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Gaze Is 10!



Some of the significant people and events *Gaze* has covered in its 10 years of publication.

by Allen Cook

At the end of *Gaze's* 10th year of continuous publication, it seems only fitting that we should pause and reflect at what our community has seen, some of the accomplishments, some of the tragedies, some of the major issues affecting us as Gay men and Lesbians.

Certainly the biggest story of the decade was and continues to be AIDS. There were those who argued that we placed too much emphasis on AIDS in these pages — that AIDS was a depressing topic; and, because too many Gays were affected, it was not a "positive" issue to present. In retrospect, I feel we delayed playing up the story too long.

Along with AIDS came the story of our community's reaction to the ensuing health crisis. We saw the deaths of our friends. We saw the formation of a group of people willing to deal with the crisis. We saw individuals choosing to make a change in their lifestyles — not by giving up being Gay, but by asserting to the so-called "straight" world that being Gay doesn't mean you have to buy into the image others might have of you.

Over the years we've seen a resurgence of the Gay community. The goal of creating a Gay Community Center, one of the first stated goals of the Memphis Gay Coalition, was realized just this year. It is what may become the most significant development in Gay Memphis in the next decade.

Ten years ago, the Gay community was seen only in the bars and adult book stores. To become a "real" community, we had to develop social outlets

not predicated on who we were sexually, but who we were socially, politically, and economically. Social institutions reflect a society's values and we are now at a point in our development as a community where we can reflect diversity. Our sexuality is no longer the only thing we have in common. It is not our only interest.

As the diversity grows, so do the institutions of a society grow to meet new needs. New organizations emerge; old organizations die or change.

The social scene in Gay Memphis ten years ago was one of private parties, of social organizations modeled on the krewes of Mardi Gras, and of very few options. Today, some of those options still exist, but there are more — many more. 10 years ago, the information and services directory of this newspaper barely took up half a column. Today, it is rich with various organizations, businesses, professionals, services, helplines, and the like.

Ten years ago there was no Gay Pride River Ride, no GayFest, no Gay Lesbian Community Center, no Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, no Gay Women's Social Group, no ATEAC, no Phoenix or Lambda Center, no Tsarus or Wings, and very little else.

Significantly in 1979, *Gaze* began as a four-page tabloid... the brainchild of Memphis Gay Coalition founders Bill Johnson and Ric Sullivan. Today its average size and printing are five times what it was in the beginning.

It is, we feel, something of which Gay Memphis can be proud.



Breakfast Club Bigots

I am sending a copy of a letter I sent to WGKX-FM 106 radio station. Early on Tuesday, October 3, 1989, their morning DJ's, who are called "The Breakfast Club," made several derogatory comments in regard to the recent new law in Denmark and the Gay Community in general.

As you will note, I have suggested that they owe an apology to the Gay Community of this area and that such an apology should be made in *Gaze*. I somehow doubt that they will, but at least they know they

now have at least one less listener.

I enclosed copies of the September and October issues of *Gaze* in with my letter to them. I am in hopes that they will realize that there are a lot more of us than they think (we are everywhere) and that we won't buy products advertised by bigots!

Hunter Johnston
Memphis, TN

(The following is Hunter's letter sent to Bob Jones, program director at WGKX - FM, KIX 106):

I am writing to follow up on the conversation we had this morning in regard to my complaint about the derogatory comments made by "The Breakfast Club." After telling about the new law in Denmark which allows same sex couples legal status, they proceeded to deride Gay people in general. Captain Pat said that it was "disgusting" and Debbie Montgomery stated that she never thought about "those people living that long." I cannot quote the entire conversation, partly because I was so offended that I turned the radio off, but I can say that enough was said to make me certain that it was not said in jest or good taste.

As a Gay man, I will be the first to say that our Gay Community has a long way to go before we find general acceptance in this or any other country; however, we have made enough progress to expect better treatment from the media than we received at the "mouths" of your Breakfast Club this morning. They spoke like there are not many of us, although to their opinion, far too many, and our progress in legal rights in the country of Denmark was something laughable. On the contrary, it is something many hard-working people have struggled for over many years and something we have yet to get accomplished here in a country that purports to guarantee *Life, Liberty, and The Pursuit of Happiness*. Unfortunately there are too many closed-minded people who cannot be happy unless they can dictate to others their own brand of happiness.

Perhaps the Breakfast Club should take a moment to con-

sider what that legal landmark in Denmark means to us. Perhaps for just a moment they could imagine what it would be like for them if the tables were turned. Try to think how you would feel if your spouse was confined to a hospital's intensive care unit due to illness or an accident, and you were not allowed to even visit or see the one you love most in the world, only because you are not the *legal next of kin*. What if you had to pay twice as much for health insurance since your employer does not recognize your mate of many years as a *legal dependent* and therefore not a part of your insurance plan. What about joint tax returns, inheritance laws, etc.? The list goes on.

I suppose they might be among those ignorant enough to still think that we *choose* this lifestyle and therefore deserve what we get and probably think that the typical homosexual is just an AIDS-ridden, unemployed, drug addict who has sex whenever and wherever he can. Well, wake up and smell the coffee, Breakfast Club! Yes, we have our share of bad apples in our barrel, but no more than the "straight" community has. There is no more a "Typical Gay" than there is a typical "Straight" person.

As for myself, I never decided to be homosexual. I ultimately decided to accept my sexuality and, let it not go unsaid, my *affectional* orientation.

If I were going to pick something to be, I would certainly have chosen something safer and easier to live my life experiencing. As I am: I went to college; I work hard in a professional career; I earn a good living; I pay taxes; I own my home; I worship in Church and I tithe 10% of my income; I vote; my lover and I enjoy a monogamous and faithful relationship. We are respected by our families and neighbors, and we use our purchasing power with discretion.

Economic studies in the past several years have shown that Gay men and Gay couples have a higher than average discretionary income (check with the publishers of *U.S. News and World Report*). Would you buy products advertised on a radio station which derides you?

I, for one, will not; and I expect others feel the same. Your station has made anti-Gay statements and jokes on many occasions in the past. This instance regarding the "disgusting" legal status of "those people" was finally too much. I think your Breakfast Club owes the Gay and Lesbian community an apology. I doubt that most of us would hear it if it came over the radio, since we will no longer be listening to 106; so I suggest you take out an ad in *Gaze*, the local Memphis Gay newspaper. I enclose a copy for your information and edification.

