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## AIDS Conference Reveals New Findings

by Allen Cook

New revelations about AIDS came out at the international AIDS conference held last month in Atlanta. The conference drew more than 2000 researchers, Gay activists and health officials from around the world.

"Never before in the history of medicine has so much been learned about an entirely new disease in so short a time," said Margaret Heckler, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Among the new findings:

\*\* 1,000,000 Americans may have already been exposed to the AIDS virus. While only a relatively small percentage of those exposed will

actually develop the disease, the potential is great.

\*\* Haitians should not be considered among the high risk groups any longer. Researchers are now sure that Haitians who contracted AIDS actually fall into other risk categories.

\*\* In addition to wiping out the immune system's function, AIDS may also cause serious harm to the brain and nervous system. At least 50% of AIDS patients suffer from memory lapses, speech and thinking problems and even outright dementia.

\*\* Researchers have identified the outer protein coat of the virus, a necessary step in creating a vaccine, but that actual vaccine remains a distant prospect.

\*\* A large threat to the general populace is the spread of AIDS through prostitutes infected through drug abuse.

Though much has been made of the role of anal intercourse in the transmission of AIDS, it is felt that AIDS is almost certainly transmissible through vaginal intercourse as well. This raises the issue of an entirely new source of contagion.

\*\* AIDS cases are continuing to double every 6-9 months. Currently almost 10,000 people meet the CDC case definition. Thousands of others may have the disease in a milder or developing form. 73% of AIDS cases occur in Gay or bi-sexual men. If its present rate of increase does not slow, it is

theoretically possible that in 12 years every-

one in the United States will have succumbed to the disease and in another 12 years every one in the world will have been killed 10 times over.

\*\* Of the recently licensed HTLV-3 antibody test, researchers agree that the test may provide some protection of the blood supply (142 Americans have contracted AIDS from contamin-

ated blood transfusions).

On a brighter note: Casual contact with AIDS victims, even over long periods of time seems to be safe. There have been no cases of AIDS transmission attributable to casual contact. A study of foster families of nine newborns infected with AIDS indicated no signs of infections among the foster parents or siblings.

## Supreme Court Rules On Gay Issues

The Supreme Court of the United States has once again failed to rule definitively on the Gay rights issue.

Two court rulings made in late March reaffirmed lower court opinions but did not result in written opinions establishing Supreme Court direction.

On Tuesday, March 26, the Supreme Court announced it had reached a tie decision in the case of *The Board of Education of the City of Oklahoma City v. the National Gay Task Force (NGTF)*. The tie was made possible by the absence of Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. who is recovering from postate cancer surgery. Had he been present, he would have likely excused himself from voting, however. Powell, a former member of the Richmond, Virginia School Board consistently disqualifies himself in cases involving educational institutions.

Under Supreme Court rules, a tie vote automatically upholds the lower court's decision. In this case, it affirms that sections of an Oklahoma law ordering dismissal of teachers who "advocate or encourage" homosexuality violate the free speech provision of the First Amendment. The law was enacted in 1978 at the personal urging of Anita Bryant and is the only law of its kind in the nation. NGTF continued the suit after the initial plaintiffs dropped out fearing loss of their jobs.

Both sides claimed victory in the decision. NGTF sees it as the first time the Supreme Court has affirmed the rights of individuals to discuss homosexuality. National Gay Rights Advocates Legal Director, Leonard Graff called the ruling a "landmark victory."

On the other hand, Larry Lewis, who argued the case from the school board's perspective said the legislature "will simply seek to pass a new law."

On April 1, the high court upheld another lower court decision involving Gay rights and said that Texas A&M University must grant official recognition to a Gay student group. University officials wanted to deny the group a charter on the basis that it advocated sodomy which at the time was illegal in Texas. The law has since been ruled unconstitutional by the same appeals court upheld in the latest Supreme Court ruling.

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## Six AIDS Drugs Being Tested

ATLANTA - Scientists have shown that six drugs can slow or stop the growth of the AIDS virus HTLV-3. All of them are either currently undergoing human testing or are scheduled in the near future.

The news came out of an international conference on AIDS held in Atlanta in April which was jointly sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Dr. Martin S. Hirsch of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston says, "We have a long way to go before AIDS is treatable or preventable, but the first steps have been taken and we are on our way." Dr. Hirsch and others believe that the AIDS virus may be vulnerable to a variety of drugs because of the growth pattern of the cells it infects.

The key seems to be interrupting any of the numerous steps of growth of the AIDS vi-

rus. This, Hirsch says, might prevent the destruction of the immune system that eventually occurs in AIDS victims.

The drugs now scheduled for clinical testing include the following:

\*\* Interferon shows promise in not only inhibiting the virus, but may also be an effective treatment for Kaposi's sarcoma, the skin cancer which often attacks AIDS victims. Researchers in Houston say they expect to achieve survival rates of five years among treated patients.

\*\* HPA-23, a drug derived from antimony and tungsten has been shown effective in trials in France. Dr. Jeane-Claude Chermann of the Pasteur Institute said 50% of the AIDS victims in his trials showed no signs of the virus a month after taking the drug.

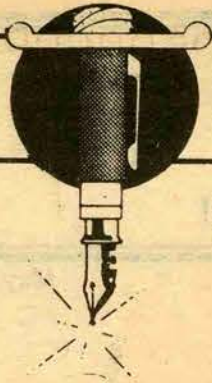
\*\* Suamin, which is being given to AIDS patients in various hospitals has been shown to interfere significantly with the reproduction of the virus.

\*\* Ribavarin, soon to be tested in humans, shows promise of being effective against AIDS as well against two other serious viral infections, Lassa fever and influenza.

\*\* Trisodium phosphoforate, a compound developed originally for herpes, seems to be highly potent against the AIDS virus in the laboratory. Developed in Sweden, trials will be soon underway in the United States.

\*\* Ansamycin is a bacterial drug which has shown some effectiveness against viruses. Scientists say that it may prevent the AIDS virus from entering the cell, thereby preventing infection.

In addition, researchers at the Tulane School of Medicine have reported that IMREG-1, a naturally occurring substance extracted from white blood cells, had strengthened the immune system and reduced the severity of infection in 21 of the 23 AIDS patients tested.



# Gazing

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## GAY ACTIVISTS WANTED

by John Stilwell

Poor Bob Dumais has been trying to get the Memphis Gay Coalition to establish goals and a direction ever since his election. Unfortunately, it all keeps getting tangled up in various ideas of what to do to get people interested in the Coalition. The most that has been accomplished so far is a decision not to pursue tax exempt status because we may want to be political or take a stand on something in the future. Gaining IRS tax exempt status would prohibit the Coalition from "influencing legislation."

But a new wrinkle is causing some dissension in the ranks.

Not too long ago, the opinion expressed was that people didn't want to have anything to do with the Coalition because it was too political, too outspoken and, basically, too out. Due to the loss of the most active and political male members, Ric and Bill, and due to a falling out with the most active female members, Pat and Donna, the Co-

alition faced a person-power shortage and decided to try and maintain the things it felt were most important - that is, maintaining the Gay Switchboard, printing Gaze and producing Views From 10%. The various committees and sub-committees that were abandoned didn't cause a lot of problems because most of the Coalition's sub-committees were comprised of the same eight or ten individuals who wound up meeting umpteen times a month. With the loss of the key people I mentioned, most of the committees existed in name only.

That fact, according to some people, is giving out "signals" that the Coalition is a service organization and no longer political.

Well, the pendulum seems to have swung in the opposite direction now and certain voices have been raised saying that the group should be more political and stop presenting the media with "the sanitized image of the Gay community" that current spokespersons, John Stilwell and Allen Cook, represent. It has been further stated that there are a lot of Gay activists out there who are just waiting for a "sign" that the Coalition is indeed ready to be political again and are waiting for an invitation to come back and be a part of the group.

Well, Gay activists, here's your invitation - the Memphis Gay Coalition is, and always has been, an organization where people can bring their ideas and get support and encouragement - that's how Gaze got started and how Views From 10% got started. The Coalition is prepared to be political and to encourage political activity. If a distorted image of the Gay community is being presented - a more representative group of spokespersons should be made available. Are there any women who are ready to face the cameras?

Of course, there are a few problems this new sub-committee will have to face - first, you'll need to find a leader who can motivate people. The followers, we are told, are standing in line waiting for the leader to show up. What we're hearing is "I'm already over-extended. I can't take on anymore responsibility." "I'll be very active but I can't head it up." "I've got a good job. I can't risk it." "I remember the first time I came to a Coalition meeting. Someone had to drag me."

