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Health Depts., Blood Banks Share AIDS Concern

The consensus of opinion of public health officials and blood bank workers in Tennessee seems to be that the HTLV-3 antibody test for AIDS is premature. The reality, however, is that the test will be licensed soon and blood banks and health departments are preparing to meet what may be an onslaught of Gay men who want to take the test.

A group of 200 public health and blood bank officials met in Nashville on February 26 to discuss the implications of the HTLV-3 antibody test.

"Don't have the test done unless you are prepared to know and accept the results," said Dr. Tom Peterman, one of the representatives of the Centers for Disease Control conducting the meeting.

One of the main concerns of the group is that many Gay men who feel themselves at risk, will want to have the test done and may try to get the test free by going through a blood bank. Blood banks will be required to run the HTLV-3 tests on all blood. They are generally not equipped to deal with

the emotional trauma that a positive test might incur.

Gay organizations throughout the country have been urging their constituencies not to take the test because of the problems with interpretation of positive results. The test screens for HTLV-3 antibodies only. It cannot determine if a person has AIDS, if he or she will develop it, is immune to it or can infect others. Its primary usage will be in screening donated blood.

Another concern shared both by health professionals and Gay leaders is the one of confidentiality. Currently

most blood banks which defer donors for medical reasons categorize those reasons. For example, if a person is deferred for having had hepatitis, that information about him is easily available. Because of the sensitive nature of AIDS, it is felt that routine precautions for confidentiality may not be adequate.

Meeting participants also noted that while there are multiple confirmatory tests for such things as hepatitis, syphilis, etc., there is only one such test for AIDS antibodies. A positive HTLV-3 antibody test can only be confirmed by reperforming the same test. If the test result is positive, health departments at present are either unable or unwilling to do the necessary additional blood work-ups to determine if the person really has AIDS.

Eugene Forrester, Executive Director of Life Blood, said without a confirmatory test available, "this test can cause more problems than it can cure."

According to CDC, 20 cases of AIDS have been reported in Tennessee with the majority of those in the Memphis and Nashville areas.

Allen Cook and Tommy Stewart of the Aid to End AIDS committee were invited by state health department officials and attended at their own expense.

Lawrenceburg Man To Fight Dismissal

by Allen Cook

It's 15 minutes before quitting time on a Friday afternoon. You are summoned to the personnel manager's office who has heard rumors you are Gay and are asked to resign or be fired. Impossible? Ask Gerald Cole, a 29 year employee of Murray Ohio Manufacturing in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. It happened to him.

Cole, a quality assurance supervisor, with the bicycle manufacturing company since 1955, was summoned to the office of personnel manager Larry Heard February 8 and given the ultimatum. According to Cole's account, Heard heard through the grapevine that Cole was "going to marry a man" and that he "preferred men to women." He was told that it was "affecting the efficiency of you as a supervisor," and was given the choice of voluntary resignation or termination. Cole chose to be fired so that he could fight the case.

Cole says that no direct accusations of misconduct had been filed and no one was named as having filed a complaint. He claims that he was not given a chance to respond and was given 45

minutes to remove all his belongings from company property. He has yet to receive an official reason for his firing.

Cole is at a loss to explain the company action against him. He says that unions have tried to organize the plant in Lawrenceburg on a number of occasions and that he may have been identified as an organizer but that is not the case. He theorizes that he may have been passed over for promotions over the years because of that allegation but that his personnel record was clean and his yearly evaluations were close to perfect. "This came out of the clear blue sky," he said. "I had no idea why they were even calling me (to the office)." Cole says he never really liked the idea of a union and thought he had a good rapport with his co-workers.

Cole contends that some of his co-workers may have thought him Gay but that he had always been discreet. He has been living with his lover Ricky for some years.

Roy Moore, Cole's immediate supervisor, apologized to him before he left adding

that there was nothing he could do and asked if he could help in any way.

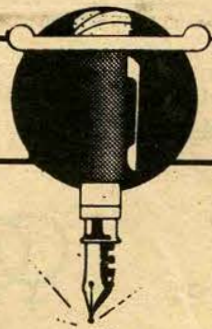
The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission does not recognize sexual orientation (only sex) as a basis for a claim against the company.

Cole plans an action against the company for his firing and has contacted the ACLU of Tennessee and Gay Rights Advocates to determine his standing in the case.

At present Cole is out of a job and cannot receive his retirement benefits until age 62. He says, "I've never been a Gay rights activist but I'll work til my dying day for it now."

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"Yeah, It Could Happen"

By Allen Cook

Something is happening in Memphis.

For the first time in God knows how long, an organization has been formed and enthusiastic support is building for it. People are even coming to meetings and people are doing things. I should state on the front end that I am involved with the group so my opinions may not be unbiased.

The group is the Aid to End AIDS Committee and the action and movement they have made is phenomenal. Admittedly, the timing is right.

The initial organization was started by The Queen's Men, Inc., whose members contacted Gay leaders and sponsored an organizational meeting to start things off. Since then, most of the housekeeping chores of getting chartered, opening a bank account, etc., have been completed.

Dr. Gary Swinger, of the Dept. of Communicable Disease Control in Nashville, says the timing couldn't have been better...not too soon and not too late. We agree.

In recent weeks, we have seen a 5 part series on AIDS on Channel 13, a major documentary on AIDS on PBS stations, and a major story on a victim of AIDS in *Mid South Magazine*. A number of us have been touched by the fact, that although invisible to us, we either know a victim or his loved one. We've heard stories of men in our midst who have AIDS and need our help. We finally realize that we are not an island of immunity in a sea of epidemic -- AIDS is in Tennessee.

A number of us said long ago that it was going to take a friend coming down with AIDS before we realized the severity of the problem. That has happened and the community is mobilizing.

The last meeting of ATEAC resulted in a setting of priorities and was perhaps the most creative meeting I've had the pleasure of attending.

We all realize that fundraising is going to be a major endeavor. Without that we cannot hope to accomplish our goals of education, assistance to AIDS victims and grants to research teams. And yet, we are all conscious of the fact that people do not want to be beaten over the head con-

stantly for money. Regardless of the motivation or worth of the cause, that gets old. So how to get money without begging? That's where creativity comes in.

The fundraising ideas hit right where Gay people live and give them something for their money. Here are some of the ideas:

** A booth at the Flea Market (we seem to populate it on Sunday afternoons anyway.)

** Raffles of various sorts

** A summer block party with booths staffed by members of various organizations

** Special shows- Cheese-Beefcake Contests, dinners, celebrity roasts (Can you imagine a roast of George Wilson or Sharon Wray??)

** Special movie bookings

** Fun Runs and bike races

** Shows featuring the real talents of the Memphis Gay community

** Community grants

** Picnics, hayrides, boat cruises

I mean this group thinks big!

Long range, ATEAC is looking at administering grants for social workers, care facilities, health department liaisons. Other AIDS organizations have received hundreds of thousands

of dollars for their programs. Ours can too. The Memphis Gay community raised over \$8,000 for Muscular Dystrophy last year. A concerted effort will net many times that amount for AIDS. And we will know to whom the money is going and where it is being spent.

The group is also making inroads into the medical community. ATEAC is a visible group with a vision and focus. Members have been invited to participate in the decision making process at Health departments not only here in Memphis but in Nashville as well. We are being consulted on what the Gay community needs, what it will tolerate and how they can help us. No longer will the powers that be have to surmise what is needed. We can tell them. You can tell them. And we can tell them in a spirit of cooperation and mutual concern, not in demands and rhetoric.

But this is not going to happen solely on the efforts of the seven people elected to the ATEAC board. It must involve all of us -- men and women, young and old, rich and poor. Everyone can contribute in some way... even if all we do is toss out our negative thinking and say "Yeah, it could happen."

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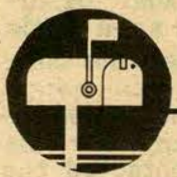
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Parking Problems

Since your newspaper has a wide readership in Nashville, I am hoping you will help us get the word out to Gays in our area of a problem we are having.

Since two of the larger bars in Nashville are located on Franklin Rd., parking is somewhat limited and patrons park in business lots that are not open. Until late fall there appeared to be no problems, but one of these establishments, Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, announced they would tow cars parked in their lot (I think it is interesting to note that on the Monday before the towing began, a

group from a Gay exercise group went to Lee's for dinner after class and were treated very rudely by an extremely immature, however obviously homophobic, counter girl. Several people in the group let her know her attitude was not appreciated!)

On New Year's Eve, wholesale towing of cars took place. Towing has continued since.

Nashville area Gay people need to hit Danner Foods, Inc. (parent company of Lee's) where it hurts the most --- in the pocket-book!!! I would urge all Nashville area Gays not to eat at any Danner Foods Restaurant (Lee's, Shoney's, and Captain D's) and encourage their friends to do likewise. Another anonymous way of protest would be to clip this article out and mail it to Shoney's Inc., 1727 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN.

Mad In Nashville

Alas all Shoney's are not as accommodating as the ones here in Memphis. The Memphis Gay Coalition has had an after-meeting gathering at a Shoney's for many a year now with no untoward incidents. At the risk of sounding like Miss Manners, there are some other sound alternatives. Shoney's has a customer satisfaction rating on its checks, try that if they are rude.

There is no excuse for rudeness, BUT the parking lot is their property and they do have the right to control it regardless of whether or not they are open. It seems what is needed here is some diplomatic negotiation and some consciousness-raising to the fact that at least 10% of their clientele is Gay and, judging from the vicinity, it could be much higher than that. Business is business and it doesn't take a genius to see that they are cutting their noses off to spite their collective faces.--Ed.

