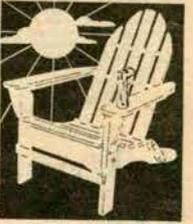




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The Quilt Comes to Tennessee

T-GALA, the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance in Nashville, sponsored the exhibition of a portion of The Names Project Quilt.

The exhibit began June 26 and ran through July 9. It was on display at Benton Chapel, at Vanderbilt University.

Get Info on AIDS Studies

The Food and Drug Administration is joining other federal agencies in making the latest information on clinical studies of experimental AIDS treatments public.

In late July or August, the FDA will offer a toll-free telephone service and a computer data bank that will provide information on privately funded studies including the names and effectiveness of new drugs and the purpose of the studies testing them, the eligibility criteria for study participants, and where studies are located.

The names of contacts and phone numbers of companies or groups conducting the trials will also be available.

Before Congress passed the Omnibus Health Extensions Act at the end of 1988, such information was considered secret by drug companies.

According to FDA spokesperson Dr. Paul Parkman, the FDA wants to make it possible to have all people with HIV infection participating in a trial.

A National Institution of Allergy and Infectious Diseases hot line — (800) Trials-A — currently offers the latest information on federal AIDS studies.



New York Court Considers Lover as "Family" in

Albany, NY — The supreme court of the State of New York has ruled that the lover of a Gay man who died can be considered "family" in taking over that couple's rent-controlled apartment.

In a 4-2 ruling, the Court of Appeals ordered reconsideration of a lower court decision that evicted a New York City man from a rent-controlled apartment he had occupied with his lover for over ten years.

The decision expanded the definition of "family" as it pertains to rent-control laws. Current state law says that only "family members" may continue to live in rent-controlled apartments when the tenant who signed the lease dies.

Rent-controlled apartment

G&L Scholarship Established

Alumni and students of the University of Chicago Law School have begun a scholarship fund dedicated to advancing Gay and Lesbian rights.

The fund, which is expected to exceed \$25,000 this year, will create the Stonewall Scholarship, named to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the "Stonewall Riots."

The scholarship is the brainchild of Stephen C. Phillips, a 1981 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School who practices in Los Angeles. The fund will be dedicated to removing all remaining legal and

are those dating from World War II when housing was in short supply. The laws limit the amount of rent increase landlords can charge. Rent-controlled apartments are in high demand because tenants can save hundreds of dollars a month.

The New York decision marks the first time a supreme court of any state has recognized a Gay couple to be the legal equivalent of a family.

According to an Associated Press article, the court said the definition of "family members" should include adults who show long term financial and emotional commitment to each other, even if they don't fit the traditional meaning of a family.

social barriers discriminating against men and women on the basis of their sexual orientation. Phillips worked with current Law School students and the school's dean, Geoffrey Stone, to begin the fund-raising drive.

"I believe the Stonewall Scholarship is an important step in the furtherance of Lesbian and Gay rights," said Stone.

Those interested in contributing to the scholarship may do so by sending a check payable to the University of Chicago Law School—Stonewall Scholarship, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

HRCF Announces Lesbian Issues & Outreach Project

Washington, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has announced the creation of a new Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project to advance the Lesbian political agenda within the U.S. Congress and the Gay and Lesbian community.

The project — one of the first of its kind in the nation's capital — will address the political and policy issues of the Lesbian community and develop strategies to advance those issues through federal legislation, education, and advocacy.

The project will be extensively involved in political strategizing, issues development, Lesbian outreach, fundraising, coalition building, and other activities.

"The Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project will enable HRCF to expand and communicate — to Capital Hill and our community — our feminist agenda for civil rights," said newly appointed HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley. "This includes equal social and economic opportunities and a broad range of other issues, such as reproductive rights, guardianship, and domestic partnership concerns."

HRCF is now accepting applications for director of the project. Responsibilities of the director will include:

- Develop policy positions and legislative proposals and integrate them into HRCF's

political, lobbying, media, and constituent mobilization operations.

• Design and implement an extensive outreach program using the press, speaking engagements, and other methods to inform the Lesbian and women's community of political developments and to provide feedback to HRCF on women's issues.

• Build coalitions within the Lesbian community and with progressive women's groups.

• Create a fundraising campaign focused on the Lesbian and women's community.

"Lesbian political power continues to grow," said Hilary Rosen, HRCF board of directors co-chair. "The National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta in 1991 will affirm a Lesbian political agenda. HRCF looks forward to participating in its development and implementing it in the U.S. Congress."

Individuals interested in the position should send resumes to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C. 20005, Attention: Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Deadline for applications is July 30.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the nation's largest political organization fighting for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and responsible federal AIDS policy.

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YOU Made Gay Pride Week Successful. Thanks!

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A Love Letter to the Movement

by Robin Tyler

The 20th Anniversary of Stonewall was celebrated this year.

I would like to congratulate you for being so dedicated and for working so hard to keep our movement active, alive, and growing.

Although we have gone through devastating times, especially since the AIDS crisis, the past 20 years have also been an era of great achievements. We have formed organizations, alliances, and our own institu-

tions, ranging from the Lesbian/Gay centers to the Harvey Milk School... to scores of other institutions... and major organiza-

tions. We began to discuss classicism, racism, anti-semitism, ageism, discrimination against the differently-abled, and fat oppression. We no longer thought the "12-Step Program" was a dance lesson. We were no longer dancing our way to isolation through a disco beat.

Religion called us sick, so we formed our own places of worship. Gay and Lesbian Christians and Jews could finally return openly to their beliefs minus the shame and the guilt. Many women started embracing Matriarchal Religions. Many of us even considered ourselves our own higher power.

We have been the first generation in which millions of us have come out of the closet. From dykes on bikes to Lesbians in limos, from the Radical Fairies to Act Up in the streets, and in the suites, we emerged. We refused to be invisible. We began to be concerned about our youth, knowing that when a

community starts to take care of its young, it takes care of its future. 10-12% of the children today will grow up to be Lesbian or Gay, and we finally took the steps and the responsibility to help "save our children" so they wouldn't have to be called faggot, or dyke, or sissy, or queer.

We contributed on every level; and finally, we, who were the backbone of theatre and the arts, had the courage to come out of the closet and pro-

used our compassion and our caring to help fight a devastating and deadly illness. With the creating of the "AIDS Quilt," a monumental achievement in our history, we brought ourselves together, through our fears and through our tears, to support each other in mourning and memories.

Oh yes, we have come a long way... from high camp to high an-



duce major works such as "Torch Song Trilogy." The Lesbian movement culturally grew through its singers, and musicians, and comics, and poets, and writers, and record companies, and festivals. We achieved... and we started to communicate with each other. Our newspapers and literary works grew. We participated in the largest demonstration in the history of the United States, the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights. We were a community who knew how to live, and in the 80's,

ger and civil rights demonstrations. We wore the triangle "lest we forget" the Holocaust and then, to remind us of the Holocaust perpetuated by our government's refusing to deal with AIDS. We were no longer talking about our "lifestyles," we were talking about our lives!

We are part of a civil rights movement based on fighting for the right to love... and in the past 20 years, we began to love ourselves.

Let us now look forward to the vision of the next decade... "The Gay 90's." (We are the

only civil rights movement to have an entire decade named after it!)

I would like to propose that we embrace the symbol of the Phoenix as the National Symbol of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Movement and then approach our sisters and brothers in other countries to take it under consideration as a possible International Symbol. It does not have to replace the Lambda or the Labrys... and can even be superimposed over the Rainbow or the Triangle. But the time has come to look ahead to positive images. Our courage, our will to live, and our strength through the struggles, while still maintaining our humor and our ability to love, has made us extraordinary... not just as a movement, but as individuals. Like the Phoenix, against all odds, we have risen again and again. I would like Lesbian and Gay Pride Or-

ganizers to consider using the Phoenix as the 1990 Gay Pride Symbol. Here is the Random House Dictionary of English language definition. (The Phoenix's colors were scarlet, blue, purple, and gold.)

Phoenix (1.) A mythical bird of great beauty fabled to live 500-600 years in the Arabian wilderness; To burn itself on a funeral pyre and to rise from its ashes in the freshness of youth and live through another cycle of years. Often an emblem of immortality or of reborn idealism or hope. (2.) A person or continued on page 20

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Commentary

Vic Basile's Farewell to HRCF

by Vic Basile, Executive Director, Human Rights Campaign Fund

As many of you may have heard by now, I am leaving the Campaign Fund after six years of service. The HRCF executive search team is interviewing extremely qualified applicants from around the country, and I expect a new executive director to be named in the upcoming month or two.

Before I leave, I wanted to share with others my most important memories — moments and events that, for me, capture the meaning of all we do here at the Campaign Fund. I will never forget my first day on

the job, when I found out we had \$5,000 in the bank, and about \$5,001 in bills on my desk. I knew then we had our work cut out for us.

Probably the most exhilarating day I can remember was September 25, 1986, when we met with then-Senator Lowell Weicker in his office late at night to plead for emergency AZT funding.

AZT had just hit the news, and we desperately needed to get the drug to people who couldn't afford it. The next day, Weicker wrote out an eleven-hour amendment to the Labor/Health and Human Serv-

Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations bill on the Senate floor, to provide \$47 million for AZT. It passed. It was that day I realized how necessary it was for the Campaign Fund to be a force in the Capital.

Ironically, the saddest day made the most satisfying day possible. On October 15, 1987, days after the March on Washington, Jesse Helms persuaded the Senate to vote 94-2 to prohibit federally-funded AIDS education materials from teaching Gay men about safe sex. The vote came from nowhere, and we were all demoralized and angry. But a few months later, in July 1988, we beat Helms on the same vote, 47-46. Months of hard work by the Campaign Fund staff, and thousands of mailgrams from Lesbians and Gays around the country, turned the tide. It proved what we could do when

we fought. I'm sure that's a day Jesse Helms will never forget, either!

One day stands out because it brought donations from two of our most ardent supporters — "Brother Gus," a monk who used to send us postage stamps, and who now sends us \$5 a month; and an 81-year-old blind straight woman who sent us her first \$25 gift. "I have a friend who's gay," she wrote. "Keep up your good work."

June 6, 1987 is an unforgettable day for a lot of people. Sixty-four of us were arrested that afternoon in front of the White House, where we were protesting President Reagan's non-policy on AIDS. The protest was inspired by Dan Bradley, one of our board members and a founder of the Campaign Fund. He led thousands of protesters that day, just seven months before his death from continued on page 20

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Over the next few months, you will notice some remodeling and renovations to George's (including a private, "members-only" club). We hope to constantly improve on the service and atmosphere, and always welcome your comments and/or criticisms.

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House Passes Hate Crimes Act; Battle Moves to Senate

Washington, D.C. — On the very day of the 20th Anniversary of Stonewall, the House of Representatives passed HR 1048, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, marking another milestone in a seven-year fight by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to obtain federal response to anti-Gay/Lesbian violence. The bill's passage marks only the second time in history that the House has overwhelmingly approved legislation which favorably addresses a Gay issue.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which passed 368-47 on a suspension of the rules, requires the federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on "race, religion, homosexuality, heterosexuality, or ethnicity." A companion bill, S 419, is pending floor action in the Senate. As usual, Sen Jesse Helms plans to attach an anti-Gay amendment to the bill during the debate.

"Having this bill pass the House of Representatives on a

suspension of normal House rules signals how far NGLTF has brought the issue of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence. Rules are normally suspended for only the most noncontroversial issues," said NGLTF Legislative Director Peri Jude Radecic. "During the 100th Congress, the legislation went through normal House procedures and we won 383-29. The vote last year and the clear bipartisan vote in the Judiciary Committee (33-1) on June 20 enabled the House to suspend the rules of the House and pass this bill less than one week after Committee action."

