

Published as a Service of the Memphis Gay Coalition

Volume 10, Number 6

Memphis, Tennessee

June 1989

## Int'l Candlelight Memorial Set for May 28

The world's largest coordinated local response to AIDS — the annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorials — are being held Memorial Day weekend on Sunday May 28. In Memphis, it will be held at the Overton Park Shell at 7:30 PM. Since there have been traffic problems on Sundays in the park area, those attending are requested to plan extra time to reach the Shell.

In past years, the Memorials have taken place in over 100 locations each year in more than 15 countries. From thousands to a few hundred people attend the various functions to take part in services, marches, vigils, or other programs of grief, love, anger, and concern.

The Memorials are individualized community observances created by groups from cities, towns, and villages around the world to express their sentiments about AIDS. The local observance is being coordinated by the Aid to End AIDS Committee. There is no admission charge and candles will be provided.

The program in Memphis will feature speakers and a list of those who have died from AIDS in the Memphis area. For more information, call the AIDS Switchboard at 458-AIDS.

## MGC Offers Free GayFest Picnic at Mud Island

The Memphis Gay Coalition will sponsor a free GayFest Picnic for the Gay community June 18 at Mud Island.

"This is our gift to the Memphis Gay community," said Ken Horton, president of the Coalition. Tickets, which include admission to Mud Island and access to a catered picnic, are available free for the asking. "Our only request," said Horton, "is that if you take a ticket, please use it. We've got to pay for every ticket we hand out, so we want to get them into the hands of people who will come."

The picnic lunch will be served at 2:00 pm with other activities scheduled throughout the day. A cash bar will be available.

## Only One in the Nation Tennessee AIDS Bias Law Still Intact

Nashville — Despite vigorous efforts to overturn it, the Tennessee law which specifically allows employment discrimination against people with AIDS (PWAs) is still on the state law books. On May 2, legislation to extend anti-discrimination protection to PWA's was defeated by the Senate Commerce Committee.

In 1988, Tennessee became the only state in the U.S. to specifically exempt PWAs from a state law which prohibits job discrimination against handicapped persons. The state law flies in the face of federal statutes which include PWAs. While most states are moving to prohibit discrimination against PWA's, Tennessee seems to be going in the opposite direction.

The law currently on the books was proposed by Sen. Robert Rochelle (D-Lebanon) in the last days of the last legislature and

signed into law by the Gov. Ned McWherter. When questioned about signing the bill, McWherter professed not to know of the bill's ramifications regarding people with AIDS. Rochelle chairs the Senate's Commerce Committee through which the repeal bill must pass before reaching the Senate floor for a vote.

A 4-3 vote in the Commerce Committee defeated a bill that would have eliminated the 1988 exemption, targeted at PWAs, to

the handicapped anti-discrimination law for people with "infectious, contagious, or similarly (sic) transmitted diseases."

The repeal measure was endorsed by the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment, a large number of Tennessee health organizations, the Tennessee AIDS Council, and the Shelby County AIDS Advisory Committee. Several repeal measures had been introduced including at least one by the Shelby County delegation.

Among the Committee's members, here is how the vote went:

FOR — Sens. Ward Crutchfield (D-Chatanooga), Edward Davis (D-Memphis), John Hicks (D-Nashville).

AGAINST — Sens. Ray Albright (R-Chatanooga), Lou Patten (R-Cleveland), Carl Koella (R-Maryville), Robert Rochelle (D-Lebanon).

ABSTAIN — Sens Jerry Cooper (D-McMinnville), William Richardson (D-Columbia).

## TN Senate Passes Sodomy Penalty Reduction

At press time, the Tennessee Senate has approved revisions to the state's criminal code which reduce the penalty for "crimes against nature" from a felony to a Class C misdemeanor. The House was due to begin debate on the measure beginning May 24. The change is part of an

overall revision designed to reduce "archaic language" from the criminal code and to equalize sentences for similar crimes. The goal is to reduce prisoners in the state's overcrowded correctional centers.

While the change of penalty is considered to be a positive one, the new misdemeanor law is "homo-

sexual-specific"—that is, sex acts permissible among heterosexuals are outlawed among homosexuals.

Although the current statute calls for penalties from 5-15 years, a Class C misdemeanor carries a maximum sentence of 30 days and/or a \$25 fine.

## Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center Elects Board And Officers

On Saturday, May 6th, a public meeting of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center Committee was held, and a Board of Directors and officers were elected. At the meeting attended by representatives from several Gay organizations, the proposed constitution and bylaws of the committee were discussed and passed as amended.

The much talked about community center began to take on a sense of reality when then Memphis Gay Coalition president Bob Dumais proposed in '86 that the Coalition establish a building fund and begin collecting money for the purpose of establishing a community center. The first official Fundraiser - Gay Ho - was held in '86 at the Pendulum and raised about \$1000. A second show was staged at George's and raised about \$1200. Dinner shows held at the French Connection raised additional funds as did the McLeod Award Pot Luck. In all, the various fundraisers for the Community Center have accumulated \$2825.42 in a savings account held by the Memphis Gay Coal-

tion.

Formed at the December 5th 1988 meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition, the volunteer community center committee, consisting of Ken Horton, Kristi Elrod, Vincent Astor, and Reverend Jim Beatty, was responsible for creating a charter for the organization and filing papers to have the organization incorporated. Drawing on documents from various other organizations, the volunteer committee came up with the proposed bylaws and a constitution which were discussed at the meeting and amended to meet the specific needs of the community center.

Once the bylaws and constitution were passed unanimously, a proposed slate of nominations for positions on the Board was presented by the volunteer committee. Proposed for board positions were: Ken Horton, Vincent Astor, Kristi Elrod, Reverend Jim Beatty, Paul Neuwirth, and Matthew Presley. When nominations from the floor were opened, Carol Molder, Steve Solomon, Perry Stevens, Bill Tracer, and Oye Ajanaku volun-

teered for board positions. The group elected the nominees by acclamation.

Elected by acclamation as officers of the community center, were:

Ken Horton, president; Reverend Jim Beatty, vice president; Matthew Presley, secretary; and Carol Molder, treasurer.

*Continued on page 6*

## Military Cannot Bar Re-Enlistment of Gay Man

San Francisco — A federal appeals court ruled last month that the Army cannot refuse to re-enlist a man it knew was homosexual for 14 years. The Army is expected to appeal the ruling. Gay rights groups praised the ruling, but a dissenting judge said the court had avoided the larger question of whether or not the Army has the right to bar Gays.

In a 7-4 decision, the court ruled that Sgt. Perry Watkins was unfairly discharged because the Army ignored his openly acknowledged homosexuality before blocking his re-enlistment in 1981.

Judge Harry Pregerson said the Army's disregard of Watkins' homosexuality for 14 years

amounted almost to a policy of ignoring this servicemember's homosexuality."

"This is a case where equity cries out and demands that the Army be stopped from refusing to re-enlist Watkins on the basis of his homosexuality," the decision said.

Unfortunately, the court said it was unnecessary to consider the broader questions of discrimination and denial of equal protection under the Constitution.

Watkins has declared on his original 1967 draft form that he had "homosexual tendencies." Despite the disclosure, he was inducted and remained in the Army, rising to the rank of sergeant.

# Gazing

## It's Time to Take the Test!

by Allen Cook

Time was, as readers of this newspaper may remember, when *Gaze* editorialized against taking the AIDS test. Well friends, times have changed. Today there may be compelling reasons to do so for men at risk.

First some background: When the test (called the ELISA test) first came on the scene in 1985, there were problems. The test had an inordinate number of false positives, and some people taking the test were told of a positive result before a confirmatory Western Blot test.

Besides that, most people believed that a positive ELISA meant that one had AIDS. What it really

means is that one has been exposed to the virus. Forty percent of those testing positive will develop AIDS within an eight year period. Another 40% will develop AIDS-related Complex within 8 years. The test is not really a test for AIDS, but a test for antibodies to the AIDS virus. A positive test is a strong indicator, but does not confirm a diagnosis. One must assume, however, that if one tests positive that one can infect others.

Admittedly we have a short history of AIDS. The first cases were reported in 1981, although cases dating further back have been discovered. But in that short period of time we are seeing that early detection and early intervention can have positive effects on the course of the disease.

Research shows that early detection and monitoring of the immune system can do several things. It allows earlier detection and treatment of the life-threatening opportunistic conditions which may affect a person. It encourages a person to change those habits which may lead to further infection. Repeated exposures to infected people may cause the virus to take hold and do its dirty work faster. Knowing the things that affect immune system functioning may cause a person to think twice about drinking too much, doing too many recreational drugs, sharing needles, or engaging in unprotected anal intercourse. Medicines are now being developed to prevent the onset of some of the opportunistic infections among people infected with the virus.

Knowledge of one's antibody status may protect others as well. If you know your own antibody status, you are less likely to be inclined to engage in activities which will spread the virus to others. Who, after all, wants to be responsible for the possible infection of others with such a dread disease.

Opponents of testing say that the test has killed more people than AIDS has... not true. While a positive test certainly has some pretty severe psychological ramifications

(and has, in fact, resulted in some suicides), it is important to remember that a positive test is not a death sentence. It is also important to remember that no matter what the end result may be years from now, it is likely a person with a positive test will remain in good health for many productive years to come. Granted some lifestyle changes may be in order, but death is not imminent.

There are strong indications that what are now anonymous tests (you don't have to tell anyone your real name, address, or anything unless you want a written copy of the test results) will become a thing of the past. Pressure is being brought to make a positive test reportable, resulting in mandatory partner notification, list-making, and potential discriminatory actions against those with them. Before that becomes reality, we encourage people to take the test and to refrain from those activities which may infect others.

## Some AIDS Prevention Facts

Research into AIDS has revealed that the AIDS virus is not an easy disease to catch — it is spread in very specific ways. The top two behaviors which spread AIDS are IV needle sharing and unprotected anal intercourse. To a lesser extent other sexual encounters will spread the virus. About one in 40,000 people may be infected by a tainted transfusion.

Gay men are most prone to AIDS infection because of the practice of anal intercourse. Anal tissues are not built for intercourse and are often damaged during anal sex. The resulting broken blood vessels allow for infection by an infected partner and may put the active partner at risk by exposing the penis to blood. Furthermore the large intestine (just beyond the anus) is designed to absorb whatever is in it into the bloodstream. That's why suppositories work. The use of condoms will both prevent the depositing of semen in the partner and the potential infection through the penis by blood that may result from anal intercourse.

Blood contamination from shared intravenous (IV) needles is obvious. If one cannot refrain from IV drugs, cleaning of needles is a must. A 10% solution of bleach flushed through the syringe several times, followed by flushing with clear water is strong enough to disinfect the needle.

If unprotected anal intercourse and IV needle sharing could be eliminated, AIDS in the U.S. would become a minor disease instead of the epidemic it is today.

# Gaze

Box 3038, Memphis, Tennessee 38173-0038. Phone (901) 454-1411 (evenings).

Gaze is non-profit and produced by volunteers. We assume no liability for claims made by advertisers. Appearance in this publication is not an indication of sexual orientation or identity. We welcome materials submitted by readers, but reserve the right to edit or reject such materials. Subscriptions are available at \$8 a year to cover mailing costs. Gaze is published 11 times a year by the Memphis Gay Coalition.

