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Gay Murders Not Gay Community Center Committee Formed Serious Offense

A judge in Dallas sentenced a man convicted of murder to 30 years rather than the life sentence requested by the prosecutors because the victims were Gay. According to Judge Jack Hampton of State District Court, "These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. I don't care much for queers cruising the streets.'

Although several witnesses testified that the 18year old convicted murderer, Richard Lee Bednarski along with several of his buddies, had set out to harass Gays, there was no conclusive evidence presented at the trial that indicated that the two murdered men had been soliciting sexual favors.

In defending his leniency in this case, Judge Hampton told the Dallas Time Herald, "I put prostitutes and Gays at about the same level, and I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute."

These comments have brought a flood of responses including one from the director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's antiviolence project, Kevin Berrill. "These are just the kind of comments that send messages to the community," Berrill said, "that it's still open season on Gay and Lesbian citizens.'

In the face of death threats, the Dallas police have advised Hampton to leave town for his own safety. "I did what I thought was right," the judge told interviewers.

munity center.

At the December 5th meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition, a committee was formed to begin the groundwork for establishing a Gay Community Center with Gay Pride Week as a target date for an announcement of future plans. In addition, the Memphis Gay Coalition passed a resolution to make the Gay Community Center a priority for its 1989 agenda.

Hosting the monthly meeting of the Coalition, Vice-President Vincent Astor welcomed representatives from the Gay Women's Social Group, ATEAC, Phoenix/Lambda Center, Aphrodite, AGAPE, and the Gay Athletic Association. Although money will be important in maintaining the center, the time and energy of individuals and groups will also be a key factor in maintaining the center. So anyone who is interested can participate in and share in the com-

The idea of a building fund was originally proposed by then Coalition President Bob Dumais. Through the efforts of John Denney, David Wiley, and Matt Presley, the initial funds were raised. The first Gay Ho, held in 1986 at the Pendulum raised about \$1000. A reprise of that show staged at George's raised an additional \$1200. These initial funds were augmented by several Dinner/Shows held at the French Connection and an awards show held at WKRB in Memphis. The total amount being held by the Coalition in a savings account for the Community Center is \$2755.95.

Ken Horton volunteered to head the committee which is committed to doing research on locations, costs, and establishing some basic ideas for what needs the center would initially try to serve

and how it would be operated. During these initial stages, anyone interested in helping in any way is encouraged to contact Ken Horton. To volunteer, call the Gay Switchboard (324-GAYS) any evening between 7:30 PM and 11:00 PM. Your name and phone number will be forwarded to Ken.

Eventually, the committee will be responsible for establishing its own course of action. It may remain a service of the Memphis Gay Coalition or become an autonomous group with its own board of directors drawn from all the groups participating in the community center.

'I'm very excited about this, "said Ken Horton, head of the committee. "I think it is the sort of thing that will help to bring the community together. Establishing the building fund was good, but having something concrete, like a building, will give people something they can see - something they can work on - something where they can see their money or their efforts making a difference.

AGAPE new life church has seen its congregation grow and outgrow several buildings. John House, AGAPE minister said, "There seems to be a general apathy in the community. But it may just be that nothing new or exciting has happened here in a long time. The community center has the potential to change all of

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Lady A's— Closed. (She will be flitting about and preparing to be "at home" January 1.) Champagne is likely to be found at all locations.



by John Stilwell

As reported in the last issue of Gaze, Tennessee is under federal court order to reduce overcrowding in its jail facilities. To do this, the Tennessee Sentencing Commission is reviewing the Tennessee Criminal Code. One of the proposed revisions would eliminate "crimes against nature" but would impose "penalties to be leveled against a person charged with an act of sexual penetration with a person of the same gender." The proposed revision would also



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Crimes Against Whom?

reduce the crime from a felony punishable by 5 to 15 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, to a Class C misdemeanor punishable by not more than 30 days in

jail and/or a \$50 fine. The suggested revisions to the crimes against nature law make two things very clear. First: by refusing to do away with the law all together, the Tennessee Sentencing Commission refuses to be the one to say that it has no business trying to legislate morality. It is passing that hot potato on to someone else. Second: by including the wording "with a person of the same gender," they are specifically singling out Gay men and Lesbians for discrimination.

Let's look back briefly on this law. The first change that was made was to decriminalize heterosexual sodomy. What this indicates is that the sexual acts involved are not, in themselves, offensive. It also demonstrates the reluctance to regulate the private consensual acts of heterosexuals.

In actual practice, how will the change in the law affect any of us? Well, if you're one of those folks who do it in the park, a book store booth, or in a parked car, you're at risk. But having sex in those places already puts vou at risk. Those of you who participate in these activities in the bathrooms or on the patios of your favorite bar might want to think twice about it. But what about other public places such as hotel rooms. If two men or two women check into the same room, can police break in if they have reason to suspect a crime is being committed? And what about the safety

and privacy of your own home? Two women or two men living together are obviously under suspicion. Can police break into your home when the lights go out on the belief that a crime is being committed?

You might think this is taking things to an absurd degree. After all, the law is on the books now, and it is not enforced to that extent. But one of the reasons for changing the law is the unclear language that makes arguing a case in court difficult. Well, the wording of the law, if the revision is accepted, is very specific about what is illegal. There is no ambiguity. It will be much easier to argue in court

Whether you believe it or not, we are living in very dangerous times. Gays are still seen as primarily responsible for AIDS and the spread of AIDS. Discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians is blatantly carried on by insurance companies, employers, landlords, and the general public. Violence against Lesbians and Gay men is on the rise. Some judges (see story on the front page) put Gays on the level of prostitutes and say that the murder of prostitutes and homosexuals is not as serious as murdering a socially acceptable person. What this proposed revision does is make that discrimination legitimate. It wasn't that long ago that Hitler was engaged in the wholesale slaughter of many segments of the population including Jews and homosexuals. The only difference now is that discrimination against Jews is against

In the final analysis, who is this a crime against? Who is hurt by two men or two women loving one another? We still work, contribute to

the economy, pay taxes, and contribute to the general community. In fact, we often pay more because we don't get the breaks a heterosexual couple gets, and we generally get less back because we don't have children. We challenge traditional thinking, but straight women have been doing that for years. Heterosexuals have even challenged the traditional concept of the family. If we are a threat to the moral fiber of the community, there must be something wrong with that moral fiber.

How can it be a crime against nature when it is our nature to be Gay? So, why is it legal to discriminate against us? And when will we stop being silent and start fighting this blatant discrimination?