The Senate version of the legislation carries 47 cosponsors committed to voting for the bill. A simple majority is required for passage.

Those desiring a Hate Crime Statistics Act lobbying packet can contact NGLTF. The packet contains voting and cosponsor information, a copy of the Helms amendment, and a sample letter to send to Senators.

TWA Sued for Gay/Lesbian Couple Discrimination

New York — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced that it filed a major federal court lawsuit against Trans World Airlines for discriminating against Gay and Lesbian couples in its Frequent Flyer Bonus Program. The case was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Lambda represents William Johnson, who is a member of TWA's frequent Flyer Bonus Program. According to program rules, Johnson is entitled to free travel benefits for himself, and in some instances a companion, once he has travelled a certain number of miles on the airline. The more miles travelled, the greater the benefits awarded.

By July, 1988, Johnson had accumulated over 100,000 mileage credits with TWA entitling him to two free tickets to any TWA destination world-wide. Johnson requested that TWA issue two round-trip tickets for himself and his domestic partner of seven years, William Hibsher, to travel to Istanbul, Turkey where Hibsher had served in the Peace Corps in the 1960's.

TWA issued one ticket to Johnson, but denied the companion ticket for Hibsher claiming that Johnson's relationship

with his domestic partner did not qualify for an award under TWA's rules. TWA provides companion tickets to "relatives," which it defines as "spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, first cousins, and their spouses, or in-laws." Though TWA's agent advised Johnson to claim that Hibsher was his cousin, Johnson refused to lie about his relationship to Hibsher.

Johnson, an attorney in New York, states, "There is no rational reason for TWA to allow me to travel with my grandmother or cousin, but not with Bill, who has been my closest family member now for seven years. As consumers, I believe we must show TWA the strength of the Lesbian and Gay community's purchasing power by refusing to travel on that airline until it changes its discriminatory policy."

Federal aviation law makes it illegal to unjustly or unduly discriminate against any person in air transportation, according to Barry Skovgaard, the Lambda cooperating attorney who is handling the case. The complaint also alleges that TWA has breached its contract with Johnson and discriminated against him on the basis of marital status. Lambda seeks a reimbursement of the purchase

price of the ticket, \$100,000 in punitive damages, and a declaration that TWA's policy discriminates against Lesbian, Gay and unmarried couples.

"This case has the enormous potential of changing the policies of all businesses which give discounts to married couples but not to others," states Paula Ettlbrick, Lambda's Legal Director. "Just as do married couples, Lesbian and Gay people most often share vacations, car insurance expenses, and recreational memberships with their domestic partners, not with their mothers or brothers-in-law. A recent decision by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to outlaw discrimination against domestic partners illustrates the growing recognition that domestic partners, whether Gay or not, are not given the same economic benefits as those related by blood or marriage." A New York supreme court ruling allowing a Gay man to "inherit" the rights to their rent-controlled apartment further illustrates a loosening of policies regarding Gay and Lesbian Couples.

This case is part of a major initiative by Lambda Legal Defense, a national Lesbian and Gay legal organization, to gain greater recognition for Lesbian and Gay couples and their families.

Those who have also been discriminated against in this way are encouraged to call Lambda Legal Defense between 9:30-5:30 EST at 212 995-8585.

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Supreme Court Rules on Dial-A-Porn

San Francisco — The unanimous Supreme Court decision striking down a federal ban on "indecent" commercial telephone message services was greeted with approval by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm. NGRA expressed disappointment, however, at the court's 6-3 decision to allow an absolute ban on "obscene" commercial communications to consenting adults. The court declined to decide what would be considered obscene. NGRA had submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in the case arguing that, in the age of AIDS, sexually explicit materials deserve constitutional protection because they provide an alternative to unsafe sex.

Attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, expressed guarded optimism that the Supreme Court decision will permit most Dial-A-Porn services to continue. "Under current Supreme Court doctrine, information is 'obscene,' and thus subject to governmental prohibition, if it appeals to a sexual interest, is 'patently offensive,' and is 'lacking in serious value.' Since Dial-A-Porn may save lives by providing a safe sexual outlet, it has clear social value, and should therefore be constitutionally protected," Schatz explained. "It is more important to protect people's lives than to protect their sensibilities," he added.

NGRA's brief was filed on behalf of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The case was argued before the Supreme Court by renowned constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe.

Gay and Lesbian Group Responds to "Homosexual Prostitution Inquiry" Story

[The following statement is by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national political advocacy organization and PAC representing Gays and Lesbians.]

Washington, D.C. — Today's (June 26) article in the *Washington Times* points out the fear and repression many Gays and Lesbians must live under because of their sexual orientation. Public disclosure and the ruin of personal lives is an example of the cost of anti-Gay prejudice in the United States.

Gays and Lesbians are everywhere, including in the White House. Being Gay in the U.S. Government or anywhere else is not a crime. However, the fear of exposure and subsequent anti-Gay reactions cause people to act in a clandestine, unhealthy, and perhaps illegal manner.

The argument that open Gays in the government and U.S. military are targets of potential "blackmail" is without merit. The U.S. government, since World War II, has never had a case where open Gays and Lesbians breached national security. In fact, just the opposite is true. If a person is "out of the

closet," he or she cannot be blackmailed. To report that "known homosexuals" are not worthy of receiving classified information — as the *Times* did in quoting Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency — is to propagate homophobia and anti-Gay prejudice.

We believe Gays and Lesbians should live in a society and work in a government that condones tolerance and openness, not bigotry and discrimination.

Lobbying Campaign Critical Against Helms

In response to strong interest from constituents supporting Gay and Lesbian civil rights and in anticipation of Jesse Helms' anti-Gay efforts against the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is extending its National Lobby Campaign through the month of July 1989.

"Hundreds of constituents have participated in the NGLTF Lobby Day campaign already," said NGLTF Legislative Director Peri Jude Radecic. "This constituent pressure is even more

important in July when the Hate Crime Statistics Act will be debated on the Senate floor. Sen. Helms' plans to attach a virulently anti-Gay amendment to the bill can and must be defeated. But everyone must get involved by writing, calling, or meeting their Senators."

In the lobby day campaign, visits are scheduled by interested individuals or groups at the home district office of members of Congress. NGLTF provides constituents with detailed lobbying materials on all Lesbian and Gay rights legislation as well as briefing papers on issues on our national

agenda. NGLTF also provides voting and cosponsor records for each representative being lobbied, and offers information and advice on how to arrange visits, write letters, and conduct appointments.

To receive materials on lobbying your representative, please call NGLTF at (202) 332-6483 or write: Lobby Days, NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

AIDS Immigration Policy Changed

The Bush Administration has changed its immigration policy to allow some foreign visitors who have AIDS or HIV into the U.S. for a limited amount of time.

Under the policy change, announced in May by the Justice Dept., HIV-positive persons will be admitted into the country for up to 30 days to attend scientific conferences, obtain medical treatment, conduct business, or visit family.

The policy change comes in response to an international uproar caused by the detention of a Dutch city official for five days last April by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), an agency of the Justice Dept.

The official, Hans Paul Verhoef, came to the U.S. to attend the Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation Conference/National AIDS Forum in San Francisco. Verhoef was detained by Customs officials because he is

a person with AIDS.

Following a hearing, local immigration officials ruled that Verhoef could enter the country and attend the conference, but INS headquarters in Washington, D.C., blocked that decision. Finally, an immigration judge ordered Verhoef admitted on bond.

The incident sparked widespread criticism of U.S. policy, which

violates international standards formulated by the World Health Organization with U.S. participation. It also raised concerns about plans to hold the Sixth Annual International AIDS Conference next year in San Francisco, as well as other scheduled meetings in the U.S.

On the Other Hand...

Despite the "official" change in policy, *The Weekly News* (Miami) reports that a Danish person with AIDS en route to the Montreal AIDS Conference was detained and a British AIDS activist travelling to San Francisco for treatment was sent home.

Knud Josephson said he was sent to North America for seven weeks by the Danish Ministry of Health to "look for experimental approaches to AIDS." He acknowledged his HIV status to immigration officials. After several hours of detention, he was granted a waiver for 30 days — three weeks less than requested by the Danish government.

British Activist Henry Wilson, arrested in Minneapolis, was travelling to San Francisco to participate in a drug trial. He said INS officers verbally abused, strip-searched, and handcuffed him. He was given the option of spending six weeks in jail pending the decision on granting a waiver or returning to England. There was no explanation why he could not be granted an immediate waiver.

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Conservative Attitudes About Sex Persist

A study by the Kinsey Institute of Bloomington, Indiana done in 1970, but held up by internal disputes among the authors, shows that things haven't changed that much since the original reports was released in 1948.

Colin Williams, author of *Sex and Morality in the U.S.* (Wesleyan University Press, \$35), believes that there is a persistent strain of sexual conservatism in America.

Williams contends that while there are fewer virgins around today, "there isn't that much more indiscriminate sexual behavior."

Of significance to Gays, participants in the study in 1970 strongly disapproved of homosexuality, premarital sex, and prostitution. Studies through 1983 continued to show strong negative attitudes in these areas, seemingly disputing the prevalence of the sexual revolution of the 70s.

If it's any consolation, Charles Turner of the National Academy of Science says that recent teen surveys suggest

Bob Damron, Gay Guide Author, Dies

Bob Damron, creator of the original Gay travel guide bearing his name, passed away June 20. Although famous for the creation of *Bob Damron's Address Book*, his primary occupation was owning some of the most popular bars in the sixties and seventies. Bob Damron started with the Red Raven in the late fifties in Los Angeles before relocating to San Francisco where he opened The Hideaway. He went on to create The Rendezvous, Febe's Alley Cat, P.S., The Church Street Station, Casa de Cristal, Jackson's, and Alfies. The last bar that Damron opened was The San Francisco Eagle. After selling his Gay guide business in 1987, he retired to Los Angeles and settled back in the family home with his brother Norrie Damron, where he died of complications from AIDS.

Memphis

Second Gay Congregation Formed

(Reprinted from *The Agape Christian Herald*, Vol. 1 No. 1)

A new congregation has formed in Memphis with an outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community. The Agape Christian Church has received a charter from the state of Tennessee to begin operation as a non-profit corporation. The Church has structured itself as a denomination and has begun work to possibly include congregations in other cities.

The name, Agape Christian, reflects the fact that several of the members were formerly members of The Agape New Life Church and felt strongly about the meaning of that word, which is Greek for God-like or unconditional love. The new church group began under the

auspices of the Christian Church of God which provided help in setting up the constitution and by-laws of the new group as well as examining its candidates for the ministry. Reverend James Beatty, Head Pastor of the Agape Christian Church, holds credentials with the Christian Church of God and initially the other ministers of Agape Christian will be licensed and ordained through the Christian Church of God. Those being ordained as associate pastors are John Prowett and Hunter Johnston. Those being licensed as ministers are Joy Booker, Carl Collins, and Mark Spencer.

The morning worship service at Agape Christian will be Liturgical and somewhat like Catholic, Episcopal, or Lutheran

church services. Many Catholics and others in the Gay community who prefer a liturgical service, but want a congregation where they can feel at home and be themselves, will hopefully find what they are seeking in this service.

An informal service will be held Sunday evenings as soon

as the church locates in a building of its own. This informal evening service will more closely resemble those in the Baptist or Pentecostal Churches. At the present time the congregation is meeting in a private home in the Whitehaven area, and only the morning services are being held. The church is

actively seeking a location of its own, preferably in the mid-town, down town, or medical center area.

Bible study is held both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For information, call 346-1436 or 353-1092.

July and August Gay Raps to Feature Lesbian Issues

by Ken Horton

Two well-planned and greatly anticipated "Gay Raps" will take place in July and August on the specific subject of Lesbian issues. Susan Mackenzie, a community activist and leader, will lead both of these raps. They will be discussions of the type which are all too rare in our fast moving world. As a participant in every rap which we have had for the past two years, I can assure you that you will come away better informed, more proud of your unique Lesbian and Gay heritage, and will have a lot of fun meeting new people.