### Co-Editors

Allen Cook • John Stilwell

### Staff Writers

Bob Dumais • Susan Mackenzie  
Vincent Astor • Ken Horton  
Becky Caperton

### Typesetting And Layout

Allen Cook • Bob Dumais  
John Stilwell • Vincent Astor

### Circulation

Cecil McLeod • John Stilwell  
Bob Dumais

### Advertising

Bob Dumais • Vincent Astor

Copyright © 1989 by MGC. Reprint permission on non-syndicated material granted to Gay publications only provided proper credit is given. Microfilmed by Southern Gay Archives, Boca Raton, FL. Gaze is the registered trademark of the Memphis Gay Coalition. All rights reserved.

# Box 3038

*Gaze encourages letters from its readers and provides this space as a public forum for its readers to express their opinions. Gaze takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed. Letters over 500 words may be edited for space requirements, but original meanings will not be altered. Letters should be as short as possible and must be signed. Names will be withheld by request, but anonymous letters will not be printed*

## HRC Alive - Thank You Very Much!

In response to the article in the May issue of *Gaze*, "Is HRC Dead?", I am head of the AIDS Ministry of Agape New Life Church and am proud to announce that Human Response Council and the AIDS Ministry of Agape New Life Church have joined hands. In answer to the question, "No, HRC is not dead." Interested parties can obtain information by calling the church at 726-1872 or Bettye Griffin 278-8249 or Joy Booker, Minister of AIDS, 948-2345.

Joy Booker  
Memphis, TN

## Disclaimer Criticized

I am writing to thank you for sending me your newspaper. I find each page and issue most interesting.

I'm sure you are aware by my address that I'm incarcerated, so I quickly noticed your words of warning to your readers. I am very sorry that such a newspaper, that is so important to the Gay and non-Gay public, has been distorted.

I wanted very much to place an

ad, but I will save both of us the trouble.

Please continue sending me your paper. I will continue to write.

Johnnie King  
Westville, IN

*This "warning" you see in our classified section was arrived at after much thought and great gnashing of teeth in our editorial office. We certainly do not discourage anyone from writing to Gay people in prison. We simply believe that they should be warned that some people do not represent themselves honestly (that is possibly true of any ad, for that matter). Our policy is not significantly different than the policy in The Advocate and Gay Community News, among others. It should not discourage sincere inmates who want correspondence. — Ed.*

## Stonewall Collection

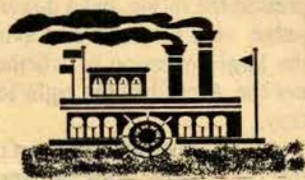
I am working on an oral history of the Stonewall riots which took place in Greenwich Village in 1969. I sent out notices about this project over a year ago and have received responses from all over the country. I want to thank all of you who posted or printed this notice because it is as a result of your support that I have had such an overwhelming response. I am writing this let-

ter for three specific reasons. First, because this June is the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, people are beginning to focus on them more than ever. Therefore, I am sending out a second notice in the hopes of attracting even more people than have already answered my request. Secondly, I feel very strongly that the book I am working on should represent the events and the people who took part in them as accurately as possible. Therefore I am putting out a special request to women and people of color who witnessed or participated in the Stonewall riots. Finally, I am still looking for photographs of the riots.

I had originally hoped for the book to be out this June. However, because of the unexpected volume of responses to my notice last year and because of the problems I am having getting the records on the riots from the New York City Police and the FBI, it will probably be another year before it is published. Because of another project I am involved in and because of the sponsorship of some Gay and Lesbian organizations, I will be traveling to different parts of the country this year. Hopefully, this will allow me to interview, in person, most, if not all, of those interested. If you have any questions about the project, please contact me. Thank you very much for your interest and assistance.

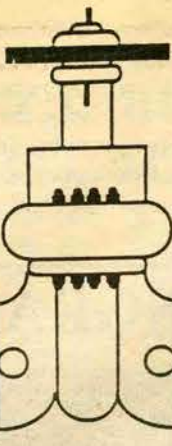
Michael Scherker  
Box 10039  
Brooklyn, NY 11210  
(718) 434-6814

continued on page 9



**RIVER RIDE**  
**Saturday, June 24**

**Tickets Now  
On Sale**



**PIPELINE**

MEMPHIS

1382 Poplar  
MEMPHIS  
(901) 726-5263

**July 1 - Saturday**

- Surprise Night to start a Great Weekend
  - Conductors from Nashville
- Club Night at the Pipeline, 9-12

**July 2 - Sunday**

- The Pipeline's Great Sunday Tea Dance and Free Buffet in the afternoon, 4-8
- The Pipette 2nd Annual Benefit for PWA's with all your local Friends and Special Guest Star, Joyce Cobb

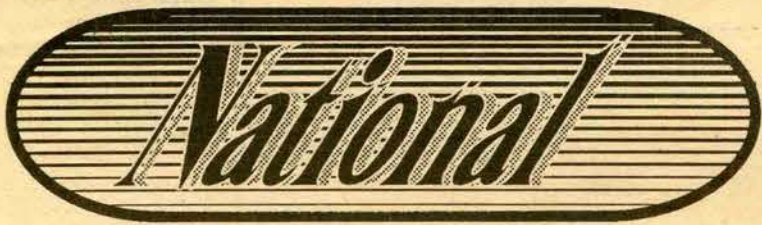


**July 3 - Monday**

- The Swim party with a lot of drink specials and activities from Noon til 8 PM. Bring your suit and a towel, we'll have the rest.

**July 4 - Tuesday**

- The Pipette Cookout from 2-6
- Free Beer Bust during the Cookout



## Congressman Says He Suffered "Hurt Feelings" Dannemeyer Sues Gay Paper for Libel

San Francisco - National Gay Rights Advocates has launched the defense of the *Bay Area Reporter* (BAR), a San Francisco Gay newspaper sued for libel by Representative William Dannemeyer (R - Orange County, CA). Dannemeyer alleges in his lawsuit that the BAR reprinted a memo, drafted by the Charleton Research Group, exploring how Republicans could attack Democrats, during the 1988 elections, for being soft on AIDS. The memo said, in part, that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth," "a live grenade," and "far too emotional to do any good" to the Republican Party with respect to the AIDS issue.

When asked if it is libelous to say that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth," Leonard Graff, NGRALegal Director, said, "Truth is an absolute defense to a charge of libel." Graff, noting that Dannemeyer is his own attorney for the lawsuit, quipped "I'm sure Bill is aware of the old saying 'A lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client'."

"The First Amendment and

California law protects the right of newspapers to report freely on public figures. This suit is patently frivolous, and we expect the court to throw it out," said Eli W. Gould, who is leading the defense team for NGRA and the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Bob Ross, the publisher of the BAR, commented, "This suit was filed to intimidate us because the BAR is a Gay paper. Well, it won't work; we'll fight this all the way. We intend to have thorough coverage of Congressman Dannemeyer's activities." Ross noted that the *New York Times* and *Associated Press* also ran the same story but have not been sued.

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA, said, "Dannemeyer is looking for another excuse to continue his onslaught against the Gay and Lesbian community. We defeated his Proposition 102, and we will defeat his lawsuit as well."

Tom Horn, the BAR's corporate counsel, said, "We will mount a rigorous defense because this has profound implications for all newspapers. The constitution protects the press from libel lawsuits that

have a chilling effect upon their freedom to report on politicians who attack minority communities."

The memo in question was published in the October 8, 1987 edition of the *Bay Area Reporter*. It was purportedly authored by Charles Rund, President Reagan's dep-

uty campaign manager for polling in 1984. Rund operates a consulting firm known as the Charleton Research Group.

Dannemeyer, a staunch opponent of progressive AIDS health care policy, filed the suit in Sacramento County on September 26,

1988 and served it on the BAR on Feb. 28, 1989. NGRA has filed a demurrer asking the court to dismiss the lawsuit. NGRA argues in its brief that the *Bay Area Reporter's* story is constitutionally protected speech.

## Hollywood Turns Out for NGRA

In a strong demonstration of support for Gay rights, the film and television industry attended a benefit evening for National Gay Rights Advocates' 11th Anniversary Celebration, held at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, on Saturday, April 15th. In attendance were such celebrities as Linda Gray; Robert Foxworth; Elizabeth Montgomery; author Jackie Collins; artist David Hockney; and actresses Jobeth Williams, Andre Marcovicci, and Donna Mills. Representatives of many of the large movie and recording companies were on hand as well as many members of the Los Angeles Gay community.

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary stated, "The evening was a landmark event attended by many leaders of the film, television, and recording industry. Although Hollywood's support for AIDS has been tremendous, it is significant that the entertainment industry participated in an event celebrating Gay rights. We are so proud that this special evening allowed people the opportunity to show their support."

In an evening marked by emotion and pride, celebrities took the stage one by one to demonstrate their support for Gay rights. Under a moonlit sky in the sculpture gar-



L to R: Barry Krost (1989 Humanitarian Award, Donna Mills (actress, Knots Landing), Richard Chohen, Jackie Collins (novelist, Hollywood Wives)

den of the museum, the crowd enthusiastically clapped and cheered for the three honorees: Susan Sonntag, Barry Krost, and Ohio Governor Richard Celeste.

All three honorees expressed gratitude for the recognition but pointed out that the struggle isn't over. "We are fighting a disease that is eating at the very heart and soul of the nation," said Krost, who received the NGRA Humanitarian Award for his work fighting the AIDS epidemic. "With NGRA we can, and we will, win."

Among the presenters were

Midge Costanza, NGRA board member, formerly Special Assistant to President Carter, and Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president and national spokesman for AmFAR.

In March, NGRA held a celebration and awards ceremony in San Francisco entitled "From the Heart" to honor those people who have been buddies to people with AIDS. The event featured a presentation by American Bar Association President Robert Raven and singer/actress Andrea Marcovicci. Comedienne Sandra Bernhard was mistress of ceremonies.

## Day of Mourning For the Right to Privacy

On June 30, 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the *Bowers v. Hardwick* case that Lesbians and Gays have no constitutional right to have sex. With this 5-4 vote and a single bang of the gavel, our right to privacy was killed.

On June 30, 1989, it is our turn to respond. Join other concerned citizens in the National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy. Raise your voice for Gay and Lesbian freedom on the third anniversary of the *Hardwick* decision.

- 25 states and the District of Columbia classify us as criminals.

- Sodomy laws are used to deny Lesbians and Gay men custody and visitation rights to their children.

- Sodomy laws and the *Hardwick* decision are cited again and again in legal and administrative decisions which infringe on basic civil rights of Lesbians and Gays

- In Nevada, police recorded the license plate numbers and harassed people attending a Lesbian/Gay

event, saying "homosexuality is illegal."

- State officials in North Carolina, Arkansas, and Missouri have refused to educate Gay men about the risk of HIV transmission because to do so encourages "criminal behavior."

For The Right To Privacy  
*Bowers v. Hardwick*  
June 30, 1986

### Agape New Life Church

A Church For ALL People

405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3

Worship with us this Sunday!

