

UPDATE**Tennessee AIDS Legislation**

Continuing concern over AIDS resulted in the passage of three items of legislation in this year's sessions of the Tennessee General Assembly. Public Chapter 561 requires that all facilities that collect blood or blood products from an individual donor must test for the HTLV-III antibody and prohibits the use of sero-positive blood for transfusion. While this law provides an individual who is a possible victim of "transfusion associated" AIDS with cause of action for damages, it exempts those cases where a physician determined that an emergency existed and that the failure to

transfuse with possibly untested blood would have been life threatening to the patient.

An amendment to the original bill added the provision that the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment must develop rules and regulations which give an individual the option to designate donors to provide blood or blood products for his/her treatment.

In other AIDS-related legislation, the passage of Public Chapter 609 makes it a misdemeanor for an individual who has received an HTLV-III positive antibody test to be or

attempt to be a blood donor, except for medical research. This law is also extended to those who are suffering from a confirmed case of AIDS.

Finally, Public Chapter 559 requires that, in the event of the death of a patient with a known or suspected communicable, contagious, or infectious disease (including AIDS), physicians must notify the person who received the body of that fact. The law states that this is so the "necessary and proper precautions can be taken in the handling, preparation for disposition, or disposition" of the body.

Private Blood Business Booming

Preying on the fear that AIDS has created, entrepreneurs are rushing to create new commercial blood banks that freeze and store a supply of the customer's own blood for a fee. Such moves are opposed by volunteer blood banks which indicate that a nationwide move in this direction could destroy the supply of available blood.

Health authorities indicate that the fear of contracting AIDS from a blood transfusion is out of proportion to the actual risk. New procedures and tests have made the nation's blood supply as safe as it has ever been, they say.

Physicians estimate that the

amount of blood donated for restricted use by individuals is less than 6% of the total blood drawn. However, the percentage is increasing daily, especially in communities where large numbers of AIDS cases are reported.

In San Francisco, the percentage reached 13.5% last year; Chicago reported 10% of the elective surgery patients last year chose to reserve a supply of their own blood. Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, said the number of patients requesting to store their own blood has risen 50% in the last year and that the hospital has run out of storage room.

Officials Fear AIDS Estimates Low

Estimates of how extensive the AIDS crisis may probably be low because they have been based on the 1948 Kinsey Report on sexual preferences.

A report issued from the Centers for Disease Control issued three months ago used *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* to extrapolate sample AIDS data to the whole population, according to Meade Morgan, chief of statistics for the CDC's AIDS program.

"We estimated between 1 million and 1.5 million may be infected with the virus," Morgan said. "But those

estimates were based largely on data done by Kinsey in 1948 on the size of the homosexual population." Morgan said his concerns was that there have been no good surveys aimed at estimating the size of the Gay population since then.

Kinsey interviewed more than 18,000 men and women about their sexual habits in the 1940's and 50's. He reported that 4% of white males were exclusively homosexual, 6-10% were Gay for three or more years, and 20% had a homosexual experience at least once in their lives.

"We probably underes-

timated it," Morgan said emphasizing that he could not really conclude one way or the other in the absence of other data. "What we really need to know is both the size of the Gay population and the number of men engaging in high-risk situations," he said. "We also need to know how many people are using IV drugs and how many are sharing needles."

United Press International reports that Morgan said the current political climate may make it impossible to get accurate estimates on these groups.

AIDS Action Council Rates States

A recent informal survey by the AIDS Action Council of principal AIDS service providers in 45 states and the District of Columbia apparently has uncovered serious problems in the implementation of CDC's \$10 million national education and risk-reduction program.

All fifty states have shared in the \$10 million which almost without exception was awarded to state and local health departments through a grant application process. Tennessee was awarded \$86,000 (less than 1% of the total) to fund such a program. All recipients were required to show evidence of their commitment "to generate community cooperation and support for AIDS prevention activities and to maintain close collaboration and working relationships with community-based organizations serving the interests of groups at risk for AIDS."

The Council sought to determine the nature and the extent of that consultation and cooperation.

Among the findings:

□ 66% of the states had not consulted or involved any principal community-based organizations at all in the design or implementation of

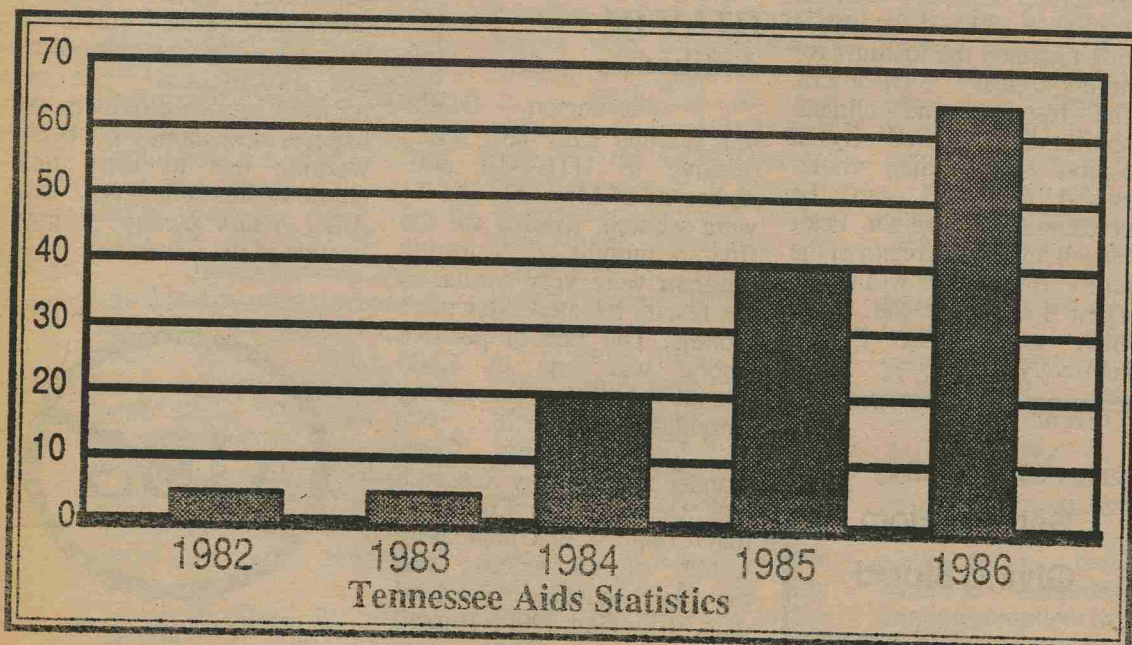
state education programs

□ Virtually without exception, states have earmarked the majority of CDC education and prevention funds for the hiring or training of personnel and for HTLV-III antibody testing programs, rather than for direct education and prevention programs.

□ Some states (Arkansas among them) are using CDC grant funds to create "AIDS Coordinator" positions within public health departments to which current employees are being assigned without being relieved of other, non-AIDS related responsibilities.

The AIDS Action Council brought these problems to the attention of Dr. James Mason at CDC. CDC personnel promptly called public health departments in states not complying and persuaded most, if not all, of them to comply more fully with their grants. According to the Council, several state health departments called the Council's office in Washington to complain that they were "rocking the boat locally." At least one state apparently used the information to intimidate a local AIDS group by saying that "this kind of Washington

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Tennessee AIDS Task Force Established

Tennessee has received an \$86,000 grant for AIDS educational support and health related activities. The grant includes funding of a statewide Task Force composed of community-based organizations as well as the hiring of a state coordinator.

The Task Force is composed of representatives of AIDS Response Knoxville (aRK), Nashville CARES, the Aid to End AIDS Committee, Black and White Men Together/Memphis, and a

representative from the Johnson City area. It is currently being coordinated through the Tennessee State Department of Health and Environment.

The first meeting, held June 21, discussed broad goals and objectives, as well as resources available and necessary to achieve them. Among those goals are the establishment of additional HTLV-III testing centers for high risk populations, development of a newspaper or telephone survey

to assess the level of public knowledge about AIDS, and establishment of community AIDS awareness groups in Jackson and Chattanooga. The Task Force will also conduct workshops for health educators and key personnel designated for AIDS Health Education in the regional health centers, conduct safe-sex workshops for Gay and bi-sexual men in the major metropolitan areas, and develop and print brochures for AIDS education for all groups in Tennessee.

Cautious Optimism About New AIDS Therapy

Paris -- American researchers at the recent international AIDS conference revealed that for the first time; an immune system severely damaged by AIDS has been restored.

Although the scientists urged caution, they view the results as a crucial first step in development of long term therapy for AIDS patients.

The researchers told the conference, they had used a combination of bone marrow transplants, injections of lymphocytes, and a new antiviral drug. The bone marrow was transplanted from the patient's twin.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease in Bethesda, MD., stressed the therapy had worked for only one patient so far, and the apparent recovery had been in progress only 10 months.

Nevertheless, he indicated that the one successful case was significant in that it was the first time the progress of AIDS had been halted and the immune system restored. "It is an important step in the direction of a treatment," Fauci said, "but by no means a breakthrough."

Louganis Gives Medal to White

Greg Louganis, Olympic gold medal diving champion, presented one of his gold medals to Ryan White, the 14-year-old boy with AIDS. Louganis invited White to see the U. S. Indoor Diving Championships.

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Haseltine Misquoted

The Justice Department's stand on the rights of PWA's has been attacked from several sides. Now it has been learned that the report actually misquoted a leading AIDS researcher.

Harvard Medical School researcher William A. Haseltine was quoted in the Justice Department report as saying "Anyone who tells you categorically that AIDS is not contracted by saliva is not telling you the truth. There are sure to be cases... of proved transmission through casual contact." Haseltine reportedly was angry over the misstatement. Haseltine contends that "what is called casual transmission such as is likely to occur in workplace settings will never pose a

significant risk to uninfected co-workers."

"The remarks as cited [in the report] misrepresent my views," he said, requesting that the Justice Dept. correct the error. Asst. Attorney Gen. Charles J. Cooper apologized to Haseltine in a letter but said the researcher's views had "no bearing on the legal analysis of the opinion," and that the issue of contact was "fundamentally irrelevant" to the civil rights question.

The report states that employers can fire PWA's or HTLV-III positive workers based on their fear that AIDS could be transmitted in the workplace. All available data, including CDC guidelines, reject such a possibility.

Houston Gets AIDS Hospital

Houston, TX -- The first fully-equipped AIDS hospital opened September 2 as a center devoted entirely to AIDS research and treatment. The former Citizen's General Hospital, a 150-bed facility, is being renamed the Institute for Immunological Disorders. "The research and clinical opportunities offered by a hospital such as this, wholly devoted to AIDS, can't be overestimated," said Dr. Peter Mansell, medical director of the facility. He said this will be the largest facility in the world which looks after PWA's exclusively.

