparently have objected to the *Pink Pages*, because it hurt the *Advocate's* image. Also, owner David Goodstein was concerned that the classifieds promoted sexually transmitted disease, Gay promiscuity and irresponsible sex habits. We wonder then why he's continuing them at all.

HRCF Announces New Co-Chairs

Vic Basile, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), announced the election of Duke Comegys and Vivian Shapiro as co-chairs of the Campaign Fund's Board of Directors.

The HRCF is a political action committee that assists congressional candidates who are committed to the support of Gay and Lesbian civil rights. The organization plays a vital role on working on behalf of all citizens, particularly Gay women and men, to promote human rights and individual freedom.

Mr. Comegys, from Los Angeles, is a fundraiser for many Gay and charitable causes and an investor and art collector. He is also vice-president of the Board of Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles.

"I'm honored to be able to work in such an active role with the Fund, which in just a short time has become a vital and effective organization," said Mr. Comegys.

Ms. Shapiro was a fundraiser for Chuck Hitchcock, the first openly Gay candidate to run for Congress

from New York's First District, and for New York City Councilman David Rothenberg. A supporter of the National Gay Task Force, she is vice president of an advertising agency in New York City.

"I'm excited about becoming co-chair of the Campaign Fund," commented Ms. Shapiro. "I'm very encouraged at the political enlightenment of the Gay community and its generosity."

Mr. Comegys and Ms. Shapiro were elected by the Campaign Fund's Board of Directors at their meeting in New York City on October 10.

Frank Weis' Death Revealed

Frank C. Weis, Jr. is dead of AIDS related diseases. He died November 5 in Memphis.

Weis was born in Memphis August 1, 1949. He attended the University of Mississippi and the New School for Social Research in New York City. He moved to San Francisco about five years ago. His long-time companion, Stewart Grossman was at his bedside when he died.

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The Young In One Another's Arms

The Young In One Another's Arms
by Jane Rule (Naiad Press, \$7.95)

Jane Rule has written eight books, six of which are available from Naiad. This one, originally published in Canada in 1978, received the Best Novel of the Year Award from the Canadian Author's Association the year of its publication.

It is not difficult at all to see why Naiad has re-released it this year. On the surface, it is a simple story about ordinary people but told with such extraordinarily beautiful insights and descriptions that it is no longer just a story, but art. Ordinary things, once noticed in just the right light and captured by a painter of special skill become art.

Jane Rule has noticed a woman who doesn't fully acknowledge to the reader that her relationship with her mother-in-law is lesbian in every sense but the physical, that her relationship with everyone else is maternal in every sense but the physical. This novel is about every strong, loving woman you ever knew, the one you should hope you will be

(even if you are a man), even the one you can't find and can't thank.

To review this work in the usual sense would be an injustice to the author. All I can give you is a sample of her words and hope you read the rest of them.

...Did many women marry because they loved their mothers-in-law? Ruth's own mother remarried when Ruth was ten, too old to learn to be the child of another man, too old to compete with babies that came one after another. If there had been books, she would have read them. Instead she read the seasons in the south fork of the Eel River, in the meadows at the edge of the redwoods until she was old enough—was it fourteen or thereabouts?—to work along the road, lading up plates of gravied meat for the truckers, turning hamburgers for the tourists, listening to the locals' yearly doubt: "Where will the road go next year?" One straightened curve would take out a cafe, another small. "What the road doesn't

take, the river will," people said, but they went on planting their gardens within reach of the spring floods and building their hopes along the twisting and straightening road. Nobody imagined in those days that it would finally simply take the valley, everything in it. Ruth went north to Portland with a trucker one night, then farther north to Seattle, and finally for no good reason across the border into Canada to discover Vancouver.

And met and loved Clara and married her son and gave her a granddaughter to be outlived, a house to be outlived—



JANE RULE

Every time a book like this goes out of print, every time one of us buys a mediocre book because it's on the best-seller's list when these instead are available, some-

where in the silence out there you can hear a closet door slowly clicking shut.

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The Sophie Horowitz Story

The Sophie Horowitz Story by Sarah Shulman (Naiad Press, \$7.95)

Naiad has found a Gay female Tom Robbins in Sarah Shulman, or better yet, a Gay female Armstead Maupin. Or better even yet, a Gay female Sarah Shulman. You won't want to put this one down, in any sense of the phrase. Inventive. Original. Funny. It is even socially relevant, but you won't mind Ms. Shulman doesn't whack you over the head with it. Somehow she has whipped all these ingredients into a few savory characters and a bubbling mystery story that tours New York delicatessens like a bagel delivery truck.

Although it's about feminism and revolutionaries and radicalesbians, all the morals and issues and relevance are masked inside the author's mouth between her tongue and cheek. Anyone who's ever had even a peripheral orbit around any "movement," who has ever wished that feminists (or ists of any kind) had a sense of humor as well as a world view, will love this novel.

There are so many wonderful, original lines from Ms. Shulman

that every page is a surprise or a delight or an aha. And the characters that swirl in designed confusion around Sophie Horowitz, wild-mannered Jewish reporter for Feminist News, include Mrs. Noseworthy, a semi-famous mystery novelist who writes under the pen name of King James. Then there's Germaine Covington, who radicalizes herself into an early metaphorical grave with the assistance and insistence of the local DA.

And Laura Wolfe who founded Women of the Roots, which, due to, you guessed it, factional in-fighting, splintered into Some Women of the Roots and Women's Committee for the Roots, all of whom are picketed and protested by Women Against Bad Things. Seymour Epstein writes exposes of radical women who ficticiously surrender their virtue and previous lifestyle to his virile literary license. He's actually into the M side of hyphenated duet, forever in search of the perfect beleathered and bestudded S. Well, not quite forever.

Don't let Sarah Shulman be a starving artist one day longer than you can help. Buy her book. So that we can have another one. Soon.

Black Anthology Seeks Contributions

Manuscripts and artwork by Black Gay men about the Black Gay male experience in America are being solicited for an anthology. The book, edited by Joseph Beam, a Philadelphia Black Gay activist and writer, will be published by Alyson Publications, Inc., of Boston in 1986.

Manuscripts may be submitted in the following forms: essays and short fiction (up to 5000 words), poetry (no more than five poems), brief excerpts from plays and novels, journal entries, performance pieces and interviews. "I am interested in experiences of: intimate relationships, coming out, interactions with family, rural living, youth, religion, prison life, aging, the arts, Gay activism, oral history, the military and erotica," Beam said. Artwork in the form of photography and drawings may be submitted but Beam cautions that you send copies NOT originals. All manuscripts should be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper with the contributor's name on each page.

Deadline for submission is February 28, 1985.

Beam says a Black Gay Archive is now forming and encourages everyone to grant written permission for submission of their manuscript to this archive.

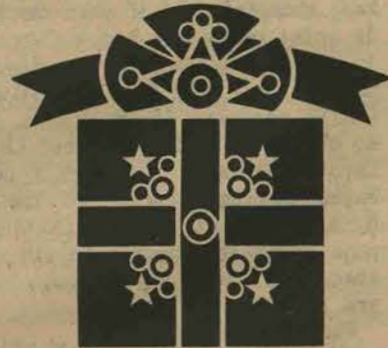
Manuscripts and copies of artwork should be sent in duplicate to Beam -BGA, P.O. Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

UFMCC Completes Documentary

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has completed editing and producing an hour-long documentary called "God, Gays and The Gospel: This is Our Story."

The program tackles the timely issues of politics and religion, especially Gay people and their religious struggles, through the story of the birth and growth of the Metropolitan Community Church, founded by Rev. Troy Perry in 1968. MCC currently has 230 churches in nine countries.

The Fellowship is negotiating with several networks about airing the program within the next six months.



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Rona T. Barrett was born in Memphis and first appeared in the pages of *Gaiety* with a column appropriately called "Swamptrash." Leaving Memphis, Rona T lived first in New Orleans, then moved to Hot-lanta, U.S.A., where she worked first for *The Atlanta Barb*, then *CRUISE* magazine, penning the column "Grease, Grits and Gravy" where her tidbits were read weekly by thousands of Gay people in the metro-Atlanta area. She has been known as the unofficial Welcome Wagon of Memphis, the Mighty Mouth of the South, as well as countless other non-de-plumes. So now, for better or worse, she is gracing (?) the pages of *Gaiety*. Her opinions are her own, so if you are offended, you're probably reading it right.

Girlfriends!

It's been a long time since Rona T. graced the pages of a Gay paper or magazine anywhere in the United States and I'm sure there are some folks out there who feel it hasn't been long enough... but in the *HOW-SOME-EVER DEE-PART-MENT*... my public has simply demanded that I keep them informed of what the hell is going on in the River City. The last column I wrote was for the national monthly (and now defunct) *CRUISE* magazine in Hot-lanta. (And no m'am Rona T. did not read *CRUISE* into oblivion... although I could have.) Having returned to the big M, I thought it would be fitting to once again read beads in the city that gave birth to both the blues and Rona T.

Where do I begin???

Miss Thang!!! Are you well for Madison Avenue? I mean where else but Memphis could you find a leather bar with d*ck movies in the back and drag songs on the juke box where three-piece suits ogle tit-

pierced, leather harnessed studs on Monday and Tuesday nights. God, I love it!!!

Then of course there's the entertainment network at Cleveland. One has to give credit where credit is due. Everything their illustrious leader set out to do, he has done. Dance bar, show bar, d*ck bar, even decent food from time to time. Congrats! However, Miss Thing, I would strongly suggest daily updates on Channel 7 that queens could check to find out how much it's going to cost up-down-over-under???