Secondly, that leader has to be self-motivated because there isn't anyone currently involved in the Coalition with enough time, enough energy or enough willingness to motivate a leader.

And finally, that per-

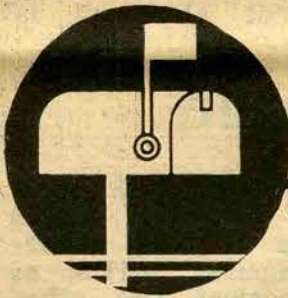
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At this time I did not deny or even try to deny I had been drinking, and in the end I was charged with DWI. When the officer's report into the alley behind my car came in, it read I was speeding toward my place of business, made a U-turn in the middle of the street, parked at the curb and then took off leaving skid marks walked over and turned as I left. None of this was true. Luckily, I had witnesses who had seen the whole affair; they were customers leaving my place of business. I began and my witnesses were willing to take a polygraph test to this fact. I paid my fine, my license was suspended for one year and the rest of the charges were dropped. Shortly after this, I was told by several officers in the precinct that the arresting officer made the statement,

"I am going to get that -- of a --- if it's the last thing I do." However, I have no proof of this.

Please keep in mind that two DWI's within a 10 year span counts as a second offense which carries a very large fine and a jail term. That's all well and good and I'm not trying to change the law.

Thanksgiving 1983 I left my place of business around 2:00 am, and drove home (about 10 minutes away) pulled up into the alley behind my car and was speeding toward my place of business, made a U-turn in the middle of the street, parked at the curb and then took off leaving skid marks walked over and turned as I left. None of this was true. Luckily, I had witnesses who had seen the whole affair; they were customers leaving my place of business. I began and my witnesses were willing to take a polygraph test to this fact. I paid my fine, my license was suspended for one year and the rest of the charges were dropped. Shortly after this, I was told by several officers in the precinct that the arresting officer made the statement,

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## Quick Clips

by Allen Cook

Ten hours on the road may seem like a lot to go see a two and a half hour musical, but for those of us who made the trip, it was worth the trip, the money and the wait. About 13 hardy souls boarded a 30-foot motor home Saturday, April 20 for a trip to St. Louis's Fox Theatre for *La Cage Aux Folles* sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition.

We have no way of knowing how many of the audience were Gay but the Jerry Herman musical received ovations from all. Many of us felt a real sense of Gay pride when Albin (Keene Curtis) sang his first act closing number *I Am What I Am*. Most of us have heard it sung in its disco version, but in the context of the play, it becomes an anthem of defiance to Albin's lover's suggestion that he "play it straight" for one night. Words really can't describe the feeling that number gives.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual River Ride slated this year for June 29. You can buy them in person at Encore Cards and Gifts, 1266 Madison or order by mail using the coupon in the ad elsewhere in this newspaper.

A member of the Cincinnati City Council is

trying to find ways of keeping Gay activists from counseling AIDS patients. *Gay Community News* reports that a local talk show in which renowned homophobe Dr. Paul Cameron appeared, caused the stir. City Councilman J. Kenneth Blackwell called AIDS an "optional disease" caused by freely chosen acts and compared it to cancer from smoking or alcoholism from drinking.

Having just gone through the IRS hassle, you may be interested to note that Dutch Gays may now file income taxes jointly. A Dutch newspaper reports that a new law says that unmarried people of any sex who are living together will be treated the same as married heterosexual couples.

We've heard it before, but it seems that *The Front Runner* is about to be filmed. The latest report says that Ann L. Gibbs and Joel Kimmel, veteran television writers, have been chosen to do the screenplay. Producer Jerry Wheeler says that the film will begin shooting in late summer around Santa Cruz, California. No word on casting.

Bleh! *The Clinical Psychiatry News* reports that bulimia among Gay men is increasing. Bulimia is an eating disorder characterized by gorging with food then vomiting it up.

Lynne Carter, a female impersonator most famous for his Pearl Bailey impression died recently in New York of AIDS. His career was boosted in the 1960's when Pearl Bailey gave him part of her wardrobe and special song arrangements for his act.

The HTLV-3 Test is now available in Tennessee but we still do not recommend anyone taking it. The test carries a federal warning that it is not to be used as a screening mechanism for AIDS or for groups at high risk for developing AIDS. However, Gay leaders caution that a positive result may lead to employment, insurance or other problems. The test itself should only be used to screen blood and Gays are urged NOT to go to blood banks to receive the test. A positive test is inconclusive. Without symptoms, it is impossible to tell if a seropositive person is actually infected, will develop the disease or can pass it on to another.

If you feel you must know, be prepared to deal with the possibility of a positive result and be sure you understand what the test does and does not really mean.

Estimates of up to a million people may have been infected. A small percentage of those may develop AIDS. The test is available at major metropolitan health departments and its results are treated as confidentially as those of sexually transmitted disease tests.

## Gay Runners Compete in Area Races

By Rick Bray

The Frontrunners of Memphis had its third meeting Saturday, April 6 at Dale's home. It turned out to be a very productive meeting. We had about 15 members attend, most all of them excited to help the club get its future rolling. We voted to conduct a footrace and bike-athon in June to help celebrate the city's Gay Pride and it was unanimous. We have also decided to have a membership dues of \$5 a quarter to get us by financially speaking. This is subject to change by a vote of the members in the future.

Since March 2, Frontrunners of Memphis has been represented at various races around the city. One of our members has been doing especially well having captured 2nd and 3rd place in his age group (which we will keep a secret) at 4 or 5 races in the last month. His latest "feet" being at the Boystown 5K race on April 13, a race in which Hugh took 3rd place in his age group (Way to go, Hugh!).

However, not to be outdone, Linda, Wanda, Karen, Dale, Mike and Rick did pretty well. We made it to the finish in pretty good time and to the cold beer that awaited us. Linda did place in the fun run -- Way to go, Linda!

The next Frontrunners meeting is on Sunday, May 5 at 3 PM. For further details write Frontrunners of Memphis, Box 40311, Memphis, TN 38174-0311 or call 274-0454. Come join us, especially in the Fun In The Sun Celebration of Memphis In May! We will be there!

--Submitted by Frontrunners

A federal judge has ruled that Virginia laws which prohibit heterosexual couples from living together are unconstitutional. The decision does not directly affect homosexuals but "sets up an argument" against use of Virginia's sodomy laws against Gays, according to *Gay Community News*.

lose. But Disneyland has been ordered to pay \$25,000 in attorney's fees incurred as the result of a lawsuit in which a client claimed that the park could not prohibit same-sex dancing. A jury voted 11-1 that the park's policy violated California's Civil Rights Act.

Did you hear of the three Gay men who attacked a woman on Court Ave? Two of them held her down and the other did her hair!

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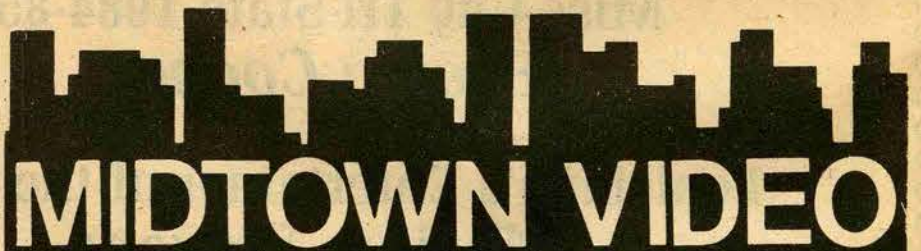