You Can't
Get AIDS From
Giving Blood

National AIDS Network Gets \$100,000 Insurance Assoc. Grant

Washington, DC -- The American Council of Life Insurance and the Health Insurance Association of America have announced a \$100,000 grant to the National AIDS Network (NAN). The money from this grant will be used to assist NAN in developing its program, and providing services to AIDS education and service providers across the country.

The National AIDS Network is a national information resource center for AIDS education and service providers. NAN represents a coalition of over 150 AIDS education and service providers across the country. By sharing resources and information, NAN represents a cost efficient way of combating the AIDS epidemic.

This grant is part of a bigger commitment ACLI/HIAA has made to fund groups working to battle this deadly epidemic. "This grant

recognizes the important work NAN is doing to help maximize use of the resources available in the fight against AIDS," said ACLI President Richard Schweiker. "The life insurance industry is very pleased to be able to support NAN's efforts in this way."

Speaking for health insurers, HIAA President James Moorefield added, "We share NAN's interest in promoting hospice-based and home-based care alternatives for people with AIDS. Not only can such efforts reduce the costs of AIDS which we all must bear, but they can result in more humane treatment than is generally the case with hospital-based acute care."

"This grant is very important to the National AIDS Network," said NAN executive director Paul Kawata, "for it will enable us to provide valuable services to AIDS education and service providers across the country."

14 Centers To Test New Drug

Washington, DC -- Fourteen medical centers have been given grants totaling \$100 million to test experimental AIDS drugs. The five year program will begin tests on six promising drugs immediately, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the program sponsor.

The program's goal, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, NIAID director, is to "quickly identify therapies that show early or dramatic effects, be they beneficial or harmful."

1 in 1,500 Recruits Test Positive for HTLV-III Antibodies

Washington -- Of the 458 recruits who have tested positive to HTLV-III antibodies as of May, 27 (5.9%) were women. Results for the first six months of the testing program were very similar to the results released after three months. The rate of positive testing was one in 1,500 overall and much higher among individuals over age 26.

The Deputy Commander of the Army Research and Development Command told Congress that mandatory testing of all recruits will provide valuable medical data. Brig. Gen. Philip Russell

said the armed forces "represent a cross-section of healthy young adults of heterosexual orientation."

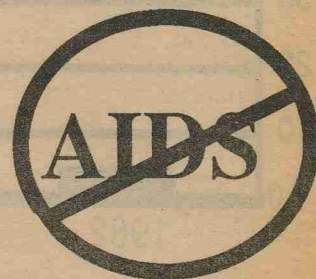
Tests on those recruits could lead to determining what percentage of those infected with the virus can be expected to actually develop the disease, Russell said.

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pressure may cause us to lose Federal funding next year."

Council officials say that won't happen. The Council was instrumental in obtaining the appropriation in the first place and worked with CDC to develop the grant guidelines that required community-based collaboration. They are now monitoring that effectiveness. "The net result to service-providers, we hope, is more money and better working ties to their state public health colleagues," said *AIDS Action Update*, a publication of the Council.





From the President

Good-Bye Chris - We Loved You

by Tom Stewart

Since being elected president of the Aid To End AIDS Committee, in early 1985, I have visited many AIDS patients in the hospital. I was never more moved than when I first saw Chris, at the Med. It may have been because he was not only a former employee, but he was a friend, also. The following is a true account and written just as it happened. It illustrates how cruel and stupid some of us humans can be.

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Scott asked me if the AIDS committee could do anything to help with Social Security or anything else that might be needed while Chris was in intensive care. He

received the information he requested. Then he asked what should be done about notifying Chris' family about his illness. Should they be told that Chris is Gay? I advised Scott to call Chris' family and tell them of his critical condition. I also advised that the family should be told everything. Scott called the family and told them everything. They were initially shocked, but they composed themselves enough to take care of the necessary details concerning Chris. At that time, Chris' family told Scott that they would help Scott if he needed anything.

After a few days, the family was told that Chris would never come out of intensive care. When they learned this, the family's attitude toward Scott changed. They arrived at the apartment

which Scott and Chris had shared and removed everything that belonged to Chris. The family then returned to their home in Penson, Tennessee to wait until Chris died.

Scott spent many hours sitting alone in Chris' room. He knew that Chris didn't even recognize him but he wanted to be there. Within a few days, Chris died. The body was sent home to Penson for burial. The family told Scott that he would not be allowed to even attend the funeral. Only through surreptitious means was Scott able to find out where and when the funeral would be held.

Scott, another friend, and I traveled to Penson to attend the funeral. We arrived at the little white country church which was nestled in

the rolling hills. The church was surrounded by the cars and trucks of people attending the service. We arrived just a few minutes late and the service had already begun. We entered the front door of the church and could go no further; it was standing room only. We stood reverently with the other mourners.

After about ten minutes, two men, seated directly behind the family, turned to the back of the church and saw us standing there. They got up and went out the door beside the pulpit. They ran around the side of the church and entered through the front door. They came to where we were standing and ordered Scott to follow them outside. The three of us followed the two men outside. Once there, the two men told Scott to get out of the church, get off the property, and go back to Memphis.

I advised Scott that these people had no right to order him out of the church and if he wanted to stay, his friend and I would stay with him. At that point, the man told Scott that if he did not leave, they would call the police to have him thrown off the property.

Scott said that out of respect for Chris' memory, he wanted no trouble at the funeral and he agreed to leave. Once we reached the car, I asked Scott if this was what he really wanted to do. He replied, "No. But what choice do I have?" I said, "I'll show you." I was angry that Scott had been treated in such a callous and uncaring manner.

Backing the car up, I pulled forward and parked the car so that only the hearse had room enough to pass between the front of my car and the other cars parked opposite. Scott and I sat in the front seat as the rest of the procession was forced to walk directly in front of the car on its way to the cemetery. Fists were shaken, fingers were pointed, and names were called which I will not write in this report. I remember thinking how sad, that even on such a solemn occasion, these good Christian folk were so full of hatred.

After the procession passed, we pulled onto the road next to the cemetery and paid our respects as the casket was being removed from the hearse. There was nothing else to say except... "Goodbye Chris. We Love You!"

AIDS and the Nervous System

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

By now everyone has learned that the AIDS virus attacks the immune system; add to that, the nervous system.

It was only in the past couple years that the nervous system became more and more recognized as a target of the AIDS virus. Most recently, it is seen as probably reproducing there as well.

The damage that the AIDS virus can do to the nervous system is independent of all the myriad of "opportunistic infections," such as fungus (cryptococcus), parasites (toxoplasmosis), and tumors (lymphoma). Most post-mortem exams on AIDS patients show some neuropathologic abnormality other than the above, and most likely, from the AIDS virus itself.

It was just over a year ago that there was evidence of the AIDS viral presence in the central nervous system. Its DNA and RNA was found in brain tissue. Then last year researchers from each coast (San Francisco and Boston) cultured the virus from the spinal fluid, nervous system tissue and even peripheral nerve.

In fact, the brain appears to be the most heavily infected tissue, as compared to

spleen, lymph node, liver, or lung.

Up until the culture proved positive for the AIDS virus, there was a speculation that the dementia, for example, was probably secondary to cytomegalovirus (CMV). But puzzling all along was why straining for one of these suspected viruses was always negative.

The CNS is characterized by a "blood-brain barrier" that usually will keep out viruses. It has always been a protected sanctuary from most viral infections except for rare and serious breaches by measles, mumps, herpes with encephalitis or 'aseptic' meningitis.

CNS has no lymphatic system. You could wonder if the AIDS virus was cultured because of lymphocyte contamination of tissues and fluid. However, the researchers used methods to exclude these cells from their samples.

Also, they found the spinal fluid contained antibodies specific for the AIDS virus. These were in amounts that were more than could be accounted for by any leakage through the "blood-brain barrier". This would indicate that the virus is not only present, but growing in the brain.

So how does the virus

get into the central nervous system? Possibly through its ventricles, where a highly vascularized plexus is found lining these fluid cavities. Once there, it probably persists in the central nervous system for years or a lifetime. Herpes and chicken pox are notorious for their persistence in nerve cells.

When does it enter the CNS? HTLV-III can infect nervous tissue early. Many of you are familiar that there can be a "mono-like" illness associated with the first few weeks after AIDS virus acquisition. During this time there can be a self-limited "acute aseptic meningitis", with severe headaches, and photophobia. The virus has been cultured from CSF in these situations.

Or, it can cause a chronic illness. The manifestations may be dependent upon multiple factors such as duration of infection, concomitant cofactor viruses, or even some "autoimmune" phenomena triggered by the HTLV-III.

These clinical manifestations and disease can be divided into peripheral and central. The peripheral manifestations include the familiar numbness and tingling complaint in the limbs which can progress to weakness, spasticity, poor

coordination and even urine incontinence. These spinal-cord diseases affect 20 percent of AIDS patients and is identified by histology as "vacuolar myelopathy".

More centrally the AIDS virus can cause seizures, focal deficits similar to stroke, and hallucinations. The worst is a dementia that includes memory loss, impaired concentration, and slowness with a blunted affect. At its worst, it can produce coma and mutism (no speech). The histology of these brain changes is usually atrophy and "microglial nodules".

The time over which the AIDS patients manifest different aspects of these neurologic diseases varies. As you know, the usual sequence of AIDS is: 1) infection, 2) seropositivity, 3) AIDS-related complex, and 4) full-blown AIDS. But the neurologic disease may follow its own independent time

table: 10 percent appear before any other AIDS manifestation, 40 percent during ARC, and the remainder comes on after the full-blown onset.

The infection into the CNS can occur without any manifestations of immunodeficiency. And the virus has been found in the CNS without the presence of any neurologic disease. It is unknown which cell in the neural tissue harbors the virus or how it does its damage.

Controlling the neurologic disease is going to be difficult. One researcher has even said "impossible". The known tendency of viruses to persist once within nervous tissue where drugs can't reach because of the "blood-brain barrier" is going to make treatment very difficult. In fact, most of the experimental protocols so far have just directed themselves at the immune system external to the central nervous system.

AZT Hotline 1-800-843-9388

At presstime the drug AZT has been released for more extensive testing. Burroughs-Wellcome Pharmaceuticals is offering the drug free to physicians whose patients qualify under their guidelines. An information packet can be obtained by calling the AZT Hotline. AZT has shown promising results in preliminary tests on AIDS patients who had had pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and survived.

ATEAC Sponsors As Is

The Aid to End AIDS Committee is sponsoring the month long run of Circuit Playhouses As Is, a play by William M. Hoffman which has gained critical acclaim in its Broadway run.

