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Jean O'Leary Appointed to DNC

Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis has appointed Gay activist, Jean O'Leary as an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee. Announced July 22, O'Leary's appointment marks the first time an openly Gay person has been named to the governing body of the National Democratic Party.

Tim McNeil, the Associate Director of Issues for the Dukakis Campaign, commented on O'Leary's appointment saying, "Mike Dukakis has said that Gay men and Lesbians would have more than just a foot in the door and would participate in policy-making. Jean O'Leary is the kind of caring and qualified person that Dukakis hopes to attract to public service."

O'Leary has had a long and distinguished career as a Gay rights activist, as well as being a 17-year veteran of Democratic Party politics; serving, most recently, as a Dukakis whip at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta.

During the Carter Administration, O'Leary organized the first and only meeting of Gay leaders held in the White House. This landmark event was followed up by a series of meetings that changed policy regarding Gay men and women with key federal agencies including the State Dept., the U.S. Dept. of Justice, and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. In 1977, O'Leary was appointed by Pres. Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, the first time an openly Gay person had been appointed to a Presidential Commission. She was subsequently named to his National Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.

For the past seven years, O'Leary has been Executive Director of National Gay Rights Advocates, a non-profit, litigation firm, committed to promoting civil rights for Gay people.

Vin McCarthy, a Gay Attorney working on Dukakis' campaign and a member of the HRC Fund Board said, "The appointment of Jean O'Leary confirms that Gov. Dukakis will have Gay men and Lesbians as part of his team."

Circle K Excludes AIDS from Insurance

Washington — The Circle K Corp., the nation's second largest convenience store chain, has moved to cut off medical coverage for employees diagnosed with AIDS. The policy also includes alcohol and drug abuse treatment, and self-inflicted wounds.

AIDS advocates said they knew of no other major company seeking to limit medical coverage based on what Circle K terms "personal lifestyle decisions."

Most health care coverage excludes suicide attempts but cover illnesses resulting from other causes.

The health care policy was disclosed in a letter to employees effective Jan. 1, but was not generally known until some employees complained to civil liberties groups in August.

Circle K employs about 8,000 employees in 27 states, including Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, Charles Shoemaker, Circle K's vice president for human resources said, "we felt we had to take certain steps to help contain our medical costs, and we felt that this was one thing we could do." Shoemaker characterized AIDS as the result of "certain lifestyle decisions."

Apparently the action cannot be challenged in state court because Circle K because the company pays for the employee's covered insurance rather than using an insurance company.

"This is exactly the reason why we need a federal AIDS anti-discrimination law, said Allen Cook, Chairman of the Shelby Co. AIDS Advisory Council's Equal Access and Opportunity Subcommittee.

"These 'self-insured' companies are going to use any means they can to not pay these claims." Cook said.

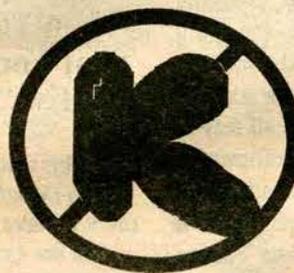
Self-insurance plans are regulated by the federal Labor Department under the 1974 Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). A Labor Dept. spokesman said the department was unaware of Circle K's new medical insurance policy and could offer no comment.

Gay activists have called for a nationwide boycott of the chain. The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) made several suggestions in providing economic pressure to Circle K.

While in New Orleans, several of their members went into a Circle K, gathered up about \$125 worth of

merchandise, had the checker ring it up. They then pretended to want to pay by check and asked the cashier to whom to make the check. When the cashier responded "Circle K," the ACT UP members professed shock, said they didn't know it was a Circle K they were in, informed the clerk they couldn't buy the merchandise because the store was being boycotted and left. The clerk was left with the chore of fixing the overring on the register, and restocking the items. ACT UP said this ploy is especially effective if there is a long line of customers.

In addition, they said a local telephone tree designed to tie up store lines was another effective maneuver. To avoid charges of telephone harassment, this should be done by several people who simply call the stores every fifteen minutes to protest the company's action.



TGLTF Hires Lobbyist for '89 Tennessee Legislature

When the Tennessee General Assembly reconvenes in January, Gay and Lesbian Tennesseans will, for the first time, have their own registered, professional lobbyist fighting for pro-Gay legislation. At the August 6 meeting of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the steering committee voted to accept a proposal to hire Gerry Scoppettuolo of Nashville to lobby the state legislature.

Scoppettuolo has been lobbying the state legislature on AIDS issues for the Service Employees International Union since December of 1987. In February of this year, he testified before the House Finance Ways and Means Committee in an effort to obtain AIDS funding. He has also met personally with a variety of legislators in their Nashville offices and received extensive press coverage in Nashville for his efforts.

Scoppettuolo's proposal tar-

gets lobbying for hate crimes legislation and AIDS legislation and funding. He proposes lobbying the new "Super" AIDS Committee, the House and Senate General Welfare and Finance Ways and Means Committees. Working with the Department of Health and Environment is key to his proposal. He also proposes directly lobbying the Governor. He will also be responsible for motivating coalition-building with NOW, ACLU, National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Nurses Association, AFSCME/Memphis, Tennessee Education Association, all Tennessee Gay political organizations, and others.

Scoppettuolo's proposal also points out that grassroots lobbying is critical to future legislative action. Memphis Gay Coalition, T-GALA of Nashville, and Knoxville's Ten Percent will be called upon to lobby their key leg-

islators. Rep. Guy Cain and Sen. John Ford are considered the key legislators from Memphis.

The TGLTF steering committee approved Scoppettuolo's proposed budget of \$5600, which includes a half-time salary of \$3600

for 9 months and an additional \$2000 for phone, printing, postage, and travel expenses. Benefits and membership drives are being planned to raise the necessary funds.

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Gazing

Why Should I Come Out?

by John Stilwell

National Gay Rights Advocates is promoting National Coming Out Day October 11th. The theme is "Take Your Next Step." In the case of many, that can mean "Take the First Step." But Why?

I can just imagine most of you sitting out there saying, "What useful purpose will my coming out serve?" On the other hand "I can't risk coming out because of my (1) job, (2) family, (3) friends, (4) lover, or (5) all of the above.

First of all, coming out doesn't have to mean taking a full page ad out in the *Commercial Appeal* or buying time on the evening news to declare to the entire city that you are Gay. Your first step or next step can be as subtle as: don't hide the

Gay books on the bookshelf when Mom comes to visit; boycott a store or company which discriminates against Gays (see the story on Circle K in this issue); or simply stop lying about all the girls (for men) or guys (for women) that you are dating/making it with. Once you are comfortable with that, go on to what you think is the next step.

The next question is why? Your coming out is not going to change the world. It is not going to stop discrimination against Gays. It will not suddenly make Gays acceptable to the world or even to Memphis. So why bother?

Most people are like you and I, they work 8 hours a day, they have work to do at home (cooking, cleaning, doing the shopping, doing the laundry), and hopefully, there's some time left for socializing. For that reason we all rely on being fed news and information from sources such as radio, TV, newspapers, and magazines. For strictly news items (First Tennessee Bank was robbed, Smith shot Jones as the result of an argument over Martin, a truck overturned on I-240), any source of information is fine. There are just facts to deal with it. It is pure and simple.

When news deals with issues, opinions, or beliefs, no single source of information is reliable - everybody has an ax to grind. Hopefully, when the average person hears conflicting reports, they will continue taking in information until such time as they think they can sift out the opinions and make their own decision based only on the facts. It seems simple and straight forward until you realize that the people trying to influence you are going to fight "dirty" using emotionally charged words, slogans, and arguments to make it difficult for you to sort out "just the facts."

The real problem is that, for whatever reason, a large segment of the population abdicates their right to make decisions and turns that responsibility over to some leader. That leader can be anyone: the leader of a street gang, the head of an organization, a religious leader, or just the most outspoken person in your group of friends. Most leaders will seize that power and either knowingly or ignorantly, use it to promote their own personal opinions and prejudices. I would imagine that God, himself, would have a hard time challenging some of these leaders in a simple

debate. After all, the followers know their leader - they don't know this person claiming to be God.

These people we can do nothing about. At least, not at this point. We need to concentrate on the people who are still gathering information and trying to make their own decisions. For you and me, this means our families, our friends, the people we work with, and the people we socialize with. This is the sphere where our influence is the strongest. These people know us. They don't know the people who are preaching against us, spreading lies and misinformation about us, and trying to influence public opin-

ion against us. They are at least willing to listen to us.

But it does no good if we won't talk to them! If we persist in hiding and lying about ourselves and our lives, the only information they have to base their decision on is the information being provided by the people who hate us or are afraid of us.

So that is the why of coming out - to whatever degree you are comfortable. Whether you are most comfortable with your family or your friends, talk to someone. Each one you talk to becomes an ally in your struggle to be yourself and helps make it easier to talk to the

next one. And once your friends and loved ones know, they will be less tolerant of the lies they hear. Encourage them to speak out on your behalf. And when your friends and family combine with mine, and with Carol's and with Bob's and with Susan's and with Allen's and on and on... then we'll have the power to stop the lies, the prejudice, and the battering and killing of Gays.

But to achieve that, we all have to take the next step and the next one and the next one... until we reach that point.

Box 3038

What Do You Do When You Are Told That Your H.I.V. Is Positive?

In this town you call the County Health Department for an appointment to have an AIDS test done.

Let me explain something. The test you have done is not for AIDS. It is a test to see if you are a carrier of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. H.I.V. positive does not mean that you have AIDS or that you ever will get AIDS.

You get your appointment; when you call for it they only want to know your first name. You are given a number when you go in for your appointment. You are then interviewed by a trained counselor and he explains the test to you. Then you are taken to the lab and have a small amount of blood drawn. Everyone is very pleasant to you.

You return in about one week for your results. Your results will not be given to you over the phone. This is for your protection. You go to the receptionist and tell her your number. I am (#) and I have an appointment. She says the counselor will be with you in a few minutes. Shortly, the counselor asks you to come into his office. You are seated and exchange greetings. He tells you your results are back and they are negative; and if you feel as though you are in a high risk category, you should have the test done every six months.

That is the way it is supposed to go. But what if it does not?

You are seated and you exchange greetings. He tells you that your results are back, and the test results are positive. Then he tells you that he would like you to come back next month to be retested. Then he discusses several things with you. First, he reminds you that just because you have tested positive does not mean you have AIDS

or that you will ever get AIDS. He tells you that you need to let your sexual or IV drug partners know and suggest to them that they go in and have the test done.