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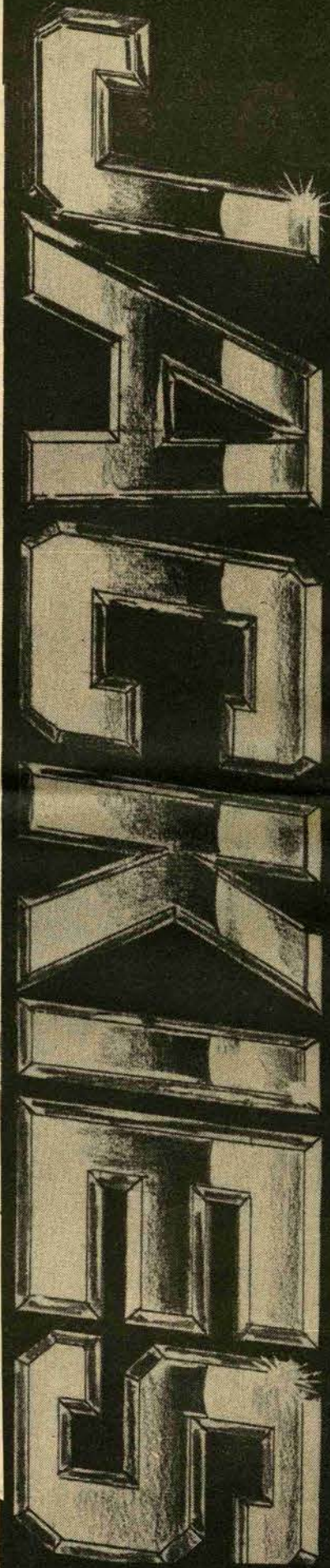
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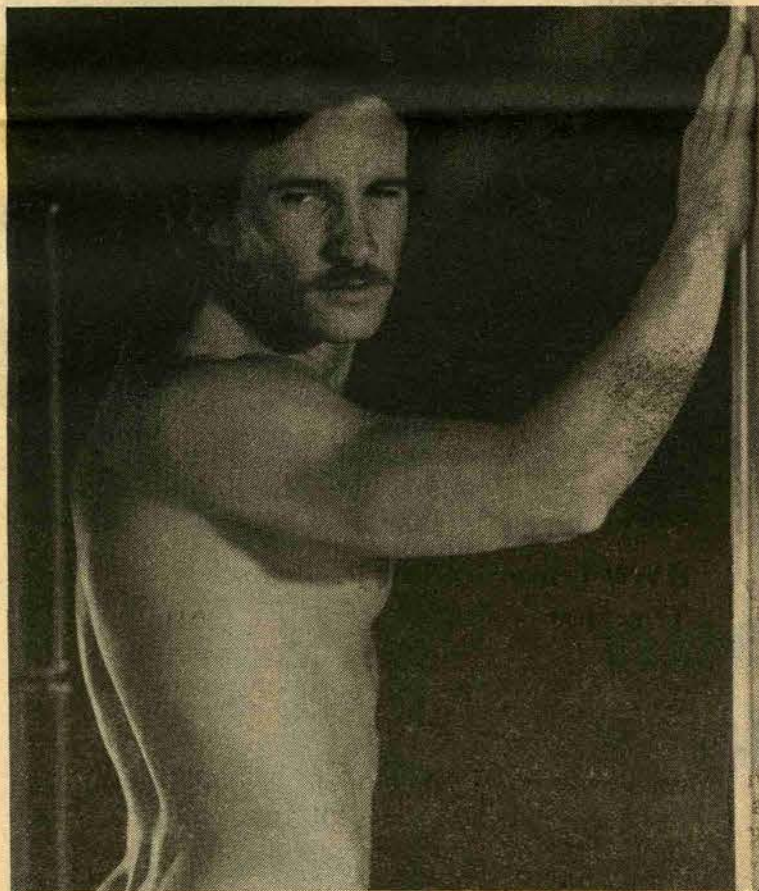




## Bequest to GRNL Cancels Debt

"We have received a goyend" GRNL Executis expected to be seven-ive Director Nancy ral thousands of dollars Roth announced at the or- per year. ganization's Board of Di- The unexpected legacy rector's meeting on will allow the Lobby to March 23. "We have a pay off most of its check for \$81,689.22 in debts and begin its new our account." fiscal year on a sound

The "goysend" is a leg- financial footing. Plans acy from the estate of are being developed to Charles Passage, a long- invest part of the nest time GRNL member egg in order to generate from upstate New York. future income. As a college professor, Coincidentally, part Passage wrote and trans- of a fundraising work- lated a number of books shop at the GRNL-hosted and also gave GRNL the National Leadership Fo- royalty income from rum covered deferred giv- them. Among his books ing. "We have lots of are Three Versions Of ideas for encouraging Amphyryon and transla- others to remember us tions of works by in their wills and some



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innovative ways for people to make money from their investments and name us as the beneficiaries of living trusts and/or life insurance policies," Roth stated.

## Spies Denied Access to Baths

SAN FRANCISCO -- A new seven-member Health Commission here has ruled that the SF Health Department must withdraw is request for \$10,000 to employ undercover "investigators" in the bathhouses, according to the New York Native. However, the ruling continues to allow the SFHD to use its own employees as spies.

John Wahl of the Committee for Sexual and Civil Liberties and Mobilization Against AIDS suggested that "the money spent by the city could better be spent on educating Gay and bisexual men on safe sex practices."

The Health Department is under court order to monitor sex activities in clubs and baths.

## Locker Room Settles

ATLANTA -- Faced with being shut down permanently, the Locker Room Health Club in Atlanta has settled its case out of court by agreeing to forbid illegal sexual activities from taking place inside the facility. The Locker Room and Club Atlanta were raided on the same day in March and ten people were arrested. Rather than fight the city in court, the club agreed to prohibit sodomy, which under Georgia law includes both oral and anal sex.

The consent order reportedly requires the club to install windows in doors and to private areas, post signs stating that sodomy is a crime and allow police to patrol the bathhouse.

Club Atlanta is fighting the case.

## Frat Goes Too Far

GAINESVILLE, FL -- The Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Florida, which was reprimanded last year for its harassment of Gay people, may lose its official campus status as the result of an

## Louisiana Rep. Co-Sponsors Gay Rights Bill

NEW ORLEANS, LA -- Gays in existing civil U.S. Congresswoman Lindy Boggs (D-LA) has joined a growing number of members of Congress in co-sponsoring the federal Gay civil rights bill. Boggs represents a district which includes almost all of New Orleans.

The House bill, HR 230, seeks to address discrimination problems faced by Gay men and women by adding the words "affectational or sexual orientation" to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Gay leaders point out that the existing civil rights protection includes race, religion, national origin, etc., but does not now protect Gay people from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

The effort to include

rights law has been an ongoing project of the Gay Rights National Lobby since 1974. The number of co-sponsors has grown with each Congress, even though the Moral Majority in 1980 vowed a decline would occur. In the last Congress there were 76 co-sponsors in the House and 9 sponsors in the Senate version.

Already 60 previous co-sponsors have signed on during the early days of the 99th Congress. Mrs. Boggs is the first new co-sponsor to join this year. Eric Rosenthal of GRNL expects the number of House co-sponsors to exceed the total achieved in the previous Congress, but there are no plans to attempt a floor vote in either house.

anti-semetic 30-page publication according to *Gay Life*. The publication, entitled *Uncensored, 4 o'clock weekly*, gives awards for "Kike of the Year" and "Most Hateable Jew of the Year." It also names the "Most Lusted-after Little Sister."

## CIA Overruled By Court

WASHINGTON -- A federal judge has ruled that the CIA acted improperly when it fired a Gay employee without giving an explanation for the dismissal.

U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker said that although some of the CIA's personnel decisions must remain secret, the agency does not have unlimited discretion in its handling of employees.

Parker said Director William Casey's 1982 decision to "terminate the plaintiff's employment was improper, unreasonable, an abuse of discretion, and both procedurally and substantively flawed."

According to *Gay Scene*, Parker ordered the CIA to reinstate the plaintiff (identified only as John Doe in the lawsuit) to an adminis-

trative status within 30 days. John Doe is to remain on leave until the agency gives him a hearing so he can learn why he was dismissed.

## MCC Condemns Pedophilia

LOS ANGELES -- The Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has released a pastoral directive which condemns sex with children, *Gay News* reports.

"While the Fellowship strongly endorses the concept that control over our own bodies is a God-given right as well as a major issue in the foundation of our fellowship, these relationships must be based on a mutual, informed consent," the directive reads. "Sexual activity between adults and children can never be condoned . . . under any circumstances." Such activity "is always inherently coercive even when it appears on the surface to be voluntary and a product of mutual consent."

"Manners are a means of getting what we want without appearing to be absolute swine."

--Quentin Crisp

# High Court Rulings Favor Gays

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Texas A&M tried to argue that the increase of overt homosexual activity "resulting in physical, psychological and disease ramifications (namely, AIDS) . . . in the student body" would be harmful. The Appeals Court ruled that A&M's refusal to grant recognition was based on "the homosexual content of the group's ideas" and to deny the group recognition on that basis violates the member's rights to freedom of speech and association under the First Amendment.