Through a grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Committee has been able to pay for the royalties for the run and has gained co-producer status. The play runs Thursdays through Sundays through October 26.

Opening night (September 25) was a benefit performance with proceeds going toward the committee's efforts. In addition, the committee bought out the two subsequent nights as additional fundraisers.

As Is is being directed by Memphis Jerry Chipman and stars Scott Maitland and Tony Isbell as lovers whose lives are turned upside down by a diagnosis of AIDS. For ticket information, call Circuit Playhouse at

Nashville CARES Hires Pierce

Janet Pierce, Executive Director of Nashville CARES, has been hired by that organization as its first paid staff member. Ms. Pierce, who was hired in January, has worked with the organization since its inception. In May, Jaan Sturgis was hired as the organization's administrative assistant. Although the CARES bank balance has fallen below \$1000, the organization is in need of a paid volunteer coordinator, according to *Care Notes*, the Nashville Cares Newsletter.

Housing Needed for PWA's

An urgent call to all sympathetic landlords is going out to provide housing for PWA's.

At least two, and perhaps more PWA's, are in need of shared housing to cut down on expenses. Efforts so far to attain housing through the city and county have been unsuccessful. "We're still pursuing those avenues," said Tom Stewart, President of ATEAC, "but government seems to take so long. We're appealing directly to the community to obtain housing for these people."

Stewart was quick to point out that ATEAC is not looking for nursing homes, but simple, clean living spaces for PWA's who are able to care for themselves. "We're looking for a space to house two to three people at a time. Our buddies can make sure that the property is taken care of and the Committee will assure landlords that the rent will be paid," he said. Most of the PWA's have some income and could pay rent, according to Stewart, but need a situation where rent is not as high as they are currently paying.

Landlords willing rent space to the Committee should contact Tom Stewart at 272-7827.

Safe Sex Kits Available

The Aid to End AIDS Committee has produced over 1000 "safe-sex kits" for distribution in the Gay community. The kits include a brochure outlining safe, possibly safe, and unsafe sexual activities; a condom; and a sample of water based lubricant (Astroglide). The kits are contained in brightly colored envelopes which say simply, "Respect Yourself - Protect Yourself."

Kits have been distributed by the ATEAC buddies in area bars, social functions, and meetings. For more information, contact ATEAC at PO Box 40389, Memphis, TN 38174-0389.

Safer Sex Forum To Be Held in Nashville.

Paul Kawata, Executive Director of the National AIDS Network (NAN), will be in Nashville October 18 presenting a forum on safer sex. Billed as an "explicit workshop," complete with demonstrations (on videotape), the forum will cover sexual risk reduction techniques. A total of 50 people can be accommodated for the forum. Reservations can be made for \$5 and can be purchased through Nashville CARES.

Kawata will also talk on direct services and education in a seminar slated for Sunday October 19. Advance reservations are required and the seminar will be limited to about 30 people.

For more information about these seminars, write Nashville CARES, P.O. Box 25107, Nashville, 37202.

Social Security ARC Disability Status Clarified

Washington, DC - Dorcas Hardy, Commissioner of Social Security, recently clarified the government's evolving policy on granting disability status to People with ARC (who are entitled by that designation to receive Social Security Disability Insurance payments). In a letter on the subject, Hardy stated that ARC-related disability is "assessed on a case-by-case basis" which "takes into account signs, symptoms, and laboratory findings. If the claim cannot be approved on medical findings alone, it is evaluated by also considering the individual's age, education, and past work experience... We believe that a broadly written definition of ARC is preferable for Social Security purposes and is most

favorable to applicants. Therefore, we have indicated in our evaluation guides the most commonly occurring signs and symptoms in cases of ARC, without requiring that applicants have any specific number of such signs and symptoms. To be awarded disability benefits, an applicant must have a ... medically determinable impairment or combinations of impairments which prevents him or her from performing substantial gainful activity." Hardy notes that it is easier to identify cases that fall within the ARC diagnosis than it is to evaluate the severity of those cases. "Many individuals with ARC are able to continue working; others [cannot in varying degrees due to] fatigue,

recurrent fevers, prolonged diarrhea and weight loss... We have particularly stressed the need for documentation describing limitations of function such as might be evident from a detailed description of the applicant's daily activities. The need to address all facets of ARC, including any psychological factors which might add to the severity of impairment, has also been emphasized. We believe that this emphasis on more specific development, particularly as it relates to the applicant's ability to function on a day-to-day basis, will assist in making sound disability determinations." -- *Aids Action Update*

Suramin Test Dropped -Side Effects Noted

Washington -- Tests of the anti-viral drug suramin have been dropped by the National Cancer Institute because of toxic side effects. Dr. Robert Gallo, credited with discovering the AIDS virus, said, "it was toxic, so we dropped it." Gallo also pointed out that no improvement was seen in the patients receiving the drug. He said he will continue testing of another drug, azidothymidine. Other drugs are being tested by other researchers around the world.

Vandy Schedules AIDS Conference

Vanderbilt University Divinity School and The Center for Clinical and Research Ethics of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine will jointly sponsor a conference on AIDS November 3. Organizers say the conference will be especially beneficial for clergy, other church professionals, concerned lay persons, counselors, health professionals and health-care divinity students. Among the topics of the day-long conference will be an overview of the AIDS virus, social and ethical responses to AIDS and related problems, and biblical and theological perspectives on sexual behavior and health.

Case studies will be presented on social policy and health care.

Registration for the conference is \$25 which includes lunch, refreshments, and a resource packet. 6 CEU's will be offered for clergy participants who request them and attend the entire conference. For a registration form, write Lloyd R. Lewis, Room 102, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN 37240. Deadline for registration is October 27, 1986.

New AIDS Lawbook

San Francisco - National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, has announced the publication of the *AIDS Practice Manual: A Legal and Educational Guide*. The manual offers instructions and sample forms for lawyers to use when dealing with the special legal problems faced by persons with AIDS or ARC. The publication is a joint project with the San Francisco Chapter of the Ant-Sexism Committee of the National Lawyers Guild. The manual includes chapters on such issues as wills, employment discrimination, and the military.

The manual can be purchased for \$10 (post-paid) by writing NGRA, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. It is designed for a three-ring binder, and additional chapters and updates will be published in the future. NGRA is a non-profit public interest law firm

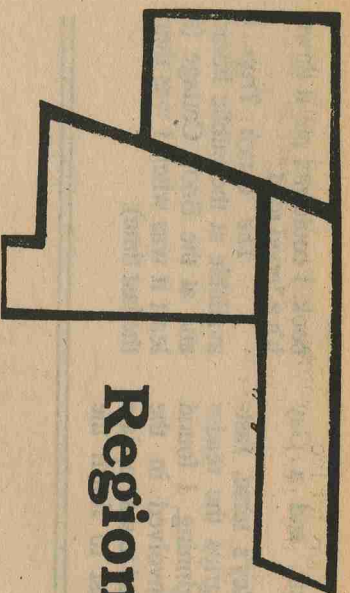
and has a fully-staffed AIDS Civil Rights project.

NIH Reviews HTLV-III Policy

The AIDS Action Council reports that experts met recently at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to assess the effectiveness of blood tests now in use that measure antibodies to HTLV-III. In two days of meetings, they determined that the currently available ELISA and Western Blot tests do not employ sensitive enough threshold levels to detect all positive samples accurately. Different tests employ different levels, but none was found to detect consistently a minute presence of antibody. Concern centered around those people who may develop antibodies slowly and therefore be missed by the test.

The conference called for expanded research on better tests, particularly those which can identify the virus itself rather than the antibody.

Conference participants concede that a small number of false-positive units of blood will continue to slip through all of the testing procedures of the nation's blood supply. In addition, they recommend stepped up research on the psychosocial ramifications of a positive test result and new research on sensitive and effective methods of counseling. The conferees unanimously agree that "responsible behavior" was the primary means of preventing transmission and protecting the public's health. That behavior would not be encouraged, they said, by punitive or threatening measures against at-risk individuals.



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BWMT Wins Action Award

BWMT/Memphis has received an Action Award from the National Association of Black and White Men Together. The award was presented during the sixth annual convention of the national association held in early July in New York.

According to the BWMT newsletter, BWMT was recognized for its efforts to educate the Black community about the spread of AIDS. Fighting the stereotypical image that AIDS is a "Gay white disease," the organization has produced and published a pamphlet that destroys the myth. BWMT/Memphis

was the first chapter to publish a brochure that seeks to inform Gay Black men of the risk of AIDS. Statistics show that Black men are at greater risk of contracting AIDS than white men.

Among the other actions recognized:

* Co-sponsoring Gil Gerald, Director of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, as keynote speaker of the Statewide Meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men.

* Distributing "Respect Yourself," a rap record that relates the threat of AIDS to young people, to discos and radio stations.

Ark. Chapter of NGLTF Formed

Little Rock -- On June 21, during Gay Pride Week, an Arkansas chapter of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was formed. The first meeting was organized around a picnic in Little Rock's Allsop Park. About 35 people from around the state attended.

Morgan Hubbach was elected Chairperson. In accordance with the bylaws and spirit of the organization, a woman was elected Vice-Chairperson. To assure statewide representation, the bylaws also state that five of AGLTF's seven board members be from outside of Pulaski County.

According to its bylaws, "The purpose of the Arkansas Gay and Lesbian

Task Force (AGLTF) shall be to represent member individuals and organizations as a unified voice for the Gay and Lesbian community, and strive to protect the Gay and Lesbian community from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

Currently, most members are male residents from Pulaski County. However, organizers hope that as news of AGLTF spreads, more Gay men and women from other parts of the state will become involved.

Those wishing to join and/or support this new effort are urged to contact AGLTF for information concerning current projects and meetings. Write AGLTF, P.O. Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214

Switchboard Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Whenever you have problems, it's always good to know you can find a friendly ear only a phone call away.

For the past 10 years, volunteers have staffed the phone lines at 726-4299 (GAY) providing an information, referral, and counseling service to the Tennessee Gay community. Recently the Switchboard has also been operating as the AIDS Switchboard, answering general information calls about the disease.

Calls vary from inquiries about local Gay bars to the serious calls from Gays in crisis. For ten years, the Gay Switchboard has been there.

The history of the Switchboard is somewhat obscure, but telephone company records show that it was first installed June 10, 1976. At that time it was sponsored by the Sexuality

and Lesbianism Task Force of the National Organization for Women and operated successfully until funding cuts forced the organization to suspend sponsorship.

The Switchboard was then picked up by a handful of individuals who believed in the project with funding coming from the volunteers themselves. In October 1979, the Switchboard was brought under the umbrella of the Memphis Gay Coalition (then known as the Tennessee Coalition for Human Rights). The coalition has sponsored the Switchboard ever since and continues to do so today.

