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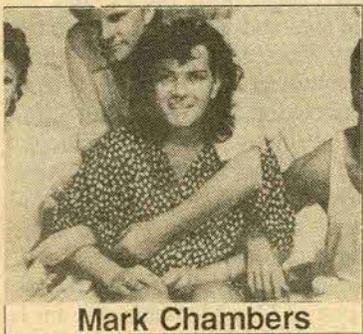
Theatre Awards Honor Chambers' *Torch Song*

Memphis — Playhouse on the Square's *Torch Song Trilogy* garnered top honors at the Fourth Annual Memphis Theatre Awards on June 27.

Mark Chambers, whose portrayal of Arnold in *Torch Song Trilogy* was nothing less than phenomenal, received the Outstanding Actor Award. The production itself was hailed for "Outstanding Achievement for a Dramatic Production."

Theatre-goers, fellow-actors, and critics alike have marveled at the sheer stamina required to perform such an exhausting and exacting role. Playhouse's production ran 4 1/2 hours with Chambers on stage most of the time. The play closed June 28.

According to Playhouse publicity, Chambers had prepared for the role long before the rights to the play became available to community theatres. Reportedly, he had seen the play in New York over a dozen times and had actively lobbied for the part. Chambers received standing ovations throughout the play's run.



Mark Chambers

Kids: Gay Teachers OK

New York — A poll conducted by the Roper organization reveals that 48% of 1,000 youths polled believe that Gay men and Lesbians should be allowed to be teachers. 41% thought not. The other 8% did not know what a homosexual was. Also noted:

- ▼ 70% were concerned about the spread of AIDS
- ▼ 20% were somewhat concerned
- ▼ 10% were not concerned

Gays, Blacks, and Women Rally To Defeat Bork Nomination

In what promises to be a battle to end all Supreme Court nominee battles, virtually every civil rights group in the country is rallying their supporters to fight the confirmation of U.S. Circuit Judge Robert Bork to the nation's highest court.

Bork was nominated by Pres. Reagan in July 2 and is backed by the Washington-based American Conservative Union.

The Bork nomination, which must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate, will fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Justice Lewis Powell. Powell, a Nixon appointee, was considered a moderate and was often credited with providing the "swing" vote on controversial issues.

Bork is considered one of the most conservative sitting judges in the country. Bork has repeatedly stated he would repeal decisions promoting rights for Gay people, women, and Blacks

if he had the opportunity. He also strongly opposes *Roe v. Wade*, the 1972 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand.

The Bork nomination was immediately attacked by such groups as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the NAACP, the National Education Association, and the ACLU among many others.

Ben Schatz of National Gay Rights Advocates' AIDS Civil Rights Project called Bork's appointment "frightening. A re-knowned homophobe will now be called upon to uphold the law of the land. He will be denying us and other groups rights for the next two decades."

"We will fight it all the way until hell freezes over and then we'll skate across the ice," said Benjamin Hooks NAACP executive director at the group's annual meeting July 5.

The National Education

Association voted overwhelmingly to oppose Bork. Teacher Jane Stern said, "Judge Bork is a

compulsory pregnancy man ... too conservative on race, women's rights, and reproductive freedom.

Bork on Privacy

In a 1964 Circuit Court decision (*Dronenburg v. Zech*) Bork ruled that the Military has absolute right to fire "homosexuals" no matter how good their record. In that decision, Bork went beyond the issue of military rights to question the validity of privacy as a constitutional protection. He said that the word "privacy" does not exist in the Constitution and that he would overturn the right to abortion and contraceptives if it were not for the 30 years of precedents granting the right to privacy by the Supreme Court.

Abby Rubinfeld, executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the *Dronenburg* case has "been cited time and time again to defeat the privacy rights of Lesbians and Gay men."

In the decision, Bork wrote:

"We find it impossible to conclude that a right to homosexual conduct is 'fundamental' or 'implicit in the concept of ordered liberty' unless any and all private sexual behavior falls within those categories, a conclusion we are unwilling to draw... If the revolution in sexual mores that appellant proclaims is in fact ever to arrive, we think it must arrive through the moral choices of the people and their elected representatives, not through the ukase [decree] of the court.

GayFest '87 Termed Success, Despite Low Attendance

GayFest '87, the Memphis Gay Coalition's Gay Pride Week celebration was considered by all involved a success despite weak attendance.

"For a first effort, it was definitely worth the trouble and money," said Allen Cook, MGC president. "We lost about \$500 or so, but almost every Gay organization in the city participated, and we think that made it all worthwhile." Cook said the Coalition spent about \$3000 on the tent, liability insurance, electrical work, and equipment rentals.

The event was the brainchild of John Mark House who envisioned a street fair similar to those held in other cities.

Under the colorful tent in the parking lot next to George's,

about 25 businesses and organizations set up shop with either merchandise or games designed to raise money. MGC sponsored the dunk tank which netted \$XXX during the three days by offering various dignitaries to be dunked. Heading the popularity list for dunking were Lady Astor (this year's Gay Pride Week Coordinator), David da Ponte (George's), Tommy Stewart (J-Wag's), and Sharon Wray (WKR in Memphis).

"Most of the traffic came during the evenings," Cook said, "which is what we expected, although there was a fair bit of traffic on Saturday afternoon," Cook continued.

Although most of the businesses which rented booth-space at GayFest did not

make substantial sales, most were more than willing to take part in next year's event. "We'll be here even if we don't make a cent," said one businessman, "because we want to support the Gay community."

Among the most successful projects surrounding GayFest '87 were the button campaign which raised about \$1000. In addition to free admission to GayFest on its opening night, purchasers of the buttons were offered specials at area Gay bars.

Plans are already underway for next year's GayFest which promises to be bigger and better. The Gay Pride Committee for 1988 has already met to begin research on how to bring more people to GayFest.

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Volunteers Ten, Gay Community Zero

by John Stilwell

Once again we find ourselves beating our chests, pulling out our hair, and wondering how to motivate the Gay community. We gave a party, and they stayed away in droves. What makes it all the more disheartening is that was a Gay Pride celebration. I guess the Memphis Gay community can't celebrate something it doesn't have.

A handful of volunteers worked long hours for several months to pull this event together. The further along we got, the more unexpected expenses arose; but we know that there were enough people in the Memphis Gay community to make GayFest '87 a success. We had done everything conceivably possible to make it

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"safe" for even the most closeted Gays. We even avoided bringing the event to the attention of the non-Gay media to protect the interests of those Gay people who daily live in fear of being exposed and thereby having their lives ruined. We felt it was much more important to get the Gay community "out" to GayFest than to make any sort of political statement to the media.

Financially, GayFest '87 was a disaster. But for the volunteers who worked so hard, it was a complete success. GayFest '87 brought together almost every Gay organization in town. Businesses came out to solicit Gay customers. Although no organization "made a killing" at their booth (some didn't even break even), just staging the three day event and having all those people working together made the event a success.

But GayFest '87 isn't the only place where the Memphis Gay community has let is down. The Aid to End AIDS Committee which started off with such a flurry of enthusiasm, now finds

that many of those people who gave lip service to their support of the organization were giving all they were prepared to offer — lip service. All those people disappeared back into the shadows of the bars or their personal closets. They act as if the threat of an AIDS epidemic is no longer a concern. They've left a handful of volunteers out in the cold trying to keep the organization going and provide the many services that are needed.

Off hand, I'd say that maybe *Gaze* isn't keeping the community informed. Maybe we're not reaching the people we need to be reaching. Maybe we're overlooking ways to reach more people. But that idea doesn't hold water on examination. There's enough information in the non-Gay media to keep people aware of the problems. Granted, they only skim the surface as far as Gay issues are concerned; but there is enough information to let Gay people know that their civil rights are at stake, their freedom is at stake, even their very lives are at stake.

It appears to me that the Gay community is divided into three groups. There are the volunteers who are working their tails off for themselves and the rest of the Gay community. They realize the dangers involved and are trying to preserve what little has already been achieved and improve things for the future. The rest of the Gay community, the vast majority of the Gay community, is divided into two other groups.

The first group, the homoSEXUALS, are only concerned with who has a beer bust and the next hot number they can bed. The second group, the HOME-osexuals, thing they can stay at home or party with their small clique of friends, and they will go unnoticed.

Both groups either don't know or don't care about what's going on in the world around them. They both live in a dream world of "I" — I will never need that service; I won't be affected by that legislation; I won't be caught in a police crackdown; I won't be affected by that Supreme Court appointment; I don't know

anyone who has AIDS. Besides, if something needs to be done, one of those crazy activists will volunteer to do it. I don't have to worry about it.

