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A Third Still Doing "Unsafe" Sex

Atlanta — Figures released by the Centers for Disease Control show that up to one third of Gay men may still be engaging in high risk sex.

The study was conducted in San Francisco, examining the lives of 126 Gay and bisexual men. 33% continue to practice anal intercourse without using condoms, stated the CDC. Dr. Linda Doll of CDC's AIDS task force said, "If we can find out why they are resistant to change, we can develop special education program for them."

A study by Memphis physician Dr. Bruce Wolf of Gay and heterosexual professionals and college students reveals at least 80% of his respondents said that had engaged in "unprotected" sex in the last two years, despite all of the education about AIDS and how it is transmitted.

Kristie Wins Settlement

Indianapolis, IN — In a recent court decision in Indianapolis, Norma Kristie, Inc. was awarded an undisclosed amount of money in settlement of a suit against Murat Temple there. The suit was filed after the Kristie Corporation of Little Rock was refused the use of the Murat Temple for the production of the Official Miss Gay America Pageant of 1985.

The suit claimed a breach of contract and a damage waiver against the Murat Temple caused by a last minute change of location.

A representative for Norma Kristie stated that a portion of the settlement would go as a donation to the Night of a Thousand Gowns Benefit held in New York on March 28th.

This is the second lawsuit win for Kristie. In 1983, the corporation won a suit against the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City. A judges order there allowed the Miss Gay America Pageant to be held at the center against the desire of city officials.

Gay Woman Wins Battle For Son's Custody

In a bitterly contested six-year court fight, a Nashville Lesbian mother has retained custody of her six-year-old son.

Robertson County Circuit Court Judge James Walton dismissed a legal challenge brought by Roy and Ruth Hyde against their daughter Royce Parrish.

However, the Hydes filed a new suit April 18 against the state of Tennessee seeking visitation rights of their grandson. Visitation had earlier been denied based on allegations the Hydes had physically abused the boy. Those charges were eventually dismissed and now the Hydes are

seeking \$300,000 damages from the state for "unwarranted government harassment" in the investigation.

The battle for custody of Parrish's son began in January 1981. The Hydes claimed that Parrish neglected her son and was an unfit mother because she "admitted that she was, and continued to be, a Lesbian." In a second criminal suit brought by the Hydes in 1982, they sought to commit their daughter because she was a Lesbian and was allegedly abusing drugs. That suit was also dismissed.

The Tennessee Dept. of Human Services and Parrish's

lover, Linda Wheeler, testified on behalf of Parrish in the custody case according to *The Gay Community News*. An official from Human Services told the court, "We do not believe that one's sexual preference prevents a person from being a loving and caring parent."

Abby Rubinfeld of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and formerly of Nashville, represented Parrish in the suit.

Although the court decision did not result in a written ruling necessary to establish a precedent, Lesbian rights advocates believe that the ruling was a significant one because of the long odds in

such a case. Apparently parents taken to court have a better chance of winning a case brought by non-parents than by one estranged parent. In the former case, non-parents, such as the Hydes, must prove that the parent is "unfit," while parents must base their arguments on "what is in the best interests of the child." Gay or Lesbian sexual preference remains almost always a negative factor in the "psychological make-up of the parent." Furthermore, relatives do not have absolute visitation rights, especially if the parent objects.

Promises a Good Time for All GayFest '87 Combines Fun, Food, Information —

GayFest '87, the outdoor festival being held June 26-28 is shaping up to be a classic event.

The brainchild of the Memphis Gay Pride Committee, the festival will feature information and concession booths, games, arts and crafts. To be located under a large tent in the parking lot adjacent to George's on Marshall, booths will be staffed by members of various organizations. According to booth coordinator John House, about half of the booths had been sold at presstime with verbal commitments made on about half the rest. Eight by eight foot booth spaces are being rented for the three day event for \$25 each [Call the *Gaze* office at 901-454-1411 for information about booth space rental.]

"All kinds of things will be happening," said House. "The Memphis Gay Coalition is sponsoring a dunk tank and they're currently lining up 'dunkees.' Gay Fest is scheduled to run Friday, June 26 from 9 pm - 2 am, Saturday, June 27 from 2 pm - 2 am, and Sunday, June 28 from 2-7 pm.

Among the features of GayFest '87 will be food and soft drink concessions sponsored by

the Aid to End AIDS Committee and The Women's Social Group. The Memphis Gay Coalition will feature a "Celebrity" Dunk Tank and non stop video-tapes of Lambda Televideo Productions like "Old Hash" and the "Miss Mod Memphis Pageant" (1985). The Gay Athletic Association and Tsarus booths will feature games of skill. Businesses such as Tropical Impressions, House Distributors, and Nice 'N' Naughty will be selling everything from fish and magazines to cards and gifts. Many organizations will be distributing literature of interest to GayFest goers. Among them are the Agape New Life Church, NOW, ATEAC, the Memphis Gay Coalition and the Gay Athletic Association.

During the month of June, a campaign to sell 500 "collector's item" Gay Pride Buttons bearing the GayFest '87 logo and dates of Gay Pride Week. The buttons will be on sale throughout the city by Athletic Association members as well as various bars. The purchase price for each button will be \$2 and it will entitle you to free or reduced price drinks at most area Gay bars. It will also admit each wearer to GayFest '87 on Friday, June 26.

Gay Press Assoc. Calls For Boycott of Two Condom Manufacturers

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA), the nation's only Gay and Lesbian trade association, has endorsed a consumer action against two condom manufacturers—Carter-Wallace and Ansell Americas—to protest the condom industry's refusal to advertise in Gay publications.

"While it would be irresponsible for us to call for an industry-wide boycott because of the AIDS crisis, we are asking Gay men not to buy Trojan or Lifestyles condoms and send wrappers from these companies to their marketing departments," said Don L. Volk, GLPA President.

Joe DiSabato, President of Rivendell Marketing in New York, instituted the action after refusals by the industry to place ads in Gay publications.

"It is unconscionable that Ansell President John Silverman said 'AIDS is a condom marketer's dream' when Gay men are dying in large numbers," said Volk.

GLPA earlier this year sent letters to the three television networks encouraging them to run condom ads to help stem the spread of the disease, according to Volk.

"Gay and Lesbian publications throughout the country have been at the vanguard in AIDS education," said Volk. "Without the efforts of the Gay press, I believe there would have been considerably more AIDS deaths."

