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### Top Fear: AIDS

Fear that AIDS will kill a large share of the population ranks above fear of nuclear war among the American population, a new survey has revealed.

According to United Press International, the survey of 1,200 people was conducted by Bill Hamilton, former pollster for retired House Speaker Tip O'Neill, for the American Medical Association.

When asked what future events they feared most, 48% said fear that AIDS will kill a large share of the population, ranking above fear of nuclear war, a worldwide oil crisis, and financial collapse.

The poll found that 50% of those questioned believed that everything possible needs to be done to prevent the spread of AIDS even if this means some people might have their privacy or civil rights violated. 42% said controlling AIDS is important, but the privacy and civil rights of every citizen should be protected. 9% had no opinion.

When asked about what should be the top priority for the government in fighting AIDS, 36% said an educational/prevention program, 35% said more government funding of AIDS research, 14% said more widespread testing, and 9% said isolate AIDS patients from the rest of the population.

# Florida Denies AZT for Poor

Tallahassee, FL — Five South Flordia organizations opposing the Florida House Appropriations Committee's decision not to provide AZT (Retrovir) to indigent people with AIDS, according to The Weekly News. The Committee voted to postpone funding for at least one year. Gov. Bob Martinez had proposed supply Medicaid-eligible PWA's about \$1.3 million in state funds to purchase AZT. Estimated AZT costs for a single patient run from \$8-12,000 a year. As many as 171 otherwise eligible people will not be able to buy AZT because of the action.

# ALCU Sues on Behalf of Gay Student Assoc.

New York — The ACLU has filed an appeal challenging the denial of a share of student activities funds to the Gay and Lesbian Students Association of the University of Arkansas. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit will decide if the University's denial of student funds to the Gay group, while it awarded funds to all other eligible groups that applied, violated the Gay groups rights to free speech and equal treatment under the U.S. Constitution.

The appeal seeks the reversal of an earlier U.S. District Court ruling. That court held that no constitutional violation occurred because the denial was a "mere refusal to aid," not discrimination, and because the state can properly treat different groups differently.

The Gay group is being represented by the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. Project Director Nan Hunter argued in the brief filed in July that the

university's actions constituted "blatant discrimination based on viewpoint," which was impermissible under the First Amendment's protections of free speech and expression.

The Gay student group's case centers on events in 1985 when it requested \$165 to fund three events: "Before Stonewall," the award-winning documentary, and two campus workshops on prejudice — one on racism and one on homophobia.

The student senate discussion of this funding request revealed extraordinary prejudice and ignorance about homosexuality. Some students said that giving money to a Gay organization would support homosexuality which students believed to be "illegal" because Arkansas's law prohibiting acts of sodomy. When a representative of the Gay group spoke, senate members expressed surprise at how "normal" she looked. The chair of the finance committee

testified that sentiment in the senate was "totally against" the Gay group "when they came in." The Gay group was the only one which met all the criteria which the senate voted not to fund. Among the funded groups was the Air Force ROTC which received money for a disc jockey for a formal dance.

In response to the Gay student group's appeal, the Vice-Chancellor of the University refused to alter the student senate's allocation of funds,. He urged the group to work harder to change attitudes.

The earlier history of the Gay group's request for funds had revealed a similar bias. In 1982-83, discussion in the student senate focused openly on not wanting to use money to support a homosexual rights group. About this time, a member of the Arkansas legislature introduced two resolutions, one urging the University not to assist "in any manner the Gay community on

campus" and one urging University officials to take measures to "stem the ride of homosexuality on the campuses of our colleges and universities."

During the 1984-85 school year, the head of the Gay student group received death threats and other group members were repeatedly harassed. The school's Human Relations Committee proposed a campus program on racism, stereotyping, and prejudice that contained a three minute segment on Gay and Lesbian students. University Chancellor Gatewood informed the Human Relations Committee that "no state money" would go to the workshop if "one word" on Gays and Lesbians was included in the program

in the program.

"Forcing universities to accord equal treatment to Lesbian and Gay students is an important legal issue and an important investment in our movement's future," said the ACLU's Nan

Hunter.

## 'Manhattan Project' on AIDS Proposed

The Washington-based Fairness Fund began operating a new national Action Hotline the beginning of July to generate thou-sands of mailgrams on AIDS-related issues to members of Congress, Rodger McFarlane, Fairness Fund Board Member and former executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, announced recently.

An additional Action Hotline is expected to begin operation shortly. Its focus will be on generating mailgrams on fairness issues such as the fight to defeat Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court, reform of immigration laws to end the anti-Gay exclusion, Lesbian/Gay rights, etc., McFarlane said.

Callers will be able to dial, toll-free, 1-800-325-6000 (day or night) and ask for an operator (9184) who will read them three, 50-word mailgram messages on AIDS issues that community lobbyists have identified as crucial for Congressional action. The messages will cost \$4.50 and will be billed to the caller's

personal telephone number.