The nice thing about volunteers is that they are generally self-motivated. They can see beyond themselves, and they're willing to do something just because it needs to be done or somebody has to do it. They're willing to commit themselves and ready to take responsibility. But they do face burnout and that comes primarily from lack of support from the community as a whole. There's just so long that you can continue spitting into the wind without getting discouraged. I just hope they can hold out and be there when you need them.

On a scale of 1 to 10, the volunteers of the Gay community here in Memphis get a big ten. Thanks for all your hard work and for continuing to care. For the Memphis Gay community as a whole, you get a big fat zero. Thanks for your support.

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Chambers Extends Thanks

I would like to thank you and your readers for the outstanding support shown to the entire cast and crew of *Torch Song Trilogy*. It was my privilege to perform the role of Arnold Beckhoff at Playhouse on the Square, a role that fulfilled me as an actor more than any other role I've ever played.

In producing a controversial, decidedly Gay-oriented production, Playhouse took a huge risk at the box office. Thanks to your feature article in the June 1987 *Gaze* your readers were given notice and responded by attending and sitting through nearly five hours of Harvey Fierstien's text. The blending of the Gay and straight worlds harmonized in our audiences and became one group experiencing a single night of theatre. The cast swelled with pride upon receiving standing ovations, flowers, cards, and beautiful, yet heart-wrenching letters written by audience members who felt comforted for a while by seeing our show.

And for those who thought the show lacked current political standards and offered some answers, I can only cite the 1983 text and take solace in the fact that even they were in some way

energized a bit.

Again, I offer my thanks for my personal cherished memories of *Torch Song* and even more thanks to the Gay community and its support of the arts. For I believe the arts to be a great legacy for all of our future generations.

Mark Chambers
Memphis

We're Waking Up!

Memphis is waking up! Despite years of selfish attitude, dished and poured by queens and dykes alike, and a general feeling of negativity, the concerted efforts of a few are beginning to pay off.

Ask yourself: When was the last time Memphis could say "We have a political Action Committee though which we can spout our views on the issues affecting our daily lives as Gay men and women?" Was there ever a celebration of Gay Pride in Memphis to top this year's River Ride, volleyball tournament, and GayFest '87?

What about the Spring Fling? To have been the very first year at such an undertaking, it certainly should be proclaimed a success because it was definitely a good time for all.

And for the first time in

Memphis' history, we have money in the bank — though it is a small amount — to start a Gay Community Center. Think of it, a place to go and have a social gathering, play a game of chess or volleyball in more quiet, personal surroundings than a "boom-boom" room/disco. "Free ground" for those who crave the sanctity that entails. It is still a long way away, but the vision is becoming a reality with each and every deposit placed into the community center fund.

1987 has also brought us the birth of a new church/religious outlet for those who are so impelled. Agape New Life Church offers a bright, fresh feeling of love, worship, and praise in a quiet cozy, but growing, environment.

Also, ask yourself, "With all there is, how can I help? How can I get involved?" There's nothing to being a part of the wonderful feeling of pride and support from your Gay brothers and sisters. Simply take the time to call the

Gay Switchboard and ask any of the volunteers for information on anything that interests you **enough for you to get involved!** A lot of people can express an interest, but until one or two people actually grab hold of the reigns, growth in that area cannot/will not occur. You've got to care enough to share your time and energy with others. Just as the men and women of Memphis' Gay Coalition, Political Action Committee, the Gay Athletic Association, Agape New Life, social clubs and organizations, and, of course, the bar owners have done. To make Memphis a better place to live and be free, that is the common goal.

Finally, ask yourself, "Am I a part of Gay Memphis and am I proud of that?" If your answer is no, reconsider your own feelings of self pride. If your answer is yes, you are not alone. Get involved in GAY MEMPHIS NOW!

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National News

Court Says 'No' To Use Of Gay Olympics

Washington — For the second time in two years the Supreme Court has released an anti-Gay ruling virtually on the eve of Gay Pride Day. The court ruled June 26 in a 5-4 decision that the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) has absolute authority over the use of the name "olympic." Last year the Court released its ruling affirming the states' right to pass sodomy laws the week before the nation's Gay Pride celebrations.

San Francisco Arts and Athletics, the group which organized the Gay Olympics in 1982 (and later changed its name to Gay Games after the USOC sued), vowed to take its fight to Congress "to find out if they really meant to do this," according to lawyer Mary Dunlap.

The Supreme Court said the USOC can withhold permission

to use the name, even if it does so in a way that discriminates against homosexuals. The ruling gives the USOC free rein, said Susan McGreivey, an ACLU lawyer. "It can allow rats and cockroaches to compete, but goodness help us if we have young Gays competing."

The federal law that created the USOC requires it to allow handicapped children, police, and Boy Scouts to use the name "olympic," said USOC lawyer Richard Kline. The issue in the case was unauthorized use of the Olympic name, not homosexuality, he said.

Meanwhile, the USOC has placed a \$96,000 lien on Dr. Tom Waddell's house to pay legal fees incurred in the battle. Waddell was the founder of the Gay Games and died from AIDS July 11. (See story on p. 13).

Second Gay Congressman Quits Closet

Washington — Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) has joined Gerry Studds (D-MA) as the U.S. House of Representative's second openly Gay member.

In an interview May 29, Frank, a popular Democrat from Newton, Massachusetts, revealed his secret to *The Boston Globe*. "If you ask the direct question, 'Are you Gay?' the answer is: Yes. So what? Frank told the *Globe*.

He amplified: "I don't think my sex life is relevant to my job. But on the other hand, I don't want to leave the impression that I'm embarrassed about my life."

Apparently two recent developments concerning politicians and their private lives led Frank to go public. The 47-year-old politician said that public scrutiny about former presidential candidate Gary Hart as well as the late Rep. Stewart McKinney played a big part in his making the decision to come out of the closet.

McKinney died of AIDS recently. Speculation existed in Washington that McKinney, who was married and a father, was also Gay.

The first acknowledged Gay congressperson was Rep. Gerry Studds who, in 1983 revealed his homosexuality as well as the fact that he had an affair with a

congressional page.

Since he has come out, Studds has been re-elected twice.

Frank's announcement did not really come as a surprise to Gay rights advocates around the country. He has been a frequent advocate of Gay-related measures and speaker to Gay groups in the past.

HRCF Ranked in Top 20 PACs

A recent report from the Federal Election Commission, overseer of the nation's more than

4,500 political action committees, has formally ranked the Human Rights Campaign Fund as the 16th largest independent PAC in the United States.

The report also listed the Campaign fund as the 39th largest PAC overall. "Independent" PAC's are those not affiliated with a parent organization.

The Campaign Fund achieved its ranking by raising more than \$1.4 million during the 1986 election cycle, enough to put it in the top 1% of PAC fundraisers nationwide. During the same period, the Campaign Fund increased its giving power by an average of 25%, with more than \$250,000 going to 112 campaigns.

Lubrasetic Recalled

The federal government has quite a supply of lubricant since it seized supplies of Lubrasetic in New York and California.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has banned the consumer sale of the lubricant ruling that the manufacturer's claims that it aided the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases were questionable. After the FDA issued a class III recall order, federal officers seized supplies from Harriman Laboratories' factory in New York and warehouses in California. A class III recall order means the product poses a very low degree of potential harm to users.

According to Janet McDonald, consumer affairs officer for the FDA's San Francisco office, the company made "medical claims for which there was no

substantiating data." The company had not gone through the FDA's approval process.

The "labeling claims" which caused the product to be recalled, concerned Lubrasetic's ability to prevent the transmission of the AIDS virus. In its ads, the manufacturer stated that in test tube trials Lubrasetic killed sperm, bacteria, and the AIDS virus completely within 30 seconds of contact. Tests in human beings were not possible.

"We felt we never blatantly recommended the product as useful in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases," said Robert Rubinger, vice-president of United-Guardian, Harriman Laboratories parent company. "They (the FDA) felt that that was implied," he continued.

Ads for Lubrasetic, which

appeared in many Gay publications nationwide, did recommend, however, that "water-based lubricants and use of condoms provide the greatest protection against sexually transmitted diseases."

Lubrasetic has been manufactured for over 20 years and is commonly used in hospitals as an anti-bacterial lubricant. The FDA recall order does not affect hospital use of the product.

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National News

"Dukewatch" Effort Started

Washington, D.C. — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has launched a major education drive called "Campaign for Justice," to monitor and influence the 1988 presidential candidates' positions on issues that affect the Gay community. One of the campaign's first efforts is to inform the Gay community and the mainstream media of the record of Gov. Michael Dukakis, who has advocated and implemented an anti-Gay policy regarding Gay and Lesbian foster parents.