"For condom manufacturers to ignore the Gay market by featuring women or non-Gay couples in their advertising is a gross insult to our community. We call for this consumer action to show that we are not the 'captive' audience condom manufacturers might believe us to be," he said.

GLPA is a trade organization of publications and individuals devoted to the Gay/Lesbian community. The group represents approximately 400 publications from weeklies to monthlies.

Note: The next issue of *Gaze* is scheduled to come out in the middle of July in order that we might observe Gay Pride Week.

Gazing

GayFest '87 — Something for Everyone

by John Stilwell

The Memphis Gay Coalition is an interesting organization because by the nature of its being a coalition of people and ideas, the organization becomes a reflection of the people and ideas involved in any given project at any one time. The base of the Coalition is a group of people who have been around consistently for a number of years. They tend to be people with their feet planted firmly on the ground. They also tend to be

very practical with a lot of skepticism thrown in. These people are surrounded by a group of people who tend to come and go. They have big ideas and lots of energy for limited projects or periods of time, along with a refreshing optimism. The "Old Guard" is charged with balancing the two groups. While encouraging the optimism and big ideas, they must make sure that the energy is funneled in positive directions and avoid going bankrupt.

This coalition of people has assumed the responsibility of being the conscience, the soul, and the mouthpiece of the Memphis Gay community. That responsibility becomes most important and most difficult during June — Gay Pride Month. It's most difficult because it is hard to reach those people who need to be reached and to balance the different ideas of what Gay Pride should be with what the community will or won't come out and support.

Through the years, the Gay Pride River Ride has become the foundation of Gay Pride Month. It doesn't even have to be talked about or promoted much. The bookings need to be made and word has to be put out that tickets are now available. The rest just happens. As much fun as it is, the River Ride has nothing to do with Gay Pride. It doesn't really promote membership in the Coalition. It doesn't get people more involved in Gay community activities. It doesn't help people come out. It really makes no statement about Gay Pride. It's just a big party on the river.

This year it was decided that more emphasis should be put on the Gay Pride picnic. The first Gay Pride picnics I attended were in the backyards of a member's home. They drew good crowds. We sang Gay songs, spent time meeting one another, and really shared the afternoon. Over the years, the picnic "came out," and we took it to

public parks. Predictably, attendance went down.

In discussing this year's Gay Pride Picnic, it was important to balance ideals with reality. The reality is that Gay people in Memphis will not gather together with other Gay people in a place where they might be seen. The ideal is that a Gay Pride Picnic, by its very nature, ought to make some statement of Gay Pride.

I missed the meeting where the Gay Pride Picnic became GayFest '87, but I'm really enthusiastic about the idea and very optimistic about its success. It gives

everyone in the community the opportunity to participate, to make a statement about Gay Pride, and to show their support. It's out in the open and thereby makes a statement, but it will also be enclosed to offer a sense of security to those who feel they need it. It's located in an area to which people frequently go without any apparent fear of being discovered. It will provide time over a period of several days for people to mingle, meet one another and get to know each another in a non-alcoholic, non-sexually threatening atmosphere. It

will provide that group of Gay young people 18-20, who have been cut off from the usual Gay meeting places, the opportunity to meet other Gay people.

I don't mind saying that a lot of time and a lot of money has been invested in this project. I think GayFest '87 has a lot of potential and could be just the first of many. It all depends on you. It has all been designed so even the most-closeted person in the city can come out and share in the celebration of Gay Pride.

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Sue Hyde

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Praise for Billie Jo, Brickbats for Editors

I am so glad you have finally found a columnist for the newspaper. One who escapes overweening self-pity and pedantic rationalization that characterize *Gaze*. Billie Jo Casino actually knows what goes on in Memphis and can write. It's about time someone realized that what goes on in the bars, the movies, and on the street is Gay news. Now if only she has the courage to print what she knows — *Gaze's* first Pulitzer Prize winner.

The pap on your pages that passes for Memphis news is offensive to any Gay person who has ever read a newspaper. Editorials are generally self-serving declar-

ations about the awards you have won or can be cut to the topic sentence "Gay people have to be Gay." Everything else is redundant. Kind of like the *Upper Room*.

The thing that really tells against the newspaper is the stories you are either too naive or too cowardly to print. Court dockets and tax returns would be a nice start. Bar owners are powerful public figures in the Gay community and should be treated as such. There are some reporters who think murder, burglary, prostitution, etc. are also news. But not the editors of *Gaze*.

At the very least, you should run a series of self-help tips like "How Fat Girls Should Dress" or "An Intimate Dinner: Entertaining that Special Fella." It would be cut above what you are printing now.

Lady Jane Grey
Lost in a Swamp in Mississippi

P.S. Thanks Phyllis, for the subscription to *Gaze*. You've made my life.

Praise for Community

As a newcomer to Memphis, I was taken as a guest to the "February Follies." I was impressed not only with the performance and the performers, but with the love, caring, and sense of family. It was a benefit for someone named Peter Pan. She is someone I will not have the privilege to know.

If the indication of love is representative of Memphis, my lover and I feel privileged to have chosen Memphis as our home.

