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Condom Ads Finally Accepted on TV

San Francisco-based KRON-TV, an NBC affiliate broke the historic ban against the broadcasting condom commercials on major-market television stations. While there is no federal or industry prohibition against contraceptive commercials, networks and their affiliates have refused for some time to accept the ads.

KRON will run the commercials in adult shows for the next six months. Ad revenues will be donated to AIDS research with advertisers required to make a matching donation.

A telephone poll conducted on January 22 by WHBQ-TV revealed that 59% of those responding favored television stations accepting condom advertising. The poll was not a scientific one, but served as a way for viewers to express their opinions.

Bishop Patterson Decries Hunger, Gays

In a pastoral letter to the 3.5 million member Church of God in Christ, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. attacked hunger, homelessness, and homosexuality. Patterson presides over the largely Black Pentacostal church which is based in Memphis.

In his "Pastoral Epistle 1986," Patterson addressed the issues of drug abuse, homosexuality, divorce, and economic injustice in his four-page letter, which will be used as a teaching tool for COGIC members and clergy.

Bishop Patterson upheld traditional COGIC policies on homosexuality and premarital sex calling on the clegy to condemn both.

According to *The Commercial Appeal*, Patterson said, "We must, again, preach abstinence from our pulpits and encourage our girls to again learn how to blush."

TSARUS Names Stewart 'Man of Year'

Memphis — Gay businessman Tommy Stewart has been named TSARUS's man of the year for 1986. Stewart is president of the Memphis Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC) and has been very active in spearheading efforts aimed at AIDS education and patient care.

Stewart was honored at the TSARUS Man of the Year Appreciation Dinner held January 19. He is owner of Stewart Enterprises, operator of J-Wag's and Star Search Video, and has been president of ATEAC since its inception in 1985.

"Most people don't know how much time Tommy devotes to the AIDS cause," said Allen Cook, secretary of ATEAC . "It's not unusual for Tommy to get up at six in the morning to appear on a talk show, spend the better part of the day dealing with a patient having trouble getting Social Security benefits, and then visit a PWA in the hospital... all while trying to keep his businesses running."

Stewart became the third honoree of the "Man of the Year Award," which, like *Time* magazine's award, need not be a man. *Gaze* editors Allen Cook and John Stilwell and the women's service organization Aphrodite were previous honorees. Proceeds from the dinner went to ATEAC. [See page 2 for transcript of one Stewart's testimonial speechs.]

Tommy L. Stewart

Arkansas AIDS Foundation Denied State Contract For Safe Sex Ed

The Review and Advice Subcommittee of the Arkansas legislature has refused to approve a State Health Department contract with the Arkansas AIDS Foundation to provide risk-reduction education to Gay and bi-sexual males in the state.

The $8,800 contract was part of a federal grant the Health Dept. received from the Centers for Disease Control earlier this year. Even though no state revenues are involved, the legislative subcommittee reviews any contract or expenditure by a state agency in excess of $5,000.

The AIDS Foundation proposed to produce posters and leaflets for display in Gay bars and other meeting places and to hold workshops in safe-sex practices for Gay and bi-sexual males.

Despite a forceful presentation by representatives of the State Health Dept., the committee members rejected the project on the grounds that it would only encourage homosexual behavior.

According to Dr. Gene Stanford, president of the Arkansas AIDS Foundation, "We are continuing to develop plans for the project, hoping that we can find substitute funding from some private source. It's just frustrating to find that a project so basic to AIDS education, which has been implemented successfully all over the U.S., is too controversial for Arkansas."

BWMT Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Five years ago in January, five people sat in Joe Calhoun's living room making plans to form a chapter of Black and White Men Together. Today the organization is still thriving having celebrated it's fifth anniversary in January.

Among the highlights of the past five years:

▼ January 1982 - First general meeting

▼ March 1982 - Addressed Southeastern Lesbian and Gay Conference in Tampa urging more minority participation

▼ June 1982 - Formed Southeastern Regional Network with Atlanta

▼ 1982-83 Confronted local bars about discriminatory carding practices

▼ July 1984 - Co-sponsored BWMT convention in Atlanta

▼ 1984-85 - Co-sponsored State Convention in Nashville

▼ October 1985 - Began work on minority AIDS outreach project

▼ July 1986 - received Action award at National BWMT convention in New York City.

The month-long anniver-sary celebration included an open house, a pot-luck dinner, and a gala banquet at Alfred's on Beale Street.

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NGRA Announces Insurance Survey Results

National Gay Rights Advocates has announced that a substantial number of state insurance departments have instituted non-discriminatory AIDS-related insurance policies. In 14 states (including Tennessee), insurers cannot exclude AIDS as a covered condition. In 13, they may not even ask applicants about the result of prior antibody testing; and in seven, insurers cannot test applicants for HIV antibodies.

A majority of the 40 states in correspondence with NGRA (also including Tennessee) forbid discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. This number is expected to rise with the recent passage of NAIC guidelines banning anti-Gay discrimination in insuring and underwriting. NAIC's guidelines specifically prohibit health insurers, life insurers, and investigative agencies from using gender, marital status, living arrangements, occupation, medical history, beneficiary, and zip code as proxies in determining sexual orientation.

Tennessee does not forbid questioning about prior test results or antibody testing by insurance carriers. Arkansas and Mississippi do not forbid anti-Gay discrimination, questioning about prior test results, HIV-antibody testing, or exclusion of AIDS from coverage.

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Tommy L. Stewart — A Pragmatist Defined

[The following is a transcript of the terstimonial speech given by Allen Cook at the Third Annual Tsarus Man of the Year Banquet held January 19.]

I'm really pleased to be here tonight to honor Tommy Stewart because if there's one person who has done more to help the Gay community, I don't know who it could be.

Tommy is an unusual person -- just ask Chuck. Step on his bad side and you're likely to regret it because his temper is quick and severe... ask anyone whose been the victim of it.

He's brash. He's quick to anger. He's opinionated. He's temperamental. He's sympathetic without being pitying, but he's likely to tell the mother of an AIDS victim who's having problems dealing with her son's homosexuality that SHE needs counseling.

Above all Tommy is pragmatic -- he may not even know what the word means. A pragmatist, according to the dictionary, is a person who is primarily concerned with practical consequences or values as opposed to an idealist. In the case of AIDS patients, his concern is with the practical side of their existence-- Are they being housed? Are they being fed? Are they getting their food stamps? Have they filed for Social Security benefits? Are they getting their SSI and disability payments? Do they have someone to talk to? Can they care for themselves or do they need help?

Interested in other definitions of a pragmatist? Another definition is "one who is concerned with the affairs of a state or community" -- Tommy certainly is that. Another is "busy or active" --- He's that, too. A third definition is "conceited, opinionated, dogmatic, and meddlesome" --- and some would agrue that he's all of those, too.

I met Tommy several years ago while I was trying to sell him advertising space in *Gaze*. To be honest, I never really thought much about him until we both ended up on the board of ATEAC. Of the seven original board members, only one wanted to be president... Tommy. And after the election, I thought to myself, "Oh my God, what have we done. A redneck from Frayser heading an AIDS Committee." But my fears proved groundless as in the weeks and months that followed, I saw that here was a person who was really throwing himself into this organization... a person who was really willing to give his time and energy to help those who needed it.

It was Tommy Stewart who had the guts to go down to Mayor Dick Hackett's office and raise hell until the Mayor gave us a letter supporting our U.S. Conference of Mayor's grant application. It was Tommy Stewart who called the Mayor's Chief Administrative Officer a "damned flunky" and refused to talk with anyone but the mayor himself. -- not politic mind you, but very effective.

It was Tommy Stewart who spent literally days and weeks hasseling the Social Security to get a client benefits, going as high as the district offices in Baltimore, only to have the client skip town without so much as a thank you, kiss my ass, or anything.

It was Tommy Stewart who faced the TV cameras when others were unable or unwilling to step out and publicize our efforts. It was he who developed a rapport with reporters so good that now all he has to do is call them up when HE wants a story run.

It was Tommy Stewart who talked an apartment manager into letting one of our AIDS patients remain in his apartment after being threatened with a notice-to-vacate letter.

And it is the same Tommy Stewart who ends up counseling people concerned about taking the AIDS tests, anxious that their worst fears might be confirmed.