(Copies of this letter were sent to the Memphis Gay Coal-

ition and the Federal Communications Commission as well as KIX 106.)

Newspaper Appreciated

As founder and director of the Gay Christian Support Group in the Tri-Cities, I would like to say I appreciate the information you sent me about *Gaze*. We are beginning operation of a new additional service of our organization. We have expanded to reach out to the Gay Community throughout the state of Tennessee. We have a special outreach to those who are having difficulty dealing with depression, loneliness, and those who have considered suicide. Clients may call or write us. Clients' identities will be kept strictly confidential between the individual and me. We have had a great response to our new service. There seems to be a lot of people who have isolated themselves from everyone. They are reluctant to come out and meet others. We have primarily focused our outreach to the Tri-Cities, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis. I encourage anyone who has trouble dealing with these problems to please write us. We are here to help you. For more information please contact: Ryan Salyer, at P.O. Box 3205, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664. Again thank you all at *Gaze* for helping us reach out to the Gay Community.

Ryan Salyer
Kingsport, TN



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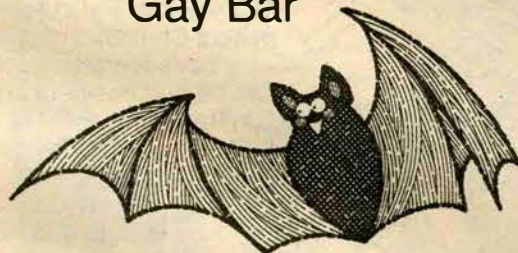
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Gay Man Sues Attackers for Civil Rights Violations

New York — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed an unprecedented \$20 million suit against members of a skinhead gang alleged to have brutally beaten Rodney Johnson of Washington, D.C. solely because he is Gay.

The suit, thought to be the first in the country against members of the Skinheads, alleges violation of Johnson's federal civil rights as well as assault and battery. The case was filed in the District of Columbia's Superior Court on Sept. 15. The suit also marks the first time a victim of anti-Gay violence has sued members of an organized hate group for civil rights damages.

The gang members are charged with viciously assaulting Johnson in a parking lot adjacent to an area known to be frequented by Gay men. The suit alleges that several Skinheads savagely and repeatedly struck Johnson in the head and upper body with baseball bats

while screaming, "Die, faggot, die." The defendants did not stop the attack until they believed they had killed Mr. Johnson. As a result of the attack, Johnson suffered a concussion, a fractured skull, fractured and broken bones, pulmonary contusions, and pulmonary collapse, as well as severe emotional trauma.

"It is hard for someone not present at the attack to comprehend the incredible hatred the these gang members felt — and still feel — towards me just because I am Gay," stated Johnson. "I am completely disgusted by this kind of group violence. As a society, we cannot allow hate-motivated violence by these gangs to continue."

Usually identified by their shaved heads and militaristic accessories, and fed by the supremacy rhetoric of neo-Nazi groups, Skinheads are believed to be responsible for a sharply rising number of killings, beat-

ings, and other attacks against minorities across the U.S. According to a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) report on anti-Gay violence in 1988, "Skinhead attacks were by far the most numerous and brutal of all [anti-Gay] hate group incidents documented." Even though some Skinhead factions purport not to be racist, the vitriolic hate the groups thrive on is aimed at several minority groups. By far, though, the most clear and common link between all these factions is their fervent hatred of Lesbians and Gay men.

In a novel move, the suit also names the parents of two Skinhead gang members as defendants, alleging that, despite knowledge of the violent activities of the Skinheads, they encouraged or failed to discourage their children's association with the hate group.

Johnson commented, "It is only the dramatic cases, like mine, where a person is beaten within an inch of his or her life, that most people even respond with, 'Oh, that's terrible.' These people are against *killing* Gays for being Gay, but not against *firing* Gays because they're Gay. What they don't want to acknowledge is that one thing is significantly connected to the other."

FBI Probed Gay Groups

San Francisco — Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA) will lead an investigation of what he calls a "worthless, biased surveillance" of Gay organizations which began in 1953 and continued more than 20 years according to San Francisco's *Bay Area Reporter*.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported in September that the FBI apparently kept Gay groups and the members under close surveillance for 22 years. Their report was based on records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Edwards, a former FBI agent, said, "We've been aware of this for several years. My subcommittee has worked long and hard to get the FBI to stop this kind of activity, and by and large we have. I am aware of no current FBI investigation of Gays."

The probe included sending spies to Gay meetings, photographing activists in Gay marches, tapping phones of suspected homosexuals, and sharing information with government agencies, according to *Chronicle* reporter Randy Shilts.

An FBI spokesperson said that the agency has no ongoing

investigations of modern-day organizations.

However, John Crew, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, said there are "strong indications" that FBI surveillance of Gays "is not ancient history."

Crew indicated that a number of regional law enforcement agencies conducted a "massive intelligence gathering" in 1984 in which they targeted several groups, including Gay organizations, in an FBI document titled, *Who We're Interested In*.

The surveillance was apparently initiated by former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover during the McCarthy era and continued at least until 1975. Shilts obtained 4100 pages of internal FBI memoranda through the Freedom of Information Act. Shilts indicated that the 22-year probe produced no evidence of criminal activity among Gay groups.

Among the investigated groups were One, Inc., an early Gay magazine published in L.A.; the Mattachine Society, and the Daughters of Belitus, the nation's first prominent Lesbian group.

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Judge's Code May Include Ban on Gay Bias

The new code of ethics for judges will include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation if the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association has its way. Board member Suzanne Bryant testified in Washington, D.C. before the American Bar Association committee which is currently revising the ethics code. Ms. Bryant described the current "epidemic of violence" against Lesbians and Gay men "who are often reluctant to report crimes because they fear they may, like rape victims, be victimized a second time by the judicial system."

Last February, the ABA passed a resolution supporting legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Now, the ABA is revising the Model Code of Judicial Conduct which serves as ethical guidance for judges throughout the country. The draft revised

code prohibits bias based on race, sex, religion, and national origin; but fails to mention sexual orientation.

Testimony at the hearing showed that the justice system is not always impartial when it comes to Lesbians and Gay men. In 1987, Daniel Wan was brutally beaten and murdered outside a Gay bar in Fort Lauderdale. "That's a crime now, to beat up a homosexual?" The judge later said he was kidding, but Gay rights groups throughout the country failed to see the humor. Last year in Dallas, Judge Jack Hampton admitted in an interview with the *Dallas Times Herald* that he had given a convicted murderer a light sentence because the victim was homosexual.