Current messages available from the mailgram service call for a "New Manhattan Project on AIDS," a reference to the all-out U.S. effort in the 1940's to create an atomic weapon. Just such a noholds barred approach is needed now to combat the AIDS crisis, Gay activists urge.

'Our right-wing opponents successfully exploit the health crisis for political gain, mobilize massive mail campaigns and generate tremendous pressure on legislator," said Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Fairness Fund. "But these same legislators - even on life and death issues such as AIDS — receive little or no mail or constituent pressure from the majority of voters in their districts who support our efforts," Endean continued. Constituent mail in favor of Gay issues has historically been scant,

While our community's advocates are doing an excellent job... we simply must translate the opinion poll majorities into

according to Endean.

tangible grassroots mail," said Dan Bradley, Chair of the Fairness Fund's Advisory Committee.

The Action Hotline provides three optional mailgrams that are coordinated with lobbyist strategies and priorities on Capitol Hill. A caller can choose one of the three messages for the \$4.50 charge or compose an alternative 50-word message. The same

mailgram would cost up to three times as much if sent by an individual outside of the Fairness Fund, Endean noted.

"People don't even have to know their elected officials to use the mailgram system," he explains. The operator on the line will route the mailgram to the appropriate legislators.

## Gaze Stringers Needed

Although we hope it doesn't look it, *Gaze* is produced by about 4 people working over 120 hours a month. And we need help.

Most newspapers (Gay or otherwise) use stringers for their news. We'll be glad to print your club, bar, or community organization news, if you'll just let us know what happened, when, and where.

Here's all you have to do: Get your facts together, type them up and send them to Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038, or, if you can't type (or don't want to) simply call 454-1411 and dictate your story or facts to us over the phone. If no one is there, use the answering machine. Don't worry about style or writing skills — that's what editors are for.

We can't be everywhere, but you can. Get involved. Help

# Gazing

### **A Gay Community Survey**

# Turn About is Fair Play

For lo these many years you've read my editorials and heard me bitch and moan about almost everything. Well, this month we're offering the editorial space to a questionnaire so you can have a chance to talk back to us. Now, the few questionnaires we've had in the past have not had a very good response but a fool never learns so here we go again. Maybe we've ruffled enough feathers over the past years to at least get some responses. But seriously, the Memphis Gay Coalition elections are coming up in October. There has already been a lot of talk about increasing membership and being more responsive to the Memphis Gay community so your opinions are important.

First, let's get some information about you Other (Please Specify) Female Race Occupation\_ Are you a resident of Memphis?\_ If not, where do you live? Are you single or in a relationship? (Circle one) If in a relationship, how long? \_ Have you ever been married to someone of the opposite sex? Do you have any children?\_\_\_\_\_ If so, How many? \_\_\_\_ Okay enough prying. The Memphis Gay Coalition is a group of men and women who meet once month to conduct the business of the organization. The Coalition sponsors many other groups and activities such as the Gay Pride Committee, Gaze newspaper, the Gay Switchboard, the annual community Christmas dinner, and the annual River Ride. Other groups and activities have been started by the Coalition or Coalition members such as the Women's Social Group, GayRap, the Spring Fling, and Gay Fest '87. Annual dues are \$20.00, \$35.00 for a Gay Family. Membership does not require attending meetings or being "out" but membership does include a subscription to Gaze and makes you eligible to vote for officers and a board of directors. Were you ever a member of the Memphis Gay Coalition? Have you ever thought of joining the Memphis Gay Coalition? If a former member, why did you quit? If you've never thought of joining, why not? Here are some of the reasons we've heard: (Circle your choice(s) or write in if necessary.) Too political Too Radical Too Out A Male Organization Cost Too Much Doesn't Do anything Just Not Interested Don't Have the Time Didn't Know It Existed Other (specify) Would you join if you got more for your membership? A Membership Card? Discount On Coalition Events? Other Suggestions To Get You to Join Did you attend the Spring Fling? If Not, why not? If Yes, would could be done to improve it? Will You Attend this Year?\_ If No, why not? What could be done to get you to come? Have you ever attended the Annual Christmas Dinner? If No, why not? If yes, would could be done to improve it? Will you attend this year?\_ If No, why not? What could be done to get you to attend? Have you ever attended the River Ride?\_ If no, why not? If yes, what could be done to improve it? Will You attend next year? \_ If no, why not? What could be done to get you to attend?\_ Did you attend Gay Fest '87? If No, why not?\_ If yes, what could be done to improve it? Will you attend next year?\_\_

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More social events?
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Perhaps one of the most visible services of the Memphis Gay Coalition is Gaze
newspaper. Put together by three or four members of the Coalition, Gaze is advertise supported. Any fool can look at any issue of Gaze and see that the advertisers supporting
the paper are almost exclusively the Gay bar owners. Now the Gay bar owners don't need
Gaze - most of their information is going to get passed by word of mouth. But Gaze does
need the bar owners and it is through their financial support that you are able to receive
Gaze and the news and information that is important to you.
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Below are listed some of the Gay organizations in town. Which one(s) would you be
interested in? (Circle as many as apply):
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# ATEAC ANSWERS SOME HARD QUESTIONS FROM THE GAY COMMUNITY

Note: It has come to our attention that some people have concerns about how the Aid to End AIDS Committee is being run, how it is spending its money, etc. Of particular concern is how the money raised in the Gay community is spent. Well, at the risk of people saying "Me thinks thou dost protest too much," we feel that if some people (especially in the Gay community) have doubts, others may as well. ANY question about our organization is welcomed and we maintain a spirit of openness to everyone.