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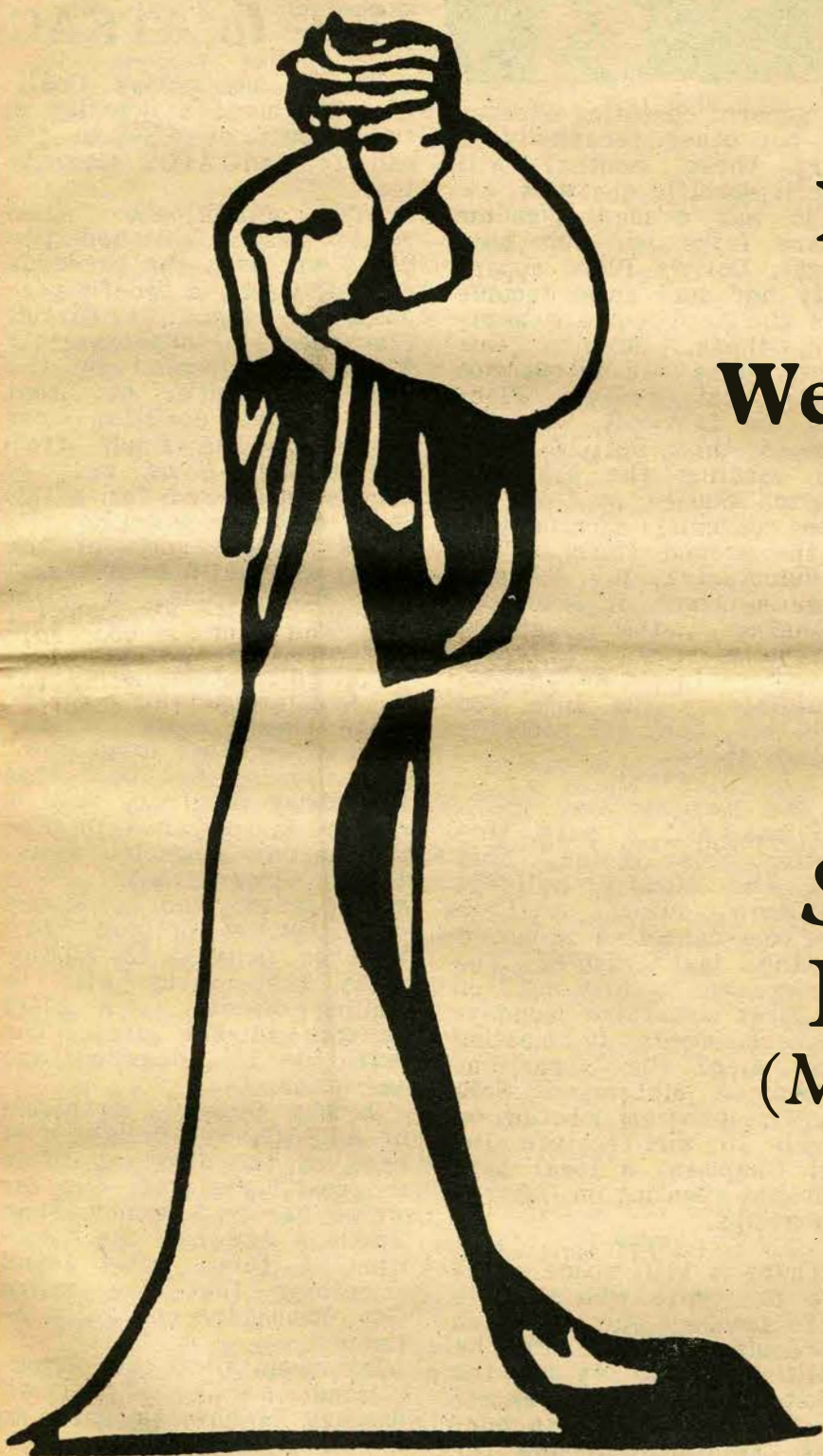
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Quick Clips

By Allen Cook

Consenting Adult on ABC last month created quite a stir. People either loved it for its sensitivity and truth or hated it for its insensitivity and lies. Goes to show you can't please everyone. However, whatever you thought, if you feel compelled to tell someone, here's the right person: Brandon Stoddard, President ABC-TV, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Locally, Channel 13 did a weeklong "investigation" on the "AIDS Scare in Memphis." It is good to note that we saw more Memphis Gays on camera in those reports than we have ever seen before. To my knowledge, no one has been firebombed or fired.

Our co-editor is still getting over being labeled as John Stilwell, Memphis Homosexual.

The "Academy Awards of Leatherdom" is slated for May 26 in Chicago. The event, of course, is the International Mr. Leather contest featuring four

nights of special events and parties and, according to the press release, "the most dazzling display of masculinity ever offered." There are all sorts of package deals available and registration is free for winners of local leather contests. You can get more info by mail from International Mr. Leather, Inc., 5025 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640. But quite frankly, all we needed was an excuse to print the picture.

Aphrodite, Memphis' show-stopping service club, presented a fundraiser at Dolly's Place February 18 which raised \$650.00. This first benefit of the year is

for general operating expenses, but other benefits (one every three months) will benefit specific charities.

It was a night Overton Square folks will not soon forget. Dolly's Place apparently had had some trouble with the homophobic management there. But on this night, there was no question about what Dolly's Place was. In fact, it was announced that Dolly's Place was vacating the space at Overton Square in favor of more congenial surroundings on the ground floor of the Pendulum (92 N. Avalon). After a couple of weeks of revamping the space, Dolly's will move in lock, stock, restaurant and impersonators. By the time you read this, they are probably already there.

The Memphis Gay Coalition has had a hard time meeting this winter. What with the Monday holidays and snow, several meetings have been cancelled or moved at the last minute. The meetings are usually held on the first and third Mondays of each month in Meeting Room A of the Library at Peabody & McLean at 7:30 pm. The program meeting on March 18 will feature Dr. Joel Chapman, a local psychologist speaking on Gay relationships.

There is still space available for those who want to go to *La Cage Aux Folles* in St. Louis on April 20. The coalition had to pay for the tickets in advance but an attempt will be made to purchase additional tickets for those procrastinators who want to be part of the fun. The \$95 ticket price includes round trip chartered bus transportation to and from St. Louis, overnight hotel accommodations (double occupancy), theatre tickets and group travel to bars and restaurants.

Tommy Stewart, owner of J-Wag's and Encore Cards and Gifts was attacked by his appendix last month.



His recovery is going well and he's liable to show you his scar whether or not you want him to.

Frontrunners, Memphis' Gay running and biking club, will meet March second. Anyone interested can attend. Call 276-6487 or 274-0454 for details. Now that the weather has turned half-way decent, they're looking to sponsor some fun runs and bike trips.

MGC to ATEAC

The Memphis Gay Coalition has made a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Aid to End AIDS Committee.

The Coalition's "AIDS Fund" was established two years ago with the proceeds of "Old Hash," a benefit performance staged at Circuit Playhouse. Approximately \$2000 was donated by the Gay community at that time. The coalition has maintained the funds from the benefit (as well as others earmarked for AIDS) in a separate account. "We initially spent some of the money for AIDS brochures," said Bob Dumais, president of the MGC. "After that initial effort, we felt that we should simply hold on to it until something worthwhile came along, rather than buying more brochures." The thinking has been that the money should be held in reserve in case an AIDS victim needed financial assistance. Vincent Astor, who spearheaded and produced "Old Hash," proposed that \$500 be donated to ATEAC since that group will be dealing directly with AIDS patients in the area. The vote for the donation was unanimous.

Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC, was delighted at news of the donation. "This is great," he said. "So far we've received money from TSARUS and now the Coalition. I think we've found something that the entire Gay community can rally around."

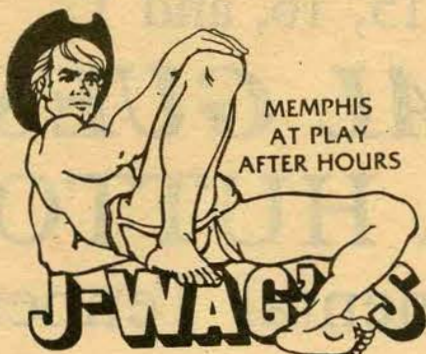
Donations since the organizational meeting of ATEAC January 21 have amounted to a little over \$1000.

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HRCF Undertakes Major Survey

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is about to undertake a major nationwide survey of its constituency to assess its political philosophies and priorities. The survey, to be compiled through the mail, was included in a February 15 letter to HRCF contributors.

Vic Basile, Executive Director of the Fund, which is the sole national political action committee dedicated to supporting candidates favorable to Gay civil rights issues, said the survey was being taken to assist the PAC in planning its political agenda for the next election cycle. "We need to understand the mindset of the Gay community if we are to be a truly representative organization," Basile said.

The survey queries respondents on their political philosophies, their partisan identification, their votes for President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Representative in the last election, and the primary motivating factors in their selection of a candidate. In addition, the questionnaire seeks to discover how cohesive a "voting bloc" the Gay community might be.

"One important piece of information we'd like to learn is what percentage of the Gay electorate will vote for a candidate primarily based on his or her stand on Gay civil rights," said Basile. "It's important both for us as an organization and for candidates of both parties to know the kind of impact their stand on this issue will have on Gay voters."

The survey asks respondents to rank eleven separate items on the Gay political agenda in order of priority. The eleven items include: abolishing restrictions on Gays, abolishing sodomy laws, increasing funding for AIDS research and treatment, and other concerns ranging from discrimination in the military, employ-

ment, housing and adoption to legal recognition of the rights of Gay couples.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a Washington-based political action committee, and is one of the largest PACs in the United States.

NCBG Installs New Board

WASHINGTON, DC -- The National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG) has concluded their three-month search and announced the election of seven women and two men as members of the the board of directors until their general elections are held in November 1985.

The new members include: Audre Lorde, poet and writer; Marlena Goldie Mason, political activist; Michelle Parkerson, filmmaker and writer; Luvenia Pinson, political activist; Clifton Roberson, president of the DC Coalition of Black Gay Men and Women, Gwendolyn Rogers, anti-war, lesbian-feminist and anti-racist organizer; Rev. Minure Saunders, co-chair of the Illinois Lesbian and Gay Task Force; Barbara Smith, feminist writer and a founding member of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press; and Dan Weddo, a professor of International Studies and contributor to *Habari Daf-tari*. There are now 13 board members.

You Just Can't Get Good Help These Days

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - A sizeable number of the congregation of the MCC of Ft. Lauderdale attended seminars and workshops to participate in the Billy Graham Crusade scheduled for February 17-24. Like other church groups, they were to serve as ushers, choir members, and prayer group leaders. However, crusade officials

notified them in early December that they would not be allowed to participate.

Texas Reardon, crusade director, explained, "It's just that they don't accept homosexuality as a sin, and we do."

Ariel Evicted

NEW YORK -- The New York *Native* reports that Ariel, the second oldest Gay women's bar in New York, has been evicted. The bar apparently was involved in a dispute with its landlord over charges of excessive noise.

Agnes Broche, the landlord, once opened a bar herself there in 1947. In 1950, she leased the space which then became a men's bar. The site has been either a Gay men's or women's bar for 34 years.

Ms. Broche started eviction proceedings against Ariel's a year ago, claiming that music blasted until all hours. Prior to the landlord's action, Ariel had received no complaints about noise. Broche has already leased the space to a shoe store.

When You're Old and G(r)ay

If the thought of what you're going to do when you become old and gray has you worried, take heart. The First Unitarian Church of San Francisco has recently established a fund to provide a retirement center for Gay women and men.

The fund will be used to build non-sectarian retirement homes for elderly Gays living alone and social programs for elderly Gays in the area.