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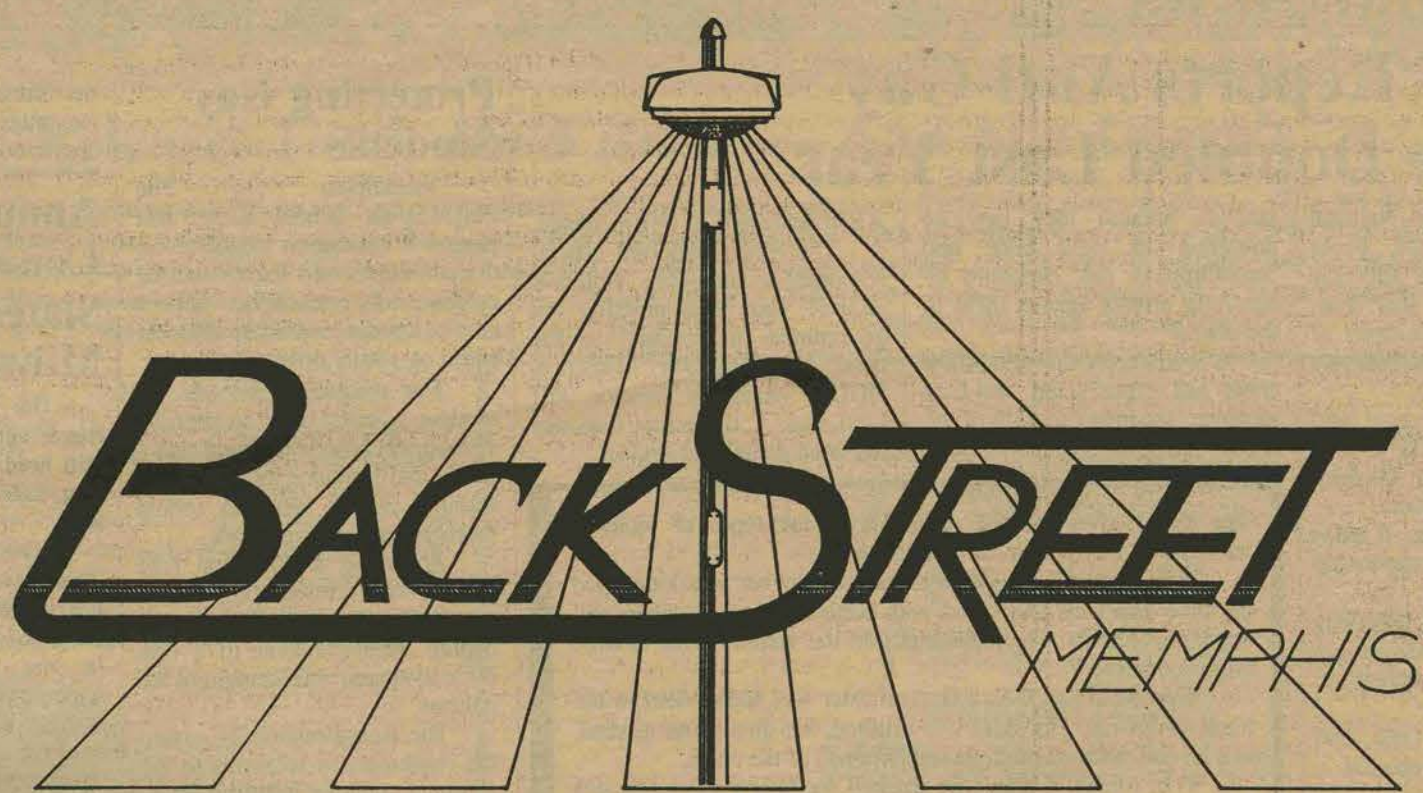
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National News

NGLTF Reports Anti-Gay Violence Doubled Last Year

New York — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reports that anti-Gay violence doubled last year from 1985. Almost 5,000 incidents of anti-Gay violence and harassment were documented.

At least 80 Gay men and women were killed, 732 assaulted, and 3,473 verbally harassed or threatened with violence.

Local Gay agencies in cities across the U.S. are substantiating NGLTF's report:

▼ The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project logged a startling 82% increase in cases.

▼ Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Task Force reported a 27% increase.

The NGLTF report was based on information obtained from 47 different organizations based in 27 different states. More than one third reported increased violence over 1986.

Kevin Berrill, head of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and one of the authors of the report, notes that the increase in violence coincides with an increase in violence against Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Jewish Americans. He says the increases "suggest that tolerance of individual and group differences in America is on the decline."

Gay people, Berrill says, are perceived as weak and "easy

targets" because they may be unwilling to fight back and "unwilling to risk exposure by reporting crimes against them to the police."

It is apparent that the AIDS crisis has exacerbated anti-Gay violence, according to 63% of the organizations. Direct reference to

AIDS was made in 681 incidents.

The report criticized official response to anti-Gay violence. NGLTF has been pressing the government to respond to the issue of anti-Gay violence. NGLTF executive director, Jeff Levi said, "...the actual response has been denial and neglect."

The report gives graphic examples of the types of violence wrought on Gay people. Among them:

▼ In Boston a Gay man leaving a Gay bar was kidnapped by three assailants and raped with bottles, lighted matches, and other implements. The assailants told the victim, "This is what faggots deserve."

▼ In Stockton, CA, a Gay minister was found dead in the trunk of his car. His skull was crushed, his throat was slashed, and he had suffered multiple stab wounds of the chest.

▼ In Maine, a man was arrested for setting off a tear gas canister in a crowded Gay bar. Thirty-five people were treated for smoke inhalation and eye irritations.

▼ In Little Rock, a neo-Nazi group called the Arkansas Liberty Net started a white supremacist computer bulletin board urging users to start compiling lists of "queers" to include in a "nationwide hotline" which would be "acted upon when deemed expedient." Similar bulletin boards with names like "Queer Watch" and "AIDS Plague," exist in Dallas, Houston, Chicago, and North Carolina.

▼ When a 16-year-old boy told his mother he was Gay, she called him a "sinner" and later attacked him with a kitchen knife while he was sleeping. She reportedly wanted to "cut the evil out of him."

▼ In Queens, NY, a policeman told two Gay-bashing victims to hurry and "wrap it up" because his coffee was getting cold. The police only reluctantly issued misdemeanor summonses to two assailants still in the vicinity, although one of the victims had suffered shattered facial bones.

Protecting Gay Students

Philadelphia — The Philadelphia School Board has passed a resolution condemning discrimination and harassment of students by teachers, school administrators, and other students based on sexual orientation.

The resolution amends the student conduct code to prohibit harassment based on sexual orientation and provides for sensitivity training on the issue to school teachers and administrators.

According to the *New York Native*, the resolution further appoints the school system's deputy superintendent to a task force to ensure enforcement of the policies.

The Board reportedly passed the resolution in response to the recommendations from the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force even though a consultant to the Board reported that "there are not serious incidents being reported... regarding discrimination" against Gay and Lesbian students.

Liz Slaps Reagan's Advice

Hollywood, CA — Elizabeth Taylor, actress and Chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, stated recently that she thinks President Reagan's advice on abstinence being the best way to combat AIDS is "not very sensible." She contends that the advice cannot be considered realistic when "every year millions of teenagers become pregnant. It's really amazing how our president confronts this national catastrophe," she concluded.

She urged young people, however, to realize that AIDS has brought about an end to the era of sexual freedom, stating that "having this partner or that partner that you picked up at a bar really has become playing with fire."