In the early days, the Switchboard hopped from location to location, usually operated out of individuals' homes. With the advent of "call forwarding," the Switchboard became more convenient for its volunteers.

Knoxville's 10%

Knoxville -- Knoxville's 10% (KTP) has announced the establishment of a memorial fund in memory of Harold Glass, a member of KTP who died in August. The funds are earmarked for KTP's Project Dorothy. Contributions are welcomed. Send them to KTP, PO Box 1046, Knoxville, TN 37901.

KTP's Annual Norris Dam-It Picnic will be held on October 5 as an official event of Tennessee Homecoming '86. Contact KTP's Alan K. for details.

The Unheard Voices, Knoxville's Gay men's and women's choir, began meeting on Thursdays in September at 7 pm. The choir still meets at Our Place Restaurant at 4th and Gill.

allowing them to serve while at home.

Today, after ten years, the Switchboard continues to be operated seven nights a week from 7:30-11:30 pm. Volunteers are adamant that the Switchboard is not a dating service, although requests for that type of service still come in. The establishment of national "phone-sex hotlines" has created confusion in the minds of some callers.

According to Switchboard coordinator Cecil McLeod, 2/3 of all calls are for information about area Gay bars, although the number of AIDS-related calls has increased dramatically. The Switchboard answers about 3-4000 calls annually. The Gay Switchboard is the only service of its kind in Tennessee.

For information about Switchboard volunteer qualifications and training, call 726-4299. McLeod notes that not all volunteers will be accepted since there are specific guidelines required to protect the integrity of the service.



Behind the

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Sometimes talking can help. A group of Gay men and women have formed an informal rap/support group to expand our knowledge of ourselves.

Topic For October 20

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Joyce and Kellie Do Nashville

by Kellie China and Joyce Russell

Hello again from Music City. September has really been busy and October promises more of the same. The 50-hour AIDS Prayer Vigil the first weekend of September focused lots of attention locally on all the problems surrounding PWAs, PWARCs, and Nashville CARES. Seems like for a week Janet, Associate Pastor of MCC/Executive Director of Nashville CARES, and Preacher Paul, Pastor of MCC Nashville, were all over the news media. The vigil was also celebrated throughout the nation in various cities. Many thanks go to those who participated in it, supported it, and helped organize it.

The second weekend of September brought about the 2-day Nashville CARES volunteer training session. Congrats go out to all those who completed the training.

September 20th saw "Miss Melanie's Twelve Oaks" Mortgage Meal Party. "Gone With the Wind" is still a very long movie, but some of the

costumes that people came up with were priceless! (We loved those who came as movie-goers! How original!)

The last weekend of September saw a visit by MCC's District Coordinator, Mary Moore. We're glad to see that she's feeling better. There was also a benefit show at Victor/Victoria's for Nashville CARES sponsored by the Imperial Court of Tennessee.

Joyce and I had an interesting visit from Carol Beverage and George Anne Greene from Roswell, New Mexico, during August. They were motorcycling their way across country to the "Michigan Womyn's Music Festival." They regaled us with stories and funny anecdotes of All Those Womyn (6,000 plus!). What a way to go! Whew!

October 13th at the Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville CARES will sponsor an AIDS educational forum titled "AIDS and Our Community." Everyone is encouraged to attend if possible. For more info, call the Nashville CARES office at 321-0118.

MCC will hold a picnic at Percy Priest Lake on October 15th immediately following the morning services. Everyone's invited - so y'all come!

With the summer rain drought also came a financial drought for both Nashville CARES and MCC. Several benefits are planned locally throughout the community at various bars. Please show your support for these 2 fine organizations and attend the shows. Please dig deep as the talent is volunteered. (Be sure to catch the one at the Jungle on October 15th, 7:00 pm. Two of your favorite ex-Memphians will be making an appearance! I won't tell you who - it might spoil the surprise!)

Don't forget the "M*A*S*H" mortgage meal October 18th at MCC. Come dressed as your favorite character, (I wonder how many Klingers will show up!?) Joyce and I will be there.

Bits & Pieces

by Landy and B.F.F. edited by John Stilwell

Fall has arrived and the Nashville Gay community is still on the move. There have been many activities to enjoy. These "happenings" also gave people an excuse to get out and enjoy the cool weather.

Ric Kinsman, gifted artist and designer, recently had an art show at Laurel's Second Avenue Row Bar. Friends and art lovers enjoyed the show and had an opportunity to meet the talented artist. His works are for sale and I'm sure one of his pieces will increase the value of any art collection.

Also watch for fliers for the date and time of the next meeting of the Imperial Court of Tennessee. This is a new club forming to help draw the Gay community together. Perhaps they will be able to bridge the divisions and splits that have been created for whatever reason. After all, we're all brothers and sisters, and we need to work together.

If you'd like more information, call Hank Dubbs at 386-9370. All are invited to join.

The Copa Cabana has opened as an after hours bar at 1715 Church Street (The old Cowgirl). The Copa opens at 11 pm and the show starts at 3 am. Set-ups are available but it's BYOB. There's a pool table and video machines in the back game room, a stage, dance floor, tables and chairs along with the bar and a good juke box up front. While Joyce and I are not "after hours" people, those that we've talked to say the Copa is a nice place

Well, Warehouse 28 is "changing" again and Steve Smith promises a new look so everyone can enjoy the award-winning music and the eye-catching light show. Ric Kinsman, in house designer, has worked hard on the plans and new colors.

Their Thursday shows are indeed the "T" of Nashville. Sable Starr and CoCo Vega from Memphis have recently appeared before packed houses. Gifted out of town talent are encouraged to investigate bookings in order to keep the show fresh and

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for after hours partying. It goes without saying, that anyone partying after hours should use sound judgement and extreme caution. There are a lot of nuts out there.

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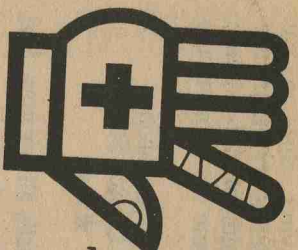
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Health/AIDS

Too Many Vitamins Can Be As Bad As Too Few

by Harvey Thompson, MD

I have only asked a drug salesman to leave my office once. He started out his pitch with, "Of course you know that stress can rob your body of vitamins."

The robbery I think was more monetary by the drug company out to make some bucks with their "stress formula."

Vitamins are an emotional issue for many people. Megavitamin therapy sometimes takes on the characteristics of a religion. People state that they believe this or that about nutrition.

Then nutrition is no longer a science. Usually a pitch is made for "freedom of choice," or "you can't trust the establishment, trust me."

The current AIDS epidemic has left many people disenfranchised and angry with medicine. There is no effective treatment. This leaves fertile ground for alternative-type therapies, such as mega-vitamins.

But, megavitamins can be harmful. The one-a-day multivitamin doesn't cause problems, but when the doses are ten times the recommended dietary allowances, problems can occur.

The symptoms can be vague and the patient may not even mention his vitamin usage since he doesn't consider them "medicines," or is afraid of a negative reaction. But there can be toxicity, especially from fat soluble vitamins which are not excreted efficiently. Water soluble vitamins are cleared more rapidly through the urine.

Vitamin D can be a big offender. In fact, the FDA banned sales of some over-the-counter preparations that were excessive in amounts. They made them available by prescription only.

Vitamin D is probably more a hormone than a vitamin. The body synthesizes it in adequate amounts usually, and it is not a nutritional requirement.

Vitamin D is closely tied to calcium metabolism, and excess amounts can then cause metastatic calcifications, impaired renal function, weakness, nausea and vomiting, and diarrhea.

Toxicity can occur in just a few days of megadosing vitamin D. Acute symptoms are abdominal pain, nausea, and diarrhea.

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If ingestion of Vitamin D is over months, then the symptoms of toxicity tend to persist for as long as it takes to get the vitamin D out of the fat where it is stored.

Vitamin A toxicity can be acute or chronic. Children are especially susceptible to the acute manifestations which can be a headache from increased intracranial pressure. The chronic changes of too much vitamin A are skin abnormalities.

Eskimoes are familiar with vitamin A toxicity. Eating polar bear liver brings on the above symptoms.

Among the water soluble vitamins, niacin is at the top of the list for toxicity. A couple of years ago, I recall a patient who had earlier that day been sold some niacin, and wondered if the flushing, hot sensations and itching could be related. This is a relatively harmful reaction, but she was describing acute niacin toxicity. More serious can be accompanying cardiac arrhythmia.

Vitamin B-6 or pyridoxine may be recognized by readers whose friends have AIDS and are on a folate antagonist such as INH or sulfa.

But, taken as part of a megavitamin therapy in large amounts, B-6 can cause neurotoxicity. This is manifested as an unstable gait, numbness, and lower extremity neurotoxicity.

Lastly, vitamin C is a great hero in history for alleviating scurvy with the citrus fruits supplied to the British sailors, or "limeys."

But you can overdo too much of a good thing even here. Vitamin C is an acid and can cause urinary pH changes that can precipitate kidney stones.

Also, large amounts can cause diarrhea and abdominal cramps. And, if the person who depends on prolonged high vitamin C doses suddenly stops them, there can be "rebound scurvy."

Reported cases of vitamin toxicity are uncommon, but they are particularly sad because most people who get into trouble have poisoned themselves in their pursuit of health.

Beware of recommendations that suggest vitamins as cure-alls.

Overdosing on Vitamins

Especially when they are pushed as nutrition insurance, stress tablets, and sports vitamins. At least don't take more than the RDA amounts. Actually, megavitamin therapy is a contradiction of

terms. Megadoses are, by definition, amounts larger than those capable of serving any vitamin function. You can only use so much of a vitamin. Beyond that they function only as chemicals; therefore mega-

New Hepatitis B Vaccine Approved

Washington -- Commercial production of the first genetically engineered vaccine for humans was approved in August by the FDA, opening what federal officials call a "new era in vaccine production."

The new vaccine is designed to protect against the Hepatitis B virus, a leading cause of liver disease. Hepatitis B affects primarily health care professionals and Gay men.

A conventional vaccine derived from human blood (Heplavax) has been available since 1982, but the genetically engineered version will increase the supply and could ease widespread fears that the vaccine could be contaminated by the AIDS virus. The conventional vaccine is derived from the blood of people who have had Hepatitis B and who have recovered. Much of the blood donated has been from the Gay community and concerns arose that the blood may have been contaminated. The manufacturer, however, says the process used to make the old vaccine would kill any AIDS virus present.