Set-ups are set-ups aren't included. A little continuity, a new roof and a clean carpet would do wonders though, darling. I sure am glad I am a patron and not an employee, though, 'cause breakin' out is hard to do. Ain't it Sylvia?

Continuing the trek up the Madison mecca, we find our old bastion of faggotry and decadence having redecorated with a new coat of black paint and new beer signs, boasting of their lone status as

Memphis' ONLY 24-hour Gay bar. Really... have you ever seen what crawls out of there on Sunday morning at 7 am???

Can you imagine waking up at 4 in the afternoon and seeing one of THOSE lying there next to you and you wonder "Who is she?" "How did she get here?" "Did anybody see me bring it home???" Girl, it's a horrible feeling, let me tell you! And all because we've got a la-de-dah 24-hour bar... you ought to be ashamed Miss S.

Next we have to really get our pedal pushers pumpin' as we proceed to the prime proscenium otherwise known as the Marshall Avenue Entertainment Complex. What can anyone say about this group???

They've been around in one form or another under one name or another always serving the same old panther piss as ever showing the same things as ever and always keeping some of the prettiest young things as ever streaming through those doors. How DO you do it, Mr. R?

One has to wonder though where the next generation of entertainers is hiding... because with a few notable exceptions, who know who they are, Memphis is suffering one of the longest droughts of talent I can ever remember.

Of course, Marshall Avenue is not alone in their mourning... this preponderance of talentless, ugly DRUDGE is infesting the stages (or what passes for stages) at ALL our watering holes. I remember when Memphis as an entertainment capital was second only to Atlanta! Girls. done. These STUPID bar wars and back-stabbing beer give-aways are crippling our city! Do you know I even heard one stupid bitch complain about having to pay \$4.00 to get into the recent Miss Gay Mem-

phis Pageant... just because they weren't having a beer bust! Can you believe that???

My God, you pay \$5.00 just to see a second-rate movie and you don't get no beer-bust what that!!! I mean REALLY!

I happened to glance at a souvenir ticket for a pageant here in 1976 and it cost a FIVE DOLLARS eight years ago. I mean, can we talk? If you go to Atlanta's ILLUSIONS on a weekend, you pay \$7.00 just for the privilege of walking in the door. Then well drinks are gonna cost \$2.50 each, minimum. But honey, you get a show that would knock your socks off!

If we don't face economic realities real soon (you get what you pay for) we will never rise above piss-ant slime holes featuring part-time drudge queens and somebody, somewhere, will come in Memphis and set this town on its collective ear. Just watch, girlfriends and boyfriends! And remember Rona T. told you...

Ciao!

Rona T. Barrett

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March On D.C. Signals Start Of Gay Politics

Between 50 thousand and 200 thousand Gays and their supporters (official estimates varied greatly) marched on Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 14 in the first national demonstration for the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men. Though virtually ignored by the national and local media, the event drew delegations from all fifty states and several countries. The weekend saw Gay people not only marching, but attending workshops, enjoying concerts, and lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Workshops, awareness meetings and open houses were in progress from Thursday until Monday, October 11-15. The National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference was held in Washington in conjunction with the March. Awareness meetings and open houses were held by such supportive groups as Parents and Friends of Gays and the Metropolitan Community Church. A Saturday night concert, featuring the Great American Yankee Freedom Band from Los Angeles, MCC founder Troy Perry, entertainer Robin Tyler and others, was held at the Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument.

Sunday's briefing for marchers on the Washington Mall began at 10 a.m. and the March was underway some two hours later. Marchers were orderly and enthusiastic as they chanted, sang, carried banners and enjoyed the support of people from all walks of life. An elderly marcher carried a sign proclaiming that she was an "out-of-the-closet" grand-

mother. Professional groups such as "Gays in Medicine" marched with others holding signs reading "End Gay Oppression."

Opposition to the March, however, found its way to the nation's capitol. One anti-homosexual group held a prayer session in the office of Representative Larry McDonald (D-GA). The prayer group, led by anti-Gay crusader Jerry Falwell, declared October 14 a "national day of prayer for homosexuals." During the March, a lone counter-marcher stood holding a sign that read "Repent or Perish."

Praise for the March, its implications and the future of Gay politics were the themes of the post-March rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Speakers included San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt, who replaced slain Supervisor Harvey Milk; Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church; Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women; and Representative Ted Weiss (D-NY), a sponsor of House bill HR-2074 to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include homosexuals. Entertainment included rock singer Tom Robinson and singers Meg Christian, Holly Near and Robin Tyler.

Marchers carried the cause of Gay rights to their Congresspeople on Monday. About thirty Tennesseans (the Tennessee delegation to the March numbered between 100 and 150) lobbied on Capitol Hill. Although no Senator or Representative was reached per-

sonally, the lobbyists did talk to top legislative aides of Senators Baker and Sasser and Representatives Ford and Beard. Ford's aide reported that Ford is aware and supportive of bill HR-2074 to amend the Civil Rights Act. Beard's aide responded to the presence of the lobbyists by saying "Well. . . I'm shocked." He also indicated homophobia in regard to Gay/Lesbian teachers. Indecisive opinions were expressed by aides to Baker and Sasser. Neither were aware of legislation concerning Gays (presently in Congressional committees).

The Memphis delegation to the March brought back a "spirit of political and social awareness about being Gay," according to Bill Johnson, a delegate from Memphis. Commenting on his personal realization of "just how oppressed Gay people really are," Bill recalled the words of a speaker at the post-March rally: "When a heterosexual

shows a friend a picture of his or her spouse, it is considered sharing. When a Gay person shows a picture of his or her lover, it is called flaunting."

The realization of double standards that lead to repression on an emotional level was emphasized by local marchers. From a practical standpoint, some, like Bill, think the most important aspect of the March for Memphians was "to make our legislators realize that Memphis has a large and politically influential Gay/Lesbian community." This awareness is considered by activists to be the cornerstone of the new Gay political movement of the 1980's.

The first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights has fueled the political movement, and it has been speculated by March organizers that a second one will be held before the 1980 presidential election. ●

Church Group Harasses Suburban Bookstore

Members of Raleigh's Broadmoor Baptist Church have removed *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* and *The Joy of Gay Sex* from the bookshelves of Waldenbooks at Raleigh Springs Mall. According to Waldenbooks Manager Cory Mesler, members of the church have been calling three or four times daily demanding that the books be removed.

Some of the church's members visited Waldenbooks during the past several weeks and harassed the store's employees, but Mr. Mesler had stated that he would not remove a book "just because someone asks" him to.

Broadmoor claims that it succeeded in having Goldsmith's at Raleigh Springs Mall take Gay-oriented books from the shelves of its book department. After complaining to Goldsmith's, Broadmoor says that the book department manager removed the books and said that he was "unaware" that the books were on the shelves. Goldsmith's, however, has refused to talk with GAZE about Broadmoor's claim.

Broadmoor Pastor Jack May, after talking with Mr. Mesler,

complained further to Mesler's employer and to the home office of Waldenbooks. May threatened in his conversations "to mobilize the community."

May's letter to Waldenbooks' President Harry Hoffman resulted in the removal of the books. Hoffman responded to May's letter with an apology and assurance that the books would be placed behind the counter. Hoffman then ordered Mr. Mesler to remove the books from public display.

Local activists have contacted Hoffman, protesting his action. Memphis Gay community leaders are urging Gays to write letters of protest to: Harry Hoffman, President, Waldenbooks 201 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06904.

Members of Broadmoor Church had been boycotting the store and writing letters to the Connecticut home office of Waldenbooks. A spokesperson for the church reports that Broadmoor had contacted other churches in the Northeast Memphis area urging them to join in the protest.

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Here We Are!

As the decayed decade of the seventies slips away, we are proud to bring you the first issue of GAZE. Memphis' Gay community newspaper is published by and for the Memphis Gay/Lesbian community.

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Gazing

Why Rock The Boat?

"Why rock the boat?" is the question often asked by non-activist Gays. Even those who have lost jobs or suffered police harassment because of sexual orientation often condemn political activism.

But the direction our society is taking is reason enough for Gay activism. Jerry Falwell, whose anti-Gay campaign surpasses even Anita Bryant's, raises \$1 million a week through direct mail and television appeals to finance his oppressive activities. His supporters reach to every corner of the U.S. in their attempts to rid society of "perverts."

Falwell is far from being alone in championing this abortive crusade.

Groups such as Christian Voice, Moral Majority, Religious Roundtable, and The National Christian Action Coalition are organizing vast numbers of conservative-thinking citizens in an effort to legislate against Gay people.

Christian Voice and other anti-homosexual mobilization groups are planning an April, 1980 anti-Gay demonstration in Washington. These groups are expecting to draw over a million demonstrators, and their expectations are not the least bit unreasonable. They have already raised millions of dollars in support of this demonstration.

Non-activist Gays blame these anti-Gay campaigns on Gay ac-

tivists having already "rocked the boat." Oppressive hatred, however, grows and festers when left unchallenged. We can no longer live under a sense of false contentment, for those who oppose our very existence (many of them actually advocate the death penalty for homosexuals) are quietly gathering arms.

We are not safe, inside the closet or out. Our oppressors have friends in local, state, and national government. Georgia's Representative Larry McDonald has introduced an anti-Gay bill in Congress.

The Hitler-like methods used by these "Christian" groupies are devious beyond imagination, and they can do us more harm than we dare anticipate. Before we accuse our brothers and sisters of "rocking the boat," let's take a closer look at our contentment; as far-fetched as it may sound, it is not unlike that of the Jews in pre-Nazi Germany. ●

Tennessee Lobbies On Capitol Hill

On Monday, October 15, still filled with the spirit generated by Sunday's March, Tennesseans visited the offices of Representative Bill Bonner, who represents the Nashville area; Representative Robin Beard, whose district covers part of southern and most of East Memphis; Representative Harold Ford, whose district includes Memphis' center city; and Tennessee Senators Howard Baker and Jim Sasser.