- Worship
- Fellowship • Bible Study
- Social Gatherings • Counseling

A fun place to get to know God and others

Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.

Call for more information

276-1872

# Iran-Contra Judge Also Handled Major Gay Rights Case

Many Gay people noted with special interest the appointment of Judge Gerhard Gesell to preside at the Oliver North trial. Gesell was the judge who, in a landmark 1980 case, told the Air Force to reinstate an openly Gay man at full rank and with back pay.

Judge Gesell, first became involved in the case in 1975. Leonard Matlovich, an Air Force sergeant with an impeccable record, had come out in a letter to his commanding officer, thus challenging the military's anti-Gay employment policies. When the Air Force threatened to discharge him, Gesell denied a temporary restraining order which would have allowed Matlovich to stay in uniform. At the same time, however, Gesell ordered a full hearing at the District Court level.

Gesell's actions in the Matlovich case support his reputation for going toe-to-toe with the military. As in the Oliver North trial, Gesell demanded that the military be responsive to the rule of law. In a forthcoming biography of Matlovich, his attorney, David Addlestone, explains that "Gesell put the case on the fast track. He said, 'I want certain information from the Air Force. You had better be prepared to respond to this, that, and the other.'"

Though in July 1976 Gesell ruled

in favor of the Air Force, he said, "There is no standard, no preconceived stereotype of a homosexual which, unfortunately, some of the Air Force knee-jerk reaction to these cases would suggest still prevails in the Department."

Gesell's personal feeling about Matlovich and about Gays in the military were evident in his written decision. He listed Matlovich's many accomplishments and said that, while he had reached his decision on strict readings of the law, he personally felt "it is desirable for the military to re-examine the homosexual problem, to approach it in perhaps a more sensitive and precise way."

Gesell's historic ruling came on Sept. 9, 1980. The U.S. Court of Appeals had returned the Matlovich case to him with instructions to order the Air Force to clear up a hazy policy of making exceptions to their ban of homosexuals. Gesell ordered Matlovich reinstated since the Air Force failed to develop a clear policy.

Matlovich's case has formed the basis for a number of more recent court cases including those of Miriam Ben-Shalom, Perry Watkins, and the most recent case involving Joseph Steffan against the U.S. Naval Academy.

The details of Judge Gesell's ruling are contained in *Matlovich*:

*The Good Soldier*, the biography of Leonard Matlovich which will be released June 1, 1989 by Alyson Publications of Boston. Leonard Matlovich worked closely with the author, Michael Hippler, until his death from AIDS on June 22, 1988.



# NUMBERS

600 MARSHALL • 526-5553  
HAS SOMETHING

*Specially*  
FOR  
YOU

The Entire Month of June



Special Entertainment Every Weekend

Billie Jo Casino Awards

Wednesday, June 21st

Beer Bust - Show at 11

Special Drink Prices Every Day

Because You Are Special To Us

From the Staff and Management of

# NUMBERS

We Would Like to Thank You For Making Us  
The # 1 Show Bar in Memphis

## Gay Women's Social Group

Cookout and Lawn Games  
Saturday

June 17 at 6:30 pm

Bring your lawnchair

BYOB Donation \$2.00



Saturday July 15

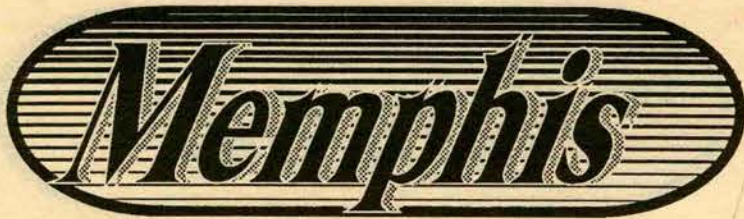
Cookout and Chicks Ballgame

5:30 Hot dogs & chips

7:15 Ballgame starts

For more information call  
Carol at 324-6949





## Colors Comes Alive

by John Prowett

On May 7th at 3:00 PM at Agape New Life Church, the fourth meeting of "Colors - For Men and Women, The Alternative" took place. Although it was not as well attended as previous meetings, there was much discussion, and decisions were made affecting the course of this group. One of the longer, more heated discussions was about what we as individuals and an organization should and could do to change the discrimination law against persons with AIDS. In all states, except Tennessee, it is against the law to discriminate against those with AIDS in housing, employment, etc. They consider AIDS a handicap which has protection in all states, except Tennessee. We are going to write letters of thanks to those who sponsored and backed the anti-discrimination bill (that unfortunately did not pass) and write letters of protest to those that voted against protection of AIDS patients. We also discussed getting more information about the fire-bombing of a home lived in by two men with AIDS and starting a collection of furniture, etc. to help them out. The seven goals and objectives that were passed by those present were: 1) To give the metropolitan area Lesbian and Gay community voice for their politics, news, community involvements. 2) To address the immediate

and imminent needs of the community. 3) To develop a means of impacting the broader Gay community. 4) To provide visibility in the community (communities) of people of color. 5) To develop an emergency response network for issues affecting Gay persons and to support other organizations or issues targeted by right-wing reactions. 6) To take creative action to counter bigotry and intolerance and to support equal opportunity; to fight racism, sexual discrimination, homophobia, and discrimination against persons of all ages. Actions include lobbying, corporate education, letter-writing, demonstrations, etc. 7) To fight laws and people denying human dignity and equal justice. The address for Colors will be Post Office Box 1921, Memphis, TN 38101. The membership fee for Colors for 1989 will be \$5 a quarter, and starting January 1990 will be \$20 per year. Our next meeting will feature Ms. Pearl Ivy-Washington, a former reporter for the Commercial Appeal. She will speak on "Brotherhood/Sisterhood." Our next meeting will be June 10th at Agape New Life Church at 3:00 PM. Many thanks to Agape New Life Church and WKRB for hosting our meetings. Look for you there.

## Agape Begins AIDS Ministry

The Agape New Life Church has added an AIDS Ministry Outreach to the ministry of their church. Miss Joy Booker is Director of the church's new ministry.

The congregation voted to have the AIDS ministry seeing there was such a need in the city of Memphis.

In order to have a proper start, Miss Booker contacted Betty Griffin, Executive Director of The Human Response Council, to see if the church could work together with The Human Response Council.

After meeting with Betty Griffin, the church decided to join hands with The Human Response Council and work together to establish a house which will house 15 persons with AIDS.

The congregation is looking forward to seeing a house here in Memphis for those with AIDS and no place to go.

For more information, you may write the Agape New Life Church at P.O. Box 22913, Memphis, TN 38122, Attention: Miss Joy Booker.

## Personal Best 5K Run

The National Organization for Women (NOW) will stage the Fourth Annual Personal Best 5K Run on Saturday, June 3. The event will begin at the Overton Park Pavilion at 7:30 AM. All proceeds will benefit the Memphis Chapter of NOW. Free refreshments and t-shirts are available, and trophies and special prizes will be awarded at the end of the race.

A registration fee of \$7 is payable in advance of the race with an \$8 fee for registration on the day of the event. Track club members may register for \$6. Registration begins at 6:45 AM and ends at 7:15 AM. Every runner must complete and sign an entry form. Entry forms are available at local running shops or by contacting a member of NOW.

## MGLCC

Continued from page 1

"We've moved rather quickly and accomplished a lot in a relatively short period of time," Horton said. "It was time for us to take this next step. The committee has done some basic groundwork and done some initial research on locations, but we had gone as far as we could go as a committee. With an elected board and officers, we feel we have the authorization to use the money raised for the community center and to make real commitments as far as locations, insurance, etc. for the community center."

The Board still has a lot to do before a community center can actually be opened. Among these is establishing a set of standard operating procedures. As a committee, the group expressed a desire that the community center be established as an alcohol-free, controlled-substance-free alternate meeting space. In this way, it will not be in competition with the bars and it will be open as a social venue to that group of individuals age 18 to 20 who can't get into the bars to meet and socialize with other Gays and Lesbians.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 10th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at 405 South Cleveland Suite # 3. "There's plenty of work to be done, and we will need several committees to accomplish all that needs doing," Horton said. "We need all the help we can get to make this community center work. Any time you can devote to the project will be greatly appreciated. We'll see you at the next meeting."

*We Deliver Anywhere!*



The New

# Gaze

## SUBSCRIBE NOW!

**\$8.00 A YEAR**

Mail to Gaze, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038  
Please make checks payable to Gaze.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

*Ladies of the 80's*  
*Sunday, June 11th, 8 PM*

*WKRB In Memphis*  
*15 28 Madison*

*Starring*

*Lilly Christine    Liz Carrington*

*Sabrina Lea        Trixie Deajunae*

\*\*\*\*\*

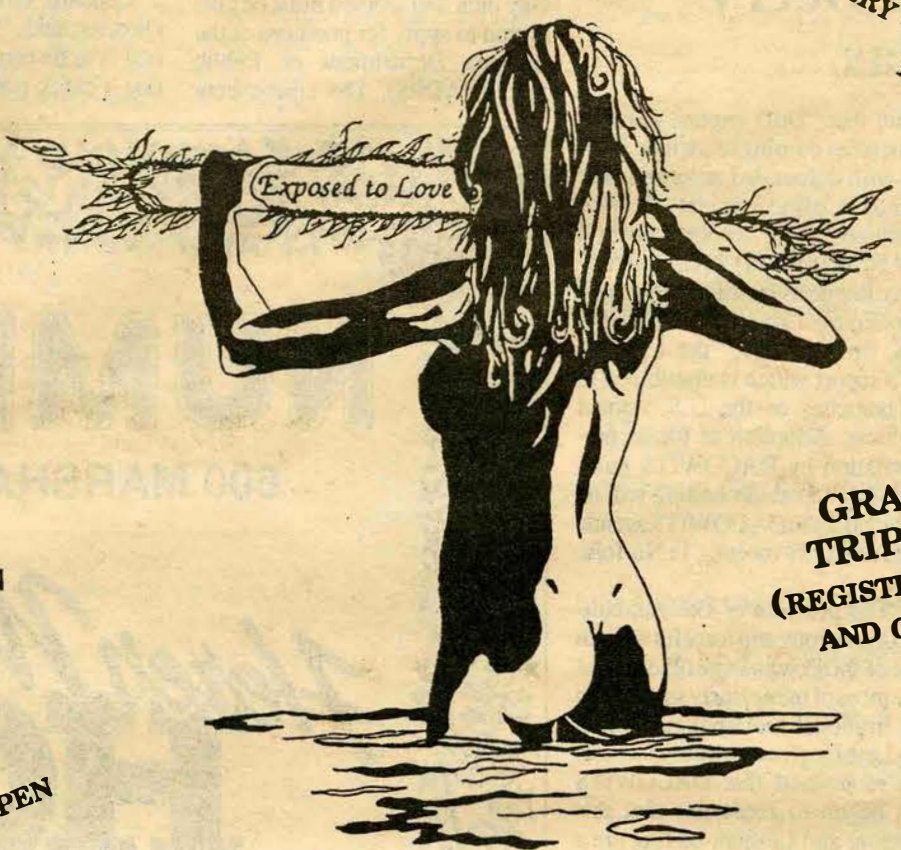


1528 MADISON

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLOWOUT!**

MAY 27 - SOOKIE SIMONE SHOW  
MAY 28 - APHRODITE 50'S AND 60'S SHOW

MAY 29 - FREE FOOD & DISCO SIDE OPEN



All Female Revue

Your presence is highly requested to attend an evening that will fulfill all your fantasies with

Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire

# Exposed to Love

The Midwest #1 Female Revue

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH  
TWO SHOWS

Be prepared to indulge in a provocative showing of female bodies

JUNE 10  
"CONNIE"  
"LISA"  
"CHERYL"  
TWO SHOWS

POOL TOURNAMENTS  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
\$\$ CASH \$\$  
AWARDED  
AND EVERY 6TH WEEK WE PLAY THE PIPELINE

JUNE 3  
GRAND DRAWING FOR TRIP TO PARIS, FRANCE  
(REGISTER ON FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AND GET IN ON FINAL DRAWING)

JUNE 4  
"DENISE AND WILLIE"  
(OKLAHOMA)  
"CONNIE"  
(LITTLE ROCK)

JUNE 11  
"LADIES OF THE 80's"  
LILLY - LIZ - SABRINA

JUNE 18  
"GAY-HO" SHOW

JUNE 24  
"EXPOSED TO LOVE"  
(DON'T MISS IT!)