The NGLTF campaign will ascertain and publicize candidates' positions on rights for Gay men and women and on AIDS-related issues. The national organizing effort will track candidate position papers, publish periodic reports for the Gay/Lesbian electorate, and arrange briefings with candidates and/or their staff members.

"Dukakis is being targeted first because, with the withdrawal of former Sen. Gary Hart, he is perceived by many as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination; and, while in office, he has implemented an anti-Gay policy," explained Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF's Executive Director.

The Task Force effort regarding Dukakis is being conducted in conjunction with the "Dukewatch" launched by the Gay and Lesbian Defense Committee of Boston. "Dukewatch" will apply pressure to the Dukakis campaign through public actions and media education across the country. The campaign will specifically target the New Hampshire and Iowa primaries as avenues through which this issue can be raised in a

way that will have an impact on the Dukakis campaign.

Dukakis has recently lobbied the Massachusetts state legislature in favor of a state Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill. Levi praised this as "a step forward," but pointed out that "as long as state policies refuse to recognize Gay/Lesbian equality, such legal protections are rendered less meaningful."

The Governor's foster care policy was initiated in May of 1985, and states that foster children should only be placed in "traditional," two-parent, heterosexual homes where the mother does not work." The Governor's foster parent policy has been uniformly condemned by social workers, mental health workers, specialists in child-rearing and childcare, unions, religious groups, and advocacy groups that work for foster children and foster parents.

The Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court ruled the policy "blatantly irrational" in a preliminary injunction hearing on a lawsuit filed to challenge its application. In January 1987, a special Governor's commission appointed to study the foster care system recommended that the discriminatory policy be changed so that placements reflect what is in the best interests of the child.

Following the precedent set by Dukakis, the Massachusetts House of Representatives has, for the second time, passed a bill mandating the policy as state law. The state legislature in New Hampshire has also passed legislation prohibiting Gay men and women from becoming foster parents.

New Victory for Gay Couples

National Gay Rights Advocates has won a victory for a Gay couple in Seattle. Mitchell Foshay, an employee at Pacific Northwest Bell (PNB), was denied paid funeral leave in 1985 when his lover's father died. In denying Foshay's request for funeral leave, PNB asserted that employees must be married in order to receive funeral leave when a household member's parent dies. A complaint was filed with the Seattle Human Rights Dept., charging that Foshay was being discriminated against because of his marital status. The Seattle Human Rights Dept. has agreed; and called for conciliation.

"The fact that the State of

Washington does not permit Gay people to get married results in unequal benefits for Gay people," commented Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director. "Mitchell Foshay was denied paid funeral leave because he wasn't married — an option that simply wasn't available to him. He was denied the same benefits accorded to any married heterosexual employee."

"The time has come for Gay relationships to be legally recognized as valid," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "NGRA is committed to making sure Gay couples receive the same benefits as straight couples. Until the states recognize Gay marriages, we will pursue the matter in the courts.

If PNB refuses to cooperate, NGRA will take them to court.

A Most Dangerous Man

New York — U.S. Surgeon Gen. C. Everett Koop in a recent interview characterized psychologist and anti-Gay activist Paul Cameron as "one of the most dangerous men in America."

"His answer to everything is genocide of homosexuals," Koop said in the interview published in *The Village Voice*.

Cameron has lost his accreditation from a national organization of psychologists, but is still surfacing as a right-wing conservative consultant to cities and states considering Gay civil rights and AIDS ordinances. He has advocated drilling holes through the foreheads of Lesbians and Gay men as a means of "eliminating the homosexual infrastructure."

Koop added that he is afraid that many conservatives, including William Dannemeyer (R-CA) who hired Cameron as a consultant on AIDS, have been espousing Cameron's "theories" on AIDS.

"I even hear his (Cameron's) phrases coming out of the mouths in the White House, and that scares me," he said.

More on Cameron

Call Home E.T.

Paul Cameron — of whom someone said, "He's so nuts, he's probably the best friend Lesbians

and Gay men have" — is taking a giant step out of reality. Even though he's changed the name of his "research institute" from the Institute for the Scientific Study of Sexuality to the Family Research Institute, he's still spouting the same homophobic crap which led him to being discredited by the American Board of Psychology.

In the Family Research Institute's recent newsletter, he states that "Homosexuals are aliens. Allowed to flourish, they band together to become hostile aliens whose mission is to destroy the culture that tolerates them..."

Minnesota Coping with Groping

Minneapolis — The Minnesota Senate says that it still apparently is OK to pat a fanny, but anyone groping "clothed genitals" could be sent to the pokey.

The state Senate recently gave preliminary approval to a bill that would create a new category of criminal sexual conduct, making it illegal to touch someone's clothed genitals or breasts without consent. The crime, criminal conduct in the fifth degree, would be a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$3,000 fine.

The bill is a watered down version of a much harsher bill. State Sen. Allan Spear, an openly Gay Minneapolis Democrat,

succeeded in removing a provision that would have included "clothed buttocks." Spear said that including that in the new law would be "simply overkill."

"I don't want anyone to think that this is proper behavior," Spear said, "but sometimes we must make a distinction between behavior that is improper and unsocial, and behavior we ought to criminalize."

Pope Reinstates Hunthausen

Washington — Pope John Paul II has restored Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen to his ministry in an attempt to restore some of the damaged ties with the Catholic Church in the United States. Hunthausen was chastised for his liberal views on divorce, homosexuality, and treatment of clergy for leaving the priesthood. In January he was stripped of many of his powers in a secret Vatican investigation. Insiders believe the decision to restore his powers was made so as not to mar to Pope's visit this September.

In a related development, another pastor in the New York Diocese had his parish taken away from him for holding services for AIDS patients and Gays.



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FCC Sued on Radio Obscenity Ruling

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling designed to inhibit "shock jocks" on the radio has been challenged by the Pacifica Foundation. PF is defending its right to broadcast excerpts from "The Jerker," a play about Gay sexuality and AIDS. The play was considered "obscene" by the FCC.

The April 16 ruling, which targeted a number of stations for "indecent," has created a furor among broadcasters and free speech advocates. Violations of FCC standards carry possible penalties of a \$10,000 fine and two years in prison. KPDK (Los Angeles), which broadcast the excerpt, also stands to lose its license.

The Pacifica Foundation is a non-profit, public broadcasting organization that operates several progressive West Coast radio stations.

The FCC also angered the media by eliminating the old standards and adopting a new "case by case" rule regulating "decency" on the airwaves. Critics say that this only serves to create confusion about what can and cannot be said on the air. "Vagueness is the classic tool of oppressive censorship — a tool now wielded by the FCC," a New

York Times editorial stated.

The Los Angeles broadcast of "The Jerker" (subtitled "A Pomographic Elegy With Redeeming Social Value, and a Hymn to the Queer Men of San Francisco, in Twenty Phone Calls, Many of Them Dirty") was adapted from a play by Robert Chesley about love and phone sex in the age of AIDS. The show does include several of the "seven dirty words" prohibited by the FCC (and immortalized in a George Carlin routine).

David Salnaker, executive director of the Pacifica Foundation, promised to fight the decision to the end and explained that Pacifica lawyers believe the FCC ruling to be unconstitutional on several grounds. According to the *Gay Community News*, the show met every existing broadcasting guideline including: a late night airing with little likelihood of a juvenile audience, an artistic work of presumed social importance, a sensitive language disclaimer, and a target audience of Gay listeners.

Salnaker claimed that the FCC decision amounted to "political harassment" of Gay programming. The play was recently reviewed favorably by the *New York Times*.

X-Rated Video Hot Market

X-rated videos are the hottest thing in sales and rentals for small video outlets, according to a recent survey by the Video Software Dealers Association. The survey shows that profits from X-rated videos rose more than any other category — from 10% of total revenues in 1985 to 12.7% in 1986.

While this may be true nationwide, Memphis video stores generally do not rent hardcore videos because of fear of prosecution under a stringent state law.

Sodomy Worse Than Adultery?

In defrocking televangelist Jim Bakker, the Assemblies of God has said that sodomy is a worse sin than adultery.

Jerry Falwell said the sect had a process for restoring the ministry to clergymen whose problems involve alcohol or adultery. But, that homosexuality is not one of the practices which can be forgiven by the church.

Charges that Bakker had engaged in Gay sex and had sex with prostitutes surfaced with allegations from Chattanooga evangelist John Ankerberg. Neither Ankerberg nor Falwell has been more specific about the charges, citing the need to protect the witnesses.