## When ATEAC was first formed what was the principle goal — education or patient care?

ATEAC actually had both of these as goals. As the only AIDS organization in West Tennessee, we serve all who ask for help as well as we can. We were lucky to have received a \$9,000 grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in our first year. This money and money from the state of Tennessee has been used in our educational efforts. Money to help people with AIDS (PWA's) has come primarily from the Gay community, although there have been other donations as well.

### Why can't you use grant money to pay for PWA aid?

Grant monies must be used for the specific purposes of the grant. The grants we have received have been for the purpose of educating both the general public and the Gay community. We are legally prohibited from using these funds for other purposes. Since we have been unable to find grants available for PWA assistance, we must raise those funds elsewhere.

# On your most recent financial statement (July, 1987), what are the items for rent, theatre, and storage for?

The rent item is for apartment rent for a PWA and was paid for by donations for patient relief. The theatre item was to pay for Circuit Playhouse for the first three nights of As Is last year and was paid from U.S. Conference of Mayor's grant money. The item for storage was an expense incurred when a PWA died and willed his property to the Committee. Feeling that it was better to store the furniture and household goods than to sell them, we stored them for 6 weeks in a U-Haul storage area. As it turned out, another PWA needed the items and they were moved to the apartment ATEAC rented for him.

## Why does PWA assistance represent such a low figure on your financial statement?

We try every way possible to not spend the money the Gay community has entrusted to us. If there are agencies which will provide for a PWA, we find them. It would be irresponsible for us to give money away to everyone who

asked for it, so we have specific guidelines. For example: it is very rare that we actually give cash to anyone, regardless of need. We would rather buy their food, buy their medicine, or pay their rent. Besides, we've been burned a couple of times. Not everyone will use cash given to them wisely. We have been fortunate that only a relatively few people have required extensive assistance from us in the form of money.

# Why is there such a high balance in the treasury when we don't have housing for PWA's?

ATEAC has been working with Shelby County and the Memphis Health Department on the housing issue. We are in hopes that they will provide a building which we would then have to set up and maintain. The funds available in the treasury are not enough to purchase or even lease housing on a long term basis. Again, we feel the money raised for PWA assistance should go directly for that. All but one PWA in our program has housing, and we are paying his rent and utilities until he begins receiving his social security disability check. We must constantly avoid overextending the committee by providing assistance which is available elsewhere.

# People make donations to every function we hold for this cause and yet people are then refused help.

Be wary of people who have said they were refused help. It is true that we do not give cash to people. It is also true that we will not provide financial assistance to people who are just antibody-positive. If we are to function and provide care, we have to make sure funds are available for the people who really need it. In fact, there are some things we can't do. But we do try. If you have questions about why a person was refused help (if they were), call and find out. We can't discuss specific cases, but we can tell you our reasons.

## Do we help heterosexuals equally with Gay money?

Quite frankly, we haven't yet had to provide financial help to a heterosexual person yet, but yes, we would. We feel that it would be both morally and ethically wrong to refuse help just because a person is straight.

# Why did a check for proceeds of an AIDS benefit made out to "PWA" come back stamped ATEAC? Was all the money given to PWA's?

ATEAC maintains two banking accounts. One is a checking account for day-to-day expenses. The other is a passbook savings account so our money can make more money until it is needed. All donations made to ATEAC are deposited in these accounts. However, a separate

accounting is made for all money earmarked for PWA assistance. No money earmarked for PWA's is spent for any other reason. It is necessary for us to keep records in this manner to protect both our credibility and our tax-exempt status. Our financial records are completely open and may be examined by anyone who cares to see them by contacting the treasurer and making an appointment.

## Why don't you distribute free rubbers instead of having machines?

We do. ATEAC has produced and distributed over 1000 "safer sex" kits free of charge. We have even put out bowls of rubbers for people to take. Unfortunately, this has resulted in some people wasting them (water balloons made from condoms are not funny). The machines were purchased for three reasons: 1) sale of our initial order of rubbers paid for the machines, even at only 25¢ each, 2) the machines provided a small amount of money to offset our share of the expenses of operating the AIDS Switchboard, and 3) our volunteers can't be at every bar every night. We felt that having an inexpensive and convenient dispenser at each bar would provide a service. The lowest price the machines could be set for was 25¢, which we did not feel was an exorbitant price.

## Why are all the AIDS fundraisers held by women?

Good question. We like to think it's because they care. The majority of money coming from the Gay community has been raised by Aphrodite, for which we are continually grateful. ATEAC's auction raised a fair amount, but not many functions have been initiated by men. On the other hand, most of the volunteers actually working with ATEAC clients are men, so there may be a trade off.