If the Code of Judicial Conduct is revised to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, judges will be accountable and may think twice before they fail to provide equal justice under the law.

Hospital To End PWA Discrimination

The Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc. and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund have announced a settlement of a lawsuit against Washington, D.C.'s Howard University Hospital for discrimination against AIDS patients. As a result of the settlement, Howard has agreed to adopt a hospital-wide policy permitting persons with AIDS or HIV infections to be treated on all wards and in all rooms of the hospital. Previously, patients with AIDS and HIV disease were refused admission to certain wards of the hospital, including the psychiatric ward, and were treated only in isolation, in private rooms, or in rooms with other patients with HIV disease.

The lawsuit was brought in federal district court in Washington D.C., on behalf of a 31-year-old black woman with AIDS. In October 1988, the woman, identified only as Jane



Doe to protect her confidentiality, was denied appropriate treatment by Howard University Hospital because of the hospital's policy of isolating patients with HIV disease and denying them admission to the psychiatric ward.

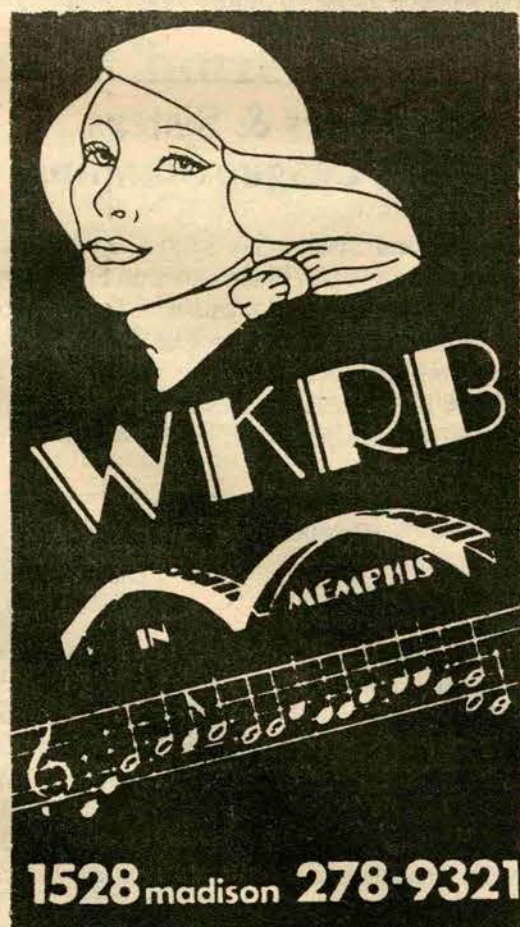
"This is an important victory against AIDS-related discrimination and for decent health care for individuals with HIV," said lead attorney Lynne Bernabei. "Segregating and treating patients infected with HIV differently than other patients undermines effective infection control throughout the entire hospital population. It puts patients at risk of discrimination and inferior medical

care, and creates a false sense of security for hospital personnel."

The case was filed against Howard in November 1988 under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the D.C. Human Rights Act, both of which prohibit discrimination against the handicapped or those perceived to be handicapped. Ruth Eisenberg, Whitman-Walker Clinic's Legal Services Director, said, "With this policy change, Howard joins other area hospitals in adopting strong anti-discrimination guidelines, which assure that people with AIDS and HIV infection will be treated equally in all hospital facilities."

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Happy Anniversary Gateway – Show Me 16



Tue. Oct. 24 – Miller Genuine Draft Party Night

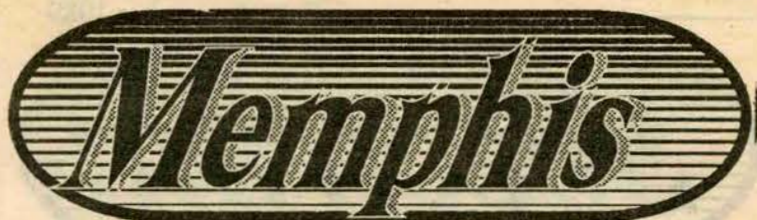
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Sun. Nov. 12 – Aphrodite Presents "That's Entertainment VIII"

Sat. Nov. 18 – Women of Leather Club Night for Conductors in Nashville

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Memphis Gay Coalition Elects Officers, Sets Goals

The annual meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition was held Oct. 2, 1989 at the Public Library at Peabody and McLean. One of the highlights of the meeting was the election of officers and at large board members. Returning in 1990 will be Ken Horton, president; Vincent Astor, vice president; Cecil McLeod, treasurer; John Stilwell, secretary; and Allen Cook, at-large board member. New at-large board members are Steve Solomon and Marty Katz.

A discussion of goals for the Coalition brought out a desire to return to the purposes of the Coalition as laid out in the Organizational Manual which states the purpose of the Coalition as "...an organization of women and men working together to educate the general community and the Gay and Lesbian community about human rights issues, to foster awareness and communication, to assert rights, and to confront and work to overcome oppression and discrimination." To this end, the Coalition will look into placing ads in the *Memphis Flyer* and in the annual *Commercial Appeal Answer Book*. A renewed outreach to other Gay organizations is also on the Coalition's agenda.

The Coalition elected to continue holding its business meetings at the public library rather than moving them to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC). The consensus was that holding the meetings in the Library makes a political statement. Moving to the safety of a Gay site (i.e. the community center) was seen as a possible regression in the Coalition's efforts to be out front and make the non-Gay community aware of our presence. It was also felt that potential new attendees might feel less apprehensive about attending a meeting in a neutral, non-Gay surrounding (i.e. the library).

However, MGC has become the first organization to pledge an annual amount of \$630 to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. This donation entitles the Coalition to 24 meetings a year according to the Center's donation plan. The Coalition will move GayRap to the Community Center beginning Nov. 20th. MGC's annual Christmas dinner will also be held at the Community Center on Dec. 18th. The Coalition board may donate some of its additional meeting times at the Center to organizations unable to afford the \$35 per day charge.

Community Center Update

by Ken Horton

Your Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center is now open to serve the needs of Memphis and the surrounding area. All we need now is you, to serve and be served, to donate, volunteer, support, and be proud that it is now a reality. As you can see from our ad on the back page, we need a few things to get this center off on the right foot. If anyone has anything to donate that would enhance the center, please call the Gay Switchboard, 324-GAYS, or come by the center (1291 Madison) on Saturdays between 12 and 2. Any memorial or commemorative gift will be acknowledged. We are an all-volunteer center and will do our best to have someone on staff at those hours on the premises. As the supporting groups in town support the center, it will be open more and more often.