Addicted to Sex

One of the problems in dealing with the AIDS crisis is the sexual addict. Patrick Carnes, author of *Our of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction*, says that perhaps 3-6% of the population is literally addicted to sex.

Sexual addicts, like compulsive gamblers, alcoholics, and drug abusers, end up making choices that are self destructive, according to Carnes in a *USA Today* interview. "Carnes speculates that because of 'the oppression and alienation that the homosexual population has been under -- sexual addiction might be, in fact, higher."

Carnes says that people criticize the notion of sexual addiction not really understanding that the sexual addict does not have a real choice. "I think the hard part for most people to understand is that most of us have had the experience of abusing our sexuality, or doing things we would never do again, or choosing to do something and

have that be difficult. So people say 'Well for me, it was a matter of moral choice.' For the sexual addicts, it's not."

According to Carnes, addictions are grouped in families: Arousal addictions, like gambling, amphetamines, or sexual addiction, or high-risk experiences, like compulsive Satiation addictions, like alcohol, or overeating, like compulsive or depressant drugs. Fantasy addictions, like psychedelics and marijuana. Carnes also indicates that an addictive personality may result where one addiction may feed another.

In early recovery treatment, the sexual addict signs a "ceibacontract" and agrees to give up sex for a time. This allows him or her to "learn what life without sex is, to clear out unmanageability. It also gives them a chance to start their sexuality over. Treatment involves reclaiming your sexuality, getting it back," he said.

Testing for TB

A study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* says that people at high risk for getting AIDS should be tested for tuberculosis. *JAMA* says that tuberculosis can appear up to five years before signs of the AIDS virus.

Preliminary findings released by the CDC indicate that as many as 10% of AIDS victims may have TB which is rising in the U.S. for the first time in 32 years.

"It is firmly established that a form of TB does strike AIDS patients," said Dixie Snider, Jr., head of CDC's TB control division.

TB is mildly contagious. But experts say those exposed to an AIDS victim with TB aren't at higher risk.

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There will be a "Get Acquainted" wine and cheese party on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 3-6 pm. So bring your favorite bottle of wine and join us. The cheese and crackers will be provided. The group welcomes couples as well as singles.

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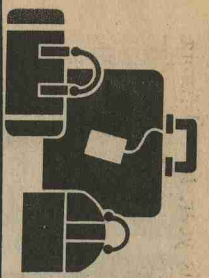
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Doing America With Bob Damron

by Bob Damron

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! And begin they did under cloudy San Francisco skies on Sunday August 9, 1986. The weather seemed to be the only damper on the day for the emotions and spirits of everyone were running high. As the athletes paraded into Kezar stadium bearing their colors, the crowds stood and cheered for what must have been at least thirty minutes. The feeling that was eminent was one of unity, love and togetherness, combined to give anyone a deep sense of respect for these participants.

The opening festivities were pleasant but it was the athletes themselves who really put on the show. There were a total of 3,482 athletes from 37 states and 16 foreign countries competing in 17 sporting events, some of which were the triathlon, volleyball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and physique. Unfortunately due to the geographical layout of the individual competitions, one would almost need to be an Olympic athlete to have made them all.

By far the most pop-

ular event was the physique contest which must have brought in an audience of at least 4,000. And for good reason too. Never before have I seen such a stunning array of bodies (at least in one room).

Not only the men but the women as well had bodies that could rival some of the best Greek gods and goddesses. The judging for this event must have been difficult. At several points during the evening, the judges were booed for their choices. Whatever their criterion was, I do not know; but I made the suggestion that awards be given for narcissism. At least that way, everyone could win. There were a total of eleven gold medals given with Los Angeles winning the women's heavyweight and Sacramento taking the gold for the team physique.

Swimming and diving was another popular event, but it did not draw the crowds I had expected and definitely not the ones that these swimmers deserved. Marc McClelland, a contestant in the 100 back stroke, said "I guess a lot of people just didn't want to drive across the Bay for one

event." The swimming and diving competition was held at Laney college in Oakland. The individual heats went fast and furious, and the energy pouring out from these athletes was something to behold. Overall 300 gold medals were awarded in swimming and diving with California taking

home most of the gold. Of the team sports, volleyball was one of my favorites. Miami was the major victor in the finals against Seattle. Up through the tournament, Seattle had put up a damn good fight and was really the master on spiking; but in the end, Miami just couldn't be

stopped and proceeded to bring home the gold. It must be that Dolphin sense of pride that carried them to victory. Another of the great team sports is soccer. Although not one of the more popular in the U.S., it has an international following that

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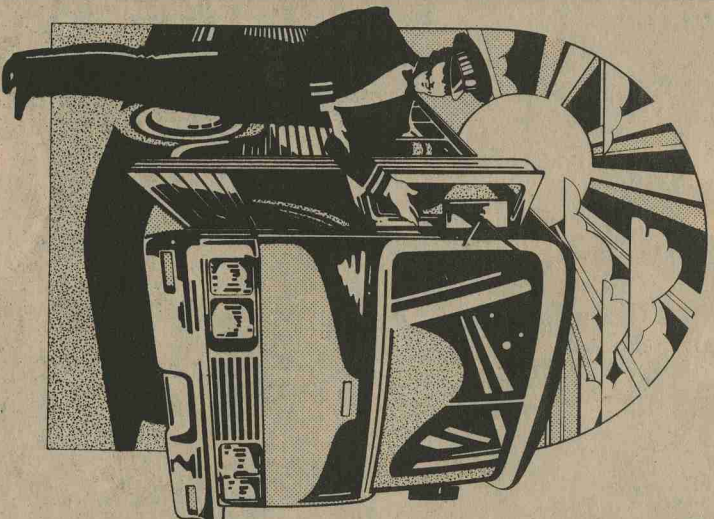
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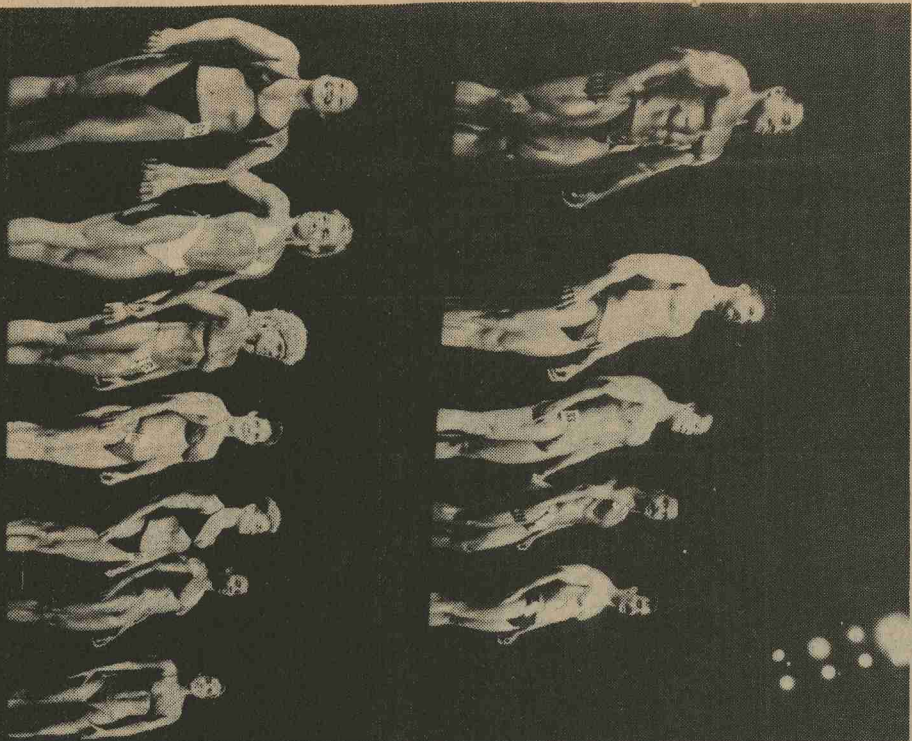
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Then They Came For The Gays

by Mary Fridley

"In Germany, they first came for the communists; I did not speak because I was not a communist. Then they came for the Jews; I did not speak because I was not a Jew. Then they came to fetch the workers, members of trade unions; I did not speak because I was not a trade unionist. Afterwards they came for the Catholics; I did not say anything because I was a Protestant. Eventually they came for me, and there was no one left to speak..." Pastor Martin Niemoller

It has now been several weeks since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Georgia sodomy law, declaring that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee the right of privacy to homosexuals. I have attended many rallies in response to the decision and read numerous articles in the Gay and straight media about it; almost without exception, the Court's decision has been characterized as an attack exclusively on the Lesbian and Gay community. But to rest at this level of analysis is ultimately a defensive response which leaves the Lesbian and Gay community vulnerable to further assault, for it fails to locate this attack as only one in a series of organized efforts by conservative and neoconservative forces in this country to dismantle democracy itself.

I have been an organizer in various communities -- Black, Latino, and white; Gay and straight -- for over a decade, and I have seen the impact of the Democratic Party and liberal collaboration with the right wing on the elimination of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of poor and working Americans, Gay and straight, from the electoral process. In 1984, only 24% of the eligible electorate voted, more and more Americans recognizing that there are few programmatic differences between the Democrats and Republicans -- who are falling over each other to represent Big Business interests.

If you want to run a campaign that is independent of the two parties and their policies in any way, legal restrictions and financial obligations make it virtually impossible for anyone but the most sophisticated and well-funded candidates to run. Thus more and more people have no access to democracy at all, for the powers that govern this country recognize that a disenfranchised population is a powerless entity which can't

fight back when its communities are deprived of much needed services and its lives destroyed.

Let's look at the actual history of democracy in America. We all learned that America is a society of inclusion. America, the land of plenty, could feed, clothe, and provide basic democratic rights to people from all over the world. And to be sure when capitalism was at its peak, America did indeed provide for the basic needs of much of its population (though millions of people, mostly Blacks and other people of color, could never be integrated into American economic life).

However, what we've never been told in our history books is that every right, every benefit, every reform ever granted in this country

was a result of organized life and death struggle carried out by poor, working and progressive people. This country has never given anything away for free -- democratic rights exist because the workers of America demanded and fought for them, and capitalists -- recognizing that profits would suffer if these basic rights and reforms weren't granted -- made concessions when they could still afford to so do.