As much as money, ATEAC needs the confidence and support of the community, especially the Gay community. If ATEAC is to continue to be successful, questions such as these should be asked and answered to everyone's satisfaction. If you have other questions, we invite you to attend ATEAC's general meetings, held on the third Sunday of each month at the Red Cross Building (1400 Central) at 3:00 PM.

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# **National News**

## SCLC Holds Conference On AIDS

Washington, D.C.— The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has urged Blacks to accept a greater responsibility for containing AIDS, according to the New York Times. The appeal came at the opening of the SCLC conference on AIDS among Black people which was held at Howard University.

University.

The SCLC has attempted to mobilize Black people throughout the U.S. by sponsoring a series of state conferences on AIDS and its impact on the Black Community.

SCLC President Dr. Joseph Lowery said, "The concept of AIDS in the Black community is that it is a Gay, white male person disease... We in the Black community must face up to the fact that AIDS is a threat to the total Black Community. Blacks make up 12% of the U.S. population, but account for 25% of AIDS cases. 8.903 Blacks are reported to have AIDS. Lowery called for "strengthened family values, and freedom from sexual promiscuity, substance abuse, (and) perverted priorities."

Many conference participants compared the fight against AIDS

to the civil rights struggles of the 1960's. The SCLC is an Atlanta-based civil rights organization.

### Delaware Politician Apologizes

The Delaware Speaker of the State House has publicly apologized for proposing to reinstate the state's sodomy law which was decriminalized in 1983.

According to the *Phila-delphia Gay News*, Republican House Speaker B. Bradford Barnes stunned legislators with a tearful apology from the podium saying that he should not introduce a sodomy law and asking his colleagues to forgive him for embarrassing them with remarks that Gays spread AIDS.

Barnes was quoted as saying that "I hold a sincere concern over the spread of AIDS; and, as a result, I've been overzealous in trying to protect the public health by trying to impose my ideas of morality on others. I think the efforts have been portrayed as Gay bashing, resulting in

embarrassment to the caucus as a whole. I apologize for any embarrassment I have imposed on you. I ask for your forgiveness."

Ironically, the same same day, Barnes introduced a bill requiring mandatory testing of marriage licenses applicants for exposure to the AIDS virus.

### Columbus Phone Survey

College-educated, employed, white collar adults are most likely supporters of Gay rights according to a recent survey in Columbus, Ohio.

The survey also indicates that the least support for Gay rights comes from the widowed. Typically, as age increases, support steadily decreases. Those most likely to endorse rights for Gay people were of the age range of 21-40.

Questions in the random telephone survey of 324 residents covered such topics as access to housing, employment, education, and political office. Respondents were also questioned on their opinions of rights for a variety of groups including Gays, Jews, women, communists, and recovering alcoholics.

The sex of the respondents was related to only one issue — estimations of the percentage of Americans who are Gay. For males, the most common estimate was 6-10%. For females the most common estimate was 25% plus of the population (a more distant second was 6-10%).

While the size of the sample was small and categorical conclusions cannot be completely supported, the most supportive of Gay rights are married and have one or two children. Jewish persons seemed to be the most supportive of all religious groups.

### Beastie Boys Remark Costs CBS \$\$

CBS Records has made a \$2,000 donation to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project after one of its recording groups, the Beastie Boys, made anti-Gay remarks in a music magazine.

Beastie Boys' lead guitar Adam Horowitz was quoted in New Music Exchange as saying, "I hate faggots," and said Gays are child molesters and psychologically sick.

A New York City Gay radio program aired a report on Horowitz's comments and urged Gays and their supporters to call CBS Records to complain.

According to a statement released by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD), CBS Records Vice President for Public Affairs Robert Altshular asked one of the callers how the company should respond to the complaints.

The caller suggested that the company make a donation to the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, which works to combat homophobic violence against Gays. Within days, the project received the \$2,000 donation.

### Cousineau Denies Gayness

Cleveland— San Francisco
49ers linebacker Tom Cousineau
has denied publicly that he is Gay,
saying that homosexuality
"repulses" him.

Cousineau said he thought the rumors were fueled when he joined the Cleveland Browns in 1982, following a stint in the Canadian Football League. Cousineau claims that the rumors were started because of jealousy. "A lot (of the rumors) were motivated by guys who were peeved that I made more (money) ... that I got more attention. That was a threat to them.

"I'm secure with who I am. I mean, I look in the mirror and the person I see is not a Gay man."

According to UPI, Cousineau learned two Browns teammates were furthering the rumors by not denying them and credits Cleveland owner Art Modell for his understanding.

"Art came to me and said 'If this is the case, then I believe you," Cousineau. said. "He couldn't have done that publicly because we decided not to go public with it.

"There was a time I was looking for a monumental statement. I thought about jumping up and down in Public Square, yelling 'I'm not Gay.' I thought about taking out a billboard with the same message."