JULY 4TH WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA  
SHOWS- DENNIS & COMPANY  
FOOD  
"LADIES CHOICE"  
FROM LOUISVILLE, KY

JUNE 30 -  
"HALF-ASS"  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY  
(DECORATIONS AND ALL)

**WELCOME TO W.K.R.B. —  
WHERE WE TRY TO PLEASE YOU!!!**

# Legal Briefs

## Military Women Decry Anti-Lesbian Bias

Alexandria, VA — Historic testimony delivered to a Dept. of Defense (DoD) panel by four female U.S. military personnel has prompted the panel to recommend that DoD recognize and address harassment and discharge of women personnel due to allegations of Lesbianism. The testimony was organized by the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project (MFP), a joint project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the women's Equity Action League (WEAL), the National Organization for Women (NOW), the ACLU Gay & Lesbian Rights Project, and the National Lawyers Guild's Military Law Task Force.

The testimony by two active duty and two veteran women was presented on April 19, 1989 before the 35-member Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS) at its Spring 1989 meeting held in Alexandria. All four women called on DACOWITS to recognize that the DoD policy of discharging Gay servicemembers results in the sexual harassment of both Lesbians and non-Gay women in the service.

In a move that pleasantly surprised organizers of the Military Freedom Project, a DACOWITS subcommittee took immediate action on the issues raised by the witnesses. DACOWITS will recom-

mend that "DoD expand existing leadership training to include dealing with unfounded accusations of homosexuality against Service members." This recommendation will be included in "Recommendations, Requests for Information, and Continuing Concerns: DACOWITS, Spring 1989," the committee's report which is distributed to all branches of the U.S. Armed Services. Adoption of the recommendation by DACOWITS guarantees that Lesbian-baiting will be included in the DACOWITS agenda at its fall 1989 meeting in Norfolk, VA.

"The problem of Lesbian-baiting of all strong and forceful women and of those who reject the sexual advances of men clearly stems from the irrational DoD policy excluding Lesbians from military service. We're pleased that DACOWITS has begun to recognize that this labeling and Lesbian-baiting are a form of sexual harassment. DACOWITS' recommendations could make life easier for women who find themselves targets of the innuendo and stereotyping that characterizes so much of the anti-Lesbian witchhunts," said Sue Hyde of NGLTF. Hyde reiterated that the long-term goal of the Military Freedom Project is the elimination of the anti-Gay DoD policy.

Studies of discharges from the military services reveal that women are three times more likely to be discharged for homosexuality than men. Since late 1987, investigations of women on charges of homosexuality have increased dramatically. One such investigation at Parris Island, SC resulted in jail of three women Marines. Military women are routinely accused of being Lesbians by spurned male colleagues, threatened with loss of custody of their children, subjected to gross violations of constitutional rights to speech and association, and forced to leave military ranks.

Each witness at the DACOWITS hearing recounted different stories of anti-Lesbian bias:

- U.S. Air Force Veteran Darlene Chamberlin, discharged from active duty at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois with a less than honorable discharge later upgraded to honorable: "I have an 18-year-old sister who will be active duty in the military this year. Is her career over because she has a sister who is a Lesbian? Will she be investigated for knowing someone Gay?"

- U.S. Navy First Class Personnelman Mary Elizabeth Harrison, an enlisted woman with eight years in the Navy, now under investigation for homosexuality after becoming the subject of her ship's rumor mill: "The harassment of military women by labeling them 'Lesbian,' 'dyke,' and 'queer' is not just a Gay issue. It affects all women in uniform and is less an issue of sexual orientation than of gender."

- Marine Corps Capt. Judy Meade, fighting a less than honorable discharge initiated in Feb. 1989 for her friendship with a civilian Lesbian: "I want to briefly talk about the stereotypes I heard... [the investigators] wondered why my antenna didn't go up because they looked like homosexuals... The next topic covered was women's softball and how aggressive these women are and how your antenna is supposed to go up. Comments and views such as these are going to stop women from becoming involved... because of the stigma attached."

## Arizona Attorney General OKs Gay Officers

San Francisco - Taking the high road after a threatened law suit by National Gay Rights Advocates, the Arizona Attorney General said Gay men and women must be permitted to apply for positions at the Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS). The controversy

began when an applicant, Michael Guston, was presented with a list of questions he would be asked about homosexuality while strapped to a lie detector machine. Applicants who indicated a pattern of homosexual behavior or who engaged in a homosexual act in the last two years would not be hired.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "The Attorney General is to be congratulated for putting a quick end to this nonsense.

These questions are an offensive invasion of personal privacy. Moreover, virtually all sex is illegal in Arizona. Thus, it violates the Equal Protection clause of the constitution to exclude only Gay people from the highway patrol."

The ADPS's regulations as applied to Michael Guston were particularly unfair. He had served with distinction in the both the military police and the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office.

# NUMBERS

600 MARSHALL • 526-5553

Here's What's  
**HOT!**

June 2-3  
Special Show  
All the Way From  
Knoxville, TN  
the Fabulous  
*Mallory Bishop*

FOR ONE WEEKEND ONLY  
**DON'T MISS IT**

Billie Jo Casino Awards  
Wednesday, June 21st  
Beer Bust - Show at 11



## Anti-Homophobia Conference Planned for LA

Boston, MA - Sharing educational strategies for ending heterosexism and homophobia will be the focus of the second Conference on Anti-Homophobia Education at the University of California/Los Angeles to be held June 30 - July 3, 1989.

The conference will include presentations and workshops on the educational programs effective in reducing homophobia as well as theoretical discussions on reducing homophobia. An extensive resource library of works in print, video, and film will be available.

"We expect to draw over 200 participants to this year's gathering," said Betsy Crane, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee. "Like last year's program, this

will be a working conference, a springboard from which additional strategies and resources will be developed. And we're particularly excited about this year's focus on Lesbian invisibility and the relationships between racism, sexism, and homophobia."

The conference is being organized by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a project initiated in 1986 by the National Organization for Changing Men.

For additional information on the 1989 Conference on Anti-Homophobia Education, including registration and co-sponsorship, write to The Campaign to End Homophobia, P.O. Box 819, Cambridge, MA 02139.

## ACLU Gay Rights Chapter Sponsors Writing Contest

The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning Lesbian and Gay families. Lesbians and Gay men have created and are evolving relationships which expand traditional notions of families. The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of Lesbian and Gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest.

The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Berube, poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a \$500 prize, and three runners-up will each

receive a \$100 prize.

The deadline for entries is August 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103.

For more information, please contact Doug Warner at (415) 621-3900.

## \$2500 Offered for Best First Novel

A Gay publishing house and Gay bookstore, with a shared interest in good writing, have established the "By the Bay Area" First Novel Competition.

The contest, co-sponsored by Boston-based Alyson Publications and the San Francisco branch of A Different Light Bookstore, carries a top prize of publication with a \$2500 advance and a matching \$2500 promotion budget. It is open to fiction which is either set predominantly in the San Francisco Bay Area or which is written by

residents of the area; it is limited to first-time novelists.

"Hardly a week goes by that I'm not asked where to send a novel or how to get a book published," said A Different Light manager Richard Labonte. "The offer of this generous contest by Alyson Publications will make that an easier question to answer."

Manuscripts received between June 1, 1989 and Feb. 1, 1990 are eligible. Work will be evaluated by



a panel of judges as it is received. The winner will be announced next May.

Before sending manuscripts, writers should request complete

guidelines by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "By the Bay Area," A Different Light Bookstore, 498 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

**Gay Ho '89 Barn Raising  
Country & Western Benefit Show  
for the  
Memphis Gay & Lesbian  
Community Center  
June 11 • 9 PM • \$3 Cover  
Numbers  
600 Marshall  
June 18 • 9 PM • \$2 Cover  
WKRB in Memphis  
1528 Madison**



## Box 3038

*continued from page 2*

## Enough Is Enough

I am writing in response to the articles that have appeared in the past few issues of Gaze regarding Rev. Bill Tracer, associate pastor of Agape New Life Church, and Mr. Don Sanders, Mark Whitehead, and Michael Fitzalan, all who claim to be atheists.

Living in the great nation of America, I thought one was free to believe and worship as one pleases including the right to believe or not believe. It appears to me that the atheists want to deny me the right to believe and worship God. Why? I am not trying to make them believe in God, nor am I trying to stop them from believing in nothing. It's their

right.

Why do atheists fight against a God they claim does not exist? A lot of time has been wasted fighting. Where is the love the atheists claim they have when slurs are thrown out at Rev. Tracer and those who believe in Christ?

Why not bring this to an end. Let Rev. Bill Tracer and Mr. Don Sanders have a public debate in Memphis. We could call it the Great Debate.

We as humans should respect one's right to believe or not believe. But for me I am happy being a Christian; and when the end comes for me and there is no God, what have I lost? Nothing. But when my end comes and there is a God, I have gained everything. The end will tell the story of who is right or wrong.