He explains a few more things to you but you are not sure you are hearing him. You know you are a healthy young man who is in the prime of his life. You leave his office and you start to think. **When? Where? Who? How? Why?** Then you think, "I need a drink." So you stop at the nearest bar still thinking, **When? Where? Who? Why?** You order a drink. It just doesn't taste that good. You say, "Well it's early in the afternoon." You sip it down and order another. It doesn't taste any better than the first. You leave about half of it and go home.

Then you really start thinking. Who gave it to me? When did I get it? How many have I given it to? What do I do now? Who do I tell? Why tell anyone? I am a healthy person. I feel fine. Why should any one know. Let them find out on their own. I don't need to tell them.

You know that is a wrong attitude. You need to tell your sexual partners or your IV drug partners. First you tell your most recent partners. Then you go backward if you can find them. Go back at least two years. Then let your friends know because someday you may need your friends. I have done this and I am glad I have. My friends are still my friends. Possibly even more so.

May I say this to anyone who has had the test and it's positive. You must remember to keep a **Positive Attitude** and remember you are not alone. There are many programs here to help you. Just because you are H.I.V. Positive does not mean you have AIDS or that you will ever get it.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am thirty-plus. I am a very healthy, male homosexual. I do not have a lover and do not want one. I am not very active sexually, but I

have had several affairs over the past few years. I have never done drugs of any kind.

I intend to live a very full life and enjoy myself.

H.I.V. Positive (#) Just a Number
Memphis, TN

A Letter From The Editor

Several years ago, unknown to each other, several members of the *Gaze* staff responded to the same classified from an inmate. Eventually, talking to one another, this fact came out. It further came out that the inmate claimed to be a different person to each of the people he was writing to depending on his correspondence's interests and personality. The bottom line in each correspondence was a request for money for various reasons. This was at a time when the news magazines were doing stories on inmates conning unsuspecting people into sending them money orders for \$5.00 or \$10.00 which were altered and cashed for much larger amounts.

At that time, the staff agreed that con artists were trying to rip off unsuspecting Gays using our classifieds. It was decided to no longer print inmate classifieds.

Over the years, we have received additional correspondence from inmates genuinely in trouble or just wanting word from the outside. Some were happy just to receive a complimentary subscription to *Gaze*. The bottom line is that in refusing to publish any of these letters and classifieds, some legitimate and sincere people have been lost in the process. And is this censorship, as well meaning as it might have been, any better than any other censorship?

I have decided it is not. As a result, we are starting to publish these letters and classifieds with

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National News

Marine Imprisoned for Lesbian Sex

Parris Island, SC — A woman Marine corporal was convicted on charges of having sex with another woman and has been sentenced to a year in prison. Marine Cpl. Barbara Baum, 23, was convicted of sodomy, obstruction of justice, and committing indecent acts with women. She was sentenced in June 10 at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot.

Baum's conviction is part of an ongoing investigation of Lesbianism at the Parris Island facility, but she was the first woman to have been court-martialed on sex charges. Of the four other women investigated in the Marine Corps witchhunt against Lesbian marines, one has been discharged in lieu of court-martial and three others have been discharged.

Major David Beck, the Marine

prosecutor, had asked the jury to sentence Baum "for a large number of years" in order to send "a message, if you will, because a message is going to go out from your sentence to other Marines in similar situations... that as a Marine of any rank, such conduct will not be tolerated."

Apparently, the Marine Corps witchhunt was prompted by a report published last fall which mentioned Lesbianism among Marine Corps women. The report was issued by Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force urges Lesbians and Gay men to protest this latest example of military homophobia. "The military in general and the Marine Corps in particular seem obsessed with identifying Gay people in the

ranks and driving them out simply because they are Gay or Lesbian," said NGLTF Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde. "No effort was made to evaluate Barbara Baum's service record. She was charged and found guilty of private, consensual sex with another woman. The Gay and Lesbian community of this country should send its own message to the Marine Corps: "Get out of the bedrooms and stop the attacks on Gay people in uniform."

Cpl. Baum's case will be reviewed by the Parris Island base commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph Hoar. Hoar can either reduce Baum's prison sentence or let it stand, but cannot increase it. After Hoar's review, Baum's case is automatically reviewed by the Navy and Marine Court of Military Review in Washington. Send letters urging that Baum's conviction be overturned and her sentence waived to Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, Marine Corps Recruits Depot, Parris Island, SC 29905 and The Honorable Frank Carlucci, Dept. of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

NGLTF Announces Gay Confab

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has announced plans to host a national conference for Gay and Lesbian organizations on Nov. 18-20, 1988 in Washington, DC. The conference, entitled "Creating Change: A National Conference for Gay & Lesbian Organizations," is open to all Gay and Lesbian organizations. The Conference will also serve as a gathering of NGLTF's more than 10 member or cooperating organizations. The NGLTF Cooperating Organization program was created in 1987 to knit the nation's Gay and Lesbian organizations into an effective activist network. The Memphis Gay Coalition has recently voted to join NGLTF as a cooperating member.

The "Creating Change" conference has three goals: 1) to foster skill, resource, and information sharing; 2) to support and develop Gay/Lesbian leadership at the local, state, and national level; and 3) to strengthen the Gay political movement by supporting the organizations and institutions that serve that community.

Technical skill-building workshops led by activists from across the country will be offered in the areas of lobbying, grassroots organizing, media action, develop-

ment and fundraising, and direct action. Panels will also focus on current political debates within our movement.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Ave. and 15th Street NW, Washington. Registration fees will range from \$50-100 depending on the size of an organization's annual budget.

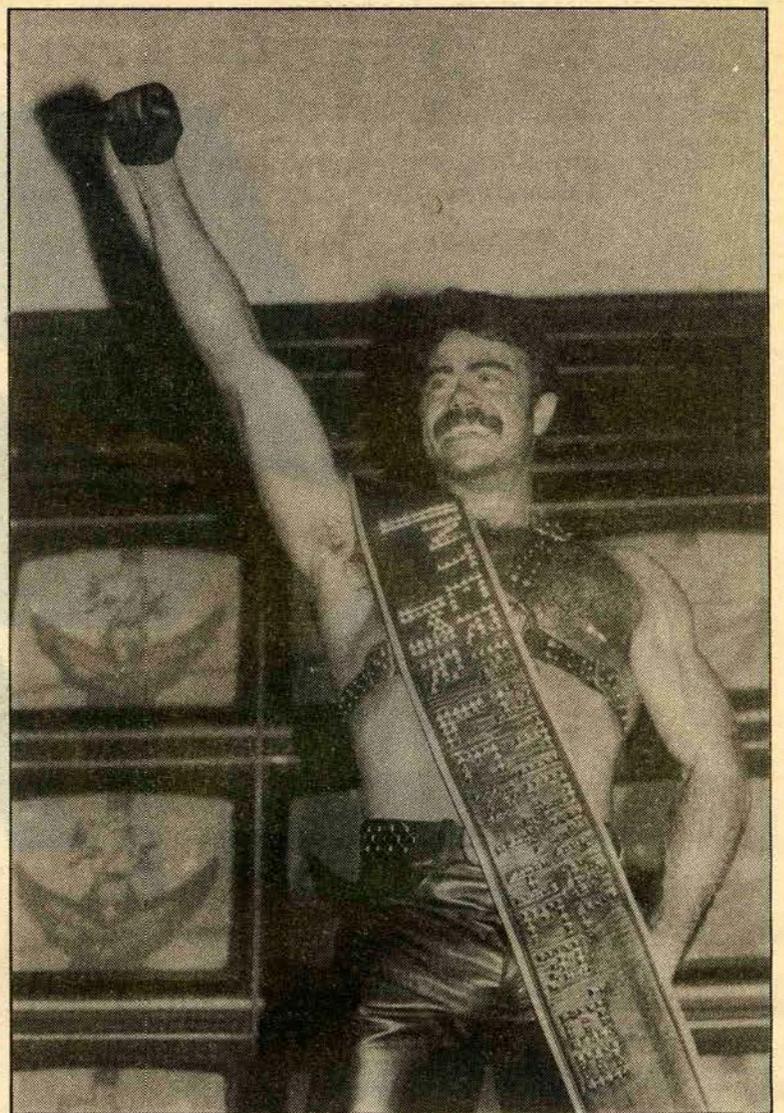
For more information, write: NGLTF Creating Change, 1517 U St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Ratheon Appealing Landmark Case

San Francisco — The Raytheon Company has filed an appeal of a landmark AIDS discrimination

case it lost recently in a Santa Barbara Court. Judge Patrick L. McMahon held that Raytheon violated California handicap discrimination law by refusing to let John Chadbourne, a Gay man, work after he was diagnosed with AIDS. It was the first time a California court has held that AIDS is a handicap within the definition of the state's anti-discrimination statute. Judge McMahon has also order Raytheon to pay almost \$40,000 in attorney's fees to National Gay Rights Advocates and the Employment Law Center of San Francisco for their services in representing the estate of Mr. Chadbourne.

John Chadbourne worked as a quality control analyst at Ratheon. He was diagnosed with AIDS in December of 1983 and died in January of 1985.



Michael Pereyra, International Mr. Leather '88, sponsored by Hard Labor Leather & San Diego Leather Community, San Diego CA was selected over the Memorial Day Weekend.

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Wisconsin Lesbian Couple Fights for Health Insurance

San Francisco — National Gay Rights Advocates has taken another step to meet the challenge of obtaining equal rights for Gay couples with a new action filed in Madison, Wisconsin.

NGRA represents Jerri Lynn Phillips, a state employee, who wants to add her family partner, Lorri Tommerup, to her employer-sponsored group health insurance plan. Phillips' request has been denied by the State since she and Tommerup are not legally married. Tommerup is currently without health insurance because she left her job to attend graduate school.

NGRA Legal Director Leonard Graff said "The state's refusal to let

Jerri Lynn buy health insurance for Lorri is not only unfair, it's illegal. Wisconsin has a statute barring discrimination based on an employee's marital status and sexual orientation."

"Jerri Lynn and Lorri have been family partners for 5 years," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA E

xecutive Director. "Their relationship is in every way as loving, committed and valid as that of a married couple."

The case is now pending before the Personnel Commission where the state is contending the agency has no jurisdiction to hear it. A decision will probably not be rendered until later this year.

"Raytheon is stinging," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "They lost this case before the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, again in Superior Court, and now Raytheon has been ordered to pay attorney's

fees. Filing this further appeal is entirely consistent but utterly irrational, since every major corporation in America has been advised by their attorneys not to discriminate against employees with AIDS."