You might wonder, as I did, what motivates a man like Tommy to do these sorts of things. Coming back from one of our trips to Nashville to attend the Tennessee AIDS Coalition Meeting, I asked him. Reflectively, he answered: "You know, I make my living from the Gay community and when the AIDS crisis came up I thought, this is a way I can pay back the community for what it's given me." When the Queen's Men sponsored that first organizational meeting for what would become ATEAC, he said, "That's for me. I want to be president of that organization." A little over two years later, I'd be interested in knowing whether or not he'd do it all again. I think he would.

But things aren't easy for him. He probably wouldn't tell you this, but I will. Tommy understands that there is something about the Gay community that doesn't trust a bar owner. Sure, we go to their businesses, buy their beer and liquor, socialize, and have a good time. But to many people, a bar owner raising money for a cause is tantamount to stealing. Let a bar owner mount a benefit -- for AIDS or any other cause -- and the talk on the streets is not about how much money was made but how much money the bar owner raked in at the benefit. If you don't think Tommy has heard the things said about him behind his back, think again -- and if you don't think they've hurt him, you're wrong.

Publicly, and for the record, I can assure you that not one red cent of the money raised for ATEAC has ever--- ever --- gone for anything but the purposes for which it was raised. And I can further assure you that anyone who misappropriates a cent of ATEAC's money will have him to deal with.

The organized Gay community is full of idealists... and idealism is great. But the AIDS crisis cannot be dealt with on an idealistic plane alone. What it needs (and what our community in general needs) are pragmatists. And all I can say is "Thank God for Tommy Stewart's pragmatism. It has served us well."

We're all here to honor Tommy Stewart tonight, to share in the fellowship that is the hallmark of TSARUS, and, I hope, to reflect on the things this man has done for his community. I am proud to call Tommy Stewart my friend.

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Headline Vocabulary Challenged

As a committee to promote the rights of Lesbians and Gay men, we are concerned about the deteriorating homosexual reputation in Nashville. The bad press, created by AIDS and also the local media coverage of persons who were arrested by Metro Park Rangers, makes us fearful of losing the civil rights for which we have all worked.

We are saddened even more to see that your publication used the headline "Nashville Police Harassing Gay Parkies" for your article about this matter (*Gaze*, Vol. 8, No. 2.).

While we appreciate your coverage of Nashville's homosexual concerns, we feel greater care should have been taken in your choice of headline vocabulary. The use of the epithet "Parkies" is demeaning and debasing. We have no doubt that you would not think of using such variants as "nigger" or "pollock" in an article, why then slander your own public in this way?

Please understand, we are only suggesting that you could be more considerate of the people whose lives have been shattered at this very desperate time. We are confident that more care will be taken in the future.

Sam Adams, Spokesperson
Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights
Nashville, TN

Gosh, I thought "parkies" was a term I invented. I wasn't aware that epithets, so immediately discernable as such, could be made up on the spot. Sorry. — ABC

More letters on next page.

Where Are All the Women?

The Memphis Gay Coalition had its annual Christmas dinner for the Gay community on December 15th. I, being a Gay woman, was embarrassed to see there were very few women there. Of course, the faithful five or six were there.

We sit and bitch because we're left out. If we are, it's our own fault. The men in the Gay community need and want our support. We all need each other.

I looked around the room and said, "Where the hell are all the women?" Is the bar the only place that the women go? I'm not knocking the bar. The bar owners are doing a great service to our community, but I feel we could help in other places also. I am not saying everyone has to come out. There are many ways to support our Gay community.

AIDS has pulled some of us together and some of us apart. We need your support on this and many other things.

Let's all stand together.

Debbie Holden
Memphis, TN

A Good Time Was Had By All

A friend of mine and I just completed a brief stop-over in Memphis and wanted you to know how pleased we were.

En route home from New Orleans, we stayed at the Georgetown Inn which was clean and provided us good sleeping accomodations along with very friendly personnel.

Our brief tour began at Jackie's where two young men aided us in our search of some "action" with some hot southern studs. We visited the Paris Theatre, then on to the Getwell (where we especially appreciated the convenient glory holes) and finally over to Brooks Avenue and two more book stores. At each establishment we found a variety of eager men.

Our final stop for this Saturday evening took us back to the Pipeline where we enjoyed a large number of leather-levi men gathered together in one location. The place was so busy that the bar ran out of draft beer. Can you imagine a Gay bar running out of beer on a Saturday night? The bartender told us that the response to the Pipeline was even greater than expected. If you want to meet some intense men, put some leather and/or levis and boots on and stop by - you may be as surprised as we were. I want to especially thank Bill for his warm Memphis greeting to me. If you ever come to Chicago, Bill, please drop me a line, I'll make sure you have a good time.

My last thought to you is to be proud you're Gay. We're God's special children put on earth to teach Baptists and Catholics that His love is greater than theirs. Billie Jo is right you know - if we can't love and respect our own, with all our diversities and differences how can we expect others to accept us!

Thanks again all you hot, friendly, southern studs for a great Saturday night.

Tracy
Chicago, IL

The Best of Times Is Now

I would like to comment on John Stilwell's editorial in the January issue of *Gaze*.

I can only echo his words of wisdom. In May of 1986 I buried a very dear friend of many years. No, we were not lovers at the time of his death (and NO it wasn't AIDS). At one time in our lives we had lived together for about 13 years. We each went our own way and as circumstances would have it , we were put back in contact with each other. He had moved here about 2 years before his illness and ultimate death. Essentially he had no family left. He was buried alongside my family in a cemetary here in MS. I visited him daily in the hospital and sometimes several times a day if things were critical. I was very lucky and so was he that I did not experience really any difficulty with his doctors or nurses while visiting him in ICU. The words were never spoken, but I am sure that they all knew what our situation was. And he was hospitalized for about 6 months before his death. It was me who did all of those things that one must do when a person dies. We were very close at the end.

So as Mr.Stilwell says, stop being afraid to live. Stop cheating yourself of what happiness you may have as a Gay person. And there is happiness to be had IF YOU WANT IT. So love yourselves enough to be happy, love your friends and love your lover. As the song says, "The Best of Times Is Now."

S.T.
Greenville, MS

New Clubs Need Our Support

I guess that everybody has something that really gets them angry and they keep it to themselves, but I feel that I can't keep this to myself any longer. It really doesn't bother me whether you, the Gay community, likes it or not.

Over the years, I have have been going to the bars here and I always hear the same gripes or complaints - "Why doesn't someone open a nice bar/restaurant where you can go and feel comfortable?" "I'm sick of all the teeny-boppers and hustlers." "I don't drink draft beer so why should I have to pay for a beer bust to get in the front door?" "It would be nice to go to a bar where the music is not so loud you have to yell to carry on a conversation."

Well, there is such a place. A few people care and support it, and I thank them; but it seems most of you could not care less. The place is the Aristocrat Club. While under construction, everybody kept saying they couldn't wait until it opened. Now that it is opened, where is everyone? Will you wait until it closes due to lack of support and then wonder why it closed?

Of course, everyone has a reason for not coming to the Club. The most common was the membership requirement (later made optional), but even members don't support the club. The other excuse is, that someone

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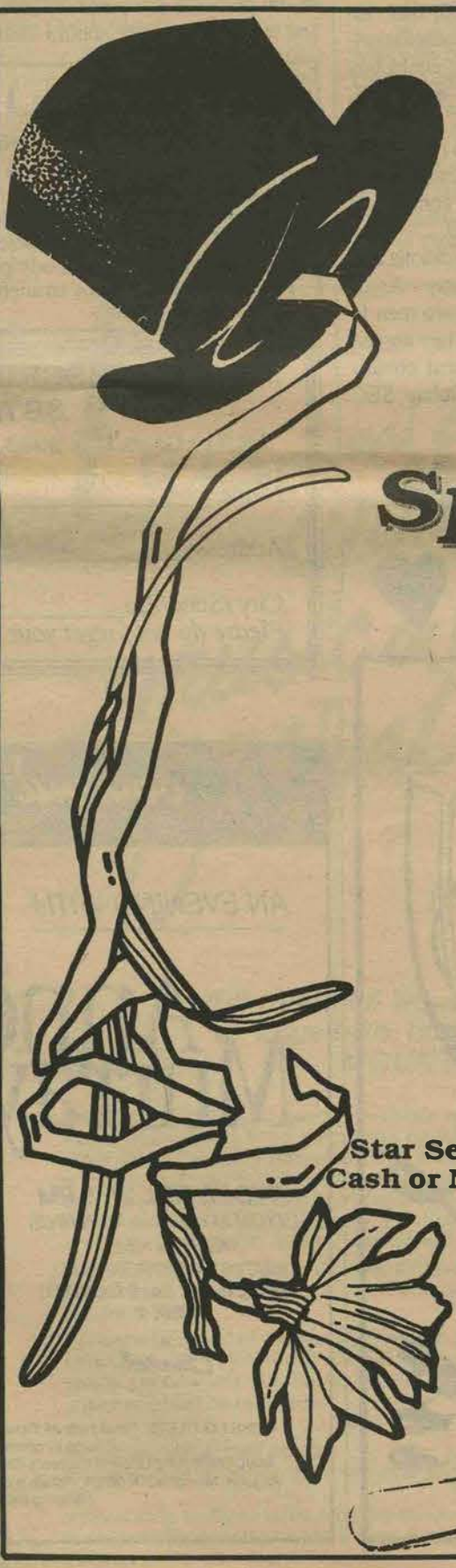