Rev. James Beatty  
Memphis, TN

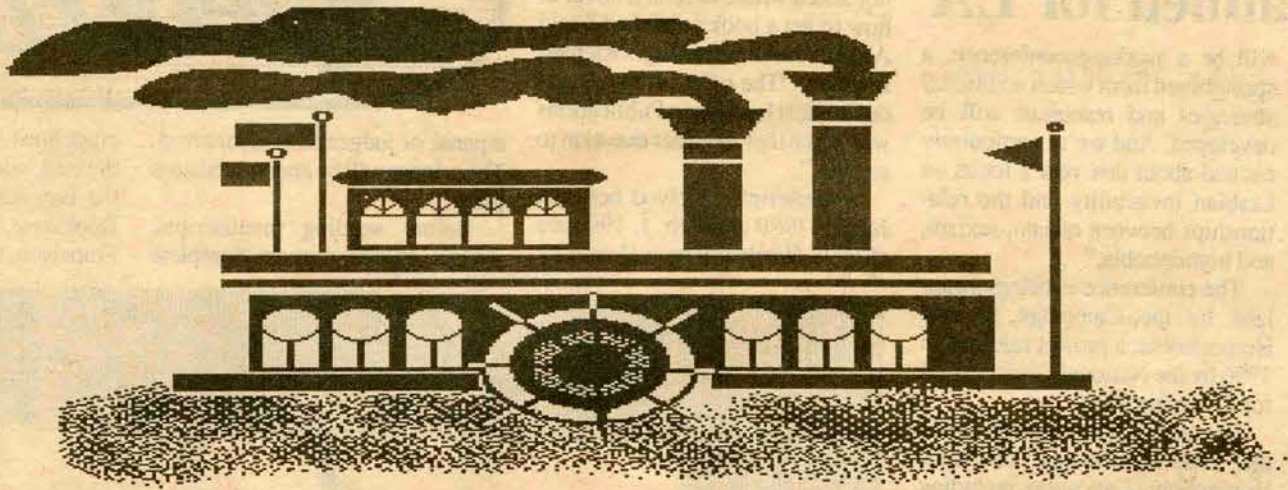
## GAY SWITCHBOARD

*Information • Counseling • Referrals*  
**324-GAYS • 7:30 - 11 PM Nightly**

The Gay Switchboard is not a phonestex or dating service.  
*A Public Service of the Memphis Gay Coalition*



The Memphis Gay Coalition  
presents



# RIVER ≈ RIDE

## WITH JOYCE COBB

**MEMPHIS SHOWBOAT**

**(Foot of Monroe at Riverside)**

**Saturday, June 24**

**Board 8:30 PM - Sail 9:00 - Midnight**

**Cash Bar On Board (No Carry-on Beverages)**

**All tickets \$15**

Tickets are available at Star Search Video, 1264 Madison, Memphis, TN (Visa, Master Card, and American Express accepted) or by mail. Send \$15 money order for each ticket (no cash or checks please) to MGC, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038. Money orders should be made payable to MGC-River Ride. Tickets are non-refundable.

\* MGC members may obtain a \$3 discount on one ticket if purchased from an MGC Board member.

Please mail \_\_\_ tickets @ \$15 each for this year's **River Ride**. I have enclosed a \$\_\_\_ money order (No personal checks, please). Orders received after June 10 will not be mailed. Please include telephone number, if ordering late. Paid tickets will be held for pickup and confirmed by telephone.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City /State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Payment Enclosed

\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Amex

Mail to : MGC River Ride

Box 3038

Memphis, TN 38173-0038

Credit Card #

Expires

Signature

# DIVE INTO SUMMER!

**GDI Club Room  
Summer Hours**  
Opens at 5PM  
Wednesday - Sunday  
Happy Hour 5 - 10 PM

**Tuesdays**  
Tuesday Night Fever  
With Rachel Slurr  
Dance Floor Opens 8pm  
\$2 Cover

**Wednesdays**  
Dance Floor Opens 8pm  
The Wacky Wednesday World  
of Sofonda Peters  
with Special Guests  
\$3 Beer Blast

**Thursdays**  
Dance Floor Opens 8pm  
Hot Male Dancers  
Show at 10:30pm  
\$4 Beer Blast

**Fridays & Saturdays**  
Dance Floor Opens 8pm  
Special Theme Shows 11:30pm  
\$5 Cover

**Sundays**  
Dance Floor Opens 8pm  
Continuous Dance Night  
\$3 Beer Blast

**Sunday, June 18**  
Mom Loved Them On Mother's Day,  
Now Bring Dad To See Them On Father's Day



\$4 Beer Blast

**Wednesday, June 21**  
You Asked To See More of Them,  
Now They're Coming Back  
The Texas Headliners  
Show at 10:30pm  
\$4 Cover

**Saturday, June 24**  
\$2 Off Cover With River Ride Ticket Stub

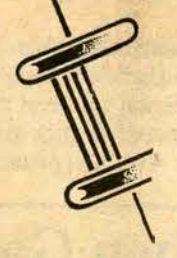
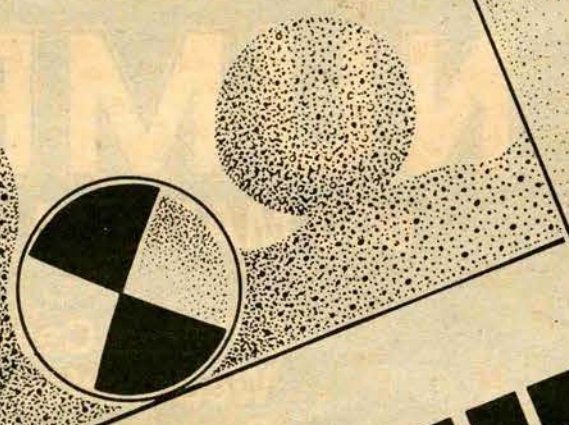
**Wednesday, June 28**  
Miss George's Pageant  
\$700 In Cash Prizes  
\$50 Entry Fee  
Contact David daPonte For Details  
\*Based on a field of 10 contestants

**Tuesday, July 4th**  
The Best Seat In Town  
Join Us For the Big Fireworks Display  
On Our Deck Overlooking the Mighty Miss  
Patio Bar Opens at 6pm  
Come Early to Reserve Your Spot



on the river

287 S. Front St.  
526-1038



# Memphis' Memoirs

## Memphis' First Gay Pride

Compiled by Vincent Astor.

To those familiar with the concept of Gay Pride, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. To Memphians who were active in 1969 this year marks the 20th anniversary of George Wilson's buying a business which became an institution, namely, George's. In 1979, ten years later, the first issue of Gaze newspaper had several articles regarding Gay Pride, including an account of Memphians' participation in the March on Washington. In 1980, Gay Pride Week was celebrated with a yard sale, picnic, seminar, the first Gay River Ride, a benefit for the upcoming Southeastern Conference '80 at the Psych-Out, and the Mr. Sharon's contest at Sharon's. Gay Pride Week has been celebrated by large events ever since.

I will turn back the clock a bit, again thanks to Gaiety newspaper, to 1976 as Gay and Lesbian Memphians celebrated the Bicentennial with a large dose of Gay Pride.

[From the July 1976 issue.] Two events are scheduled in Memphis during Gay Pride Week that will bring Gay people together in an atmosphere of unity and friendliness.

At noon Sunday, June 27, a Gay picnic will be held at Audubon Park. The gathering will be at the southwest corner of the park at Goodlett and Park Ave. The picnic is being

sponsored by the Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force of NOW. The MCC Study Group of Memphis is also supporting the event. Everyone is invited; bring your own food. If it's raining, grab your waterproofs and come anyway.

A women's dance, also sponsored by the S. & L. Task Force, will be held at 8 P.M. on Saturday, June 26. The dance will be held at the student center at 3625 Mynders Avenue. Beer will be provided, with donations appreciated. A live musical group is scheduled to play, and there will be taped music for dancing. The dance is for women only.

[From the August 1976 issue.] A picnic to celebrate Gay Pride Week was held June 27 at Audubon Park. The crowd numbered about 35 persons at its largest, with people coming and going from noon until 3 P.M. Both sexes and all segments of the Gay community attended.

Spirits were up despite the relatively poor attendance and the hot, muggy, weather. Everyone brought their own lunch and musical entertainment was impromptu. Two lovely Italian Greyhounds circulated about the group making friends and sharing lunch.

The picnic attracted little outside attention despite a lambda banner prominently displayed. Buttons with Gay-related messages were sold and received with enthusiasm.

Though not at all comparable to

the marches in Atlanta, New York, and other cities, the picnic was the first organized attempt by the Gay community to celebrate Gay Pride Week in Memphis.

The NOW Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force sponsored a women's dance on June 26 to the Newman Foundation. The dance was attended by about fifty women, including some women from Lou-

isville who were visiting and happened to see a poster.

Even though the live entertainment by Indigo was cancelled at the last minute, the records and tapes supplied by the Task Force women provided excellent Lesbian and feminist atmosphere and fine disco dance music.

Beer, soft drinks, and a varied selection of foodstuffs were avail-

able. The atmosphere was pleasant and relaxed—lots of talking and dancing.

Any of our readers who have recollections of this celebration or of any other celebrations, especially in 1969, call me (listed in phone book) or drop me a line at P.O. box 3038. I would love to hear about it.

## When Gays Fought Back...

by Bill Stevenson  
(Reprinted from the July 1981 Gaze)

On Friday, June 27, 1969, the modern Gay liberation movement began at a popular New York bar called the Stonewall Inn. "Remember Stonewall!" became a common chant in the early Gay liberation marches in the larger cities in America, and the remembrance of that stormy weekend in Greenwich Village has become the basis for Gay Pride Week celebrations in at least 45 cities in the U.S. Twenty-eight cities hold Gay Pride marches or parades to commemorate Stonewall. Memphis and Phoenix will hold their first marches this year.

On that hot June night in 1969, the patrons of Stonewall, accustomed to routine police harassment and illegal arrests, rebelled. The police were forced to barricade themselves inside the bar until help arrived. The incident was violent and brutal. Beer bottles and rocks were thrown at the police. An uprooted parking meter crashed through the front door. Police reinforcements arrived and cleared the streets. The scene was repeated the following night. The revolt had started, and cries of "no more!" were heard across the country.

Thus, Gay pride has come to mean "no more!"

**JULY 21st**

**Fourth**

**Open At 1 PM**

**BEER BUST**

**FREE BBQ**

**Drink Specials All Day**

**Special Show at 11:00 PM**

**Come Join the Fun**

**NUMBERS**

**600 MARSHALL • 526-5553**

**Billie Jo Casino Awards**  
**Wednesday, June 21st**  
**Beer Bust - Show at 11**

by Lady A

Well, well, well. Happy Gay Pride! We recently spent a most pleasant vacation with friends, mostly in the country. Can you blame ourselves if the SOS seems more tired than usual? Nonetheless, here she be.

#### Fine Arts and Music Dept.

It really impresses us that we seem to be finding Gay artists as regular participants in local exhibitions. A little portrait by Jean Cocteau found its way into the Saints to Sinners exhibition at Brooks Museum. Word is that the portrait is of a notorious French tart, of the male variety. Oh yes, the portrait is part of Brooks' permanent collection and is a nice piece of work.

Belated congratulations to Jere on a very pleasant afternoon. We really, in the beginning, could think of many other places to be besides at a clarinet recital, but we were most glad we did attend and were suitably impressed by the quality of the music.

#### News of the Day Department

We understand that the new improved Beach Party at the Pipeline was once again a success. We were told that we had been missed, and that someone dressed as Mrs. Thurston Howell III was momentarily mistaken for ourselves. Not so.

We were, at this self-same time, attending the birthing of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. This brand, spanking, new organization now has incorporation papers, a constitution, bylaws, and an Executive Board, which includes several faces new to Memphis organizations. We are pleased to be involved. A meeting June 10 will continue the formation of this much-discussed and much-needed entity.