In 1986, however, the United States is in the midst of profound economic crisis and social destabilization, and the most progressive forces have been silenced. Democracy is increasingly viewed as a luxury to be enjoyed by a relative handful of people (those who can pay for it); the Tripartite Commission report of 19--

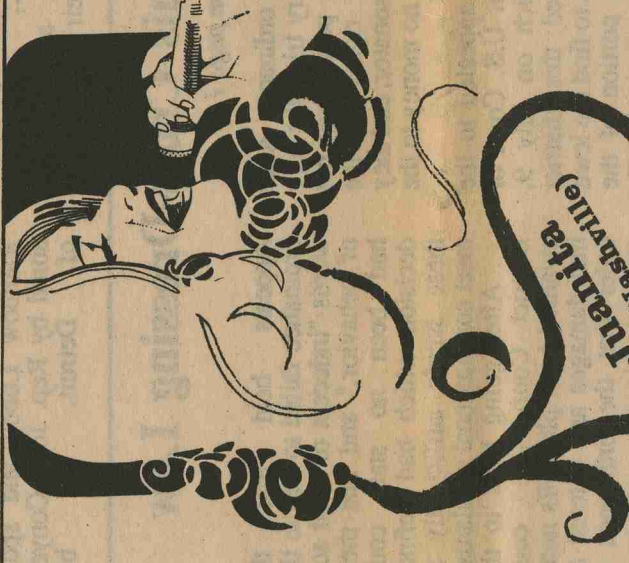
stated that this country suffers from an "excess of democracy."

The Democrats sit back and let the right wing do the dirty work, barely lifting their voices as the conservatives bombard the political system with repressive legislation designed to deprive large numbers of Americans -- especially Gays and people of color -- of their basic rights. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings "budget-balancing law" which has devastated social services, health and mental health services, including any significant funding for AIDS education or research, was passed with bipartisan support. The Right has succeeded in attaching an amendment to the Civil Rights Restoration Act which would make it illegal for any institution receiving federal funding to hire women who have had abortions, thereby preventing the passage of the

CRRRA this year. In California, the right wing Lyndon LaRouche organization gathered over 700,000 signatures to place an AIDS quarantine referendum on the ballot in November -- an escalation of the attack on the Lesbian and Gay community that goes to the heart of democracy itself.

It is not a coincidence that a primary target of the Right has been the Lesbian and Gay community, for reactionaries understand better than many that there has been no question of special oppression more central to the American conception of democracy than the Gay question. After all, America has long been touted as the "best place to be Gay" because we have the "right" to do whatever we want "in the privacy of our own homes"

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(unless we flaunt our choice). In other words, the socially acceptable definition of homosexuality in America has always rested on the right of the individual to ownership of private property: in this case, the right to own one's self and one's sexuality. However, the Supreme Court decision makes clear that Gay people (as Gay people) do not have the right to this kind of ownership, thus seriously undermining (if not eliminating) the historical argument that homosexuality is fundamentally an issue of individual rights. And while we remain committed, as individuals and as a movement, to this increasingly conservative understanding of what Gayness is, we are vulnerable to these attacks and virtually powerless to do anything about them. If, however, we practice Gayness as a radical

social protest against the fundamental oppressiveness and repressiveness of American social and sexual life, our responsibility is to build a radical fightback movement - the kind of movement the New Alliance Party is part of, and the kind of movement I have dedicated my life to building.

As National Chairperson of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the New Alliance Party, I am often asked why I'm doing what I'm doing. Why build something that is radical -- isn't that dangerous in a period of such serious reaction? To be honest, I think not building a grassroots empowerment movement is a dangerous thing to be doing. After all, the only meaningful rights are those we can defend. And we are not afraid to fight because, first and foremost, we are builders -

- we have been out in the communities building mental health centers, health clinics, cultural and educational centers, a pro-Gay national newsweekly, *The National Alliance*, which have as their primary goal the full human development of all people, Gay and straight.

NAP doesn't play by the rules because if you're working for the people, you don't let anything stand in your way. You don't back off controversial issues, like our unconditional pro-Gay stance, our support for women as leaders, our commitment to organizing progressive relationships between Blacks and Gays, and our support for liberation struggles from Central America to South Africa. I'm proud of building a party that not only supports Gay rights, but has thousands of Lesbians and Gay men as members -- the most progressive and liberal-minded of their communities.

We have been working with organizations across the country to fight against various anti-Gay initiatives, including the LaRouche referendum in California. We brought the New York City Gay Rights Bill into the Black and Latino communities, forcing the Councilmanic support needed for it to pass.

And when the City Council gutted the bill 45 days later with amendments designed to appease the Right, we were out on the streets collecting signatures for Recall '86, which would give voters the right to remove from office elected officials who betray the public trust. NAP is among the leading supporters of H.R. 2320, legislation which will remedy federal election laws that currently make it almost impossible for independent and insurgent candidates to run for federal office. Drafted by the Rainbow Lobby and sponsored by Rep. John Conyers of Detroit, the bill

has received the endorsement of hundreds of organizations and individuals, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

I'm doing what I'm doing because it's clear that if there are to be basic civil and democratic rights for all the people in this country, we are going to have to build the organizational means to win them. We have to build a political movement that is committed, in practice, to a grassroots people's democracy -- not just democratic in rhetoric, not just a tokenistic appeal to throw-away constituencies, but democracy in action: that is the only real democracy -- the inclusion of poor, working, and progressive people, Gay and straight, in every aspect of emotional, social, and political life. I invite you to join us. (Include Address of Party??)

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ivals none. When the Gay Games III are held in Vancouver in 1990, I am sure that this will be one of the favorites. In soccer for men, the medals were awarded to San Francisco, New York and Phoenix for the gold, silver, and bronze respectively. For women's soccer, San Francisco again brought in the gold with Vancouver taking silver and Berkeley the bronze.

The marathon, which always seems to be the final event of every Olympiad, was also the last event of the Gay Games. I can certainly understand why this is the last event: with 26 miles, 385 yards, to be run, if any of these athletes were to begin with this event, they wouldn't have enough energy to compete in anything else.

Several days before the marathon was the triathlon. This is one of the more high endurance events that involve bicycling, swimming and running, and all by the same person! For women, New Mexico brought home the gold; and for the men the Aussies came in first. Perhaps we should become more accustomed to saying *g'day*.

All in all, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco and Miami were some of the bigger winners. Of course with Glen Swann, Mr. Safe Sex, going to bat for Miami, what could we expect but big winners!

For those of you unfamiliar with the history of 14-Gaze-October, 1986

the Gay Games, it was the conception of Dr. Tom Waddell, who with his drive and courage formed the San Francisco Arts & Athletics in 1981. Today the organization is run almost totally by volunteers, whom I'm sure will work their bugs out by the 1990 Games. But the effort of these people was nothing short of patriotic. The closing ceremonies numbered near 9,000, but for all the events as a whole, it is my feeling that the Gay community should have made a better showing, especially at a time when it is a necessity to bring ourselves together. If these athletes could do it, then sure as hell we should be willing to travel to stand right behind them.

The final ceremonies were spiritually moving. More so than the opening if that was possible. Seeing the athletes, winners and losers alike, taking their places proud to be just what they are. The entire week was closed by the singing of Jennifer Holliday, who first became famous for her starring role in *Dreamgirls*. A lot can be said for a performer who makes up for a coming in late by leaving early. But she did belt out the tunes, even if her heart was still in Houston. I know one thing for sure about this girl and that is since she left Broadway, she's been winning gold medals for the pie eating contest!

St. Louis Cross-Dressing Law

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portion of the ordinance. After a four-day jury trial, the jury held that the police had not violated the rights of the female impersonator, and they also awarded no money to the transsexual.

Plaintiffs appealed to the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which on July 9, 1986, reversed this district court's failure to find the lewd and indecent portion of the ordinance unconstitutional and its failure to award both plaintiffs at least nominal damages. The Court of

Appeals held that the ordinance failed to define the words "indecent or lewd acts of behavior," and that there had been no state court decision which had defined these words sufficiently to meet constitutional standards.

After going back to the District Court, the court awarded both plaintiffs nominal damages and entered an order that the ordinance is unconstitutional, vague as to the indecent and lewd portion of the ordinance. Presently, there is a pending motion for a

permanent injunction because the City is continuing to prosecute persons charged under this portion of the law, even though the law has been declared unconstitutional.

The decision striking down the statute was praised by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, in an editorial headlined "A Good Ruling Against A Bad Law." The editorial said it hoped the court's ruling that the statute was unconstitutional would "temporarily judgement of lawmakers who may replace it."

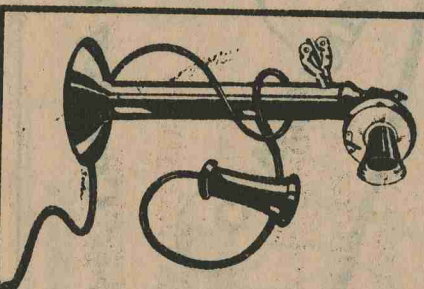
Children

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Fear of rejection is still a reality for most of us. Are we going to stand by and let our children flounder into self-awareness as we did? How many more Gay adolescents

and young adults will choose suicide over isolation? If sports, classes, bridge tournaments, and wholesome social functions won't motivate you to support us having our own community center, think about your children. Other minorities

have always had their families to reinforce their sense of self. This is our opportunity to do the same. Its mere existence will be a beacon of hope and cannot fail to improve the quality of life.



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As *Is*, William Hoffman's award-winning play about two New York men forced to confront the AIDS epidemic when it touches their own lives, gets its first mid-south production in a five-weekend run at Circuit Playhouse, 1705 Poplar, September 25-October 26.

After the Thursday night opening, other performances will follow on Friday-Saturday-Sunday evenings at 8 pm with a closing matinee Sunday afternoon, October 26, at 2 pm. The opening night performance on September 25 and the two following performances, Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, were sponsored by the Memphis Aid to End AIDS Committee. The \$15 opening night ticket price included a champagne reception with the cast following the performance. Tickets for the Friday-Saturday benefit nights were priced at \$10.

First performed at New York's off-Broadway Repertory Company in early 1985, the play received such rave reviews that it moved to a regular Broadway theatre. It won the Drama Desk Award

for the year's best play, an Obie Award for distinguished playwrighting, and received three Tony Award nominations including Best Play. It was subsequently filmed in a television version for Showtime, and a production will open in Los Angeles later this year with Treat Williams and Richard Thomas.

The play focuses on a pair of longtime lovers who are in the process of ending their relationship (a third guy is involved in the split-up) when the man moving out discovers he has AIDS. As friends, family, and business associates desert him, it is the former lover who stays to see him through the ordeal.

Reviews for the show have applauded its ability to express a depth of love and compassion that is shattering, while bringing humor and genuinely funny situations out of the overall tragic circumstances depicted. Several critics have been surprised by the "first rate comedy" contained in a play that is, at the same time, so "deeply affecting." The play has also been praised for its ability to cross barriers and

prove meaningful to audiences both Gay and straight.