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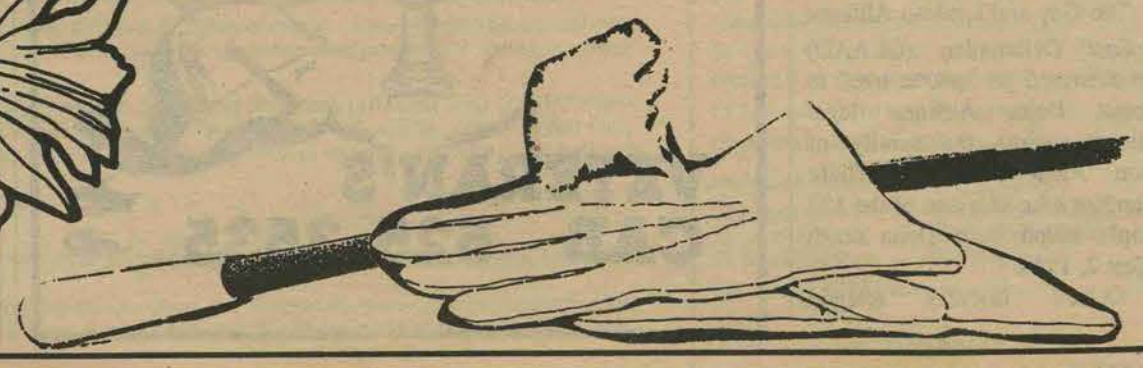


National News

AIDS Claims Dolan at 36

Terry Dolan, an arch-conservative Gay man who infuriated many for his money-raising tactics for right wing causes, died Dec. 28 reportedly from AIDS. Both the Washington *Post* and ABC-TV's *Nightline* reported his cause of death as AIDS, but those reports were denied by his physician.

Dr. Cesar A. Caceres said Dolan's death was the result of "cardio-myopathy, an enlargement of the heart which is due to a variety of reasons, none of which can be determined." Dolan had been ill for several months and reportedly was also suffering from tuberculosis throughout his body, a condition common among persons with AIDS.

Dolan's rise in political stature began in 1975 when he joined other conservatives in forming NCPAC, the National Conservative Political Action Committee. In 1980, it was NCPAC which helped defeat seven liberal senators including George McGovern and Frank Church, a move which ushered the so-called New Right into political prominence.

In 1982, Dolan granted an interview to Larry Bush for *The Advocate*. That interview, along with a book called *God's Bullies* by Terry Dean Young, planted the rumor that Dolan was Gay. Young's books talked about right wing idealogues who preyed on minority groups for their own purposes. It included an affidavit from a man who alleges he went to bed with Terry Dolan.

S.F. Doesn't Want '96 Olympics

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt has introduced legislation to the Board of Supervisors proposing to remove the city from any efforts to bring the 1996 Olympics to San Francisco. According to the *Bay Area Reporter*, Britt said that until the Olympics Committee allows organizers of the Gay Games the use of the name "olympics" and ends their harassment of the Games' founder, Dr. Thomas Waddell, "San Francisco should not be welcoming their bigotry to town."

Britt continued, "Since the Olympics Committees have not tried to stop events like the Dog, Rat, Crab Cooking, Armenian, and Special Olympics, their efforts to stop the Gay Olympics are clearly bigoted. The Olympic spirit and San Francisco spirit do not allow us to participate in this kind of senseless discrimination."

Delta Airlines' Policy Protested

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has activated its "phone tree" to protest Delta Airlines' legal actions against the family of Scott Ageloff, a Gay flight attendant who was one of the 137 people killed in a Delta crash Agust 2, 1985.

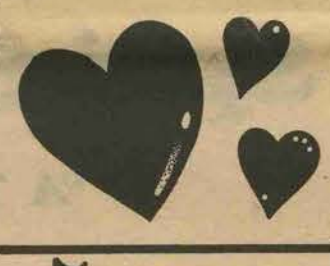
Delta's lawyers alleged that because Ageloff was Gay, his family should not be compensated as highly as someone else. The lawyers reasoned that Gay men are at risk for AIDS and that their life expectancy, therefore, is less than other men. Ageloff's family is suing Delta.

A motion by the family's attorney to forbid Delta from mentioning the victim's sexual orientation was upheld by a Miami judge. A Miami federal court jury awarded the family $1 million in December. Delta is appealing on the grounds that the insurance award was "excessive."

Gay Journalist and Lover Take Case to High Court

R. Foster Winans, a Gay Wall St. insider, and his lover, David Carpenter, will have their inside trading criminal convictions heard by the Supreme Court late this summer or early fall. Foster and Winans were apprehended in 1984 when a scheme was revealed that involved them leaking inside knowledge to others so they could buy and sell stocks at an advantage. Together with dealers, they were able to divide over $700,000 in profits over a five month period. Winans and his companion received about $31,000.

Nine press organizations and the Securities Industry Association supported the two men in their earlier appeals. They argued that while the two acted unethically, they did not violate SEC rules.



Pro-Gay Editor Takes the Heat

Every editor is occasionally taken to task for the opinions he or she espouses, but David Bunnell got more than he expected when he wrote a pro-Gay editorial in his computer magazine.

Bunnel, who edits *PC World* and *MacWorld*, a pair of computer oriented magazines, wrote a blistering editorial about Georgia's opressive sodomy laws. He wrote his editorial to draw attention to the fact that much of the personal computer industry is located in Georgia. He added that there are many Gays and Lesbians working in the personal computer industry and maybe someone should start telling the Georgia governor that the law should go.

Bunnell is straight.

Responses from readers ran about 5-1 against the editorial stand, many saying such views had no place in a computer magazine. According to the *Bay Area Reporter*, many of the respondents simply scrawled "fag" or "queer" across a clipped out copy of his column. At least one advertiser, Peachtree Technology, Inc., withdrew its advertising from the magazines saying, "If the guy wants to push his ideas about Gay sex, he doesn't get to do it with my $8,000."

New Antibody Law Helps Gays

Pres. Reagan has signed a bill which prohibits the use of HIV antibody tests results against people in the Armed Forces, according to the *New York Native* .When Reagan signed a defense budget bill on Nov. 14, the bill stated that "information obtained by the Dept. of Defense during or as a result of an interview with an antibody-positive member of the Armed Forces may not be used to support any adverse personnel action against the member."

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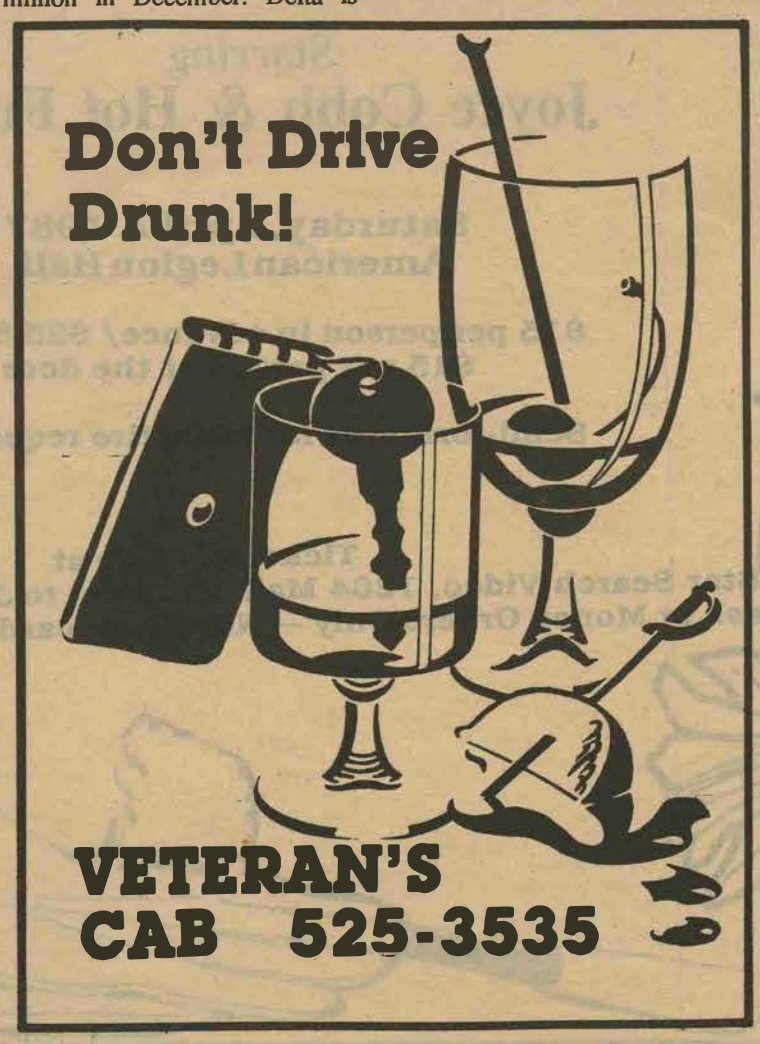