Don't Smoke 'Em

Newington, CT — Status Game Corp, a successful condom machine manufacturer, announced recently it hopes to sell condoms in conventional cigarette machines soon. This in response to the growing concern over AIDS.

According to *The Weekly News*, "The irony is that the surgeon general says cigarettes are dangerous to your life and condoms may save it," stated Lawrence Dunn, executive vice president of the company. He says the company has designed a package that contains three condoms that can sell for about

the same price as a pack of cigarettes and sold through conventional cigarette machines.

Annual BWMT Convention Slated for Milwaukee

The National Association of Black and White Men Together will hold its 7th annual convention, June 28-July 5, in Milwaukee.

Scheduled speakers include Thomas Kochman, author of *Black and White Styles in Conflict*; Joseph Beam, editor of *In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology*; and Calvin Hernton, author of *Sex and Racism in America*. Also scheduled is a discussion of the development and enactment of Wisconsin's Gay Rights Law, the only such statewide law in the nation.

Among the planned social activities is a night at Summerfest, the Midwest's foremost music festival, a boat trip on Lake Michigan, and a BWMT Talent show.

The convention will be headquartered at the Park East Hotel, overlooking Lake Michigan. For more information on the BWMT Convention '87, contact NABWMT Convention '87, Box 12292, Milwaukee, WI 53212, or phone 414-449-2454.

Quote of the Month

Salt Lake City — Apparently newspaper editor James Mortimer was having a hard time dealing with Garry Trudeau's *Doonisbury* comic strip when it dealt with such things as condoms and AIDS. Mortimer, editor of the Mormon church-owned daily newspaper *The Deseret News*, decided to pull the strip for good. In explaining his move, Mortimer said, "There's nothing offensive in this week's strip, but we'd rather not put it in and jerk it out and put it in and jerk it out."



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Reviews

Holly Near Releases *Don't Hold Back* — And She Doesn't

Oakland CA — Holly Near is taking a bold new stylistic direction with her latest release on Redwood Records, *Don't Hold Back*. The album explodes with some of Near's finest songwriting and vocal accomplishments yet. This fun, new LP features songs of love, passion, and heartbreak.

Some of the hottest talents have been assembled on *Don't Hold Back* including producer Steve Wood, who has played keyboards and toured with the Beach Boys, Santana, The Pointer

Sisters, and for the last several years with Kenny Loggins. Other musicians include Tris Imboden on drums, Bob Glaub on bass and Michael Thompson on guitar.

"How Bold" is the first cut of *Don't Hold Back*, setting the tone with a striding rhythm and the aggressive pace of a lover's come-on. The second cut, "The Promise," is a touching and dramatic ballad, highlighted by Kenny Loggin's backup vocals and the familiar question, "How

forever?" "Crushed" fires up side two with the adrenaline rush of an infatuation — and the gutsy vocals of Holly, Bonnie Raitt, and Linda Tillery.

Don't Hold Back is Near's first solo album since *Watch Out!* in 1984, and it's her 13th release on Redwood Records. Near founded Redwood Records in

1972; and from a small, one artist label, it has developed into one of today's most successful independent record companies.



Holly Near

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Spectrum

Student Polls Seventh & Eighth Graders on AIDS

An eighth grade student at St. Louis School tested her classmates knowledge of AIDS last month as part of her science project. She was not surprised that many of her classmates got some wrong answers.

Brian Feinberg reports in a story in *The Commercial Appeal* that 26% of 100 students surveyed reported that they felt they could catch AIDS from touching an AIDS patient's personal belonging like a comb or hairbrush.

Among the other finding of the 7th and 8th grade survey:

▼38% didn't know AIDS was caused by a virus

▼37% thought incorrectly that AIDS could be cured if detected early

▼6% weren't sure that

AIDS was spread by sexual contact

▼86% felt that it is "important that students learn about AIDS in Family Life Education classes." 3% said it wasn't and 11% were undecided.

In responding to the statement "I've heard enough about AIDS and I don't want to hear any more about it," 21% answered true, 3% said false, and 9% were undecided.

The survey was conducted by Tanja Konetzny who won third place in the Memphis and Shelby County Health Fair for her efforts. The survey was suggested by Dr. Linda Pifer, associate professor of pediatrics and clinical laboratory sciences at the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Cassettes Available for PWA's, Worried Well

The San Francisco Shanti Project and Tools for Change announce the release of audio cassette tapes designed for people with AIDS/ARC and the "Worried Well." *Visualization and AIDS: Tapping Deeper Resources* consists of instruction pamphlets and two sets of tapes with guided meditations designed to assist PWA's and the "Worried Well" in reducing the stress created by the AIDS epidemic and to help individuals find their own ways of maintaining and restoring well being.

The text of *Visualization and AIDS: Tapping Deeper Resources* is featured in *Psychoimmunity and the Healing Process* edited by Jason Serinus. He comments, "The introduction and meditations

which follow have been prepared by Margo and Lynn for people concerned with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses, and are available on cassette along with complete instructions on Applied Meditation. They are included in this book because they are models of their kind."

The visualizations on these cassettes are designed particularly for the Gay male community and contain effective suggestions for overcoming one's own internalized homophobia. However, the tapes can be effectively used by anyone.

For a free brochure and order form, write to Tools for Change, P.O. Box 14141, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Commentary

Love and the Gay Romantic

by Rick

Romantics usually have a difficult time sleeping late at night. Either they're thinking about the relationship that might have been, or the relationship they're presently involved in. Why, one wonders, is it such a hurdle to get lovers (past or present) out of your mind? I have many times asked myself that very question on many a late night. I even reach the point of wondering why I even play the game of love to begin with. Wouldn't it be better to act like most other Gay men — loose and full of desire? Lord knows Memphis is full of horny men waiting to fill any vacancy left by a former lover. But if the truth be known, I find casual sex with "friends" empty of meaning and even anonymous sex gets boring because the trick in the park (or the one in the bookstore) never quite fits the *A-Men* fantasy I always carry with me. What then are we poor Romantics left with?

I guess by now you've realized that I have played the game of Gay love and lost. No doubt most Gay men and women have similar experiences at least once in their lives. Count yourselves lucky if you've lost only once at this game, because many of us have made several appearances at this "wheel of fortune." I mean let's get serious. Vanna White doesn't have enough evening gowns in her wardrobe to play hostess at our game of love and do it justice. But it isn't as bad as it sounds. Hey, at least we've played the game, right?