It is increasingly difficult to describe time spent with our Faerie brothers and sisters at Short Mountain Sanctuary. It seems that time is just different there; and it is a perfect place, deep, deep in the country, to find one's equilibrium and relax. Congratulations to Sister Missionary Position (yes, Beulah, the one and only) on her accession as Empress and the rest of the new board likewise. Ask us about it if you just have to find out.

Food, food, food! We sampled, in a rare butch mood, a Biker Burger from the Pipeline's new lunch menu. A generous piece of fresh beef (watch it, Clementine) was enhanced by cheddar cheese and mushrooms with a healthy dash of Worcestershire in the cooking. It sings in the mouth. The cook is also pleasing to the eye. We also sampled a different burger being advertised by the smaller side of Numbers, and found it very good indeed. It was evening, so we were able to obtain a baked potato alongside which we did enjoy. Their new bartender/kitchen wench has a good deal of colour and spice himself,

which made dining that much more pleasant. More to come as it becomes available.

#### Woman on the Street Dept.

J-Wag's is welcoming Heddie McDaniels as its new show director for its thrice-weekly entertainments and also the return of Trixie Thunderpussy as Mistress of Ceremonies on Friday evenings.

Lorretta's has turned out to be a pleasant cruise bar. Simply that, not a lot of emphasis on dancing, with entertainment four nights a week. Good luck to her.

The Pipeline will be celebrating Daddy's Day on June 17th. The bringer of the Daddy must prove same by being dressed in Slave attire to earn drink specials all evening. The mind boggles, it absolutely boggles the mind.

The Pipeline will join with the Pipettes, those devil-may-care sylphs of the pom pom, in the second annual Independence Day Weekend Celebration. A button will gain entry to a benefit show on July 2, at 9 PM sharp, a night of drink specials on July 3, and a cookout on July 4 from 2-6 PM. The Pipettes and company will be using a space twice as large this year for their extravaganza. A July 1 Conductors' Club Night will round off the weekend, but no admission is required. Ask at the bar, or ask any Pipette to purchase a button for \$5.

Rumours buried in a local sand pile: A pig for a Luau in July? A regional Mr. Drummer Contest for Memphis? We shall see.

Gay-Ho '89's Barn Raising Country and Western Benefit Show (whew, what a mouthful) will take place at two locations for the greater edification of Gay Memphis. Numbers will host the first edition on June 11, and WKRBB will host the second edition on June 18. The combined effort will go to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Community Center Fund.

Aphrodite will present Music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's as its next benefit at WKRBB on May 28. Show begins at 7:30, proceeds go to PWA's in care of ATEAC.

The Memphis portion of the International AIDS Candlelight Vigil will be held the same evening at Overton Park Shell, also beginning at 7:30.

WKRBB, a busy little bar in June, has an entire ad's worth of special events, most notably the drawing for the trip to Paris, France on June 3, a Half-Ass New Year's Party (you figure it out) on June 30, and its own July 4th Weekend Extravaganza including Dennis Massey and Friends on July 3. Check out Exposed to Love on June 24.

Congratulations to Michelle Marie, who was crowned Miss River City in the pageant at Reflections May 27. We have been promised that the long-awaited Miss Reflections pageant will take place on June 17. Saturday Night

Live on June 3 will present well known local performers without benefit of records. (Singing LIVE, idiot.)

By the way, Michelle was sponsored by Numbers in the pageant. Jackie and Lamar have also booked Mallory Bishop for a special appearance in June. Read the ad.

Quote of the Month  
Overheard (naturally): "It's a

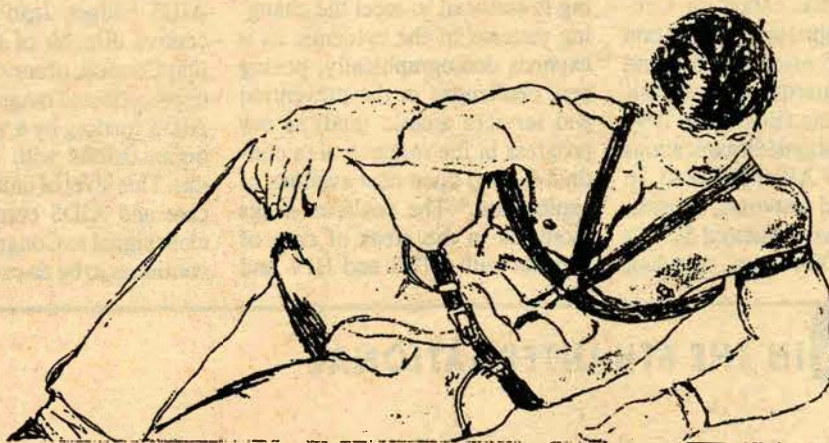


drag crisis!!!!!!" Did a performer not arrive? No. Is the bar on fire? No. Did she break an irreplaceable record? No. Did they run com-

pletely, utterly and absolutely out of hairspray? Yes.

Oh-Mary-don't-ask.

Ta, ta,  
Lady A.



## Mr. Southern Leather September 1 & 2

### Preliminaries on the 1st Finals on the 2nd

### Over \$1000 in Cash & Prizes to the Winner

### Winner goes to Chicago next year to compete in

### International Mr. Leather Contest

### Cash Awards and Trophies to 1st & 2nd Runners-Up

### For Entry Forms & Information, Write:

### Mr. Southern Leather, Inc. 758 Semmes Memphis, TN 38111



# RR REFLECTIONS

92 North Avalon • (901) 272-1525

**MONDAY**  
Modern Music Mondays  
\$2 Cover  
Beer Bust 9-12

**TUESDAY**  
\$2 Pitcher Night

**Friday & Saturday**  
**NO COVER**  
Except June 3 & 17

**SHOWTIME 1:00 AM**  
Optional Beer Bust  
9-1  
\$3

**SPECIAL SHOW**  
Sat., June 3  
"Saturday Night Live"  
Memphis Entertainers Using Their  
Own Voices

**WEDNESDAY**  
POOL TOURNAMENT  
\$2 Entry Fee  
Starts at 9 PM  
\$1 Long necks - \$3 Beer Bust

**THURSDAY**  
\$1 Beer Bust  
9-1

**SUNDAY**  
\$1.00 Longnecks  
\$1.50 Imports  
\$1.00 Optional Beer Bust  
9-1

## MISS REFLECTIONS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • Pick up entry forms NOW. Entry Deadline Midnight June 16th.**

**\$4.00 Cover Includes Beer Bust**

**Pageant Starts at 11:00 PM ° Beer Bust 8-12**

# Commentary

## Gay Man In Straight Washington Queer Musings From Capitol Hill

### The Women's March

by Robert Bray

The irony was classic Washington: Hundreds of thousands of women, including feminists, Lesbians, and female activists of every age, gathered around the world's biggest and most famous male phallic symbol — the Washington Monument.

It made me think of other unrelated, but peculiar, ironies one notices while living in the Federal City. The homeless camp in Lafayette Square across the street from the splendiferous White House; the National Aquarium in the basement of the Department of Commerce with "Daily Piranha and Shark Feedings at 2 PM;" Arlington Cemetery behind the Pentagon for one-stop military processing.

Ironies aside, it was the historic National March on Washington For Women's Rights, Women's Lives — the largest such event in the U.S. and perhaps the world. It was the much-needed firing up of forces to fight the ultra-conservative, anti-choice machine. And it was an opportunity for hundreds of Gay

men like myself to march beside women in a show of support and solidarity.

Early that morning gaggles of Gay men and Lesbians gathered in the march's unofficially designated "Queer Contingent," which seemed to be right at the tip of the Washington Monument's shadow. It was typical late-spring Washington weather, chilly and overcast, making one wonder why the conservatives always seem to get the good march days.

Rainbow and pink triangle flags were flying, friends were meeting, chants were being crafted, and dates were being cruised. Urvashi Vaid, media queen for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was working the megaphone and pointing out the Major Lesbians in attendance.

There was Jean O'Leary of the National Gay Rights Advocates with her perpetual California tan glaring against the pasty white pallor of the East Coast activists; Vivian "Write A Check" Shapiro, Lesbian fundraiser extraordinaire and former Human Rights Campaign Fund board member; Karen Thompson, looking as optimistic

as ever and like someone who just spent time with her lover after being separated for so many years; Veneta Porter of the New York Commission on Human Rights, primed for her appearance on the Phil Donahue show about "The Sissy-Boy Syndrome: Is Homosexuality Genetic or Learned?"

Lesbian comedienne Kate Clinton marched with a coat hanger — the symbol of the march — wrapped around her head like a fake Indian arrow.

Members of the Gay Male "A" List were there, too, including Vic Basile, outgoing HRCF executive director; Craig Davidson of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Roger Doughty of DC's own Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance; and many more.

ACT UP, apparently on Gay Time, arrived late. Someone said their buses were blocked from leaving New York by Operation Rescue's direct action civil disobedience demonstrators.

It wasn't long before the crowd swelled to several hundred Gay and Lesbian marchers — all of them loud, impatient, and anxious to move. The Queer contingent was way in the back half of the march with dozens of other groups scheduled to step off first. You would think the organizers of these straight events would know better than to put Gay and Lesbian activists anywhere near the back of the bus. (And please note, march organizers: Next time have the word "Lesbian" mentioned more than once in the post-march rally.)

A vote was taken to cut out of line and join the parade already on its way toward the Capitol. Before

long we were pushing through Vasar Dorms For Equality, Mormons For Choice, and the "Straight Men: If You Can't Take Women's Rights Go Fuck Yourself" group.

Gays are the best when it comes to creative chants. "Gay People Have a Voice, We're For Women's Choice!" Or the crowd favorite, "2-4-6-8 You Can't Make Us Procreate... 3-5-7-9 Gay Sex Is Mighty Fine!"

ACT UP, impatient even with the Gay and Lesbian groups, jumped out of line and occupied the steps of the Department of Justice — which, with some well-placed graffiti, soon became the Department of Injustice.

Of course, many Lesbians and Gays couldn't help but compare the Women's March to our March in October of '87. Our march was bigger, our march was better organized, our march had better looking marchers.

One thing I couldn't help noticing about the women's event was the impressive number of mothers and daughters marching side by side. Later in the day, Gloria Steinem would comment that somewhere along the line young women dropped out of the feminist movement sparked by their mothers and dropped into Ronald Reagan's "dress for success" me-generation America.

But here, now, were two generations of activists together, united by the very threat that their most personal, private rights could soon be revoked by a Reagan-stacked Supreme Court.

I felt inspired and envious of the mothers and daughters. Frankly, I can't imagine many of the Gay male friends marching with their fathers in a Gay rights event.

Washington is one of the Gayest cities in the world, populated by thousands of Gay men. Sure, many are closeted, but why weren't there more Gay men in the women's march?

The night before the march, I got into a dumbfounding debate with a young Gay man about why he didn't support the event. In addition to telling me he was pro-military escalation, anti-ACT UP, and Republican, the man said he was not going to participate because the march didn't "pertain to my agenda of issues."

But Gay men, it does pertain to our issues. First of all, privacy — or the lack of it — is an issue quite familiar and important to us. They took our right to privacy away in the anti-Gay, anti-sodomy Supreme Court *Hardwick vs. Bowers* ruling.