We have held back, up to this point, hoping that the Tennessee Sentencing Commission would be enlightened enough and progressive enough to do away with this archaic law all together. They would not take up that challenge.

The time to fight is now, and the fight is going to require a great deal of money. Advance, the political action committee of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance in Nashville, is coordinated the fight agains the proposed legislation. The services of one of the top professional lobbyists in Nashville have been enlisted to try to eliminate the section of the revision dealing with same-sex

sex acts. Costs of the lobbyist and materials necessary to fight this legislation are estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

This amount of money may seem to be impossible to obtain but timing is very crucial. If the proposed revision is passed, it will probably be at least five years before legislators will entertain any motions to change the law. Idealistically, right is might; but in reality, money is what makes the difference.

Advance is a recognized political action committee based in Nashville. They have already begun soliciting funds through various Gay publications across the nation, such as the Advocate and the Gay Community News out of Boston. Funds to fight this Tennessee law are coming in from across the country. It should be pointed out that donations to a PAC such as Advance are not tax deductible but they are an investment in your future and the future of the people you

To donate money or get more information about Advance, write or send your contribution to: Advance, P.O. Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202. Checks should be mad payable to Advance.

Don't wait until you're sitting in a jail cell to look for someone to help you or to ask, "Why didn't somebody do something about this?" The time to act is now. Invest in your future now or pay for "your crimes" later.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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GayRap Group: Exciting '89

1989 will usher in an exciting new agenda for the Memphis Gay Coalition's GayRap. Responding to the demands of Gay Memphians, GayRap will be introducing a full range of topics for discussion dealing with questions and problems unique to us as Gay people. There is no other group like GayRap in Memphis, and you can be a Pot Luck Party part of it. You don't have to join anything! All you have to do is show up when the topic, which will be published monthly in Gaze, interests you!

Our January GayRap will be held in the Public Library at Peabody and McLean in one of the basement meeting rooms on January 19th at 7:30 PM. The topic, "Homosexuality and the Bible," promises to be a very lively discussion. What does the Bible really say about homosexuality. This meeting will be led by Bill Tracer, the assistant minister of AGAPE New Life Church. It summarizes an interesting course which he has prepared and presented to other groups.

The program was presented at an earlier GayRap meeting. If you missed it the last time, be sure to plan on attending January 19th. Don't be one of those who will wish they had been there. Your Gay sisters and brothers will be there and will be ready for a lively discussion.

MGC Slates Hors' D'Oeuvres

There's only one thing we all like to do more than party, and since we can't promote that, let's have a party.

The Memphis Gay Coalition is going to do just that. We're having an hors' d'oeuvres pot luck in the Bryton Tower party room at 1271 Poplar on February 4th from 8:00 to 11:00 PM. Bring your favorite party munchie (veggies and dip, chip and dip, crackers, cookies, etc.), BYOB, and most important, bring your most festive party spirit. The Coalition will provide soft drinks.

The Coalition is hoping to recreate the atmosphere of the wine and cheese party held last year for the Mature

Gays Group. We're expecting a good turnout from our community, but we are especially anxious to draw out the "settled and mature" crowd we met at the wine and cheese party. So plan now to join us. Don't be one of the few who will be kicking themselves for missing out on a really good time.

Casting Almost Complete for Boys in the Band

Casting is almost complete for the April production of Boys In The Band. Information may be obtained at WKRB (278-9321).

Dennis Massey, director of the production, will appear in the role of Harold. His previousroles include Dr. Lymann in Bus Stop, Pappy in Li'l Abner, and Jonathan in Arsenic and Old Lace. The character Harold is perhaps best known for his quote: "Who is she? Who was she? And who does she hope to be?"

Another experienced and highly talented young man is Sean Farrell, who has played Circle Theatrre off-Broadway and Grant Dinner Theatre. He plays the role of



Michael, the host of the infa-rector of the Earlham School mous birthday party.

Vincent Astor plays the role of Emory, the type of person who has a flame that refuses to be covered up. Having just completed three roles in The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe at Circuit. Astor has also performed various roles at Playhouse on the Square in productions of Hamlet, Cabaret, and El Grande de Coca-Cola.

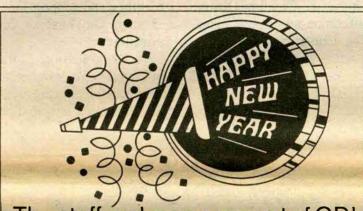
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of the Arts.

The part of Larry, Hank's troubled young lover will be played by Robert Fisher, a newcomer to the stage.

The enviable role of the neurotically confused Alan, torn apart by his desire for what has always been forbidden, will be played by Larry Franklin. Larry has performed at Theatre Memphis in All the King's Men.

The play will stir bitterplayed by J.C. Watkins. sweet memories for all of Watkins was the former di- usin April 2, 3 and 5, 1989.



The staff and management of GDI extend our sincerest wishes to you for a happy and joyous new year! We thank each of you for making 1988 a wonderful year!

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Activists Gather to Create Change

Over 250 grassroots Gay and Lesbian activists gathered in Washington DC on Nov. 18, 19, and 20 for a major national movement-building conference sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). The conference, entitled "Creating Change," featured 45 workshop sessions conducted by more than 80 facilitators and drew participants from 28 different states.

NGLTF announced plans to make the Creating Change conference an annual event. "The Conference was a resounding success," said Conference Organizer and NGLTF Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde. "The confer-

ence worked because it tapped an urgent need among Gay and Lesbian activists: the need to come together, teach and learn from each other, and to think creatively about how we can make our political movement more effective."

The NGLTF Creating Change Conference had two goals: to share resources with and build the political skills of Gay and Lesbian activists, and to help strengthen and support local and state Gay/Lesbian organizations.

Workshop sessions at the conference were designed to provide activists with practical and detailed information

about strategies currently used by their colleagues, as well as to create the time to evaluate and analyze tactics. Sessions covered subjects such as: "Establishing Statewide Political Action Networks," a two-part workshop on "How to Pass a Gay Rights Bill," "Links Between Religious and Political Concerns In Our Movement," "Fundraising 101," among others.

Dental Clinic Sued

San Francisco — National Gay Rights Advocates has filed suit against a San Francisco dental clinic for allegedly refusing to treat patients infected with the HIV virus. Plaintiff Doug Bearden charges that Sutter Dental Clinic required him to declare on a standard health questionnaire whether he has tested positive for HIV antibodies. Mr. Bearden indicated that he had tested positive, and proceeded to go to an examination room where he was xrayed. In the middle of his examination, Mr. Bearden was summoned to the front office and told he would not be provided dental care because he had tested positive.

Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, said "It is illegal under California and San Francisco law for dentists and physicians to deny care to patients because they

test HIV positive. The American Dental Asssociation and the American Medical Association both oppose such discrimination as unethical. Doctors and dentists would protect themselves far better by following universal infection control procedures than by discrimination against their patients."

"In the wake of a national medical crisis, it is unconscionable for medical professionals to shirk theirresponsibility to help out," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "This case sends a strong message to doctors and dentists that discrimination against patients with AIDS or HIV infection may well carry a price."

In addition to seeking monetary damages, the lawsuit seeks an injunction prohibiting Sutter Dental from refusing to treat any patient because he or she is infected with HIV.

Barney Frank Joins G&L Democrats

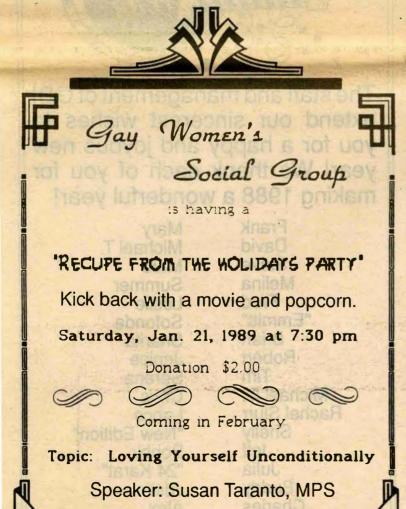
Washington — Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) was elected to a position on the board of the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA) at its meeting Nov. 19 in San Diego. On his election, Frank noted that Gay men and women have made a lot of progress within the Democratic Party, but that more needs to be done.

Frank said the Democratic Party's support for Gay rights is reflected in the last two party platforms as well as by the positions of Democratic candidates for national office. Congressional voting also demonstrates this. The clearest predictor of support for Gay rights is Democratic

party affiliation.

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Frank joins Joe Hersenberg, a member of the Chapel Hill, NC town council as the secondly openly Gay legislator on the GLDA board. GLDA was formed in 1982 as a national federation of local groups concerned about the involvement of Gay women and men in politics. Today GLDA brings together state and local group activists in the only national Gay and Lesbian grassroots organization.



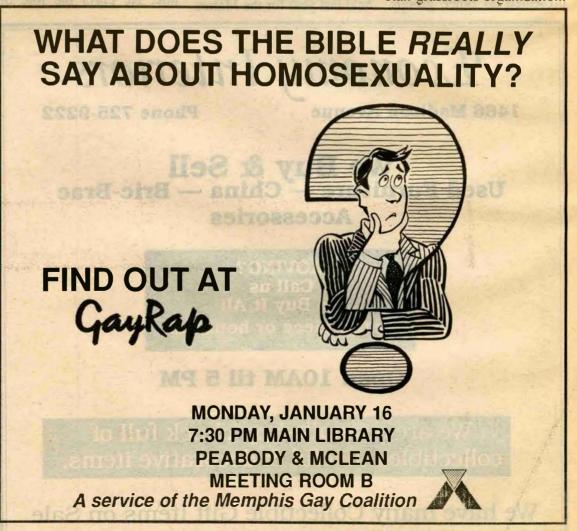
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and Drug Administration has moved to approve another drug — genetically engineered alpha interferon for use in the fight against AIDS.

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Alpha interferon, a naturally in the body, but in cally engineered, scientists toms which may range in

Washington — The Food were unable to test its antiinfective properties.

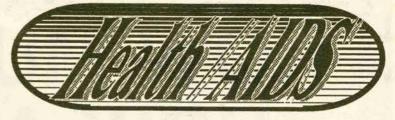
Hoffman-LaRoche and Shering Corp. are the two drug firms seeking approval to use alpha interferon for KS. They had previously won approval for its use for a rare leukemia and genital warts.

The FDA studies have disease which rarely results shown that about 40-45% of patients with less advanced cases of KS experienced significant reduction in the size hormone-like protein, occurs of their tumors when high doses of alpha interferon insufficient quantities for were administered. Side efresearch. Until it was geneti- fects include flu-like sympseverity and persist for a few weeks in some patients.

Neither companyestimate the cost of alpha interferon treatment. Laren Kmetik said Hoffman-LaRoche would set a \$9,800 ceiling on how much a PWA would have to pay for the treatment.

Kmetik indicated that there will be a program to provide the drug free to poor, uninsured patients.

A Schering Corp. spokesperson said that company had also put a cap on patient's cost for the drug, but no exact limit had been set.



megestrol acetate for 7-14 weeks, the PWA's gained an average of 14 pounds. Three patients returned to their preinfection weights.

The drug is similar to the female hormone progesterone, but researchers are unclear as to why the drug works to stimulate appetite.

Dr. Sigmund Weitzman, chief of hematology and oncology at Northwestern, said that the severe weight

loss in AIDS patients, cancer patients, and others is "a fairly mysterious syndrome. We can measure its effects, but it is hard to be certain of its causes. We are hoping to understand it more thoroughly."

The Northwestern researchers reported their study in the Nov. 15 issue of The Annals of Internal Medi-

Cancer Drug May Stop **AIDS Wasting Syndrome**

Chicago — According to people with AIDS who are United Press International reports, researchers have found that the side-effects of a breast cancer drug may Northwestern University prove to be of benefit to Medical School tested the

afflicted with a wasting syndrome.

Dr. Jamie Von Roenn at

effects of megestrol acetate in AIDS patients after noting that the drug had a side effect of boosting appetite leading to weight gain.

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1. True. You're more likely to have unsafe sex when you're drunk or high, and if you're having sex with a man who's had sex with a man who's had sex with other men, there's a chance he's infected with the virus. It pays to stay in control.	4. False. Antibotics don't work against viruses. While antibiotics might help protect you against syphilis or gonorrhea, they're no protection against the AIDS virus.				
2. False. Petroleum jelly is a terrible lubricant. It destroys rubber. Always use a water-based or silicone based lubricant with a condom to lower your risk.	5. False. Because the AIDS virus is extremely complex, there's very little chance of a cure or even a vaccine in the next decade.				
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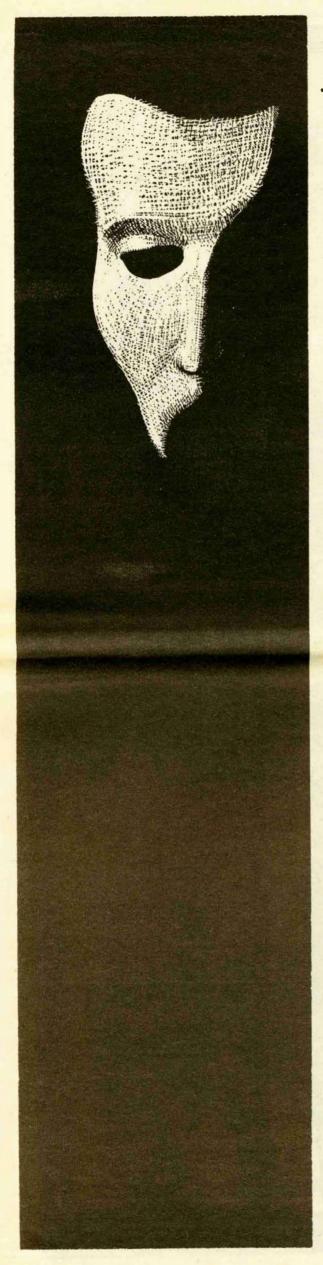