This center has a vision that was three years in the making. During 1989, we incorporated, got our paperwork in order, and leased our center on the first of October. We will be getting the place in shape during October and November for our grand opening the first week of December. All Gay and Lesbian groups in town are welcome to use the center with board approval. Copies of the center's usage policies and rules are now available and may be picked up at the Community Center.

Funding for the Center will come from those groups which use it, from donations, fun-

draisers, and memberships. For a \$35.00 donation, the center is reserved for one day, on a first-come, first-served basis, due to limited space. Those groups which have reserved a specific time will be entitled to its exclusive use, and to a reasonable use of the disposables furnished by the center.

The Gay Ho committee of the Center will be holding a fundraiser during the month of December to help raise money for its operation. Membership cards will be available at the event. We need a men's chorus for the fundraiser which, if interest is great enough and we can get a director and accompanist, will be the core

of a Memphis Gay Men's Chorus. If you are interested in signing up for this chorus, please come by the center between 12 and 2 on any Saturday or call the Gay Switchboard Wednesdays between 7:30 and 11:00 pm.

Remember, this is a place to serve you! Its existence depends on service, not on being served. The staff is working hard, but we are all volunteers and will gladly take advice, constructive criticism, or your recommendations to help serve this area. Don't hesitate to let us know what we can do to help. We will have more on your opportunities to support this center in the next issue of *Gaze*.

Cast for New Play Needed

New Theatre Group to Showcase Local Talent

Yo, thespians, a new community theatre group is here! The formation of a group was originally discussed during the production of "Boys in the Band" back in the spring, in an effort to keep avenues of creativity open to local talent.

Weighing in at 136 lbs. and delivered on the moonlit wings of day-glo pink flamingos, "The Lollipop Guild" came into being on Oct. 15, 1989 in the Emerald City of Memphis. (You figure it out.)

Asking nothing more than a chance to be, or not to be, a source of tapping into Gay and Lesbian talent in the mid-south, "The Lollipop Guild" will present its first production after the new year.

Auditions will soon be held to cast four male roles in the upcoming production of "Battle Scars," written by a local playwright. To audition for or work on the production, contact Dennis Smith at 382-0990 after 6 PM for more details.

Brothers & Sisters Bowling League Standings

The Brothers and Sisters Gay Mixed Bowling League bowls at Big Daddy's Poplar Plaza Lanes on Friday evenings at 9:15 PM. The league has 14 teams with four members on each team. While new teams cannot be added this season, substitute bowlers are accepted every Friday night except position nights. Five lanes are set aside for open bowling, so stop by and substitute, open bowl, or just watch. We're sure you'll have fun!

Standings as of Week 6
(October 13, 1989)

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pins
1. Simply Delicious	19	5	13,485
2. Up-N-Coming	17.5	6.5	13,752
3. Stiff Competition	17	7	13,630
4. W K R Bowlers	17	7	13,394
5. Lois Laners	15.5	8.5	13,375
6. Half-Nuts	14	10	13,359
7. King Pins	12	12	13,519
8. Lucky Thirteen	12	12	13,304
9. Travelin Trojans	11	13	13,639
10. Goodwinners	9.5	14.5	13,264
11. Just Fer Fun, Hun'	7.5	16.5	13,166
12. Hallelujah Hooters	7	17	12,859
13. Wray-ettes	6	18	13,132
14. Mama's Girls	3	21	12,892

For more information on the Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, call Tony or Mark at 726-4890.

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A crowd of about 1200 people attended HEART STRINGS, Sept. 25 — clearly the largest, most elaborate AIDS fund-raising event in Memphis history. Although organizers had hoped for a sell-out of the black-tie optional event, all concerned were pleased with the outcome which could realize as much as \$40,000 for the three benefiting organizations.

Sporting a touring cast and crew of thirty-five and augmented by over 70 local singers and children, the elaborate stage production suffered from a few technical problems in the first act caused by a short load-in and setup time at the Vincent DeFrank Music Hall. Technicians and crew began loading staging, lighting, and sound equipment at 8:00 AM on the morning of the event. Normally two days are required for setup.

Built on an allegory of a mythical town which suffers the onset of a black cloud which makes some of the townspeople ill, HEART STRINGS wove popular songs, dancing, and

narrative into an inspirational evening of hope and healing. Actor Larry Riley of *Knot's Landing* narrated and hosted the show.

Perhaps the most moving part of HEART STRINGS was the appearance of a portion of The Names Project quilt which brought stunned silence and awe to the audience. The quilt section, which stretched the entire width and height of the proscenium was lowered during the song "I've Got A Name." The name of both local and national people who have succumbed to AIDS were read during the quilt's appearance.

Two other highlights were Sam Baker's rendition of *Wind Beneath My Wings* and the Memphis Symphony Chamber Singers rendition of *Sometimes When We Touch*.

On Sept. 24, a Gala Brunch for corporate sponsors and buyers of \$200 tickets was held on the lawn of Galloway Mansion, home of Dr. Marshall Koonce, a member of the HEART STRINGS host committee. A champagne cast party for \$75 ticket holders and volunteers was held in the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel

immediately after the event.

A group of over 250 volunteers labored for four months to prepare for HEART STRINGS. "It's important that we keep these people involved," said Allen Cook, co-chair of HEART STRINGS. "This group constituted one of the most committed, responsible, and effective groups I've ever worked with. Our challenge now is how to top this." Among the suggestions are to bring the Names Project Quilt to Memphis for an exhibition and to create a local "Heart Strings-type production for 1991," said Cook.

A final accounting of proceeds was not available at presstime as not all expenses had been paid, but 85% of the estimated revenue of \$40,000 will be split between the Aid to End AIDS Committee and the Memphis AIDS Coalition. Fifteen percent of the revenue is retained by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS, sponsors of the event, for distribution to AIDS organizations in cities not on the 26-city tour.

Would You Like To Be Part Of The Memphis Gay Men's Chorus?

by Ken Horton

There has been some interest and talk lately of a Gay men's chorus around town. A recent article in *The Advocate* noted that there are seventy-one Gay/Lesbian choruses in our nation, and some of us believe it is time for Memphis to have one. Such a group could sing at fundraisers and

benefits around town, and it would also serve as a source for brotherhood and unity in the Gay men's community. I recently heard the Dallas Gay Men's Chorus and was moved to tears by the courage which these men have in standing before the city of Dallas as openly Gay. Such a choir in Memphis would start out on a modest scale, and until it got

its feet off the ground, would probably be for the Gay and Lesbian Community's enjoyment only.