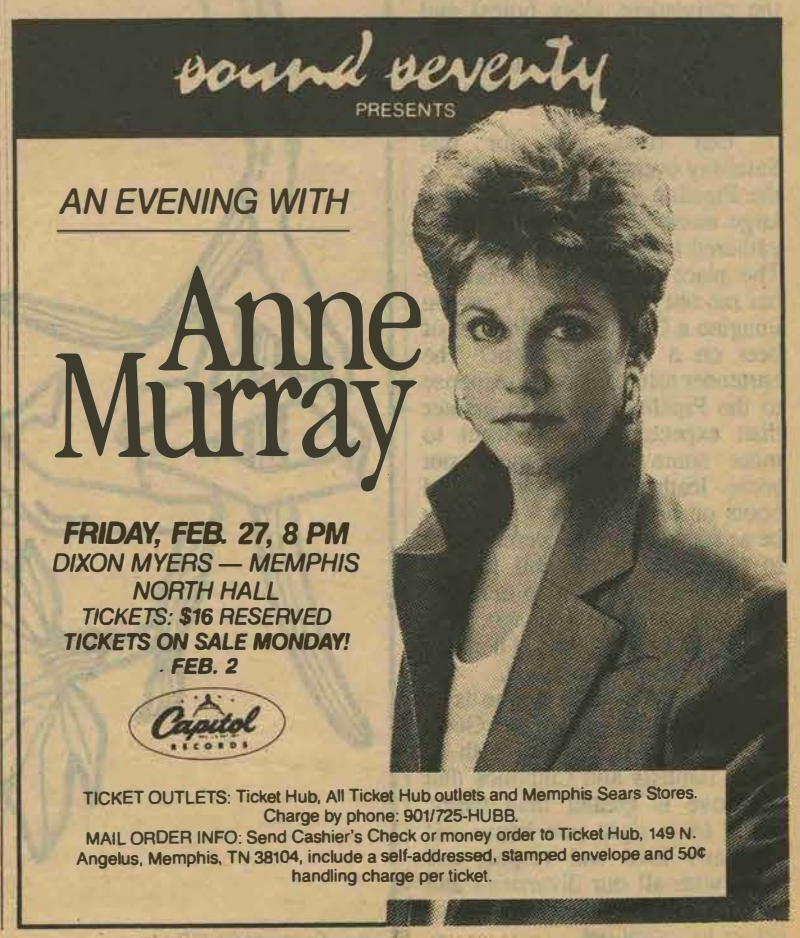

National News

Minnesota Sodomy Law Struck Down

Minnesota's sodomy law is in violation of the privacy rights guaranteed by that state's constitution because it is too broad, stated a district court judge in striking down the law recently.

Hennepin County Judge Pamela Alexander issued the ruling in the case of Richard Gray, Jr., accused of sodomizing a 16-year-old boy.

Noting that the boy said he was 18 and that the sex was consensual, Alexander wrote that the district attorney's citing public support of the sodomy law and its historical roots were not enough justification for its existence.

Cases previously before the Minnesota Supreme Court have established "the right to privacy concerning sexual intimacy and decisions," Alexander said.

The Minnesota decision occurred only a month after a similar law was struck down in Kentucky.

"Ex-Gay" Minister Accused

Amid allegations of sexual improprieties with the people he counseled, Colin Cook has resigned as director of Quest Learning Center, a Seventh Day Adventist "Cure ministry" for homosexuals. *Au Courant* reports that Colin founded the center and the group "homosexuals Anonymous in 1980 to "reform" Gays. Cook's resignation follows revelations of the survey done by Dr. Ron Lawson of Queen's College in New York. That survey, composed of interviews with 14 Quest participants, revealed that 13 of the 14 men cited "sexual pressure" from Cook involving "long, erotic, crotch-to-crotch hugs, during which time Cook often got an erection." Nude massages with Cook sodomizing counselees were also reported. *Au Courant* reports that none of the men undergoing the sexual orientation change at Cook's center reported successful results.

Laundrette Wins Critics Award

My Beautiful Laundrette has won two New York Film Critics Circle Awards, acccording to *The Weekly News*. Scriptwriter Hanif Kureshi won in the Best Screnplay cateogry for the story of two wildly different Gay lovers who open a British laundromat. Daniel Day Lewis who portrayed a Gay character In *Laundrette*, was also honored for his starring role in *A Room with A View*.

Mona Lisa Is da Vinci in Drag?

The smile on Mona Lisa's face has mystified people for centuries. Now it has been revealed that the portrait may, in fact, be da Vinci himself in drag.

Computerized comparisons between the Mona Lisa and da Vinci's self portrait reveal that Leonardo and Lisa may be one and the same.

The discovery was made by Lillian Schwartz, artist-in-residence at Bell Laboratories. She found that by reproducing both images with a computer at the same scale, that they were mirror images of each other. She suggests that da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa as a self-portrait by looking at his own reflection in a mirror. *Arts and Antiques*, publisher of the report, says the discovery "may be one of the most important in the history of art" and is in keeping with what is known of the artist's homosexuality and fascination with optical tricks and paradoxes. For example, many of his notebooks are written in a script which can only be read in a mirror.

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Regional News

Joyce and Kellie Do Nashville

by Joyce Russell and Kellie China

Happy New Year! Thank God we made it out of 1986 and into 1987. I, for one, am looking forward to a wonderful new year and a chance to return to work; Kellie just wants to rest.

This month we have probably hit every Gay bar in Nashville to bring this total of stars...

★ B. Palola's: Service too slow, prices too high, but the waiters are cute.

★★★★ Cabaret: Best show bar for 500 miles. People friendly, drinks perfect. The laser lights are something you have to see.

★★★★ The Chute: One of our favorites. Newly remodeled, warm, friendly, camp shows, and the leather shop is there. (Oh, Kellie!!)

★★ Bob's Crazy Cowboy: Too butch for us, but the place stays busy. So it sure has something to offer.

★★★ Juanita's: They sure know how to throw a party! Did you make it there New Year's Eve? (Or New Year's Day? Happy Birthday, Juanita!)

★★★ The Jungle: We love the patio, the stage, the music, and the pool table. Try it when you get to Music City.

★★★★ Ralph's: Nashville's only true women's bar. And the women are all good lookin'. Yee hah! (Oh, sorry honey.)

★★★ Victor/Victorias: Not fancy in looks, but you truly could not ask for a warmer bunch of people. And Tim, honey, I love your clothes. If I ever grow tall instead of out... can I borrow that little white furry number?

★★ Warehouse 28: Not enough tables, music too off the wall for us, great dance floor, and wonderful bar.

★★★★★ World's End Restaurant: This has got to be the 8th wonder of the world. We love the food, drinks, music, and service. And this is a place we can go and hold hands in the dim lights, look into each others' eyes and afford to pay the check with a good tip to boot. So Nashville Music City has a lot of entertaining places to go. When you sober up, there is always MCC at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM every Sunday. There's a $5 mortgage meal every Saturday night at 7:30 PM. And if you really want to lend a hand, I know Nashville CARES can always use more office help. Then there's the support group for Gays/Lesbians (Paul 320-0288) and Kellie's Fellowship Group (244-6815).

But if you want to sit around and play cards or watch a new video, give us a call. Our doors are always open.