No Pix Pleez

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- The editor of the local Gay newspaper in Minneapolis was held by plainclothes police after he was caught photographing them outside of one of that city's Gay bars. GLC Voice editor Tim Campbell was released after they warned him not to publish the pictures or "We'll come after you with a complaint." Campbell claims three other Minneapolis newspapers have published photos of vice squad members in the past year and have not been charged with a

crime for doing so. He printed the pictures in the January 7 issue.

Brothers Renewed For Record 50 Episodes

NEW YORK -- In an unprecedented move, Showtime has announced that it has renewed the comedy series, "Brothers" for 50 episodes, which will take the program at least through 1986. "Brothers," one of the first situation comedies made especially for pay-TV, is about three brothers, one of whom is Gay. The commercial networks, at most, commit themselves to one season's supply of programs. The usual is for 22 programs with some established series like "Dallas" having 30 episodes ordered. The move virtually insures that "Brothers" will be made available for syndication to local broadcast stations at some future date.



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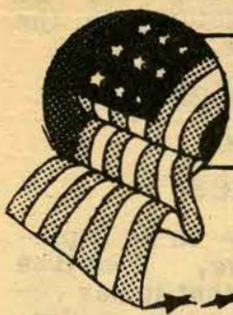
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Apuzzo Resigns NGTF Post

New York -- Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), has revealed she will leave that organization March 17 to become deputy director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board. *The Washington Blade* reports that she will join the staff of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo after a four week vacation.

Apuzzo's resignation is bound to have a significant impact on NGTF as well as the Gay movement in general. NGTF has been struggling in recent years to obtain its niche in the Gay political movement. Apuzzo's predecessor, Lucia Valeska, quit amid a controversy regarding her effectiveness as a leader of the organization. It is interesting to note that the same type of accusations led to the resig-



photo by John Schoenwaller

nation of Steve Endean, former executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby. NGTF and GRNL have suffered from strained relations for years.

It is expected that Jeff Levi, head of the NGTF Washington office, will replace Apuzzo until a successor is named.

Erie Will Ruled Valid

ERIE, PA -- The will of an Erie, Pennsylvania professor who bequeathed \$150,000 to the "furthering of the civil rights of American homosexuals" has been declared valid by Judge James Dwyer. The 1981 will of the late John D. McBride had been contested by his nieces.

McBride resided in Erie County from 1969-1979 and taught French at Edinboro State College. He retired to Mexico in 1981.

According to *Gay Community News*, his two nieces appealed the probate on the grounds that McBride's residency in Mexico at the time of his death required probate under Mexican law. Their attorney argued that the entire will should be held invalid since the will was drafted in Pennsylvania. The court was then asked to distribute McBride's estate among the blood relatives and legal heirs, the nieces.

Since the will did not name specific beneficiaries (only that *The Advocate* should be used as a guide for choosing such), a number of Gay legal organizations have sought to gain legal standing in the case. Among them are Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Gay Task Force and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

In deciding the validity of the will, Judge Dwyer noted the "obvious intentions in distributing the estate" by referring to a previous will dated January 1977 which included an identical proviso. In that will, no money was bequeathed to the contestants.

San Francisco Asks For Bathhouse List

SAN FRANCISCO -- The city attorney of San Francisco has asked for attendance records of Gay bathhouses and clubs. *The Bay Area Reporter* says the order was part of a broad subpoena asking for "any and all documents, including but not limited to, records of attendance... during the period of June 1, 1984 through August 31, 1984."

Club attorneys reportedly were outraged at the demand and planned not to honor the subpoena. Apparently the request was made in an effort to determine the number of people attending each club so that the city might better gauge the number of "monitors" it needs. The monitors are needed to police a court injunction which calls for bathhouses

to remain closed until a monitoring system can be worked out.

Houston Ordinance Defeated

HOUSTON, TX -- There was good news and bad news in Houston in January. The bad news was that voters overwhelmingly defeated an ordinance protecting Gays in city employment 82% to 18%. The good news is that Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmore has said, as long as she is mayor, the provisions of the defeated ordinances would be followed by her administration.

The Houston City Council passed two ordinances in June which added "sexual orientation" to the list of protected classes and which changed the city's affirmative action plan to protect Gays. Opposition to the ordinances erupted immediately primarily from fundamentalists and a petition drive was launched to place the questioned items on a referendum. That vote took place January 19.

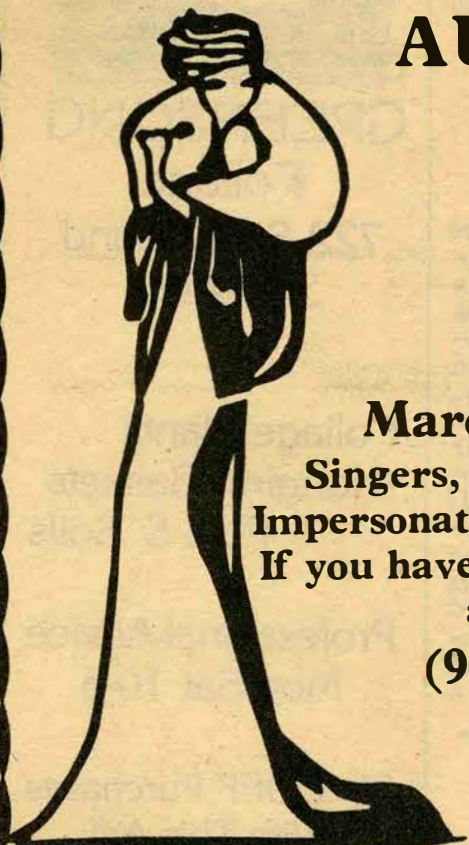
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High Court Refuses To Hear Bisexual Case

The Supreme Court refused to set a precedent in determining whether any public employee could be fired legally "based solely on his or her expressed sexual preference." According to the *Commercial Appeal*, the ruling in the case of Ohio high school guidance counselor, Marjorie Rowland, which stated that public employees are only protected from retaliation when they speak up on matters of public concern, not on private matters, was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Ms. Rowland sued the school board after they refused to renew her contract upon learning that she had discussed her bisexuality with colleagues. Having worked as a counselor since 1974, she charged that her constitutional rights of free speech and equal treatment had been violated.

Justice William Brennan and Justice Thurgood Marshall cast the two dissenting votes feeling that the Supreme Court should have used the case to establish whether or not a public employee could legally be fired based on sexual preference. Earlier, a federal jury ruled in favor of Ms. Rowland but the decision was reversed by an appeals court and ultimately that decision was upheld by the Supreme Court. The ruling against the Ohio counselor by the appeals court said that she "failed to prove that she was performing her job properly."

With a case against a Gay Oklahoma teacher pending before the Supreme Court, local Gay leaders feel the court's refusal to hear the Rowland case and fully examine the legal rights of homosexuals is not encouraging.

Flea Market Booth To Benefit Aids Committee

A group of ATEAC members will be staffing a booth at the Memphis Flea Market March 16 and 17 at the Mid-South Fairgrounds. Proceeds of the booth will go directly to the Aid to End Aids Committee.

The booth was proposed and is being coordinated by Vincent Astor. Anyone wishing to help staff the booth or contribute items for sale can call 725-1698. Storage facilities are being donated by the Georgetown Inn.

"We're not planning to mark the booth in any way," said Astor, "but the regular 'walking trade' won't be able to miss us. When AIDS literature arrives, it will be available for the asking at the booth. We want this to be a year-round fundraising event, perhaps it will develop into something like the Brown Elephant Store in Chicago which goes so far as to pick up items and sell them in a permanent retail space, as many charities do."



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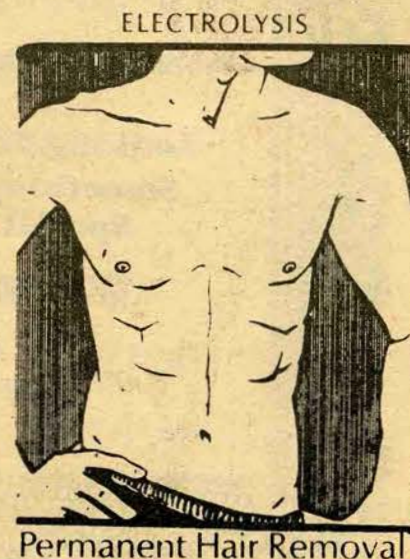
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New Women's Music

Nancy Vogl: Something To Go On

Released by Redwood Records
Review by Sarah Miller

Nancy Vogl, already known as a member of the Berkeley Women's Music Collective, now has a solo release on Redwood Records. *Something To Go On* has something for everyone: political songs, love songs and songs without words.

The first side of the album is totally devoted to guitar instrumentals and clearly shows Nancy's expertise as one of the finest steel string acoustic guitarists in the U.S. today. Nancy describes this music as "intense, deliberate, spontaneous and tempered." Suzanne Shanbaum and Carolyn Brandy back-up Nancy on guitar and percussion.

The flip side includes blues-ballads such as the title song, "Something To Go On" and "100 Bowls of the Moon." The melodies have a poignant quality which is intensified by Nancy's twists of phrase: *Will you be around when I'm lonely? Will you be around when I'm blue? Will you be around when I'm feeling so high over you?*

"Three Mile Run," a song about three women who have died "accidentally" while engaged in political activities and "Crime of the Century" are examples of Nancy's recent attempt to make "art out of politics." Nancy is not just concerned with highly publicized political incidents as in Karen Silkwood's death, but also with the systematic terror many people face day-to-day. *Ricky...he will join the Navy, he will kill his sisters and brothers of*

color,...but what can he do, when there is no room for him here at all?

Describing her music, Nancy says, "What I bring to my music is a commitment to building a better growing environment for us all."

Diedre McCalla: Don't Doubt It

Released by Olivia Records
Review by Sarah Miller

Olivia Records' latest release is a provocative album by an exciting new artist - Diedre McCalla. This is women's music of the second generation - hard to classify but easy to listen to, to dance to, and to enjoy. Pop/Rock/Folk/Disco/Blues with country influence and even Latin rhythms. You'll find it hard to sit still during "Dance All Night" and hard to stop the tears as Diedre sings the haunting "Do You Think I Didn't Know." Reading the fine print on the back of the album will reveal a whole host of familiar folks; the Olivia "family." *Don't Doubt It* was produced and arranged by Teresa Trull and back-up artists include Nancy Vogl, Teresa Trull, Barbara Higbe, Linda Tillery, Mary Watkins, and more. You'll love it - don't doubt it!

Judy Small: Mothers, Daughters, Wives

Released by Redwood Records
Review by Sarah Miller

Judy Small, one of Australia's best known and finest singer/songwriters, has been brought up from the land down-under by Redwood Records. Judy is a political folk singer, writing songs that range from the plight of women, to our culture's failure to deal with the elderly, to the persecution of overweight people.

"A Song for Roly Poly

People" was written for those people, including herself who don't fit into size 10 dresses. We don't get asked to dinner 'cos we ought to be thinner, but we're cuddlier of that there is no doubt.