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National Coming Out Day Oct. 11th

As National Coming out Day draws near, it is clearly evident that this day will be celebrated by people from coast to coast. Excitement is building in the Gay community as thousands of Gay men

and women plan to "take their next step" by participating in special events planned in cities and towns nationwide.

Last year's October 11th March on Washington energized

the Gay community across the country, as it took our strength and spirit to the nation's capital. This year, the strength comes home to the local grassroots organizations that are the backbone of the Gay

movement. Coordinated by National Gay Rights Advocates and co-sponsored by The Experience Weekend, the event is a reminder to all Gay men and women that the time has come to go forward in the campaign for civil rights, the time has come for them to "take their next step."

To excite Gay organizations in local communities, the organizing body of NCOD has begun a large scale campaign of its own. The national media has been put on alert, three full-time staff members have been hired by NGRA to work exclusively on the event and "Coming Out Kits" have been mailed to thousands of Gay organizations nationwide. The kits, which include dozens of different ideas for "coming out" from acknowledging that "those roses are not from your mother" to "organizing a demonstration for Gay Rights" are inspiring local organizations to call NCOD to share other ideas about "how to come out." In fact, phones at official NCOD headquarters are ringing off the hook with reports of dances, dinners, seminars, letter-writing campaigns, and celebrations that are in the works.

NCOD is making available a wide variety of support materials to groups coming on board as Official Event Sponsors including buttons, bumper stickers, key chains, and lapel pins. The staff has put together a set of guidelines on how to obtain media support as well as an informational circular on how to start a Gay support group. Artist Keith Haring has designed an original poster to celebrate the event; and there will be a commemorative journal in which individuals, businesses, and organizations can place personal statements.

"National Coming Out Day is catching on all over the country," says Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA and Co-Chair of NCOD. Rob Eichberg, founder of The Experience Weekend and O'Leary's Co-chair of the event, adds, "It's definitely an idea whose time has come." O'Leary continues, saying, "We are working around the clock preparing for this October 11th. Last year's march clearly showed that, even in the face of the deadly AIDS epidemic, our community is vibrant and growing. We need, more than ever, an annual event to celebrate life, one that will help us renew our

commitments to one another. Ours is a community that is coming out of the closet forever."

The NCOD campaign encourages every Gay man and woman to "take their next step" this Oct. 11, a step that for each individual is intensely personal. Jean O'Leary adds, "The Official Coming Out Kits can only offer suggestions for next steps; people must choose what is best for them."

O'Leary goes on to say, "Some people may acknowledge to themselves for the first time that they are Gay or Lesbian, while others may come out to a friend or family members. One thing is certain. No matter how far in the closet, or out of the closet, we are, we all have a next step."

For more information about NCOD, and to obtain Official Coming Out kits, contact National Gay Rights Advocates at (213) 650-6200 or write to 8380 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 202, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Coming Out on TV

Finally a daytime soap opera has introduced a Gay character and has no plans to make him tragic or diseased, according to *USA Today*.

"Our approach was to bring in a very strong, likable, seemingly single male figure that our audience would learn to like and respect before the revelation was made," said Doug Marland, head writer for CBS's *As The World Turns*. The character of fashion designer Hank Eliot (Brian Starcher), introduced in April, revealed his homosexuality in late August.

"People have built-in prejudices, and it was important for us to find the characters liking him and interacting with him. The young set particularly took to him immediately, because he's fun and bright. Now we get to explore everyone's reactions."

Marland, who said he met resistance at introducing Gay overtones to a story line years ago on NBC's *The Doctors*, isn't sure the viewing audience will take to Hank's not-so-guilty secret. "Many people in our audience are far removed from AIDS, and have preconceived, cliched ideas of what a Gay man is. I'd like to break that myth."

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ATEAC Reveals PWA Funding

Memphis — The Aid to End AIDS Committee has spent over \$13,000 in patient relief since the organization began three years ago.

According to Mark Whitehead, ATEAC's treasurer, the group has help provide emergency relief for 25 PWA's through July. The average PWA received \$525.00 in emergency funds for food, housing, telephone, and medicine. Records reveal that six people have used Alpha House, ATEAC's emergency housing facility. The house is designed to serve as temporary housing for indigent PWA's who are encour-

aged to locate other affordable housing when their disability benefits begin.

"The house is not a care facility," said Tommy Stewart, ATEAC president. "It's important that people realize that this is not a hospice. It's just a supportive landlord/tenant relationship. If people can pay (and can't get other housing) then we expect them to offset our costs. On the other hand, if they can't pay, then we absorb the loss," Stewart said.

Of the 25 PWA's who have approached ATEAC for monetary assistance, 11 have received over \$500 each. "The need for financial assistance is definitely on the upswing," said Whitehead. "A major-

ity of the money we've given out, has been given out in the past year." Whitehead indicated that although PWA's are finding it easier to get benefits in the Memphis area, those benefits are often not enough to meet their needs. "As a result we have people calling on us to help out on utilities, phone bills, and those kinds of things," he said.

"The procedures [ATEAC has set up] are pretty good," said Allen Cook, ATEAC's secretary. "We do an extensive intake interview to determine what the exact needs are. We counsel the PWA in financial matters as best we can... but when a person's total income is only \$340 a month and their rent is over \$200, something's got to give."

PWA assistance is not only in the form of money. Many PWA's are enrolled in the various support groups offered by the Committee. Currently, there are about 40 people participating in 4 different support groups that are offered. In addition, help is given to those in need of help in filing for benefits due them.

Health Department sources reveal that the AIDS caseload for the West Tennessee area numbers about 200. The Med indicates it is seeing about 150 people regularly at its Adult Special Care Clinic.

Because the grant money ATEAC receives from the state is tied to educational uses, money for patient assistance must come from other sources. "A majority of our patient assistance money has come from the Gay community and is earmarked specifically for this purpose (patient assistance)," said Tommy Stewart. "About \$8,000 was received from ATEAC's annual auction and all of that money is earmarked for patient aid."

BWMT AIDS Brochure Funded

Resist, a Massachusetts Human Rights group, has granted \$600 to Black and White Men Together Memphis in support of their culturally sensitive AIDS brochure and the purchase other brochures and a video.

The brochure was produced about two years ago in an effort to create educational material specially suited to Black audiences.

MAC Makes Grants

The Memphis AIDS Coalition has announced grants totalling \$5000 to fund AIDS education and service projects. The grants were made possible through funding obtained from last November's "Steps in the Right Direction" fundraising walk.

The following grants were made:

- \$1250 to the Aid to End AIDS Committee to offset expenses of Alpha House, it's emergency shelter for PWA's
- \$1250 to the Aid to End AIDS

Committee to offset expenses of printing its "What Every Teenager Should Know About AIDS" brochure.

- \$1500 to the Mid-South Chapter of the Red Cross for procurement of AIDS information materials and to fund AIDS education services.

- \$750 to Planned Parenthood to fund a special AIDS education program for women.

- \$250 to Human Response Council for operational expenses.

Southern Leather Weekend

Wings Annual Run (Flight IV) will be combined with the presentation of Mr. Southern Leather Contest to make the weekend of Sept. 2-4 a hot leather weekend in Memphis.

The Mr. Southern Leather contest will be held at J-Wag's at 9:00 PM on Saturday night during Wings' three-day run. The Leatherman's Ball is slated for

Sunday night at the Pipeline.

Contingents from The Conductors, Gateway MC, Blue Max, Tsarus, and Women of Leather are expected.

According to David Bulliner, Mr. Southern Leather organizer, more contestants are pre-registered this year, than last year. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each.

HRC'S Griffin Closes Meeting to ATEAC Rep

The chief administrator of the Human Response Council (HRC) told an ATEAC representative that she is not currently welcome at Human Response meetings. Jean Hofacket, an ATEAC board member, was invited to attend HRC meetings by Robert Ross, president of HRC, at a June 27 meeting in which he and the ATEAC board agreed that it would be beneficial if a member of each group attended the other's board meetings to learn first-hand about their activities to avoid duplication of services and programs.

Repeated attempts by Ms. Hofacket to determine meeting times and locations were rebuffed by Griffin. According to Hofacket, Griffin told her that "the president (of HRC) had no business inviting her" and that she would not be allowed to attend until the board voted on inviting her or a representative of ATEAC.

Ms. Griffin stated in a May meeting with ATEAC representatives and representatives of the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment that HRC's board meetings were open to the community and that "anyone can

attend." Gaze has also been unable to determine meeting times and places.

Questions have been raised about HRC's role in the AIDS service area. Although initial proposals state that HRC will establish and operate a stand-alone hospice for people with AIDS, the organization has provided a substantial sum of money to meet current needs of PWA's. Ms. Griffin stated in May that HRC would concentrate its efforts on building a fund to open a hospice.

"One of the reasons we are concerned," said Allen Cook, ATEAC board member "is that there is nothing in place that would prevent a PWA from working the system. That is, getting money from HRC and turning around and getting money from us for the same thing. If we can work together, we can make sure everyone is being cared for fairly."

Cook said ATEAC has spent over \$13,000 in patient aid since 1985. According to a statement issued last month, HRC has spent about \$2100 since it was formed last December.