Next they'll try to take away the private right of women to control their own bodies. Where will it stop?

Second, we owe one to Lesbians. They've been on the front line of the fight against AIDS since the very beginning of the epidemic, even

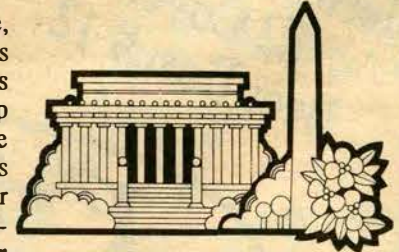
though they have the least to lose. Lesbians have founded and volunteered in AIDS care and support groups, protested and been arrested in front of foot-dragging government agencies, and waged anti-discrimination battles in the courts and closets of America.

And don't forget, it was an enraged Lesbian who first fought back against intrusive police that night outside the Stonewall Bar twenty years ago.

I felt proud and empowered to be in the Women's March. It felt good to be with Lesbians, fighting for the rights of all women, for the civil rights of all of us.

The Capital seemed livelier and more real that day. I even went to my first Lesbian bar after the march and partied with the pin-stripped power dykes of Washington and their new out-of-town girlfriends.

Indeed, Washington was different. The Capital, with its phallic monuments, male obelisks, and good ole boy networks, was wiser and more human that weekend. It was changed by the women of the world. I'm glad I was part of it.



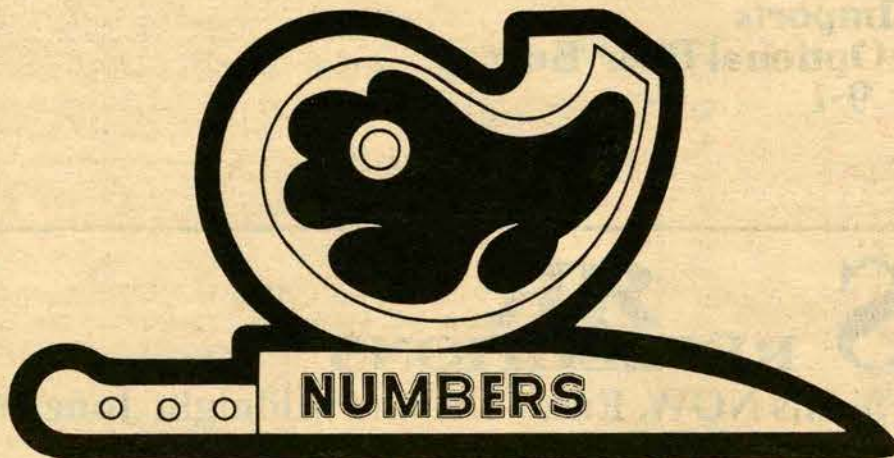
## NUMBERS

600 MARSHALL • 526-5553

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
STEAK DINNER SPECIAL \$4.50

Includes: 8 oz. Fillet, Baked Potato, Salad, Glass of Wine

8 - 10 PM



Billie Jo Casino Awards  
Wednesday, June 21st - Beer Bust - Show at 11

MEMPHIS  
CENTER FOR  
REPRODUCTIVE  
HEALTH



Non-profit Feminist Health Clinic  
Offering a Full Range Of Gynecological Care

1462 Poplar at McNeil  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104  
(901) 274-3550



# Hate Crimes Act Gains Record Number of Co-Sponsors

Nearly one-half of all U.S. Senators and one-fourth of all members of the House of Representatives have become co-sponsors of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. According to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Lobbyist Peri Radevic, 43 Senators and 114 Congresspersons have endorsed the bill as of April 28, making it the most widely-supported bill pursued by the Lesbian and Gay civil rights movement.

Radevic attributed the large co-sponsor list to the efforts of individual constituent lobbyists, local Gay and Lesbian groups, and the work of a 60-member Hate Crimes Coalition which NGLTF launched in 1987 in order to generate broader support for the Act. "The large number of co-sponsors shows that our lobbying efforts work. Today, a significant percentage of all Members of Congress recognize violence against Lesbians and Gay men as a serious problem deserving

federal attention," said NGLTF's Radevic.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act mandates collection by the federal government of data on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. The bill's chief sponsors are Senators Paul Simon (D - IL) and Senator Orrin Hatch (R - UT) and Congressman John Conyers (D - MI).

NGLTF secured introduction of the Hate Crimes Bill in 1987. In 1988, NGLTF lobbying led to the overwhelming passage of the bill by the House of Representatives, marking the first time a federal bill containing a reference to sexual orientation had passed either body of Congress. In 1988, the Act also passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by an overwhelming margin but stalled in the Senate after Jesse Helms threatened to attach a four-part anti-Gay amendment, whose provisions included statements that

homosexuality was a threat to the American family and that sodomy laws should be enforced.

Senator Helms plans to introduce a similar amendment when the Hate Crimes bill comes to the Senate floor late this Spring. "We cannot be complacent about the support we have won for this bill," said NGLTF lobbyist Peri Radevic. "Co-sponsors must be lobbied to stand up to Helms' anti-Gay rhetoric. We cannot afford passage of anti-Gay amendments which could wipeout the gains we are making on a number of civil rights fronts."

Constituent lobbying is urgently needed to add co-sponsors and to defeat attempts by Helms to enact anti-Gay provisions. A legislative packet on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act may be obtained from NGLTF, Count Hate Crimes, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.



## G&L Bodybuilders to Meet

San Francisco — The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society has announced that Physique '89, the National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships, will be held at the Palace of Fine Arts on June 24, the day before San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade. By making the change from Mission High School to the luxurious Palace of Fine Arts, the ABS organizers promise a bigger and better show. An extra added attraction will be the party after the show where the audience can mingle with the competitors.

The competition categories include men and women, bantamweight through heavyweight, master and elite classes for bodybuilders 40-50, 50-60, and up. There will also be an encore of the most popular event of last year — same sex pairs.

Bodybuilders may receive entry blanks for Physique '89 by writing to ABS at 1455A Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415-431-6254.

# Complaints Seek Health Insurance for Lesbian Library Employees

New York, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a potentially precedent-setting challenge to the refusal by the Minneapolis Library Board to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of three Lesbian employees. The complaints were filed with the Minneapolis Dept of Civil Rights after extensive negotiations with the Library Board failed.


Lambda represents three Lesbian librarians who claim that the denial of health insurance to their domestic partners violates the city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status. Like most employment policies, the Minneapolis Library Board extends health care coverage to the spouses of its heterosexual employees, but not to unmarried partners.

One of the complainants, Jane Anglin, has also filed a union grievance that will go to arbitration within the next few months. Her partner, Amy Goetz, is a law student who was required by her law school to have a health insurance policy as a precondition for admission. Jane and Amy, who have been together for eight years, were forced to buy the policy outright since the Library refused to add Amy to Jane's policy.

Of the other two complainants, Marie Hanson's partner is a part-time City employee who has no health insurance coverage. They have been together for nearly 11 years. Judith Bagan's partner, though currently employed full-time, would like to leave her job for

personal reasons, but is afraid to lose her health insurance benefits.

Their relationship has existed for eight years.



### BWMT *memphis*

## BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER

An Interracial Gay Organization for All People

### 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.

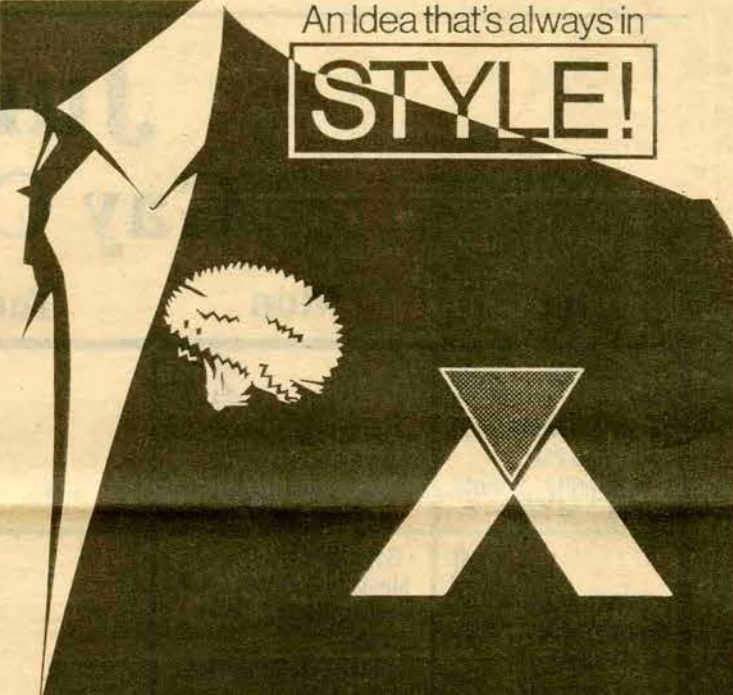
#### BWMT JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

June 4	Board Meeting, 1 PM, Jeff's, Chez Raleigh
June 5	CR Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
June 17	BYOM (Bring Your Own Meat), Overton Park, Picnic Area, East Parkway Entrance, 11 AM
June 18	GayFest Picnic, Mud Island, 1 - 6 PM
June 19	CR Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
June 24	Gay Pride River Ride, 8:30 PM
June 30	National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy
July 2 - 8	National NABWMT Convention, Tallahassee
July 10	CR Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Irwin's
July 16	Board Meeting, 1 PM, Chez Chuck
July 23	Brunch, Public Eye, Overton Square, Noon
July 24	CR Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Main Library
July 29	Mid-Summer Nights Kream, 8 PM, Ed & Mike's

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

An Idea that's always in

STYLE!



Join The Memphis Gay Coalition

Help us bring you services and events throughout the year

Gaze, Gay Switchboard, GayRap  
GayFest Picnic, Gay Pride River Ride  
Christmas Dinner Party

We'd like to do more, but we need you to make it possible. Join us in person at the Memphis Public Library on the First Monday of every month in Meeting Room A. Help us financially by becoming a member now.

Clip and mail to: MGC, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038

**I'd Like to Join the Coalition as:**

A Contributing Member (\$5.00)

A subscribing Member (8.00, Includes a Subscription to Gaze)

A Sustaining Member (\$20.00, Includes a Subscription to Gaze)

A Household (2 People) (\$35.00, Includes a Subscription to Gaze)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Classifieds

**RATES FOR CLASSIFIEDS:** Personal, non-commercial ads FREE. Limit of 30 words (including address or phone number) and a \$2.00 charge for the use of our P.O. Box. Please specify if you want to use our P.O. Box. Commercial ads are charged at the rate of 20¢ per word, \$3.00 minimum. Phone numbers and zip codes are free. \$2.00 additional charge for the use of our P.O. Box. Deadline for ads is the 15th of each month. Send to Gaze, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

**Beware of Inmate Scams** - It is unfortunate, but some prisoners will take advantage of Gay pen pals. Gaze does not make a judgement regarding inmate ads, but feels compelled to warn its readers of potential problems. Proceed with caution.