Judy Small's lyrics illustrate not only her wry sense of humor, but also offer food for thought. In her notes on "Just Another Crazy on the Street," Judy offers that "the lines between eccentricity and madness is defined more by class and money than by behavior." *Nobody knows me, nobody wants to... 'Cos I'm a mad lady, mad bag lady...*

Judy's music is folk music in the sense that it is for and about ordinary people and everyday issues. Her music can also be called women's music, because "If there's a theme to my work, it's about attempting to bring women back into music and songs because they've been left out and ignored for so long.

Nancy Day: Lavender

Review by Sarah Miller

Lavender, a collection of original compositions by Nancy Alice Day, is quite a one-woman show. Using harmonies sometimes reminiscent of Margie Adam, Nancy accompanies her vocals with rousing and often funky piano tunes. You'll hear quips of chopsticks back-to-back with "Fur Elise" and then on to more jazz piano improvisation. Nancy is an amazingly versatile artist, and if you've ever heard of her, give her music a listen and spread the word. (Only available on cassette)



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National Gay Lawyers Directory

The Third Edition of the *National Attorneys' Directory for Lesbian and Gay Rights* has been published by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.

The directory, formerly titled *The National Lesbian and Gay Attorneys' Referral Directory*, lists Gay attorneys and attorneys sympathetic to the needs of Gay men and women in a state by state format. The directory gives Gays access to sympathetic attorneys and also helps Gay attorneys to create a stronger network within the legal community in order to further the legal struggle for Gay rights. The third edition of the directory is significantly expanded from the previous editions, both of which sold

out quickly.

The publisher of the directory, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), is New England's non-profit, public interest Gay legal organization, doing litigation and educational work on Gay civil rights. GLAD sees an increasing number of attorneys interested in being listed in a referral directory for Gay legal needs and will continue to publish expanded editions of the directory. Attorneys interested in being listed should contact GLAD.

The directory is available from GLAD for \$10 plus \$2 postage and handling. Checks payable to GLAD should be sent to GLAD, P.O. Box 218, Boston, MA 02112.

Black Gay Writers/Artists Sought

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 Gay activist and writer, will be published by Alyson Publications in 1986.

Manuscripts may be submitted in the following forms: essays and short fiction (up to 5,000 words), poetry (no more than five ems), brief excerpts from plays and novels, letters, journal entries, performance pieces, and interviews. Beam is 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. Artwork in the form of photography and drawings may be submitted (send copies, not originals). All manuscripts should be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper with the contributor's name on each page.

Deadline for submission is April 30, 1985.

In addition, a Black Gay archive is now forming. Beam encourages everyone to grant written permission for submission of their manuscript or artwork to this archive.

Only submissions accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage will be returned. Send manuscripts and copies of artwork in duplicate to: Beam/BGA, P.O. Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

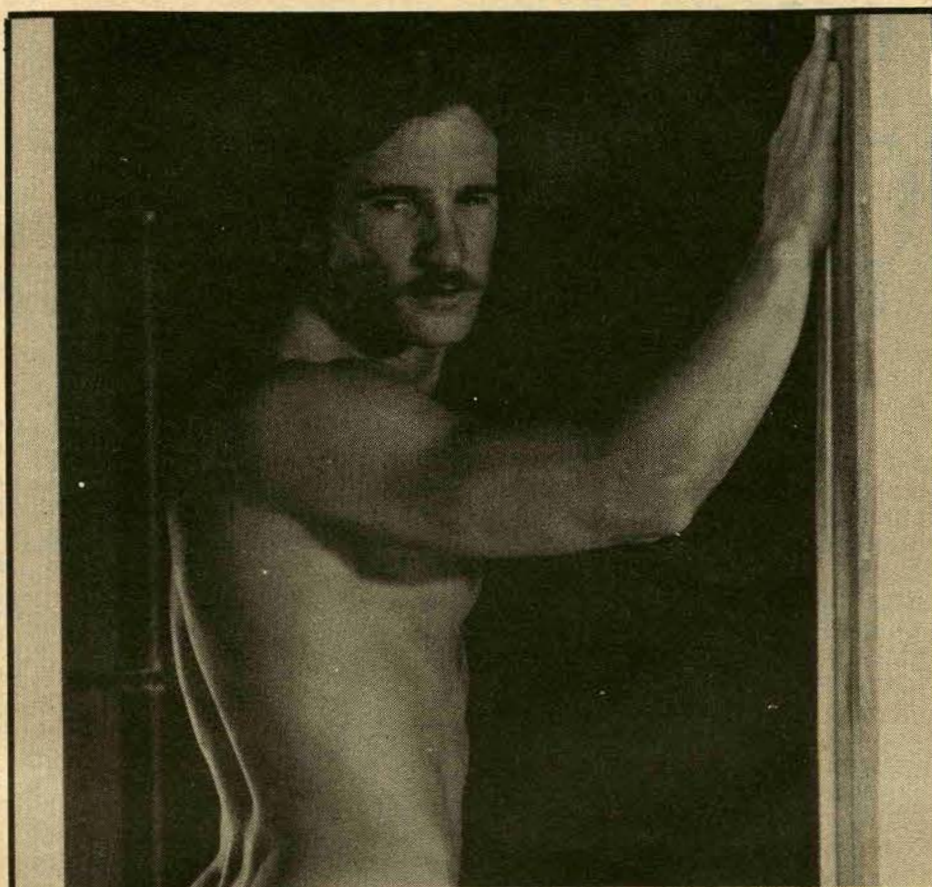
Two Gay Activists Join GRNL Board

Two Gay activists, Deborah Johnson of Los Angeles and Gil Gerald of Washington, D.C., have joined the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby. The two will begin their work with the Lobby this month.

Deborah Johnson currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Gay/Lesbian Community Service Center in Los Angeles, as well as on the Board of Project Justice, a Gay/Lesbian coalition working for justice for minority Gays/Lesbians. In June 1984, Ms. Johnson and

her lover, Zandra Rolon, won a discrimination suit against Papa Choux, a Los Angeles restaurant.

Gil Gerald, Executive Director of the National Coalition of Black Gays, served as whip for Jesse Jackson's District of Columbia delegation at the 1984 Democratic Convention in San Francisco. Mr. Gerald, an architect, is also a former board member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and former president of the DC Coalition of Black Gay Men and Women.



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Health/AIDS

The Worried Well Or, What Is Not AIDS

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

The married man is the worst. He is convinced that the man who gave him the blow-job also gave him AIDS. It may have been the only time in his life he was with another man sexually, and all he did was ejaculate in the man's mouth. It is the old "boy, was I drunk that night" syndrome.

Partly out of homosexual panic and guilt, he is positive he has AIDS, is giving it to his wife, and in time all his kids are going to die as well. He cannot be reassured enough.

Of course, we are all concerned about AIDS. More than once, I have thought I was only days away from the full-blown AIDS syndrome and that my bruise would turn into Kaposi's or the cough would become pneumonia.

But some people keep this up for months. They do not have AIDS. They are the worried well. They worry themselves sick. They lose weight, they cannot sleep, and they keep feeling their neck and checking their skin for lumps and bumps.

Gay men are remarkably well informed about AIDS. They probably know more than some straight physicians. Like the medical student who is convinced he has every disease in the pathology book, sometimes we overreact. These are some of the common pitfalls:

Tongues

Tongues are weird. If you want a laugh, go look at your tongue in the mirror. You will probably see the color of this morning's mouthwash or last night's peppermint candy. There will be yeast, molds, fungus, taste buds, and maybe even an image of the Virgin Mary.

Tongues change their coat and color depending upon the diet you eat, the air or smoke you breathe, or the medicine you take.

Fungus on the tongue does not count as an opportunistic infection. It is normally there. Do not have your tongue cultured or scraped for yeast. The white patches of Monilia or thrush that you should worry about as evidence of decreased cellular immunity and opportunistic

infection will be on the buccal mucosa inside the cheeks or lips. So do not bring your coated tongue in for a \$25 checkup; brush it, rub it, kiss it, or just ignore it.

Lymph Nodes

I do not count lymph nodes felt at the angle of the jaw in a lymphadenopathy check. These are normally felt and sometimes will be sensitive because of an adjacent carotid artery, recent sore throat, or smoking.

Also, do not worry about original lymph nodes, unless you are positive they have become much larger. Males normally have palpable groin nodes. Probably they stay enlarged because our legs are subject to a variety of nicks, scratches, and superficial infections. Also, if you ever had a rectal sore or abscess, you know that inguinal nodes drain the buttock area.

When checking for lymph nodes, remember that they are beneath the skin. Not uncommonly, a patient will interpret a sebaceous cyst which is intradermal for a lymph node. And when checking for lymph nodes, do not start pinching and grabbing with the fingers, because you will create a variety of imaginary lumps and bumps. Just as women are advised on cancer checkups on breasts, it is better to use a rolling action with the finger pads flat against the body in lymph node examinations.

And if you do find lymphadenopathy, it is not necessarily AIDS but probably much more likely to be lymphadenopathy syndrome which is at least ten times more common.

Night Sweats

Night sweats are a "soft sign" and represent the moisture your body produced to lower its temperature. Maybe the electric blanket is just set too high. Or the waterbed is too warm. Sleeping with someone can raise the undercover temperature enough to start your body's evaporative cooler and sweating. Synthetic sheets will not release this extra warmth as well as cotton. All these conditions can raise your body's temperature, and sweating is just a normal way to bring it down.

It is important to recall that a low-grade temperature elevation does not always signify the presence of illness. The body temperature may rise above 98.6 during exercise or excitement, particularly in a warm environment. Marathon runners have elevated temperatures at the end of the race. On a hot day here in Sacramento, healthy patients' temperatures are recorded up to 100 degrees and regarded as normal. A few individuals who are otherwise in perfect health will persistently have temperatures of a degree or so above normal, a condition known as habitual hyperthermia. But rather than live with the anxiety of night sweats, merely record your temperature for a few nights. If it is persistently over 100 degrees, check with your physician. Fever is the usual body's response to infection. Yet my patients oftentimes cannot tell me if they had fever. That piece of information is invaluable and sometimes worth hundreds of dollars in exotic procedures and blood tests.

Tiredness

There must be a hundred reasons for tiredness. Syphilis, mono, hepatitis, CMV, or anemia are just a few.

A couple of disgruntled patients left our practice once when their syphilis blood test came back a few days later from the County Health Department as positive and accounted for their lymphadenopathy instead of an AIDS-related condition that was our initial concern. Any other physician probably would have missed the diagnosis of syphilis entirely. Doctors do not always have the advantage of test results during the first evaluation.