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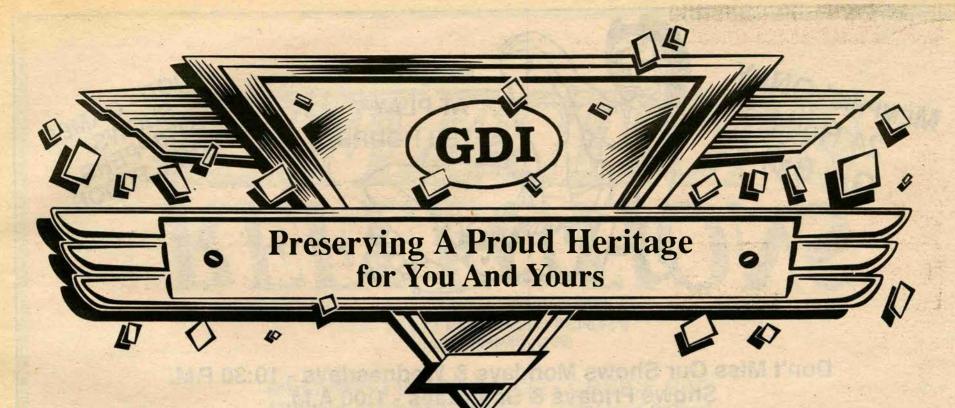
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Is It Time For You To Blossom?

by Becky Caperton, MS

At some time in our lives, we all have the thought, "I want to be great." We may actually think or speak those words. Or we may simply experience a fleeting feeling that we can be - and want to be - better than we are. Such desires are entirely natural. Indeed, without them, there would be no human progress.

We may think, however, that, now that we are adults, it is "too late: for us to fulfill those desires. But in fact just the opposite is true. The best thing we can learn about ourselves is how much potential growth is left in us once we reach adulthood. Creativity, intelligence, compassion, wisdom, and all the other hallmarks of great-

ness are just beginning to grow by this time. Yet this is where so many of us stop. We think it's all fixed at that point.

But the journey continues. You don't ever arrive at a station marked "greatness." It is more "a manner of traveling." Great people are those who continue to grow past childhood, who develop their abilities and strengths, who use them and live them. Quite simply, great people are those who allow their greatness to blossom.

Most of us are fascinated by great people and want to know what this "something" is that makes greatness stand out in a crowd. We tend to think of it as something far removed from daily life reserved for just a few special people. Masny of us sincerely believe that great people are "born great" - that greatness is a matter of destiny, unattainable for most of us. But this is not true. In fact, it is one of the three most common misconceptions about greatness.

MYTH #1: Greatness is "special"

Greatness is often described as something "extra" in certain people. But perhaps it is better described not as a "plus' but as a "minus" as a lack of restriction on what one might become if allowed to bloom as Nature intended.

We don't see a beautiful rose as having "something extra." If we see a wilted flower in the bunch, that is the one that looks odd or wrong. Yet, for some reason, we see great human beings as abnormal and the rest - the not-so-great - as "normal."

Perhaps we are nervous about greatness because it reminds us that we really have a lot more to give to the world than we're giving at the moment. So we think, "Einstein was great. But I'm no Eisstein!"

The real secret to being great, however, seems to be the extent to which we are willing to be pushed along by our own desires - for it has long been believed that our own deepest desires are the desires of Nature, too. And by allowing them to shape the direction of our lives, we are living closer to what

Mother Nature expects of humanity. So perhaps we can say that great people are not "super normal," but are simply measuring up to what normal ought to be. In effect, greatness may be THE most natural state, and anything less than great may be truly unnatural.

MYTH #2: Greatness is

"Why is it," we might ask, "that water is free when we can't live without it, while diamonds, which are purely ornamental, are so costly?" The answer is that there's plenty of water, but diamonds are rare.

If we value greatness primarily for its rarity, then to maintain that value, we will have to make sure that there is never too much of it around. But this imposes a restrictive value on greatness when it is obvious that an abundance of greatness more rather than less - would benefit each of us. And greatness is NOT rare. It has been found, for example, that when a company expects great talent to be widespread among it employees, widespread greatness occurs. Applying this principle to all areas of society, it is possible that everyone could be great. And this would be to the advantage of all of us.

MYTH #3: Greatness equals fame

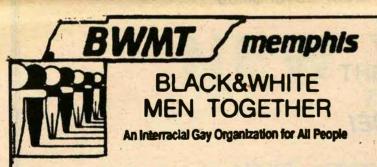
We often say someone is "great" when we mean that a person is famous. But fame

does not necessarily equal greatness.

There is another form of greatness that has nothing to do with fame or success. There are people in whom greatness is simply the nature of their being. As one observer put it," they neither write literary works nor compose music... nor do they strive after glory or worldly success; instead they radiate their creative energy purely as divine-spiritual intelligence, as universal, divine law."

Some of these quiet greats have been religious comtemplatives. Others are not religious per se, but may have only limited contact with the wider world. Your generous and beloved neighbor may not be remembered by "history" after she is gone. But she will have taught greatness to her family and friends, and thus will have deeply influenced the world, albeit a small world.

So perhaps what greatness really is lies not in what we are, but in what we could be. We all have the potential to use 100% of our intelligence, talents, and abilities. But it takes courage - courage to take risks, make mistakes, pick ourselves up, and go on. Greatness requires that we make a commitment to ourselves to be true to ourselves, and to be the very best that we can be, without comparing our greatness with others' greatness.



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.