Maybe that in itself is part of the problem. We Gays tend to play a lot of games when it comes to relationships. Just

reflect on your own experience and you'll know what I mean. After all, the plastic industry has nothing to worry about if you go by all the "winners" you meet at bars these days. Since when did love become a game? I was raised to believe that love was a commitment. Somewhere along the line that word "commitment" got lost in the shuffle when everyone started screaming for Gay pride. Don't get me wrong, I'm not downgrading Gay pride — I relish it. Gay pride has brought many of us out of our closets and has given us the courage to accept ourselves for who we are in regards to our sexual orientation. What I am attacking, though, is the erroneous belief prevalent among many and people that our sexual orientation can be an excuse for our lack of commitment when it comes to love relationships. To put it bluntly, that belief is full of crap. If you're going to risk loving another person — then risk it all the way. Don't enter into a relationship half-heartedly, don't promise what you can't deliver, and, above all, be truthful with yourself and your lover.

What, then, are we

Romantics left with? What can we, who have lost in love, expect from the future? To begin with, you have to keep the dream alive. Somewhere out there, there is a man or woman looking for the similar things you're looking for in a relationship. He or she may not look like your fantasy life partner, but isn't it time we also eliminated our own Gay stereotypes of "Mr/Ms Perfect" anyway? Secondly (and most importantly) don't be ashamed to admit that you're into committed Gay love relationships. Otherwise, you're going to be playing the same old record year in and year out. If playing that record (be it casual sex or anonymous sex) is what you're into, then by all means go for it. But if it isn't (and even if it is) you'll save yourself and any potential future lovers a helluva lot of pain and hurt by being open, honest, and upfront about yourself. Remember, if you're going to risk loving another person — risk it all the way. Let's stop making Gay love a game under the realization that as long as it remains a game, all of us lose.

'Personal Best' 5 K

The Memphis chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will host the second annual Personal Best 5 K Run on Saturday June 6. Runners will convene at the Overton Park Pavilion at 8:00 am with the run beginning at 8:30. Free t-shirts are available to the first 200 runners. Door prizes and other awards will be made at the end of the race.

Registration forms are available at all Memphis area running shops and will be available the day of the race.

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NGLTF Urges More AIDS Funding, Payments for AZT in House Testimony

In testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on April 30th, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGTLF) urged federal funding of nearly \$1 billion dollars for AIDS-related efforts in Fiscal 1988. NGTLF Executive Director Jeff Levi focused his comments on the importance of federal funding for the cost of experimental treatments. The Task Force also presented testimony to the Senate Committee on Appropriations on May 6th.

"Until a cure and vaccine are developed, our only intervention for halting the spread of AIDS is education. In this area, the federal response has been particularly appalling. In the current fiscal year, less than \$80 million is allotted to this goal. It rises to \$120 million in the President's budget request. A sum triple that size would come closer to the need," testified Levi.

"AIDS prevention requires mass education—about a frightening disease that requires millions of Americans to make dramatic changes in their lifestyles. And yet, we are spending less on this effort than companies spend to change consumer buying habits—or politicians spend on changing the vote of a small portion of the electorate," Levi continued.

NGTLF also faulted the federal response in the area of counseling those seeking the test and pointed out the problems in the accessibility to the test at voluntary test sites. "[T]he Public Health Service has failed to provide the testing sites and counseling services to meet the demand that they have created. Backlogs at testing sites are considerable—as long as two months in some cities...This is a program that cannot be undertaken on the cheap. Testing is only as useful as the counseling about behavior change that is associated with it—for people who are

positive and negative."

Levi argued at length for the appropriation of special funds in the current fiscal year to pay for the cost of AZT treatments. "For many who were receiving AZT free of charge before it was licensed, a treatment that has been proven effective in prolonging life is now being withheld simply because they cannot afford it. The humane solution is for the federal government to purchase AZT for those individuals not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance that pays for prescription drugs," he said.

NGTLF also urged Congress to press the National Institute of Health to move with greater speed in expanding the trials on drugs now underway, and to increase dramatically the number of people participating in them. The Task Force called for the development of earlier interventions including the study of drugs for asymptomatic carriers of the HIV to determine if the disease can be stopped early in its course.

AIDS Screening For Job Corps Protested

The Dorian Group announced its opposition to AIDS antibody testing at Job Corps Centers recently. The federally-operated Job Corps is a training program for disadvantaged youth. The AIDS antibody test is being administered to youth upon arrival at Job Corps centers. "These youth are already facing significant barriers to success in our country. They are economically disadvantaged, and most are drop-outs from our schools. They are trying to make something of themselves. Instead of help, they find that upon arrival at camp, they are confronted with a blood test; and if they are positive for exposure to the AIDS virus, they are sent home. For their efforts to become tax-paying, contributing members of society, they are slapped in the face with a major stigma and rejected from one of the few resources designed to help them," said Jim Holm, President of the Washington State Gay civil rights and education group.

"Instead of receiving the necessary counseling and education about what a positive blood test does and does not mean, the youth is left to his or her own resources. The Job Corps should provide AIDS education, not AIDS discrimination."

The action would be illegal under Washington state law and guidelines published by the Washington Human Rights Commission. It would be illegal in King County and under the City of Seattle Human Rights Ordinances. "The Job Corps is coming into our state, claiming immunity to our laws, and promoting a type of discrimination our local laws would prohibit," expressed Don Moreland, Seattle chapter president. "We believe that the action of the Job Corps is illegal under the section 504 rules of federal law, as well, which protects the disabled and those perceived to be disabled from discrimination. We have brought this matter to the attention of the appropriate state

and federal authorities. We are asking for immediate review of the Job Corps policy and the issuance of a cease and desist order," said Holm. In Washington, the Employment Security Department is responsible for identifying appropriate youth and referring them to Job Corps. "We have contacted authorities with the department and have requested that they place a moratorium on referrals to the Job Corps until the discriminatory practice is stopped. We have received a positive response and are awaiting review by the appropriate authorities. Our patience will not be great for delays in acting to correct this misguided policy," concluded Holm.

The Job Corps, which operates centers throughout Washington state and contracts with the State Employment Security, is out of compliance with the Washington state anti-discrimination law.

Health Dept. Steps Up Screening

In an apparent effort to clear out some of the backlog caused by calls for increased testing, the Memphis and Shelby County Health Dept. is holding a week-long AIDS antibody screening program for people who received blood transfusions between 1978 and March 1985. Beginning in April, 1985, all donated blood was screened for AIDS.