ACLU Opposes State Legislation

Nashville — Over 1,200 bills were introduced during the first half of the 95th Tennessee General Assembly. Several bills involve the rights of all people or people with AIDS. Among the bills the ACLU opposes are the following:

- SB122/HB273 Education — Requires urinalysis for illegal use of drugs to be performed on all students registering at state colleges and universities. Action has been deferred to 1988.

- SB337/HB730 Health — Requires all employees handling food to get health cards which state they have been tested for AIDS, VD, and all other communicable diseases. Referred to study committee.

- SB339/HB726 — Marriage — Makes an AIDS test part of marriage application process. Referred to a study committee.

- SB 509/HB274 — Requires that food handlers be tested for exposure to AIDS. Referred to Senate and House General Welfare Committees.

- SB1120/HB990 Health — Requires reporting results of AIDS test to State Department of Health. Passed in Senate. Taken off notice in House General Welfare Committee.

Among the bills the ACLU supports are the following:

- Sexual Offenses — Removes the limited spousal exclusion from the sexual offenses statutes. Taken off notice in the Senate. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

- SB64/HB63 — Handicapped — Prohibits discriminatory employment practices by private employers directed at handicapped. Became Public Chapter 15.

For further information call the ACLU office in Nashville at (615) 256-7028.

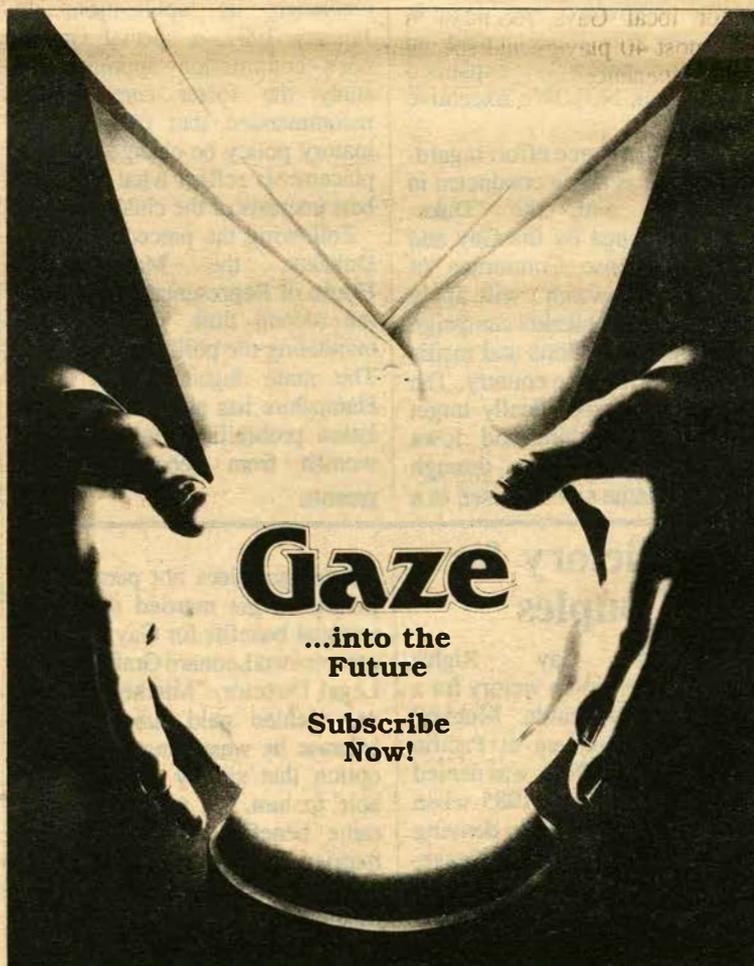


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For Love, For Life, We Will Not Go Back!

by Rick Bray

When it comes to talking about my civil rights as a human being, and a Gay person, I sometimes get pretty wound up with both anger and fear toward our society. Just the other day, the U.S. Supreme Court decided against Lesbians and Gay men again in its decision on the case of the *San Francisco Arts and Athletics v. U.S. Olympic Committee*. I felt so disenfranchised from my rights as an American citizen, "guaranteed" under the Constitution, that I could have cried right then and there. This makes the decision regarding your participation in the March on Washington on October 11th one of the most important things that you will ever do to ensure the safety of our future as Lesbians and Gay men

in this country.

You think I am kidding, but take a moment to consider some facts:

FACT: The year 1986 saw over 4,000 reported incidents of violence against Lesbians and Gay men. Over 700 involved some form of physical violence resulting in 80 deaths.

FACT: Presidential hopeful, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis not only has denied the opportunity for Gay men and women to serve as foster parents in his state, but he has actively participated in the effort to successfully defeat a proposed Gay rights bill in that state.

FACT: In the time it has taken for the Reagan Administration to respond to the AIDS crisis, over 20,000 men, women and children have died.

What more can I tell you? I think the attitude most Americans have toward Lesbians and Gay men is the perfect breeding ground for increasingly violent attacks toward us. What we have to do is have the courage to stand up and stop it, to take our future in our own hands and shape it the way we perceive it should be. You do not have to be a victim. It is too late to take action when authorities are locking up "suspected" homosexuals. It could happen here.

The March on Washington is not only an act of defense of ourselves and our rights, but it is an invitation to throw off the shadow of the closet, to come out into the sunshine holding hands, loving each other, in public, in the open, unashamed of who we are, who we love, and what we

have to offer the larger society.

I extend my hand to you to come join me in Washington on Sunday, October 11. If the interest is there (which I think it is), we plan to take buses from Memphis for this occasion. It is up to you. Let us be pioneers and

carry on the struggle that started with Stonewall!

For details, write Mid-South Office, March on Washington, P.O. Box 40311, Memphis TN 38174-0311 or phone (901) 274-0454.



National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights

Gay Pride Volleyball Tournament

Memphis— The annual Gay Pride Volleyball Tournament proved to be an exciting diversion for local Gays recently. With almost 40 players and spectators in attendance, the event was clearly a success. The winning team won two of two games, 11-0 and 21-14.

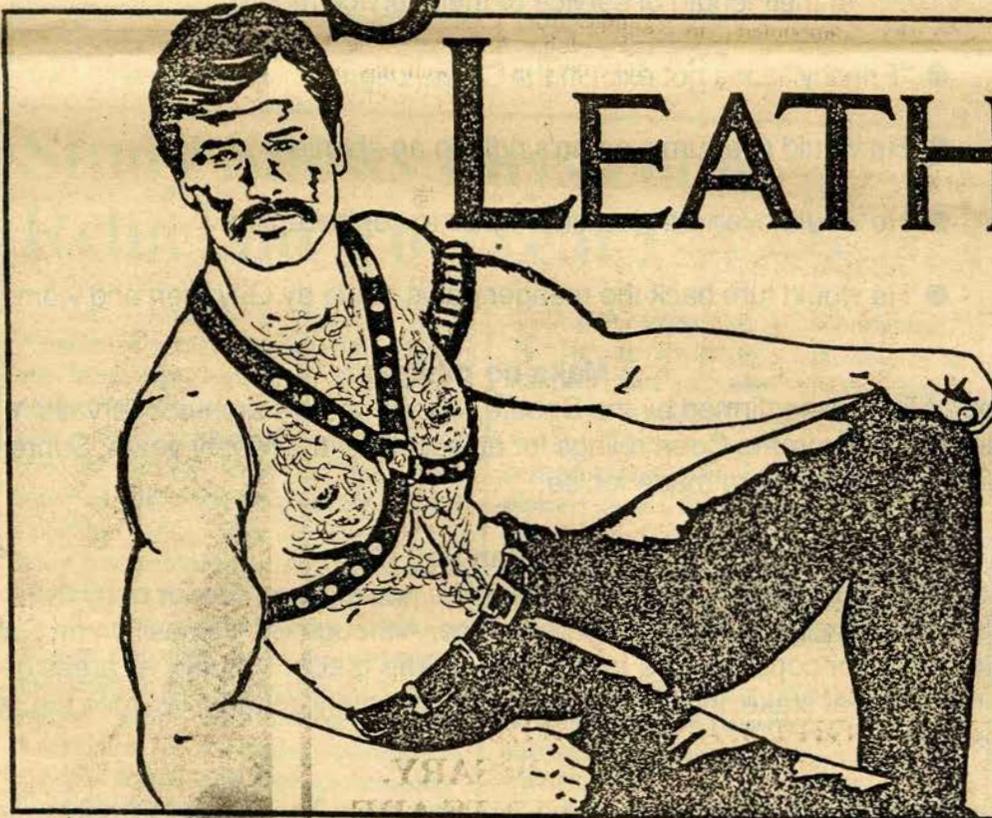
The tournament, part of Gay Pride Week festivities, was held Sunday, June 21st at Williamson Park. The winner of the tournament was decided by the best of three games; however, only two matches were necessary. Two exhibition games with open team membership were also played. Tournament members were drawn at random from a pool of all participants.