Cousineau is engaged to Kisa Johnson, a medical student at Ohio University. Johnson said friends and professors told her to "be careful" when they learned she was dating Cousineau.

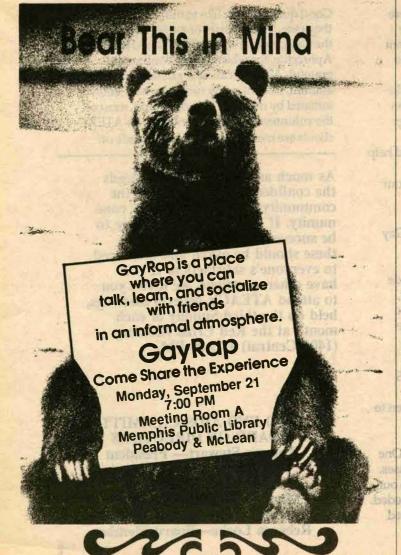
"The best thing I could do was to support Tom," she said. "It was just a fuule thing."

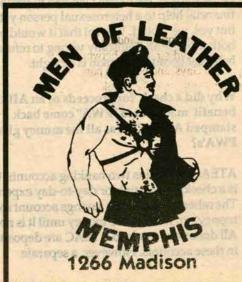
Ted Chappelle, who is the Brown's director of security, said he investigated Cousineau's's alleged homosexual activities and found "absolutely nothing," adding he pursued "extremely reliable sources."

# Memphis Gay Coalition September Meetings

Business Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 8,
GayRap
Monday, Sept. 21

Main Library
Peabody & McLean
Meeting Room A
7:30 PM





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# March on Washington

# The Agenda

In October of 1979, Washington, D.C. was the scene of the first gathering of Gays and Lesbians marching to proclaim their equality and demand their civil rights. With the strength of thousands, they marched proudly to the steps of the Capitol.

October 11, 1987. Gays and Lesbians will return by the tens of thousands to again demand their rights.

March Against Death and Violence.

Activities surrounding the march begin on Oct. 9 with a March against Death and Violence. For 40 hours a single file procession of solemn marchers will pass the White House carrying the names of those who have died of AIDS or homophobic violence.

National Lobby Day

Also on Oct. 9, delegations from around the country will meet with their Representatives during National Lobby Day to discuss issues and urge support for legislation to ban discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

"The Wedding"

On Oct. 10, thousands of same sex partners will emphasize the demand that Gay and Lesbian couples be entitled to the same rights as heterosexual couples with "The Wedding," a nonsectarian union ceremony.

Lesbian and Gay Bands of America Concert

Post-ceremonial entertain-

ment is provided at the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America concert. 250 musicians from 13 bands and 2 choruses will perform.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt

The AIDS Memorial Quilt project will be carried out Oct. 11, when thousands of 3" x 6" panels of fabric, each bearing the name of someone who has died of AIDS, will be assembled into one massive quilt displayed across the Capitol Mall.

Gay and Lesbian Veterans Memorial Service

Ceremonies on Oct. 11 will also include a Gay and Lesbian Veteran Memorial Service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

1988 National Lesbian Veterans and Gay Rights Congress

Oct. 12 features the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Congress Planning Meeting. Plans will be made for a 1988 nationwide Congress of Lesbians and Gay men.

Civil Disobedience for Lesbian and Gay Rights

Activities conclude on Oct.

13, with a Civil Disobedience for
Lesbian and Gay Rights taking
place at the Supreme Court.

Information about local participation in the march is available from the Memphis Committee for the National March on Washington; P.O. Box 40311, Memphis, TN 38174-0311.

#### The Demands

1. Legal Recognition of Lesbian and Gay Relationships.

2. The Repeal of All Laws That Make Sodomy Between Consenting Adults a Crime.

3. A Presidential Order Banning Anti-Gay Discrimination by the Fedral Government.

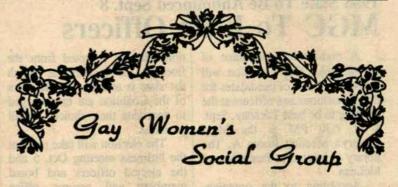
4. Passage of the Congressional Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill.

5. An End to Discrim-Against ination People AIDS, ARC, with HIVpositive Status, or Those Perceived AIDS. have to Massive increase in Funding for AIDS Education, Research, and **Patient** Money Care. Not War.

6. Reproduction Freedom, The Right to Control Our Own Bodies, and an end to Sexist Oppression.

7. An End to Racism in this Country and Apartheid in South Africa.



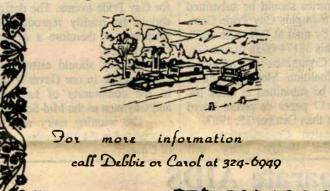


is going on a Camping Trip

September 26-27, 1987

to

Village Creek State Park



# **Book Reviews**

### Lesbian Letters

Lesbian Letters
by Christine Neron Stockton
Heron Press, \$8.95
Review by Carole Taylor

Ms. Stockton's work is a collection of fictional letters, each from a different person about a different aspect of being Gay: from denial and rejection to acceptance and celebration. The letters don't constitute any sort of plot and most aren't given a response from the person to whom they are written, which is a bit of a let-down. But the information and feeling in them

conveys a broad range of Lesbian experiences and attitudes and could be very helpful for someone, Gay or straight, who hasn't considered either the issues or the alternatives. And I guess those of us who have considered them tend to forget that there's a whole new crop of newcomers every year who have to ask the same questions we all did. Thank God for the crop, but God help us with the questions.