Again the high court justices did not issue a written opinion and again the decision was 4-4 split with Powell not present to break the tie. Because no written opinions were offered, it is speculative as to who voted on which side.

Of the nine justices, O'Conner, Rhenquist, and Burger are the most conservative. Brennan and Marshall are the most liberal and Justices Stevens, Blackmun, White and Powell are the moderates. Recently, however, Blackmun and Stevens have sided with the liberals and White with the conservatives, making Powell the deciding justice.

## Technology Office Criticizes Human Service Department Over AIDS Handling

The Office of Technology Assessment has issued a memorandum which is sharply critical of the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for not ensuring that adequate resources be devoted to AIDS prevention and treatment.

The report states: "Individual PHS (Public Health Service) agencies have consistently asked DHHS to request particular sums from Congress; the Department has consistently submitted requests for amounts smaller than those suggested by the agencies; and Congress typically has appropriated amounts greater than those requested by the Department. Except when prodred by Congress, DHHS has maintained that PHS agencies should be able to conduct AIDS research without extra funds, by obtaining money from their other activities. However, cut-backs and threatened cut-backs in overall funding and personnel levels have restricted the ability of affected agencies to redirect resources. The Administration has not pursued the option of seeking an appropriation for the Public Health Emergency Act, which established a revolving fund to be used for urgent government response to public health emergencies (Public Law 98-49)."

### Touche

SUPERIOR, WI - Gays marched in protest to a marquee message here last month that read: "Stop AIDS now. Quarantine Gays" according to *Out!*. The message was posted on a marquee of an old movie theatre turned fundamentalist church. It reportedly has been changed to read "Women liberals are Marxists. Marx was a Satanist."



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Not one to let things alone, Robert Carlson, manager of Chester's Used Books and Records in Duluth, Minnesota, countered with his own marquee message: "AID Gays. Quarantine Bigots."

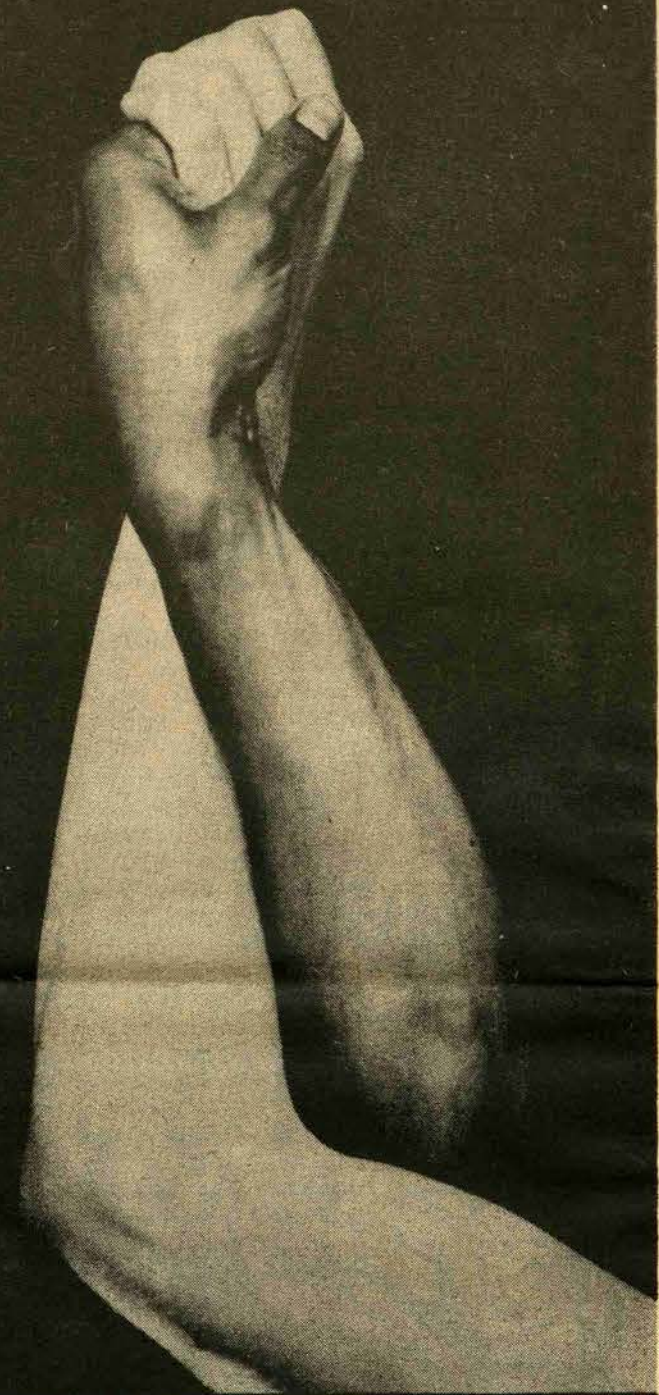
### AGLA Approves Gay Sitcom Character

The Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry has placed its stamp of approval on the Gay character in the TV sitcom *Sara*.

The show, seen on NBC, features Dennis, a Gay lawyer practicing with three other non-Gay lawyers in a San Francisco legal office. Rick Henderson, co-chair of AGLA says, "Based on what we've seen so far, Dennis is quite content with himself. He's a positive, likeable human being who just happens to be Gay. The jokes arise from the situations; the audience laughs with him, not at him."

Dennis is played by Bronson Pinchot.

*vive la difference!*



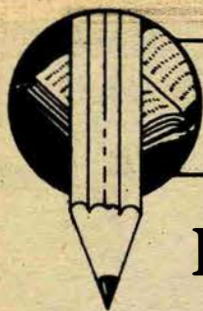
### BWMT/Memphis Proudly Announces The Hosting of the BWMT Southeastern Network Conference May 25-27, 1985

We welcome our Chapter brothers from throughout the Southeastern United States for three days of workshops, discussion groups and social activities.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Mr. D'Army Bailey who will discuss plans for the Lorraine Civil Rights Museum project in Memphis. Tim Wilson, National Co-Chair of NABWMT will present a State of Society address.

*We are Gay individuals creating an interracial, cultural, social, political and educational organization 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 278-1555 (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.



# Books

## Hollywood Babylon II

Hollywood Babylon II, by Kenneth Anger, published by E.P. Dutton, Inc.

Attention all gossips and dirt diggers! The new baby has arrived! Those who enjoyed, fur- tively or brazenly, the graphic and profusely photographed scandals re- lated in HOLLYWOOD Babylon will rush for this volume. Hollywood Babylon II is just as shocking and crammed full of "the dirt." Certain apparent traits and opinions of the author detract from the cohesiveness found in the first volume. The fine style of writing that occurs in many of the more involved stories disappears without warning in other places. Just what did Gloria Swanson do to deserve the lambast be- stowed upon her at the beginning? Just as sud- denly, an entire chapter is devoted to putting

down Ronald and Nancy Reagan in which the statement the author is making reads like VistaVision with Dolby.

The book has its shortcomings, but, whe- ther intended or no, it should become a very important document in the Gay Archive. Many people know that Rudolph Valentino and Tallulah Bankhead swung both ways, the Whos are sur- prising. Some others know of Ramon Navarro's nasty murder by two hustlers. In the midst of the dirt and the compromising pho- tos, tales of great interest are to be found. Yes, Virginia, James Dean was Gay and into heavy kink. James Whale, the director of *Frankenstein, The Invis- ible Man* and the 1936 version of *Show Boat* knew Dorothy quite well. In the depths of an im- mense litany of sui- cides, categorized by the Means, are hints of sadness and the odor of

injustice tarnishing the frequently present gleam of true talent and artistry. The Gay life in Tinseltown, ever present but always ten- uous, is spotlighted for perhaps the first time. This book should be read but must be read with the first volume close by, a number of obscure references in HBII can be found in its prede- cessor.

## Rights of Single People

*The Rights of Single People*, \$4.95, ACLU Literature Department.

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University School of Law. Bernard is chair- man and Levin and Stecich are members of the ACLU's Equality Committee. Levine is an attorney with the Prisoner's Rights Pro- ject of the Legal Aid Society of New York City. Presser is Legal Director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania.

*The Rights of Single People* costs \$4.95. It may be ordered from the literature Department, ACLU, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036; add \$1.00 for postage and handling.