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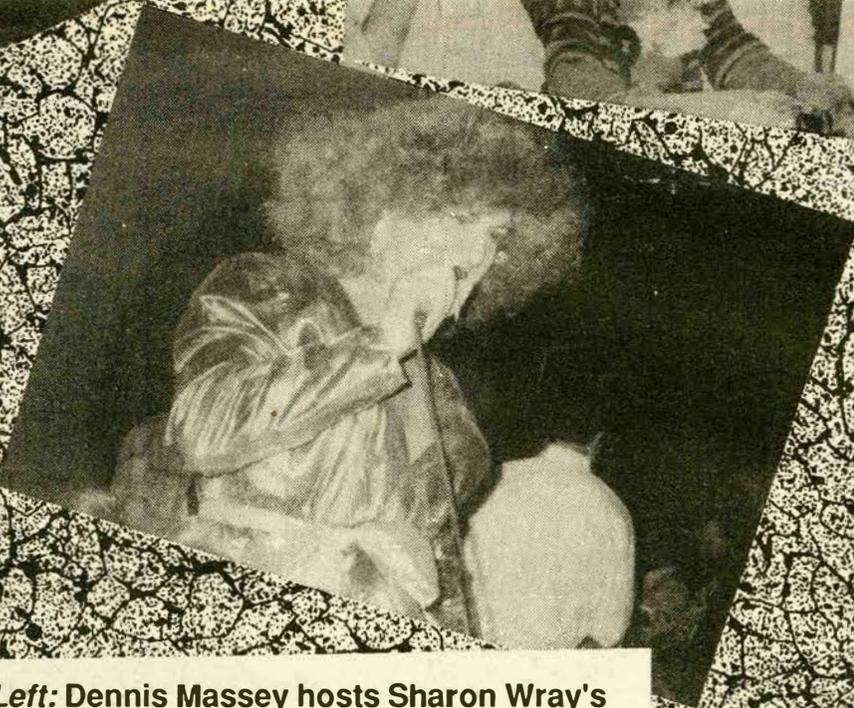
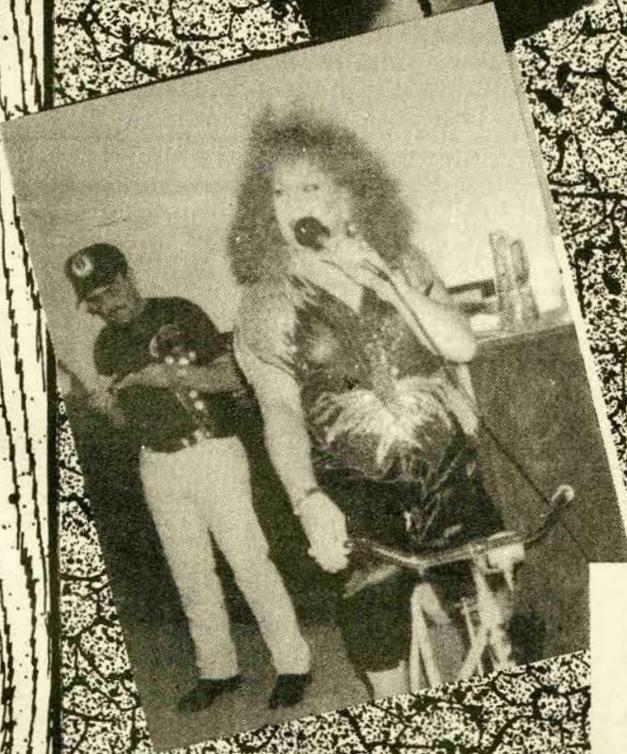
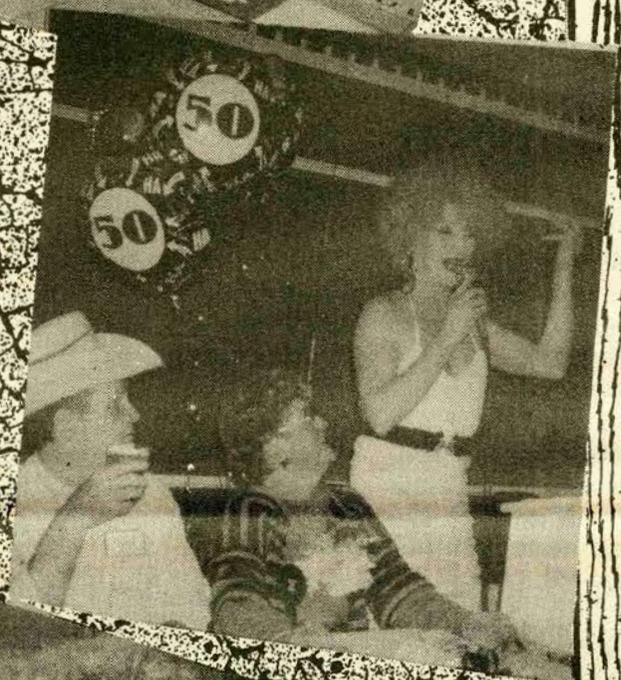
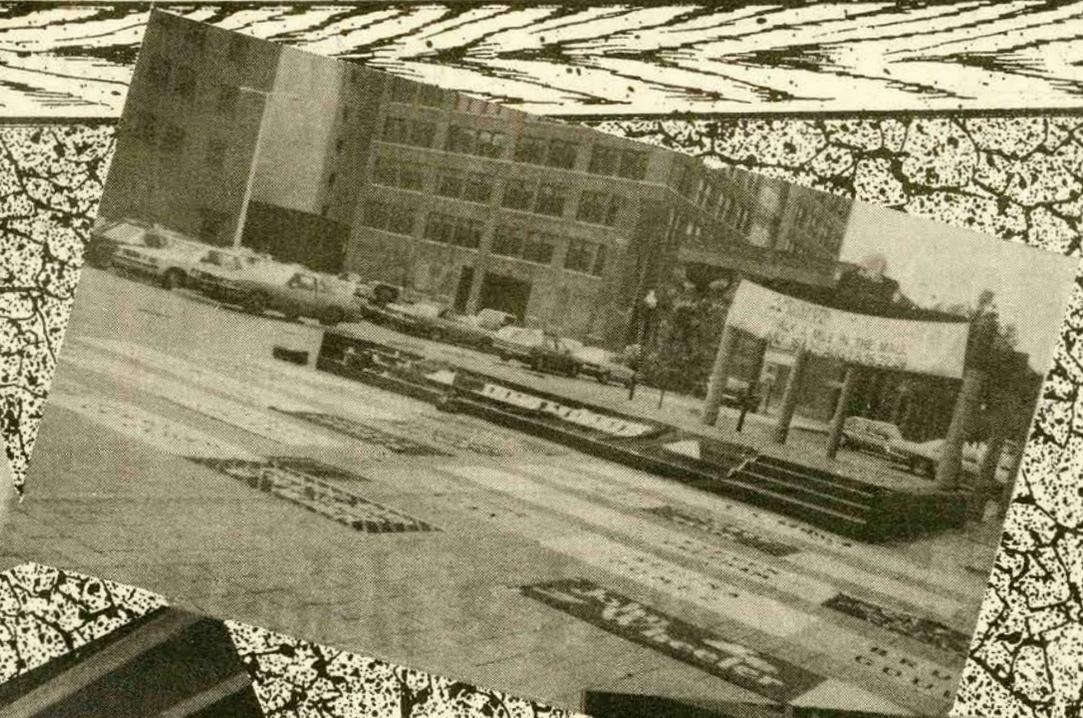
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Top Left: Dennis Massey hosts Sharon Wray's 50th birthday gala. Top Right: ACT UP brought the Bailey House (NY) AIDS quilt on August 22 at Court Square to raise awareness. Center Left: ATEAC volunteers help clean-up their new office space. Center Right: Billie Jo entertains Sharon and George Wilson at Sharon's 50th. Bottom Left: Dee Dee Whitaker auctions off an exercycle at ATEAC's Auction July 17. Bottom Right: Trixie Thunderpussy entertains at the opening of J-Wag's new Showbar.

The Help Page

Second of Two Parts

After Losing A Loved One

by Becky Caperton

In the last issue of *Gaze*, I began a two-part series on easing your pain after losing a loved one. Hopefully, it was helpful and useful. And now, for part two:

6. You can be alone without being lonely. Loneliness is a self-inflicted condition: it can come on you when you're alone or with a group of people. It is possible to spend enjoyable time by yourself; however, it does not require filling that time creatively and deciding who you are now, what you need now, and what you want now. It also requires giving up the fantasy that couples and families are never lonely.

7. Expect to be blindsided. One of the most embarrassing and frightening experiences of great loss is to be perfectly normal one minute and, for no apparent reason, to dissolve the next. It is as though a part of us is always on the lookout for remembrances. You may be doing housework alone, visiting friends, or watching TV, when you suddenly become tearful and sad, usually without knowing why. Take comfort in knowing that this is normal, and eventually, it will

happen less and less frequently.

8. Laughing is not disrespectful. Even though someone had died, funny things will happen at work, at home, to others, and, believe it or not, to you. It is okay at these things without feeling guilty about not spending twenty-four hours a day grieving. Humor has always been a great stress reducer.

9. There is love after loss. Although there is an initial loss of libido after the death of a partner, your sexual feelings and the need for closeness and warmth will return. That need may also be accompanied by feelings of guilt (about "cheating" on the spouse) or fear (of dating again or risking rejection). Remember that it is okay to change, to be sexual, and sensual.

10. Life's too short not to... This phrase is a helpful one to remember when you are faced with spontaneous, difficult or even fun situations. When the opportunity to do something fun arises, don't turn it down just because you wouldn't have done it when your loved one was alive. More often than not, these situations will actually prove to be enjoyable, if you give them a chance.

Throw Out the Homophobia, Not the Homophobes

by Ronald K. Mannas, M.D.

Recently, ABC *Nightly News* included a short segment about Parents-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Members of the Charlotte, NC Parents-FLAG chapter were interviewed. They expressed their thoughts and feelings as parents of Gay children. While we members of P-FLAG were happy to have the national exposure, a lot of us thought the program dwelled a little too much on the negative aspect of being the parent of a Gay child. Bob Bernstein wrote a syndicated article about this, which was published in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* (May 5, 1988).

There are a lot of positive things to say about being the "straight" parent of a Gay or Lesbian child, and we discuss those things every month at the meeting of our local P-FLAG chapter. But first, let's demolish one of the negatives.

One of the Charlotte mothers, in expressing her "anger, rage, and frustration" about the life she felt her child would be forced to lead, said: "I just hate all those homophobic people out there." While I may not be quoting her accurately,

those same words have been said at our local P-FLAG meeting. Perhaps you have said them yourself. But wait a minute. Do we really mean that? Who isn't a homophobe, at least at some time in his or her life? Isn't almost everyone, at least in Memphis, raised as a homophobe? Didn't we all hate and fear homosexuals? Even most Gay men and women go through a period of self-hate; some never get over it. Why are one-fifth of the successful teenage suicides committed by Gay children? Are the actions of some Gay men and women, including "staying in the closet," a form of homophobia? Is the refusal to practice safe sex, in this day and age, a form of self-hate?

I was certainly the world's worst homophobe. And I communicated my feelings loudly and at great length to my children. My pronouncements of hate and disdain certainly did not "prevent" homosexuality in my child; it probably delayed the time until he felt he could "come out" to us.

And I was not alone. No members of P-FLAG were happy to hear the words: "Mom and Dad, I'm Gay." But we all heard them. And those of us who now work for P-FLAG are proof that we can kill the homophobia without killing the homophobes.