The winning team, comprised of Paul, D. Johnson, Don Greisheimer, Laren H., Scott Allen and Kerrel Ard — all of Memphis — and Ray White of San Diego, CA, shut out their first opponent with a score of 11-0.

Immediately following Team Three's first win, Team Two took the court as the next opponent. The second team fared better than did their predecessor, maintaining a lead for the first half of the game. However, Team Three prevailed and the final score rested at 21-14.

The players for Team Two were Matthew Dean, Jeff, Dago, Therman, John House, Snider, and Matthew Presley, all of Memphis. Team One consisted on Russ, Gene, Carl, Bubba, Randy, Llyod, and Chuck B.

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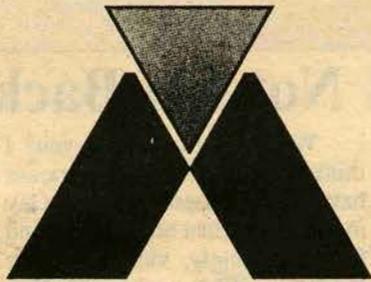


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Memphis Gay Coalition

Post Office Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038

July 18, 1987

TO: Memphis Gay Community

FM: Allen Cook, President
Memphis Gay Coalition

SUBJECT: WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT ROBERT BORK'S NOMINATION TO THE SUPREME COURT

The recent resignation of Justice Lewis Powell has left a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court — a vacancy Ronald Reagan wishes to fill with U.S. Circuit Court Judge Robert Bork. Bork undoubtedly has the worst record of decisions on civil rights issues of any sitting U.S. judge.

See what Bork's positions are on critical issues:

- The military has the absolute right to fire homosexuals — regardless of their length of service or their service record.
- "Privacy" does not exist in the Constitution
- He would overturn women's right to an abortion
- He would overturn women's rights to contraception
- He would turn back the meager gains made by Gay men and women

Make no mistake.

If Robert Bork is confirmed by the Senate, we will see his arch-conservatism evidenced in Supreme Court rulings for at least the next twenty years. Supreme Court appointments are made for life.

What can you do?

Write your U.S. Senator. The Senate has the power to confirm or deny the appointment of any Supreme Court nominee. Although Bork's position on Gay rights is a major concern, **this is not just a Gay issue**. Virtually all areas of civil rights are at stake, including your right to privately conduct your life the way you see fit.

Listed below are the addresses of the Senators from Tennessee. Simply write to them and express your feelings that Robert Bork's nomination should not be confirmed. You don't even have to tell them why you feel this way (although there are plenty enough reasons). Please — take five minutes of your time and 44¢ of your money and write these two letters. It's important for all of us.

The Honorable James Sasser
298 Russell Center Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Albert Gore
393 Russell Center Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

March on Washington

Bus Trip Planned for Washington March

Participate in Gay history! The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights will take place in our nation's capital on Sunday, October 11th. At the last national march in 1979, over 100,000 Lesbians and Gay men gathered to celebrate their gayness and to make their voices heard. With the AIDS epidemic and the increasing anti-Gay sentiments evidenced in our country's legislatures and courts, it is more important than ever to make a powerful showing in October. Join us. A bus trip from Memphis is being arranged to help make sure our region is represented. Right now 47 seats are available for reservations; additional busses can be added to the trip if enough people are interested. Bus transportation will cost \$66 per person.

The bus will depart Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 AM. It will arrive in Washington, D.C. at 6:00 am. Marchers will gather for

a rally at 9:00 am, and the March starts at Noon. The bus will depart Washington Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 PM and arrive in Memphis Monday, October 12 at 3:00 pm. Monday is Columbus Day — many of you may have the holiday free.

To make it possible for as many people as possible to attend, this is a simple direct trip. Appropriate stops will be made for stretching and meals. Meals are at your own expense. For further information, contact Rick Bray at (901) 274-0454 or Peter Barrosse at (901) 726-4311. Reservation requests and payment must be received by Friday, September 4th, 1987. Because we must pay for the bus well in advance, cancellations cannot be accepted or refunds made after that date.



National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights

MEMPHIS BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MARCH RESERVATION REQUEST

Please hold _____ seats on the Memphis bus to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights departing on October 10, 1987. By my signature below, I acknowledge that no refunds will be made after September 4, 1987.

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Gay Switchboard Needs Volunteers

Memphis — The Memphis Gay Switchboard needs qualified operators to keep the 10-year old service functioning during peak hours.

"Summer is a hard time for us because of vacation schedules," said Cecil McLeod Switchboard Coordinator. "Right now we're down to about five people handling the Switchboard 7 days a week." According to McLeod, working the Switchboard is not difficult but sometimes does take patience. "We get some prank calls, some kids calling, and a lot of hang-ups; but most of the calls are sincere people asking for information or just wanting someone to talk to," McLeod stated.

Volunteers are screened through a committee of the Memphis Gay Coalition which operates the service, the only Gay helpline in the state. Candidates are then trained, given a packet of information of referrals, and scheduled. Operators work from their homes since the Switchboard is operated on a call-forwarding system.

Most operators simply answer the phone with the word "Switchboard," because it is impossible to tell whether a call coming in is a personal call or a

Switchboard call. Some operators simply answer with "hello" and the caller will ask if this is the Gay Switchboard.

Anonymity is stressed. "It can be very dangerous trying to meet the callers on the Switchboard," said McLeod. "You don't have any idea what kind of person they are by a telephone conversation." McLeod acknowledges that operators are often tempted by intriguing telephone voices.

If you would like to volunteer, here are the qualifications: You must —

- Be comfortable with your Gayness and be able to relate to people in crisis or semi-crisis situations.
- Be non-judgemental.
- Have an available phone, preferably with call-waiting.
- Pledge to preserve anonymity, not to attempt to meet callers, or encourage phone-sex callers.
- Be thick-skinned enough to withstand abusive phone calls and pranks.
- Live in the Memphis dialing area.

Potential operators are encouraged to attend Memphis Gay Coalition meetings to volunteer, or call 454-1411 and leave a

message. The MGC meets in Meeting Room A of the Public Library at Peabody and McLean on the first and third Mondays of every month. Interviews and training will be set up as necessary.

BBC Frowns on Gay Love

London — The *Times of London* has reported that the Thatcher government was responsible for the sudden cancellation of *Mates*, a two-part BBC drama about teenage homosexuality, according to the San Francisco *Sentinel*. One third of teachers polled by the *Times* indicated that they believe homosexuality should be presented in the classroom as a way of life, while less than a quarter said they believe homosexuality should not be taught as acceptable. Leslie Stewart, author of the screenplay, said that its purpose was "to make teachers and teenagers who are Gay not to feel so desperate about it." The *Times* also reports that the cancellation has caused a public outcry.

Adhesive Condoms

Minneapolis, MN — The Mentor Corporation has started manufacturing a "two-piece condom system," featuring an adhesive condom with an applicator hood for easy on — but not off. With the use of condoms expected to increase by 20-30% a year, the company felt it "had a product that offered a significant advantage over what was currently available."

"The adhesive was very carefully designed to provide enough tack and yet come off very easily," said Al Mannino, Mentor vice president. "By rolling it off, it comes off very easily, but when it's secured in position, pulling on it will not remove it." The sticky rubbers will not be cheap; they'll sell for \$25-30 per dozen compared to the \$5 or so for conventional condoms.

Volleyball Tournament

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The tournament was sponsored by the Memphis Gay Athletic Association (MGAA) and was primarily an avenue for fun and recreation, according to Matthew Presley, MGAA president.

Poll Says Lawyers Disapprove of Bowers Ruling

A poll conducted for the *American Bar Association Journal* finds that 70% of lawyers responding disapprove of the Supreme Court's Bowers v. Hardwick decision. That decision upheld the states' rights to pass laws against sodomy. According to the *Advocate* 67% of those polled in the Kane, Parsons and Associates survey believe the sodomy ruling reversed the Constitutional right to privacy. 57% believe the ruling will make anti-Gay discrimination more likely and that states should repeal sodomy laws.

Chocolate Mints, Shampoo, & Condoms

For anyone who has stayed at a luxury hotel recently, it comes as no surprise to find your bed rolled down and a chocolate mint on your pillow. A Canadian hotel is going one step beyond, however.