Featured in the cast are several well-known and respected Memphis stage names. Tony Isbell, who has twice been nominated for the *Memphis Magazine/Memphis Arts Council Best Actor Award* (for *True West* at Theatre Memphis and *The Dresser* at Circuit), plays Rich, the young writer diagnosed with AIDS. Scott Maitland, who was seen last at Circuit in *Cloud 9* and at Theatre Memphis as the older brother in Neil Simon's *Brigthon Beach Memoirs*, plays the former lover. Christina Wellford, who won last season's Best Actress Award from *Memphis Magazine/Memphis Arts Council* for the title role in *The Heiress* at Theatre Memphis, plays the hospice worker who learns as much about herself as she does about her patients while working with the AIDS victims.

Also in the company are Ann Marie Hall as an actress friend of the lovers, Ross Braswell as the "new guy" in the picture, Mark Pergolizzi as the straight



Scott Maitland (left) and Tony Isbell play the lovers whose lives are turned upside down by a diagnosis of AIDS in *As Is* at Circuit Playhouse, weekends through October 25.

brother who resents his sibling's Gayness, and Michael McDonald and Michael Richey in a variety of roles as acquaintances in the men's lives.

Director Jerry Chipman last staged Circuit's production of *Key Exchange* and earlier won a *Memphis Magazine/Memphis Arts Council Best Production Award* for *Agnes of God* at Circuit. The set design by Stephen Pair, who most recently designed Rhodes College's production of *Nicholas Nickleby*, is a unit space that depicts various

New York locales from bars to apartments to movie theatres to, finally, St. Vincent's Hospital. Lighting design is by Peter Bowman, with costume designs by Renee Weiss and Florence Johnson, and sound by Jerry Jensen.

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Religion

Acceptance

by Steven Quesnel

As I was doing my daily Bible reading the other day, I came across this passage: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) It is a thought, a sentiment, with which we all agree, intellectually. But as I look around Memphis and other areas, I see that we don't always accept it as a way of living, as a way of dealing with others.

During my years of active ministry within the Fellowship of MCC, I went through the upheaval wrought by an insistence upon the use, within the Church, of inclusive language. The language we use reflects the mind-set which we live -- and, so the argument goes, it is necessary to change the mind-set to make Paul's statement to the church at Galatia a reality. The idea was to make people aware of the types of wordage used and the implications in that usage. Many people did not, **do not**, see or understand that. They see only the attempt by some "dissatisfied women" and their supporters to force the women's will upon men. Others complied, but only within the confines of church. By the time the dust had cleared in 1979, it was apparent to many people that "inclusive language" applied not just to gender, but to race, age, "affectional preference," and to many other areas of life and living. True to behavioral theory, the attempt to make people aware of their language usage heightened their consciousness, but most of that remained in church confines. It is difficult to change centuries of habit, bias, and manner of relating.

tolerant in certain social and commercial settings, while holding on to their biases, judgements, and reservations elsewhere. This dichotomy can only lead to mental, emotional, and, at times, physical "other bashing." The diversity of the human race is the one way we have of perpetrating the repeated calls, by Paul and Jesus, to become one. The diversity must be preserved through seeing the ways we are all the same, while filling the picture with all the gannet of humanity.

We can, probably, accept the verbal and physical violence among people who are different from us. But we are called upon to treat them as we want to be treated (in both Old and New Testaments). The thing that alarms me is that we do that same sort of bashing within our community. There is still a strong undercurrent of distrust between women and men, between ethnic groups, between "this set" and "that set." This sort of divisiveness is exactly what keeps us from presenting ourselves as a community, a group of people bound by common beliefs and needs, by a common lack of standing, and a common lack of human rights. Just as Christians are exhorted over and over again by the Apostle to the Gentiles (Paul) to be one (1 Thessalonians 4:9,10; Ephesians 4:25; 1 Corinthians 3:11), to not accept the differences of this world, but to accept the reality of the sameness in God; we have a need today, to see the sameness, to be able to grant unconditional positive esteem and regard to all within our ken.

I use the term "unconditional positive esteem and regard," as awkward as it may appear, deliberately. To say that we do, or do not, "accept" someone or something, is to imply that we have the right not to accept that person or thing. We may, indeed, have that right, but we do not have the right to judge who is worthy of our "acceptance." One of the things given us by our Procreator, in the act of creation, is free will. We may choose, volitionally, not to "accept" someone, but we must bear the consequences

of that choice. These consequences may be: our own rejection by them and/or others; enmity of them or others; or, even worse, forgiveness by them.

At a time when our country appears to be moving backward, rather than forward, in granting God-given rights to all people, it is necessary for us to give them to each other. Jesus asks his followers to do not as the pagan and disbelievers do (in the Sermon on The Mount (Matthew 5: 43-48), the same injunctions are

given in Deuteronomy, Leviticus, and Tobit), but as those who truly love one another. We grant that love, as exemplified in John 15:12-17, to all. Unless we do that, we cannot be but fragmented groups with no future, no cohesiveness, no common purpose. We shall become prey for those that would delimit our lives, and continue to make of us second-class citizens. With the granting of that love and esteem, we can move forward to claim our status as children of God.

New Church for Memphis Gay Christians

"For the past year, Gay Christians in Memphis have had no where to worship freely; a place where they could be Gay and be loved for what they are. Now there is such a place." This according to John M. House, spokesman for a local Bible Study group.

"Our Bible Study group is open to anyone," says House. "Black, white, Gay, straight, male, or female, we welcome everyone. We are a non-denominational evangelical group dedicated to sharing the good news of Christ's love."

Since the demise of the local MCC almost a year ago, several Gay Christians in the area felt that Gays needed a place to worship. "The Bible Study is actually a precursor for a church. We knew that at present there aren't enough people to support an ongoing church and all its expenses, so we get together and have the simplest form of a worship

experience: prayer and study of the word." House also pointed out that in time the Bible Study will become a church.

The Bible Study is presently meeting in homes around the city every Sunday at 11 am. More information about the study can be obtained by calling 735-9408. If calling from outside the Memphis Area dial the 501 area code or you can call the Gay Switchboard.

About the Study, House commented, "So far we have studied 1 John. This was a tremendous study delving into all the aspects of God's love. Presently we are going through a module on developing a stronger more meaningful prayerlife. We have gotten so much out of these two studies; and I know that whatever we study next, it too will be meaningful."

House added that one doesn't have to wait for a new topic of study. "You can jump in



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Benefits Raise Money for Causes

From AIDS patient relief to a Gay community center to Jerry's Kids, everyone seems to pitch in when the Gay community launches a fund drive.

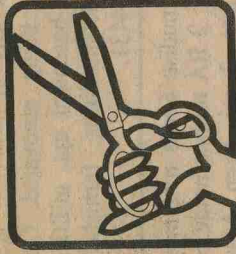
Gay Ho

The Pendulum has seen the most benefits in recent weeks. A group of 12 men staged the Country Music "Gay-Ho" on August 17 and really shone. Replete with reversible sets, bales of hay, and mood lighting, these 12 men came up with a really good show. John Denney, Dave Wiley, Matt Presley, et al did a superb job in organizing and choreographing the 3 hour show which took in about \$1300 in admissions, tips, and pledges. They're taking the show on the road in October to George's where they'll have a Thursday night show. Again, all proceeds go to the proposed Gay community center.

By the way Matt Presley's

rendition of "I Want To Be A Cowboy" is not to be missed.
Aphrodite's Camp
Show '86

Aphrodite's benefit at the Pendulum August 24 certainly wasn't shabby either. With proceeds going to support direct services for AIDS patients, the group staged their "Camp and Variety Show." Aside from the bucket of money they raised, one of the highlights of the show had to be their opening number, *Short People*, in which six members of Aphrodite posed as midgeets sitting atop bar stools. You had to be there to see the effect. And one hasn't lived until you've seen Charlie and B.J. in tutus dancing to the *Waltz of the Sugar Plum Fairies*. Just when you've seen it all...



Quick Clips

by Allen Cook

Newspapers are up all over the windows at 1351 Autumn. What's happening? Ask Danny Ray. Remember The Other Side? It too started small.

Barbara Pierce and Bill Goodman have split up... at least as co-owners of P.W. Bumps. Barbara now has The Rich and Famous next to the P&H on Madison while Bill still has bulldozers come through. Barbara's place looks great (especially with Eddie the bartender as part of the decor).

What sort of goings on were there at the Coach and Four during the Labor Day Weekend. We haven't seen so many leathermen in years. Wings celebrated their second anniversary with parties, parties, parties. What's this about a sling in room 423? You can bet they used every one of the safe sex kits given them by ATEAC.

for the existence of ATEAC. Please remind Miss Cook of that the next time she gets flip about TQM (In this column Miss Cook takes everyone to task - Ed). Phyllis has unkind words for Sharon Wray and her usefulness and generosity but if she thinks I'm going to repeat what she said and put myself in harms way, she's crazy. But drop your hat, I think she'll repeat it to anyone who cares to listen.

On the other hand, she commends Tommy Stewart for all the time he has devoted to ATEAC, saying that that time is more valuable than any money that he might have contributed. So much for Phyllis's words to the wise.

Vincent Astor reminds everyone who paid for a Hands Across America t-shirt and didn't get one to call him.

In a poll of major Gay bookstores, our own Carole Taylor's The Third Story ranked number four. Not bad for a first effort! Who beat her out? Jane Rule's Desert of the Heart, Regina Sands' Travels With Diana Hunter, and Lee Lynch's Home in Your Hands...

With this issue Gaze returns to a monthly publication. If you've noticed a new look, it's the result of a tiny computer and a very expensive laser printer. Hope you enjoy it.

Word is that PBS is doing a history of homosexuality series sometime in the next year. Let's hope that our local outlets carry it.

Emmy award-winning The Golden Girls will have a storyline this season featuring a visiting Lesbian. She's a friend of Dorothy (in more ways than one).