January Events

Sunday, Jan 8 — Board Meeting, 1pm, Chuck's Also: Play-Shop Module, Apartment Club 9pm Monday, Jan. 9 — Discussion Group: "Goals 1989", 7:30 pm, Irwin's

Saturday, Jan 14 — Pot Luck and Discussion:
"Martin Luther King Remembered", Nick's,
7:30 pm

Monday, Jan 23 — Health Committee Meeting, Peabody Library, 7:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 28 — Spaghetti Dinner & Fish Fry, Ed & Mike's, 7-10pm

For details: Call Nick (327-3753), Ed (452-5894), Joe (274-6280), Irwin (726-1461) or write BWMT/Memphis, P.O. Box 41772, Memphis, TN 38174-1773



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by Lady A

Well, aren't we Miss Sought After this month! Such invitations, such parties, such roles. Our head has been either turned or swollen more than once in the last several days. Yes, pottybrain, that too. Excelsior!

A LITTLE GOSSIP, A LITTLE CHAT...

By the time y'all read these random jottings REFLEC-TIONS will be at last a reality. Tommy Stewart and sweet, desirable, man-ofmy-dreams what's his name provided will have Mayumphiyus with another alternative dance bar. Its layout is very similar to the former Backstreet, but there are many square feet of promise upstairs and many square cars of parking outside. A fine touch of class is provided by original artwork which is the product of a well-known California artist named Trout (we suppose he'd be a prime catch) which impressed moi, being the

combination museum and torso queen that we are. This trio of paintings is the centerpiece of the bar and perhaps hints at, dare we conjecture, a little actual decor' in a new Gay establishment. Time will tell.

The psychic smoke was thick with conjecture over the Marshall Street addresses once again opening their doors. We were treated, at last to a prevue of both CHAPS, a gathering place with food and a certain country and western aroma about it; and NUMBERS, a new disco with lots of wide open spaces and bright as a new nickel. More next month.

We must, with an excess of humility, merely mention our actual involvement with the WKRB production of Boys in the Band. We are looking forward to playing a stereotype, this being a totally new experience. We must also commend the producer and director for taking a fresh

direction in Gay entertain-

Speaking of WKRB, the latest HUMAN RESPONSE COUNCIL benefit realized \$640. This organization is now one year old. We were also in attendance for the Three Little Maids show which proved Lily Christine still has all her legendary style, Liz Carrington still has all her good looks, and Billie Jo Casino still has a lot of panache. We will define "panache" when our trophy shows up, dear.

APHRODITE distributed 36 food baskets over Thanksgiving and at least 35 are being assembled for Christmas distribution. Any needs within the Gay community can reach Aphrodite through their listing in Information and Services or WKRB for future basket distributions.

To further enhance its reputation as the Eatenest Bar in Midtown, the PIPE-

LINE will feature sumptuous BUFFETS as a special on both Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Look for notices about the next TSARUS club night.

ANOTHER BAR will have a special event on Christmas Eve at 11 P.M.

THE APARTMENT will have extra special shows on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day as well as New Year's Eve. Thanks to Miss Tamika for introducing moi to the lovely people responsible for what goes on.

ATEAC has been the recent recipient of some very generous donations from private individuals, including a notable good will donation from individuals at the WKRB Christmas show.

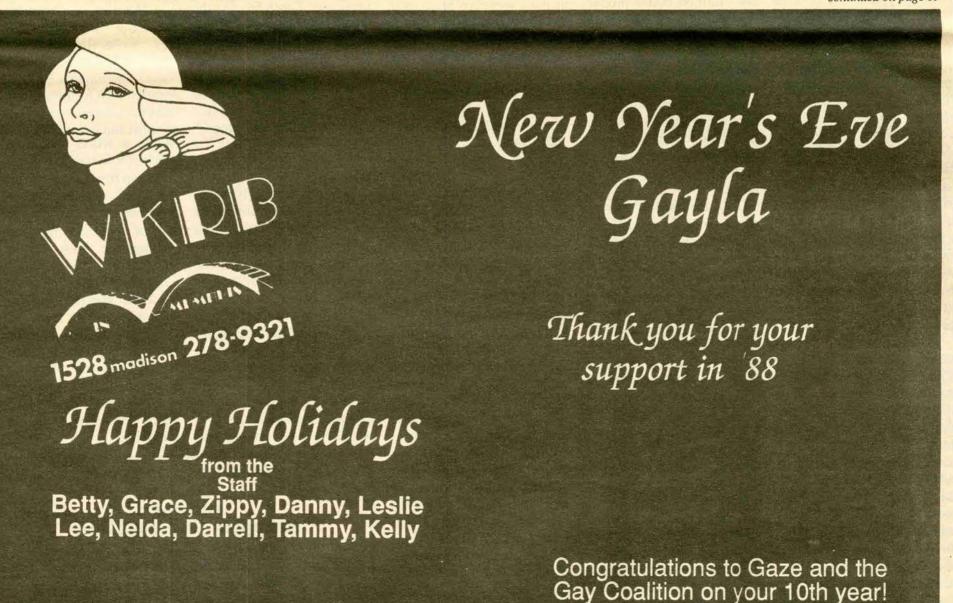
ANOTHER FINE MESS DEPARTMENT

We began 1988 by having our ear bent for a solid hour about what was wrong with our column and this newspaper. We ended up becoming a Woman on the Street. We never did get any really comfortable shoes. We were re-elected to call Shoney's after every Coalition business meeting—again!

We missed GayFest and AIDA but saw most of the shows we missed through the wonders of modren technology. We now have no more excuses for same. We perceived a room full of sober drag queens.

We appeared as Kate Smith, Vanna White, Fannie

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Torch Song Now A Movie

"There's a certain something to know that you had a dream, you carried out your dream and made it a reality, and that people actually appreciate that you did it. Not only do you feel good about yourself, but you feel good that a few people might go for their dreams because you did." Harvey Fierstein's dream, the long-awaited film adaptation of Torch Song Trilogy, has finally been realized in classic "labor of love" is the funny and poignant story of a Gay New Yorker's search for love and respect in a heterosexual world. It focuses on the lovers in his life, as well as his strong-willed mother. From its birth off-Broadway to its more than two-year successful run on Broadway and two coveted Tony Awards — Best Play and Best Actor, Fierstein was finally able to bring all the right elements together to produce the screen version. This combination included the assembly of a dynamo cast — Harvey Fierstein, Anne Bancroft, Matthew Broderick, and Brian Kerwin; the producing talents of Howard Gottfried, responsible for such award-winning, thought-provoking films as The Hospital, Network and Altered States, and finally a studio that was committed to bankrolling the project, New Line Cinema.