Til next month — Yee hah!

Multi-Media Ministry Begun in Nashville

Nashville — A new multi-media ministry is growing in Nashville — Vision Tree ministries. The intent of this ministry is to create and facilitiate the development, production, promotion, and distribution of various religious, educational, and music projects for individuals and groups to expand their ministry through printed and recorded venues.

The services offered by the non-profit ministry will include:

— production and distribution of records and tapes

— providing record labels or help in creating a label

— providing songbooks, sheet music, lead sheets, and arrangements

— booking of concert tours

— creation of multi-media projects and live and videotape music workshop programs

— development and production of radio shows which can be marketed in a local area

— organization of individual publishing companies

— workshops on the music industry, copyrighting, publishing, recording, etc.

The staff of Vision Tree Ministries is a group of talented and creative Christians committed to developing a ministry that will network its resources and services with people all around the globe. Another goal of this ministry is to provide viable and affordable opportunities for people to "expand the message of the Gospel through the various creative talents that God has Blessed them with."

Several albums and multi-media projects are presently under development with expected releases due in the spring and summer months.

For further information, contact: Vision Tree Ministries, P.O. Box 518, Antioch, TN 37013.

KTP Has a Valentine for YOU!

Knoxville's 10% (KTP) has a special Valentine's Day planned especially for you — that is if you're a lucky winner. It's a fund-raising raffle, and the prize is a prize indeed. For a $3 ticket, you might win a dinner for two at Richard's, An American Cafe; a room for the night at the Hyatt Regency Hotel with complimentary cocktails; and a bottle of champagne. It's sure to be a very special Valentine's Day. Tickets are now on sale at The Complex on 17th Street, at any KTP meeting, or through a KTP fund-raising committee member. You can also write for tickets: KTP, P.O. Box 1046, Knoxville, TN 37901. Make checks payable to Knoxville's Ten Percent. The drawing will be held Feb 7.

Jackie's
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$1 Beer Bust
9-1 Monday & Tuesday Nights

New Pool Table

Spectrum

Gay Women's Social Group Plans Getaway

The Memphis Gay Women's Social Group is planning a "Weekend Getaway" at Chicasaw State Park on the weekend of March 20-22. The cabins at the park will each accomodate about six people and the lodging cost for the two nights will be $16.50 per person. Reservations must be made by February 15. For more information call Debbie or Carol at (901) 324-6949.

Chauffer Gets $95,OOO

Scott Thorson claimed he was Liberace's lover for six years. When he was thrown out, he sued for $380 million. Last month he took $95,000 in an out-of-court settlement. Earlier Thorson received $75,000 from Liberace although he claimed an oral agreement of $70,000 a year for life.

No legal palimony precedents were set because the case never made it to court.

According to the *Bay Area Reporter*, Thorson claimed he met Liberace in a Las Vegas casino when he was 17 and claimed he was outsted from the entertainer's mansion after he caught Liberace in bed with an 18-year-old male and protested his affairs with other young men. He filed suit in 1982 after being forcibly evicted from the entertainer's home. Liberace, meanwhile, insisted that Thorson was fired because of his use of illicit drugs, was an alcoholic, and carried a gun.

Liberacehasrepeatedlydenied being Gay. In the 1950's, he sued *Confidential* magazine for reporting that he propositioned a hotel waiter. Later, he sued a London newspaper which alleged he was Gay. He won both suits.

Liz's Passion To Help AIDS

Elizabeth Taylor started off the new year with a marriage of sorts -- to Chesebrough-Pond's, the international cosmetic company. She announced she is lending her name to a new fragrance, "Elizabeth Taylor's Passion." The upscale frangrance will join Carrington, Forever Crystal, Sophia (Loren), and Soundrel (Joan Collins and Susan Lucci) as fragrances attached to the names of big stars.

At $160 an ounce, Passion will sell alongside Giorgio, Opium, Poison and other prestige scents. "You wouldn't expect me to be involved in anything cheap, would you?" said Taylor.

Taylor has turned down numerous endorsements feeling that they weren't "something that could be part of me, something I could get entirely behind." She wants this to be a success, she says, and has complete control over mixing, bottling, and packaging. The perfume will be a floral-Oriental mix, with cologne priced at about $25.

While the percentage of the profits from Passion hasn't been revealed, Taylor says a "substantial" portion will go to AIDS. Passion is expected to be on the market in April.

Alyson Continues Gay Teen Outreach

Boston, MA – Alyson Publications, publishers of *One Teenager in Ten: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth* is continuing its pen-pal program for homosexual youths. If you are under 21, you may participate in this program. To do so, Alyson suggests you (a) find a safe mailing address (Post Office Box, friend's house, etc.); (b) write a letter introducing yourself and mail envelope with a confidential cover letter stating your age, address, sex, and permission for Alysin to forward letters to you; and (c) mail it in a larger envelope to Alyson Publications (letter exchange), 40 Plimpton St., Boston, MA 02118. There is no charge for this service.

The Front Runner Cast — Almost

After almost a decade of false starts, an actor has been signed to play Billy Sive, the athlete in Jerry Wheeler's film production of Patricia Nell Warren's *The Front Runner*. Blond-haired, blue-eyed, former *Ryan's Hope* star Grant Show has won the part. Olympic Gold-medalists Greg Louganis and Carl Lewis have also been cast as friends. Casting of the coach has been a problem, though. After months of searching and some impolite refusals, no one has committed. The film was to have begun shooting in mid-May but may now be delayed.

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BYOB $1 donation
As an added attraction, Carole Taylor will be there to autograph copies of her book, 'A Third Story'
For more information call Debbie or Carol at 324-6949

Health/AIDS

Expanded Ribavirn Study Called For

A six-month study of the anti-viral agent Ribavirin has shown it to be effective in slowing the development of AIDS among a group infected with the HIV virus but who had not developed opportunistic infections associated with AIDS, according the the *Bay Area Reporter*. The results of the private study have brought new demands to expand government research on a larger scale.

The study is being conducted by ICN Pharamceuticals, manufacturer of Ribavirin. The study reportedly involved 163 patients at four medical centers in New York, Houston, Miami, and California. The patients were divided into three groups. One group received a placebo, while the others received doses of 600 mg and 800 mg of Ribavirin respectively.

According to the results released in January, 10 placebo subjects developed AIDS, as did six of the 600 mg group. However, no one in the 800 mg group went on to develop AIDS.

The study was funded by Eastman Kodak and monitored by the Independent Safety and Evaluation Committee.

Dr. Karl Johnson, medical director of ICN, said the company was forced to go public early with the results because of contracts with the subjects in the study as well as federal laws requiring that inside information which might affect the value of a stock be made public.

Johnson said the study shows that Ribavirin will "delay the progression to clinical ARC or AIDS. But I'm not saying we've got something as good as insulin is for diabetes." He added that there are some side effects to taking the drug and that a few patients quit the study as a result of them. They included dizziness, insomnia, nausea, abdominal cramps, and vomitting.

Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, says that although Ribavirin "gives us every reason to believe it should be effective...the trial should have been much larger." She believes that the small sample could have led to invalid results. "There should have been 650 patients in this study," she said. "Now to do that, we need to start over and waste another six months. That makes me angry, because we're losing a thousand patients a month." Krim also indicated she believes that the cost of such research should not be borne by small companies. "The government should be underwriting this. But it isn't," she said.

Auction Raises $ For PWA's

They say that a full moon will bring out the craziness in people. If that's the case, the craziness January 15 resulted in a lot of generous craziness. The first Aid to End AIDS Committee Auction netted $2,720 in two hours for PWA relief.

Auction coordinator Mark Whitehead spent long hours managing the contacting of businesses and individuals willing to donate goods and services to the auction. "We had so many items donated, that we weren't able to use every one of them," said Whitehead. "We ended up giving some things away as door prizes and incentives to the highest bidder."

A 19" color TV set and a Seiko gold watch were raffled off. Raffle proceeds added $500 to the total.

The auction was hosted by Miss Billie Jo Casino, admirably assisted by Veronica York, a.k.a. for the evening as "Vanna White." Both donated their time and talents to the auction.

Items were being auctioned off hot and heavy during the 10 - midnight hours as over 55 items were presented. An authographed picture of Elizabeth Taylor netted $65. One of the larger items auctioned was a brand new dinnette set donated by Cecil McLeod. A bidding war between two people resulted in the $350 set going for well over $200. "Even the small items went well," said Whitehead, noting that books, videotapes, flowers, and hair care items sold for close to their real value.