Anyone interested in forming such a group should come by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Madison on Saturdays between the hours of 12-2 and ask for the sign-in sheet for the Memphis Gay Men's Choir. If we can get some possibilities for a director, an accompanist, a piano, and enough guys to carry a tune, we will contact everyone and have an organizational meeting.

MGC To Offer Switchboard Training

The Memphis Gay Coalition will offer Gay Switchboard training Nov. 6 in an effort to recruit new operators for the service. The Gay Switchboard has been in operation for over 12 years. The Switchboard is dependent on volunteers for its operation and goes unstaffed when volunteers are not available.

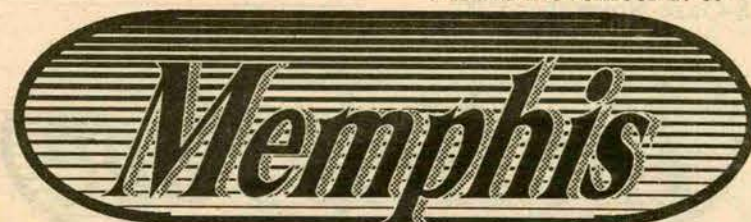
According to John Stilwell, Switchboard Coordinator, it's easy to be a Switchboard operator. All you need is a phone,

good knowledge of the things the Gay community has to offer, and the Switchboard referral list. "Many of the calls come from visitors to our city who want to know where the Gay bars are," Stilwell said.

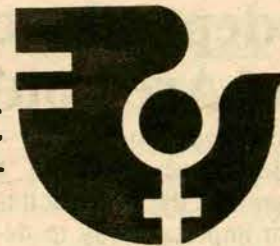
It is also important to have good listening skills and be comfortable with being Gay or Lesbian. According to Stilwell, "Some callers are just coming out and need some positive reinforcement — being able to talk with someone with a sympathetic ear is important."

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The Help Page

Codependency - What Is It And Are You?

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

Codependency may be a catch word of the 80's, but it is also an important way to describe someone in trouble. A codependent is someone who becomes so involved with another person as to inappropriately put the other person's needs above his/her own needs. The codependent person often appears to others as a capable, healthy, self-sufficient person, in control of his/her own life. In reality, he/she feels insecure, afraid, and full of self doubt, needing a great deal of reassurance.

Codependency comes in many forms and is caused by a variety of factors. Until recently, the term codependent was used to describe those involved with an alcoholic or drug abuser. Today we know that codependent behaviors are often found in families without such a history. Some of the most common factors found in a codependent's family of origin are: overdependent parents, the presence of compulsive or addictive behaviors; serious mental illness; overly rigid moral or religious beliefs; or sexual/physical abuse, especially as a child.

In response to the stress of factors such as these, codependents tend to "overdevelop" in one or more areas. Some need to be caregivers or controllers. Others may become super-achievers or super responsible. Still others, despairing of ever getting the attention they crave, may feel chronically frustrated, rejected, and inadequate. To avoid experiencing these feelings, they smoke or eat too much, watch TV too much, or overindulge themselves with material things.

They react to problems in the family or in a mate by blaming themselves. This decreases even more their already low self esteem. And all too often, the family or mate will encourage the taking of blame, thereby perpetuating this destructive cycle.

There is a way out! Codependents must learn where their responsibilities begin and end.

They must learn to create an

appropriate emotional space between themselves and others. These beginnings are a tall order for someone who has spent a lifetime all balled up with someone else's feelings, but it can be done. Individual or family therapy and supportive self-help groups can assist codependents in separating reality from fantasy; reconnecting with long ignored feelings; and learning new, more appropriate behaviors enabling them to live positive and productive lives.

Change is never easy, but the payoff is well worth the effort. Gone will be the frequent physical complaints and the awful feelings of inadequacy. In their place will be a new life and satisfying relationships.

To determine if you may be codependent, take this quiz:

Are You Codependent?

1. Do you constantly seek approval and affirmation?
2. Do you fail to recognize your accomplishments, even feeling uncomfortable with praise or compliments?
3. Do you fear criticism and go to great lengths to avoid it?
4. Do you often say "yes" when you want to say "no"?
5. Have you had problems with compulsive behaviors?
6. Do you feel more alive in the middle of a crisis, or when you are "fixing" someone or something?
7. Do you take care of others more easily than you take care of yourself?
8. Do you respond with anxiety to authority figures or to angry people?
9. Do you have trouble maintaining intimate relationships?
10. Do you cling to bad relationships because you fear being alone?
11. Do you find it difficult to express your emotions, especially the negative ones about someone?
12. Do you often mistrust your own feelings and the feelings expressed by others?

If you answered "yes" to as many as 4 of these questions, you may want to discuss your possible codependency with someone. "Yes" to more than 5 means you are at high risk.

Gay Ho: "A Country Christmas"

Those strange and wonderful people who brought you "Gay Ho 1989, A Bar Raising" are at it once again, putting together a Christmas Show like no other. Once again the proceeds will benefit the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, located at 1291 Madison Ave. The shows will be produced during the first two weeks of December at two Memphis locations, yet to be announced. The central theme of the shows will, of course, be Christmas and the delights of the season. "It is our sincerest wish that we can instill a little old fashioned Christmas spirit in everyone that participates and attends," said Matthew Presley, Gay Ho producer. Volunteers are needed to help make this show the success all other Gay Ho shows have been.

The people needed include performers (both live and lip-sync), set decorators/designers, choreographers, and assistant stage managers. The show will emphasize the local talent that is available, as well as present to the community, some never before seen creativity and comedic ingenuity.

If you are interested in being a part of Gay Ho, call Matthew Presley at 458-5965 after 5 PM Monday-Friday, or all day on weekends (answering machine is always on).

Leather W'Raps' Us In Better Understanding

by Ken Horton

The September and October GayRaps were among the most enlightening raps we have had to date. The discussion, led by Vincent Astor, was leather. As soon as the subject was raised, the room was instantly buzzing with questions and answers.

One of the major topics was that of misunderstanding. Just as Gays and Lesbians are often misunderstood by the general community, so are we often misunderstood by each other. Some of the people of the leather community have been feared and shunned because of the bad associations that some of us have about what leather represents. This appears to be the same kind of misunderstanding that has come out in other raps which we have had with cross-dressers or other sub-groups within the Gay community.