It was apparent that most of Tennessee's legislators have little knowledge of their Gay constituency. Memphians who talked with the legislative aide to Robin Beard pointed out that there are two bills involving Gay rights presently in congressional committees (HR-2074 and the McDonald Resolution). Beard's aide was unaware of either of them.

Bonner's aide, however, was well-versed in political rhetoric, giving lobbyists the traditional "run-around." Nashville delegates expressed concern with Bonner's continual evasion of the issue.

Harold Ford's office, on the other hand, was more responsive to the needs of the Gay community. Ford supports equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men and strongly opposes the homophobic McDonald Resolution.

Senator Sasser's aide expressed views similar to those of Robin Beard's office. He was "unaware" of Gay rights legislation.

Thirty-one delegates spoke with Howard Baker's top aide, expressing their concern and need for positive communication between Congress and the Gay community. Those present at the meeting felt that Baker's aide would relay this matter to Senator Baker. ●

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The Women's Crisis Loan Service has been operating on a limited basis for almost two years. WCLS, with about \$2500 available for loans, has helped some 35 women in Shelby County. Many of the loans, which ranged from \$15 to \$700, were to unemployed women who could get no results from banks. Banks, according to a WCLS spokesperson, are concerned with guaranteed ability to repay rather than with immediate human need.

WCLS investigates economic attitudes and financial oppression of women as well as making crisis loans. Anyone wishing to help with WCLS or contribute financially, should call 382-3849 (or send contributions to 10561 Hwy. 64, Arlington, TN 38002). ●

Gay Pride For Tennessee

A Memphis Marcher's Viewpoint

Most of us were unacquainted as the "Tennessee" bus rolled out of Nashville on Friday night, October 12. Introductions, though, were made quickly; within minutes most of us were clustered around the bar or standing in the aisle (yes, the bus was equipped with a bar).

"Evelyn Louise" and "Dolly" were self-appointed "stewardesses" for the trip, serving drinks (or whatever), comforting the lonely, and giving directions to the powder room. The sixteen-hour bus ride was definitely festive; few of us managed to get much sleep.

As the bus neared Washington, we felt a great sense of expectation. Literature about the March was distributed, and we saw crowds of our brothers and sisters on the streets. We arrived at our hotel, the Capitol Hilton, near noon on Saturday, finding delegations from Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts also staying there.

The atmosphere in the hotel was "conventioner"; we were proudly yet matter-of-factly wearing our Lambda and March buttons openly. Glances, smiles of "recognition" of mutual purpose and presence were noted and acknowledged. We felt open and free. For many, it was the most "out" we had ever been, and it was exhilarating.

Sunday, October 14, dawned cool and cloudy. As we gathered on the Mall, despite the clouds, the real spirit of the March surfaced. We were together, feeling proud to be marching, and we were proud to be representing Tennessee. Our banner, made from two bedsheets sewn together, had bold black lettering: "TENNESSEE!"

As we took our place in the March lineup, we found women from East Tennessee (ETALA) and members of the Greater Greenville Gay Community to enlarge our state's delegation. Together we cheered delegations from other states and observed signs for Gay rights, Gay pride, Parents of Gays, and Gay professional organizations.

An especially gratifying event was the visit to our group by Harry Britt, San Francisco Supervisor who replaced Harvey Milk. Mr. Britt personally thanked the Tennessee delegation for helping to save the March (a last minute donation from our state Coalition had paid for the speaker system).

As the March began we chanted such quips as "Two, four, six, eight, how do you know your kid is straight?" and repeatedly cheered Tennessee and its cities. Two miles later and hoarse from yelling, we reached the rally site on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

Once settled in our spot on the

Monument grounds, we planted our state banner and listened to speakers exhorting us to be proud. They spoke of past injustice and discrimination and of present progress, threats and political developments. They spoke of future commitments and responsibilities. We heard disco music, folk singing, and satire. We heard representatives from national organizations, entertainers, politicians, activists, and others.

The following day saw us lobbying in the offices of Senators Baker and Sasser and Congressmen who represent our respective districts. By early Monday afternoon, we were once again on the bus.

Various delegation "leaders" made speeches from the front of the bus about the meaning of the March. As we headed home, we were reminded that we must take the spirit of this march back to Tennessee with us. In this year, the tenth anniversary of Stonewall, we must begin the fight against the oppression that we have too long endured. By nightfall, we were singing folk and spiritual songs in unison.

And we all knew that this would not be our last Gay rights march. ●

S.E. Lesbians Birth Newsletter

The Southeastern Lesbian Network will begin publication of a newsletter in early January. December 15 is the deadline for article contributions for the January issue. Those wishing to support the newsletter by writing, reading, addressing, or contributing financially, should contact SELN, P.O. Box 41132, Memphis, TN 38104, or call 382-3841.

SELN is also in need of a meeting place for a Southeastern Network meeting early in 1980. Anyone having access to a facility may contact SELN. ●

GAZE

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Student Coalition Wins Austin Peay Case

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Wiseman passed down a decision on October 11, forcing Austin Peay State University to recognize the Student Coalition for Gay Rights (SCGR) on the Clarksville, TN campus. The university's initial refusal to grant recognition to the SCGR prompted the lawsuit.

The university's refusal was based on the opinions of Charles Boehms, APSU Vice-President for Student Affairs. Boehms stated the following reasons: 1) recognition would give credibility to homosexual behavior and tend to expand violations of state law prohibiting homosexual behavior; 2) recognition may lead to increased personal and psychological stress for persons who may be troubled about their sexual identity; 3) recognition would not be consistent with the educational goals of

the University; and 4) concern for how the community outside the University might react if the SCGR were recognized.

Boehm's decision was appealed by SCGR President Richard Lewis. APSU President Robert Riggs upheld Boehm's decision, saying, "It is my judgement that the Student Coalition for Gay Rights implicitly endorses homosexuality. Sexual activity with another of the same sex is unlawful in the State of Tennessee; moreover, such activity is contrary to the Judeo-Christian ethic which undergirds our community, our state, and our nation...."

After appealing Riggs' decision to Chancellor Roy Nicks, who further upheld the decision, the SCGR went to court. The court awarded recognition to the SCGR, saying, "What the University *thinks* about

the *advocacy* of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, what the community or the Legislature might *think* about the University's action in this regard, . . . cannot serve as a justification for the abridgement of that advocacy. Above all else, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of message, its ideas, its subject matter or its contents.

"Neither is it a legitimate concern of the defendants that to permit

organizational advocacy of homosexuality would somehow increase the incidence of homosexuality."

The court's decision set a statewide legal precedence, making it unlawful for any state university in Tennessee, including Memphis State, to refuse recognition to the SCGR on the same grounds as APSU. The SCGR-APSU case is considered a landmark decision for the Gay rights movement in the state.

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The books were called "how-to books on homosexuality" by Pastor May's secretary. When asked why the church considers the books objectionable, May's secretary said that the books are "pornographic," they "serve no purpose," and they are "offensive to most people." She went on to say that the books are

"very nauseating" and contain "dirty pictures."

When asked about heterosexual sex-oriented books appearing on Waldenbooks' shelves, the secretary said that the "only complaints" were about Gay-oriented literature. She chuckled when noting that the books had appeared in the bookstore's "Medical" section.

Across The State . . .

Nashville To Host Conference

The fifth annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held in Nashville. Still in the planning stages, the conference is tentatively scheduled for April 11-13 on the Tennessee State University campus. Previously held alternately in Atlanta and Chapel Hill, the conference will be held in Tennessee next year because the state has passed the Equal Rights Amendment and has a comprehensive network of statewide "host" organizations (the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights).

ETALA Covers East Tennessee

Born August 31, 1979, the East Tennessee Alliance of Lesbian Activists (ETALA) is committed to building a network of communication among Lesbians in East Tennessee. ETALA is an "umbrella" organization made up of smaller discussion, activity, or task-oriented groups.

Members of ETALA marched under their own banner with the Tennessee delegation to the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October in an attempt to show strength and unity of East Tennessee's Lesbian activists.

TGCHR Unifies

Delegates from each of the four chapters of the TennesseeGay Coalition for Human Rights met in Nashville on October 27 to form a cohesive statewide organization. Representatives from the Clarksville, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville chapters decided that three delegates from each chapter would comprise a steering committee to plan agenda for statewide TGCHR meetings.

The steering committee plans to meet quarterly in Nashville preceding statewide general meetings in alternating Tennessee cities. The steering committee's meetings are open to all TGCHR members.

Pride Goes To Press In Knoxville

Knoxville's Gay newspaper, *Pride Press*, began publication in July. The newspaper features items of interest to the Knoxville and East Tennessee area as well as features of statewide and national interest. *Pride Press* is gearing toward becoming a statewide publication and solicits subscriptions from across Tennessee. For subscription information, write: *Pride Press*, P.O. Box 8279, UT Station, Knoxville, TN 37916.

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TENNESSEE GAY COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS—Meeting January 7, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Meeting Room B, Peabody at McLean.

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Classifieds

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THE TN COALITION for Human Rights solicits interest in forming the following organizations: Gay Teachers; Parents and Friends of Gays; Women's Support Group; Married Gays Support Group. TGCHR, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

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Area Legislators Differ On Gay Rights Bills

Congress has before it proposed legislation to protect the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men everywhere in the U.S. Bill HR-2074 was introduced by Reps. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA). HR-2074 would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the words "affectional or sexual orientation" to the lists of prohibited grounds for discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and federal assistance. It has been jointly referred to the Judiciary Committee and the Education and Labor Committee of the House.

The Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR) urges all Gays and Friends of Gays to write to their congresspeople in support of HR-2074. Letters, TGCHR says, should include opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 166 (the McDonald Bill), a measure that would impose second-class citizenship upon Lesbians and Gay men ("...consensual sodomy and other homosexual acts should never be accepted as legitimate in this Republic, nor should the class of individuals who advocate such

conduct gain special consideration or protected status under law").

Letters were written in mid-October by the TGCHR to Reps. Harold Ford, Ed Jones, and Robin Beard and Tennessee Senators Howard Baker and Jim Sasser. These letters and similar ones by the Memphis Gay Activists (MGA) asked for position statements on the two bills.

Neither Rep. Jones nor Sen. Baker have responded to either organization. Sen. Sasser, however, has responded "Should this matter be considered by the full Senate, your position will be remembered."

Rep. Harold Ford responded by saying "I am supportive of your cause and of equal and fair treatment under the law for every citizen." Ford supports HR-2074. He says, too, that in light of his beliefs he could "never back a measure such as H.Con.Res. 166. The McDonald Resolution would express the sense of the Congress that homosexual acts or class individuals that advocates such conduct will never receive...protection under the law."

Rep. Robin Beard, however, does not "consider homosexuality an

alternative life-style." Beard says, "For this reason, I will not favor HR-2074." Beard further says that he does not believe that homosexuals are a "legitimate minority group," and that he does not believe that homosexuals have been discriminated against in this country.

Christian Cause
"Polls" For Dollars

A recent mailing by American Christian Cause (Pasadena, California) seeks financial contributions to combat "militant homosexuals," who are, the group says, "being recruited as law enforcement officers."

The leader of the fundamentalist group, Rev. Robert G. Grant, includes an "Emergency Poll" in his letter asking questions such as "Do you approve of your children being dealt with by practicing homosexual juvenile officers?" and "Do you approve of homosexual officers stopping and searching men and boys arrested on misdemeanor charges?"

Also included in the mailer are quotes from noted anti-Gay entertainers Art Linkletter, Pat Boone, and Lawrence Welk and from former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis and Utah Senator Orrin Hatch.

The letter asks for a "gift of \$25— or even just \$10," and ends with "Do you put this letter aside without looking at your child or grandchild and thinking what will happen to them if militant homosexuals will get their way."

TGCHR Launches
Awareness Campaign

The Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR) has launched a Gay Patronage Awareness Program to promote awareness within the Memphis business community of Gay/Lesbian economic clout. TGCHR members and other interested persons are utilizing restaurant and hotel "commnent cards" by adding the message: "You have been patronized by a Lesbian/Gay person."

Out-of-the-closet Gays are verbalizing the message to store owners and managers while the cash register rings its message. Others are writing the message on restaurant checks.

Responses from business owners reportedly vary, but most Gays are finding that dollars speak louder than homophobia.

Best Wishes To GAzE From:

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Where The Victory Is Won

by Larry J. Uhrig

The setting was a Baptist church in Amundale, Virginia. A place I had not expected to be invited as a Gay man and a Gay Christian. The thirty or so adults in attendance were waiting for me. Was it going to be a difficult confrontation? How many times before had I experienced fruitless battles over what the Bible did or did not say about our lifestyles? I was admittedly anxious, wanting to do the best job of my life at representing the best of us and the truth about us and the scriptures. Being in a Baptist church meant being in Jerry Falwell's house so to speak. It was a journey to the front lines of combat between the Gay community and the established right wing conservative Christian movement. So I did what one does to travel to the front lines. I armed myself. Of course, my armaments were different than most, they were pieces of history, stories from my own hard road of growing up, scripture passages put in their proper context, and a passionate desire to tell the truth.

So I headed into battle, but found that there was no battle to fight, or better yet, we were beginning with victory. I stood outside the door to the room thinking that a lot of years of labor had brought me to this point. There had been a lot of testing and challenge and change needed to make me ready for this new adventure. What I had not thought about was my hosts had faced a similar battle. Just before I was introduced, the woman presenting me said quietly, "It has taken a lot of work to get to this night, many people in our church were against your being here. Unfortunately, they are the ones who most need to be here and they're not." I suddenly realized that they had taken as much risk, invested as much of themselves into this, as I had.

Something new started to happen. I had an incredible sense that history had brought us all together. I could not help but sense the hand of God changing a most reluctant church and putting people together that had to be together if we were all to survive. For one and a half hours, I shared from my heart and mind and spirit. The wonder of it was very simple, they did the same. When a middle aged woman asked, "How can I be a support to my Gay nephew?" then you know the world is changing. I kept waiting for us to tangle over the Bible. We never did. Oh, sure, the question came up, "How do you interpret the scriptures?" and the answer followed. What is essential to know, and all Gay people involved in the issue of Gay rights should know this: the questions about the Bible and homosexuality can be answered. There is no excuse for any Gay or Lesbian person not to have an answer when addressed by

the conservative religious lobbies of our day.

We are so defensive at times that we underestimate people and their ability to change. Even when things were going well I still had this lingering expectation that someone was going to 'get me.' I waited for a hostile attack. Then I saw an older gentleman raise his hand. Now, this had to be it. He fit all my stereotypes of a 'red necked' conservative. Well, wrong again. His question, "Surely all Gay clergy are not in your church, there must be many in all our churches. Don't they have to lie about who they are and doesn't that get in the way of their ministry?" I could have cried, I think I did. His words revealed the truth about the pain in the heart of the church. The pain that Gay and Lesbian clergy did indeed live lies and compromise themselves just to stay in their pulpits. The man's question opened the door for me to share one of my deepest sorrows and pains. My sharing was met by compassion and love and the truth which emerged between us was life giving and life transforming. All of a sudden it was clear to me that they were doing as much for me as I had hoped to do for them.

At one time or another, we all had tears in our eyes. I could feel the whole Baptist church shift just a little and I knew that the lies and ignorance I had heard so often from persons like Jerry Falwell really do not have lasting power. The truth will win out. What was the message in all of this? It was and is a simple one. It is out there in the heart of America, in the most conservative and tradition bound places that we will win the battles. It is not in the streets or in Congress but in the hearts and minds of those that have been our adversaries. I left the Baptist church that evening with a powerful sense that those thirty people could touch and affect the lives of many more people. The power and truth we had shared would travel from them to others and nothing could stop it. In fact, just as we ended a time which none of us wanted to end, a woman came to me and invited me to her Episcopal church. Slowly, doors are opening everywhere.

I am not suggesting that it is all roses from here on out, certainly not. But I do know that what happened that night will happen again and again. I know that I am not the only person having these wonderful experiences. I know that others like my Baptist friends are even now preparing the way for future times of honest sharing. What we must do is be equipped to go out into the homes and churches of those most unlike ourselves and share ourselves. We must provide the resources for our people to stand up and answer, without hesitation and with confidence, the questions that will be asked of us and must be answered by us.

The greatest victories may be the

quiet ones. Out there in church parlors and people's homes, away from press and TV, a change is taking place. The fruits of our labors, the years of truth telling, now portend a future of hope and liberty. Yes, there is a conservative and even anti-Gay trend in America, but for the long haul we must look for, expect, and then create the love, liberty, and freedom we believe in. Let us take courage from these small victories and know that they are always happening. I have shared this one here



Rev. Uhrig

because I believe we all need to know where and when the victories are won.

Gay Catholics Meeting In Nashville

Nashville — A group of Gay Catholics has been meeting monthly for the past two years. The group, known as the Second Sunday Group, meets on the second Sunday of every month at a Nashville parish. While the agenda of the monthly meeting varies, it usually includes the celebration of the Eucharist and discussion of a topic related to the life and faith of the church. Frequently, guest speakers address specific issues related to the concerns of Gay Catholics or other issues related to the history and theology of the Church. In addition to its monthly meeting, the group also sponsors days of recollection and social activities for members, visitors and guests.

The Second Sunday group was formed to provide mutual support for Gay Catholics in Nashville. The group does not espouse a separatist philosophy, however. Rather, it encourages members and visitors to

remain active in their local parishes in various capacities. Many report that the group provides the kind of special support and reinforcement that they need to continue as contributing members of their own parishes. Thus, the group serves the same purpose as other organizations which meet the needs of a specific group of Nashville Catholics.

While the group specifically addresses the concerns of Gay Catholics, the group welcomes non-Catholic Gay men and women, as well as non-Gay Catholics. Visitors and tourists who are in Nashville on the second Sunday of any month are also welcomed. Interested persons may call R. McCluskey at (615) 383-8830 for more information and/or to be placed on the monthly mailing list. Complete discretion is assured.

—Submitted by Second Sunday Group

MCC/Memphis Gives Thanks

This past month brought MCC some great community support. We give thanks to God for such wonderful friends as Danny Ray, his staff and the terrific women of Aphrodite. The benefit show that was put on at Danny Ray's by Aphrodite was fantastic. Many of our members were present and I do not believe that anyone there enjoyed the show more than we. All of the performers were great. Lily Christine is also owed a special thanks for a fine show.

We of MCC are looking forward to becoming more active in our community. We wish to become a viable part of Memphis, not just something thought about on Sundays, Christmas or Easter. Our Lord was a doer and we are striving to be like Him. We want everyone to realize that because you are a Christian, you don't stop enjoying life, and that

you can be a Christian and Gay. We of MCC believe that Jesus died to take away our sins, not our sexuality. We of this community must not allow others to continue to convince us that we are unworthy or less than they because of our sexuality. We are not unworthy or less entitled to God's forgiveness. Jesus died for us just as He died for them.