For those of you who do not know what "Gay Rap" is, it is a group of people who meet in meeting room A of the Memphis Public Library on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 to discuss specific topics of interest to our community. In the past we have had discussions on

such things as drug and alcohol abuse, religion, crossdressing, and pride. We sit in a big circle, make short announcements of what is taking place in the community, introduce ourselves, and then the rap begins. The topic leader will usually have everyone fired up to contribute his or her share within a few minutes after we start; and the ninety minutes fly by with everyone informed, enriched, and enthusiastic. It is a great way to meet new people and to get a little involved in your community. As of late we have had some newcomers at our raps who have found out about other activities in which they can get involved, and rumor has it that there have been a romance or two which have sprouted.

Dates of the next raps are July 17 and August 21. Refreshments will be served. Come on fellows, this one is for you too. See you there.

Gay Community Center Update

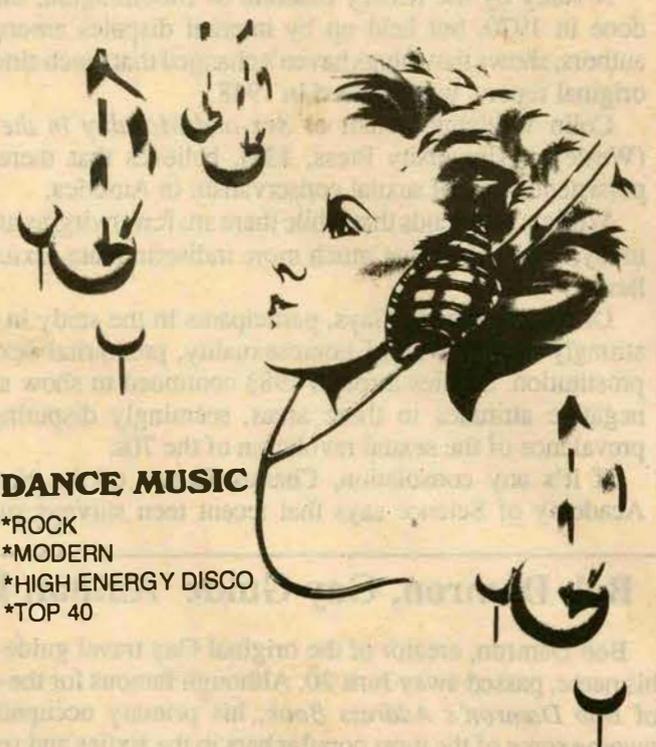
by Ken Horton, President

Hats off to all who participated in the June "Gay-Ho" shows. Gay-Ho was a western and country theme show produced by Matt Presley to raise money for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Eighteen people were involved in making props, writing scripts, and performing as well as organizing and planning. Through the gracious hosting of Numbers on Marshall Street on June 11 and WKRB on Madison Avenue on June 18, a total of \$1700 was raised for our cause. Thanks to the management staff of the above businesses, to all who worked so hard for the show, and to all the people who turned out and gave their overwhelming support.

Enthusiasm for the center is rising. There is still a lot of paperwork to get straightened out to get our center off the ground but it is all underway. As Dennis Massey, the M.C. of Gay-Ho said, "A lot of eyebrows are being raised in Nashville, and City Hall over this one."

At the June 10 meeting, the community center committee set as a matter of policy that the center should be drug and alcohol free, that it should be open to all Gay and Lesbian people as a non-partisan neutral setting, and that the center should especially be sensitive to serving the need of groups in our area such as Gay and Lesbian youth and older Gay and Lesbians. A search committee was also formed to start getting ideas of what kind of facilities are available for us to lease, and what kind of cost will be incurred. We are having monthly meetings and our next one will be at the Agape New Life Church on 405 North Cleveland, Suite #3, July 22 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The executive board will be there one hour early to set the agenda. These meetings are open to all people who would like to be part of this milestone undertaking.

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Deaths of Wiley, Padgett Mourned

The Memphis Gay Coalition marks the passing of longtime members, David Wiley and Jeff Padgett. This Gay couple has been involved with the Coalition since its formation in 1979. Both have appeared in fundraising benefit shows for the Memphis Gay Coalition, *Gaze*, the Gay Switchboard, Human Response Council, and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center Fund.

David, along with John Denney and Matt Presley, launched the original Gay-

Ho Benefit in the summer of 1981, and the second in 1986 which established the Gay and Lesbian Community



Center Building Fund. Affectionately known as Vera Louise, David was fond of performing to Barry Manilow numbers as well as drag numbers.

Although Jeff had been ill for some time, David's illness came on very

quickly. He died exactly two days after Jeff. A memorial service was held for David June 18th, Father's Day, at which his son spoke, one week after Jeff's service.

Pipettes Scored on July 4th Weekend

For the second year, a very different and unusual benefit encompassed the entire Independence Day weekend at the Pipeline. The combination show, pool party, and cookout netted an even \$2,000 to benefit PWA's.

Despite a downpour thirty minutes before showtime the Sunday variety show did take place. Unfortunately, the live

the three day benefit with the announcement of the winning bidders of a silent art auction. One number from the Sunday show was repeated by popular demand and many generous donations. Lady Astor hosted a festive pool soiree which followed at which several incriminating pictures were taken. The

Two Gay-Ho's Benefit Community Center Fund

The 1989 edition of the Gay-Ho country and western benefit show was an immense success. All songs and routines were country and western, both vintage and contemporary, and the major segments of the show consisted of cuts from numerous songs centering around a theme. The opening was "There's a Party Goin' On," the midpoint saluted the "Drinkin' and Cheatin'" songs which make up such an enormous percentage of the country repertoire, and the finale was "Salute to the States." The emphasis was on high camp comedy.

Director/producer Matt Presley stated that \$1,771 was raised to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Community Center Fund. A search committee is presently researching available spaces. It is estimated that the expenses of establishing a location during the first 12 months will require a total of \$10,000. The benefit brings the total fund to \$4,631.

The performances of the sizable and well-rehearsed cast were greatly appreciated by audiences at both locations. The first was held at Numbers on Sunday, June 11, and the second at WKRb the following Sunday. The first was dedi-

group is already planning more appearances and many future goals.

The company wishes to earnestly thank Stan and Dennis of the Pipeline for immense support, a great deal of hard work, and one or two miracles. Thanks also to Ed Hammett for work on a fine set and as stage manager. Thanks to the musicians who came but were unable to perform and to everyone involved.

cated to the memory of Jeff Padgett, and a scant week later the second was dedicated to him and lifemate David Wiley, both of whom had originally intended to perform before they became ill.

Dennis Massey was MC, and female roles were played by Simply Vonna, Misty McEntire, and Dee Dee Whitaker. Extraordinary female roles were camped by Gamblyn Casino and Lady Astor with Robert Brown crossing the gender line at least once. Leslie Sexton turned the tables with her well-known impressions of Hank Williams, Jr. and female singer Fane played herself, performing live to much applause. Kerrel Ard also performed live, and a guest performance by Billie Jo Casino rounded off the Numbers performance. Dennis Massey had the special guest spot at WKRb. Male roles were performed by Matthew Rieves, Bill Tracer, John Miles, Den-Eric Smith, and Mark Arnold, and backstage support came from Ron Shelton and Mark.

The company wishes to extend special thanks to Jackie and Lamar at Numbers (and the chair racers) and to Sharon, Charlie, Kelly, Dalton and Grace at WKRb.



1989 Pipettes—Phalissette, Perfecta, The Widow, Gladys Jean, Petit-Denis, Phlirtessa, and honorary Pipette Vanessa deVisqueen (avec foot).



July 3rd Pool Party at the Pipeline

accompaniment was rained out which caused the cancellation of two songs and the segment which was to have showcased singer Joyce Cobb. She arrived at the show and was disappointed at the circumstances but offered to perform at another function. Live singing did occur during several segments and was duly appreciated. Special guests were Lady Astor, Lady Vic, and Sofonda Peters; live patter was performed by Vanessa deVisqueen and MC duties were handled by Ms Montana. Local clubs Wings and Tsarus embellished the second half with group numbers and the Conductors, from Nashville, contributed a guest spot.

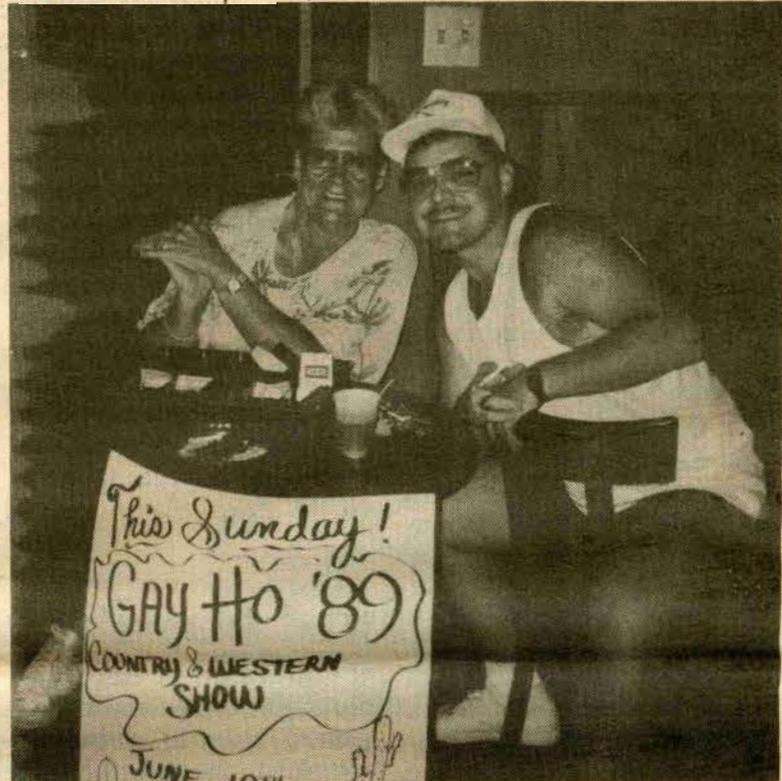
The show was dedicated to the memory of Sandy Hutchens, a member of the original Pipettes cheerleading squad.

Bar patrons arrived on Monday to find that the stage, with its twin Memphis Belles, had completely vanished and was replaced by a ready-and-waiting swimming pool. The party was quite relaxing and a large number attended.

Tuesday's cookout, hosted again by the Pipettes, wound up



Matt Presley (l.) and Miss Gamblyn Casino during a Gay Ho number at Numbers



Sharon Wray and Warren Kohl collecting the bucks at the Gay-Ho performance at WKRb

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Legal Briefs

“Homosexual Panic” Defense Discredited

San Francisco — National Gay Rights Advocates has filed an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief in the California Court of Appeals attacking the use of the “homosexual panic” defense. Frankie Huie was convicted of first degree murder in 1987 after brutally beating and stabbing Stephen Mayeda, a 41-year-old Gay man who lived in San Francisco. Now, Huie is appealing his murder conviction, claiming that his violent acts resulted from a panic-ridden reaction to alleged sexual advances by Mayeda.

NGRA argued to the court that the defense has no merit and that trial court Judge Timothy Reardon properly excluded expert psychological testimony offered in support of the de-

fense.

“The ‘homosexual panic’ defense is nothing but bigotry in disguise,” said Cynthia Goldstein, Director of NGRA’s Anti-Violence Litigation Project. “We will fight the use of this baseless defense tactic here in California and in every other state in which it rears its ugly head.”

“There is no factual or legal justification for the use of this defense. Just as our society will not allow a defendant to use racial or gender-based prejudices as an excuse for his violent acts, a defendant’s homophobia is no defense to a violent crime,” said Joyce Norcini, who is leading the legal team for NGRA.