Syphilis is a great masquerader. The great grandfather of modern medicine, Dr. William Osler, once said that "if you know syphilis, you know medicine." With the benefit of some experience, I have made that diagnosis in situations where it had been missed by infectious disease specialists. Because the disease can be subtle, if you are sexually active, and especially if you have lymphadenopathy, you must have syph-

ilis ruled out.

Wound Healing

I do not know how long it takes a cut to heal; they never told me in medical school. It must depend upon how deep it is, where it is, and how close the skin edges are.

Yet patients are sure they have AIDS because their cuts do not heal fast enough.

I have had a year's fellowship in hematology (blood diseases), and as far as I can tell and have read, skin healing is not a good assessment of the immune function. While it is true that bacterial infections can slow down healing, AIDS patients do not usually get bacterial infections. They are more likely to be viral, fungal, and protozoal.

Skin

Remember Nyuk Tsin, the old Chinese woman with the big feet in Michener's book, *Hawaii*, who inspected her body for signs of leprosy every night before she went to bed? Well, I have patients like that.

Unfortunately, the normal person has two or three dozen moles. It is true malignant melanoma is one of the worst cancers and must be caught early. However, there is not that same advantage for the early diagnosis of Kaposi's sarcoma. Most AIDS physicians are putting off the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma for fear of further immune suppression.

Anyway, most of the time Kaposi's sarcoma will blossom all of a sudden in several locations and is not easily missed. Kaposi's sarcoma is pretty distinctive with its red, purple, and violaceous changes, and oftentimes the patient knows the diagnosis before going for a biopsy.

Conclusion

Do not trouble trouble unless trouble troubles you. For some of the worried well, the best advice about AIDS is: Do not read about it, do not talk about it, and do not think about it. Let your physician worry about it; that is partly what he is paid for.

On my part, I have found that seeing the neurotic, worried, well patient frequently and at regular intervals seems to help. Even if it is the thousandth time, I try to be open-minded about each one of their complaints rather than dismiss the problem as "all in your head." Constant reassurance that they do not have AIDS seems to help. Slowly, they gain insight into their preoccupation.



New AIDS Treatments Tried

While the controversy rages surrounding the AIDS-exposure test, researchers have been working on new drug therapies to help those already diagnosed with the disease.

French and British researchers have discovered that the AIDS virus attaches itself to special white blood cells reproducing itself and destroying the cells. With this destruction comes the total collapse of the body's immune system. Now they are experimenting with antibodies which will attach themselves to these cells preventing anything else from connecting to them, thereby preventing the HTLV-3 virus from gaining a foothold.

The drug Suramin, reported last October as being an effective treatment for African sleeping sickness, a disease similar in many ways to AIDS, is being prepared for "large-scale trials at medical centers," according to Dr. Samuel Broder of the National Cancer Institute.

A second drug, ribavirin, has been successful in test tube studies in blocking the growth of the HTLV-3 virus. Developed by Dr. Robert Fortal of the Centers for Disease Control, ribavirin has already been tested in patients with other diseases and may be available to be used on AIDS patients relatively soon.

Other drugs, researchers say, have been used to slow down the AIDS virus but do not eliminate it. It is hoped that these two newer drugs will.

AIDS Insurance

SANTA MONICA, CA -- Fifty people in California have purchased "AIDS insurance" only two days after the state insurance commis-

sion approved it. According to *The Weekly News* (Miami), most of the Coastal Insurance Company's AIDS insurance policies were purchased by people in the Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego areas, the state's three most populous cities. Yearly premiums are \$194, and the policy will pay a person who develops AIDS up to \$73,000 in the first year, including \$100 a day for the first 60 days of hospitalization, \$150 a day for the next 60 days and \$200 a day from the 121st day on. It also includes provisions for \$5,000 a year for therapy and treatment either in or out of the hospital. The policy is not available to anyone already diagnosed with the disease.

Most states have authorized policies covering "catastrophic illnesses" like heart disease or cancer which may cover AIDS.

Fired Because of AIDS?

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Office of Human Rights is investigating whether private firms and government agencies can legally dismiss employees who are tested positive to an AIDS exposure test.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) officials say, "There is no evidence to indicate that a person who tests positive for the HTLV-3 agent will develop AIDS." However, Gay leaders are encouraging men not to participate in research projects or take the test voluntarily until the questions of confidentiality have been resolved. Health officials have maintained that their confidentiality is absolute. Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler, gave enthusiastic support to regulations designed to guarantee privacy and confidentiality. It was her first time meeting with Gay leaders.

Hepatitis-B Spreads Despite Vaccine

Despite the availability of a vaccine to immunize against hepatitis-B, an infectious viral disease that can result in liver damage and early death, reported cases continue to rise, especially among the high-risk Gay male group.

According to Dr. James O. Mason, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control, the low levels of immunization center on concerns about safety, cost and an ignorance of the potential dangers of hepatitis.

The vaccine was developed using Gay-donated blood and manufacturers are quick to point out that there is no possibility that a live AIDS virus could survive the manufacturing process and therefore there is no possibility of contracting AIDS by taking the vaccine.

Merke, Sharp and Dohme, Inc., which developed the vaccine, says the \$100+ price tag for the three inoculations reflects the high cost of development and production of the vaccine. Many insurance companies will not pay for the vaccine.

Last year 200,000 cases of hepatitis-B were reported.

Dr. Swinger To Speak At AIDS Committee Meeting

The only person who personally knows all of the AIDS patients in Tennessee will answer questions from the Gay community about AIDS March 10.

Dr. Gary Swinger, state epidemiologist assigned to the Communicable Disease Control unit of the state health department will provide the latest statistics and information about AIDS.

Dr. Swinger "just happened to be in town" when ATEAC was formed. He says it was a coincidence that he happened to be in town on that day. "I only heard about the

Marrow Biopsies May Diagnose AIDS

USA Today reports that bone marrow biopsies may be an inexpensive test to diagnose AIDS. A study reported in the February edition of *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine* says that researchers compared biopsies from 30 AIDS patients which showed similar characteristics in 86% of the specimens.

Delta Backs Down

According to the Associated Press, Delta Airlines was considering barring AIDS victims from its flights fearing both possible infection as well as adverse customer reaction. The airline backed off, however, when medical evidence showed it was unwarranted.

Airline spokesperson William Berry said the concern about AIDS started when a passenger, who identified himself as an AIDS patient, called the airline and asked for extra space to rest because of his illness.



meeting the day before," he said.

If it was a coincidence, it was a fortunate one says Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC. "Dr. Swinger has been instrumental in our formation. His encouragement and help has encouraged us to make important contacts within the health department both on the local and state levels. He's opened doors for us that probably we wouldn't have opened on our own."

According to Swinger, it was a classic case of being

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Aid to End AIDS Committee

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Gay Lovers On Trial In Wall Street Journal Case

by Morgan Pinney

The importance of Gay relationships is figuring prominently in one of the most closely watched trials now taking place in America. R. Foster Winans, a former columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*, and his lover David Carpenter are being prosecuted by the U.S. government along with another man, Kenneth Feliz, for trading stocks on the basis of pre-publication information "leaked" by Winans. The court is being told that Carpenter's participation was due solely to his "spousal relationship" with Winans.

The trial is receiving intense media attention because it represents the first time the government has tried to prosecute a journalist for "insider trading."

Winans is not being prosecuted for stealing information from the *Wall Street Journal*. Rather, he is being prosecuted for using that information to trade in stocks. Such "fraudulent" trading in a company's stock is illegal for those who are privy to information about that company before it is made public. Winans asserts that he was not an "insider" but rather an outsider who gathered public information and then wrote about it in his column. He did, however, "leak" the topics of some of those columns to a few people in advance of publication day, enabling them to profit from the often dramatic changes in a stock's prices once it was mentioned in print.

He is charged with defrauding the *Wall Street Journal* in violation of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. While he has confessed to all the basic facts in the case long ago, he strenuously denies that he broke any securities laws. Furthermore, Winans' lawyers say that prosecuting him for violating his employer's rules is tantamount to allowing criminal conduct to be defined by an employer's internal rules. "That's patently unconstitutional," contends Winans' attorney Don Buckwald. Since all court testimony supports the fact that Winans' articles were accurate and since the stock trading was legal, no fraud has been committed, he says. He will ask the judge to throw the whole case out of court.

The lawyers for David Carpenter are basing his defense squarely on his position as Winans' lover. They say that he was not a co-conspirator, as the government contends, but rather a "spouse" who did not plan the leaks or the stock trading, even though he acted as a courier between the parties and received payments made out in his name.

It's a novel legal approach according to Leonard Graff of National Gay Rights Advocates in San Francisco. Tim Sweeny, Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense in New York says, "We find this defense very innovative, creative -- and unprecedented. We are following the case with great interest." Gay rights lawyers have long sought to expand court recognition of Gay relationships -- with mixed results. For example, they have never gotten the courts to grant spousal immunity to Gay people. Under this concept, married heterosexual couples, even common law spouses, cannot be compelled to testify against each other.

At first blush, it might appear Carpenter is trying to distance himself from Winans. But Carpenter's attorney, Jed Rakoff, points out there is no conflict between the testimony of Winans and Carpenter. The truth is that Winans made all the arrangements to feed pre-publication tips to stockbroker Peter Brant while they strolled alone on a Long Island golf course one day in the fall of 1983. Carpenter entered the picture later only because he was Winans' lover.

Winans sought Carpenter's assistance and compassion as any man might ask these things of a spouse. The two men wear wedding rings and sit closely together in the courtroom. Their relationship is referred to frequently in court in the most respectful of terms. They have remained together despite the pressure of this trial and the publicity which has focused on them since the story broke in early 1984. One close friend, Lucia Valeska, former director of the National Gay Task Force, says she is amazed that they have been able to endure the experience as a couple without turning away from each other.

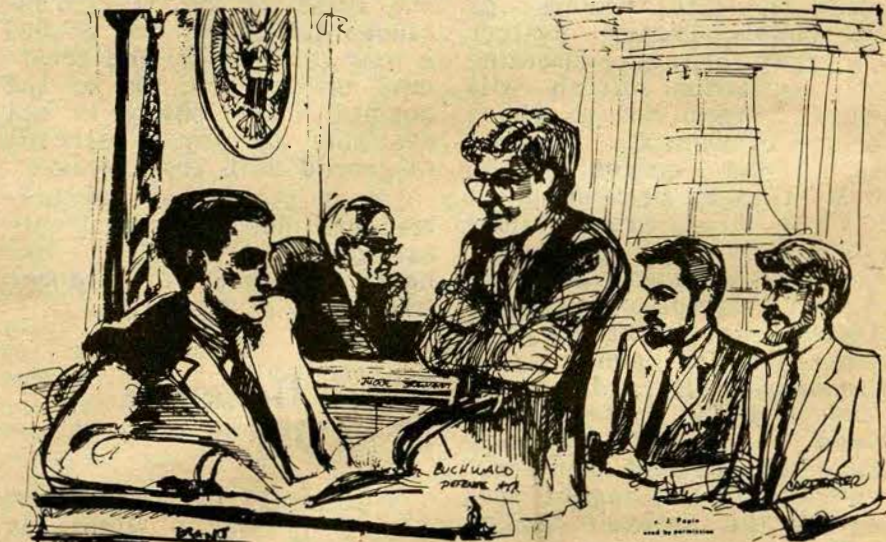
All the testimony in court supports the fact that

Winans and Carpenter have been very close for many years. It was Carpenter's extensive medical bills which seem to have prompted Winans' willingness to undertake the scheme with Peter Brant, even though he knew he was placing his entire career as a journalist in jeopardy.