This is the kind of book for a newcomer. (Anyone from International Paper out there reading this?) Or for someone who

doesn't understand that Gay women can't be compartmentalized, are every sort of woman, every class, every look, every occupation, every situation.

Ms. Stockton says by way of introduction that she published this book in an attempt to lessen the misunderstanding between Gays and straights, between Gays and Gays, and between parents and children. Maybe books like this can help us all stop dividing everyone into the Us or the Them. Then we can get on with living with people for their individuality and not their classification.

## J-WAG'S LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY

10¢ DRAUGHT - Noon - 7 PM
LIVE DJ
(No Cover)
9 PM - 1 AM

\$1.00 Longneck Bottle Beer

Beer SUNDAY
PATIO COOKOUT
with 70¢ Beer
(on patio only)
5 PM - Until
Country Style Ribs, Baked Beans
Slaw - \$3.50

INSIDE
Noon to 7 PM - 85¢ Bottle Beer
3-10 PM - 10¢ DRAUGHT

MONDAY

Happy Hour Noon to 7 PM 85¢ Bottle Beer - 50¢ Draught 60 oz. Pitcher - \$2.75

Male Strip Show & Beer Bust 8-12

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### 1988 Slate To Be Announced Sept. 8 MGC To Elect Officers

A nominating committee of the Memphis Gay Coalition will announce a slate of candidates for Board positions and officers at the meeting to be held Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 PM at the Main Library's Meeting Room A. The library is located at Peabody and McLean.

According to the organization's by-laws, a slate of officers may be presented, but nominations can be accepted from the floor at the meeting at which the slate is announced. Members of the Coalition are encour-aged to nominate their choices for all positions.

The election will take place at the business meeting Oct. 5 and the elected officers and board members will assume office January 1, 1988.

AIDS) is operated similarly to the Gay Switchboard. Operators are connected through a callforwarding service and provide

information from their own homes. Switchboard hours are from 7:30-11:30 PM with live operators. During weekdays, the

phone is call-forwarded to the Health Department's AIDS information line.

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## Gay Pride Poster Contest

The Memphis Gay Pride Committee is sponsoring a logo contest for its 1988 GayFest. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the winning entry and it will be used as the poster design to promote the 1988 Memphis Gay Pride events.

Entries should be submitted to the Memphis Gay Pride Committee by mail at P.O. Box 3038, Memphis 38174-0038 or at a Gay Pride Committee or Memphis Gay Coalition Meeting. Entries should be submitted in black ink on 11x17 paper or poster board no later than October 15, 1987.

Design Considerations: A successful design entry will

include the legend "GayFest '88". It should also include a distinct graphic element that can be reproduced separately from the complete design on T-shirts, caps, etc. This graphic element must therefore be capable of standing on its own as a symbol for Gay Pride events. The design should be readily reproducible; simplicity is therefore a desired characteristic.

Designs should attempt to convey pride in our Gayness and in the community of Lesbians and Gay men in the Mid-South.

The winning entry will be announced in the November issue of Gaze.

### Separate AIDS Switchboard Created

A separate AIDS Switchboard to answer questions from the Gay and general publics about AIDS has been created in Memphis.

The Memphis-based Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC) recently began operation of an additional helpline because of the number of calls being generated. The AIDS Switchboard formerly used the same number as the Gay Switchboard.

"We originally considered having a separate line over a year ago, but the calls didn't justify it," said Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC. "Now we're receiving complaints of people not being able to get through. That means the time is right to provide two separate lines."

Cecil McLeod, Gay Switchboard Coordinator, agrees. "Over the past year, the number of AIDS-related calls to the Gay Switchboard has dramatically increased," he said.

Funding for the Switchboard was made possible by a grant from the State of Tennessee. The current grant is scheduled to run through June of 1988.

The AIDS Switchboard (458-



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GWM, 20, interested in friendship with GWM 19-35. I enjoy sunsets, candlelight dinners, and having a special friend. Phillip. P.O. Box 17580, Memphis, TN 38187-0580.

GW Viet Vet, 37, Brn, Grn, goodlooking, intelligent. Seeks GW vets or are servicemen 18-30 for friendship, possible relationship. Reply to Dept. 9-G, c/o Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 24. Roommate needed for 3387 Walnut Grove Rd. All utiliities included, completely furnished studio apartment close

to bus lines, patio, cable-ready. \$250/mo. Nice place. Discreet, serious with references only need replay. Smoker welcome. 767-0991 between 8-5 only.