Come worship Christ with us. Join our fellowship and add a new joy to your life. We have Christ's love to offer all. If you accept Him as your Savior, your lifestyle may not change much but your life certainly will. Come bring a friend or lover and join us on Sundays at the Church of the River, 3:15 pm.

Everyone is welcomed.

—Submitted by MCC-Memphis

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Health

CONDOMS

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

Prevention is worth a pound of condoms.

The partyline on AIDS prevention has been avoidance of body fluids; one of those fluids to be most avoided is semen. Prevention is the only way to go about fighting AIDS, since there is no cure for that disease. Condoms should be required for sexually active single Gay men when there is a possibility of a climax within the partner! Condoms will help "keep it to yourself."

Condoms were the topic chosen for the September-October 1982 issue of *Population Reports* by John Hopkins University and is the source of much of the information which follows:

Brief History: It sounds just too good not to be true; there was a Dr. Condom. He was a physician to King Charles II of England. However, he did not invent the condom. Have faith though, Sir Thomas Crapper of England did invent the toilet!

The source of the word "condom" is unknown but possibly comes from the Latin word "condus" meaning receptacle.

The earliest condoms were of animal intestines and used for disease prevention hundreds of years ago. Animal membrane condoms are still used today and are called "skins" but are expensive. Usually they are made from sheep cecum or large bowel and are therefore limited in supply. Some people prefer them because of better heat transmission but they do have the disadvantage of not much stretching.

The big "break-through" (a bad word among condom users) for synthetic protection came with the vulcanization process which stabilized rubber particles into tough sheets but at the expense of flexibility. Improvement on that came with the latex process in the 1930's which concentrated the sap of the rubber tree and enabled thinner, long-lasting "rubbers."

Condoms have always had an uneasy (some even say uncomfortable) relationship with sex. There were actually laws against condom sales in the early part of this century. So it is not too surprising that condoms were first sold in pool halls, gas stations and barbershops.

Pharmacists still fear the disap-

proval of customers if condoms are displayed openly. Even in the late 1970's almost half of pharmacies were not displaying them because of concern for customers. Even in liberal California, a TV ad for condoms was canceled because of over 100 phone-in complaints with the first showing.

Church objection to the recreational use of condoms in the Philippines resulted in the now famous "condom war." Catholic women's groups picketed the suppliers and brought about a labeling change that states "Caution - Not to be dispensed to minors. For family planning use only."

Condom Standards: Yes, there really is an International Organization for Standardization (the IOS) of condoms. Specifications are for length, width, weight, packaging and labeling. There are tests for holes, storage resistance, color fastness, tensile and bursting properties.

Tensile testing uses a portion of the condom wall to see if it resists a force of 17 megapascals. The air burst test on the other hand must show resistance to at least 1 kilopascal, and that volume is usually more than 13-15 liters of air per condom!

Condoms come in different sizes. On the international condom market there were problems with overseas sales. A joke in Thailand was that Thai men had to use a string to hold U.S. condoms in place for added safety.

Condoms come in two sizes: class II condoms are 160 mm in length and class I condoms are 180 mm in length. (To save you time and figuring that is slightly over 6 and 7 inches).

The thickness used ranges from 0.04 to 0.07 mm but condoms are available in 0.03 thickness. Other options are: dry vs lubricated, plain vs reservoir tip, straight vs shaped, colored or natural, and smooth vs textured.

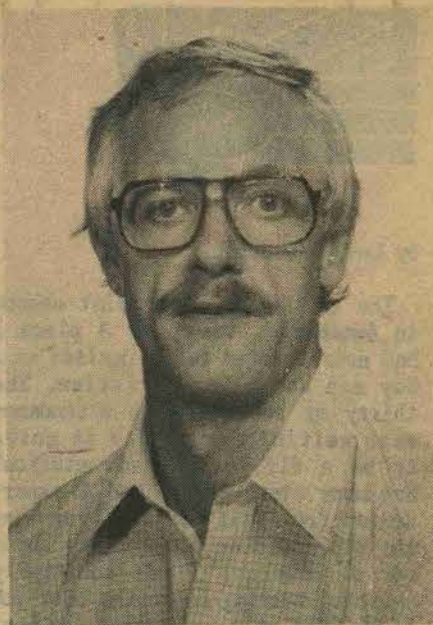
Usage: Trivia question: which country uses more condoms than any other? Answer: Japan where other contraceptive methods are either unavailable or unacceptable. But even in Japan users complain about reduced sensation and sales boomed the year the 0.03 mm model was marketed.

Sixty-three percent of U.S. men felt condoms reduced sensation, but one-third found this an advantage as it prolonged sex. Whether or not they do reduce sensation and how much has never been a quantitative test. But lubricated condoms are more popular because of the belief that they increase sensitivity.

Another complaint registered by half of the respondents to a magazine survey was about the interruption in lovemaking that condom use required. Another frequent complaint was that they were messy.

Prevention: Retrovirus, the cause of AIDS, is about the same size as herpes virus which is 0.1 micron in diameter. Gonorrhea and sperm are 8-30 times larger than these viruses. Anyone who has thrown condoms of water in fraternity fights knows that good quality ones are water-tight and air tight; it is unlikely that virus get through the intact condom.

In fact, a few investigators have



DR. HARVEY THOMPSON, M.D.

used cylinders and plungers to simulate sex in the laboratory. Herpes virus did not pass through condoms over a plunger filled with liquid viral suspension.

But what if they break? Condom manufacturers estimate that only 1 in a 1,000 burst during use. There are no good "field data" on this. But the London Rubber Corporation reports only one complaint of rupture for every one million condoms sold.

Condoms instructions are that they should be kept in a cool dry place. Expiration dates are not mandatory, but they should last at least five years, although all rubber products deteriorate with age. But don't test them by inflating or stretching before use. Also, condoms should not come in contact with petroleum-based substances such as Vaseline. K-Y would be an excellent substitute and has the advantage of water solubility.

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Cloning of AIDS Virus

by Allen Cook

Researchers at a small genetic engineering firm, the Chiron Corp. of Emeryville, CA, have succeeded in performing a preliminary, but significant, step toward developing a vaccine for AIDS. The company has been able to clone a full set of genes for HTLV-3, the virus believed to be the causative agent of AIDS.

Various AIDS spokespeople cautioned that it is entirely too early to determine whether a major victory is in the offing.

Officials at Chiron say that now that they have been able to reproduce the genetic structure of the virus, they expect to be able to produce an experimental vaccine within months. They also indicated that a sensitive diagnostic test for AIDS may also result.

However, Dr. Robert Gallow, who is given credit for isolating HTLV-3, said that his team has been cloning HTLV-3 for months and that Chiron's "breakthrough" is "something we've done months ago." Gallo continued, "We are so far ahead of that company, I can't begin to tell you. It's nice to see other people working on this problem, but it's amusing to see how much media attention they're trying to get over something we've done months ago."

In a story in *The Weekly News* (Miami), Dr. Arthur Ammann cautioned that all the excitement over the announcement may be unwarranted and that HTLV-3 still has not been proven as the single causative agent for AIDS.

Dr. Paul A. Luciw, Director of

the AIDS project at Chiron, has some interesting speculations about where AIDS came from. "It looks as if it may have begun from an animal to human contact in northern Zaire. The disease may have existed in this area for some time without ever having come to the attention of Western medicine. In some of these Third World countries, 99% of the people never see a doctor. AIDS could easily have existed there for some time."

In considering Zaire as a possible focus point of origin, an interesting corollary is that the capital city of Zaire has direct airline transportation to only two cities in Europe and the Americas. The cities are Port au Prince, Haiti and Brussels, Belgium.

Thus the Haitian connection comes into play for the Americas. For Europeans, Zaire, the former Belgian Congo, may provide the link.

Dr. Luciw suggested that the AIDS virus alone may not be the single causative agent. For a full-blown case of AIDS, he speculated, multiple agents may be necessary, possibly including the Hepatitis-B virus, Cytomegalovirus, or Epstein-Barr virus, all of which are fairly common in Gay male populations.

Health officials dealing with AIDS feel the announcement may be a major setback for AIDS community education programs because it might let people feel that they can relax their healthy attitude about lifestyle and habits. They contend that the only logical advice is for the community to continue to develop positive health habits and responsible personal habits.

Aids Forecast Grim

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta are estimating that between 10,000 and 60,000 new cases of AIDS will show up in the next five years. If no cure is found, virtually all of these people will die.

These grim statistical estimates are based on a new test for antibodies to HTLV-3, the virus suspected of causing AIDS. The test has been administered to people in Atlanta, New York and California. Researchers have projected the total of these findings to the general population and fear that as many as 300,000 Americans have been exposed to the virus and have developed some trace of antibodies. Since not everyone who is exposed will eventually contract the disease, scientists are not sure exactly how many cases will result. They are estimating 10% of those exposed will eventually contract AIDS.

That estimate, however, may be conservative. The CDC is projecting the growth rate in the number of AIDS cases at 87% more cases next year than last. According to that growth rate, approximately 54,000 new cases will develop in the next three years.

"I think to some extent we have all underestimated the problem," said Dr. James Curran, director of the CDC Task Force on AIDS. He told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, "The reason is probably a strong subconscious urge for it not to be as bad as it could be."

However, considering the data received from the blood tests, Curran said, "all of our worst-case scenarios have been validated. We've got a problem that is likely to get worse over the next couple

of years at least and shows signs of being with us for an indefinite period of time unless there's some dramatic intervention."

The Center's figures show that some 70-90% of the nation's severe hemophiliacs have already been exposed to the virus. A CDC study of randomly selected Gay men in the San Francisco area indicated that more than 60% of that city's Gay male community has been exposed.