It seems that Brant was motivated to join the scheme by a financial bind of his own -- but it was a bind of a much different scale than that of Foster

Winans. At the age of 30, he was one of the most successful stockbrokers on Wall Street, earning an incredible two million dollars in commissions in 1982. But he had been spending it rapidly too. He had a house on Long Island, several luxury condominiums in Manhattan, a yacht, an art collection, a chauffeur named "Ricardo," -- and a wife. When the stock market began to fall in 1983, he was in deep trouble, as was one of his clients, David W.C. Clark, a wealthy attorney who was contemplating suicide and tried to interest Brant in a cocaine deal to raise money. Instead, Brant brought him into the tipoff scheme so that he could profit from the "leaks" from Winans. "Poor little rich boys," commented one courtroom wag. Clark is reportedly "under investigation" but, mysteriously, he is not a defendant in this case.

Defense attorneys contend that Brandt's financial position prompted him to suggest the scheme to Winans originally. Brant counters that it was Winans who cooked up the scheme. In any event, both sides agree that Winans was always truthful in the articles he wrote,



Brant's employer, Kidder Peabody and Co., had detected the correlation between the *Wall Street Journal* columns and trading in the Clark account of Kenneth Feliz, another broker at Kidder-Peabody who was getting his tips from Brant. When pressed by Kidder-Peabody attorneys, Clark claimed that his tips came from "other brokers." Feliz said he was "piggy-backing" the Clark trades. Brant lied that he knew nothing about it and knew no one at the *Wall Street Journal*. Kidder attorneys never claimed that anything illegal might have been afoot and they cer-

tainly didn't want to lose Clark's lucrative business. Nonetheless they told Feliz to stop his trading. Feliz and Brant then set up a Swiss bank account and continued as usual.

Understandably, Brandt is being grilled by defense attorneys. He agrees that he had never suspected the scheme with Winans to be illegal until the government suggested to him that it was. He knew of the lover relationship between Winans and Carpenter and seems respectful of it, denying a defense contention that he ever referred to Carpenter as a "silly little faggot." He has testified that his own wife knew very little of the details of the scheme with Winans, yet received and spent some of the profits from it -- which is exactly the "spousal" relationship Carpenter says he enjoyed with Winans.

As the government investigation got underway in 1983, Carpenter became a fierce defender of Winans in his dealings with Brant. Acting like a lion defending his mate, Carpenter was "animated and excited" according to trial testimony, causing quite a scene in the Oak Bar of the swank Plaza Hotel, telling Brant that if he did anything to harm Winans they would marshal unspecified Gay liberation groups in their behalf. Brant says he didn't feel threatened by such claims. He did, however, make plans to flee to Brazil along with

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Religion

Sex Positive

by Larry J. Uhrig

Several recent articles throughout the Gay press have voiced a concern for moral and ethical issues concerning Gay people and our sexual practices. Some have been a recasting of old legalism and others a criticism of our lack of concern for responsible sexual behavior. Therefore, I am writing to open a new dialogue on this crucial issue.

It must be said, loud and clear, that the traditional values which we have used to define sexual behavior have sought to restrict and contain sexuality rather than allow individuals to experience the diverse and changing nature of their sexual experience. We have been raised in a SEX NEGATIVE environment which has produced values and moral codes that cannot serve the needs of our homosexual experience.

I cannot help but feel that the current discussion about 'safe sex' only rein-

forces old fears regarding sexuality in general. Modern Gay couples cannot adopt the laws of their parents regarding sexual behavior. The problem with the entire question is that we do not have a sexual ethic. As much as we think we might have one, it is clear that we do not. What we have is a procreation ethic which pretends to be a sexual ethic. Our views of sex have been formed by a social and religious system which has attempted to value sex which leads to procreation and devalues all other forms of sex. Such a system is bankrupt and cannot speak to the Gay and Lesbian experience. Indeed, it does not speak adequately to heterosexual experience. Therefore, it cannot provide guidance to Gay singles or couples regarding their sexual relationships. To seek to offer traditional models of relationship to Gay people is to attempt to wear clothes which are not designed to fit.

Gay people cannot simply reproduce the models of their parents' relationships. To attempt such a thing only leads to frustration and confusion. Symbols of relationship which are designed to affirm heterosexual values serve to denigrate homosexual reality. When Gay people try to fit into this system, we end up denying our own reality.

The moral discussion always seems to center around sexual behavior. Let me offer the following guidelines which are an attempt to define the boundaries of sexual relationship, not the content of our behavior. A sexual ethic must:

1. Permit sexual diversity.
2. Allow for varied sexual identities and behavior.
3. Preserve mutuality and consent between persons.
4. Enable growth toward maturity and freedom to change one's behavior.
5. Recognize the stages of rebellion and experimentation in sexual behavior as normative.
6. Give positive value to sex.
7. Give positive value to people.
8. Acknowledge the sex-negative components of traditional social and religious



Rev. Larry J. Uhrig

values.

It is the role of Gay clergy to lead the way and seek to forge a sexual ethic where none now exists. It is our hope for the future that we as Gay and Lesbian people can provide the much needed critique of society's present ethics. Standing outside the institution of marriage, with its goals to contain and restrict sexual behavior, we are given a prophetic role which can ultimately restore non-Gay relationships as well as our own. Gay clergy cannot simply create a Gay version of the mainline churches. To do so is to oppress ourselves and to neglect the call to give our gifts to

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An Interracial Gay People's Organization

Calendar of Events — Everyone Welcome

- Thursday, March 7 — **Action Committee Meeting**, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
 Tuesday, March 12 — **Support Group Meeting**, Topic: "Who Can We Trust?"
 Saturday, March 16 — **Board of Directors Meeting**, 12-2 PM, Ken's
 "Irish Whiskey Party" — 8:30 PM at Mark's
 Thursday, March 20 — **Newsletter Staff Meeting**, 7:30, Joe's
 Sunday, March 24 — **"Champagne Brunch"**, 11:30-2:30, Sheraton, Downtown. Call 726-1461 for information.
 Monday, March 25 — **General Meeting**, Peabody Library, 7:30 PM. Special Guest: Pat Rush, Catholic Charities
 Thursday, March 28 — **Support Group Meeting**, 7:30, Irwin's, Topic: "Origins of Interracial Consciousness"

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.

For further information, call 278-7056 (Edward), 278-1555 (Ken), 726-1461 (Irwin) or 274-6280 (Joe), or write: Black and White Men Together of Memphis, Inc., P.O. Box 41773, Memphis, TN 38174.

God Has Not Abandoned Us

No matter what you have been told, there is no condemnation in Scripture for us as Gays and Lesbians. We as Gay and Lesbian Christians are often alienated because of our faith by those of the Gay community who, for whatever reason, have rejected Christianity, and by other "Christians" because of our Gayness. To this we, as Gay and Lesbian Christians, wish to help our brothers and sisters who are Gay to realize that just because some "TV evangelist" hurls isolated Scripture verses at you as if they were hurling stones, does not mean you must give up God and what He wants for your life. To our "straight" Christian brothers and sisters, there is little we can say that Jesus has not already said. We would ask you to do three things when reading or hearing Scriptures that speak against homosexuality. First, discover the meaning of a passage to the original reader. Second, out of this, seek to draw a universal principle which is not limited to the particular time and place of any one reader. Third, based on that, find the present specific application of the universal principle.

If you wish to find a different point of view of the often used scriptures by anti-Gay speakers, contact MCC of the Living Hope. Worship services are held every Sunday at 3:15 pm in the Church of the River (292 Virginia Ave.). We share in Bible study every Monday night at 7:30 pm at various member's homes. For information call (901) 324-1769. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-3, Sunday 3-5:30 pm. We will take phone calls from 7-10 pm.

The weekend of Feb 22nd we were visited by representatives of our district fellowship. The visit was very productive for all.

We will be led in a spiritual retreat March 9th and 10th by Rev. Paul Tucker. Rev. Tucker is pastor of MCC Nashville. Please call for place and time. March 23, we will be going to Jonesboro, Arkansas to help Gay and Lesbian Christians there begin a study group. Let us not forget that Jesus died for all, not just for straight people.

There are three things that remain -- faith, hope and love -- and the greatest of these is love. -- I Cor. 13:13

Wall St. Journal Case

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his client David Clark. Inexplicably he went to Florida instead!

Carpenter and Winans very quickly went to the Securities and Exchange Commission investigators and told all the details which are now being used against them in court. Brant admits that he tried to get them to deny everything, even having Carpenter prepare phony invoices for "decorating services" to disguise the payments Brant made to him. Brant was shocked to find that the payments had been deposited to a joint bank account which Winans and Carpenter maintained like a married couple. Brant didn't even maintain a joint bank account with his own wife!

The seriousness of the case is highlighted by a large number of reporters covering the trial and artists sketching it (since cameras are not allowed in the courtroom). Nearly a dozen lawyers are present in the courtroom on behalf of the many entities with an interest in the case.

Journalists feel the government is trying to extend its power over the press. They point out that the current trial is a criminal proceeding charging 61 criminal counts, each carrying a possible penalty of 5 years (or a total of 305 years!) Originally the charges were contained only in a civil case where the penalties are quite mild.

The trial has been slightly overshadowed by two other well-known trials taking place in the same building in lower Manhattan. Television crews have lingered on the courthouse steps anticipating glimpses of participants in the libel trials of William Westmoreland against CBS and Ariel Sharon against *Time Magazine*.

The Winans trial is being heard by a judge without a jury, partially because of defense fears of homophobic attitudes on the part of jurors. It has now recessed until March 12.

Sex Positive

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free all our people. It is time for our sexual experience to be in union with our spiritual selves. This sexual-spiritual merger will bring with it a new understanding of relationship and a new theology desperately needed by the whole church.

The future of the Gay religious movement in this country lies right here in our response to the issue of sexuality and its place in

life and relationships. We must open a new door and speak a new reality. We do not just happen to be Gay, but rather, I believe that we are created Gay in order for us to use this gift to bring wholeness and healing to millions of lives fractured by sex negative ideas, values and social codes.