GWM, 35. Needs Roommate. Memphis State area. 2 BR Duplex. Need own bedroom furniture. \$180/mo + 1/2 utilities. Must be steadily employed. 458-5955 after 6 PM. Ask for Chuck.

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WGM, 38 years old needs someone to talk to or write to. If you would like to help call or write Wayne. 501-932-0446; 1207 French St., Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401.

GWM, 27, 170#, muscular, seeks 19-30 yr old fit man. Must be inshape, prefer bodybuilder type. No barflies or fairy types. Enjoy music, movies, eating out and safe sex. Send photo to: Dept. 9-M, Box 3038 Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM - 45, 5'8 1/2, 150# Brown Hair and eyes. Looking for roommate and possible relationship with GWM. Ages 35-50. No fats or fems. Reply to Larry J., 103 1/2 W. Sugarloaf, Heber Springs, AR 72543.

Memphis Area - GWM, 29, quiet and intellectual, seeks same for friendship; possible romance. Prefer 25-35 year olds. No dragqueen wanna bes, barflies, parkies, druggies, or smokers. Reply to Dept. 9-R, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 36, 6'2", black hair, brown eyes, looking for GWM who travels to or lives in Northern Arkansas for friendship and Good times. Reply to Dept. 9-H, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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# Quick Clips

Well, we had just emerged from the first flush of elation after what we considered a successful effort when we were taken to task in no uncertain terms about the quality of dirt, or even the nature of said dirt, which appears in our humble effort at journalistic gossip. The Bad and the Unbeautiful indeed! It did require a serious rethink of our efforts at being the local news hound... or hen, or... just say it yourself. What we decided was this - Rona B arret we are not. This is the spot for interesting tidbits of news or gossip, perhaps heavily veiled, perhaps not, which are of interest but not article length, so to speak. Contributions are always welcome, but we are subject to editing, tasteful or not, so don't get huffy if your latest piercing job doesn't get covered. If you want all the dirty dirt, just ask Phyllis because she told me herself that she knows a lot more than I do. However, I did volunteer to do this column every month so write your congressperson if you want to take over.

**END OF WORDY** DISCLAIMER

#### DEEP DIRT DEPARTMENT

It did come to our attention that a certain prominent (10 did he say?) leader of the local Gay community after leaving a certain function at a certain Gay saloon was espied at a certain cinema specializing in a certain type of extracurricular pastime on a certain Saturday night. The informer, a certain saloon operator, was informed by at least three certain informers. It did get back to a certain lover and the current outcome is withheld on pain of our certain demise.

#### TRAVELS WITH YOUR **AUNT DEPARTMENT**

I know these were my friends, but after all, it is my column. We traveled to the wilds of Middle Tennessee for a lovely two-day retreat at Short Mountain Sanctuary (yes, dear, it's Gay; ves, the men are handsome; and no, dear, it's none of your damn business) at which we had a wonderful, restful time. We entertained two of the residents here at different times, for Ramesses (fortunately) and Elvis (unfortunately). We got an invite to New York for our trouble and the kind of hugs and kisses from several gorgeous men that are worth including in disheah column.

#### HALF A CENTURY DEPARTMENT

Our sources say that the latest trendy thing to do is the Boss Hogg, Half-Century Wrinkle Shrink in Hot Springs. For details, see the oldest stripper ever to play J-Wag's.

#### HOT TEA DEPARTMENT

An anonymous contributor has sent moi the title of a new, Burt Reynolds-esque sitcom/ major motion picture "Cocoa Does Nashville "which is the sequel to "Cocoa Does Midtown" to be followed by... no, that's too tacky.

#### WHERE THE GIRLS ARE DEPARTMENT

As we promised, we will tell you where the girls do go to have fun. We visited all of the known Lesbian public haunts during the past two weekends and this is what we saw - no, fool, not JUST more Lesbians.

First stop was an estab-lishment which I first knew as Kelsey's (that dates moi!), became Sharon's, then Jackie's, closed, was known by its street number and is now known as Barbara's. Its neighborhood bar atmosphere has been maintained; but it has been reworked extensively and is now beautifully arranged, very tidy, cool, and inviting. The bartender of the evening was extremely friendly (particularly toward the only outward appearing male in the place, moi); and I found it to be a very pleasant locale, very conversational and informal, and, heaven knows, one DOES gets tired of shouting sometimes.

We traveled from there, a short sashay, to WKRB in Memphis. We discovered to our perplexity that said establishment must, on weekends, be entered from the rear (!). After some searching, we entered, paid a nominal cover, and entered into the game room. The game room is pleasant, the bar area light, conversational, and wellappointed. Next to this, open on weekends, is a stunning new dance floor, bright as a new penny, spacious, and very appealing. The bartenders were in black tie (!!!),and I perused the beginnings of a new patio. We did not understand why soft drink beverages were not included in the cover charge (teetotal we are far from, but some of us just don't drink beer). I will omit the secret directions to the entrance, I want you to find out for yourself or through your local Lesbian grapevine. During the week, one enters through the expected door on Madison.

We went to a lot of bother and a weighty cover charge to compliment the Pendulum in this column, only to discover before press time that the format has taken a drastic change for the male. Well!!!!!!