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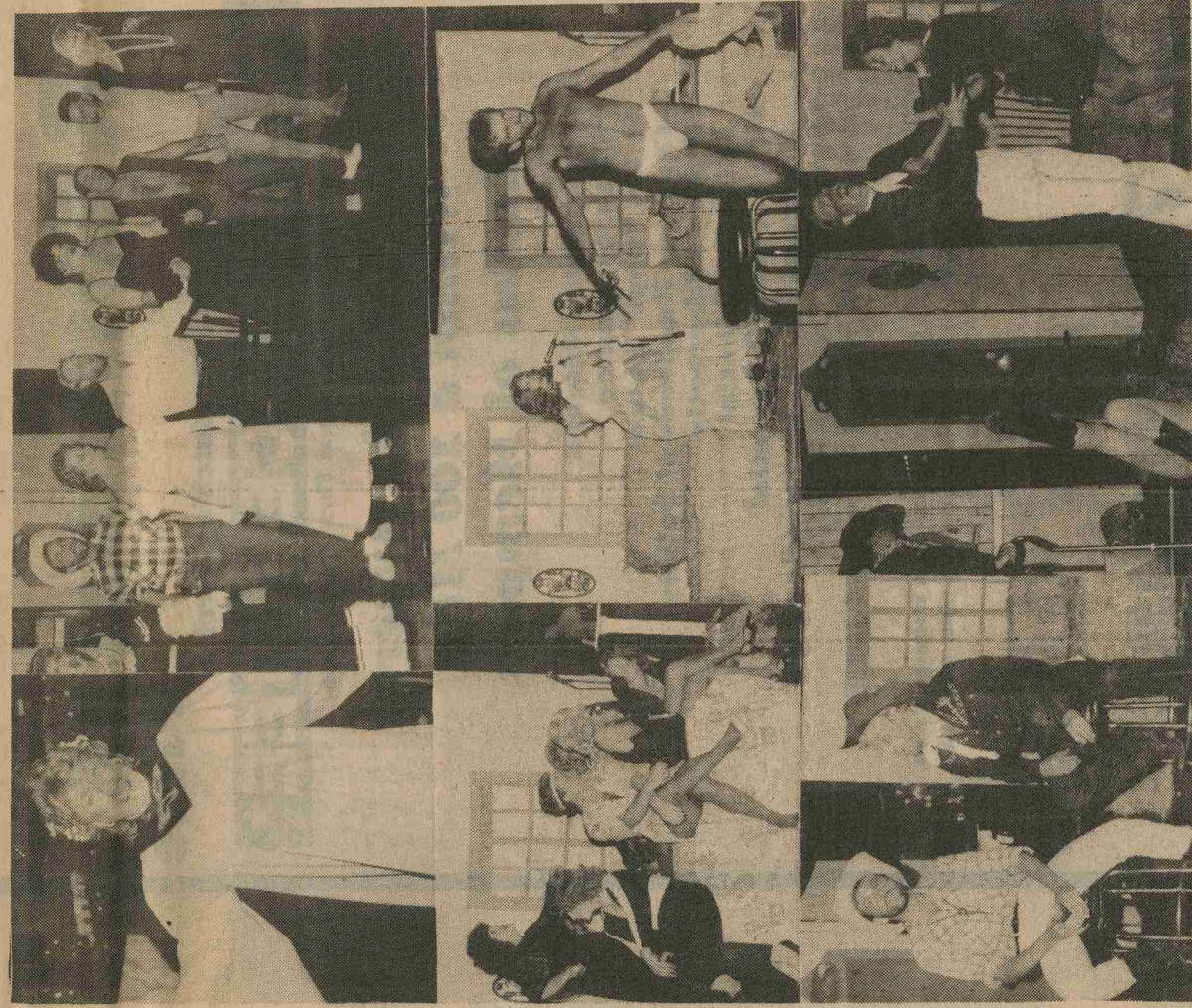
Be sure to catch the "campy" pageants for "camp" draggers. The newest queens on the road to becoming "Miss Gay Suburb" for 1987 are Elvira Thunderpussy, Miss Gay Hendersonville, and Constance Lea Cummings, Miss Gay Gallatin. These fun and totally "off" contests are hosted by Marc Webber, Lisa Talley, Naasty Eloise Shucker, and their special guests.

It was an evening of talent as the Nashville Numbers, Nashville's Gay softball team, presented "California Dreamin'" to benefit Nashville CARES. The show was hosted

Memphis Magazine's annual City Guide has the run down on almost all the night spots in Memphis including the Gay ones. Right in there with the best of them are George's, The Pendulum, J-Wag's, Jackies, Backstreet, and Another Bar. Just for the record, they should note that The Eighth Day, The French Connection, and P.W. Bumps are still to be reckoned with. The Inferno and The Rich and Famous were not yet opened when the City Guide was published.

Minnie Squirrel and featured the talents of Flawless Danny Ross (home from a tour of Europe), Wicked Wanda, and Kelly Green. Stephanie Wells, Miss Warehouse 28, also appeared along with the uniquely talented members of the softball team. Maybe Randy would like to show us more of his hairy chest - he's so good looking. "Miss Trish" did a fine job, too. Nashville CARES needs help now so please give to help others.

Well, that's it!! We're all gearing up for the Miss Warehouse 28 Pageant. Hello to everyone in Memphis and a special hello to the Memphis State Tigers!!



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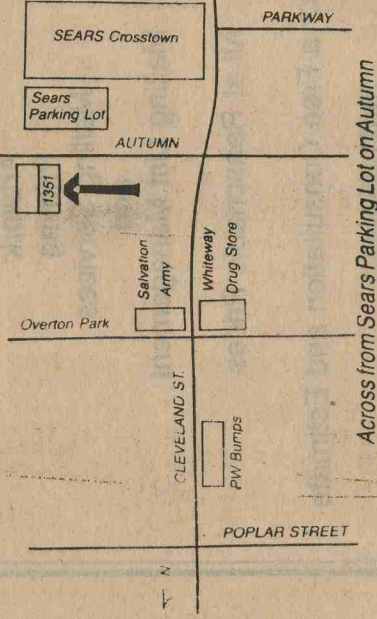
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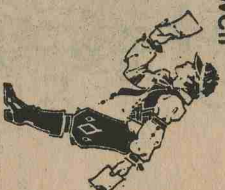
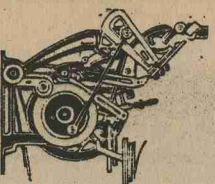
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 Men of Leather: 1266 Madison - 722-8963.
 Mid-Town Adult Theatre: 1360 Poplar - 725-4306.
 Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer - 323-2665.
 Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.
 Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.
 Veteran's Cab Co: 525-6681.

NASHVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): Box 120160, Nashville 37212.
 Conductors: Box 40261, Nashville 37212.
 Metropolitan Community Church: 131 15th Ave N, Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.
 Nashville CARES: Box 25107, Nashville 37202-5107 - (615) 321-0118.
 Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: Box 24181, Nashville 37202.
RESTAURANTS & BARS
 B. Palola's: 1812 Hayes - (615) 320-0713.
 Cabaret: 1711 Hayes - (615) 320-7082.
 The Chute: 2535 Franklin Rd - (615) 297-4571.

Copa Cabana: 1715 Church - (615) 321-5830.
 Crazy Cowboy: 2611 Franklin Rd - (615) 383-9493.
 Juanita's: 1700 4th Ave. S. - (615) 256-9681.
 The Jungle: 300 4th Ave. S. - (615) 256-9411.
 Ralph's Rutledge Tavern: 515 2nd Ave. S. - (615) 256-9682.
 Victor/Victoria's: 111 8th Ave. S. - (615) 244-7256.
 Warehouse 28: 2529 Franklin Rd. - (615) 385-9689.
 World's End: 1713 Church - (615) 329-3480.

MISCELLANEOUS

Contemporary Classics: 2104 Eastwood, (615) 292-1958.
 The General Store: 2535 Franklin (located in the Chute) - (615) 297-4571.

KNOXVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS
 Response Knoxville (aRK): Box 2343, Knoxville 37901 - (615) 521-6546 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM.
 Butternut Belles & Boys: Box 3585, Knoxville 37927 - (615) 524-1629 (evenings).
 Knoxville's 10%: Box 1046, Knoxville 37901.
 Metropolitan Community Church: 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 2343, Knoxville 37917 - (615) 521-6546.
 Mountain Womyn's Coalition: Box 18074, Knoxville 37928-2074.

HELPLINE

Gay Helpline: (615) 521-6546 (7-11 PM nightly).
RESTAURANTS & BARS
 Carousel II: 1501 White - (615) 522-6966.
 Peppertree (Badlands): 317 N. Gay - (615) 525-5647.
 The Point After: 712 19th - (615) 524-9155.

CHATTANOOGA

ORGANIZATIONS

Chattanooga Cares: Box 8402, Chattanooga, TN 37411.
RESTAURANTS & BARS
 Alan Gold's: 1100 McCallie - (615) 629-8080.
 Go-Go: 1077 Duncan - (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 E. Brainerd Rd. - (615) 899-9714
CLARKSVILLE
ORGANIZATIONS
 TGCHR (Clarksville Chapter): (615) 645-7118 for information.
RESTAURANTS & BARS

The Office: 130 Franklin St. - (615) 645-1157.
 Raspberries: 125 Legion St. - (615) 926-3562 or (615) 926-7704.

JOHNSON CITY

ORGANIZATIONS
 Double Anonymity Group: (615) 926-3562 or (615) 926-7704.
 East Tennessee Alternative Lifestyles (ETAL): Box 23063, Johnson City, TN 37614 - (615) 753-6237.
 Metropolitan Community Church of the Tri-Cities: Box 1612, Johnson City, TN 37601 - (615) 926-3562.
RESTAURANTS & BARS
 The Connection: 429 W. Walnut - (615) 928-9925.
SEWANEE, TN
 Boxwood Cottage: Bed and Breakfast "in our home" - (615) 598-5912 - Zip: 37375.

LITTLE ROCK, AR

ORGANIZATIONS
 ACLU of Arkansas: Box 2832, Little Rock, AR 72203.
 Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force: Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.
 Arkansas Gay Rights: Box 3115, Little Rock, AR 72203.
 Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock, AR 72205 - (501) 663-6455.
 Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, AR - (501) 378-7851.
 Great Men/BWMT: 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 & Friends of Gays: Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

MEDIA

Arkansas Advisor: Newspaper - Universal Publisher, Box 4397, Little Rock, AR 72214 - (501) 225-1300.
 Gay Daze: Newspaper - B-P Publishers, Box 3541, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Rock, AR 72203-3541 - (501) 663-8682.

HELPLINE

Crisis Center: 664-8834 (Toll Free 1-800-482-8886).
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.
 The 5th Gear: 3519 Old Cantrell Rd. - (501) 666-1948.
 Preston's: 5618 Asher Ave. - (501) 562-7531.
 Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave. - (501) 663-9866.
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.
 Integrity/Mississippi, Metropolitan Community Church, Lambda Group (Gay AA), Mississippi Gay Alliance, Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Democratic Party Caucus: 236 1/2 W. Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 353-7611.

MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: Newspaper - 236 1/2 W. Capitol (upstairs), Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39205 - (601) 353-7611.
HELPLINE
 Gay Switchboard: (601) 353-7611.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Bill's Disco & Show Bar: 200 W. Amite - (601) 969-9765.
 Cha Cha's Bar: 236 W. Capitol - (601) 352-9728.
 Jack's Saloon/Jill's: 208 W. Capitol - (601) 354-9588.
 Zan's Bar: 944 Robinson.



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