"We owe a great debt to Frank Cooper who allowed us the use of George's for this. He and David (daPonte), his staff, and Lloyd (the DJ) were all just great. We couldn't have pulled it off without them." Whitehead said.

Casino, who purports to never have done an auction before, performed as well as any professional auctioneer, cajoling the prices ever higher. "I'm a fool over this auction," she said.

The auction was enhanced by the fact that the Committee accepted Visa, Mastercard, and American Express cards through the courtesy of Star Search Video and ATEAC president Tommy Stewart.

ATEAC Hosts Citywide AIDS Meeting

The Aid to End AIDS Committee in cooperation with the Memphis Chapter of the American Red Cross organized and hosted a meeting of the Memphis AIDS Coalition at the Red Cross Building January 22. The purpose of the meeting was to identify AIDS priorities and to create task forces to develop solutions to them. Participants were broken into five areas of concern: 1) religious concerns, 2) business and professional concerns, 3) educational and school concerns, 4) health industry concerns, and 5) social service agency concerns. About 100 people attended the three-hour meeting.

Chief among the concerns ofthe group was the lack of community education which they felt was needed to diffuse the hysteria surrounding AIDS. Also, identified as a need was a central clearinghouse for AIDS information.

Each person attending the meeting was requested to return to his or her respective agency to develop plans to address identified concerns and to bring them back to the group for possible implementation.

The next meeting of the Memphis AIDS Coalition will be on March 18 at the Red Cross.

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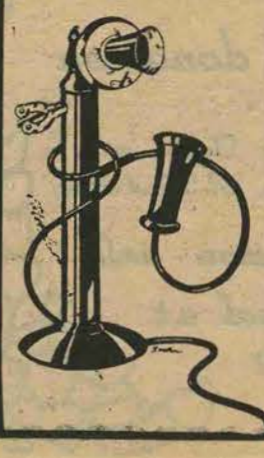
YES, AIDS IS DEPRESSING
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU HAD IT?

A small, but dedicated group of individuals is working very hard to educate the community and care for the needs of our AIDS patients ---black, white, male, female, straight and Gay. If you think you would like to help or just want to know more about our organization, please attend our next meeting.

Aid to End AIDS Committee
Sunday, February 15 2:00 PM
Red Cross Building 1400 Central



MEMPHIS GAY SWITCHBOARD
726-GAYY

Information — Counseling — Referral
(7:30-11:30 Nightly)

ATEAC Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

January marked the second anniversary of the Aid to End AIDS Committee .The Commitee was formed in January of 1985 in an effort to meet the growing needs of education for the general community and, specifically, to provide support services and practical help for the growing number of person's with AIDS. Although the organization was created by the Gay community of Memphis to meet the needs of what was then considered a "Gay disease," today, both the board and membership has expanded beyond the Gay community. Services are offered on a completely non-judgemental, non-discriminatory basis to anyone who has AIDS or Aids-related complex, and who expresses a need.

In its first two years, the committee has accomplished a great deal.

—it applied for— and received — one of nine U.S. Conference of Mayors grants for public education about AIDS.

—it produced television public service announcements promoting the fact that AIDS could not be transmitted casually.

—it produced three television shows about AIDS.

—it began quarterly publication of AIDS Update — a newspaper highlighting current issues about AIDS.

— it established an AIDS Switchboard for people to get telephone counseling and referrals.

—it produced and distributed a number of brochures about risk factors and how one might avoid getting AIDS.

—it established a "buddy program" to provide practical care and emotional support for People With AIDS. There are now over 65 trained volunteers capable of dealing with AIDS patients both in a hospital and home environment.

—And it obtained the federal IRS tax exempt status as a legitimate charitable organization. A move which has allowed it to apply for grants which are often restricted to organizations with such status.

Early last year it began an association with the Memphis Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. The first cooperative project was a brochure designed to alert teenagers to the risks and dangers of AIDS while at the same time assuring them that AIDS is not an easy disease to catch. With the cooperation of the Red Cross, this brochure has been distributed to hundreds, if not thousands, of teenagers throughout Shelby County. It has been requested by other chapters and the National Red Cross is considering reproducing it as part of their national AIDS education effort.

AIDS is a disease which has the potential of devastating the health care industry. Orginal estimates of how much it would cost to care for a single patient with AIDS from diagnosis to death was about $147,000. Today the mean cost is about $60-75,000 — about half. Much of this reduction is because groups like ATEAC are providing the help necessary to keep many of these patients out of the hospitals, thereby reducing costs.

For further information about how to help AIDS patients, call the AIDS Switchboard at 726-4299 (7:30-11:30 PM) or leave a message with the AIDS Message Center at 762-8401 (24 hours).

AID TO END AIDS COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
JUNE 1, 1986 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1986

REVENUES	
Interest	294.11
Aphrodite	3185.50
"As Is" Proceeds (sales)	2080.00
U.S. Conference of Mayors	1361.20
Tsarus	50.00
Wings	61.00
J-Wag's	37.00
Individual Donations	576.94
	7645.75
EXPENSES	
Printing	2527.28
Travel	386.12
Telephone	268.56
Rent (Circuit Playhouse)	2500.00
Postage	212.72
Direct PWA Assistance	1017.04
Supplies	1356.94
Maintenance	445.00
Miscellaneous	656.00
	9369.66
REVEUES IN EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(1723.91)

DECEMBER 31, 1986
BALANCE SHEET*

ASSETS	
Cash in Bank - Checking	1520.89
Cash in Bank Savings	7180.51
Petty Cash	500.00
	9201.40
LIABILITIES 7 FUND BALANCE	
Accounts Payable	220.05
Fund Balance	8981.35
	9201.40

***Does not reflect contributions made after 12/31/86, Auction proceeds, or other donations.**

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Friday — February 13th

Miss Sweetheart Pageant

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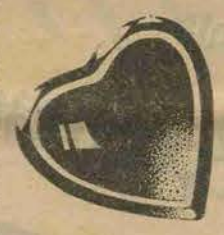

Saturday — February 14

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Friday — February 20

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Memphis

MGC To Host Spring Fling April 7 at American Legion Hall

What may become an annual tradition in the mold of the Gay Pride River Ride is in the offing presented by the Memphis Gay Coalition. Slated for April 7, MGC is planning a "Spring Fling" with Joyce Cobb at the American Legion Hall. Tickets for the semi-formal affair will be $12.50 per person or $25 for two in advance and $15 per person at the door. Organizers hope that the event will be well attended and become an annual event like the River Ride.

The River Ride, held in June, has sold out for the last five years. Until now, it was the primary fundraiser for Coalition activities.

"The Coalition has been running all year on the proceeds of the River Ride," said Allen Cook, current president of MGC. "We've managed to fund the Gay Switchboard, *Gaze*, an annual Christmas Party, and our other activities from the reserve created by it." The problem, he indicated, is that there isn't any money for other events. "We'd like to see a Gay film series during Gay Pride week; but by the time we get there, our reserves are just about depleted," Cook said. It is hoped that a second major fundraiser would allow funding of more community events which often require large amounts of "front

Another option which has come up, according to Bob Dumais, last year's MGC president, is the possibility of the Coalition underwriting some local showings of PBS programs. "Underwriting a program like *Before Stonewall* would only cost about $300," Dumais said, "and doing something like that would not only enhance MGC's image in the Gay community, but make that program available to tens of thousands of people in the general community."

Tickets for the Spring Fling will go on sale March 15 at Star Search Video, 1264 Madison (next to J-Wag's and Men of Leather). Formal or semi-formal attire is requested.

Gaze

Don't Throw Us Away!

When you finish with Gaze, Pass your copy along to a friend.

Quick Clips

by Allen Cook

Well, the big news this month is that this sucker is getting out of the gossip biz. None other than the estimable **Ms. Billie Jo Casino** will be taking over the writing of Quick Clips as soon as she finishes her engagements with Mardi Gras. Hopefully that will be in time for the March issue, but maybe not until April. In any case, you won't have me to blame (or fear) any more. But watch out! B.J. is out a whole lot more than I am.

Tommy Stewart really ought to go into the bar decorating business. After all, he has tried virtually everything. Out with the old and in with the new... Out goes the "quiet bar." Nice idea for a while, he says, but it died rather quickly. This time he's going for knocking down walls. I begin to wonder if there are any of the original walls of **J-Wag's** left? When it's all said and done, it looks pretty good. Keep up the good work.