So let's do it! We homophobes

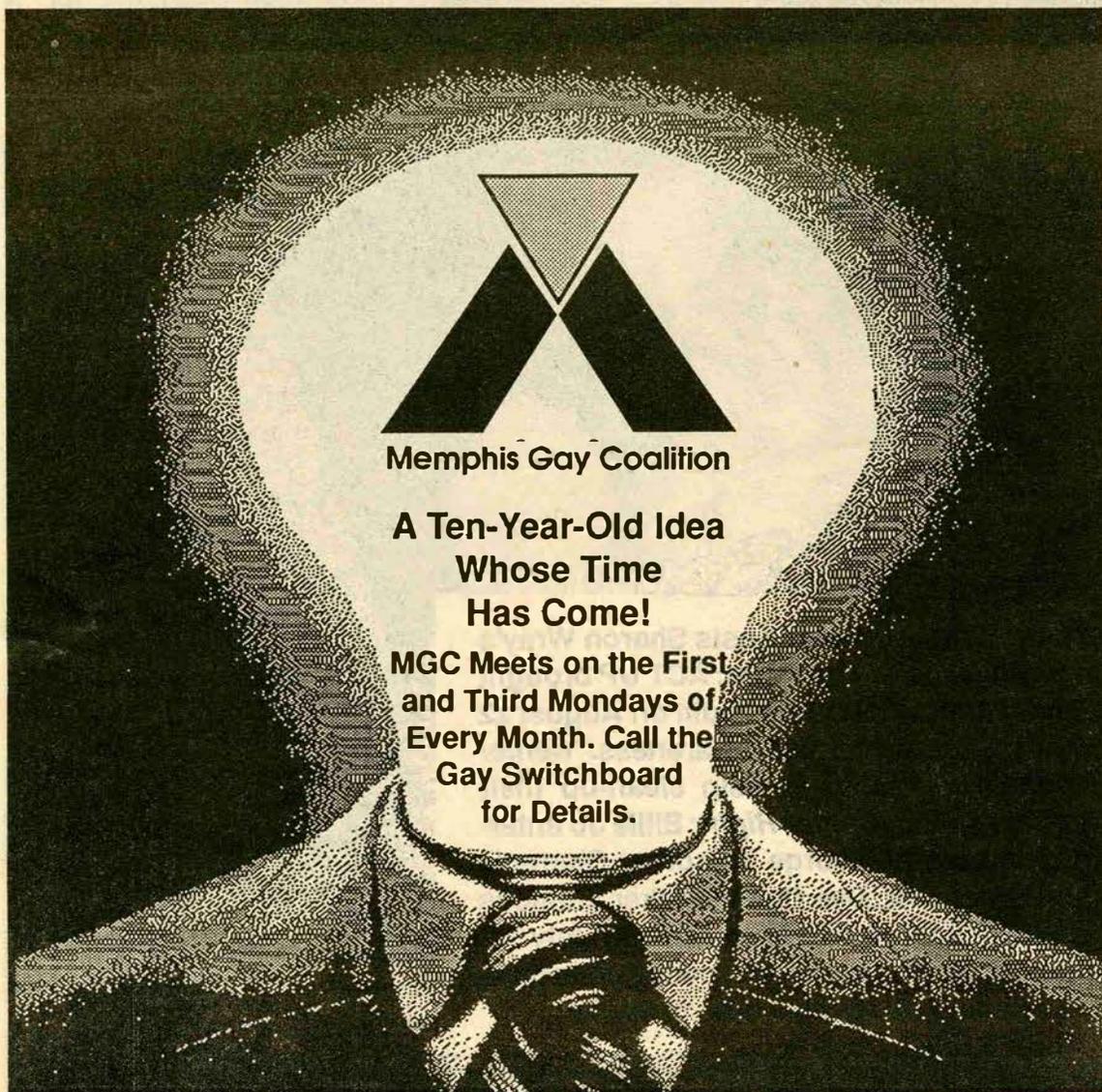
just need a lot of love, patience, education, and understanding. Speak to us calmly and quietly. And give us some time. It took most of you many years to work through your own feelings; give us some time to sort out ours.

Where to start? Why not start with those two homophobes you know best: your parents. Or with your brothers or sisters, if you haven't already. It may be painful and unpleasant at first, but it can work. The rewards, in the form of love, support, and new family strength, are worth it. And don't say, "But not my folks." Send for our free booklet, *Read This Before You Come Out to Your Parents*. Just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the address below. Or give us a call. We have done it; we can help.

Then ask your parents to call us. We can support you with a personal, confidential support group.

And if you are already out to your family, and you enjoy one of the strong, loving, and caring relationships, that's great too. Have your folks come to our meetings; we have a lot of work for them to do.

For more information on Parents-FLAG Memphis, contact Dr. Ronald K. Mannas, M.D., Parents-FLAG Memphis, P.O. Box 172031, Memphis, TN 38187-2031.



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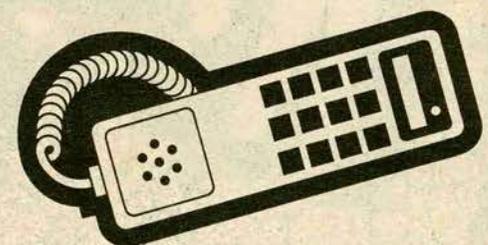
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Chlamydial Infections

Infections due to chlamydia ("kla-mid-ee-uh") are the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD) in the United States today, with an estimated 3 to 4 million new cases occurring each year. Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), a serious complication of chlamydial infection, has recently emerged as a major cause of infertility among women of childbearing age. The organism can cause a broad range of infections in both men and women.

Chlamydial infections are caused by a bacterium, *Chlamydia trachomatis*. Among adults, these infections are transmitted only during vaginal or anal sexual contact with an infected partner. A mother may pass the infection to her newborn during delivery.

Symptoms

The early symptoms of chlamydial infection are usually mild. For this reason, it has sometimes been called "the silent STD." If symptoms occur, they usually appear within 1 to 3 weeks after exposure. One of every two infected women and one of every four infected men may have no symptoms whatsoever. As a result, the disease is often not diagnosed until complications develop.

In men, chlamydial infections cause about 40 percent of the cases of nongonococcal urethritis (NGU), an inflammation of the urinary tract. The most common

symptoms of NGU are a discharge of mucus or pus from the penis; some men also notice pain when urinating. Pain or swelling in the scrotal area may be signs of epididymitis, an inflammation of a part of the male reproductive system located near the testicles.

Women with chlamydial infections may experience pain during urination, a vaginal discharge, or abdominal pain.

Chlamydial infection can also cause proctitis (inflamed rectum) and conjunctivitis (inflammation of the lining of the eye). Chlamydial bacteria have also been found in the throat. A particular strain of chlamydia causes an uncommon STD called lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV), which is characterized by swelling and inflammation of the lymph nodes in the groin. Other complications may follow if LGV is not treated at this stage.

Diagnosis

Chlamydial infections are easily confused with gonorrhea because the symptoms of both diseases are similar, and they often occur together. Until recently, the only way to diagnose chlamydial infections was to take a sample of secretions from a patient's genital area and then grow any bacteria that are present into colonies to determine whether chlamydia is present. Although still widely used, this culture method often fails to detect

chlamydial infections because chlamydia bacteria are both easily grown in a laboratory culture.

Within the past few years, scientists have developed several rapid tests for diagnosing chlamydial infections. Researchers supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) have developed one such test. Rapid diagnostic tests use sophisticated techniques and a dye to detect the organism; they can be performed during a routine checkup; and results are available within 30 minutes. Many doctors recommend that all persons who have more than one sex partner, and especially women under age 35, be tested for chlamydial infection each year.

Treatment

The antibiotic tetracycline is the recommended treatment for chlamydial infections. Other antibiotics are effective, however, and can be used if tetracycline cannot be taken. Penicillin, which is often used for treating other STD's, is not effective against chlamydial infections. Penicillin and tetracycline can be taken together to treat gonorrhea and chlamydial infections when they occur at the same time. Pregnant women should not take tetracycline.

It is very important that a person with a chlamydial infection take all of the prescribed medication, even after symptoms disappear. To be

sure that the infection is cured, a follow-up visit to the doctor or clinic 1 to 2 weeks after finishing the medication is essential. All sex partners of a person with chlamydial infection should be treated to prevent further spread of the disease.

Complications

Each year up to 1 million women in the United States develop a serious infection of the reproductive organs called pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). As many as half of all cases of PID may be due to chlamydial infection, and many of these occur without symptoms. In most women, however, PID causes fever and pain in the lower abdomen. PID can result in scarring of the fallopian tubes, which can block the tubes and prevent fertilization from taking place. An estimated 100,000 women each year become infertile as a result of PID.

In other cases, the scarring may interfere with the passage of the fertilized egg to the uterus during pregnancy. When this happens, the egg may implant itself in the fallopian tube. This is called ectopic or tubal pregnancy. This very serious condition is a major cause of maternal death in the United States, and the baby is lost.

A baby who is exposed to chlamydial infection and gonorrhea.

tion and gonorrhea.

Prevention

The risk of spreading chlamydial infections is high because they frequently occur without symptoms. For this reason, periodic testing is advisable. Condoms (rubbers) or diaphragms used during sexual intercourse may be useful in reducing the transmission of chlamydial infections.

Research

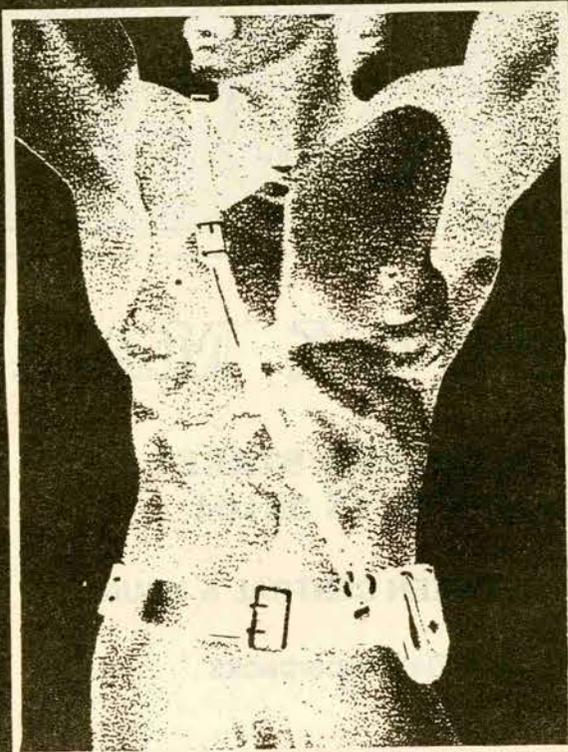
Development of rapid diagnostic tests for chlamydial infections by NIAID-supported researchers and other investigators marked an important breakthrough in the control of this disease. Another technique has been developed that may allow chlamydial detection directly from a Pap smear. Research continues toward development of diagnostic tests that are more accurate and less expensive.