While researchers believe that 10% of the Gay men testing positive for HTLV-3 will eventually die from it, a significantly smaller number of hemophiliacs have actually contracted the disease (45 out of 12,000). That number is expected to be reduced as the HTLV-3 antibody test will be used to screen the nation's blood supply.

Although AIDS researchers are predicting doom and gloom for the nation's Gay men, other scientists are reporting progress in the search for a cure.

* Last month an animal model was confirmed which will allow scientists to test possible vaccines and treatments.

* The drug DFMO, a medication used to treat African sleeping sickness, lowered the fevers and cleared the lungs of patients suffering from pneumocystis carinii. Four of the six men have since died from other complications, but the report is encouraging.

* Two independent research teams at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have isolated a gene which reportedly plays a significant role in the body's immune system. The gene is one which enables the T-lymphocytes to identify and attack disease organisms in the body.

Research

Bath Study Shows No Connection

According to reports in *The Bay Area Reporter*, with two-thirds of the study complete, there seems to be no statistical correlation between bathhouse attendance and the risk for AIDS. In fact, the study is showing the opposite.

Among men with five or more sex contacts a month, those who meet all or most of their partners in bathhouses appear to be at less risk than others with multiple sex contacts.

The study indicates that all multiple sex behavior carries a high risk for AIDS (as much as three times higher for men who average 5 or more sex contacts a month). However, of those men in the high-contact category, the bathhouse setting seems to be somewhat safer.

Lawyers fighting the city-ordered bathhouse closure in San Francisco are using the preliminary results of the study in their effort to rescind the order.

B.A.R. reports that another study, conducted by the San Fran-

cisco Health Department, will show a direct correlation between bathhouse activity and AIDS. Lawyers are challenging the methodology of this separate study, saying that while one uses a high-risk group, the other does not, implying that two variables may be involved, not just one.

Yet Another Survey

San Francisco - *The Bay Area Reporter* says a random-sample survey of Gay and bisexual men in the SF area conducted in September indicates that Gay and bisexual men in San Francisco have changed their sexual ways.

The survey, conducted by Research and Decisions Corporation for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation is the first random-sample survey ever taken of this population group and documents in considerable detail the demographics and sexual practices of Gay and bisexual men. It reveals some contrasts with commonly held views of the group.

The telephone survey involved a 30 minute detailed questionnaire which was given to a sample of 500

men drawn from all parts of the city. As expected, the sample consisted predominately of Gay men.

Of the men in the sample, over half were involved in a relationship with another man. Half of those relationships were monogamous. 21% were having some sexual contact outside the relationship, but were engaging only in sexual practices considered "safe" by the medical profession.

One third of the sample had not had sex with anyone in at least a month. Nearly 10% were celibate.

Using these figures, two-thirds of the group surveyed had effectively removed themselves from any serious risk of spreading AIDS.

Of the one third still engaging in practices linked with AIDS transmission, two groups most at risk were men over 45 and those with a high school or less education.

According to B.A.R., the study confirmed that concern about AIDS was extremely high and that the men in the sample were very knowledgeable about AIDS and AIDS-transmission.

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Gay Financial Newsletter Launched

The first issue of the **Lambda Financial Advisor**, the first financial newsletter specifically geared toward the Gay community, came off the press November 5 with an initial press run of 10,000 copies.

Traditionally Wall Street has been concerned with the investments of the so-called "straight" society. As single people, Gay men and women have their own special investment needs. They have more disposable income, can assume greater risk, and don't have the same worries about providing for dependents as others may have. Their investment goals and objectives are different.

According to Julius J. Spohn, publisher of the newsletter, the main purpose is "to help increase the wealth of the Gay community by encouraging Gay men and women not to underestimate their investment power. The goal of the **Lambda Financial Advisor** is to help them make the transition from consumers to investors."

Spohn has a B.S. in economics from Rutgers University and has done graduate work in economics at

the New School for Social Research in New York. He has worked on Wall Street since 1970 and was an over-the-counter securities trader and arbitrageur of foreign securities. He is a member of the National Security Traders Association, the Security Traders Association of New York and The New York Banker's Group. He is active in Dignity, New York and is one of the co-founders of the Dignity Gay Veterans Association.

Subscription rate is \$22 for six months, and can be obtained by writing **Lambda Financial Advisor**, P.O. Box 3569, Jersey City, NJ 07303-3569.

No Gays in Boy's Choir

The director of the Vienna Boys choir has again denied allegations of rampant homosexual activity among the members, according to the

The Weekly News (Miami). After an ex-member spoke to Austrian newspapers, the director replied "It's impossible. There is no homosexuality in the choir. Whoever says things like that, is injuring the national pride of Austria."

Psychologists Establish New Gay Division

The American Psychological Association (APA) has established a new interest-area division, the Society for the Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues, effective in January. Approved by a two-thirds vote of APA's governing council of representatives in August, the new division marks continued recognition by psychologists of the importance of research about Gay issues, and of the need to provide better and more appropriate mental health services to Gay clients.

In past years, APA has passed policy resolutions supporting civil rights for Gay women and men and the declassification of homosexuality as a mental illness. Almost 10 years ago, the Association urged the enactment of Gay civil rights laws at the local, state and federal levels, and condemned public and private discrimination in such areas as employment, housing, child custody, public accommodation, and licensing. The 60,000 member association has called for all mental health professionals to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexuality. APA has also been the only professional association to continuously fund a Committee on Gay Concerns, which has been a regular part of the APA governance structure for the past five years. In addition, the association has filed amicus briefs in important civil rights cases before the Supreme Court involving Gay defendants and plaintiffs. With the establishment of the new division, APA will be able to broaden the psychological focus on issues of importance to the Gay community.

Gay Trivia Game Ready for Christmas

Washington - If you're looking for that special gift for that special Gay someone and want to give the most chic, up-to-date and politically correct item available, Fabu Enterprises has developed a Gay trivia game with 1,800 questions about Gay history, lifestyles, personalities, politics and the arts and entertainment.

After a year of research, Fabu through Whitehall Games has produced the game which is compatible

with other trivia board games or played on its own. Sample questions include: "Who was Nero's lover?" "What actor played Steve Carrington's first lover on *Dynasty*?" and "What button is left undone on a pair of 501's?"

The game will be available in stores next year but can be ordered by mail now for \$19.95 plus \$3 shipping. You can order from Fabu Enterprises, 1419 22nd Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20037. Visa or Mastercard orders can be called in at (202) 463-0790.

Brothers Renewed

It may come as no surprise that cable TV is pushing regular TV in terms of content and treatment of its programs. **Brothers**, a cable TV hit situation comedy has been renewed on Showtime, a pay service distributed by many cable systems.

The program takes a light look at the problems a family faces when one of three brothers announces he is Gay. While reminiscent of Archie Bunker in his prime, the program offers a sympathetic look at one man's "coming out" to his family. Six episodes were produced initially with the last one airing November 1. Reruns will complete the season, but six new programs have been ordered.

The critical and viewer success of **Brothers** may account for the addition of a homosexual character on a regular network program. **Kate and Allie**, starring Susan St. James and Jane Curtin, sees the arrival of an elderly Lesbian landlady, complete with lover.

Gay Fathers Film

A film production company in San Francisco has announced the release of the first documentary of Gay fathers. **Tell the Children** is available from Paul Sergio and Associates in 3-4 and VHS videotape and runs 15 minutes. Sergio interviewed over 125 Gay fathers before selecting the four interviews appearing in the documentary.

For more information about obtaining the videotape, write Paul Sergio & Assoc., 719 Filmore, Suite 307, San Francisco, CA 94117.

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SUNDAY - December 16 - Potluck Brunch and Board Meeting -
Joe's House - Noon
THURSDAY - December 20: Support Group Meeting Topic:
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There will be no general meeting in December due to Christmas Eve.

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

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Views From Ten Percent

This month's program features an in-depth interview with Mike Smith, co-founder of Black and White Men Together and Joe Calhoun, co-chair of the local chapter.

The following story appeared in **The Texas Star** and is reprinted by permission.

"Lord Mac," Michael Houston McAdory, died on Saturday, October 20, 1984, at approximately 3:00 pm in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

It is even more difficult to believe that he is gone because so much of him continues to live. As founder and president emeritus of the KS-AIDS foundation of Houston, the results of his work still affect every member of the Gay community—not just in Houston, but throughout the world. Now that the McAdory House opened on Nov. 1 as the only solely Gay community funded facility of its type in the world, how can we say that Mac is dead?

After attending college in Mississippi, McAdory moved to Jackson, MS, where he began to establish himself as a real estate broker, retailer and patron of the arts. Michael McAdory's art was featured in an exhibition at the Meridian (Mississippi) Museum of Art and he also diligently worked with the Jackson Historical Restoration Board. It was after a move to Memphis that Mac was diagnosed as an AIDS victim.

After moving to Houston, the work really began for Mac. As one of the earliest in an epidemic string of AIDS victims, Mac not only did research on the disease, but allowed himself to be subjected to experimental drugs such as interferon. Doctors at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston credit him with aiding in their work with other patients.

Although devastated with the

The ~~KS~~AIDS Foundation of Houston was Michael's strength for the last two years. His never-ending drive to assist both professionals and victims in defeating the ravages of the affliction, brought relief to him as well as those he helped. Although his last year was filled with intravenous feedings, pain and weakness, the job of firmly rooting the foundation and establishing the residents center got done.