Libel Suit Against Gay Paper Thrown Out

San Francisco — A superior Court judge in Sacramento has sustained the demurrer of the *Bay Area Reporter* (B.A.R.), a Gay newspaper published in San Francisco, in a libel suit brought against it by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Orange County, CA).

Dannemeyer alleged in his lawsuit that the B.A.R. 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.

The court held that the B.A.R. article was protected under the California “fair comment” doctrine and the First Amendment. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said “William Dannemeyer can’t use frivolous lawsuits to intimidate the Gay press. The courts have consistently held that the First Amendment protects the right of newspapers to publish opinions about public figures.”

The court also held that the statements in the reprinted memorandum were statements of the author’s opinion, not lit-

eral statements of fact. Thus, although Dannemeyer was granted leave to amend his complaint, the effect of the court’s ruling is that there is nothing he can allege that would make the statement libelous.

Dannemeyer argued that granting First Amendment protection to the newspaper deprived him of his right to equal protection as a U.S. Congressman. Eli Gould, who led the defense for the B.A.R., said “Rep. Dannemeyer’s equal protection claim is beyond belief. Not only was it wrong on the law, it asked the court to undo over 20 years of First Amendment protection of the freedom of the press by the U.S. Supreme Court. The fact that Dannemeyer even made the argument shows how apparently irrational he is when it comes to Gays and people with AIDS.”

The memo in question was published in the October 8, 1987 edition of the *Bay Area Reporter*, published by Bob Ross. It was purportedly authored by Charles Rund, President Reagan’s deputy 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

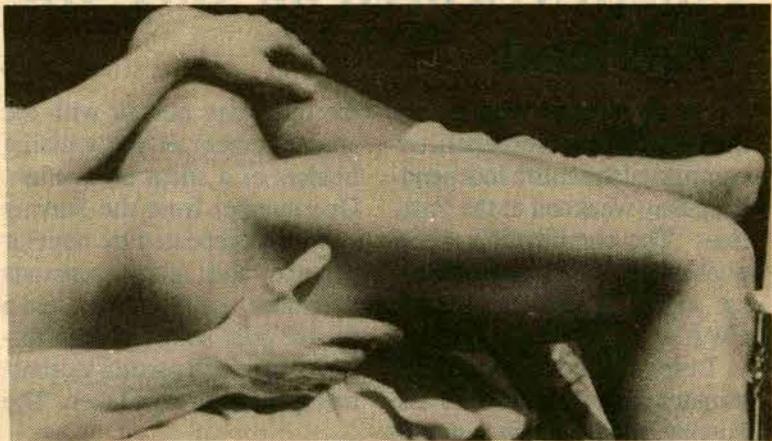
Unconstitutional Anti-Porno Law Struck Down

A child pornography law, so restrictive that it interfered with safer-sex education, has been ruled unconstitutional by a Federal judge.

The 1988 Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act, touted by its proponents as a means of protecting children from abuse by pornographers, requires that publishers and distributors document the ages of all nude models in photographs to ensure that they were at least 18 years old at the time the photographs were taken.

In his May 16 ruling on a lawsuit filed by the American Library Association, Federal District Judge George Revercomb found the law unconstitutional because it imposes onerous burdens on “material that is clearly protected by the First Amendment.”

The law had already had a chilling effect on legitimate publishing ventures, including



In its haste to look busy on the child pornography front, congress has interfered with many legitimate publications — including *The Safer Sex Playbook*, from which this photo is taken.

a safer sex guide planned by Alyson Publications, the nation’s largest Gay and Lesbian publisher. Because of the new law, publisher Sasha Alyson delayed publication of *The Safer-Sex Playbook* until the law was tested.

“We felt that the information about safer sex would have saved lives so we hated to delay publication,” said Alyson, “but we had to protect ourselves and

the bookstores that would carry the book from any legal action. Now that we have a favorable ruling, we’ll schedule the publication of *The Safer-Sex Playbook*.”

There is no indication whether or not the Justice Department will appeal the ruling. A spokesperson for the department said only that they were still reviewing Judge Revercomb’s decision.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center Meeting

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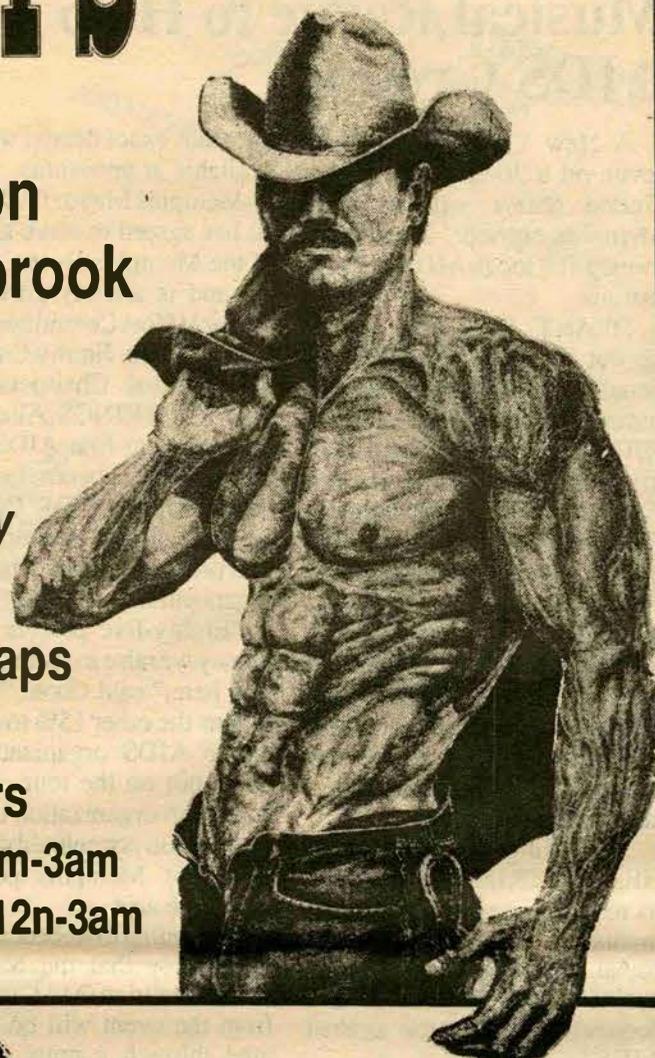
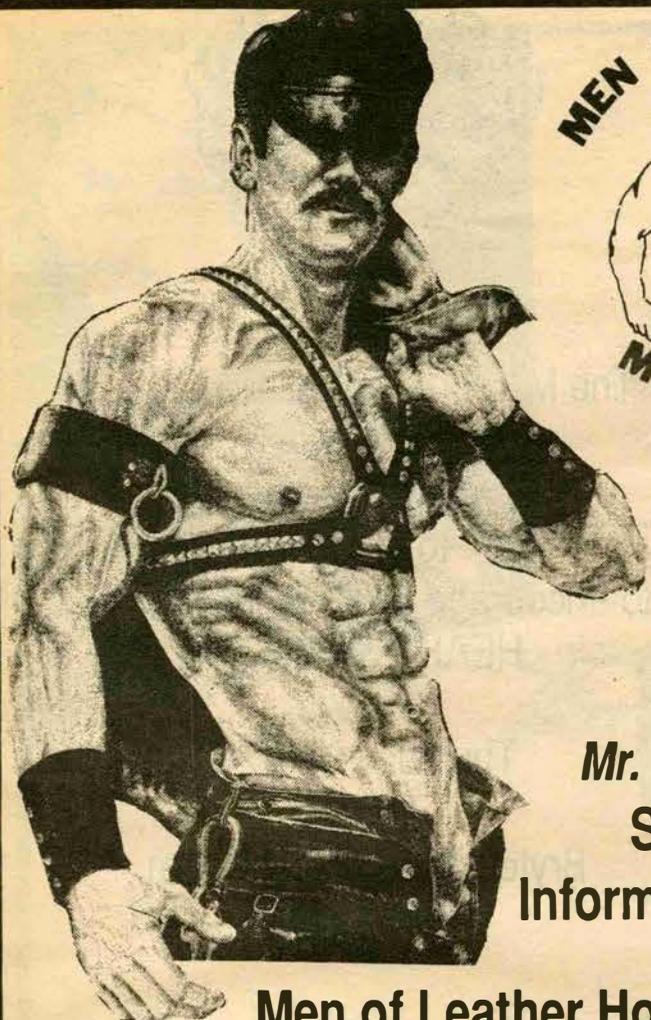
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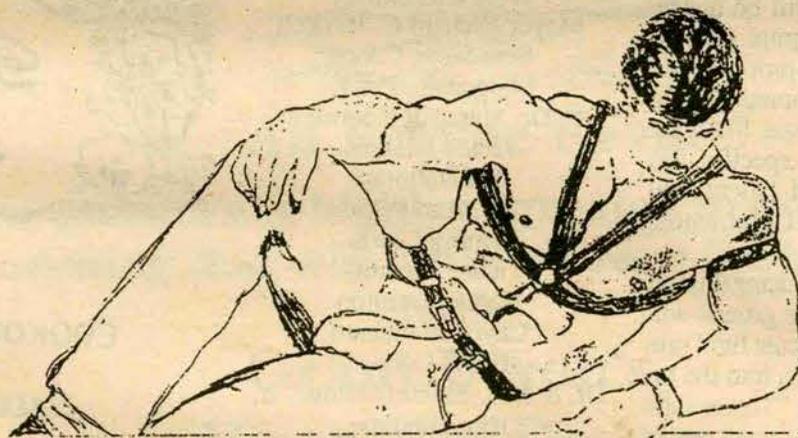
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Heart Strings

Musical Revue to Help AIDS Groups

A New York-style musical revue on a 30-city tour of the United States will stop in Memphis on Sept. 25 to raise money for local AIDS organizations.

HEART STRINGS, is an upbeat musical fund raising benefit produced by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA). The show will premiere at Atlanta's Fox Theatre on September 17. Memphis is the third stop on the tour. It will play in Vincent DeFrank Music Hall.

The show's production and touring costs are completely underwritten by DIFFA, which means the only costs to local groups are the cost of the hall and the costs of the fund raising surrounding the event.

According to organizers, HEART STRINGS is designed to reach out and unite all segments of the community — social, medical, political, arts, business, and religious — in a positive unified force against AIDS.

About 125 volunteers are participating in ten different committees to work on various aspects of the project. Committees include those for corporate solicitation, program ad sales, graphics, public relations, gala/receptions, data processing, ticket sales, production, and parties. For information about becoming a HEART STRINGS volunteer, call 726- HOPE.

While most of the show is set, there are availabilities for participation by local celebrities. HEART STRINGS volunteers are in the process of making those "celebrity contacts"

now, but exact details were not available at presstime.

Memphis Mayor Dick Hackett has agreed to serve as Chair of the Memphis Host Committee and is already part of the National Host Committee. President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter are the National Chairpersons of HEART STRINGS. Allen Cook of the Aid to End AIDS Committee and Rebecca Locke of the Memphis AIDS Coalition are co-chairs of the event which will primarily benefit those two organizations.

"Eighty-five percent of the money we raise in Memphis will stay here," said Cook. "DIFFA retains the other 15% to distribute to AIDS organizations in cities not on the tour. For example, an organization in Little Rock could conceivably benefit from the Memphis performance," he said.

According to Rebecca Locke, the money that the Memphis AIDS Coalition (MAC) receives from the event will be distributed through a grant process. Requests for grant proposals will be established sometime after the event. In the past, MAC has made grants for specific programs to Planned Parenthood, ATEAC, and Red Cross, among others.