When we apply the above guidelines to our sexual choices and to forming our attitudes, we can avoid simplistic value judgements which pronounce things sinful or seek to forge a new legalism. I am not sure the Gay religious community is ready or willing to travel in this direction. I am not sure that I can seek to do no less than head out into this new frontier. We have a prophetic role and gifts to give. We were called into being for such a time as this. So come and go with me, but do not expect me to stay here and

help you shore up an old and decaying system which offers no life, no hope, and more of the same sex negative values.

If we have any hope of affirming, celebrating or symbolizing Gay and Lesbian experience, then we must have a sex positive value system as our foundation for the future.

Swinger To Speak

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in the right place at the right time... both for him and the committee. "You couldn't have formed at a better time...neither too early nor too late. You (ATEAC) have the potential of performing a lot of good for the Gay community as well as the community at large."

The public meeting will be held in the banquet room of the Georgetown Inn, 630 Mad-

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Gays And The Jewish Tradition

[The following article presents highlights of a sermon given in September 1984 by Rabbi Janet Marder, spiritual leader of Beth Chayim Chadashim, Los Angeles, reprinted from DIGEST, the newsletter of the World Congress of Gay & Lesbian Jewish Organizations.]

by Rabbi Janet Marder

Is homosexuality against our religion? Is it against God? Does the Bible speak against it?

There are people who believe that the Bible does have some good things to say about homosexual relationships. I am not one of them. My study of the Bible leads me to only one conclusion: whenever the Bible explicitly takes up the subject of homosexual acts, it denounces them clearly and unequivocally. The Bible does approve of loving friendship, which is the way I view the relationships between Ruth and Naomi and David and Jonathan.

But of course there is no way of knowing for sure anything about the sex lives of Biblical characters. And in fact it doesn't matter. What does matter is that Jewish law -- Biblical, Talmudic, medieval and modern -- has always been absolutely clear in its denunciation of homosexuality. And this conclusion -- that Jewish law rejects homosexuality -- is held by every reputable Jewish scholar today regardless of their personal views of homosexuality.

What then, are we doing here? How can this congregation exist? Is it some kind of joke? Or, worse, is it, as some think, an organization of sinners who band together explicitly to violate God's law.

Yes, the Bible speaks against homosexuality -- and so do the Talmud and later Jewish texts.

But no, homosexuality is not against our religion.

And most important: No, God is not against homosexuality. In other words, I accept the fact that Jewish law and Jewish tradition condemn homosexuality. But I disagree. I think the Bible and generations of rabbis who have viewed homosexuality as sinful are wrong.

I want to convince you tonight that my acceptance of homosexuality as a Reform Jew is neither casual nor frivolous. It does not come from laziness. It does not

come from a flippant disregard of Torah. I don't reject the prohibition of homosexuality because it's uncomfortable or inconvenient.

I take Jewish texts seriously. And I do believe that God gave Torah -- which means "teaching" -- to Israel. What makes me a Reform Jew is this: I don't believe God gave "The Torah" to Israel. That is, I don't believe that God dictated the Five Books, word for word, to Moses. I believe that human beings, reaching towards God, created the Torah. Some of those human beings were spiritual geniuses who apprehended divinity. And so divinity is reflected in the Torah. But the Torah also reflects human fears, human flaws, human limitations.

Now the big question facing any liberal Jew is this: who is to decide which parts of the Torah reflect divinity and deserve our love and reverent obedience, and which parts do not? And the answer is: I decide. And you decide. It's a decision each one of us has to make for ourself. What gives us the right to do that? Well, here is the second thing that makes me a Reform Jew. I believe that Torah -- Godly teaching -- continues to be given in every generation. It goes on today, when we observe the world, think about it, study, ask questions, talk with one another. A person with a questing mind, a questing spirit, can receive Torah today. In other words, as a Reform Jew, I respect the operation of human intelligence. I respect the human freedom to make moral choices. And so, for a Reform Jew, the final authority must always be the individual human conscience. As a Reform Jew, I respect the right of all Jews to interpret the Torah according to the dictates of their own conscience, and to act in accordance with their beliefs. Some people are lazy or Jewishly ignorant, and I may not think much of their choices. I may not think they have a true idea of Torah. They may think the same about my idea of Torah. As far as I'm concerned, the "best" Reform Jew is the one which makes thoughtful choices based on study and reflection.

Here is what my study and reflection lead me to conclude about homosexuality and Judaism. One of my teachers in this area has

been Hermann Cohen, the great 19th century philosopher of Judaism. Cohen believed that the essence of Judaism was its ethical teachings. And he asserted that whenever a Jewish law conflicts with Jewish ethics, it must be rejected. He gives an example: the Talmudic teaching that one may violate the Sabbath in order to save the life of a Jew -- but not that of a Gentile. Cohen says that this law contradicts Jewish ethical teaching about the unity of humankind, and is therefore unacceptable.

This is how I view the Jewish legal prohibition against homosexuality. It is not merely an "uncomfortable" or "inconvenient" law. It is an unethical law, not consistent with the ethical values that are re-

iterated over and over again in our texts. Ideas like: All men and women are made in the divine image, which entitles all to be treated with dignity. God loves all created beings. Jews are commanded to love and protect the stranger, the one who is vulnerable, the one who is different. To sin is to make a free choice to desecrate the image of God in ourselves or in others. I believe that these ideas reflect divinity. They are, as it were, God's word and God's law. But a law that says the homosexual is an abomination and deserves to die does not reflect divinity. In fact, as far as I'm concerned, calling such a law the word of God is a kind of blasphemy -- a smear on God's name.

Our religion, our essential and eternal religious values, are not against homosexuality. Judaism stands for loving respectful and responsible human relationships -- wherever and between whomever they occur.



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"Refried Grease"

By: Rona T!

This month's "Refried Grease" column arrived Federal Express addressed simply to "Queer Paper, Memphis, TN". Rona T! not only realized that she was past her deadline but that the Fed Ex folks would find us even with that little information. --Eds.

Hi girls, has Rona T! got it for you this month, baby!

As I mentioned last month I have been traveling quite a bit here lately... which has done wonders for my nerves. New towns, new MEN and I do mean MEN with a capital "M", darlin'.

Nashville's The Chute is quite festive on Wednesday nights. I met a gorgeous piece of flesh there recently named Steve who showed me things on a pool table even I've never seen before!

I also made it over to Juanita's for ole' times' sake. Boy, you have to say one thing about their crowd -- Paul. (That was the name of their crowd!) It seems they are shooting a movie close by and all incoming streets leading to the bar have been closed off. So parking is non-existent and getting there at all is like working your way through a maze. In all fairness, I've met some of the friendliest people there and I hope it pulls through this inconvenient slump.

Speaking of fairness and slumps... it seems that Rona T! is single-handedly to blame for the recent decline at The Other Side, at least to hear some people talk. Admittedly, I have given them their share of grief in this column... but all I have done is report what is going on. I haven't caused any of their problems.

In fact, if you will recall, Rona T! was the first to say that it was vitally important Memphis have two major bars to choose from. And The Other Side has been the scene of a lot of good times by myself and countless thousands of locals and visitors. I am very glad to see the crowds starting to pick up on Fridays and Saturdays.

You know, a lot of credit

for the turnaround has to go to Danny Ray's employees. They have remained loyal and not deserted him. They have done several other things besides their assigned duties just to keep the bar open and my hat is off to them. Ronnie Sue and Sylvia have got to be two of the best bartenders in town. (Lord knows they have put up with a shit-faced Rona T! on more than one occasion!) So the next time you go to The Other Side, tell Gladys and the gang that Rona T! sent you.

While you're in the neighborhood, look up and see if the old D.R.'s has reopened. The word is that it is up for sale and a serious offer is about to be made. If it goes through, there is a good chance (according to a very reliable source) that Memphis will finally have a Gay male stripper bar. I can't say who yet, but it is definitely NOT Frank Cooper and Associates. In fact, the planned club would not even compete with any of the disco-clubs OR neighborhood bars. There is even a slight chance they may go the private-club route, enabling a much better look at the "privates" of the dancers and hunky employees. Keep your collective fingers crossed about this one, girls!!!

Revovation seems to be catching! Tommy has actually finished re-doing J-Wag's completely... adding BEIGE walls and WHITE dropped ceilings (where have I seen that before???). It's looking good and has the most festive patio in town. Daytime bartender Reggie has turned business around, making J-Wag's a must for the businessman's happy hour (hurry, while they are still legal) crowd. And of course, Coco still runs a happy ship during the wee hours.

Speaking of Reggie, he is in charge of Bartenders & Waiters (10 of 'em -- count 'em) who will be serving drinks, champagne, etc., at the 1985 Miss Gay Mid South Pageant, Saturday, March 2nd, at the Mid South Fairgrounds' Family Living Center. This pageant will probably become one of the events in the city, now

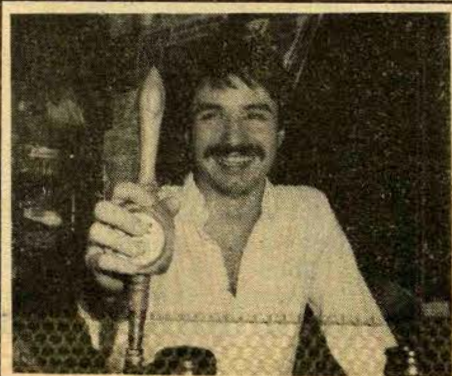
that it is the largest regional preliminary to the Miss Gay America contest in the United States. Prizes total over \$1,000 and contestants are coming in from all over the country. Reigning Miss Gay America, Naomi Simms, will be the special guest star who, along with notables like Lady Bareonessa, Miss Tri-State Evelyn Cooper, Butch and the Playgirls from George's, & members of the Tennessee Ballet, promise to make it a show to end all shows! Congrats to The Queen's Men and their Pageant Director, Barry Morgan, for putting on a first-class act.



Reggie from J-Wag's had them lined up, all waiting for a dance at Jackie's recently. Note TQM pageant director Barry trying to cut in.

As they did with Miss Gay Memphis, The Queen's Men will be providing professional hair & wig stylists backstage in addition to professional dressers (such as my favorite daughter, Jefferina) who will be helping the bevy of beauties to look their best (as long as they don't mess with her "potential new boyfriend" Darryl).

My Employee of the Month is David Liberto, bartender at Jackie's. He is definitely one of the friendliest and most attentive bartenders I've ever passed out in front of! (Not to mention good-looking as hell, and SINGLE, too!) If you haven't met David yet, you should. He is Husband material, big time!



Well, what else is going on in the Big M???