Speaking of good work... **Aphrodite** has elected new officers. Congratulations to **Charlie Chambers** on doing one hell of a job last year. 1987 is the responsibility of **Melanie Anderson.** Look for their first show of 1987 on February 22 at the Pendulum.

Tsarus has hung their colors at the **Pipeline.** No hard feelings between them and **Jackie's,** we understand. It just seems as if the type of clientele changed there. Speaking of Jackie's, it is undergoing a "complete" renovation. By the time you read this, things should have changed considerably.

Bill Goodman reports good business at **Fancy's.** I must say it's nice to have a bar right around the corner. I'm planning to check out this free "home cooked food" thing in conjunction with a $1 beer bust on Sundays.

Bobby and Ken came back from Chicago to attend **BWMT's** 5th Anniversary Dinner at Alfred's on Beale. Every co-chair for the last five years was in attendance. By the way, **Irwin R.** was awarded the "Lost Person Award." We're not sure if it is because he is out of town on business so much, because he's fond of befriending lost persons, or because he's lost so much weight (equal to at least one person). We hardly recognized him when we saw him at the **ATEAC/Red Cross** sponsored **Memphis AIDS Coalition** meeting. He told us he was on a doctor supervised "liquid" diet.

Passing of an era: It was lucky, I guess, that the tenants of the Midtown Curb market (including **P.W. Bumps**) had closed up shop when the fire there all but leveled the place last month. It was Tommy Stewart who turned in the first alarm. Seems he was coming back from a bank deposit when he spotted the smoke. A few minutes later the whole block was ablaze. Apparently, street people had moved in and started a fire to keep warm. The Curb Market had been scheduled for demolition in January to make way for a Kroger Superstore.

The **Lady Astor** wishes to thank all of her visitors who came to her open house on New Year's Day. It was a quiet, but oh-so-tasteful, time and very enjoyable. I nearly ruined my dinner on the whore's d'oeuvres... *bon appitite!*

The **Memphis Gay Coalition** is starting a new tradition... **A Spring Fling.** There's a long time between River Rides, so a group of folks have gotten together to stage a "dance" at the American Legion Hall — novel idea, huh? They want it to be a classy affair, so they're requesting semi-formal or formal attire (costumes are welcomed). The River Ride is the one time of the year, people can get out and be themselves, and we're hoping that this will continue the tradition. Joyce Cobb (great lady!) will provide the entertainment. Tickets for the April 7 event are $15 per person or $25 for two (you don't have to be a "couple" to buy two), and will be on sale at Star Search Video after February 15. Because the Coalition has lost money in the past on bad checks, tickets are available for CASH ONLY-- no checks or charges. Proceeds go for a better Gay Pride Week celebration.

The **Gay Bowling League** still keeps truckin' (as they said in the sixties). They've just *bowled* us over. Someone should *pin* a medal on the person who *spared* no expense in *strike*-ing while the iron was hot. It must be right down his *alley*. All puns aside, it's gotten great support and a cheering section would be super. Bowling starts at 6:30 on Friday nights at the Plaza Bowling Lanes.

Finally, we've got to give some kudos to Frank and David at **George's** who have been so supportive in the past in allowing their bar to be used in so many different ways for so many worthwhile purposes. Also, special recognition to **Sharon Wray** for her support. Those "off nights" aren't so off when they're given over to something of benefit to our entire community. Thanks.

Jackie's
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Completely Remodeling
New Pool Table
Taped Music
Videos

Features

Courage

by E.C.

Sometimes the courage to keep on living from day to day is harder to come by than the courage to perform brave deeds or feats of daring. Deeds and feats are short term events; living occupies all one's time.

I. Daily Courage

Being Gay takes courage from day one. First, you've got to come to grips with the realization that you differ from the espoused "norm." Then you have to "come out," something which could loosely be compared to going through puberty, having your first sexual experience, and getting religion all rolled into one. After you come out, you find that "dealing with it" becomes a daily event.

I recall a conversation I had with an older Gay man, Jack, in a small, rural Gay bar.

"I don't know why they call it the Gay life," he said. "The name is a misnomer. This has got to be the most miserable existence anyone could have. Look around you." He waved his arm at the 15-20 men dancing and playing pool. My lover and I, the only women there, just looked at him. He ordered another beer, and went on to tell us that not only had he had a bitter break-up; but his ex-lover had called Jack's employer to tell him he had a Gay employee, and Jack was fired the next day. A lot of bad things had happened to Jack, and I never went into the bar without seeing him sitting there and telling anyone who'd listen about the terrible way both striaghts and Gays had treated him.

Jan, a Lesbian, found herself being pressured out of the middle management job she'd held for several years. She began interviewing and, being an intelligent, talented woman, had a number of companies interested in her. But each time, on the verge of hiring her, the company inexplicably backed out. Finally, she received an anonymous phone call from a woman in her firm who said, "I've got to tell you what is being done to you. Every time a company calls for a reference on you, management says, "yes, she's a fine employee, but she likes women." Jan was hurt and angry, but she kept applying for jobs. She carried on.

Some people say the difference between Gays and other minorities is that when Gays are put down by bigots, they turn on themselves. When other minorities are put down by bigots, they turn on the bigots. The comment itself is an example of a stereotypical attack on Gays. But is the statement true? In Jack's case it is; in Jan's case it isn't.

II. Grace Under Pressure

Ernest Hemingway defined courage as "grace under pressure." Many examples of that sort of courage exist.

Kent had a particularly unpleasant coming-out to his parents. His father confronted him in, of all places, Long John Silvers. Kent always told the story with great good humor, the way one talks about painful events after enough time has passed.

"Kent," his father said, "your mother and I hear you've been having homosexual relations." Kent looked up from his hushpuppies and replied, "Only one at a time, dad."

One evening at a now-defunct bar located in a remote section of a small town in Arkansas, the police made a routine raid. The bar had a warning system, a revolving red light that flashed over the dance floor when the police showed up so they wouldn't find anything they shouldn't. It was the custom there to stand outside the bar and talk. Three friends, Barb, Shawn, Brad, and I were in the shadows talking by the side of the building. I was extremely inebriated and had just set my cup down when a policeman approached. Cups sat on the parking lot all around us. Being in a dry county meant having liquor outside was prohibited.

"Are you drinking out here?" the cop demanded. I was a little too drunk to be cautious and made a disgusted face. We all looked away as though too bored to reply. The cop repeated his question more angrily, this time looking right at me. Little Shawn, only 19, looked at the man and said cooly, "Why no, officer, I was just asking this gentleman for his phone number." The cop blushed and walked away.

Dan (Danielle) was in a "Gay park" with friends when two fag-bashers appeared with baseball bats. Everyone ran, but one of Dan's friends was caught by the men who began to scream at him and brandishing the bats. Dan grabbed "Miss Thing," an ax handle, from his car, and ran towards the two attackers, who were screaming "Are you a faggot?" at Dan's friend. Dan yelled, "I don't know if he is, but I am," and came in swinging. It only took a few blows for the men to decide they'd had enough. As they ran away, Dan yelled, "Go tell your mamas a faggot beat the sh-- out of you."

Courage has many faces. Sometimes it takes the form of humor, Sometimes it takes the form of physical bravery. Sometimes it takes the form of simple endurance. But whatever form is required, Gay people often find themselves needing an extra measure.

There's nothing wrong with sitting in a bar griping about what someone did to you that day because you were Gay. I've done it; and, in general, everyone sympathized, a few folks patted me on the back, and maybe someone bought me a drink. Sooner or later we'd end up laughing it off and trading stories. I'd find the courage to keep going on. I've always drawn on the Gay community for support and strength, and I think it's improtant that we are able to do so. The trick is in not developing an attitude of self-pity or of "us against them." These attitudes are crippling and inhibit one's ability to mature and develop reserves of strength. Let us merely support each other and celebrate our Gayness, celebrate our freedom from prison-like roles, celebrate our community, celebrate our traditions and networks, celebrate our talents and achievements, celebrate the flights of fancy which can only occur in those slightly "queer" of plumb. Let us celebrate ourselves as wellsprings of courage. To whom much is given, much is required.

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might see your car and think you're in the bathhouse. What makes you think anyone cares what you do with your spare time? How do you explain it away when your car is seen in the park or at the dirty movies? That is a lousy excuse.

It seems to me that if you don't support Gay businesses, it's because you don't care. Instead you spend your money at non-Gay businesses where we are not welcomed and where we can't be ourselves.