Scientists are studying the complex chlamydial bacterium in order to understand it better. One group of investigators has identified the major protein on the surface of the organism that may be used as a possible component of a chlamydial vaccine.

Through continued research efforts, scientists are trying to find ways to better detect and prevent chlamydial infections.

Health

MR. SOUTHERN LEATHER PIPELINE EVENTS



FRI. SEP. 2 1:30 A.M. Preview of Contestants PATIO
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SUN. SEP. 4 2:00 P.M. Pipeline Cocktail Party ON THE PATIO
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8:00 P.M. Leatherman's Ball RUN PIN OR TICKETS

SPECIAL NOTICE On Sunday the PIPELINE will have our regular BEER BUST from
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2. Buying a ticket Packet which includes only the Contest and the after cocktail party, the Leatherman's Ball \$10.00
3. Attending any COCKTAIL PARTY at \$5.00 for each one.

This year there will be a SHUTTLE BUS on Friday and Saturday night
with those that have RUN PINS .See schedule next week.

Books

Leonard Matlovich: The Making of a Conservative Gay Activist

In September 1986, Leonard Matlovich, the controversial Gay rights activist, learned he had AIDS. Despite his natural optimism, Matlovich sensed it was time to tell his story and began collaborating with the writer Michael Hippler on his biography. The book was finished shortly before Leonard's death and will be published in the spring of 1989 by Alyson Publications of Boston.

While Matlovich's image as a politically conservative Gay man broke many preconceptions about Gays, Matlovich wanted to leave behind a deeper, lasting portrayal of both his life and his beliefs. The resulting book is filled with Leonard's thoughtful reflections on his childhood, his break with the military, his role as a Gay rights activist, and his battle against AIDS.

In the book, Hippler details Matlovich's five-year court case against the U.S. Air Force which began in 1975 when he was discharged for acknowledging his

homosexuality. Matlovich's coming out was part of a plan to force the Air Force to change their policy of discharging Gay men and women.

The book also records Matlovich's instantaneous Gay celebrity that resulted from his appearance on the cover of *Time*, and how it changed his life. While Leonard relished his leadership role, he was surprised by resentment among long-time activists and by the criticism he received for accepting a financial settlement from the Air Force in 1980.

"Some people accused me of selling out when I took the money," Matlovich counters in his biography, "but I didn't see it that way. No, from my point of view it was a victory, for I showed that you can take on the military and win."

In an especially poignant part of the book, Leonard speaks movingly about his fight against AIDS and how it changed him. The political conservative became "radicalized in a conservative kind of way"

by the Reagan Administration's mishandling of the AIDS crisis. Matlovich was arrested at the June 1987 civil disobedience protest in front of the White House.

"For a conservative Republican who has always believed in law and order," confesses Matlovich, "it was an incredible experience to break the law deliberately. But I would do it again and again, for I was always too much of a goody two-shoes before."

"Several years ago, well before he was diagnosed with AIDS," remembers Sasha Alyson, publisher of the Matlovich biography, "Leonard told me he was sorry that Harvey Milk had been cremated, because he thought it was important for future generations to have a physical grave site at which to remember Milk. By the time he



Leonard Matlovich (right) with Michael Hippler, author of the Leonard Matlovich biography to be published in the spring of 1989 by Alyson Publications of Boston. (photo by Robert Pruzan)

died, Leonard had not only created a memorial for Harvey Milk, but he had also created one for himself with his tombstone and biography through which people could remember what he stood for."

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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.

September Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 10 — Game Night, 8pm at Jeff's (Raleigh)

Monday, Sept. 12 — C/R Discussion Group: "Boys in the Band" video

Sunday, Sept. 18 — Board Meeting, 1:30pm at Jeff's

Saturday, Sept. 24 — B-day Party at/for Ed. \$5+ cash bar - a Fundraiser for the NA/Local Chapter, 7:30

Monday, Sept. 26 — General Meeting/Election, Peabody Library, 7:30pm

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A Dance Against Darkness

A Dance Against Darkness, a new play with music, will open at TheatreWorks September 15, running Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 pm through October 15.

This musical play was created by DC Cabaret from interviews with more than 40 persons with AIDS, their care-givers, and loved one in the Washington DC area.

The intent was to create a work of artistic merit from the voices of persons deeply involved in the AIDS crisis that would both educate and inspire compassion and involvement.

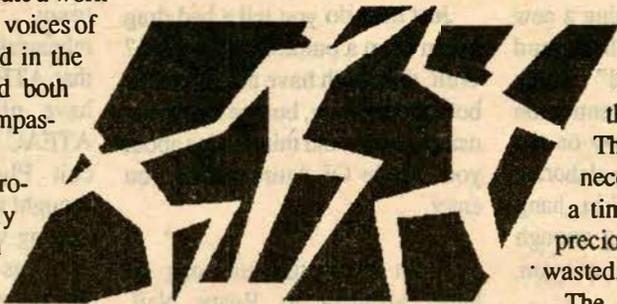
The TheatreWorks production is partially funded by a grant from the Memphis Arts Council to the Aid to End AIDS Committee, which is producing this show. Proceeds from this production will go to ATEAC's direct service work with people with AIDS.

A Dance Against Darkness was conceived by Fred Arzevino, Roy Barber, Bari Biern, Paula Burns, and Roberta Gasbarre. Bari Biern wrote the text, Memphian Roy Barber wrote the score, and Paula Burns wrote additional songs.

At TheatreWorks, Gene Crain will direct and Cullen Holliman will music direct the cast which includes Betti Brown, Colonius Davis, Brian Gaston, Cullen Holliman, Karin Hall, and Natalie

Wilder.

A Dance Against Darkness ran for 4 1/2 months in Washington, D.C. and received several nominations for Helen Hayes Awards including Best New Play and Best Musical. It was produced at the Reflections Theatre in Chicago where it ran for two months



and recently, at the Village Gate in New York and the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival where it benefitted housing for children with AIDS.

The play is an upbeat celebration of human courage and the unique relationships that develop between diverse persons thrown together by a shared crisis who learn to rely deeply on each other and their volunteer "buddies."

There are also comic send-ups of safe sex and the perils of dating in the era of AIDS.

The diverse musical styles include an outrageous blues celebration of safe sex, several lyrical bal-

lads, jazz-flavored show music, torch songs, and raucous gospel songs.

The format of the play surrounds a group house for persons with AIDS. We meet a young Gay man named David and experience the poignancy of his life and death, the special kind of loss to his volunteer "buddy" Michael.

We also experience the courage of Janice, a recovering alcoholic; Sheryl, a prostitute; and Andre, a street junkie, who discover together a kind of spiritual strength they didn't know they had. They discover uniquely the necessity of living "one day at a time," when each day is a precious gift of time, not to be wasted.

The play ends with a gospel outcry for help. The "light in the city" against darkness is our willingness to commit deeply to other human beings. Finally, to become human is to become our brother's/sister's keeper.

Production of the play is made possible by grants from the Memphis Arts Council, The Day Foundation, and the Memphis Gay Coalition.

A Dance Against Darkness will run Thursdays through Saturdays, September 15-October 15 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$6 each. Proceeds go to the Aid to End AIDS Committee's Patient Relief Fund.

Entertainment

Golden Curls Hits Circuit

The Golden Curls return to Circuit Playhouse Sept. 10-13 for the second season when the 1988 edition of "Living Reflections," an annual Circuit fund-raiser, again will feature a takeoff on the popular television series, *The Golden Girls*.

Last year, the Golden Curls moved from Miami to Memphis; this year they will be in Hotel Grand, which co-producers Jeri Boyle and Dennis Massey say is located on the Wolf River banks—"a refuge for entertainers down on their luck."

The Curls again will be joined by a score of senior- and younger-citizens: actors, actresses, musicians, comedians, singers, and dancers who will provide the vaudeville-type entertainment of this fifth edition of "Living Reflections."

All proceeds from the production go to the community theatre, Circuit Playhouse. Tickets are \$5. For information, call Ann Ross (795-2398) or Jeri Boyle (324-9287). Performances will be staged at the Playhouse, 1705 Poplar, Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11 at 2PM, and Monday and Tuesday, September 12-13, at 7:30 PM.

The show was written by Ruby O'Gray and co-producers Boyle and Massey. Ms. Boyle and Massey direct the production, and Ms. O'Gray will perform as singer/comedienne.

Returning to the same roles they created last season are Jeri Boyle as Ma, actor Massey in drag as Dorothy, and Ann Ross as Blanche. New to the foursome this year is Carolyn Spratley as Rose.

Tidy Endings — HBO

Credit should be given to Home Box Office for taking a chance on someone as controversial as Harvey Fierstein.

Fierstein's *Tidy Endings*, an expansion of the final act of his Broadway trilogy *Safe Sex*, is now playing on HBO and getting critically favorable reviews.

The play involves the inevitable settling of a man's estate after his death from AIDS. Most of the action takes place in the loft apartment Collin Redding and his ex-wife bought as an investment and which must now be sold to settle the estate. The matter is complicated by the fact that Collin left everything to his lover Arthur (Harvey Fierstein).

Marian (Stockard Channing) is the ex-wife of 11 years who apparently still loved him and maintained a superficially pleasant relationship with Collin and his new love. She and Collin were divorced five years ago; Arthur and Collin were lovers for three.

Fierstein is excellent (after all, he wrote the part) as a Gay man in grief. He resents Marian's intrusion and the forced sale of his home of the last three years. He resents Marian's protestations of love for Collin and her apparent inability to let go.

At one point, Arthur tells Marian of Collin's agony-filled last days and says, "I have paid in full for my place in his life, and I will not share it with you. We are not the two widows of Collin Redding—your life is somewhere else."

"Let him go, Marian," he pleads. "he's mine—dead or alive—

mine."

Tidy Endings is a must-see. If you can't bear to watch it now, tape it for later. You'll be glad you did. Worth the price of HBO this month even if nothing else were on.



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Quick Clips

by Lady A.

Well! Don't we have enough tea for a whole new volume in our memory book this month! Not tiny, intimate, soirees or tea for four or even six, no, chile, these were grand events.