"DIFFA is producing this tour in an effort to take groups with relatively small-scale fund raising and move them into the big time," Cook said. "Ticket sales will be a relatively small part of the overall funding picture (although \$50,000 through a sell-out is nothing to sneeze at). We've just started tapping the corporate citizens and have a

\$30,000 goal through the sales of ads in the Heart Strings program."

ATEAC and MAC have each allocated \$5000 for start-up expenses. "We've set a \$150,000 goal, and we feel there is no way we can lose money," said Joseph F. Proctor, III, HEART STRINGS administrator. "Along the way, we will reach a cash-flow situation which will not only repay the investment, but multiply it," he said.

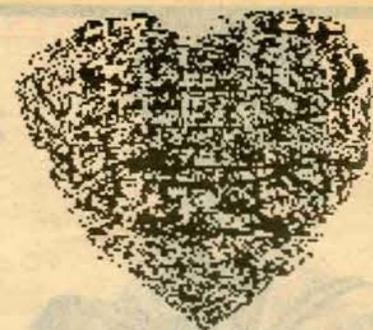
HEART STRINGS was conceived by David Sheppard, an Atlanta who serves as executive producer for the show. Its revival last year featured Issac Hayes, Ruth Buzzi, and Patrice Munsel. It netted over \$400,000 for local AIDS organizations there.

In addition to a dazzling evening of music and dance, corporate donors and patrons have the option of attending a dazzling pre-show gala and a champagne cast party to follow. Minimum ticket prices for the show are \$25 and will not be on sale until August.

A host committee on prominent Memphians who endorse the event is currently being established. Over 200 people have been asked to serve. Among those who have accepted at presstime are the following:

HEART STRINGS

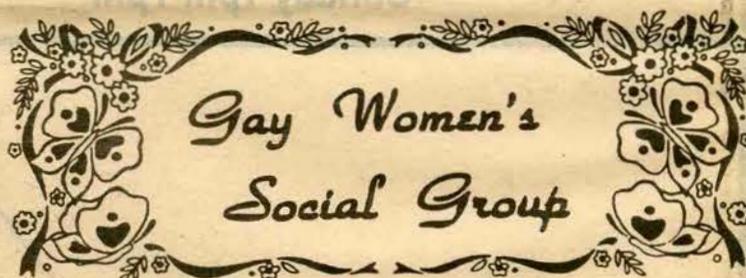
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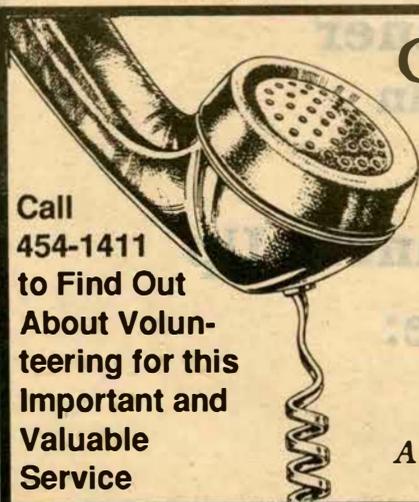
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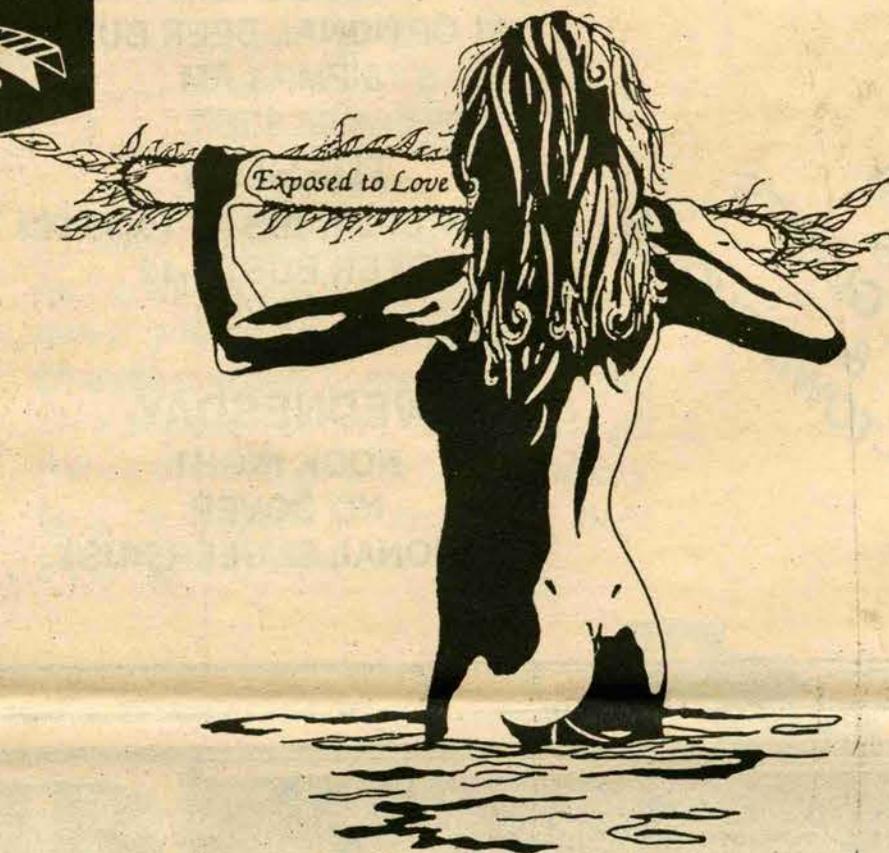
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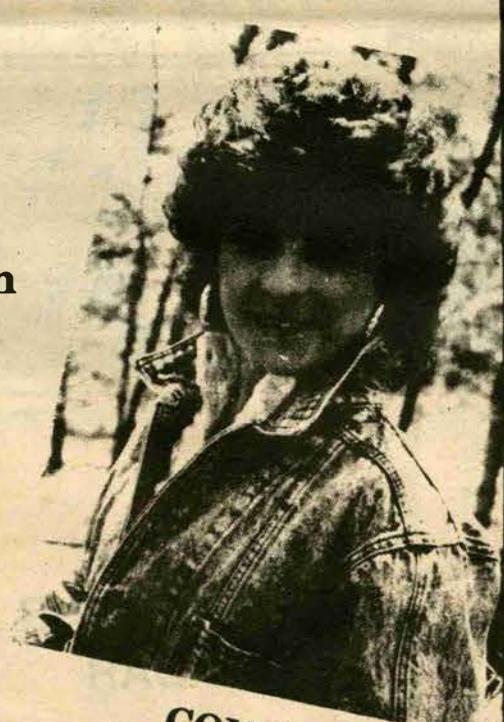
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Quick Clips

As frequently is the case, when one takes a hiatus to breathe and relax, one frequently finds oneself busier than ever. Having done four fundraisers in as many weekends, we are a bit stretched (don't even think it, Graziella!); but we have, as the proverbial bad penny, returned for another month and begun our third year of verbosity in print.

Rumour Mill Department

There's nothing like starting off a column with fresh tea.

"Danny Ray and Sharon Wray are doing what!!! Again!!! When??? Where???"

Please, gentle readers, take especial note of the quotation marks. And we heard it from an employee of the bar, so it just *has* to be true.

Earth-shattering developments!!!! It was related to us, by an employee of the bar, no less, that between J-Wag's and Reflections there will be a drag show every night of the week in ouah fayah city. Doesn't that just make you wanna.....

That'll do for today.

For A Good Cause Department

We need not say many, many words about the Gay-Ho show in which we participated (there is an entire story about it elsewhere) except that we had a tremendous, tho' exhausting time of it. We are seeing a trend toward more theme oriented, well-organized, and highly produced benefit shows which is very refreshing. Over \$1,700 was raised to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. One of the most memorable parts of the show was the song "That's My Job" sung by Matt Presley to his father, who was present, during the performance at WKRB which happened to fall on Father's Day. A very large cast worked closely together (especially in the dressing room at Numbers, which was not meant to host a Cecil B. deMille sized cast). There was also a sizable portion of live entertainment in both performances.

Those devil-may-care sylphs of the pom pom (wonder who thunk that up), the Pipettes, raised right at \$2,000 over their weekend fundraiser. Rain delayed, but did not demolish the

show on Sunday night; but the wet did put the kabosh on the live accompaniment. Even Joyce Cobb was unable to perform. She did attend the better part of the show and was heard to offer her considerable talent to a future event. The infamous "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" number was called for again at the July 4 cookout and alone raised \$175. The silent auction of very fine art pieces added another nice chunk to the kitty and was a fresh divertissement for the weekend. The audience seemed to enjoy the variety of the acts and the patter which replaced the usual introductions.

We do not understand why we have never been impressed with the Conductors. The only truly friendly one was the boot-black at their recent club night. Maybe if more of them would speak, once in a while, we might change our opinion of Nashvegas.

Dainty Morsels Department

Chaps has moved into its new building, conveniently located between Memphis' largest Baptist church and the offices of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. It is on Jefferson at Claybrook. Men of Leather has moved into cold storage at the same location but is still open for business. You figure it out. We hope that the same conversational atmosphere of the Bunkhouse and the Marshall St. Chaps will travel over to this space, and good luck Milt and David.

Congratulations to Kirby Kincade, the new Miss Reflections. Pearl Harbor was first alternate and Whitney Alexander was second.

The new Miss George's is Leslie Cartier, 1st alternate Sofonda Peters, 2nd alternate Lacey deLaney.

Dear Sweet William,
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Lady A.

Gay Pride Department

We, unfortunately, missed the riverboat, but we understood that a good time was had by all. We will not miss next year's which will be the 10th anniversary of the Gay River Ride, and it will be ultra festive. The picnic, however, did impress. Over 100 people attended which

makes it the largest turnout for a Gay Pride Picnic in a long time. The weather was good enough, and the food was fine. We met some new people and enjoyed seeing a number of old friends as well. See, Blanche, it's not so difficult to be Gay and proud and on Mud Island at the same time. And the I'll-Do-Anything-

To-Get-Attention-Award goes to Benjamin Franklin for the piroquette on the volleyball court from which he will get lots of sympathy mileage for several weeks to come.

Woman on the Street Department

We will print in a future edition of this lavender tabloid a

most incriminating photograph of three perpetrators of the newest fad in Gay Memphis—chair races. These take place several times each weekend evening on the smaller side of Numbers. It is like a relay race with the vehicles being those roll-a-round captain's chairs on

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Show at 11PM**

Sunday

**Free Beer Bust
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Show at 8 PM**

roll-a-round captain's chairs on that side. It is a riot, and has been known to compete with the shows next door, a time or two.

The Pipeline, always a busy place, will be hosting a Club Night July 29, hosted by the Gateway club of St. Louis. Tsarus will be making a trip to St. Louis soon as well. Club nights hosted by Women of Leather and Conductors were also very well attended.

Women of Leather, have been busy fundraisers themselves lately. 50 plates of Spaghetti were sold at their dinner in June and an Iron Off by volunteers from WKRBB (you bring the clothes, they iron them). To us, this is a pinnacle of creative fundraising, though not in the \$1,000's of dollars; it was fun and profitable. It also proves to the world that butch Lesbians can successfully drive an iron.

WKRBB will also host a Barbecue Dinner with Women of Leather on July 18. Live entertainment by Dena Kaye will enhance a busy month for this bar which includes a return by Exposed to Love.

J-Wag's has new space to show on the entertainment side, having absorbed the space formerly occupied by Men of Leather.

Reflections has big plans for the newly vacated upstairs. Yes, Virginia, it is to become a full-time showbar, with a runway, girls. No separate name is contemplated. Plans are being made to serve liquor both upstairs and down. For a time, Monday evenings at Reflections had no alcohol, beer or otherwise, allowed on the premises. It certainly made for a different crowd.

Lorretta's will present Victims of Desire on July 29th. The Twisted Sister Comedy Revue conjures up all sorts of conjecture, does it not?