One can easily realize one source of Mac's strength when they meet his mother, Luma B. Hart. During an interview at Mac's Montrose home, a grief stricken mother, talked of a beautiful son whose lifestyle never affected her love and admiration for the oldest of her four children. Mrs. Hart said, "I always accepted Mike's lifestyle, even though sometimes I didn't understand it."

They shouldn't have to hide or be hush-hush or afraid to talk to their parents."

Michael McAdory was cremated and a memorial service was held in Houston. But as Mike once said to his mother, just a tired, sick old body is dead. The hope, strength, and soul of Michael McAdory is a good thing that will never end.

Autopsies performed on 36 victims of AIDS has revealed the effect of AIDS infections on almost every major body organ, according to a report by University of California researchers.

New York - According to a recent survey published in **Parade Magazine**, no one sexual style can be considered normal.

The survey of 1,222 married, single and divorced men and women indicated that regardless of a person's sexual preference, American couples have intercourse an average of six times per month. The report indicates that Gays, who are not aroused by traditional foreplay to the extent that heterosexuals are, appear to be more likely to be aroused by "extremely erotic behavior."

The study broke Americans down

Gay License Plates

Harrisburg, PA - If you want to have your sexuality displayed on your car's license plate, a Pennsylvania state official says its OK with her, according to **Gay News**.

"If you want to advertise your sexual preference, that's your business," declared Betty Zupanovic, adjudicator for vanity license plates in the state. "It doesn't bother me. So far, the plates 'GAY' and 'GAY-1' have been taken, but no one has ventured to request 'B-GAY' or 'I M GAY,' she said.

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Legal



Gay Soldier Wins Court Case

On May 20, 1980, former Drill Instructor Mariam Ben-Shalom became the first Gay person to win a decision against the military which affirmed that Gay soldiers were protected under the Constitution with regards to free thought, free association and free speech. Ms. Ben-Shalom's discharge was held to be invalid and she was ordered reinstated into the U.S. Army Reserves with rank, back pay and benefits. Heralded as a landmark decision with profound importance for Gay people in the struggle for civil rights, the decision continues to benefit Gay persons fighting similar court battles.

Three years later, because the Army had not complied with the Writ of Mandamus issued by Milwaukee Federal Judge Terrance Evans, Ms. Ben-Shalom returned to Court with a personal remedy suit seeking to force the Army to comply with the order. On June 7, 1984, the Court ordered the Army to pay Ben-Shalom \$744.35 and expressed its unwillingness to further enforce its own previous ruling.

Ben-Shalom has taken the latest ruling on appeal and has filed a brief with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. Her attorney, Mark Rogers, says that because of the government's unwillingness to abide by the original Writ and because the Court seems unwilling to enforce its won decisions, it is absolutely necessary to have the case appealed. "What is the value of a hollow victory? It seems that the government is saying that it doesn't matter if a decision is rendered against it, that there is no need for them to comply with the law. It might even seem as if the government does not care about the civil rights of its citizens, and that it's 'OK' for them to refuse Ms. Ben Shalom those things afforded her in the original Writ..."

In a curious aside to these on-going proceedings, the U.S. Attorney has asked that the check for \$744.35 be returned. It seems that since the Army knows that she is appealing her case and that the check would not be cashed, they wanted it back because, it was intimidated, the uncashed check would foul up the Army's bookkeeping system.

Ms. Ben-Shalom has asked her attorney to comply with the Army's request, saying, "Maybe they need to purchase a hammer or a plastic part for some general's stool. I surely wouldn't want to add to the Army's confusion, possibly threaten National Security, or confound their bookkeeping system."

Setback for Gay Couples

San Francisco - Gay couples are not entitled to the "spousal discount" for AAA Motor Club memberships. That was the decision of the Howard County, Maryland, Office of Human Rights in a suit filed by Steven Jacobs and John LeBedda. Jacobs and LeBedda are represented by the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) in the first of a series of lawsuits intended to secure equal rights for Gay couples.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "The decision was based on the theory that the human rights ordinance only protects individuals, not couples. That reasoning simply isn't right; but with the current conservative makeup of the Maryland Court of Appeals, there's not much we can do." Graff noted that NGRA's next challenge will probably be in California where there has already been some movement in this area.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "We will continue to pursue this type of litigation to further validate the Lesbian/Gay lifestyle. It just is not fair that a couple like Steve and John, who have been together for 10 years, cannot get the same benefits as a couple who have been married only a single day."

NGRA's volunteer, cooperating counsel in Maryland is Susan Silber, a long-time civil rights activist attorney; and in San Francisco, David P. Kincaid played a major role in writing the legal briefs.

Court Refuses To Divorce Two Women

Little Rock - Chancellor Les Munson of the Chancery Court has refused to divorce two females because it would appear to sanction their marriage. It seems that Sally Jo Elliott, 41, and Claudia Jane Elliott, 38, obtained a marriage license in June of 1982 and were subsequently married by a mail-order minister. Nine months ago, Claudia Elliott filed for divorce.

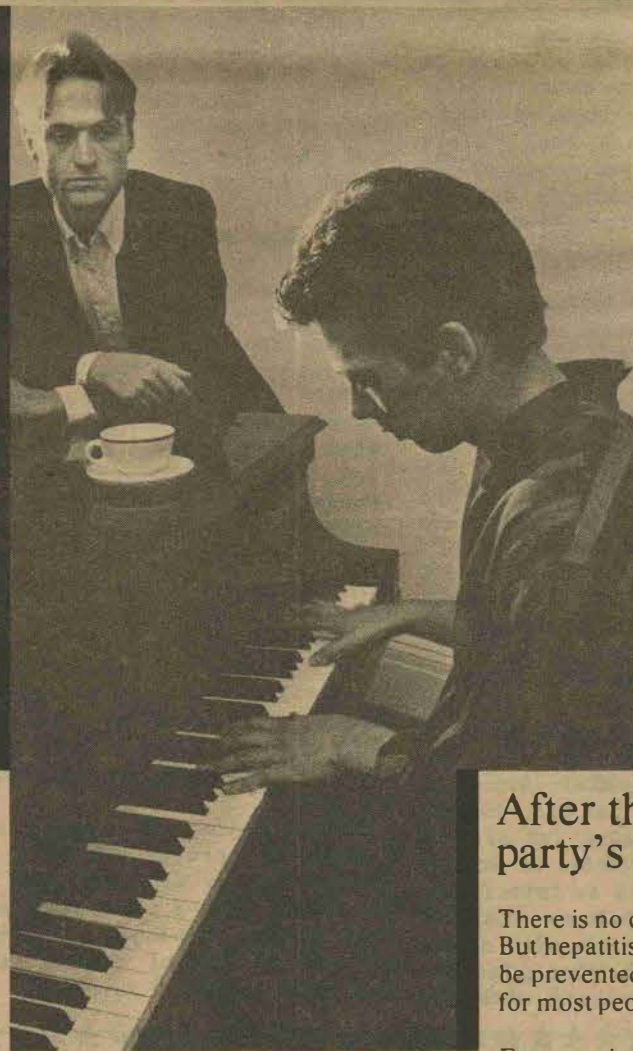
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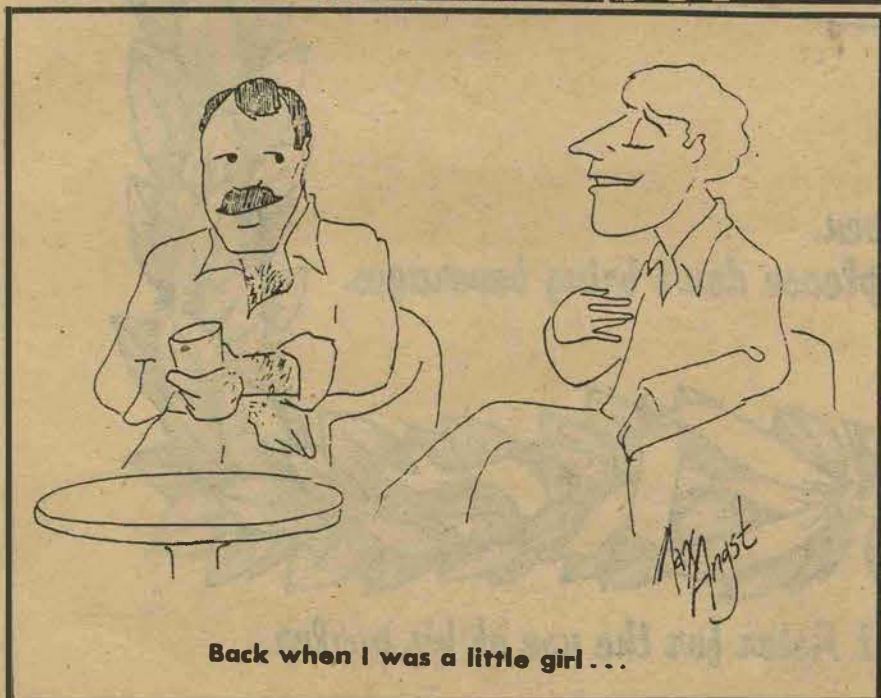
Art") before George can realize his dream of demonstrating his huge Chromolutes on the island of La Grande Jatte, where the first George gave birth to his glorious accomplishments. When George arrives on the island, he sees that all but the tips of the (dot-painted) trees have been obscured by glass houses and high-rise buildings. Nevertheless, through George's yearning and dreams in a series of soul-searching soliloquies (songs "Lesson No. 8" and "Move On"), those modernistic, obtrusive strongholds of chrome and glass melt away and La Grande Jatte is restored to its pristine beauty of a century before. Miraculously, Dot appears to George — and she brings with her the Parisian strollers and Parkgoers who populated Seurat's masterpiece (song "Sunday"). The Impressionistic tableau is reassembled, and George embraces Dot. At last the artist has found true beauty... inspired "color and light"... the heart of his ancestor's travail...and himself.