## Lesbian Nun Book Causes Stir

TALLAHASSEE -- A new book about former nuns who are Lesbian is making big waves in the publishing world. Accord- ing to Barbara Grier, senior editor and gen- eral manager of Naiad Press, "This book could go through the roof."

Grier said the initial press run of 5,000 hard- cover and 45,000 soft- cover copies of *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence* has been more than doubled. Excerpts have been sold to major magazines and the book has been the topic of at least two national TV talk shows including the *Phil Donohue Show*. The book contains the accounts of 51 Gay women, nine of whom are currently Roman Catholic nuns. The rest are former nuns.

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We're doing something!



# BWMT Nat'l Co-Chair, Local Politician Address S.E. BWMT Conference

Black and White Men Together of Memphis, Inc. will host the third annual Spring meeting of the Southeastern Network of BWMT, May 25-27. The Southeastern Network consists of chapters or groups in Georgia, Alabama, N. Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. Representatives from each state are expected to attend.

The opening session will consist of a joint presentation by members of BWMT Memphis and Atlanta on "Gay Rights vs. Civil Rights." The second session will feature D'Army Bailey, President of the Lorraine Motel Martin Luther King Museum Fund and a former candidate for Mayor of Memphis. Mr. Bailey actively sought and received a great deal of support from the Gay community during his bid for mayor. The opening session will begin at 1:00 pm at the Main Library at Peabody and McLean. Saturday evening will feature a cocktail party downtown, overlooking "The Mighty Mississippi" River. Sunday will begin with a continental breakfast meeting to deal with specific concerns of the chapters in the southeast. The meeting will be followed by a real "Southern Bar-B-Que." The Memphis In May activities will be included in the weekend agenda. The network meeting will conclude with a brunch on Monday.

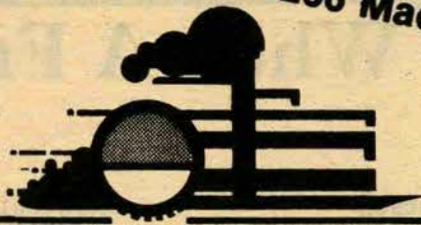
Tennessee, conducting a voter registration drive, conducted its third annual holiday canned goods drive and holding its 3rd annual Thanksgiving dinner. BWMT has also supported the MD telethon, Gay Pride activities, plans monthly social events and conducts two support group meetings per month.

BWMT offers a variety of social, civic and educational events and is open to anyone. For information about the Southeastern Network Meeting or about BWMT-Memphis call 274-6280 (Joe), 278-7066 (Ed), 278-1555 (Ken) or 726-1461 (Irwin). Registration fee for the Southeastern Conference is \$15.

The National BWMT Convention will be held in Los Angeles July 18-21. Members from Memphis are planning to attend.

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# Health/AIDS

## When A Friend Has AIDS

by Harvey Thompson

As the number of AIDS cases approaches 10,000 across the U.S., there is hardly a Gay man who has not had a friend or acquaintance with this syndrome. AIDS has forced us all to deal much sooner with an issue that usually comes up only much later in life: death and dying.

Before AIDS, there were many of us who had yet to lose a close relative or other loved one. A group of social workers from New York called the Chelsea Psychology Associates has helped us deal with this process in their pamphlet entitled, *When A Friend Has AIDS*.

It is among the best of the pamphlets generated by the current AIDS epidemic. What follows are suggestions on how to offer support.

**Death and Dying** - From the moment of birth, the process of life begins to play itself out to its inevitable and natural conclusion, death. We usually insulate ourselves from such concerns, but the truth is that we are all dying.

Our society's taboo against discussing death is a major factor in the unwillingness to deal with dying. An example of this avoidance is the frequently heard statement: "He passed on" instead of "He died."

We are uneducated and lack experience with death. This ignorance leads to fear, and the dying patient is then avoided. The terminally ill are almost always removed from the family to die in an institution.

The ignorance is further bolstered by the uniqueness of the process: Certainly those who experience death cannot describe it.

**Stages of Dying** - Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross is a pioneer thanatologist who wrote the book *On Death and Dying*. She described the five phases of the terminally ill patient.

1. **Denial** - "No, not me." It is disbelief. As a physician, I hate telling a patient he has AIDS. First of all, he does not hear you. He thinks that only happens 'to the other guy.'

2. **Anger** - "Why me? What did I do to deserve this? It's not fair."

3. **Bargaining** - "Yes, it's me but..." Recently a patient with AIDS came back for his follow-up a few days later announcing he was giving up the Gay lifestyle and becoming religious. Seemingly, he was promising something in exchange for an extension of his life.

4. **Depression** - "Yes, it's me." There may be a lot of crying and grief. The patient may then seem withdrawn and quiet.

5. **Finally, acceptance** - "Yes, I'm dying. I want to be remembered. I need to get my affairs in order."

The pamphlet, *When A Friend Has AIDS* wisely adds the caution to not lecture the person with AIDS on how you think he is or is not handling his illness appropriately. You may not know where he is in these five stages of dying. He may not be at a point of acceptance.

Not knowing where the person with AIDS is in terms of his acceptance, a simple "Do you feel like talking about it?" might start a discussion and permit an insight into to which stage he has reached.

Be prepared for the person with AIDS to be angry sometimes for no apparent reason. Do not take it personally. Permit it. Help him get out these emotions: it IS not fair.

Many dying patients need a whipping boy. When I had a business partner, it seemed that one of us as physicians took turns being the 'good guy' or the 'bad guy.' Scapegoats are seemingly needed for expressions of anger.

**Support** - Most impor-

tantly, do not avoid the seriously ill friend. Many dying patients are left to themselves. Pain and abandonment are the two most common fears expressed by dying patients.

When your friends are too ill to participate in your life as they did before, do not forget them. This is when they need you the most.

But it is a good idea to call before you visit the person with AIDS. As the New York pamphlet points out, he may not feel up to a visit the day you choose. Many times friends and relatives think they are doing their duty with a visit to the sick. However, the patient might just wish to be left alone that day but is afraid of offending the visitor with these honest feelings.

So encourage the person with AIDS to say when he does not feel up to your visit. But call back; he needs you another time. Or mail a card that simply says, "Thinking of you."

Try to draw the person with AIDS into a family of friends. Be sure he gets hooked into support groups. No one understands the needs of AIDS patients better than those with the disease. They need to meet regularly together. People with AIDS state that no one else can ever fully understand the effect of hearing the diagnosis: You have AIDS. It is catastrophic.

**Touch** - If you have never touched a person with AIDS yet, do it! But be prepared for a rush of irrational fear the same way the general public became hysterical. For a fleeting mo-

ment, you may have a wave of repulsion. But keep it to yourself: Don't be afraid, that's crazy, AIDS is not spread by touch.

And do not hide your homosexuality. Make it an uninhibited hug with no embarrassment of lifestyle. The person with AIDS is probably dealing with not feeling good about his Gayness and blaming homosexuality for his illness. Keep reminding him AIDS is a medical illness caused by a virus, not to be confused with homosexuality which is a sexual preference.

**Doing Things** - Offer to take him a whole dinner some night. Use disposable plates so there is no dishwashing. Offer to do his grocery shopping, clean his house, do his laundry. Take him to the next medical appointment or a movie. Write some letters for him, balance his check-book, pay his bills.

Or do not do anything but just be there: You do not always have to talk. Make him some taped music or books, watch TV together, hold hands, or give a massage. He might be tired of talking about AIDS, doctors and treatment and his illness. Just gossip awhile, discuss the news. Do not let him feel the world is passing him by.

**Hope** - Go ahead and talk about the future with him: Next week, next year. Whenever someone used to ask me as an oncologist "how long?," the correct answer was, "No matter what I say, the only thing you can count on is that I will be

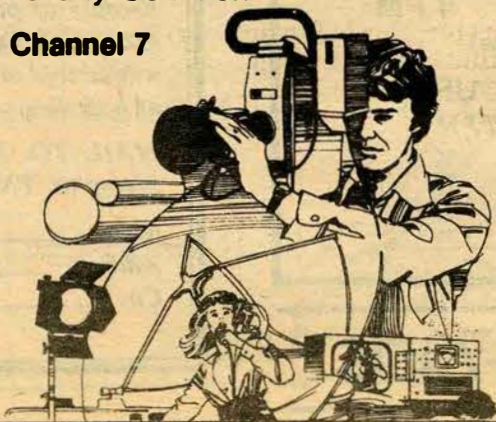
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# Govt. Officials Have Considered Quarantine

Government officials discussed such extreme measures as a quarantine of mass firings of Gay people in response to the AIDS epidemic, according to an article in the April edition of *Mother Jones* magazine. The magazine published an extensive investigation of federal responses to the epidemic. The article was authored by syndicated columnist Larry Bush and David Talbot.