By the by, Chaps, in its new location, will host a Mr. Chaps contest on August 5.

Frank Cooper informs us of a very large and sometimes surprising crowd at GDI for the 4th of July. Out of town expertise is being imported for a lot of new things to come in August.

Final Words of Wisdom

We'll see you in six weeks. Please don't do any benefits and take home your tips. Please don't ask for too many big favors from too many bar owners. Please don't expect a huge benefit to simply vanish after the show, even if the dance floor is called for, a little leeway for a



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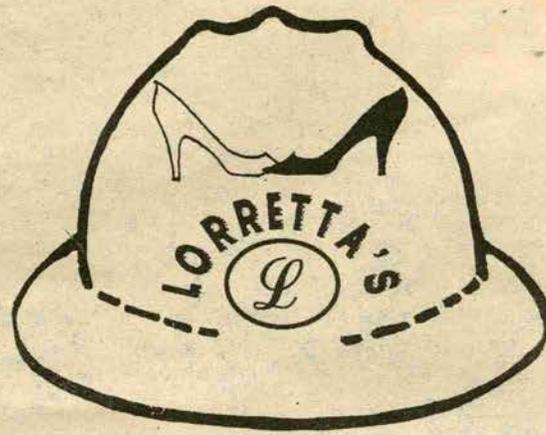
tired cast would be appreciated. Please do not compare your contributions to others', as it says in Desiderata, there will

always be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Please do not live in the past, beautiful tho' it was. Give a Pipette a pat

on the back. Take a drag queen to the movies. Look forward to a new community center. Be happy that you're Gay.

We're going to Florida for a week.

Ta, ta.
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Burnout: Prevention and/or Recovery

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

In the last of my series on burnout, let's talk about coming back from burnout as well as preventing it. The goal, of course, is to learn to prevent burnout; but if you're already into the burnout cycle, here are some tactics for recovery.

1. Accept your negative feelings of anger, confusion, depression, anxiety, and failure as a normal part of the burnout process and as a necessary step to recovery.

2. Something emotional dies during the burnout process. Whether it's an identity, idealism, or a dream, there's a powerful sense of loss; and you must allow yourself time to mourn its passing.

3. Acknowledging the emotional pain of burnout to others is part of recovery - not a sign of incompetence. Talking to others about your confusion and distress not only relieves some of your emotional stress, but also strengthens your body's immune system to fight off the physical illness that burnout can produce.

4. When you're recovering from an illness, you know it will take time to fully regain your strength. It's much the same with burnout - when you're burned out, it's only reasonable to expect less of yourself in all areas of your life until you've recovered.

5. Once you're burned out, you have to work at relaxing. Hypnosis, relaxation/visual imagery exercises, massage, and physical exercise will relax your body... and your mind will follow.

6. If you're burned out in the job, focus more of your time and energy on personal relationships and social activities; if it was a relationship that burned you out, invest more of yourself in work that means something to you.

7. Realize that your expectations of yourself may have been unrealistically high, in either terms of performance or in the time you allotted for achieving your goals.

8. In the forest of burnout, you see only the individual trees of crises, unfinished projects, and emotional exhaustion. Take time to stand back and review where you've been and where you really want to go in your life. Set realistic goals that are really important to you.

9. This process goes more quickly with the help of a professional therapist who can help you regain your perspective and keep you from getting lost in the trees again.

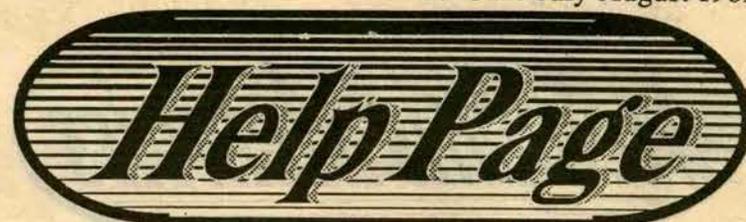
Now, even if you're a high-risk candidate for burnout, there are things you can do to inoculate yourself against burnout.

1. Develop or improve your social support system. A net-

work of supportive friends and family is a great buffer against burnout.

2. Develop sources of enjoyment and reward other than your regular job. Hobbies, community activities, or aspects of your job other than your regular duties can provide variety and stimulation.

3. Follow good health habits. Regular exercise, proper diet, and enough sleep protection against physical symptoms of



burnout.

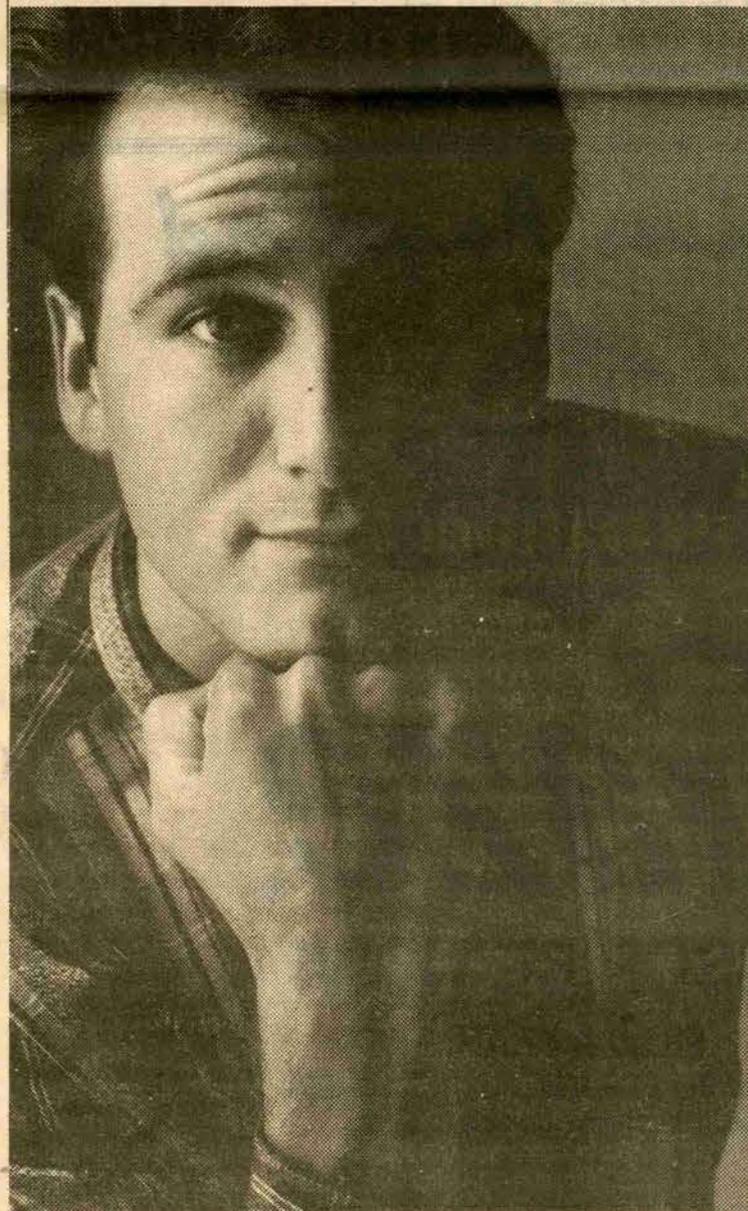
4. Pay attention to the "smoke signals" that mark the early stages of burnout. Don't dismiss the fatigue, irritability, and depression of burnout as just "being a little tired," bad moods,

etc.

5. Be realistic about your goals and expectations. We rarely get 100% of what we want or deliver our 100% best effort - but 80% or 90% often does the job!

Talk About AIDS

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Phillip: I sure do.

You're serious?

Phillip: Surprised you, didn't I?

Yes.

Phillip: Why?

A lot of people don't like to talk about AIDS.

Phillip: Yeah, I think that's pretty strange.

Why?

Phillip: Nobody talks about it. But everybody's afraid of getting it.

Are you afraid?

Phillip: Of AIDS—yes. Of talking about it—no.

So, how do you start the discussion?

Phillip: Well, I wait for a lull in the conversation. Then, I say, "So, how do you feel about AIDS?"

What sort of reaction do you get?

Phillip: It certainly gets their attention.

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RESPONDS
TO AIDS

Gay Information Service Adopts New Toll-Free Number—Adds New Line

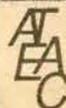
New York — The National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline, America's only toll-free Gay information and counseling service, has adopted a new, easier-to-remember, nationwide calling number: 1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297.

Simultaneously, the Crisisline increased its incoming call capacity by 25% with the addition of a telephone line, made possible through the gifts of private donors.

The Crisisline, which has been in operation for more than six years, is a program of the New York-based Fund for Human Dignity, the national, non-profit organization that provides and promotes better

information about Gay and Lesbian lives.

Volunteers who staff the Crisisline telephones receive intensive training in crisis intervention and general counseling; approximately one-third of the 30,000 calls fielded in 1988 were from persons, especially teenagers, who needed to discuss their sexual orientation, but were unaware of any other source of information and support. A computer database of more than 6000 entries, developed especially for the Crisisline, provides local referrals to the caller for social support, information about AIDS, healthcare, legal, psychological, and other services.



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Memphis Memoirs

Social Opportunities Expanded During 1970's

(Reprinted from *Gaiety*, Volume 1, Number 7, January 1976. Written by Fred Harris.)

For many American cities, the first half of the 1970's led to increased political awareness and activities within their Gay communities. In Memphis, this same period saw little political activity, but was instead a time of expanding social opportunities. More than ever before, Gay Memphians had a choice of places to go and things to do.

But even these benefits were not gained without struggle.

A major part of the city's Gay life in the 1970's centered around its bars and clubs. By 1970, Memphis had four or five exclusively or predominantly Gay establishments. These included the *Entre Nuit*, which had moved from Bellevue to

265 South Cleveland, and the *Door* at 1786 Madison Avenue. Lesbians patronized the *Fox* at 10 North Cleveland until it became a straight bar in early 1971.

Another newcomer to the 1969-70 bar scene was the *Psych Out*. The first bar by this name was opened in 1969 by two well-known Memphians, Kate and Sarah. It was briefly located on Bellevue where the old *Entre Nuit* had been. When that building was torn down for a parking lot in 1970, the two women purchased the *Red Dog Saloon*, a straight bar at 10 North Cleveland and renamed it the *Psych Out*.

Later that same year, the women sold the *Psych Out* to Bob Rabb. He legally renamed it the *Red Carpet Lounge* and ran it for about six months before selling it to John Vaughn

on December 7, 1970.

Vaughn renamed the bar *The Chase Lounge* for legal purposes, but it continued to be popularly known as the *Psych Out*.

At roughly the same time, George Wilson rented the *Famous Door* on Madison from Kate and Sarah and renamed it *The Door*. It started off as a piano bar, but late in 1971 began featuring drag shows. This was something of a 'first' for Memphis.

These performances attracted police attention; and in late 1971, the club was raided, and George and four impersonators were arrested. The charges were dismissed by Judge Ray Churchill; but, following the raid, all of the local drag queens were afraid to appear on stage again. This posed problems, since a show had been widely advertised for the next evening.

After it became clear that the regular impersonators were not going to perform, George's partner, Don Rossingnol, scurried off to a local women's wear store and bought some dresses, wigs, and makeup. That evening he put on a three hour impromptu show aided only by

Melina.

"It was one of the best shows we ever had," George says.

After that performance was completed without police interference, the other performers returned.

Gay women gained a new gathering place in 1971 when Linda Butler opened the *Fiesta* at 1382 Poplar Avenue. This bar served Memphis Lesbians until early 1973 when it was sold and became the *Patch*, a straight bar. In November of 1973, however, it was purchased by Bette Hefner and renamed *B.J.'s Cabaret*. She turned it into a Gay bar for both men and women featuring dancing as well as male and female impersonators.