Among the topics included in the discussion were brotherhood, runs, and coming out. The significance of pins, uniforms, and motorcycles were talked about; as were the concepts of S&M, tops and bottoms, and stereotypical behavior. The October GayRap delved deeper into many of these subjects and

had the added emphasis of women in the leather community.

GapRap is a group sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition which meets at 7:30 PM on the third Monday of every month, except June and December. A discussion is held on a pre-selected topic of interest to Gay men and women. The meetings are open to anyone. We sit in a large circle to get to know each other better, but where a person can remain as anonymous or become as vocal as he or she desires. In addition to learning and having fun, it is a good place to meet new and interesting people.

If you have a subject matter that you would like to present or have presented at GayRap, please contact me on the Gay Switchboard on Wednesdays at 324-GAYS or write Ken Horton in care of Gaze.

The November GayRap will take place on Nov. 20. It will be the first GayRap to take place in the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (1291 Madison). It marks a permanent move of GayRap to the Center. Kerrel Ard. will conduct the GayRap entitled "Men's Work." (See related story on page 9).

So, if you've got a hankerin' to spend a few evenings acting foolish and don't mind taking direction from a mad man, call

to volunteer your energy and time, otherwise we'll see you at the Gay Ho Christmas Show. Yippee Yi-Yo, Ho, Ho, Ho.

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Men's Work

On Nov. 20, GayRap will begin meeting at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center. The topic that night will be "Men's Work" and will feature representatives of the Tamauga Men's Council, the first formally-organized group of men in the Mid-South who are committed to personal growth and the ideals of the men's movement. — Ed.

by Kerrel Ard

Society in many ways has dealt men a difficult hand to play. Men have taken or been given control for a long time. With control comes great pressure not to make mistakes and never to admit weakness. Also, with control comes denial or repression of feelings and emotions, and the ability to easily hide real and important parts of the human psyche. Control does not create healthy people. Men as a group die younger and are less likely to seek help for their problems — regardless of the severity. And men certainly do not communicate well about their feelings, fears, or needs. Is it any wonder then that our world is in the mess that it is with so many less-than-healthy people "in control?"

In the not-too-distant past, there were wise men and women in our society who taught the young how to be healthy, socially appropriate, and spiritually minded. With the dawn of the technological age, these wise elders were pushed aside and have all but become extinct. So, too, have the rites, rituals, and experiential ceremonies used by the elders to teach been all but forgotten. Such activities were seen as anti-progressive and not at all in keeping with the modern age. The legacy of what was forgotten or neglected was that a great developmental void was created in all people.

The emergence of the men's movement with its focus on male developmental issues is a concerted attempt by men across the nation to re-capture and regain what they need most. The men's movement seeks to empower men emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. The men's movement — like the present-day feminist movement — seeks to discover those gender-specific activities and concepts which foster personal growth. It is certainly true that people today who seek to re-discover their emotional, psychological, and spiritual roots

are best equipped to heal this hurting world and each other. And perhaps, healthier and more enlightened men can better co-exist with equally healthier and enlightened women, and each other! Although we celebrate the differences in men and women, Gay or straight, we champion equity and justice.

The Tamauga Men's Council is the first formally-organized group of men in the Mid-South who are committed to personal growth and the ideals of the men's movement. What the group believes is best told in one of their publications, *The Common Thread*.

The Men's Council is a group of men bound together by a common thread. It is held together not by the structures of a rigid creed or code, but by the common understanding that we are all on a Quest. Our Quest is a personal search for knowledge and understanding of our physical, intellectual, psychological, and spiritual nature — the fullest experience and expression of our Self, Others, Life, and the Transcendent.

We share a unique history and experience as men, and therefore are bound in a spirit of brotherhood. Our participating with others helps us to receive understanding and achieve enlightenment. We have dedicated ourselves to discovering — for the first time and place — the learnings, forms, traditions, and experiences which foster our own personal growth and actualization.

But, our search is not contained within the boundaries of any single tradition or philosophy. Rather, it lies in the collective wisdom and understanding of all, and is expressed as a single, unique, unified direction in each of our lives. Our search is one to reclaim the total self — to learn our unique and individual rhythm rather than be caught in rigid roles and expectations. We strive to celebrate all dimensions of ourself: our strengths and weaknesses, our achievements and failures, our thoughts and our feelings, as well as our sensuality.

Our lives are characterized by a set of common understandings:

- We are not the highest expression of the life force in the universe

- The Highest expression of life is obtained through the Search

- The Quest is a sacred en-

deavor

- Balance in life is the ideal: a balance of public and private life; of work and play; and of mind, soul, psyche, and body

- By a change of our consciousness, the world of others will also be changed

- The mark of a man truly on a Quest is that of Integrity and Impeccability of Spirit — with himself and with his fellow human beings

- There are forms and traditions that transcend individuals and cultures and which can serve as aids and guideposts for the Quest.

We endeavor to improve our lives by exploring our inner selves, finding creative outlets, and refocusing our activities in line with our changing understanding of the nature of ourselves and our world. We feel we maximize our growth when we live with joy in the present moment; develop and protect our own physical well-being; get maximum pleasure from our sexuality; give spontaneously of ourselves and our belongings to others; express our feelings and fantasies freely and without shame; and personalize our relationships with others; relate with others through cooperation and non-judgmental sharing (rather than through manipulation or competition).

We strive to better understand, participate in, and celebrate those things which are unique to us as men-in-process: our common history and experiences, perspectives, and traditions. We are strengthened by the knowledge and experience that there are others on a similar path, and that by sharing our journeys we both help others on their Quests as well as further our own."

Where does the Gay man fit into all of this? First, the Gay man has similar feelings and needs as other men. Because the heart of the men's movement is an individual quest or growth journey, there can be no exclusion of men who may be of a different sexual orientation. Indeed, one of the founding members of the Tamauga Men's Council is a Gay man. The Gay viewpoint is a natural and important part of any topic of any discussion. Three things happen in discussions: 1) the Gay man can be himself without exception or holding back; 2) other men deal with their discomfort or open homophobia; and 3) understanding and brotherhood are promoted as each person claims his own unique

GayRap

maleness.