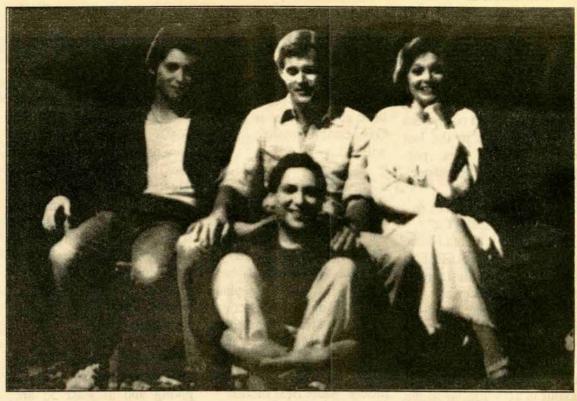
Before securing a commitment from New Line Cinema, numerous producers and studios had expressed interest in the project. However, each called for major revisions and cuts in the screenplay siphoning out what Fierstein considered to be the heart and soul of the work. Based on the critical and box office success of the Broadway stage production, the seasoned production team of Director Paul Bogart, Producer Howard Gottfried,

and the magnificent ensemble cast, New Line Cinema realized the project's potential to reach a larger audience and offered financing to Torch Song without imposing any major changes on the screen adaptation. A happy union for all parties involved. Fierstein, who adapted the work to the screen himself, stars in Torch Song Trilogy as Arnold Beckoff.

Although New Line fell tradition. Torch Song Trilogy right in stride with the major creative decisions and the casting for the film, the diversified company, which has been responsible recently for A Handful of Dust, John Waters' Hairspray, and the highly successful Nightmare on Elm Street series, generally focused their funding on \$4-7 million dollar productions. Ordinarily, stars of this calibre would not have fit into New Line Cinema's budget range. The entire venture was a labor of love involving risk-taking and players coming on board for less than normal fees to see the project through to fruition in the \$6-7 million dollar

"Anne Bancroft saw the show about six years ago," Fierstein recalls, "and afterwards she and her husband, Mel Brooks, and I went out. Mel sort of teasingly said he never thought a film version would get made, and I said fine — believe what you believe — and I'll call you when it's ready. And Anne said sure, call me when it's ready, and so I called her when it was ready. Anne was always my fantasy of playing the mother, and it just goes to show that dreams do come true."

Anne Bancroft, whose impressive body of work on both stage and film includes her Tony Award-winning roles in Two for the Seesaw and The Miracle Worker, for



Torch Song Trilogy, a new comedy based on the Tony award-winning Broadway play, debuts this Christmas. Starring from left to right, Matthew Broderick, Brian Kerwin, Anne Bancroft, and Harvey Fierstein.

which she also earned an Oscar, and four Academy Awards nominations, most recently for Agnes of God, quickly accepted the offer to play the mother in Torch Song Trilogy. "Harvey opened up the mother's role in the screenplay, bringing in scenes from her earlier life and, remembering the richness of the stage production, I felt drawn into this enormous magnetic force."

"Sure, it's both a romantic comedy and a drama about nine years of one man's struggle in the '70s and '80s," says Broderick. "But it's more than about being Gay, it's about having a family and understanding what a family is... in that sense, it really is an old-fashioned story."

Matthew Broderick received his breakthrough role as David, Arnold Beckoff's teenage adopted son, in the off-Broadway New York stage production. It earned him an Outer Critics Circle Award and The Villager Award, Neil Simon discovered Broderick in Torch Song, which led to Tony Award-winning roles in Brighton Beach Memoirs, and then Biloxi Blues. Broderick went on to star in the smash screen hits War Games and Ferris Bueller's Day Off, among others. Broderick was cast in the film

version of Torch Song Trilogy as Arnold's lover Alan - a role that serves as another turning point for the actor, being his first portrayal of a grown man. Broderick enjoyed the challenge of rejoining Fierstein in the film version of Torch Song as the older character, Alan. "It's so nice to get a phone call after five years to say... we're going to do it again, to work with people you've worked with before, people you like and you know are good," remarked Broderick. "It's nice to have another chance at it."

Anne Bancroft, who plays Harvey Fierstein's mother, feels strongly about the tendency in film and television to steer away from the controversy of Gay people and the world they live in. "The world is full of people afraid of what they don't understand or don't know. There is nothing you can do except to try and educate them away from their fears. The role epitomizes the parent who wants to control their premiere.

children into becoming what they dream them to be, rather than what they want and who they are. I can only hope that some people will see the film and notice themselves in this person, and learn to love and support and not to control."

Harvey Fierstein describes Torch Song Trilogy as "a story of a man trying to find his place in the world, a world that isn't necessarily built for him, and he continues because he is brave of spirit and true of heart. He builds a world within the world for himself to exist." Fierstein has moved on from the initial success of Torch Song on Broadway to a variety of projects including writing the book for the smash Broadway musical, La Cage Aux Folles. Recently, his HBO special Tidy Endings earned him five ACE nominations, including Best Actor and Best Script, and he has written the Broadway stage play Legs Diamond, starring Peter Allen which is slated for a late December

Congratulations to Gaze and the **Memphis Gay Coalition** as they begin their 10th Year of Service to the Memphis Gay Community — Another Bar

New Gallery/Learning Space/Studio Offered to Women Artists

Hallman Crawford recently announced the opening of "Designs By US," an art gallery/learning space/studio located at 955 South Highland. "Designs By US" is a unique venture in that it is Memphis' first cooperative center offering various artistic and creative opportunities specifically for women.

Designs By US will showcase the works of local, regional, and national women artists representing a wide range of media including painting, sculpture, jewelry, clay works, wood, fiber, glass, clothing (wearable art), and mixed media. The opening was December 3 and 4 and included Susan Shockly, Carol Polsgrove, Joan Flint, LuAnn Cook, Cheryl Phelps, Patricia Hallman Crawford, and Mary Louise Hunt. The show will

Memphis artist Patricia run until January 15th at which time the major pieces will change, but the wearable art will constantly rotate with

> The purpose of Designs By US, according to Crawford, "is to accomplish a space for women to show and create their work and also to learn from one another." In addition to the gallery space, Designs By US will house studio space where artists will work and where various classes will be taught. "We will be teaching not only traditional art classes like painting," Crawford explains, "but we'll also teach about the spirit of creativity; teaching ways to be creative and how to get in touch with your creative spiritual side. A lot of times that involves shedding old ideas that stuntcreativity, like breaking barriers that prevent people from

being able to 'play' and learning not to be dependent on someone else for approval of your creative side. We want to teach people to trust their inner selves to be creative. We hope that it will be not only an inspiration to the women who work and show here, but also for the general public to understand a little more about a creative space and what the concept involves."