SOCIAL EVENT OF THE HALF CENTURY DEPARTMENT

Once again, even after numerous previous mentions, Happy 50th Birthday to Sharon Wray. We found ourselves, on August 20, at a gathering which could possibly have been the major Gay social event of the last five years. At least. We personally did not know everyone, but we knew who most of these people were. A good sized party room at a midtown hotel was filled to capacity with happy people and fine music which brought back thoughts of so many Saturday nights around the time when we first came out. No, Sue Carol, we came out AFTER the Italian Renaissance, thank you very much.

The attendees were treated to a sumptuous buffet, courtesy of Glenn Jones who has dropped a pearl or two our way, and Carolyn. Now Carolyn has been a friend of Sharon's for a long time. She 'lowed as to the time when she and the BH used to cut up chicken together (we did not stutter, Marie) on Carolyn's day off (Sharon did it for a living). They were ever so slightly younger at the time and she was not at all surprised, when time for the party came, that she had been drafted to help Glenn with, you guessed it, cutting up the chicken.

This was only one of the many tales told by a glittering panel of roast-ers. A very enlightening slide presentation preceded the

roast; and the pork was done to a golden turn by such legends as Billie Jo Casino, Fancy (of PW Bumps fame), Betty, Carolyn, Randy, and George Wilson, the whole thing being conducted in impeccable but questionable taste by the grande dame of MC's, Dennis Massey.

Now, Gentle Reader, if you have no idea on heaven or earth who all these people are, let there be light. In one single room were more of the original movers and shakers of Gay Memphis than I have seen at one time, in a long time, or may see again. There were business owners, former business owners, drag queens, diesel dykes, leathermen, leatherwomen, modern activists, former activists. Agape church was represented, so was Gaze. Members of the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite shared the dance floor with members of the Queen's Men, the Mystic Krewe of Apollo, GOPS and Ladies Plus. Four leather clubs were represented: Tsarus, Wings, Women of Leather and Conductors. My brief memories of a decade ago were mingled with memories of many other years. And one thing impressed me more than anything else—it was that hallmark of Gay community that perhaps we have not lost: We stick together and we care for one another. That night, I was surrounded by people who really did and do. It was yet another kind of Gay Pride. And I was honored to have been asked.

Happy birthday, again, and thanks to Kelly for an unforgettable night.

DUMPSTER DAZE DEPARTMENT

Tsarus' Trash Weekend fulfilled most everyone's expectations. We will leave it to those who had expectations to be specific, and

those who missed it to merely dream on. The Saturday cookout and costume contest were enjoyable, but the Sunday Fiasco Show was hardly to be believed. We always seem to find ourselves plying our trade (shut up, Burtel) amongst leather types, rather than the usual glitter and tinsel types. A host of very unlikely performers brought a tiny taste of Hallow'een to the long hot summer. We did have a good time in the show, the best moment for moi being a new act called "Rita, Chita and Blanch—Las Chicanas!" which nearly gave moi hyperventilation and raised every eyebrow on the block. We do not need to elaborate on the entire show, just hang around the Pipeline long enough and they will run the tape yet again.

GENERIC RUMOUR MILL DEPARTMENT

Yes, dahlings, it has come to that. We do not normally like to tease but our psychic sources have af ganged aglay. Here's what we know.

An old queen from Bartlett (yes, such things are possible) cornered moi the other night with this dainty. This jailbird is very close to George Wilson and states with great certainty that George will open a new saloon in about three months, with the old George's format from the Madison Avenue days. The location has been pointed out as a spot smack in the middle of Midtown where you could once hear piano music and smell eggroll at the same time.

Jackie Wilson has stated to moi personally that Late Night, his new establishment, will open later, not sooner, but will indeed open in the Medical Center area next door to a country bar to be called Chaps. The location is very easy to spot, everyone has been there before and you can still find lipstick stains that a coat of blue couldn't wash away.

There, aren't we good at being cryptic? Perhaps two months, say the psychic sources.

One never knows, does one. We overheard a member of Women of Leather saying, "We'll go in a minute, honey, I've left my balls in the back room, just let me get them." We conjecture that this club does not fool around. Of course we were at the Pipeline.

Just how do you tell a bad drag queen from a punked-out twinkie? Well, they both have attitude, they both dress funny, but the twinkie is usually wet. And think twice about your Mode Of Attire before you enter.

From Manhattan to Long Island, Mimosa to Rusty Nail, Shelly, you got what it takes. Luv, Lady A.

Congratulations to new Miss George's Sharita Whiteside. Leslie Cartier is also to be congratulated on 2nd alternate. The other one we are not speaking to.

NEWS OF THE DAY DEPARTMENT

The BIG upcoming event in Memphis this month will be the Wings Flight 4 Run, taking place Labor Day weekend. Registration for the entire weekend of events is \$70 without accommodations, information may be obtained at Men of Leather on Madison.

Major happenings include: Club Night at J-Wags on Friday highlighted by the "We Are Not a Showclub" show as the main event; a preview of the Mr. Southern Leather Contestants at the Pipeline following; the Mr. Southern Leather Contest at J-Wags Saturday Night; and the Leatherman's Ball at the Pipeline on Sunday Evening.

A \$10 packet will include the Contest, a Cocktail Party to follow, and the Leatherman's Ball. The

entire run includes several meals and many cocktails in addition to the main events.

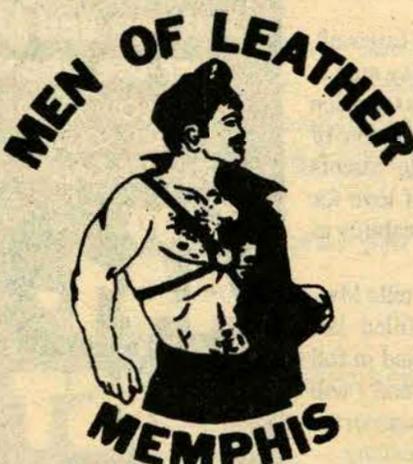
What would be a first for Memphis is truly a third. ATEAC will produce A DANCE AGAINST DARKNESS at THEATRE WORKS September 15-October 15. Memphian ROY BARBER wrote the original score of this highly acclaimed play and is spending a lot of time in his home town these days during rehearsals. This is the third time that ATEAC's educational efforts have utilized performing arts. ATEAC paid the royalties for Circuit Playhouse's AS IS, and brought to Memphis several films dealing with AIDS. The production was also partially funded by the last of the proceeds from the very first AIDS fundraiser in Memphis, the OLD HASH benefit, held in the summer of 1983.

Tsarus' 7th annual AIDA Run will take place September 16-18. Applications may be obtained at the Pipeline or from a Tsarus member. Events will include an Enduro (!?!?!?!), bike and buddy events, people events, and veranda events. This is a campout run near Jackson, Tennessee, advertised as a return to nature, highlighted by southern cooking and a lot of brotherhood.

WOMAN ON THE STREET DEPARTMENT

A weekly event which is growing in popularity is SUNDAY BUFFET at the PIPELINE. We said a long time ago that this was the eatenest saloon in Memphis. Guest chefs turn out a different fare each Sunday and we have always found it tasty. Watch out for that hose, and do enjoy the new patio deck (it's so irritating to catch one's bootheels in deep sand). This is a definite improvement an already nice space.

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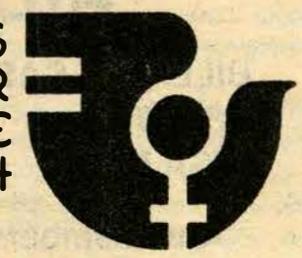


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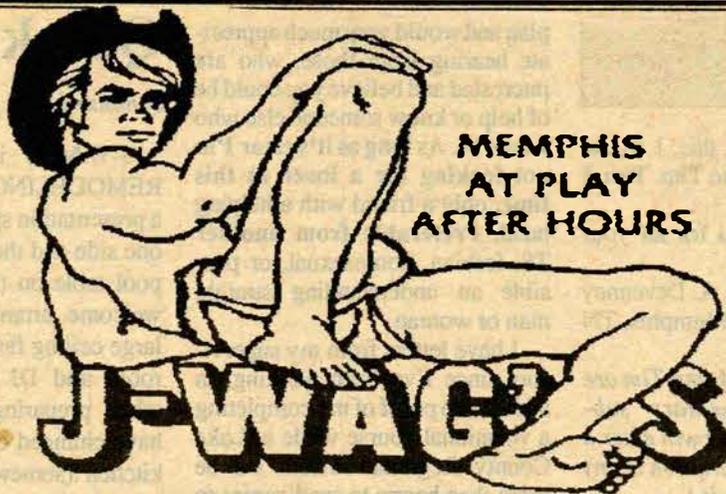
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SUNDAY — *Sunday Night at the Movies*
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Addenda

Box 3038

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the following caution: All we have to go by are the letters we receive. We have no way of knowing if the writer is sincere or just a con artist. Being in prison, especially if you are Gay, does not necessarily make you a bad person. Just because a person claims to be Gay or Bi, doesn't mean that they are. And just because a person is Gay doesn't make them a good person. Proceed with caution.

John Stilwell
Memphis, TN

An Inmate Says "Thank You"

I am writing in regards to my letter which appeared in February in regards to government officials refusing to allow me and my boyfriend, Tim, to maintain contact with each other. Well, they still won't let us correspond, etc. But I wish to thank all the kind people who responded to my pleas. It is comforting to know that there are still people who care.

And, if you print this, I would like to say one thing to Tim. **Tim, I love you!**

Again, thank you for all your help.

Mark A. Devenney
FCI Memphis, TN

(Editor's Note: Mark and Tim are receiving complimentary subscriptions to Gaze. We will enter a complimentary subscription to any inmate who requests it.)

A Plea For Help

I'm a 30-year young Pre-Op, M to F transsexual, with the common law name of Crystal Dawn. I have been in prison for over six years now and am about to go up for parole later this year.

I'm looking to start a new life in the Nashville or Memphis areas (or possibly elsewhere in Tennessee), but would also consider help from one of the surrounding states (which would take longer to arrange) such as KY, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, AR, or MO.

I need to line up a job and a temporary place to live as a parole

plan and would very much appreciate hearing from those, who are interested and believe you could be of help or know someone else who would be. **As long as it's clear I'm not looking for a lover at this time, only a friend with a helping hand. Preferable from another TS, lesbian, homosexual, or possible an understanding straight man or woman.**

I have letters from my supervisors since I've been working, in addition to proof of my completing a vocational course while at Lake County Regional Prison. I'd be more than happy to send copies to anyone interested in getting to know about me for the possibility of giving a helping hand. I'm also presently working on my resume and hope to have it completed soon, so as I can send it out to anyone interested.