On November 20th, a representative of the Tamauga Men's Council will be leading a discussion at GayRap. The GayRap discussion is not meant to be a membership drive. The Men's Council does not solicit or seek members. The discussion will center on the concepts of the men's movement and those characteristics which are unique to men. The Council realizes that it is only a local

expression of the greater men's movement. As such, then, the Council hopes it can offer an organizational atmosphere of respect, integrity, and commitment to those men who seek brotherhood, male support, and friendship on their personal journey — nothing more and nothing less. Interested persons are invited to be part of the November 20th rap. Seating is limited, so come early.

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Therapy groups embracing special needs in the lives of Lesbians are forming in November. In a trusting, caring, and open atmosphere we will address questions and problems concerning intimate relationships, homophobia, emotional health, and parenting.

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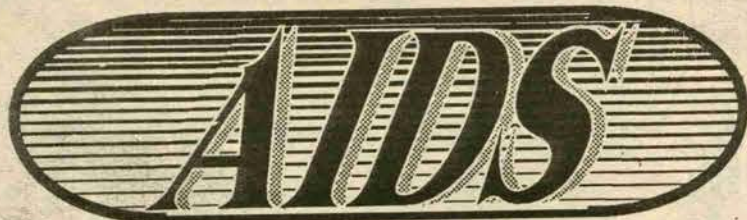
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DDI Approved For Early Distribution

Washington - The Federal government announced Sept. 28 it has approved early distribution of a promising new AIDS drug, DDI, despite recent findings that high doses can cause severe side effects.

United Press International reported that the drug will be distributed at no cost by Bristol-Myers Co., its manufacturer. According to the report, it will be distributed to patients who cannot tolerate AZT, the only government approved drug which attacks the AIDS virus.

Meanwhile, clinical trials involving 2600 people with AIDS or ARC will be conducted to determine whether DDI is safe enough to be approved by the FDA for more widespread use.

"The epidemic of AIDS is extraordinary, and must be met with extraordinary measures. Since DDI is still an experimental drug, it must be tested carefully and must demonstrate safety and efficacy before it can be approved," FDA Commissioner Frank Young said in making the announcement.

"We believe, however, that it is important to offer the drug now to people with AIDS for whom the standard treatment [of AZT] is not an option, even

though there are some potentially serious side effects."

In June, scientists reported early test results, which showed that DDI (dideoxyinosine) fights the AIDS virus in patients and appeared to be less toxic than AZT.

However, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, some patients receiving high doses of DDI during recent tests suffered painful nerve damage to the feet and in their pancreases.

According to UPI, the plan to make DDI widely available before final FDA approval fits in with the growing movement to develop parallel tracks for testing drugs that may help the desperately ill.

Under such an approach, people with life-threatening diseases are given access to promising drugs for free after they have been found safe, but before they are conclusively proved effective.

Chairwoman of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) Mathilde Krim said "These side effects are reversible if the dosage is reversed or the treatment is stopped."

Scientists will likely monitor whether DDI can be used in

conjunction with AZT during the trials.

Most experts agree that no single drug will cure AIDS and that a variety of drugs used in combination will likely prove effective. Krim said there are "early indications" that some strains of the AIDS virus, resistant to AZT, are not resistant to DDI.

AIDS Prevention Effort Targets Black Gay Men

The first national campaign to educate Black Gay men about how to prevent the transmission of HIV kicked off in Los Angeles to coincide with the beginning of AIDS Awareness month. The campaign is co-sponsored by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together and the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum.

The campaign will feature five posters and a button advocating the use of condoms, under the slogan "Rubbers Every Time." The posters will be distributed in bars, bathhouses, and other locations across the country. The poster series has been called "the hottest thing yet for promoting safer sex among Black gay men." While this is not the first time such an idea has been implemented, the national scope of the campaign is unique.

Gay men of color still constitute over half of the cases of AIDS among Blacks and Hispanics throughout the country.

No Confidentiality Law Needed Says Bush Administration

Since many states are tackling the issue of AIDS and HIV confidentiality with their own laws, there is no need for a federal law mandating such confidentiality at this time, a Bush administration official told a House subcommittee Sept. 18.

Dr. James R. Allen, director of the National AIDS Program of the Public Health Service, reported on a federally commissioned study of state AIDS and HIV confidentiality laws in testimony before the House Subcommittee on Health and Environment.

"The [Bush] administration studied carefully this report of the current status of HIV and AIDS confidentiality protections in the states," Allen said, "and we believe that now there is no compelling evidence requiring federal legislation for confidentiality protections. That is the administration's position."

However, Allen stated that if the Congress were to consider such a law, the administration would "look at it."

"The Centers for Disease Control concluded in 1987 that hundreds of thousands of Americans should be counseled and tested for AIDS," said Subcommittee Chair Rep. Henry Waxman, D-CA, "but fears of breaches of confidentiality pose a major barrier to getting these people into clinics. We must work to make sure that this barrier is overcome."

The state-by-state survey of confidentiality laws, mandated by last year's AIDS omnibus bill, found that by the end of 1988, all but six states had laws on the books that in some ways addressed the use and disclosure of AIDS or HIV status. How the confidentiality issue is addressed, however, varies greatly from state to state. Tennessee's confidentiality law is considered among the toughest.

According to Allen, the report found that some states provide "schemes of protection" for HIV-related medical information, while others provide confidentiality protection specifically for people with AIDS.

"Typically," Allen said, "they set out a general principle of confidentiality but go on to permit many types of disclosures without the patient's consent, reflecting policy choices that particular disclosures are more important than the confidentiality principle."

The survey also found that most states cover AIDS and HIV infection as part of existing medical records confidentiality laws, while only 12 states have comprehensive AIDS laws on the books.

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The new syringe is designed so that the plunger, once depressed to administer an injection, locks in and cannot be pulled out again for a second use. If the plunger is forced, it pulls completely out of the socket and the plunger becomes useless.

Pauls is the inventor of the "child-proof" cap designed to keep children from accidentally opening medicines.