Although AIDS has been labeled "the federal government's health priority" by Health and Human Services Director Margaret Heckler, the *Mother Jones* article concludes that the government's response has been both inadequate and tainted by homophobia.

Among the findings of the report are the following:

According to Dr. Edward Brandt, former health and human services assistant secretary, Reagan administration officials to win their support for

increased AIDS funding, only to be rebuffed. "I was told by these officials," he said, "Doctor, you're a very effective leader -- why don't you go persuade the Gay community to stop having sex."

This January, according to *The Bay Area Reporter*, the Administration announced that it was taking advantage of a bureaucratic loophole to slash federal support for biomedical research far below the level approved by Congress. President Reagan has submitted a 1986 AIDS budget request that is \$10 million less than that allocated for the current year.

## AIDS Drugs Tests

New York -- According to France's top AIDS researchers, the first drug to undergo a major clinical trial as a potential treatment for AIDS is being tested in Paris.

The first patient to receive the drug called HPA 23, was a young hemophiliac with AIDS.

Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute reports that the AIDS

virus disappeared from the patient's blood, and he has been able to return to school. However, it is not known if his immunity has been restored. Montagnier said a patient with that degree of illness would have normally died of the disease by now.

Based on the initial findings, 34 more patients with advanced AIDS are being treated with the drug but no results are yet available on these patients. Based on the French report, the U.S. government's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is shifting major research efforts to studying similar antiviral drugs.

"This is not a cure, and we don't know if it will work, but it is certainly worth testing," Montagnier said. "We want to know if we can control this disease without this drug."

American scientists have been experimenting with two antiviral drugs which show promise but need to be proven.

Scientists are urgently trying to find a treatment for AIDS, which is growing out of control. Since the first

cases were reported in 1981, 9000 people have been struck by AIDS and nearly half have died. Health officials predict 16,000 cases by year's end.

## Feline Leukemia Vaccine

In a development that could have a significant impact in the fight against AIDS, researchers recently announced the marketing of a vaccine to battle a virus that causes leukemia in cats.

The feline leukemia virus does not cause the human disease but appears closely related to AIDS in humans. In addition, both the cat virus and the AIDS virus act in nearly the same way, causing cancer in some infected individuals and killing others by depressing the body's immune system.

★★★★★

Sending strawberries to a son she knew was Gay, Francis Bacon's mother urged him to enjoy the fruit -- but send the boy messenger back before sundown.

## When a friend...

*continued from page 10* gets what, who should be notified, burial or cremation, etc.? An outstanding pamphlet for this time is, *Getting Your Affairs in Order* by the San Francisco AIDS foundation with the help of the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF).

Despite the help of the AIDS state time and time again: "Don't let him feel sorry for me, I don't want sympathy or pity." It is appropriate things about AIDS is and okay for them to be the helpless no-longer-sometimes depressed, in-control effect of That is a normal reaction. Many therapists it can foster. No matter how simple the decision, make sure he has to feel something, an some control. Tell him what you would like to do for him and what is his decision?

There will be a time when he reaches acceptance that he will want to talk about dying. It requires a gut feeling to know when he is ready to discuss his death. Is time to share intimacy: he afraid? Or will it seem a relief? Is there a time he will want treatment stopped? who is dying continues These questions can lead into special requests he may have: Who

People with AIDS say friends drift away. This happens at a time when they need them most!

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## MCC of the Living Hope News

We at MCC of the Living Hope have been busy these past weeks celebrating our risen Savior Jesus Christ. Holy Week was observed with several activities including a Passover supper and Tenebre service and concluding with a beautiful sunrise service Easter morning.

Four of our members travelled to Raleigh, NC, to represent Memphis at the South Atlantic District conference the last weekend of April. They were joined in worship, workshops and fellowship with our sisters and brothers from Nashville, Knoxville, Tri-Cities, Jackson (MS), Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Greensboro and Charlotte. Over 150 members of MCC's from all over the South worshiped together.

MCC of the Living Hope is a church for everyone - all races, ages and lifestyles. It is YOUR church. Hope to see you there soon! - Submitted by MCC of the Living Hope



# "Refried Grease"

By: Rona T!

Well, once again, Fed Ex absolutely, positively got it here overnight. Unfortunately, we were not home when it arrived and the lady-next-door agreed to sign for it. Not knowing what the envelope contained, she touched it with her bare hands, was severely burned and had to be rushed to the emergency room. We intend to make it up to her - once we get her speaking to us again! - Eds.

Well Kiddoes, the 'ol Rona T! has been at it again. I've cruised the beaches of both oceans in the same month...a record - even for mois!

As you may remember I told you I was going to see my best friend, Joe Stewart, who now lives a life of leisurely decadence in sunny Southern California just 3 blocks from the Queen Mary (the ship silly-boy). While I was there we did every bar in Long Beach, most of the clubs in Southern California, and made a damn good attempt at Los Angeles. We also toured the baths, although most now prefer to be called "health clubs," and met porn-star Derrick Stanton performing live to the moans of "...do it

baby, yeahhhh," and "that's it baby...beat that big thing!" and "over here daddy, aim it this way." Needless to say, Rona T! loved every inch of it. (And if you don't believe that Rona T! got it...then you don't know Rona T! very well yet, do you???)

In a town jaded by sex, difference is treasured. One club had an actual PT boat on the lot out by the pool, which had been converted into a massive bunk-house, maze, & movie room. Another club provided fantasy phones that outsiders could call and talk to you while you did whatever you wanted.

One kid Rona T! talked to went through an elaborate fantasy routine (I think?) describing how he came home one afternoon and his mother caught him doing something my mother told me would put hair on my knuckles...and then proceeded to help him. Things continued until his father came home & caught the two of them. As punishment, the husband made the wife watch as the father and son got it on. Such an imagination!

Again, my thanks to Joe for showing me such



Joe Stewart now lives a life of leisure, having renovated Beaver Cleaver's old house in Hollywood.

a wonderful time. I can't wait to make it back out there. One week is just not enough time to do all the d--k in Laguna Beach, Malibu Beach & Long Beach. I know now what they mean in the song when they sing, "so many men, so little time!"

Moving back to the big "M"...

I hear Lorretta is having trouble finding performers to appear in her Do-Dah Girls Revue (now renamed the J-Wagettes I understand); it seems most of the people she's asked have been barred! You could get "The Knight Rider" to dance for you Darlin' but I understand he lost his nuts somehow at George's. If you haven't caught one of Lorretta's shows yet at J-Wags, you really should. It will give you young folks a chance to see what dragggg shows were like 10-years ago! No, honestly, do go one Monday night. It's all for a worthwhile cause, as Tommie Stewart is donating a portion of the door to the Aid to End AIDS Committee.

Speaking of Miss Stewart... girl, what is this I hear about you having your ear glued to the door at booth #13 at the Paris Adult? All you have to do is come down to your own place on Sunday afternoon when Rona T! is out on the patio with a good buzz going like she was a couple of weeks ago when Jack & Paul from Tiny Rock were there. Honey, you'd get more than an earful, that's for sure!

Oh girls, the "T"!!! This is so hot I should have started off this column with it!

As you may have noticed, last month's column did not feature an employee of the month. It seems that the one who had requested the most to be made EOM (I won't mention names) was physically removed from his position as Assistant-Whatever of Club South, along with his lover, quit unceremoniously. George Wilson retook possession of the club forcibly alleging that "they had been robbing me blind for the past three months." Look for more changes at the local CBC affiliate in the near future.