If you are really interested, please send a \$.25 stamp the first time you write so I may respond back, right away. Please Write: Crystal Dawn Boyd, c/o T.D. Boyd, #101461, Rt 1, Turney Center, Only, TN 37140. If returned for any reason, simply write T.D. Boyd, etc. leaving off Crystal Dawn Boyd.

Quick Clips

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J-WAG'S is completing its REMODELING which has created a presentation space with tables on one side and the relocated bar and pool table on the other. A most welcome arrangement is a very large ceiling fan over the dressing room and DJ booth. Recently while preparing for a show, we have changed clothes in a former kitchen (somewhere else), and it still feels like vegetables are steaming in *there*. The walls have been repainted with new graphics and unusual portraits. They are very proud of a complete new sound system and have added a Wednesday regular show to their Mondays and Fridays. Friday's begins later than usual and the BREAKFAST CLUB is still going strong. A presentation space means STAGE, doughbrain.

WKRK hosted APHRODITE'S latest Camp and Variety Show on August 28 and will host the next

HUMAN RESPONSE COUNCIL BENEFIT on September 11. The quality of the dance music is quite good and should have a very wide appeal at all times. Check out- THE NEWLYWED GAME.

ANOTHER BAR, the last bastion of the "MALE EXOTIC DANCER" in the Gay community, will continue same next month with another visit from some incredible hunks from Texas, who can not only pose but also do some very fine actual dancing. Congratulations to ANOTHER MISS BAR Simply Vonna, 1st alternate Dee Dee Whittaker, and 2nd alternate Helen Bedd.

PARTING SHOTS DEPARTMENT

Dear Waltzing Matilda. We care not what continent you are from, standing up a meal at someone's home, with no notice, is just a tad on the far side of rude. Yes, dear, you made it into print.

Ta, Ta.
Lady A.



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GWM, 27, 6'1", 165#, brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest. Looking for GWM, 20-30, no drugs, fats, fems, non-smoker. Reply with picture if possible to Dept. 12-KR, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 26, 5'11", 180#, Green eyes, light brown hair, lonely, in prison, looking for someone to relate to through letters. Write Fred K. Hoke - 863987, Box 473 - 4 Dorm, Westville, IN 46391-0473.

Roommate Wanted: GWM/Couple want to share 2 bedroom duplex near Poplar & Highland with mature, discreet, trustworthy, "straight-acting" GWM. A/C, carpet, W/D, Cable, 1 1/2 Baths,

kitchen, yard, & bus line. \$270/month (includes everything). Write "DK", Box 111262, Memphis, TN 38111-1262

Wanted: Male pianist to perform with GWF vocalist in Dinner Club Act. Must have own keyboard. Mixture of Blues, Pop, Country, Rock, Broadway. Call 743-1020 for audition.

Bisexual white male, 23, br/gr, 5'11", 165#, attractive, straight-acting, tested negative. Seeks stable, white man/wife, 25-40, for long-term relationship. No games. Send photo to: Boxholder, Box 41204, Memphis, TN 38174-1204.

GWM, artist, designer, needs extra free-lance work. Drawings, paintings, shirts, etc. Also floral designs. Any occasion. Phone 276-1711 evenings.

GWM, young 28, attractive, creative, caring individual, 5'10", 150#, blond/hazel. Looking to make new friends 20-30 yrs old for friendship, quiet evenings, good times, and possible lasting relationship. Serious only! Phone 276-1613. No calls after 10 PM, please.

GWM, 32, 5'9", 158#, br hair,

hazel eyes. Looking to share love to the utmost. Tired of games. Want something real & lasting. Answer all with photo to Clay Overman, Route 1, Reagan, TN 38368.

GWM, 40, masculine, muscular body, attractive. Seeking pretty fems, age no problem. Incarcerated, out soon. Photo Please. C. Thompson #15540-723, Box 34550, Memphis, TN 38184-0550.

Attention: Incarcerated GWM, 29, blond/blue, releasing soon. Body-builder, smooth with boyish nice looks. Artist and musician. Masculine and aggressive. Seeking secure, sincere lifemate. Photos receive same. M Stotts #17829, Box 34550, Memphis, TN 38184.

GBM, 40, seeking a sincere b/w relationship. Discretion is a must. Safe. Will respond to all calls and letters. Known as "Cap Bailey." 1137 Railton, Memphis 38111. Call 454-7121 or 388-8467.

Psychic readings/channeling sessions for clarification of personal issues. Barbara 363-1731.

GWM, 26, 5'11", 168#, br hair, hairy chest. Looking for same age

24-30. No fats or fems. Prefer very masculine type guy for special friendship. Photo gets mine. Reply to or call: Greg, 56 N Willett #1, Memphis, TN 38104, (901) 272-9199.

Roommate: straight-acting, WM, 35, seeks masculine, straight-acting roommate to share 2-BR, Hickory Ridge Mall area. FP, pool, tennis, gym, more. Write: C.E., Box 751512, Memphis, TN 38175-1512.

GWM, 25, 5'9", 155#, seeking GWM 25-45 with exercise equipment willing to help me build my body up, and work out on a regular basis, and build a good friendship and possibly a great relationship.

GWM, 18, with brownish-blond hair and blue eyes, looking for another GWM for friend/possible relationship. Write to Mike A., 1046 Yorktown, Collierville, TN 38017.

GWM, 24, 5'10", 175#, br/br, hairy, good-looking, discreet. Enjoy cars, antiques, home. Wanting

friends/lover, 20-40. No drugs, fems. All answered. Write: Alan, Box 384, Salem, AR 72576.

Professional 28-yr-old GWM recently relocated to the Memphis area and am interested in meeting professional, honest, and dependable person for possible long term relationship. Write to: Dept 9M, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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Ozark Bread & Breakfast. Quiet, wooded setting in historic area. Greenwood Hollow Ridge, Rte 4 - Box 155, (501) 253-5383, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

GWM, 31, 5'11", 175#, bl/br. Seriously seeks pre-op male-to-female transsexual taking female hormones. Love and kindness promised. Please send photo. Send reply to: Stan, P.O. Box 751151, Memphis, TN 38175-1151.

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Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC): Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 762-8401, 458-AIDS.

Agape New Life Church: Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:30 PM - 327-4145.

American Gay Atheists Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis, TN 38174-1371.

Black & White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 272-3705, 278-7092, or 726-1461.

Gay Athletic Association: Bowling, volleyball, camping, and more. Box 22914, Memphis 38122 - 744-0575.

Gay Women's Social Group: 324-6949 or 377-7312

Kinship: Seveth Day Adventist Gay religious group. P.O. Box 171135, Memphis, TN 38187-1135 - 754-6160.

Human Response Council: 275-3536

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

Memphis Gay Coalition: Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 324-GAYS.

Memphis Lambda Center: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs. 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis - 276-7379.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG): P.O. Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 - 761-1444.

Phoenix (Gay AA): 272-9549, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Task Force: P.O. Box 24446, Nashville, TN 37202-4446. Memphis contact: Rick Bray - 274-0454

Tsarus:(Leather-Levi club) Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

Wings:(Leather-Levi club) Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

Women of Leather: 181 N. Willett, Memphis 38104 - 726-5263

MEDIA

AIDS Update: newspaper pub-

lished by the Aid to End AIDS Committee - 458-AIDS.

Gay Alternative: radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL: FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.

Gaze: monthly newspaper: published by the Memphis Gay Coalition - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 454-1411.

The Personals: Gay Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 458-AIDS.

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LINC: 725-8895.

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Apartment: 343 Madison - 525-9491.

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

The Book Mart: 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546.

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Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.

Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

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Men of Leather: 1266 Madison - 722-8963.

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Memphis Memoirs

by Vincent Astor

This has been a month for discovery. Next year will be a year for celebration. Next autumn, *Gaze* newspaper will be ten years old. Next October will be the 20th anniversary of the first public Miss Gay Memphis. Totally forgotten in all the shuffle was an anniversary which fell in the early spring of 1986, the tenth anniversary of the demise of *Gaiety*, Memphis' very first Gay newspaper. A chance encounter with a student from MSU doing research, to whom I will always be grateful, led me to the only complete archive of this forgotten piece of Gay Memphiana. I was astonished.

Gaiety was not long-lived. The first issue was published in July of 1975. Believe it or not, a front page highlight was the dates of Gay Pride Week for that year. This valiant effort was an attempt to offer, in the words of its first editorial. "...a source of information to the Memphis gay community. GAIETY offers a voice.....a forum for expression. GAIETY offers an awareness of what we are...it's a newspaper that accepts; it doesn't criticise or belittle us for being homosexual." Next to this editorial is the list of night spots for that month: the *Psych-Out*, the *Tango Palace*, *B.J.'s*, the *Entree' Nuit*, and *George's*. A front page story

concerned the closing of *The Score*. It has been a while, hasn't it.

It isn't easy to publish a newspaper with any sort of consistency. *Gaiety* had an all volunteer staff, a price of 35c, and a lot of enthusiasm. From the first, activism was emphasized, therefore it had its problems from the first. It was also not perfect, no periodical ever is. In the spring of 1976, the worn out, dedicated people who had spent so much effort closed up shop, not without a large dose of bitterness. The editorial for that issue took the form of an allegory, a sad faerietale of a beacon of light in a dark land which did not have enough caring supporters to be kept alight. Even with ads and benefit shows, there was not enough person support to keep on going. They left behind,

however, an important account of a time of vitality and self-awareness, of pride in ourselves and courage to fight oppression.

The most impressive part of this newspaper was an account of the history of Gay Memphis. It was in five parts and contained some surprising facts. The sources were also younger and greener then and many people were still active who are now retired or leading quieter lives. It is this segment which has inspired a retelling of this story. I will endeavor to check out these facts and bring us up to date again in the months leading up to the tenth anniversary of what is among the longest-lived Gay community newspapers in the country. *Gaze* is still published by an all-volunteer staff, still trying to offer a variety of areas of interest to the Memphis

Gay community.

I will be seeking many accounts of events, dates, memories, and tales. This is also not "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Writing one column a month is taxing enough. I do wish to find as much printed material as possible, including several missing issues from my set, and I will check as many sources as are available to me. Please write me at box 3038 or leave a message at 454-1411. Many thanks to John Parrott for the loan of what is the closest to a complete set of *Gaiety* in private hands. Thanks also to Fred Harris who authored the series which inspired this effort. Thanks to Gary Poe and all the people who wrote for *Gaiety*. This saga, for whatever it's worth, is dedicated to you.

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