A popular after-hours gathering place was the *Ohman Inn* at 2158 Union Avenue. A straight restaurant during the day, it was popular with Gays at night.

On September 17, 1972, John Vaughn opened a private Gay club at 112 Jackson, just north of downtown. Called the *Closet*, it offered set-ups and room for members to keep their liquor bottles. More importantly, it offered regular Gay dancing, the first time this had been available in the city of Memphis.

In November of 1972, this right was challenged when several vice squad agents entered the private club. They watched for half an hour without interfering as Gay couples "fast danced;" but when several male couples "slow danced" cheek to cheek, they moved in. Ten persons were arrested for "lewdness."

Those arrested were imme-

diately bailed out by Closet owner Johnny Vaughn, and the case went to court. After nine months of legal dickering, says Vaughn, the city acknowledged that there was no law prohibiting dancing between persons of the same sex. Gay people in Memphis had finally won the right to legally dance together in their bars and clubs. During the months leading up to and following this ruling, other Memphis Gay establishments began to also permit dancing. This included a couple of new Gay bars which seemed to have opened largely to offer this new activity.

One such bar was the previously straight *K-Y-I Lounge*, located at 44 North Cleveland, a block south of the *Psych Out*.

In mid-1973, it renamed itself the "*Queen's Den*" and made a play for Gay business. It didn't catch on with local bar-goers, however, and closed later in 1973. Sometime later, the old house it occupied was torn down.

Another dance bar which opened about the same time was the *Hour Glass* at 1418 Jackson Avenue. It was Gay for several months during the 1972-73 period before closing and reopening as a straight bar.

In May of 1973, Johnny Vaughn sold the *Psych Out* to his mother, Katie Vaughn, and Sharon Wray. They legally renamed the bar the *Fruit Jar*, but it continued to be popularly known as the *Psych Out*. Under their management, it attracted an equal number of Gay men and women. After Katie Vaughn's death in the fall of 1975, it was run by Sharon.

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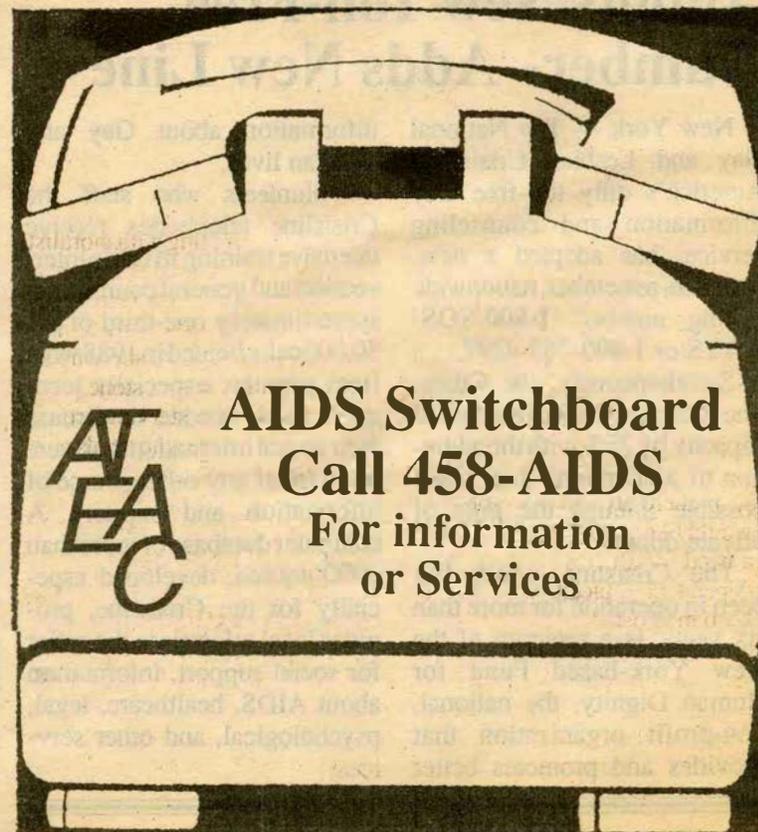
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I am concerned about the alcoholism and drug addiction rate among the Gay and Lesbian community.

I am a therapist and work in a hospital-based substance treatment program. I am recovering myself and have always done what I could to help other Gays who suffer from this disease.

As I looked through the *Gaze*, Vol. 10 No. 5, page 8, May 1989, and saw the ad where the man is having a margarita poured down his throat with a caption that read "Are You Man Enough," I felt very sad, because it seemed to encourage abusive drinking and alcoholism. It surely was not "social drinking."

I went dancing last Saturday night at a bar in Memphis called WKRB (women's bar), and saw a lot of drunk women. I was hoping to connect with other clean and sober dykes.

Often, where I came from, a bunch of us clean and sober dykes would get together and go dancing together for a few hours before people got so drunk, they were falling down or fighting with each other, etc. You see, if you're a drunk and drug addict like me (recovering), it's too close to home. It hurts me to see "my people" still staying sick like that. So, I have to leave then.

I was wondering if there was a column in *Gaze*, that was designated for chemical dependency issues, adult children of alcoholics, or codependency issues. I would be interested in writing educational articles which may be helpful to those of us who have the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction.

We also suffer from a long string of unhappy relationships as a result of being raised in an alcoholic family system. It's not because we're Gay or Lesbian, although I believe issues surrounding shame and guilt are greater among Gay and Lesbian people, than among hets. So you see its hard dealing with all this by yourself. We need each other.

I am interested in doing workshops, 12-step recovery groups, support for clean and sober dykes, anything that encourages people with this disease to stay sober. To use or to drink again is death for me. I must not be around active alcoholism. I need support to stay clean and sober.

If there are other women who would like support too or if there is a need for articles about chemical dependency, please write me and keep me posted.

I always have time to help other Gay and Lesbian people in their recovery and in their journey toward wellness.

I saw the schedule in the Nash-

ville paper called *Dare* of AA and NA Gay meetings for Memphis. I am wondering why it wasn't in the Memphis Gay paper?

I am glad I found it.

Please write and tell me what's happening with recovering Gay people. Please be discreet also - I live and work in a red-neck area, and I could lose my job.

If I can help - just ask and maybe we can work it out.

It's important to my recovery to work with others who are in recovery.

Cathy Milhger
Jonesboro, AR

(Editors' Note: Although we don't carry a complete schedule of meetings, Gaze's Information and Services section lists phone numbers for both Lambda Center and Phoenix so interested parties can call for additional information. Gaze doesn't have the extensive listings that Dare has because Gaze is a monthly and Dare is a weekly paper.)

Straight Support

You (are) probably wondering why a straight person such as myself would write. Well, the answer is quite simple... I just felt it was time to speak up on the Gay rights issue. I get so tired of hearing people putting down homosexuals. It is so unfeeling. As an artist, I have many Gay friends. I can relate to them. They appreciate the same music (Cure, Echo and the Bunnymen, Depeche Mode, etc.) that I do as well as many other things (clothes, books, human and animal rights). In my book, a Gay or Lesbian friend is as good, if not better than most straight people. God knows they are much more "colorful."

I myself am no stranger to ridicule and discrimination simply because I am a non-conformist. My clothes, hair, and general attitude tend to threaten those who obey social norms. So I just want every Gay and Lesbian person to know that there's one straight human that will fight for you and your rights as an American citizen.

Anissa Beare
Jackson, TN

P.S. Don't feel bad about your lifestyle conflicting with moralists. You can rest assured that there are many hedonistic acts taking place behind closed doors. Talk about hypocrisy! Let he or she who sinneth not cast the first stone.

P.S.S. I am a starving artist. If you know anyone who needs painting, sketch, or etching done, please contact me: Anissa Kristen Beare, 291 Old Bells Rd, Jackson, TN 38305, (901) 668-3435.

Faith versus Buildings

I was recently in Memphis on business and eagerly read the cur-

rent issue of *Gaze*. I couldn't help but notice the editorials, articles, and letters regarding Gay Atheists. Several days have passed, and I've allowed all the words to sink in. I'm 32 years old this year and a baptized Catholic — received formal education from 5th grade through high school in Catholic schools (nuns, priests, uniforms, no meat on Fridays — the whole nine yards) and, as expected, was an altar boy during most of my childhood. Currently, the church would classify me as a "fallen Catholic" (among other things) because I do not attend formal services (even on Holy Days) and do not recognize the "Church as Instructor" as the foundation for my religious beliefs. I do, however, have an extremely strong belief in God and all that I believe (S)He stands for: love of others, honesty, compassion, righteousness, and faith. I do not need (and, in my life — have no desire for) commitment to a formal institution. Especially one that professes goodness and salvation and readily solicits my money while condemning me to eternal damnation over my expression of physical love. I have not, however, lost sight of the reality that God is not the formal church — even the Bible was written by man (and we are all fallible).

I actually hurt when I realize that so many of my Gay brothers and sisters have allowed the actions of an institution to affect them so that they lose faith in the one real reason for our existence. If we lose God — the ideal — I'm not sure then that we haven't lost our reason to be. To be alive for no reason seems to be very empty to me — to strive for only our existence tomorrow is less than what I expect of myself. I also am concerned that it allows us to lose sight of hope. Hope that allows me to continue daily in the face of hatred. Hope that — through God — the ideal — we can make a difference in society and the way "they" respond to us. I'm not naive enough to ignore the fact that our struggle is and will continue to be a hard one. I find strength and comfort, though, in having a higher source to lean on.

My words aren't meant to preach nor to convert. I simply needed to differentiate between faith and buildings. One holds my strength and my reason — the other sadly keeps me empty. Maybe, through the commitment of us all — we can bring about a healing.

Matt Nelson
Nashville, TN

Response to Reverend Beatty

The term "reverend" has divine connotations and since we all know that Divine is dead, I think the term "preacher" is more appropriate for a fellow human being.

In his letter last month, Preacher James Beatty had one and only one



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

great truth to bestow upon the Memphis Gay community. I hope you were all able to catch it. That truth being; that it is actually possible for a Gay person to come off sounding like Preacher Jerry Falwell or our very own St. Adrian the Well-Beloved of Bellevue Street. As I stated in my previous letter, I do not choose to identify with my oppressor. Unfortunately, too many Gay people do choose to identify with their oppressor: religion. Anyone familiar with the religion racket surely recognized Preacher Beatty's

mode of attack. He served up the same tired old red herrings that are always served up whenever an Atheist finally stands up and states that he or she doesn't find the intrusion of religion into secular events to be appropriate.

In the final paragraph of Preacher Beatty's letter, he comes across more as a devotee of "Pascal's Wager" than of Christianity. Personally, I prefer blackjack. The odds are better.

Michael Fitzalan
Memphis, TN

GayRap Lesbian Issues



Meeting Room A, 7:30 PM
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Guest Speaker
Ms. Susan Mackenzie
Part I
Monday, July 17, 1989
Part II
Monday, August 21, 1989

A Service of the Memphis Gay Coalition



Addenda

Phoenix

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thing of peerless beauty or excellence. (3.) A person or thing that has become renewed or restored after suffering calamity or apparent annihilation.

I hope to attend the International Lesbian/Gay Pride meeting in October '89 in Vancouver to present this. This year I will be speaking at the parades in Boston and San Francisco, and calling for the Phoenix to become the National Symbol.

I hope for your support, and once again congratulate you on all of your efforts on behalf of Lesbian/Gay Rights. We were the generation who finally found each other. Perhaps, this was our greatest achievement.