The screenings will take place June 1-5 at the Health Dept. at 814 Jefferson, Room 104 between 8:15 am and 3:30 pm. Anyone who qualifies for the special screenings should call 576-7714 for an appointment. Those who have appointments already scheduled are requested to reschedule during this week, if possible.

In March, the Centers for Disease Control recommended that anyone receiving a blood transfusion between 1978 and March 1985 be tested. Regular appointments for AIDS screening are filled through late August. It is hoped that this week of intensive screening will clear out some of the backlog.

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Religion

The Bible and Homosexuality Coming To Grips With Being A Gay Christian — Part III

by William M Tracer

This is the third in a series of articles dealing with what the Bible really does and doesn't say regarding homosexuality.

Romans 1:

{(26) In consequence, I say, God has given them up to shameful passions. Their women have exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, (27) and their men in turn, giving up natural relations with women, burn with lust for one another; males behave indecently with males, and are paid in their own persons the fitting wage of such perversions.} — *New English Bible.*

Although in this scripture we get the distinct impression that Paul says God has denounced homosexuals. This is in fact a false impression. This passage does not actually deal with people of homosexual orientation at all. What Paul is really talking about is a situation wherein women and men of heterosexual orientation turned from their own personally natural inclination to carry on as if

they were homosexuals.

Paul, like the Old Testament Israelites, had no concept of homosexuality as a sexual orientation. He saw homosexual activity as connected with idolatry, such as was found with temple prostitution, a practice which was still alive and well in Greece at that time.

Paul incorrectly assumed all people to be heterosexually orientated. Yet, in spite of Paul's ignorance on this particular issue, it can be argued that God inspired Paul to phrase himself as he did, in order that later the people of a more enlightened age (now) could see a truth to which even Paul was blind to.

This truth is that people should not consciously seek to alter their own individually natural, sexual orientation. This concept can, of course, he applied both ways. That is to say, heterosexuals should not try to become homosexuals, and homosexuals should likewise not try to become heterosexuals.

We are what God makes us and should not strive to make ourselves into something else. God made me homosexual. So when I read Romans 1:26-27, I feel assured that, were I to endeavor to give up my natural inclination and change to a heterosexual, I would be attempting to pervert what God has made me to be.

To further clarify this interpretation of these verses, let us

take a look at some of the original Greek words Paul used. In the above quoted verses from Romans, twice Paul uses the Greek word "phusis," translated above as natural, and once uses "Para phusin," (Unnatural, beyond or outside of nature). In 4 of his letters, Paul used this term, ("phusis"), or a form of it, a total of 13 times in 10 different verses.

The accompanying chart shows us the various ways Paul used the term, and forms of the term "phusis" in his letters. Shown here are the number of times the term is used in the given verses, the books, chapters, and verse numbers, with the basic meanings or connotations in each context.

Paul's exact meaning is unclear today. However, through analyzing the context of each instance of the term, many scholars have concluded that Paul used "phusis" to mean something in between social/cultural custom, and natural, as in the overall forces of nature. These forces of nature and the power of social custom do not always readily mix. Although an area where they can blend is implicit in the concept of that which is personally natural, or which comes naturally to the individual.

Paul's Use of "Phusis" Chart

TIMES	VERSE	MEANING
1	Eph. 2:3	By personal and/or cultural instinct
1	Gal 2:15	By birth, as inborn/cultural, or by personal nature
1	Gal 4:8	By nature, as in objective reality
1	I Cor. 11-14	By custom/cultural or social tradition
2*	Romans 1:26	By personal nature, and against personal nature
1	Romans 1:27	By personal nature
1	Romans 2:14	By personal and/or cultural instinct
1	Romans 2:27	By personal physical nature
1	Romans 11:21	By birth, as inborn/ as ordained by God
3	Romans 11:24	By birth, as inborn/ as ordained by God

* The term "para" gives this reference the reversed meaning

From this, we gather that the issue Paul was addressing in these verses was one of individuals who were heterosexual by their own personal nature but who, in turn, were going against what came naturally to them — behaving as homosexuals. In this scripture, people whose nature is homosexual are not addressed at all.

There are some who might respond to this by saying that it is splitting hairs. To those I would say, they must bear in mind that for me, as a homosexual, it would feel just as unnatural to behave as a heterosexual as it would for a heterosexual to try to act as a homosexual.

Each of us have our own individual natures composed of a blend of biochemical, and environmental factors. Mixing together the cultural influences with inborn genetic qualities, we find that which is, as Paul would say, "phusis" or "personally

natural" to each of us.

This mixture has the capacity of making an almost infinite number of possible combinations of what is natural to any given individual. Can we really fault Paul much, for not being able to consider all of these possibilities? Regardless of Paul's inability to see other possible natural inclinations, God's message still comes through loud and clear: be what you are! If you are heterosexual, be that. If you are homosexual, be that. If you are bisexual, be that. Don't try to make yourself into something toward which you are not naturally inclined. To make such an attempt would be to pervert what you are, whatever sexual preference you happen to have.

If you are interested in learning more on this topic and/or like to experience God's love with other Gay believers, then contact: Agape New Life Church, P.O. Box 22913, Memphis, TN 38122 or call (901) 327-4145.

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Archbishop Reveals Priest Died of AIDS

Washington — In an unusual move in April, Washington Archbishop James Hickey confirmed that a Catholic priest had died of AIDS.

"The truth is something that frees us," stated the religious leader at a press conference, according to *The Weekly News*. "I believe that when someone is ill, it's far better that they just say what it is. Would I give that advice to others? Yes, I would."

Father Michael Peterson, a 44-year-old psychiatrist noted for helping priests and nuns with drug dependency and sexual problems, died from AIDS complications on April 9. He had agreed in writing that the cause of his death would be made public.

Hickey would not state how Peterson contracted the virus. "I

honestly have no idea," he stated. "When he told me (he had AIDS), he was a very, very sick man and the last thing I wanted to do was ask... If there's anything in one's past, a sin, that's a matter for the confessor and the Lord Jesus."

Pope Cancels Hospice Visit

San Francisco — Plans for Pope John Paul II to visit an AIDS hospice in the Bay City in September have been shelved because of possible protests by Gay people who disagree with him on the issue of homosexuality.