GBM, 37 (look younger), 5'7", 138 #, with trim beard and moustache. Would like to meet GWM's for friendship/companionship and possible lover. I am honest, sincere, private, fun-loving, and

trustworthy. My interests include movies, music, theater, travel, nature, and spending time with a special someone. I am sexually versatile and into safe sex. Free to travel. Will exchange photos. Only serious replies please. Write in detail to: Jesse Pippins, Box 1388, Tupelo, MS 38802.

**Looking For a Better Life?** GWM needs honest, sincere, loving protege who likes travel, fits into a straight crowd, and wants a secure and prosperous future. I am early 50's, but look younger; have a masculine, muscular, healthy body; am clean cut, slim, and handsome. If you're over 21, clean cut, masculine, muscular, healthy, and have the personality, intelligence, and ambition to be a success if given proper support and guidance, send photo and brief resume (please don't waste your time if it won't check

out). Your phone number with address will be discreetly called immediately. I need a partner, friend, and lover, not a possession, and have a lot to offer - if you do too, let's explore the possibilities. Travel expenses on me. Reply to: Minton, Apt 150, 10710 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

**HAIRY MEN/ADMIRERS.** Bears/Trappers! Nationwide uncensored ad listings. Infopixpak \$3.00: MAN-HAIR, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

**GAY WRESTLING CONTACTS.** Fun/hot action! Nationwide ad listings. Infopixpak \$3.00: NYWC, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

GWM, 32, 5'10", 155#, br/bl, attractive, friendly, professional seeking similar type for fun and possible relationship. Write P.O. Box 241951, Memphis, TN 38124-1951.

GWM, 22, 5'9", 155#, bl/bl, seeking someone 18-25, honest, straight-acting for a possible monogamous relationship. No bar flies. Only serious need reply. Write to Dept. M6, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 19 yrs, brn/hazel, looking for friends in Memphis area. I'm good-looking and would like someone to come visit me. Alan Ross, 1253 Dublin St, Greenville, MS 38703, (601) 335-0418 after 5 PM.

Handsome, young male body-builder seeks same. Send photo. Write to Dave, P.O. Box 121914, Nashville, TN 37212.

GWM, 23, 6'3", 185#, br/bl. Looking for same, age 21-26. No fats or fems. Prefer masculine type guy for special relationship. Photo gets

## June - July 1989 Gay Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candlelight Memorial for AIDS, Overton Park Shell, 7:30 PM</li> <li>• Aphrodite Benefit, WKRB, 7:30 PM</li> </ul> <p>28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEMORIAL DAY Holiday</li> </ul> <p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mallory Bishop, Numbers</li> </ul> <p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Best 5K Run for NOW, Overton Park, 7:30 AM</li> <li>• Mallory Bishop, Numbers</li> </ul> <p>3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BWMT Board Meeting (see ad on p. 17 for details)</li> </ul> <p>4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Coalition Meeting, 7:30 pm Meeting Room A, Main Library</li> <li>• BWMT C/R Group (see ad p. 17))</li> </ul> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Comm. Center Meeting, Agape Church, 11 AM- 12:30</li> <li>• Colors, Agape Church, 3 PM</li> </ul> <p>10</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladies of the 80's, WKRB</li> <li>• Gay Ho, Numbers, 9PM</li> </ul> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daddy's Day at The Pipeline</li> <li>• BWMT Picnic, Overton Park, 11 AM</li> <li>• Gay Women's Social Group, (see ad p. 5)</li> </ul> <p>17</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GayFest Picnic - FREE Mud Island Picnic Tent. Call or write for free tickets! (see ad p.20)</li> <li>• Gay Ho, WKRB, 9PM</li> </ul> <p>18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note that there is NO Gayrap this month because of Gay Pride Activities.</li> <li>• BWMT C/R Group (see ad p. 17))</li> </ul> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billie Jo Casino Awards, Numbers, 11PM</li> </ul> <p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Pride River Ride Memphis Showboat - Boards at 8:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Exposed to Love, WKRB, 2 shows</li> </ul> <p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATEAC Board Meeting, 689 Melrose, 7:00 PM (open to all interested)</li> </ul> <p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for July/August Issue of Gaze</li> </ul> <p>29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half-Ass New Year's Party, WKRB</li> <li>• Nat'l Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy</li> </ul> <p>30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conductor's Club Night, The Pipeline</li> </ul> <p>1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pipette 4th of July Benefit Show, The Pipeline, 9 PM</li> <li>• Ladies' Choice, WKRB</li> </ul> <p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Coalition Meeting, 7:30 pm Meeting Room A, Main Library</li> <li>• Dennis Massey &amp; Friends, WKRB</li> </ul> <p>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence Day Cookout, The Pipeline, 2-6 PM</li> </ul> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BWMT C/R Group (see ad p. 17))</li> </ul> <p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July/August Gaze Due Out</li> </ul> <p>14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Women's Social Group, Cookout and Chicks ballgame, see ad p. 5)</li> </ul> <p>15</p>

mine. Love hairy chest. Reply to: Mike, Rt 1, Box 176, Booneville, MS 38829.

GWM, mid-40's, 5'11", 210#, brown hair, blue eyes, professional, seeks younger GWM, slender to moderate build, attractive with like interests for dating/occasional weekends, cuddling, affection, safe sex. Interests: the arts, travel, cats, books, movies, sports. Write SP, 1130 River Road NE #4-B, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. North Alabama/ Mississippi preferred. Photo necessary.

GWM, 33, 145#, brown hair, green eyes. Seeks to meet 30-plus man, no queens, for possible relationship. Photo please. Write Ron Dyer, 308 S Broad # 27, Lexington, TN 38351.

Attractive GWM, 18, 140#, brownish-blond hair, blue eyes looking for a GWM, 18-25, for a

serious, life-long relationship. If you fit this criteria, ask for Michael at (901) 853-8539.

GWM, 5'9", 175#, bl/bl, early 40's, sincere, caring, personable. Seeks GWM, 21-37, for dinners, movies, travel, conversation, friendship/relationship. Reply to: Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.

Cute, shy, submissive GWM, 22, 5'6", 135#, br/bl needs lasting relationship with caring, yet dominant GWM. You don't know what you're missing! Dept J6, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 33, 5'8", 155#, br/br, moustache, straight-acting, musician. Seeks GWM, 22-35, with same basic qualities. Being a musician is a plus. No drugs. Ken, 617 Hatchie St., Booneville, MS 38829.

GWM, 39, 5'11", 158#, br/br, slim, sincere, caring, reasonable. Seeks

GWM, 36-42, slim for movies, dinner, friendship, possible relationship. No AIDS. Write Dept. H6, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

WM, mature, masculine, healthy, caring and discreet, seeks same type WM, 21-40, for daytime fun. Please respond to Bob, c/o Box 752301, Memphis, TN 38175-2301.

Small Duplex Apartment for Rent. No Drugs. Ask for Steven 358-2866.

Blk male, 38, masculine, 5' 10 1/2", 155# wants to hear from younger BM. Masculine student or military a plus. Write Dave Graham, Box 4038, Hollywood, CA 90078-4038.

Michael, I do love you. John

*An Important Reminder!*  
**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 10th**  
**11 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**405 South Cleveland**  
**Suite # 3**

# Information & Services

The Information and Services directory is printed as a public service and its listings are free. Agencies and businesses listed herein have requested to be listed but have not been charged.

- RESTAURANTS & BARS**  
**Apartment:** 343 Madison - 525-9491.  
**Barbara's:** 1474 Madison - 278-4313.  
**GDI on the River:** 287 S. Front Street - 526-1038.  
**Hours:** 92 N. Avalon (upstairs) - 725-9400.  
**J-Wags:** 1268 Madison - 725-1909.  
**Last Stop:** 616 Marshall - 525-4556.  
**Lorretta's:** 1351 Autumn - 278-5348  
**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. AIDS Ministry - Joy Booker - 948-2345.  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA):** Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis, 38174-1371.  
**Black & White Men Together (BWMT):** Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 327-3753, 452-5894, or 726-1461.

- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105.  
**Colors:** Box 1921, Memphis 38101.  
**Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition, Inc. of Memphis:** P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982.  
**Gay Women's Social Group:** 324-6949.  
**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 (MGC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 324-GAYS.  
**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038.  
**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 Krewé of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.  
**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38104 - 452-6983.  
**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 Gay Alliance (T-GALA):** Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202 -

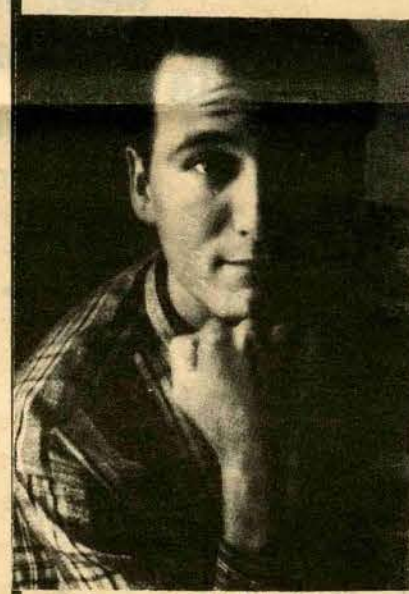
- (615) 831-2941.  
**Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF):** P.O. Box 24446, Nashville, TN 37202-4446. Memphis contact: Rick Bray - 274-0454.  
**Transexuals in Prison (TIP):** For information: John Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis 38127.  
**Tsarus:** (Leather-Levi club) Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.  
**Wings:** (Leather-Levi club) Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.  
**Women of Leather:** 181 N. Willett, Memphis 38104 - 278-9321

- HELPLINES**  
**AIDS Switchboard:** 458-AIDS. 3:30-11pm  
**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.  
**Beth Causey, M.Div.:** Pastoral Counseling - 454-0108.  
**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law:** 100 n. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 - (901) 525-0417.  
**Carole Taylor, MS:** Counseling - 458-7098.  
**Northeast Mental Health Center:** 382-3880.

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

Talk About AIDS  
**Do You Talk About AIDS On The First Date?**



*Phillip: I sure do.*  
 That surprises me. A lot of people don't like to talk about AIDS.  
*Phillip: Nobody talks about it. But everybody's afraid of getting it.*  
 Are you afraid?  
*Phillip: Of AIDS—yes. Of talking about it—no.*  
 What sort of reaction do you get when you mention AIDS?  
*Phillip: It certainly gets their attention.*

**Aid to End AIDS Committee Memphis**

- The Book Mart:** 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546.  
**Cherokee Adult Book Store:** 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.  
**Fantasy World:** 1814 Winchester - 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.  
**The Personals:** Gay Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.

*IT'S GOING TO BE  
GREAT!*

## GayFest Picnic

Sunday, June 18th 1 - 6 PM

**Mud Island**

(North End - Under the Tent)

**FREE Food, Games & Fun**

**Picnic Buffet Includes:**

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cole Slaw,  
Brownies & Beverages**

**Cash Bar Available**

Tickets For Free Picnic & Free Admission to Mud Island Available From Memphis Gay Coalition Board Members, By Mail, or at the June 5th Business Meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition at the Public Library at Peabody & McLean Meeting Room A

(MGC will be charged for each ticket distributed.  
We request that you get a ticket only if you plan to attend.)

Please Send Me \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for the GayFest Picnic  
Mail Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope to  
MGC Picnic, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