The demanding role of George and his descendant are portrayed masterfully by Robert Westenberg, who was seen in *Zorba* on Broadway and in the film, "First Born." Dot and Marie are played by the well-loved star of Broadway musicals and eleven movies, Bernadette Peters. Ms. Peters' understudy is Joanna Glushak, who very capably played Dot and Marie for a week in early November. The actress portraying George's mother (in Act One) and an art critic (in Act Two) is Barbara Byrne, who is familiar to fans of NBC-TV's "Love, Sydney" as Mrs. Gaffney, Tony Randall's dizzy landlady, in 1982 and 1983. The large cast of *Sunday in the Park With George* is rounded out by about

nineteen other accomplished Broadway performers who, like the principals, play more than one role.

Playwright-director James Lapine is the author of the plays *Table Settings* and *Twelve Dreams*. Composer Stephen Sondheim wrote the score for such Broadway hits as *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Hearily We Roll Along*, and *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum*, as well as the lyrics for Leonard Bernstein's great *West Side Story*. The amazingly authentic recreation of Seurat's backdrops and set pieces is the brilliant accomplishment of Tony Award-winning set designer Tony Stranges, who also designed the settings for productions of *Richard III*, *Timbuktu*, and *Harold and Maude* on the Great White Way. Before devising the Chromolutes and its lasers, special effects artist Brian Rarson worked on *Evita*, *Frankenstein*, *Woman of the Year*, and *Cats*, as well as the movies, "Altered States," "Deathtrap," "Tempest," and "Texas Picture." The gorgeous period costumes were created by Ann Hould-Vand, Charles LaPrairie, and Patricia Zipporodt.

Lapine and Sondheim's magnificent *Sunday In The Park With George* — a work of genius — has won Tony Awards, Drama Desk Awards, and the Best Musical award from the New York Drama Critic's Circle. More importantly, this exquisitely crafted, thought-provoking examination of the search for art through self-actualization has won the praise and support of the theatre-going community. The show is definitely worth seeing, either in New York or when the production begins its national tour. It is more than just great theatre. It is fine art.



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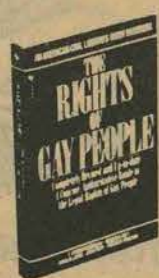
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ACLU Handbooks

Information and Services

MEMPHIS

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement - 81 Madison Bldg., Suite 1501, Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875
- Black and White Men Together: support, movement - Box 41773, Memphis 38104 - 726-1461 or 726-4299
- Frontrunners of Memphis: aerobic athletics group - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038
- Ladies Plus: service organization for men and women, public - Call 725-9877 after 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 the Library at Peabody and McLean - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038
- Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational, Sunday worship 3:15 pm at Unitarian Church, 292 Virginia Ave. West, Fed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm, at member's home - Box 241592, Memphis 38124-1592 - 324-1769.
- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social, service, 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, TN 38104
- Phoenix (Gay AA): Meets Wed. (8 pm), Fri. (10 pm), Sun. (8 pm) - Mid-City Bldg., 1331 Union Ave, Suite 170 - 365-7153
- The Queen's Men: social, service, private membership, meets 1st Sunday of every month - Box 3223, Memphis 38173 - Gary Salles, (901) 452-GAYY
- TSARUS: social, levi-leather, motorcycle, private membership - Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082

MEDIA

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

HELPLINES

- Gay Switchboard: Information, crisis, referrals, counseling - 726-GAYY (4299)
- 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 Apartment: bar, food, shows - 343 Madison - 525-9491
- D.R.'s: restaurant, show bar, - 12 N. Cleveland, above The Other Side
- The Eighth Day: bar, pizza, beer - 1382 Poplar - 725-9877
- The French Connection: restaurant, piano bar, dining menu - 598 Marshall - 526-1038

- George's: showbar, large disco, mixed drinks - 526 Marshall - 526-1038
- J-Wag's: bar, moderate food menu, games, patio, 24 hours - 1268 Madison Ave. - 272-1104
- Jackie's: bar - 1474 Madison Ave. - 272-1104
- The Other Side: bar, large disco, late hours - 12 N. Cleveland - 726-9245
- The Pendulum: bar, moderate food menu - 92 N. Avalon - 725-1530
- P.W.Bumps: bar, moderate food menu - 238 N. Cleveland - 726-9953

MISCELLANEOUS

- Airport Adult Theatre bookstore, movies, 2214 Brooks Rd., E., 345-0657
- Book Cottage (Overton Square): mainstream bookstore, includes large selection of Gay novels and non-fiction - 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 fiction and non-fiction - 1266 Madison Ave. - 722-8963
- Fantasy World: bookstore, arcade - 1814 Winchester - 346-2086
- Georgetown Inn: hotel, daily, weekly and monthly rates - 628-630 Madison Ave. - Reservations (901) 525-0725
- Getwell Book Mart: bookstore, arcade - 1275 Getwell - 454-7765
- Getwell Adult Bookstore: bookstore, arcade - 1617 Getwell - 745-9054
- Men of Leather: clothing, accoutrements - 1474 Madison (in the rear of Jackie's) - 458-8342
- Mid Town Adult Theatre: bookstore, arcade - 1360 Poplar - 725-4306
- Mid Town Video: video cassette sales and rentals - 1264 Madison
- Paris Adult Entertainment Center: bookstore, arcade - 2432 Sumner - 323-2665
- Tobacco Corner Newsroom: mainstream newsstand, carries Gay periodicals - 669 Mendenhall Rd. S. - 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 37202
- Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: movement - Box 24181, Nashville 37202
- Womankind Health Service: confidential clinic, feminist - 1727 Church St., Nashville 37203 - (615) 329-1478
- Women's Resource Center: general services for women - YWCA, 1608 Woodmont, Nashville - (615) 385-3952

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- B. Palola's: restaurant, bar - 1812 Hayes St. - (615) 320-7082
- 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 Fourth Ave. South - (615) 256-9411
- Slippo's: bar - 2106A Eighth Ave. South - (615) 269-9150
- Warehouse 28: bar, disco, shows, special events - 2529 Franklin Road - (615) 385-9689
- World's End: restaurant, live jazz - 1713 Church St. - (615) 329-3480

CHATTANOOGA

- Alan Gold's: bar, restaurant, disco - 1100 McCallie - (615) 629-8080
- Go Go: bar, dance, drag - 1077 Duncan Ave. - (615) 698-1023

MISCELLANEOUS

- Parkview: Alcohol and Chemical dependency treatment center - 8614 Harrison Bay, Harrison, TN 37341. In Tennessee 1-800-821-2914, Outside Tennessee 1-800-233-3737.
- Riverside Adult: bookstore - 1009 Riverside Drive - (615) 899-9714
- Startime Video: bookstore - 6309 East Brainerd Road - (615) 899-9714

CLARKSVILLE

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

JOHNSON CITY

- The Connection: bar, disco, 1 Gay-straight - 429 West Walnut - (615) 928-9925

KNOXVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

- Dignity-Knoxville: religious - Box 9451, Knoxville 37920 - (615)
- Knoxville's 10 Percent: movement, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month - Box 9816, Knoxville 37940
- Metropolitan Community Church: religious - 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 2343, Knoxville 37917 - (615) 521-6546

BARS AND RESTAURANTS

- Eadlands: bar, disco, restaurant - 317 North Gay - (615) 542-9257
- Circle J: bar, food, pool table - 310 Church Ave. - (615) 522-9312
- Factory: disco - 400 Dale - (615) 522-2178
- 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
- Crisis Center: 664-8834 (Toll-free 1-800-482-8886)
- Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock, AR 72205 - (501) 663-6455

- Grassroots Women's House: 1524 South Summit, Little Rock, AR (501) 378-7851
- Great Men-BWMT: movement, support - Box 3123, Little Rock, AR 72203 - (501) 374-3217
- Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational - Box 1964, Little Rock, AR 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

MEDIA

- Arkansas Advisor: monthly newspaper - Universal Publishers, Box 4397, Little Rock, AR 72214 - (501) 225-1300

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- The Branding Iron Saloon: country-western bar - 1701 University - (501) 663-8682
- Discovery II: 1021 Jessie Road - (501) 664-4784
- Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave. - (501) 663-9886

MISCELLANEOUS

- 4-Star Video: bookstore, 5300 Baseline Road - (501) 562-4762
- University Adult Arcade: bookstore - 6316 Asher Ave. - (501) 568-2952

MISSISSIPPI

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement - 528 North State St., Jackson, MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464
- Gay Switchboard: 24 hours, information, referrals, counseling - (601) 355-7595
- Integrity-Mississippi: religious, Episcopaleans (all Gay Christians welcome) - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs), Jackson, MS 39216 - (601) 355-7595
- Lambda Group (Gay AA): meets Saturday 8 pm - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs) c/o Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204
- Metropolitan Community Church: non-denominational - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204 - (601) 355-7495
- Mississippi Gay Alliance: movement - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 355-7595
- Mississippi Gay-Lesbian Democratic Party Caucus: movement - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 355-7595.

MEDIA

- This Month In Mississippi: monthly newspaper - 236 1-2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204 - (601) 355-7495

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Bill's Disco And Show Bar: 200 West Amite, Jackson, MS - (601) 969-9765 (Th-Sat only)
- Cha Cha's: bar - 236 W Capitol, Jackson, MS - (601) 352-9728
- Jack's Saloon: 208 West Capitol, Jackson, MS - (601) 354-9588
- Jill's: 208 West Capitol, Jackson, MS - (601) 354-9588
- Zan's: bar - 944 Robinson, Jackson, MS

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