Le ShangriLa Hotel in Canada is now placing discreetly wrapped condoms in all 166 of its rooms to "show it cares" about its guests, according to a recent issue of *American Medical News*. The hotel, now operating at 60% capacity, admits the promotion was designed to fill its rooms as well as to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Hamlin Draws Straight Line

People magazine reported that when Harry Hamlin, now happily paired with Susan Dey on *L.A. Law* was getting ready for his role as a Gay novelist in the 1982 movie *Making Love*, he visited several Gay bars to see "how they moved and how they picked each other up." He says he was approached

The event was attended by people from around the Mid-South as well as from other states. A notable attendant was Bobbi White of the North American Gay Athletic Association. White is from Philadelphia.

MGAA sponsors many such events and encourages other Gay people to join them. For information, call Matthew Presley at 744-0575.

by a few would-be partners, one of whom was particularly persistent. "I finally had to say, 'In fact, I'm researching a movie; and I'm doing some research here,'" said Hamlin. He just looked at me and said, "That's the fifth time I've heard that line this week!"

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Statement of Purpose

Black and White Men Together of Memphis, Inc. is a Gay interracial organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. To these ends, we engage in educational, political, cultural, and social activities as means of dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia, and other inequities in our community and in our lives.

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Saturday, August 1: **Yard Sale**, 1511 Jackson, 8pm-Until

Friday, August 7: **Dinner at Alfred's on Beale**, 8 pm.

Wednesday, August 12: **Discussion Group: My Friend/Lover is an Alcoholic**, Irwin's, 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 16: **Bowling at Poplar Plaza Lanes**, 1pm, Dinner at Peking Restaurant afterwards

For details: Call Bill (272-3705), Jeff/Mark (278-7092), Joe (274-6280), Irwin (726-1461) or write BWMT/Memphis, P.O. Box 41772, Memphis, TN 38174-1773

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Damon Brent

by E.C.

I would like to tell a story. I'm not making any judgements; I'm not drawing any conclusions. I'm just going to tell you a story.

Once upon a time there was a man. I'll call him "Damon Brent." For years I heard stories about him, though I never met him and never attended his parties. My friends discussed him constantly. I could never tell if people actually liked him or not. They always spoke of him with amusement, but whether it was amused like or amused tolerance I wasn't sure.

Damon Brent was a sort of landmark in our town. Totally uncloseted Gays are scarce there even now, but were especially so during the seventies and early eighties. What Damon Brent did was to provide a place for Gays to congregate, meet each other, and party outrageously. "Brent Parties" were often used as first time public coming out events for newly out Gay men and Lesbians. His parties often had 300 people in attendance and more. You see, in this particular small town, one could strike out in any direction whatsoever and the closest Gay bar in any of those directions was an hour and half's drive. So Damon's parties attracted people from our town and all the surrounding towns and counties.

Clothing at a Brent party was, of course, a conversation topic for months afterwards. If you weren't competing you dressed down—the old "I'm wearing my jeans and I dare you to say anything" attitude. But for the style mavens, outfits were worked out far in advance. One prominent town man is ridiculed to this day for appearing in a tight purple satin bell bottom jumpsuit with a straw cowboy hat and chartreuse leather boots. I heard the story yet again only 2 months ago, making the count of people who have told me that story now 6.

Damon tried to make his parties true events. Sometimes he brought down famous drag queens. His music and food were superb. Liquor literally flowed.

In spite of his efforts, Damon was still a controversial figure. He was, to be blunt, promiscuous. It seems only recently that male promiscuity has really come under attack in the Gay community though it never had been understood or well-received in the general populace. It has always been a popular attitude to sneer at the habits of Gay men who prefer multiple

partners. Damon came under special attack, however, because, basically, he was a promiscuous man's man.

There is a well-known story (perhaps true, perhaps apocryphal) about the time Damon went to the county health unit and was told he had syphilis. He couldn't decide who he could have caught the disease from and so the unit sent out around 50 of those little postcards they send telling people they may have been exposed to VD. The joke was that the list read like a list of the town who's who and caused a great deal of embarrassment.

I lost touch with the Damon Brent stories when I left town. Occasionally I heard from friends who sent me letters saying they'd been to a Brent party and telling all the details. I went home a couple of months ago and drove up to the Gay park. I talked to some of my old friends and met some new ones. We talked about how Gay people used to congregate there on Sunday nights and barbecue, and how we used to have a Gay forest ranger who'd let us stay after the park closed, and the good times we used to have. Mentioning good times made me think of Damon. I said, "You know, I've never been to a Brent party and I really want to go."

A man near me, Eddie, said, "Well you never will now."

Everyone turned to him in surprise. I asked, "Why?"

We all got quiet as he talked. He said Damon was in a hospice in Kansas with AIDS and was dying. Except for an old lover, he had had no visitors and was very depressed, almost suicidal. Eddie wouldn't have known either except he happened to run into the ex-lover.

My friend, Jim, was the first to speak. "My God," he said. "I didn't know." We all agreed.

Eddie stubbed out his cigarette, shrugging. "I'm going to visit this weekend. You're all welcome to go."

No one replied. After a moment, Jim told Eddie he'd call him and get Damon's address. It was late and a cool breeze chilled us as we stood. One by one, people walked to their cars and left. I stood alone, thinking silently for a long time. My old roommate and her lover eventually led me away.

No judgments. No conclusions. I've told my story. Too bad it's a true one.

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Religion

The Bible and Homosexuality — Part IV

by William M. Tracer
Associate Pastor, Agape New Life Church

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

I Corinthians 6:

{(9) Have you forgotten that the kingdom of God will never belong to the wicked? Don't be under any illusion — neither the impure, the idolator or the adulterer; neither the effeminate, the pervert (1) or the thief; neither the swindler, the drunkard, the foul-mouthed, or the rapacious shall have any share in the kingdom of God.} (PME)

I Timothy 1:

{(8) We know, of course, that the Law is good, but only provided it is treated like any law, (9) in the understanding that laws are not framed for people who are good. On the contrary, they are for criminals and revolutionaries, for the irreligious and the wicked, for the sacrilegious and the irreverent; they are for people who kill their fathers or mothers and for murderers, (10) for those who are immoral with women or with boys or with men, for liars and for perjurers — and for everything else that is contrary to the sound teaching (11) that goes with the Good News of the glory of the blessed God, the gospel that was entrusted to me.} (TJB)

In the two scriptural passages above, there are two key words in the original Greek language which have traditionally been translated in some form relating to homosexuality. These words are "arsenokoites" and "malakos". (See chart) The question this writer asks is: "Did Paul really mean "homosexual" with these words?" After examining the following information, I think you will agree that the answer must be "no."

Of these two words, let's first take a closer look at "arsenokoites" and consider some optional meanings. This term is used only two times in the entire Bible, both times by Paul, in I Corinthians 6:9 and in I Timothy 1:10. This is a composite Greek word formed from "arseno" or "man," with "koites" or "bed," making a literal translation "man-bed". "Koites" is the root word for the Latin, and our own English word "coitus" which means, according to Webster's, "sexual intercourse between two human beings."

Today many linguistic historians believe the meaning of "arsenokoites," in Paul's time, was "male temple prostitute," or just "male prostitute." However, long after Paul's death this word's meaning changed, due to the fact that the practice of temple prostitution began dropping off with the close of the Second Century, A.D. By the year 250 A.D. "arsenokoites" had become an obsolete word, and as a result,

had come to represent "homosexuality" in the minds of Third Century homophobes, and has unrightfully carried this misconceived meaning ever since.

Though the word homosexual was not coined until a little over 100 years ago, there was a Greek word used long before Christ's time and even long after Paul's time which truly conveyed the same idea of homosexual relations as we understand them today. This was "homophilia," the root word for "homophile," meaning "love or affection between same sex individuals."

If Paul had been writing about homosexuals, he would have very likely chosen "homophilia" or a form of it, to convey this meaning. But this Greek word "homophilia," or any form of it, is never used anywhere in the Bible, in any context, good or bad.

"Homophilia" was a Greek word most often used to describe the relationships between matched Greek soldiers, who fought side by side in the battle fields, and who shared a close sexual and loving relationship with each other. This term was also used to describe the relationship between eunuch slaves, and their male masters when they had a sexual attachment.