So, girls, ladies, guys (men were to be seen in all female oriented locations), and those who are still deciding, here's the tea, have a sip.)

#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH** DEPARTMENT

What do you notice at the local saloone of leathera, but two of the husky, cuddly types side by side at the toy counter. (Yes a new store has opened - R.J. & Company.) You think, "Bookends!" Larry disagreed, "Yes, but I'm cuter... young, nubile, nymphlike, and lovely." The bruise incurred when you correspondenta's chin hit the floor is not well yet.

#### YOU JUST NEVER KNOW DEPARTMENT

Where can you get a pair of black lampshades nobody else wants for 25¢? Where can you get a chandelier for the same price? And who's idea was it all? You must have guessed by now I am

talking about the Tsor-ass S&M (Salvage and Miscellaneous) auction held a couple of weeks ago at La Pipeline. Over \$1000 was raised to benefit the club's many activities which include fun club nights as well as fundraisers for other organizations. A bartender at the self-same bar was informed that he was witnessing Memphis history when Lady Astor and Billie Jo Casino were seen having a drink TOGETHER at this establishment (in civilian clothes). One just never does know, does one.

#### RUMOUR MILL DEPARTMENT

Sounds promising, Frank. Good Luck. When details are available, I want an exclusive.

Did I see a flyer for a Drag/Strip show at Backstreet,

Did I see Drag Queens on the loose at Another Bar as well? Marie!

Watch for another Aphrodite show soon.

Chippendales Orpheum,"La Cage "in Memphis — I just can't cope.

Ta. ta. Lady A.





# **Information and Services**

**MEMPHIS** 

ORGANIZATIONS
A Cappella Chorus: (Church of Christ) Box 11616, Memphis 38111.
Agape New Life Congregation: 327-4145.
Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC): Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389. (901) 762-

8401
: 85 Union, Memphis 38103 - (901) 521-9875.
Black & White Men Together: Box 41773,
Memphis 38174 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-

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-

Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 726-GAYY.

Memphis 3817-3008 - 726-GAY Y.
M-PAC: Box 40311, Memphis 38174-0311
Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822,
Memphis 38174-1822.
National Organization for Women National Organization for (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104.

Parents Together: 274-6262. Phoenix (Gay AA): 274-0152 or 278-0475. If no answer, dial 454-1414

Tsarus: Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082. Wings: Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

MEDIA

Gay Alternative: Radio Program, Mon. 6-7

PM, WEVL, FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174

Gaze: Newspaper - Box 0038 - (901) 454-1411. - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-The Personals: Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 Baud - 901-274-6713

AIDS Switchboard: 726-4299 Gay Switchboard: 726-GAY Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE Rape Crisis: 528-2161.
Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

RESTAURANTS & BARS Another Bar: 1351 Augumn - 278-9353 The Apartment: 343 Madison - 525-9491. Back Street: 94 N. Avalon (Downstairs) - 278-

Barbara's Place: 1474 Madison - 278-4313. French Connection: 598 Marshall - 526-1038. George's: 600 Marshall - 526-1038. J.Wags: 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

Pendulum: 92 N. Avalon (Upstairs) - 725-1530. Pipeline: 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.

WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison. - 278-

MISCELLANEOUS Airport Adult Theatre: 2214 Brooks Rd E. - 345-0657.

Book Cottage: 2113 Madison (Overton Square) - 726-5857.

The Book Mart: 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546. Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar -

Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086. Georgetown Inn: 628-630 Reservations (901) 525-0725. Madison Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

Getwell Adult Book Store: 1617 Getwell

Men of Leather: 1266 Madison - 722-8963. Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer - 323-2665. Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-

Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622. Veteran's Cab Co: 525-6681.

NASHVILLE

ORGANIZATIONS
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):
Box 120160, Nashville 37212. Conductors: Box 40261. Nash-ville 37212. Metropolitan Community Church: 1 15th Ave N., Nashville 37202 - (615) 320-0288. 131 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

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.

Victor/Victoria's: 111 8th Ave. S, - (615) 244-

Warehouse 28: 2529 Franklin Rd. - (615) 385-World's End: 1713 Church - (615) 329-3480.

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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 7-11 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.

Gay Helpline: (615) 521-6546 (7-11 PM

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,

RESTAURANTS & BARS

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622-9335. Startime Video: 6309 E. Brainard Rd. - (615)

#### LITTLE ROCK, AR ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Arkansas: Box 2832, Linle Rock, AIDS Brigade: 210 Pulaski St., Little Rock,

AIDS Brigade: 210 Pulasis 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.

Arkansus 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 Arkansas' Advisor: Newspan

Arkansas Advisor: Newspaper - University 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-

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)

Presion's: 5618 Asher Ave. - (501) 562-7531. Silver Dollar Bar: 2710 Asher Ave. - (501)

MISCELLANEOUS 4-Star Video: 5300 Baseline Rd. - (501) 562-

University Adult Arcade: 6316 Asher Ave. (501) 568-2952.