The schedule and content of most of the classes are available and include creative play, watercolors and spirituality, assertiveness training from a feminist perspective, experimental writing, and women in art history.

"We feel there is a need for a learning place for women to explore themselves beyond the traditional concepts taught in most art programs," Crawford further states. "We



see a need to explore the Georgia O'Keefe, and I realenergy and creativity that is in every woman. We think this exploration will lead to a power to express themselves without fear and timidity. We believe that art can be used as therapy, not for psychological analysis, but for releasing the spirit within. As Designs By US women are free to explore their potential as individuals and as artists."

While Designs By US is geared primarily toward women artists, exhibits of works by men will be featured from time to time. "Our purpose is not to be separated from men," Crawford says, "but to give women a special outlet to learn about art and to show their works. I was taught in school that there were no women artists until

ize now that that such an idea is completely untrue. Things are a little better than they used to be and some change has taken place, but by and large, women artists still don't receive the recognition they deserve. And in Memphis, I continue to see more men artists being shown than women. Men will be encouraged to come and see our work and to participate in our classes if they are interested, but the main point of Designs By US is to provide women a place to show their work."

For more information, call Patricia Crawford or Nan Lemons at 452-9555, 955 South Highland, Memphis, TN 38111.

LADY ASTOR will be "at home" to her friends between the hours of 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm at her Fairy Castle (She has moved and she is listed) January 1, 1989 Yall Come!

NGLTF Releases Film **Resource Guide**

Washington — The campus project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released a 15page resource guide on films and videos available for use by Lesbian and Gay student groups and student activities staff. The Film Resource Guide was published in the NGLTF Campus Project's newsletter, Organizing for Equality.

The film Resource guide contains general guidelines for selecting, ordering, and showing films and videos, and contains a partial list of Gay/Lesbian movies and documentaries.

Kevin Berrill, NGLTF Campus and Anti-Violence Project Director, noted, "We are committed at the Campus

Project to providing useful resource tools for Gay and Lesbian student groups who are engaged in the crucial task of confronting homophobia and AIDS-phobia on campuses." Berrill noted that an earlier edition of the Campus Project Newsletter focused on "Responding to AIDS on Campus."

Interested persons may obtain copies of both issues of Organizing For Equality for \$1.00 by writing to NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington DC 20009. Gay and Lesbian student groups are urged to contact the NGLTF Campus Project to receive mailings and other information about the organizing activities of the Project.

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A message from the Aid to End AiDS Committee:



"I Killed Her For Love"

The Trial of Alice Mitchell - 1892

Part 3

Snow glistened on the ground that cold January afternoon as the buggy containing two young women raced along Front Street. At Front and Madison, just north of the post office, the vehicle jerked to a stop and the rider, Alice Mitchell, 19, leaped out and ran down the bluff toward the riverboat landing.

Near the Illinois Central railroad track, Alice caught up with her "closest friend" Freda Ward, 17, who was going to board the steamer "Ora Lee" with her sister, and slashed her throat from ear to ear with a razor blade before several startled wit-

Later that evening, after her arrest, Alice said that she loved Freda desperately, wanted to marry her, and

could not live without her.

On July 25, Alice Mitchell's long-awaited sanity trial began. As before, the hearing was the biggest event in town, and Memphians clamored to get into the courtroom.

The trial began with the testimony of neighbors and tradesmen who knew Alice as a girl. A neighborhood butcher whose shop was near Alice's home said that Alice had boyish habits even at age 17 or 18, playing marbles and baseball. He had also seen her smoking cigarettes, he ominously added.

Then the doctors knowledgeable in "brain diseases" took the stand. One of these testified that he couldn't say for sure that there hadn't been "sexual depravity" between the girls, but that he believed their love was purely platonic. All agreed that she was unquestionably insane, however, and theorized that sexual "self-abuse"—"which would affect the brain through the nerves" may have been a contributing fac-

Robert Mitchell testified that his sister Alice didn't seem to realize that Freda was dead. "She speaks of her had seen Alice and Freda

tense," he stated.

Lillie Johnson testified next. She said that Alice had often cried and said, "Oh, how I love Freda." On the day of the murder, Lillie said that she had thought Alice was going into the post office when she asked her to stop the buggy there. As she had headed down the bluff, Alice had said that she wanted one

as if living and in the present embracing each other frequently, both in Memphis and in Gold Dust (a town to which the Ward family had moved). She said that she objected to their correspondence, because she suspected that they were planning to run away. One condition on which Freda was allowed to go to Memphis was that she would not speak to or in any way associate with Alice, she



more look at Freda.

When Alice returned, she had blood on her face, Lillie said. When she offered to wipe it off, Alice replied, "No, it's Freda's blood. Let it remain."

Jo Ward testified that she

added.

After discovering the engagement plans, Jotoldthe court that she wrote Alice telling her "don't try in any shape, form, or manner to have intercourse with Fred (sic) again." Jo also returned

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to Alice the ring and gifts she had given Freda.

Jo said that she thought Alice's proposition of marriage to her sister was very strange but did not think that she was crazy.

Finally, Alice Mitchell herself was put on the witness stand and attorneys for both sides quizzed her on her motives. Her defense lawyers carefully brought out the extreme distress which Freda's loss had caused Alice. Her attorney then asked her one final question: "Now, Alice, why did you kill her?"

"I killed her because I loved her," Alice replied, an answer which left the court-room breathless and silent.

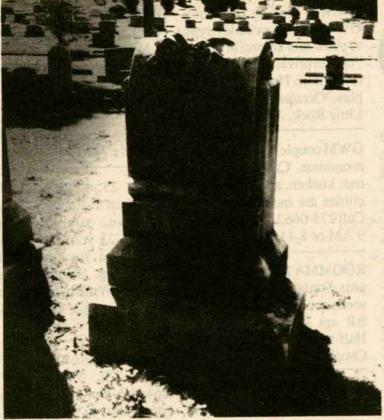
Following this and other testimony, the jury found Alice Mitchell insane and the judge ordered her committed to the asylum at Bolivar. At such time as she regained sanity, he said, she would stand trial for the murder of Freda Ward.

Alice took this verdict calmly. Her only request was that she be allowed to visit Freda's grave. Immediately afterwards, the murder charge against Lillie Johnson was dismissed.