The saddest aspect is that the owner is a man who spent 14 or 15 years giving the Gay community a place to go to have fun. Friends and former employees promised to support the new bar. Now they pretend the Aristocrat club never opened. The Gay community needs to get its priorities in perspective. If we don't support Gay businesses, one by one they will disappear; and we'll have nowhere to go.

I hope this letter will cause everybody to stop and think if only for a short time that there are people that are concerned for the welfare of the Gay community and that Mr. George Wilson has been and always will be one of those people. It would be a shame to see such a nice bar close due to lack of support and interest.

Beaux Sedberry
Memphis,TN

Our understanding is that the Aristocrat Club is still open on weekends. Incidentally, George Wilson has spent much more than the last 14-15 years giving the Gay community somewhere to go. He is a pioneer who certainly deserves to be congratulated. —Eds.

Why?

The sun is rising, and here I sit with a cup of cold, black coffee.

I don't know how long I've been here, maybe an hour, maybe a lifetime.

I've been remembering the first time I met my step-brother Chris. So tall and handsome, just like his father. Over the years I've learned to call his dad "Pappy" and love him as my own.

They came into my life when I was 16. Now I'm 36 and it hardly seems that 20 years could already have passed.

I've tried to digest the news I received on New Year's Day...

You see, Chris has AIDS.

Seems almost funny now after two and a half years, but I remember well how Kellie and I got involved and became active in ATEAC.

We knew no one with AIDS, yet we felt drawn to learn more about it.

Lord knows we had our hands full with my teenage daughters, their schools and social lives, our jobs and friends, and being active in Aphrodite was a full-time responsibility in itself.

Yet, we knew after one meeting that God had sent us there for a reason. He was preparing us for the future, for what was yet to come.

We went to all the meetings, participated in the training, and helped out where we could.

When we moved to Nashville last March, we became active with Nashville CARES.

But nothing had prepared us for the rude awakening we received when we went to visit our first PWA here at a large well-known hospital.

The nurses and floor staff were almost totally ignorant of this killer disease and the PWA they were treating.

As I think back now... who is at fault here? The nurses who wanted to know and were eager to learn, or the hospital administration who had yet to admit to the problem and train them.

Kellie stood in the hospital corridor for hours and talked, and yes, taught those nurses as much as she knew (which was a lot more than they knew).

They had no idea what Nashville CARES was or that AIDS support groups were even in existence.

Needless to say, when we left, everyone within hearing range knew who to contact and what we were about.

We have all lost friends or family to this killer, but nothing had hit home for me quite like this. How do I comfort my step-dad? What do I say? This isn't fair!

It is not our place to question God's reasons for these things. But I can't help but wonder WHY?

WHY my brother? WHY his son?

But then, aren't there thousands of others wondering the same things.

WHY my mom or dad? WHY my sister or brother, son or daughter?

Dear God... WHY?

I'm angry and hurt and so very tired of losing friends like Richard, Rick, and Harry.

Now I'm told I'll lose my brother within a few weeks...

WHY can't I get a grip on this and help my step-dad who has always been there for me?

WHY do I feel so helpless?

There is no happy ending. The names haven't been changed and yes, this is a true story.

We have to stick together; work harder, give more, pray, and keep praying. Maybe someday we'll beat this thing.

And Chris T, if you read this... I love you brother, I love you.

Joyce A. Russell
Nashville

Billie Jo

Billie Jo, la nouvelle reine de belles lettres.

Phyllisophically Yours,
Phyllis
Memphis, TN

A Well Kept Secret

Well, 1986 is now history and quickly being forgotten. It was quite a year, wasn't it? It was the year adult diapers made it big, wearing a watch (Swatch, of course) became a fashion statement. It was the year Backstreet and Rich and Famous came on the scene, and The Eighth Day closed its doors. It was a very big year for me as well. I made a lot of discoveries, met some new friends, and still can't play pool or dance very well. Now, on to 1987.

Last night, my girlfriend and I discovered one of the best kept Monday-night secrets in town at Court Square Cafe downtown. A friend of ours was singing there that night and had invited us down to listen. I'd never heard her sing, so we decided to give it a shot, considering most other places were closed. What a shock! This girl could really sing, even with a cold. Besides that, she told hilarious jokes with a little "twist" (if you know what I mean). She was a cross between Joan Baez and a Gay Joan Rivers. So, come on folks, try something new in 1987. The next Monday night you're sitting home watching sitcom reruns, why don't you come down and join us for a beer and some good entertainment. If you're there, ask her to tell the joke about Bette Davis.

Jill
Memphis

P.S. After reading through this letter, I realized that it sounds like an advertisement for Court Square. Consequently, I'd like to say that I am not employed by that place of any of its affiliates, if there are any.

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Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.

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Mississippi Gay Alliance: Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204 - (601) 353-7611.

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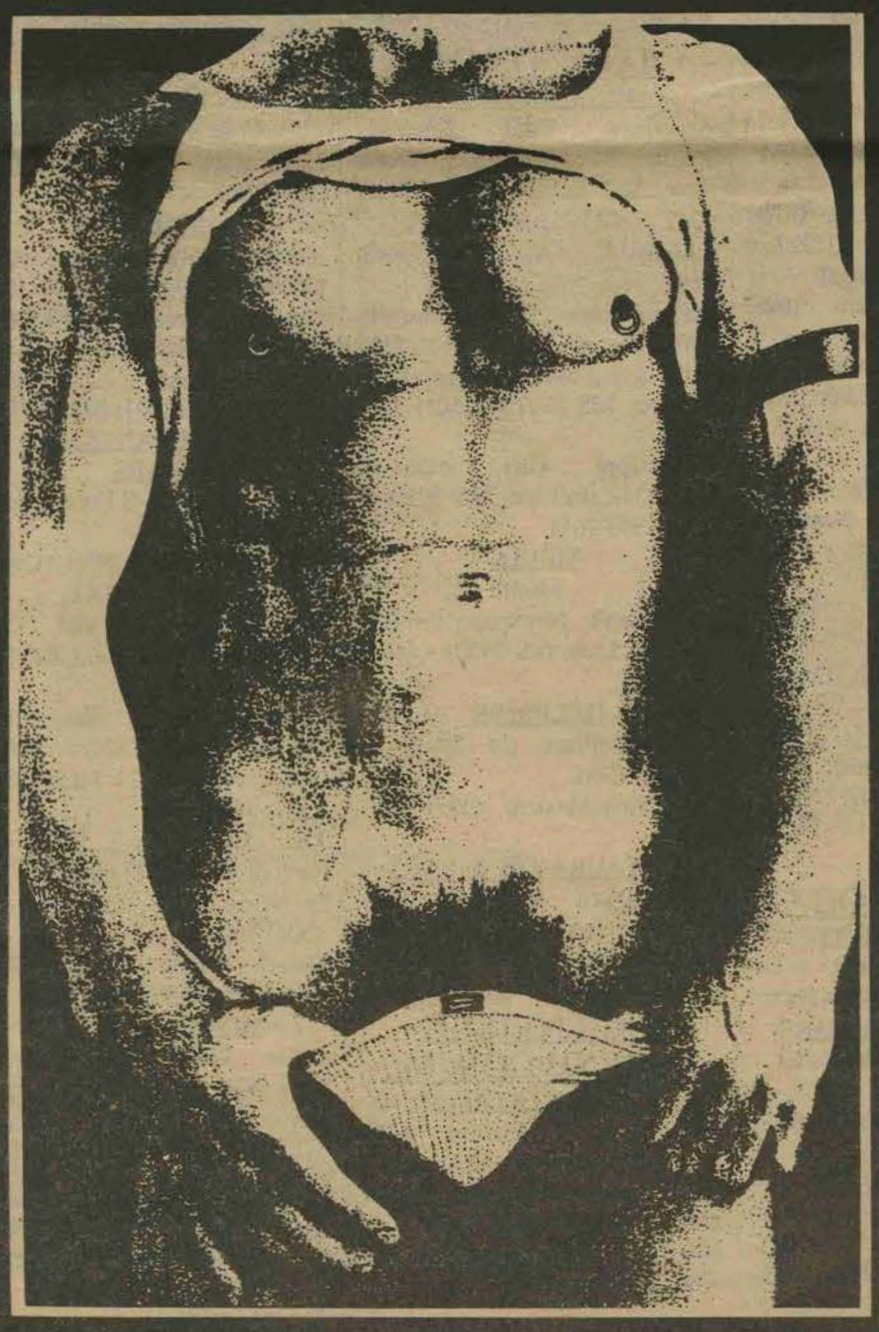

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