The planned visit was arranged by local Catholic officials in hopes of healing a rift that has developed between the Roman Catholic Church and homosexuals. The papal visit outraged the Gay community which termed it "transparent provocation."

Feature

Torch Song Trilogy On The Boards at Playhouse

Torch Song Trilogy, three linked one-act plays that chart a journey toward change, opened Friday, May 29, at Playhouse on the Square, 51. S. Cooper. The Playhouse performance schedule for this production has been changed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday only, with an early curtain at 7 pm. The box office number is 726-4656.

Ed and Arnold are the "travelers" of the trilogy who struggle toward a meaningful, reasonable way of occupying a world which defies reason and meaning.

The play is guest-directed by Lester Malizia, his third production of the current Playhouse season. Formerly Resident Company Director at Playhouse, he returned from New York to direct *A Chorus Line*, which opened the current season. He also directed *Nine*, the musical which only just closed its Playhouse run May 17. Malizia was last season's guest director for *Gypsy*.

The first play of the trilogy is *The International Stud*, a series of five short scenes linked by torch songs. In it, playwright Harvey Fierstein first introduces Ed, who is possessed of all-American good looks (but a bit dense) and obsessed with how the world sees him. His co-star, Arnold, at first appears so accustomed to going against the world's grain that nothing can surprise him. It soon becomes apparent, however, that his sardonic wisdom thinly camouflages a profound vulnerability and a deep compassion for others. Malizia calls the allure of the play its directness, innocence, and sense of potential.

Fugue in a Nursery, the second play, is about marriage. The characters attempt to reach beyond the egocentrism of *Stud* and establish lasting and more conventional relationships with others. They are joined by Laurel, Ed's girlfriend/wife, and Alan, a young protege of Arnold's. The basic model for *Fugue* is musical — an intricate tissue of the interweaving attitudes, attractions and aversion of the quartet set as a Noel Coward-esque comedy of manners.

The final play, *Widows and Children First*, is the most securely conventional in form, yet the most ambitious in aim. It attempts to re-invent the family. It's aim is to explore love's loss and its regeneration. The new family that results is uncertain, but promising. Because of the emotional honesty the characters have found for themselves, however, this new family is

neither outrageous nor utterly unfamiliar. Malizia's observation: "We find our own life possibilities widen by seeing that a true family is not built from a set formula of gender and age, but through bonds of mutual experience, understanding, and respect which transcend usual forms and distinctions."

Malizia's cast is headed by Mark Chambers as Arnold and Terry Scott as Ed. Chambers is a familiar face to Playhouse audiences, both as resident company member and guest artist over past seasons. His latest appearance was as Auntie Mame's deep-South lover/husband. Scott is making his Playhouse stage debut.

Bates Brooks, Resident Company Member for the second season, plays Lady Blues/Laurel. She is vividly remembered for her roles in *Peter Pan*, *Spider's Web*, *A Chorus Line*, *Gypsy*, *Hamlet*, *Auntie Mame*, and others.

Dorothy Blackwood, who over the years has contributed her talent to Playhouse, Circuit Playhouse, Theatre Memphis, and Rhode's McCoy Theatre, among others, is playing the role of Mrs. Beckoff, Arnold's widowed mother.

The cast is completed by Kevin Gerald as Alan and Jonathan Pekar as David.



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Quick Clips

by Lady Astor

Greetings and salutations to yew all! As any former social club person might say, one drag is just about as good as another, so maybe this flavour of dirt will suffice in Miss Casino's apparent absence. Hope sincerely to hear from you again, deah, because your tea is seriously imported. (And you are one of those I am indebted to for any dishing talent I might possess.)

Notes about Midtown:

We did attend the Chinese buffet at the Pipeline which was well attended to the nearly immediate total consumption of a very fine stir-fry and a veritable cauldron of egg drop soup. My reservations about certain excluded modes of attire are as well known as Miss Casino's, but I gotta admit this is one of the Eatenest bars I've evah seen. (You decide exactly what's on the menu, potty brain, try reading the ad!).

The buffet was impressive but the impromptu entertainment was something right out of one of those \$2.98 novels at Le Cinema du Quartier. (You figure it out, Mary.) After so-and-so had driven the bike into a sheltered spot on the dance floor, two individuals, Steve and Dave from St. Louis to be exact, entered the

bar. These gentlemen had the definite air of being serious practitioners of their chosen pastime. They proceeded to prove this to a group of interested onlookers by exhibiting some truly fancy leatherwork on the finished portion of what proves to be a very fine new patio. No, they were not tooling the leather, this demonstration by the two gentlemen, using each other as illustrations, was at the least titillating and at best astonishing. Such stamina! A true fantasylike (!) quality ensued with continued fun and games on the dance floor to the tune of taped music, lights and (!) fog. There were volunteers from the audience (no names but you can probably guess) which resulted in, not a grand free-for-all, but an impressive display of what boys do to have fun. I mean, a gentleman is not a Hellfire Associate unless he means business.

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Let me hasten to add, that old-fashioned backroom activities are NOT encouraged (sigh) at the Pipeline. But, one good stroke certainly does deserve another.

On the flip side, we were introduced to a gentleman who

has performed with many of the greatest female impersonators of this decade (Charles Pierce, Craig Russell, etc.) who has never performed in Memphis. Benefit Bertha strikes again! Perhaps we can find the means to rectify this.

Yew know, the number of different types of businesses advertising in *Gaze* has increased in recent issues. It is pleasant to behold the number of Gay businesses targeting the community directly. Now... the big question is the newest auto sales lot, which is rumored to be Gay-owned. Would you buy a car from the same person you buy a beer from? Jackie Wilson, this is your life?

'Tis rumored that another of the famous alternative benefit shows, this one for the Gay Pride Committee, will take place very soon. Some of the same entertainers who brought you Old Hash, the Gay-Ho, A Touch of Class and the Muscular Dystrophy shows of several years past have already been contacted. The big question is, will Leslie Cartier sing in her own voice? Will Lady A do Doatsy Mae again? And who will still be speaking to whom after this column comes out?