Little was heard about Alice Mitchell until six years later, on April 7, 1898, when newspapers reported that she had died of tuberculosis at Bolivar. An account appearing in the Commercial Appeal some thirty-two years later, however, stated that she had actually taken her own life by climbing to the top of the hospital building and plunging into a water tank.

Alice Mitchell was buried in Memphis' Elmwood Cemetery, not far from the girl she had loved and slain. Both of their graves may be seen there today.



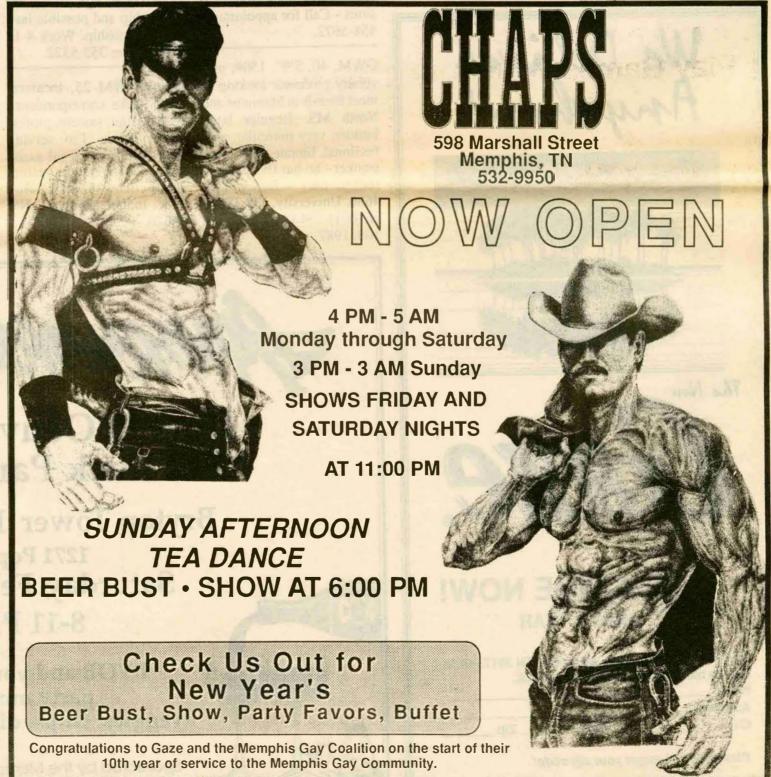


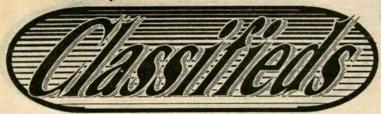


Alice Jessie Mitchell is buried near other family members in the Mitchell family plot. Situated beneath several magnolia trees, among many well-to-do Memphians and many fine monuments, the Mitchell stones are themselves handsome. Frederica Ward is buried on a hill below the large plots belonging to the Porter Leath home and the YWCA. The tree that sheltered this grave appears to have been struck by lightning, which may account for

the fact that many of the gravestones in this area have disappeared. Drawings of the two women were taken from the original sources, but the photograph at Elmwood Cemetery was taken in the autumn of 1988 by Vincent Astor....and flowers were placed on both graves.

These three installments were published as a single article in the November, 1975 issue of Gaiety newspaper. It was written by Fred Harris, edited by Gary Poe.





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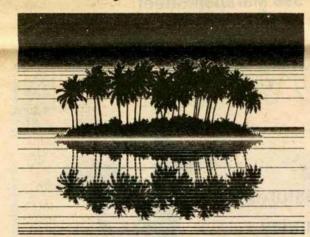
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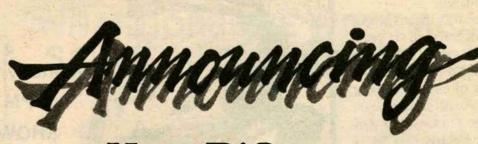
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GDI on the River: 287 S. Front Street - 526-1038.

J-Wags: 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

Numbers: 600 Marshall - 526-5553.

Pipeline: 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.

Reflections: 92 North Avalon -272-1525.

WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

ORGANIZATIONS

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, 38174-1371.

Black & White Men Together: Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 327-3753, 452-5894, or 726-1461.

Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition, Inc. of Memphis: P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982.

Barbara's: 1474 Madison - Gay Athletic Association: Bowling, volleyball, camping, and more. Box 22914, Memphis 38122 - 744-0575.

> Gay Women's Social Group: 324-6949.

Human Response Council: PWA services. 275-3536.

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

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.

Minority Prison Project (MPP): For information: John Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis, 38127.

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.

Transexuals in Prison (TIP): information: For Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis, 38127.

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.

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 458-AIDS. 1-11pm

Gay Switchboard: 324-GAYS. 7:30-11pm LINC: 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

COUNSELING & LEGAL SERVICES

Becky Caperton, MS: Counseling -327-9758

Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 147 Jefferson Ave., Suite 909, Memphis, 38103-2218 - 527-8890.

Carole Taylor, MS: Counseling - 458-7098.

Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

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

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

Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.

Fantasy World: 1814 Win- The Personals: Gay Computer chester - 346-2086.

Economy Interiors: Antiques 1466 Madison - 725-9222.

Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

Getwell Adult Book Store: 1617 Getwell - 745-9054.

Men of Leather: Leather shop -1266 Madison - 722-8963.

Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer -323-2665.

Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.

Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.

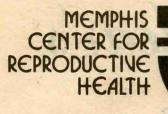
MEDIA

AIDS Update: newspaper published 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.

Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.





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Frump, the Good Faerie, Wallis Simpson, Patti Andrews, Carol Channing, Rita Moreno and the Statue of Liberty. We appeared very embarrassed at Sharon Wray's birthday party.

presentation, been involved in the presenting of an award, and received both a booby prize and a yet-to-be-seen statue.

We have eaten crow, we have not eaten any of Don's dessert, we have tasted fame, and we have tasted Upside-Down Margaritas. We were We have covered an award asked to judge a pageant. It was then cancelled.

We visited a nest of Radical Faeries, a clutch of Leathermen, an actual place winner in a Leathermen competition (RRRRUFFFF!), the graves of two Victorian Lesbians, and Narnia. We have researched the past, lived in the past, and begun an archive.

We continue to be asked to

do drag shows at leather functions. We will not be inviting certain Australians to dinner again. We have been treated to more dirt than we could fill a memoir with. We have seen twinkies dampened and a soapbox preacher put in place. And the drunk queen who insulted our person last year actually

apologized.

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We are, so far, speaking to nearly everybody, and we are growing fond of you all.

That, we guess, was the year that was.

Ta, ta, 1988. Lady A.