Oh yes...have you seen the new sign at George's yet? It's not quite the 20's neon wonder I had been told about, but the queens in West Memphis, Ark., can definitely find the queer bar now. And find it they have darlings! There were 1200 people in there Saturday night a few weeks ago and you literally couldn't move. I love it. I played with one guy's

"thing" for 10 minutes that night before finding out it was some girl's wrist trying to feel up the guy next to me! Oh well...

Be careful with your husbands in there though, girls (especially you real ones -- I love straight boys!). I know now why Viva Bliss never made it to the stage, don't you Pearl?

Roxie Bleu, why in the world would you be playing with toy guns, girl? I mean really... water sports are one thing, but squirt guns are an entirely different matter!

Just call Rona T! the star maker. After one mention in this column, the Commercial Appeal sent a reporter all the way down to Mid America Mall to interview MISS Billy Jo Casino, who told them "Business is brisk" on the mall. Girl, do I get a finders fee?!

Last Week I was in Ft. Smith, AR where I meet a good looking hunk named Tony working behind the bar at the Village Landing. Honey, you could have knocked me down with an ostrich feather boa when I found out he was also Miss Gay Ft. Smith, Wendy Sloan. He said he was coming over for the Miss Gay Mid-South Pageant, but I don't know if he'll be in leather or chiffon. Wendy has agreed to be my correspondent for Ft. Smith, already writing for their local newsletter.

Speaking of correspondents, it looks like the Grease Sisters, Rona T! and Louella P! have finally been reunited. I ran into Louella working at Chameleon's in Hot-lanta last week. They are starting another publication in Atlanta and Rona T! will be writing a guest column from time to time, as well as contributing to my dear sister's column, "Louella Tells..."

I can't wait to get back there next week. Lisa King has just moved back and will probably be coming to Memphis for a show in the very near future if Rona T! can get it arranged. What I would like to do is bring up

Left: David Liberto, bartender at Jackie's, gives everyone something to smile about.

Lisa; as well as the very talented Taisha Wallis from Chameleon; multi-faceted



Taisha Wallis is now appearing regularly at Cameleon's in Atlanta.

Ron Ellis (another combination Male/Female lead performer) from Illusions; also such notables as Tina Devore, Tissy Malone, and Amber Richards and put on a show that would knock the socks off everyone!

Congratulations to the new Booking Coordinator (and possible Show Director Michelle Marie at George's. Here's looking at you.



George's Playgirls do the Pointer Sisters. (Don't you love that Elaborate stage design they have now?

One last tidbit: Phyllis has done it again and left The Queen's Men, supposedly for good this time. The word is that she plans to start a new club which was to be called simply Phyllis's, but now is reported to be Do-Dah International. Best of luck, girl. As an old Do-Dah girl from wayyy back, can Rona T! join?



Do-Dah International founder Phyllis, explains the by-laws of her new club to Granny from TQM.

That's it for now kiddos. Got to fly to Atlanta. As our old friend Ernest T. (from Channel 13, no relation) would say, "Whatever it takes, wherever it breaks!"

Kissy, Kissy,
Rona T!

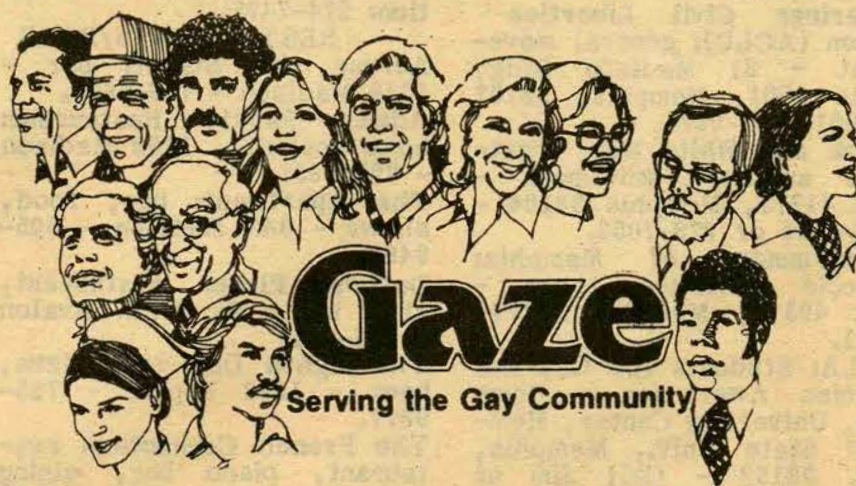


RonaT! caught Georgetown Inn's Mark and Montana with festive piece (Kenny from Missouri) in tow at George's.

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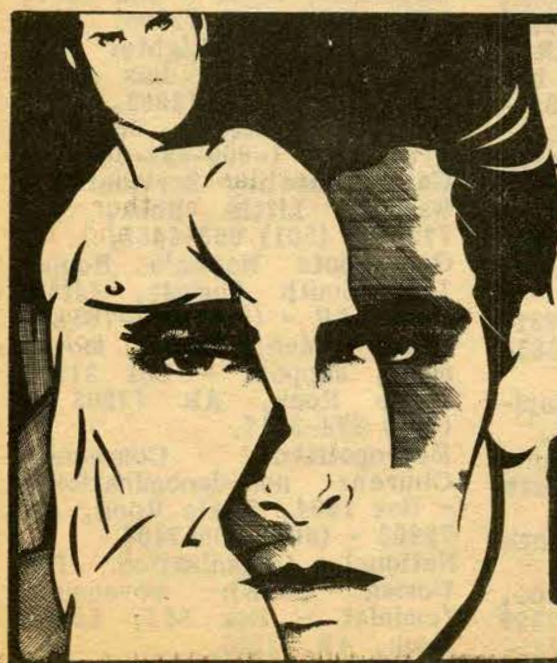
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American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement - 81 Madison Bldg, Suite 1501, Memphis, 38103 - (901) 521-9875.

Black and White Men Together: support, movement - Box 41773, Memphis 38104 - 278-1555 or 278-7056.

Frontrunners of Memphis: aerobic athletics group - Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.

GALA: Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness - Room 425, University Center, Memphis State Univ., Memphis, TN, 38152 - Call Jim at 454-2669 or 744-2469.

Ladies Plus: service organization for men and women, public - Call 725-9877 after 3 pm daily.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-heterosexist - 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 & McLean - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038.

Metropolitan Community Church of the Living Hope: non-denominational, Sunday worship 3:15 pm at Unitarian Church, 292 Virginia Ave W., Wed. 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 38174-1822.

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-

The Queen's Men: social, service, private membership, meets 1st Sunday of every month - Box 3223, Memphis 38173 - Gary Salles, (901) 452-GAYY.

Tsaurus: social, levi-leather, motorcycle, private membership - Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

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Book Cottage (Overton Square): mainstream bookstore, includes large selection of Gay novels and non-fiction - 2113 Madison Ave - 726-5857.

Cherokee Adult Bookstore: bookstore, movies - 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.

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

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

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

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

Getwell Adult Book Store: 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 - 725-4356.

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

Parkview Centers: alcohol & chemical dependency treatment center - 3340 Poplar, Suite G-107 - 327-4625.

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 - (615) 320-0288.

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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Parkview: alcohol and chemical dependency treatment center - 8614 Harrison Bay, Harrison, TN 37341. In TN 1-800-821-2914, Outside of TN 1-800-233-3737.

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

Startime Video: video cassette sales & rentals - 6309 East Brainard Rd - (615) 899-9714.

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Knoxville's 10%: movement, meets alternate Tuesdays at Circle J, 310 Church St. - Box 9816, Knoxville 37940.

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

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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/BARS
The Branding Iron Saloon: country-western bar - 1701 University - (501) 663-8682.
Calamity's: women's bar - 5922 S. University - (501) 562-9041.

Discovery II: 1021 Jessie Rd - (501) 664-4784.

Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave - (501) 663-9886.

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

University Adult Arcade: bookstore, video sales & rentals, novelties - 6316 Asher Ave - (501) 568-2952.

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ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement - 528 North State St, Jackson, MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464.

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

Integrity/Mississippi: religious, Episcopaleans (all Gay Christians welcome) - 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Jackson, MS 39216 - (601) 355-7495.

Lambda Group (Gay AA): meets Sat 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 39204 - (601) 355-7495.

Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Democratic Party Caucus: movement - 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 355-7495.

MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: monthly newspaper - 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 355-7495.

RESTAURANTS/BARS

Bill's Disco and Show Bar: 200 W Amite, Jackson, MS - (601) 969-9765 (Thur-Sat only).

Cha Cha's: bar - 236 W Capitol, Jackson, MS - (601) 352-9728.

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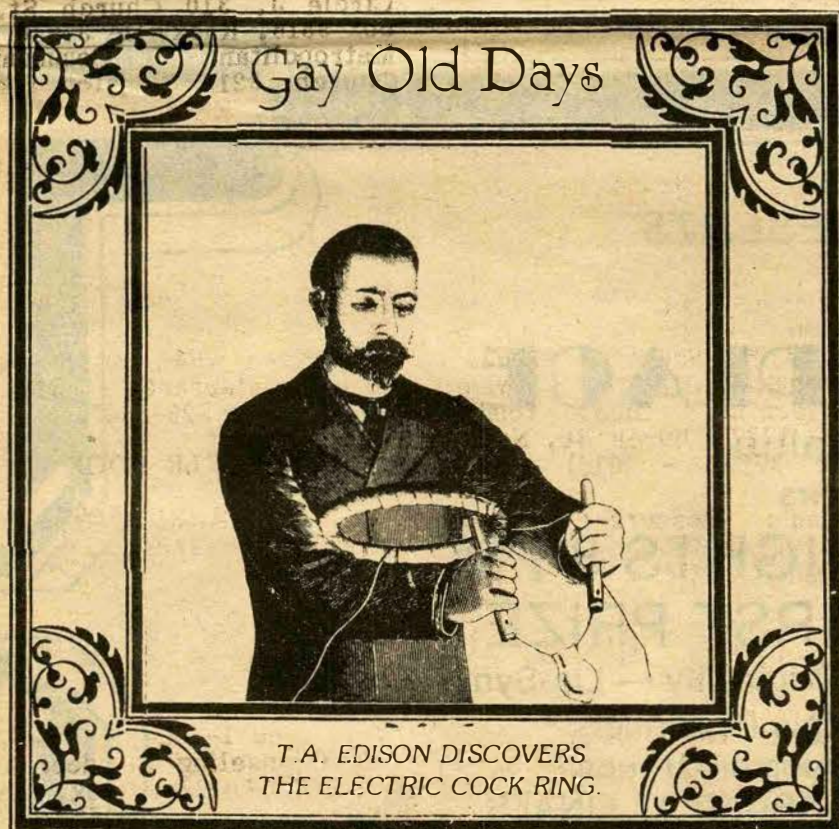
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