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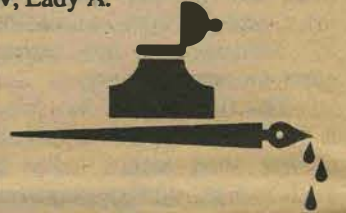
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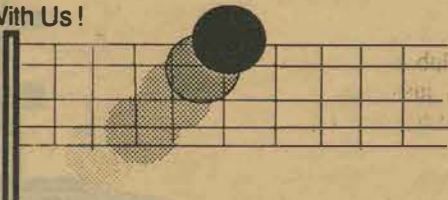
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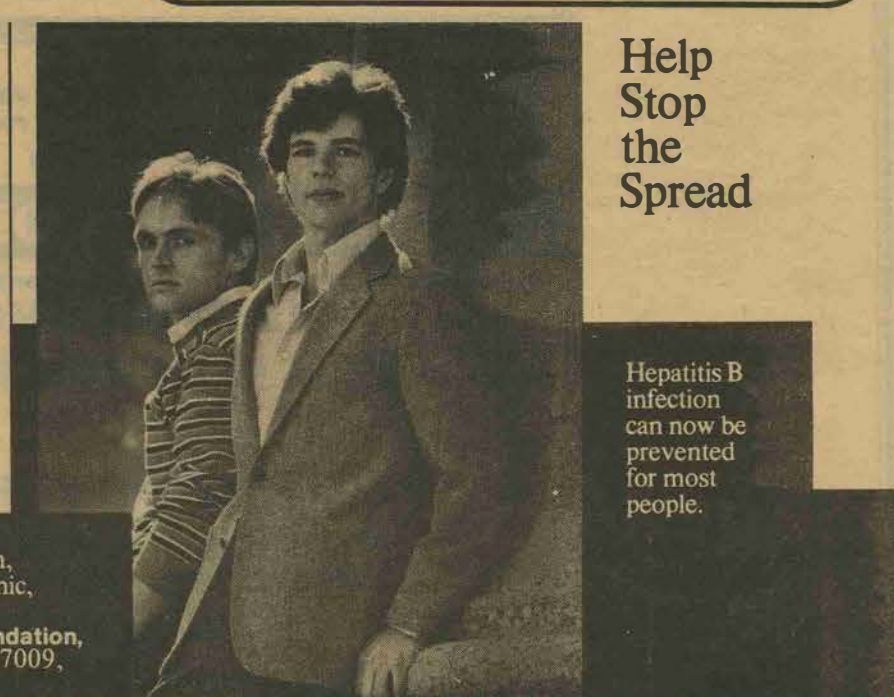
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Conductors: Box 40261, Nashville 37212.
Metropolitan Community Church: 131 15th Ave N., Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.
Nashville CARES: Box 25107, Nashville 37202-5107 - (615) 385-1510.
Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: Box 24181, Nashville 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.
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

aids 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).
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous: (615) 694-9180
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. Brainard 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.

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.
MCC 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.

JACKSON, MS ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): 528 North State St, Jackson, MS 39205-2242 - (601) 355-6464.
LAMBDA AA: 4872 North State.
MCC of Jackson: 1335 Ellis Ave., Suite 8, Box 1226, Jackson, MS 39215 - (601) 355-3402.
Mississippi Gay Alliance: Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204 - (601) 353-7611.

MEDIA

This Month In Mississippi: Newspaper - Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204 - (601) 353-7611.

HELPLINE

AIDS Hotline: (In State) 1-800-826-2961.
Gay Switchboard: (601) 353-7611.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Bill's Disco & Show Bar: 200 W. Amite - (601) 969-9765.
Jack's Saloon/Jill's: 208 W. Capitol - (601) 354-9588.

GREENVILLE-GREENWOOD MISSISSIPPI ORGANIZATIONS

Mississippi Gay Alliance/Greenville-Greenville Chapter: Box 5645, Greenville.

MS 38704 - 1-800-826-2961 (In MS), (601) 332-4571 (In Greenville).

LITTLE ROCK, AR ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Arkansas: Box 2832, Little Rock, AR 72203.
AIDS Brigade: 210 Pulaski St., Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 374-3605.
Arkansas AIDS Foundation: Box 5007, Little Rock, AR 72225 - (501) 374-5503.
Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force: Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.
Arkansas Gay Rights: Box 4699, Little Rock, AR 72204.
Gay Counseling Service: 210 Pulaski St., Little Rock, AR 72201 - (501) 374-3605.
Great Men/BWMT: Box 3123, Little Rock, AR 72203 - (501) 374-3217.
MCC of the Rock: 2017 Chandler, N. Little Rock, AR 72203 - (501) 753-7075.
National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 662, Little Rock, AR 72203.
Parents & Friends of Gays: Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.
13th Street VD/Alternative Clinics (AIDS Testing): (501) 663-6455

MEDIA

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

HELPLINES

AIDS Information Line: (501) 374-5503
Crisis Center: 664-8834 (1-800-482-8886).
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard: (501) 374-5503.

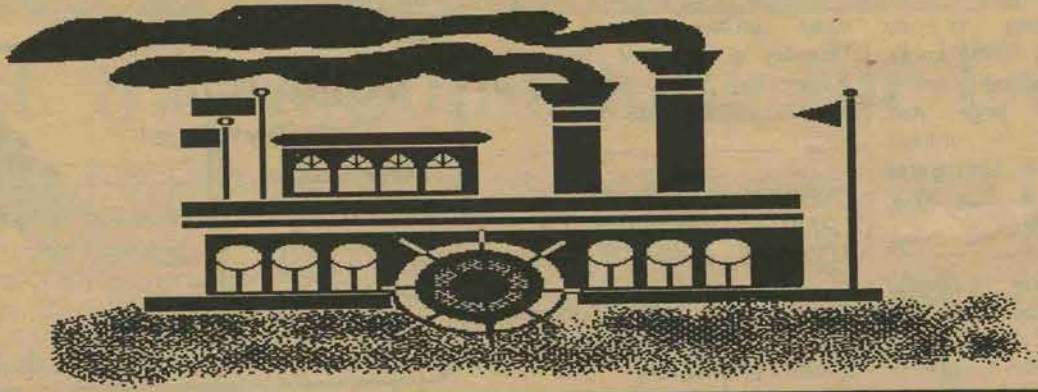
RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Chaps: 1701 S. University - (501) 663-8682.
Calamity's: 200 West Capitol # 1103 - (501) 562-9041.
Christopher's: 6th and Center (In the Little Rock Inn) (501) 376-8301
Christopher's Emporium: 2701 Kavanaugh, (501) 666-3438
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.

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

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