In the I Timothy scripture, the three Greek words "pronos," "arsenokoites," and "andropodistes," have been translated in most English versions as three distinct concepts. However, there is an

From I Timothy 1:10 ...
"Pronos," "Arsenokoites," &
"Andropodistes"
Translation Chart

Greek Word	Meaning or Connotation	Combined Translation
Pronos (m)	to extort or sell sex	those who sell and enslave men as prostitutes
Arsenokoites	male prostitutes	
Andrapodistes	a slave dealer	

apparent interrelationship, which has led some scholars to tie "arsenokoites" to either "pronos" or "andropodistes" making combined meanings that are theoretically clearer. The translators of The Jerusalem Bible went even further, linking all three into a blanket statement of immorality. Of all the translations I have personally studied, I would say that TJB probably comes the closest to the shade of Paul's true meaning. But it still misses the true concept dealt with.

When we blend the definitions and connotations of these three words idiomatically* rather than literally, we find that a very good alternate and possibly superior translation would be "those who sell and enslave men as prostitutes." Our modern day equivalent to this would be, roughly speaking, pimps of male hookers.

*Most languages express ideas through idioms, and Greek is certainly no exception.

Like "arsenokoites," there is considerable evidence to support the idea that the Greek word "malakos" is mistranslated in its I Corinthians 6:9 context. This Greek word appears four times in all of the Bible, twice in Matthew 11:8, and one time each in Luke 7:25 and I Corinthians 6:9.

In the gospel contexts, "malakos" is mostly translated as "soft, fine, or expensive" and is used in a description of princely garments given by

Jesus.

However, in I Corinthians 6:9, this same word is translated as homosexual or effeminate. Now you tell me, where is the logic in that?

This I Corinthians scripture consists of a list of those people who will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Those listed are all people who have vile aspects in their character. Therefore, in this context, "malakos" is used to describe some sort of character flaw. Indicating a "softness in a persons' character," more likely a proper translation of "malakos" in I Corinthians 6:9 is "those without backbone" or "spineless." Another idea, which I thought of myself, is the possible meaning of "slothful" or "lazy."

The following chart shows the proper ways the Greek words "malakos" and "arsenokoites" should be translated.

In summation, "arsenokoites" and "malakos" are very likely two of the most poorly translated words in all of the Bible and have been incorrectly thought of for over 1700 years.

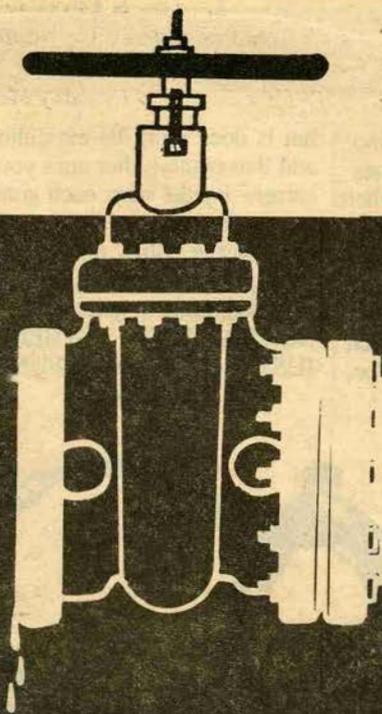
If you are interested in learning more on this topic, and/or you would like to experience God's love with other Gay believers, then contact: Agape New Life Church, P.O. Box 22913, Memphis TN 38122

"Malakos" & "Arsenokites"
Proper Translation Chart

Proper Translations	Malakos	Arsenokoites	
	I Cor. 6:9	I Cor. 6:9	I Tim. 1-10
	spineless or lazy	Male prostitutes	men as prostitutes

Version	"Malkos"			"Arsenokoites"	
	Matt. 11-8	Luke 7:25	I Cor. 6:9	I Cor. 6:9	I Tim 1:10
King James Version	soft	soft	effeminate	abusers with themselves with mankind	them that defile themselves with mankind
Revised Standard Version	soft	soft	sexual perverts	< sexual perverts	sodomites
Living Bible	as a Prince	expensive	homosexuals	< homosexuals	homosexuals
New English Bible	silks and satins	silks and satins	homosexual perversion	< homosexual perversion	perverts
Phillips Modern English	fine	fine	effeminate	pervert	perverted
Jerusalem Bible	fine	fine	catamites	sodomites	immoral with boys or with men
New American Standard	soft	soft	effeminate	homosexuals	homosexuals
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Gay Games Founder Dies of AIDS

San Francisco - Dr. Thomas Waddell, 49, founder of the 1982 Gay Games and former Olympic decathlete, died July 11 of complications from AIDS.

His death came just three weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to give the U.S. Olympic Committee exclusive commercial use of the word "olympic" and authority to prohibit Waddell's San Francisco Arts and Athletics organization from calling its competition the Gay Olympics. Last year, Gay Games II drew 3,500 competitors from around the world.

Waddell is survived by his daughter Jessica, 3, and his wife Sara Lewinstein.

"The situation with his lifestyle, which was different than most, presented a problem with some former friends," said Bill Toomey, the 1968 decathlon champion and now director of fund-raising for the U.S. Olympic Committee. "But if you ever really knew him, you never thought about it," Toomey said in *USA Today*.

"He was a very human being. He left a mark." Toomey remarked.

Toomey remembered Peace Corps tours with Waddell in Africa and South America. According to Toomey, "We'd be exhausted from a day in the classroom or on the field. It wasn't unusual for him to go to a hospital at night and visit with patients.

"What made him a great person was his attitude toward people. He never turned his back on anyone."

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Quick Clips

Hi, and good evenin' to yew. Welcome to another edition of combined duht and cultuah in ouah fair city. We are still slightly a-drip from our drag-a-thon at Gay-Fest during which we were in most select company at Ye Dunkke Tankke. Thanks to all who participated, as has been stated the notorious ones were, Sharon Wray, Tommy Stewart, the fabulous talents of Dottie daPottie (who absolutely RUINED a hallowed ole red sequin dress which we had seen far too many times on stage anyway), and not to forget Bruce from the Pipeline, Lloyd (an independent), Scott the waiter, the editors of Gaze, Cissy from George's, Bob Dumais (spelled correctly), Julia (the siren from Aphrodite), Don (of the reputation of death) Bob (who took the plunge in full leather) and anyone I may have forgotten. If so, well my faculties are sometimes at recess these days.

WARM FUZZY DEPARTMENT

It is high time to recognize two women of our number who have filled in a gap in the Memphis Gay Community. The Women's Social Group is an up and coming organization which has provided numerous interesting events and options for the woman-about-town who wants something different to occupy her leisure time. Carol and Debbie have also found time to be heavily involved in church work and in the Gay Pride activities. Continued good luck to all my Lesbian Sisters!

On the more butch side... (no that can't be right). Anyway, on the more athletically inclined side, the Gay Athletic Association continues to instigate varied health and sports oriented activities for those of like mind. I have heard of bowling tournaments, jogging parties, weekly volleyball games (they never did decide who were the saints and who were the sinners), and my psychic sources hint at more yet to come. Thanks to my deah, deah nephew Matthew who began and continues to oversee the activities of this fine group.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

The ole psychic sources have also disclosed to moi that the ole cruising grounds at Overton Park have taken a slight turn for the not-so-nice. Some vice surveillance has been reported, less for harassment than for the professional practitioners who may be found there. I have been told of a couple of unpleasant encounters which have resulted in loss of money and unnecessary trips to the emergency room. Take especial care, for all that glitters is not what you may take it to be.

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE DEPARTMENT

It is not extraordinary that the winner of Ms. George's was the seldom seen, but extremely talented, Pearl Harbor. It is of note that she represented a rather unlikely sponsor, the Pipeline. Also, the sacred male environs inched open just long enough for the honoree to deliver her trophy to the selfsame saloon and stop for a drinkette.

And they said it couldn't be done! The first and second runners-up were Serita and Naomi Saxton. Congrats, girls.

WHERE THE BOYS ARE DEPARTMENT

In this correspondent's ever vigilant quest for "the dirt" she has found herself in

numerous situations. This month, she decided to seek said trash under pleasurable circumstances. What follows are notes on the relatively new Male Stripper evenings at two local night spots.

One has one's choice, B offers strippers on Monday and Friday nights, George's offers them on Sunday evenings. Each location provides a very distinct atmosphere and shows selected men with a variety of styles.

The night I attended at George's, there were five strippers and three entertainers. The stage provides plenty of room for dancing and a large crowd, but one tends to lose sight of the gents for long periods when they work remote parts of the floor. The cabaret atmosphere is fine but continued patron dancing can be distracting. Expect the dance numbers to be a bit long and always two in a row.

First on the program that night was LeShaun (check sp) whose forte is the undulation of a lithe and tan body over which he has fine control. His first number was an actual strip-tease where clothes came nearly off, but not quite. He got down towell next to nothing during his second selection. He was followed by Billy, a blond, boyish, smooth skinned gent who can really work the audience on the floor. He also used the mirrors on the dance floor quite well.