Love

Robin Tyler

(In the past decade, Robin Tyler has emerged as one of the

leading national activists/spokespersons in the Lesbian/Gay Rights and Women's Movements. She was on the National Steering Committee for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. For her work as Producer of the four-and-a-half-hour Main Stage Rally, Robin was presented with the "Award of Distinction" from the Executive Committee of the March on Washington. Other recent awards include the Southern California Women for Understanding 1988 Lesbian Rights Award, Hotwire's 1988 Entertainer of the Year and the Provincetown's Golden Gull Award for Outstanding Female Performer of the Year. As a comic, Robin released the first Lesbian or Gay "out" comedy album in 1978 called, "Always a Bridesmaid Never a Groom." Her second solo album was "Just Kidding.")

Basile

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sitting next to Dan in the police wagon on our way to jail, seeing the pride and courage in his eyes, are moments I wouldn't part with for anything.

The night of the Campaign Fund's first really big dinner in Washington is another favorite memory. It was October 11, 1985, in the middle of a hurricane. Everyone in Washington was taping up their windows, but nearly 1,000 people came out to be with us and our guests, Dr. Ruth and Jerry Herman. All our dinners are memorable, but this one, at the height of our early fears about AIDS, reassured us that nothing — neither hurricane nor epidemic — would keep us down.

There's another, much more personal memory, that also took place at a dinner. It was the night when both my parents and my ex-wife came — as did rela-

tives and loved ones of many others guests. It was wonderful to know we had support from all over, especially close to home. I've made many speeches over the years to local groups around the country. In New York, Dallas, Minneapolis, Boston, Atlanta, Columbus, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities, I've learned the passion for civil rights burns as fiercely as it does anywhere. These places, and dozens of others, will always hold a special spot in my heart, because they are truly committed, to us and to themselves.

Finally, all our legislative victories are important, because that's the bottom line of what the Campaign Fund is all about. Passing S.1220, the nation's landmark comprehensive AIDS bill, after months of hands-on effort by our staff, board and supporters was the most significant. But our first win — the

first time the gay and lesbian community ever won a vote on the floor of the U.S. Congress — is the scene I will never forget. It was July 23, 1986, at 3:30 p.m., on an amendment from Rep. William Dannemeyer to kill the Washington, D.C. law forbidding HIV testing for insurance applicants. We won 241-173, and we crossed an invisible barrier. At that moment, our agenda became viable.

It has been a privilege to serve the Human Rights Campaign Fund, its board of directors, and the Gay and Lesbian community. Together, we have achieved much to be proud of and thankful for. Soon that privilege will belong to my successor. I can only hope she or he is blessed with as many wonderful memories as I have been. Thank you.

UTK Forms Gay and Lesbian Student Union

The Gay and Lesbian Student Union was formed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, during the spring semester of this year. It has since been approved as an official University organization, which is a first for U.T. The group's

meetings and social activities have been very successful. Recently, the group gave a benefit at a local community center. Future plans for the group include sponsoring an event during Gay Pride Week, and a short trip to Atlanta. The Gay and Lesbian Student Union can be reached at P.O. Box 8529, Knoxville, TN 37996.

the article was published.

In the July 10 issue, a normally defiant Malcomb Forbes apologized for his magazine's printing of the article. Forbes said he finds Fumento's views "assinine" and says the only reason the article ran was because he was travelling and didn't see it in time to kill it.

Forbes is a frequent companion of Elizabeth Taylor, national chairwoman of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) and Forbes himself has given generously to AmFAR.

On the same page as the published apology, Forbes ran a statement from ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) refuting Fumento's arguments.

Forbes Apologizes

Why do these people do these things during Gay Pride Week?

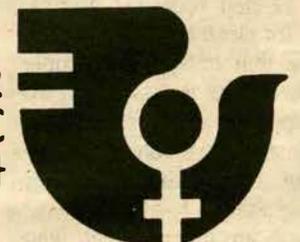
Forbes magazine published an article in its June 26 issue on Michael Fumento, author of a book that contends the AIDS scare has been exaggerated. AIDS activists picketed the magazine's headquarters when

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Memphis Celebrates Gay Pride Week

Gay Pride Week was celebrated in Memphis from June 18th to June 24th with the third annual GayFest and the ninth annual River Ride. While the Twentieth Anniversary of the Stonewall riots which mark the beginning of the Gay Rights movement were celebrated with large parades and rallies across the country, Memphis remembered the event with a "quieter, gentler" celebration.

Pared down from the two-day event of previous years, GayFest '89 returned to the traditional Gay Pride Picnic of years past. Held on Mud Island Sunday, June 18th from 1 to 6 PM, the picnic featured music, traditional picnic food (hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beans) catered by Mud Island, and a cash bar. Expenses for the entire event amounting to about \$1200 were covered by the Memphis Gay Coalition. The Coalition passed out 120 free tickets to the picnic which was attended by 100 people.

Before lunch, the group gathered in the center of the tent and joined hands in a remembrance of the victims of AIDS. People called out the names of their friends, family, and lovers who have died of AIDS.

"We had no idea of what kind of crowd to expect," organizers said. "In fact, we could have probably given away more tickets, but the Coalition simply couldn't cover any additional expense. Just prior to our only major fundraiser, the annual River Ride, the Coalition usually finds its treasury pretty much depleted."

Organizers hope to build on the GayFest Picnic idea. Hopes are that in the future, the picnic can be made to pay for itself, at the very least, and might even grow to become a fundraiser for the Coalition.

Attendance on the ninth annual river ride was slightly off this year. The Memphis Show Boat sailed on Saturday, June 24th with 436 paying passengers. Joyce Cobb and her band played for the 3-hour trip up the river.

We had a couple of scary moments, organizers reported. There was a chance that Joyce Cobb would be touring in Europe; and although she promised to provide a band for the boat ride, fears were that attendance would drop without the well-known performer. Also, going into the last two weeks before the boat ride, ticket sales

were very slow and it was feared that the Coalition would not make expenses for the boat.

"But in typical queen fashion," one person commented, "people waited until the last possible moment."

The Annual River Ride is the only major fundraiser that the

Memphis Gay Coalition holds during the year. Proceeds from the event go to pay for the Gay Switchboard, the annual Christmas Dinner, and this year, the GayFest Picnic as well as various operating expenses for the Coalition and Gaze Newspaper.



Gay Pride



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**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 JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

July 16	Board Meeting, 1 PM, Chez Chuck
July 23	Brunch, Noon, Public Eye, Overton Square
July 24	CR/Discussion Group, 7:30 PM, Main Library
July 29	Mid-Summer Night's Kream, 8 PM, Ed & Mike's

CALL FOR AUGUST EVENT INFORMATION

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

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You can help us continue to provide services and events throughout the year such as Gaze, Gay Switchboard, GayRap, GayFest Picnic, Gay Pride River Ride, and Christmas Dinner Party

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)
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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.

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 adlistings. Infopixpak \$3.00: MAN-HAIR, 59 West 10th, NYC 10011.

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Attractive GWM, 22, 5'6", 135#, br/bl slave needs young master to train me. Am novice, but obedient, submissive bottom/bondage. Photo please. Dept. J7, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Professional, 28, seeks another professional male or female to share expenses of large modern country home 20 minutes from the medical center. Must be financially and mentally stable and clean and neat. For more info: call Bill 876-5332 after 6 PM.

NOTICE: Joyce Russell and Kellie China of Nashville are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild. Cynthia Russell and son, James Richard Russell, are both doing well. James was born at 6:37 AM, May 28, 1989 at the Vanderbilt Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. Cindy wants to thank Joan and Charlie for the lovely flowers and any-

July - August 1989

Gay Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					14	15 •Gay Women's Social Group Cookout 5:30 pm
16 •GayRap, 7:30 pm Meeting Room A, Main Library — "Lesbian Issues I" with Susan Mackenzie	17	18 •Women of Leather Barbecue Dinner WKRB	19 •Dena Kaye WKRB	20 •Heart Strings Party, Bryton Tower Party Room, 7 pm	21	22 •Community Cntr. Meeting - Agape New Life Church, 11 AM •AIDS Benefit: "Christmas in July", Barbara's, 8 PM- Show at 11
23 •Ladies of the 80's, WKRB •Colors, 3 PM, Agape Christian Church	24	25	26	27	28	29 •Exposed to Love WKRB •Gateway Club Night Pipeline •Victims of Desire Lorretta's
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 •Mr. Chaps Contest Chaps
6 •Gay Coalition Meeting 7 pm, Meeting Room A, Main Library	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 •Women of Leather Auction, WKRB	14	15	16	17	18	19 •Gay Women's Social Group Pizza Party, 7:30 pm
20 •GayRap, 7:30 pm Meeting Room A, Main Library — "Lesbian Issues II" with Susan Mackenzie	21	22	23	24	25	26

one else who may have called at this time.

Submissive GWM, 34, 215#, healthy, 5'11", seeks masculine, heavysset GWM, 40-60, for possible friendship. Like fishing, camping, nature. Jackson, TN area. Box 1051, Selmer, TN 38375.

GWM, new to area, seeks small room in your home or apartment in Memphis. I'm honest with good references. Call days (601) 489-1985. Ask for Randy.

GWM seeks to meet same for fun and friendship. New to the south. I'm 6'1", 168#, bld/blu, Lee Co. MS a plus. Call days only (601) 489-1985. Ask for Randy.

BWM, 25, 5'9", br/haz, 160#, currently serving time. I'm honest, good-looking, willing to devote my self to make it work. Eddie Stahl #21101, P.O. Box 100, Jean, NV 89026. Please enclose stamp.

WM, 50, 6', 125#, masculine but submissive, discreet, and caring, seeks dominant WM, 21-40, for fun during daytime. Please respond to Art, c/o Box 2301, Memphis, TN 38175.

GWM, 23, 6'3", 185#, br/bl. Looking for same, age 18-30. Prefer masculine type guy for special relationship. Hairy chest a plus. No fats or fems. I need a partner, friend, lover. Reply to: Mike Fletcher, Rt. 1, Box 176, Booneville, MS 38829.

GWM, 33, 5'9", 158#, dk hair, hazel eyes - looking for 30+ man, looking for lasting companion. Willing to relocate and share life. Call (901) 549-9897 after 9 PM or write: Clay Overman, Route 1, Box 257-C, Reagan, TN 38368. Photo a must.

Female needed for third person for weekend at nude camp. Gay or not, call or write: Duwayne Veteto, 1207 French Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401, (501) 932-0446.

GWM, 27, 5'10", 165#, blonde/green, seeks special gentleman, 25-35, healthy, masculine, romantic, sincere, for more than just pillow talk — Send letter & photo to Roger, Box 1832, Oxford, MS 38655.

Classifieds

Bisexual white male, 40, seeks other bisexual or Gay white males for friendship. Married O.K., but no smokers, drinkers, or drug users. Reply to P.O. Box 38082, Germantown, TN 38138.

GWM, 71, healthy, caring, sober would love pen pals and possibly more. I'm 5'10", 220#, clean shaven. All letters answered. Charlie, Box 20538, Montgomery, AL 36120.

GWM, 33, 5'8", 155#, br/br, straight-acting, musician. Seeks

GWM, 22-30, with similar dimensions. Love cute, short guys. No fems or fats. No drugs. Ken, 617 Hatchie Street, Booneville, MS 38829.

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

Chris and Kevin in Joplin, MO. I miss you. Clay



Information & Services



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RESTAURANTS & BARS

Apartment: 343 Madison - 525-9491.
Barbara's: 1474 Madison - 278-4313.
Chaps: 111 N. Claybrook - 722-8963.
GDI on the River: 287 S. Front Street - 526-1038.
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): AIDS Service Organization - Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 458-AIDS or 272-0855.
Agape Christian Church: Liturgical service Sundays at 11:00 AM and Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 PM - 346-1436 or 353-1092.

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

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.

Heart Strings: 1400 Central, Memphis 38104 - 726-HOPE.

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

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

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

Transsexuals 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

AIDSSwitchboard: 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.
Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.
FantasyWorld: 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 - 111 N. Claybrook - 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, 1200, or 2400 baud - 274-6713.

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