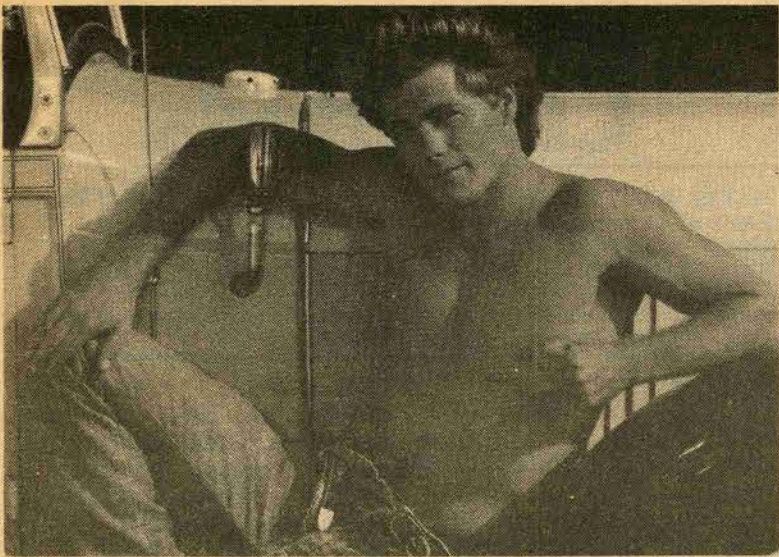
This month, Rona T! has 2 Employees of the Month: Reggie Fuquay & Lorretta Williams, both from J-Wags. Shown here just after being told they had been selected, Lorretta is overcome with emotion while Reggie hopes that the check doesn't bounce.

Madison Avenue isn't the only street experiencing stormy weather, however. Just ask any of the "regulars" at George's who have seen their hours cut and now cope with "alternating" show directors. Frank, darling, was this your idea??? That's like letting you run the bar on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday and having Steve do it on Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday. The idea of new talent is great. Lord knows there are some DQ's (drudge queens) whose ONLY claim to fame is that rigor mortis has not set in! Get a professional show director and give them full-reign for 3-6 months and see if they don't give you what you want. The new George's is the most exciting thing to happen to the Memphis bar-scene in years. Please don't start cutting corners now.

Have you seen the new weekly publication now being distributed in Memphis yet? It's called *Cruise* and it professes to be "A Weekly Entertainment Guide." I will admit it comes out weekly. It is mildly entertaining (at least Diamond 'Lil & Bernice Tarburns' columns are). It covers the bars in Atlanta very well since that is where it is published. However, if you're looking for hunks, you best be in the bar when their Ad rep delivers the mag, because he's hotter than anything you'll see inside the pages of the mag itself. Publisher Bob "Mother" Swinden assured *Gaze* editors not to worry about competition since they are not a "news" magazine. To prove that he ordered a FULL PAGE AD in the last issue of *Gaze* to herald the arrival of the publication in Memphis and to profess friendship and non-competition. The ad copy never arrived, nor did payment for the non-existent ad, which caused the paper to be redesigned, hence losing money. Not a very good start, huh Mother? Now Rona T! must be fair. I wrote a column for *Cruise* a few years ago much like this one. The mag is "numero uno" in Atlanta! (Honey, the grease in that town has to be refried 4 or 5 times!) Why the last



Rona T!'s entourage of California's cuties. (And yes, Rona T! will be publishing a magazine shortly entitled: *The Photos Gaze Couldn't Print.*)



Rona T!'s Miami houseboy, Brad, loafing off when he should be washing the car. (Oh well, what's a little dirt???)

time I saw Mother Swin- Marlin Beach in Ft. Lah- den's lover he was in De-Dah. So far things The Gallus ready to go have been rather unevent- home with anyone for ful...just miles and \$20. But the mag has miles of slick, bronzed little to offer Memphi- beefcake basking at the ans, unless heading to beach all eagerly await- Hot-lanta for the week- ing Rona T!

end. Next month, Rona T! Even as I pen this col- will report back from umn I am soaking up the the Big Apple, so "Start sun in beautiful Miami spreading the news..."

Beach. My house boy has just finished rubbing my Ciao! feet with coconut oil and we are fixing to slip into the Jacuzzi and play "Jaws" with our mouths full of Asti Spu- mante. Tomorrow I prom- ised Brad to take him to the "T"-Dance at the

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John Salvati, having abandoned the Yul Brenner look, asks Phyllis for advice on where to go to have his hair done.



Jim McCain stares in disbelief as Ken Wright shows Reggie his prize-winning form in the Monday Night Taste Test. Having just finished, Ron French is caught in the middle, hoping that I don't publish this picture or write about him in this column. (Sorry.)



Joel Beam tells Johnny Hill what he will do if he catches his lover, Ron, at one more Monday Night Taste Test.



**Box 3038**

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then did he stop beating me. He then grabbed the handcuffs and pulled me over to the van, where instead of placing me in the back seat, he opened the back door and pushed me into a small space with a steel floor and metal tool box. It seemed forever before another police car and tow truck came. My car was towed from my driveway and I was not allowed to lock my home or to turn my alarms on. At this time I was taken on a ride to the city hospital and it seemed that every corner we turned was to toss me around the van as I could not hold on to anything.

We arrived at the hospital where I was jerked out of the back door and led into a small office space where another officer was on duty. I was told to stand against the wall. After the two officers conversed for about 10 minutes, I was told to come over and sign several papers. I signed them believing that they were releases to treat my cuts from the beating. Instead I was taken to city jail without any form of medical treatment and was kept for 8 hours without a phone call. I was told they were holding me for the fugitive squad, because there was a man of the same name in Dallas, TX that they were looking for.

After my release from jail, I obtained a lawyer and at this time got to see the officers report which reported the following:

At approximately 2:15 am, my car was driven down Madison Ave. at 65 miles per hour. He (the officer) gave pursuit with lights and sirens on. He chased me through a busy intersection (Overton Square) at which time I made people jump out of the street for their lives (again, keep in mind that this is 2:15 am on a Thursday night). I then, according to the officer, ran a stop sign at Monroe and Edgewood, \$50. I now have a restricted license which behind my home, where I parked my car and tried

to run into the house at which time he caught me and I tried to resist arrest. As I stated in the beginning, absolutely none of this is true.

I was, and still am, willing to take a polygraph test to prove myself. I decided not to let this man do this to me again and requested through my lawyer a trial by jury. After a year and a half of going to court every other week or so and paying attorney's fees, my attorney told me the court was willing to drop the reckless driving, resisting arrest, speeding, and running a stop sign if I would plead guilty to the charge of 1st offense DWI. He also told me the court definitely did not want me to have a trial by jury, and I would most likely have trouble with my businesses around town if I pressed the matter any further.

Since this has been going on, the same officer has ticketed my cars for blocking the driveway across from my business. The driveway in question enters an abandoned building and the door is nailed shut. There are six driveways into this property and all the doors are nailed shut.

tion, all the driveways were blocked but only my car was ticketed, and I have witnesses to this fact.

When I went to court, it was with the understanding I would plead guilty to a 1st offense DWI, pay a fine and all other charges would be dropped. I was willing to do this only because my business would not allow me to keep going to court every other week or so.

Now all these things were presented to the judge at the hearing, I paid \$548.00 in fines plus court costs. My license was taken away from me, I was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail with 11 months and 27 days probation. I was made to go to DWI school for 5 weeks for which I paid at Monroe and Edgewood, \$50. I now have a restricted license which costs \$22. My auto insurance has gone up from

\$400 to over \$1,500 yearly and I was not informed of any of this at the time I accepted their offer of 1st offense.

If the officer who has done this to me two times already is allowed to have his way, it is only a matter of time until he does it again. He is repeatedly parking outside my business for hours at a time and has gotten me to where I am afraid to even drive to the corner grocery for fear he is waiting for me in the alley.

I am a 51-year-old businessman who pays tremendous city, county and state real estate and sales taxes. I am a registered voter and the only thing I am not is a drunk driver. On the night in question, I had exactly two ounces of liquor (poured from a mechanical pourer) with my employees at closing time. I have witnesses on my behalf.

I have been harassed, humiliated, beaten and jailed by this man on his word only. It is a personal thing with him. I am willing now, as I have in the past, to take a polygraph test and to introduce witnesses on my behalf.

If allowed, this man will have me in jail within 6 months on another charge, at which time I, according to state law, will have to pay tremendous fines and spend at least a year in jail.

Please help me if you can. I don't know where to go from here.

P.S. To Gaze readers: I suspect there are a lot of you who have suffered the same treatment from this officer. I know of three myself. If you have, please contact me. Perhaps we could put a stop to these (legal beatings).

George Wilson  
Memphis, TN



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W/M, 5'9", 165, Bl/bl, caring, seeks W/M, 20-35, goodlooking, mature, for fun, ultimate 1:1 relationship. Photo/ph # to: Occupant, PO 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.

CWM, 36, would like to meet other Gays, 18-35, for friendship, possible relationship. Send photo if possible. All answered. Send replies to B.C. PO 70, Tyrone, AR 72386.