Third was an audience favorite, Alex, who didn't WORK the crowd as much as PLAY them to good effect, although emitting frequently a strange whooping bird call (which wasn't exactly the butchest thing I ever heard, but he was pretty). Sultry was the demeanor of Nicole, the next offering, who has that look on his face that can make one imagine he just might like to see you after the show (I wish!). Fifth, coming on like a veritable explosion was Adam with a wild look in his eye as if he were ready for anything. Adam also has a -tease- device which is most alluring and comes at the close of his number.

I will not reveal it, it would spoil the fun.

Entertainers that night included that week's Talent Night winner, a ravishing Evelyn Cooper, and Summer Holiday doing one of her justly famous Bette Midler impressions (not impersonations, impressions, there is a difference).

J-Wag's creates a New Orleans style, smoke-filled room aura about its twice weekly excursions. Much smaller and more intimate, one still loses sight of the strippers at times, but their version of a runway does have a particular intimacy which the gentlemen use to great advantage.

Appearing that night were Adam (a personal favorite of mine), and Billy, followed by Michael, your all-american hunk type who is well received, and particularly for a number begun in uniform. The blond department was also represented by New Edition, the fuzzy, all smiles kinda guy, a favorite with many J-Wag's patrons, who is quite adept at what he does (any elaboration on what else he does will be cheerfully attended to by this writer). Great fun was had with the inimitable Trixie Thunderpussy who keeps the show moving and laughing all the way through in the best tradition of drag hostesses and even burlesque MC's. Entertainers that evening included Leslie Cartier, the beautiful

Crystal, and a cameo by Billie Jo Casino.

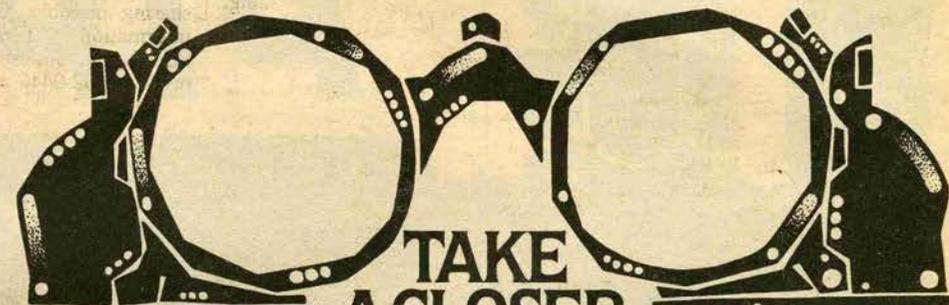
Both locations include beer busts, times and cover charges may be viewed elsewhere in this self-same newspaper.

All in all, a good time was had by this correspondent and the patrons at both locations. HOWEVER, please, please, guys, do not lip sync the songs. Heaven knows, I know how tempting it can be,

but it does spoil the masculine atmosphere and that come-hither aura you are trying to create. By the way, each gentleman's partner preference is never actually stated; but everyone is polite, all smiles, and demonstrably appreciative, and.....well, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

NEXT MONTH: WHERE DO GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN?

Ta Ta, Lady A.



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The Memphis Gay Coalition provides Gaze newspaper, the Gay Switchboard, GayRap, and the

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 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) : 85 Union, Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.
 Black & White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-1461.
 Frontrunners of Memphis: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311.
 Gay Bowling League: Matt Presley, 744-0575
 Gay Women's Social Group: 324-6949
 Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.
 Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.
 M-PAC: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311
 Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
 National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104.
 Parents Together: 274-6262.
 Phoenix (Gay AA): 274-0152 or 278-0475. If no answer, dial 454-1414
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MEDIA

Gay Alternative: Radio Program, Mon. 6-7 PM, WEVL, FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.
 Gaze: Newspaper - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - (901) 454-1411.
 The Personals: Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 Baud - 901-274-6713

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 726-4299.
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 French Connection: 598 Marshall - 526-1038.
 George's: 600 Marshall - 526-1038.
 J.Wag: 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

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 Pipeline: 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.
 WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

MISCELLANEOUS

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ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): Box 120160, Nashville 37212.
 Conductors: Box 40261, Nashville 37212.
 Metropolitan Community Church: 131 15th Ave N., Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288.
 Nashville CARES: Box 25107, Nashville 37202-5107 - (615) 385-1510.
 Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights: Box 24181, Nashville 37202.

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ORGANIZATIONS

aids Response Knoxville (aRK): Box 2343, Knoxville 37901 - (615) 521-6546 7-11 PM
 Butternut Belles & Boys: Box 3585, Knoxville 37927 - (615) 524-1629 (evenings).
 Gay AA: (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

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CHATTANOOGA

ORGANIZATIONS

Chattanooga Cares: Box 8402, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

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 Go-Go: 1077 Duncan - (615) 698-1023.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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 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.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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 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.

HELPLINES

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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

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

The 5th Gear: 3519 Old Cambrill Rd. - (501) 666-1948.

Preston's: 5618 Asher Ave. - (501) 562-7531.

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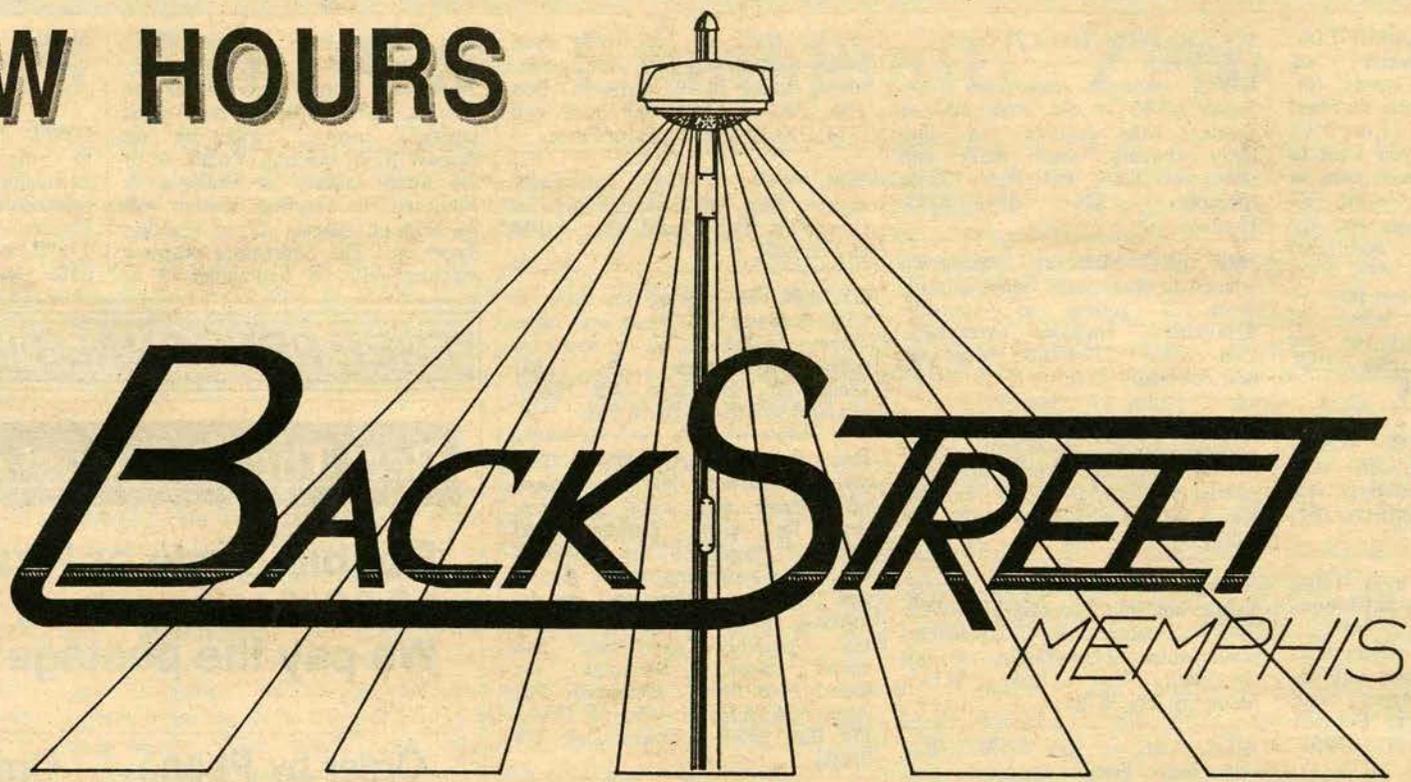
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