FIND A ROOMMATE YET? If not, call me (David) at 725-5865 (nights) or 529-0674 (days).

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W/M BI-SEXUAL, seeking friendship, companionship from others. Am 67" tall, 140 lbs, picture, phone # get fast reply - Can travel on weekends. Write Occupant, PO 91549, Atlanta, GA 30364. Would like to meet with entertainers and military individuals.

What does the Memphis Gay Coalition do for you? It prints this paper for one thing. Support MGC.

# Information and Services

## MEMPHIS ORGANIZATIONS

**A Cappella Chorus:** (Church of Christ) Box 11616, Memphis 38111.  
**Aid To End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389.  
**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):** 81 Madison Bldg, Suite 1501, Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.  
**Black and White Men Together:** Box 41773, Memphis 38104 - 278-1555 or 278-7056.  
**Frontrunners of Memphis:** Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.  
**GALA: Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness - Room 425, University Center, Memphis State Univ., Memphis 38152 - Call Jim at 454-2669 or 744-2469.**  
**Ladies Plus:** Call 725-9877 after 3 pm daily.  
**Memphis Center for Reproductive Health:** 1462 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.  
**Memphis Gay Coalition:** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.  
**Metropolitan Community Church of the Living Hope:** Box 241592, Memphis 38124-1592 - 324-1769.  
**Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.  
**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38104.  
**Phoenix (Gay AA):** 365-7153.  
**The Queen's Men:** Box 3223, Memphis 38173 - Gary Salles, (901) 452-GAYY.  
**Tsarus:** Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.  
**Wings:** contact Steve Wesson at Jackie's - 272-1104.

## MEDIA

**Ganymede:** Computer Bulletin Board, 300 Baud, Free, Available 24 hrs, 278-0167, Password-Ganymede.  
**Gaze:** newspaper - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - (901) 454-1411.  
**HELPLINES**  
**Gay Switchboard:** 726-GAYY.  
**Rape Crisis:** 528-2161.  
**Suicide and Crisis Intervention:** 274-7477.  
**RESTAURANTS/BARS**  
**Across the Street:** 1349 Madison - 726-9875.  
**Adams Family Restaurant:** 1782 Madison - 725-7336.  
**The Apartment:** 343 Madison - 525-9491.

**Dolly's Place:** 92 N Avolon - 276-0417.  
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**George's:** 600 Marshall - 526-1038.  
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## MISCELLANEOUS

**Airport Adult Theatre:** 2214 Brooks Rd E - 345-0657.  
**Aladdin's Ladds:** 278-9999.  
**Book Cottage (Overton Square):** 2113 Madison Ave - 726-5857.  
**Cherokee Adult Bookstore:** 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.  
**Club South:** 628 Madison - (901) 525-2582 - CBC affiliated.  
**Encore Cards and Gifts:** 1266 Madison Ave - 722-8963.  
**Fantasy World:** 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.  
**Georgetown Inn:** 628-630 Madison Ave - Reservations (901) 525-0725.  
**Getwell Book Mart:** 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.  
**Getwell Adult Book Store:** 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.  
**Men of Leather:** 1474 Madison (in the rear of Jackie's) - 458-8342.  
**Mid-Town Adult Theatre:** 1360 Poplar - 725-4306.  
**Mid-Town Video:** 1264 Madison - 725-4356.  
**Paris Adult Entertainment Center:** 2432 Sumner - 323-2665.  
**Parkview Centers:** 3340 Poplar, Suite G-107 - 327-4625.  
**Tobacco Corner Newsroom:** 669 Mendenhall Rd S - 682-3326.

## NASHVILLE

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):** Box 120160, Nashville 37212.  
**Conducters:** Box 40261, Nashville 37212.  
**Lifestyle Health Services:** 1729 Church St, Nashville 37203 - (615) 329-1478.  
**Metropolitan Community Church:** 131 15th Ave N, Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.  
**Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights:** Box 24181, Nashville 37202.

**Womankind Health Service:** 1727 Church St, Nashville 37203 - (615) 329-1478.  
**Women's Resource Center:** YWCA, 1608 Woodmont, Nashville - (615) 385-3952.  
**RESTAURANTS/BARS**  
**B. Palola's:** 1812 Hayes St - (615) 320-0713.  
**Cabaret:** 1711 Hayes St - (615) 320-7082.  
**The Chute:** 2535 Franklin Rd - (615) 297-4571.  
**Crazy Cowboy:** 2311 Franklin Rd - (615) 383-9493.  
**Crazy Cowgirl:** 2309 Franklin Rd - (615) 297-2197.  
**Juanita's 224:** 224 Capitol Blvd - (615) 255-9841.  
**The Jungle:** 300 Fourth Ave S - (615) 256-9411.  
**Slippo's:** 2106A Eighth Ave S - (615) 269-9150.  
**Warehouse 28:** 2529 Franklin Rd - (615) 385-9689.  
**World's End:** 1713 Church St. - (615) 329-3480

## CHATTANOOGA

**RESTAURANTS/BARS**  
**Alan Gold's:** 1100 McCallie - (615) 629-8080.  
**Go Go:** 1077 Duncan Ave - (615) 698-1023.  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Parkview:** 8614 Harrison Bay, Harrison, TN 37341 - TN 1-800-821-2914 - Outside TN 1-800-233-3737.  
**Riverside Adult:** 1009 Riverside Dr - (615) 622-9335.  
**Startime Video:** 6309 East Brainard Rd - (615) 899-9714.

## JOHNSON CITY

**The Connection:** 429 W Walnut - (615) 928-9925.

## KNOXVILLE

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**Dignity/Knoxville:** Box 9451, Knoxville 37920 - (615) 577-3772.  
**Knoxville's 10%:** Box 9816, Knoxville 37940.  
**Metropolitan Community Church:** 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 2343, Knoxville 37917 - (615) 521-6546.  
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**Circle J:** 310 Church Ave - (615) 522-9312.  
**Peppertree (Badlands):** 317 N Gay - (615) 525-5647.  
**Carousel II:** 1501 White - (615) 522-6966.

## LITTLE ROCK

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**ACLU of Arkansas:** Box 2832, Little Rock AR 72203.  
**Arkansas Gay Rights:** 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:** Box 3123, Little Rock AR 72203 - (501) 374-3217.  
**Metropolitan Community Church:** Box 1964, Little Rock AR 72203 - (501) 666-2404.  
**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 662, Little Rock AR 72203.  
**Parents and Friends of Gays:** Box 1839, Batesville AR 72501.

## MEDIA

**Arkansas Advisor:** newspaper - Universal Publishers, Box 4397, Little Rock AR 72214 - (501) 225-1300.  
**RESTAURANTS/BARS**  
**The Branding Iron Saloon:** 1701 University - (501) 663-8682.  
**Calamity's:** 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:** 5300 Baseline Rd - (501) 562-4762.  
**University Adult Arcade:** 6316 Asher Ave - (501) 568-2952.

## JACKSON, MS

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):** 528 North State St, Jackson MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464.  
**Gay Switchboard:** (601) 355-7495.  
**Integrity/Mississippi:** 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Jackson MS 39216 - (601) 355-7495.  
**Lambda Group (Gay AA):** 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs) c/o Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204.  
**Metropolitan Community Church:** 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs) - Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204 - (601) 355-7495.  
**Mississippi Gay Alliance:** 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson MS 39204 - (601) 355-7495.  
**Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Democratic Party Caucus:** 236 1/2 W Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson MS 39205 - (601) 355-7495.

## MEDIA

**This Month In Mississippi:** 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 - (601) 969-9765.  
**Cha Cha's:** bar - 236 W Capitol - (601) 352-9728.  
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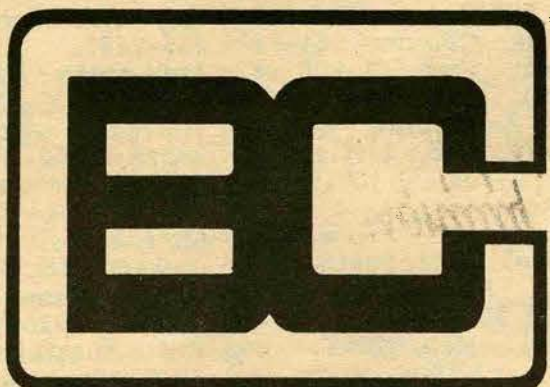
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