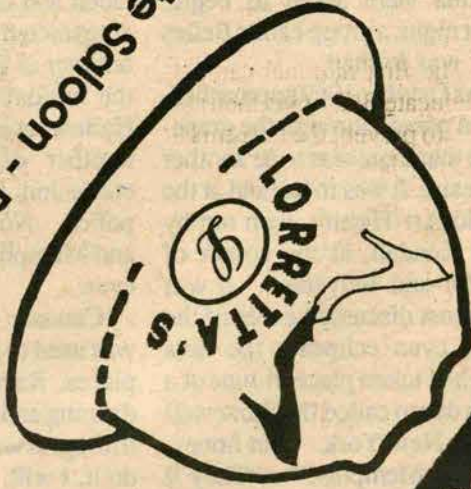
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A Tradition Revived The Miss Gay Memphis Pageant

By Vincent Astor

Nowadays, every major bar has a title pageant. Some individuals stage independent pageants. Titles may be found just about everywhere. In the era of Miss Cotton Boll, Miss Southern Belle, Miss River City, and Miss (fill-in-the-blank), it is difficult to imagine a drag-less Memphis. This month marks the 20th anniversary of the great-grandmother of them all — Miss Memphis. The writer has discovered that this shimmering institution has been as much a source of Gaypride and the fight to be ourselves, in its own way, as anything which followed.

In 1968, Dennis Belski, known to his friends at Melina, shared a big old stone house on

Waldran with several other men. The house, that had been built by the Lowenstein family and had housed the Beethoven Club, was to be the site of a party like no one had ever seen... a masked ball. Set for Halloween night, invitations were sent to everyone who was anyone in Memphis... and Gay. Costumes abounded and many, under cover of Halloween, came dressed as women, the only occasion when anyone would have dared. Memphis was a different place then, the cross-dressing ordinance was enforceable and Gay people were still meeting one another in small, slightly shabby bars and lived in constant fear of discovery. Tonight was different. A stereo was produced and several of the

guests performed. Contestants appeared and were judged, the presence of a grand staircase being a definite asset.

The spectators were breathless as Miss Terri Woo was judged fairest of the fairies and proclaimed Miss Memphis. As the riotous party continued, Bill Kendall, Edd Smith, Tom Green, Dennis Belski, and several others sat around the kitchen table and discussed the year to come. The careers of many performers of long duration, like Rikki Rivera, Lilly Christine and Melina were about to begin. That night, a group called Belles Ltd. was formed.

As October 1969 approached, word passed through the grapevine that there was to be another pageant. It was to be held at the Guild Art Theatre, then run by Bill Kendall, at the corner of Poplar and Belvedere. It was the most discussed event of the year, even eclipsing the riots that had taken place in June at a little dump called the Stonewall Inn in New York. "But honey, this is Memphis!" "They'll never let you get away with it!" "So what, we'll be out of jail in an hour." "If you'll do it, I will." The courageous pre-

vailed.

Spectators and participants arrived that night to see many police and vice squad cars all around the Guild (now the site of Circuit Playhouse). This did not deter the glittering contestants from entering the theatre and performing the very first Gay drag show in a public place in the heart of midtown Memphis. The large group applauded wildly when Miss Candace Cagle was crowned Miss Memphis by Miss Woo and received one of the most overlaid and campy trophies ever constructed. The presence of a number of RG's (real girls) and the holiday (remember it was Halloween) plus the very large number of people produced confusion among the waiting police. No one was arrested, and Memphis was changed forever.

Candace remembers that "I was used to living in more open places. Back then, there was no dancing and no one could get up in drag. It was a case of, if you'll do it, I will. And we did."

The next year, the contest took place at a bar called The Hunt on Jackson Avenue. It



Candace Cagle
Miss Memphis 1969

caused a great deal of controversy when the entire audience expected Diana, the first black performer to participate in such an event, to win. The judges, in a surprise move, bestowed the crown on Edwina Smith, the mistress of ceremonies. The brough-ha-ha which followed is remembered clearly by many even 20 years later.

Many Memphis activists have been proud of the 1980 Southeastern Conference which made a Gay place out of the



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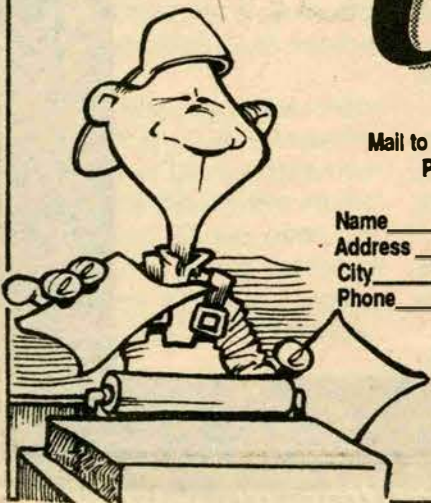
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Holiday Inn Rivermont (now the Rivermark). Miss Memphis had preceded them by nine years. The biggest pageant ever was held in Holiday Hall, still watched from a distance by the vice squad. A documentary film was made of this event (which still exists) and everyone who attended can still remember it clearly. There was not even standing room. Many of the hotel staff even came to watch. They expected vulgarity and got glamor. Lilly Christine was remembered for her performance of "This is My Life" as were stunning performances by Rikki Rivera, Diana and Loretta Morton. Goldie Williams was handed the huge trophy and proclaimed Miss Memphis in 1971, her true name, Lorretta, was not used to avoid confusion. (A pageant called Miss Cotton Carnival was mistaken for Miss Memphis that year. Loretta Morton won that title which was given at the old Holiday Inn Dinner Theatre.)

Belles Ltd. gave over the pageant in 1972 to The Queen's Men, a group founded and chartered in the previous year to emulate the Gay Mardi Gras

krewe in New Orleans. Most of their events were held during Cotton Carnival but Miss Memphis remained on Halloween. 1972's pageant returned to the Guild and Rebecca Collinger was crowned.

The pageant became more formalized the following year and began to travel to non-Gay venues. The word "Gay" was added to the title and a plaque listing all of the winners was obtained. The dating system was revised to entitle the winner for the year *following* the pageant, as in Miss America and other major pageants, and has therefore confused everyone who has tried to list the winners to this day. That year, the crown passed to Michelle Marie Hays, Miss Gay Memphis for 1974. The pageant was held at the American Legion Post #1 downtown which was to become the site of many, many balls, pageants and dances for years thereafter.

Jo Anne Badey became the first black Miss Gay Memphis for 1975. The pageant moved to the Xanadu ballroom after that and an ad appeared that year in *Gaiety* newspaper. Tiffany Blair was the winner for 1976. The

costume competition was won by an unknown drag named Miss Endora who paraded down the runway as Marie Antoinette. She later became notorious. The writer still has the dress used to win that contest.

Of all places, the Frayser V.F.W. hosted Miss Gay Memphis for 1977. By now, a lot of creativity was being used such as silkscreened posters and a new logo and concept for the programs every year. The program that year had a paper doll drag queen complete with costume changes. The winner for 1977 was Laura Lee Love who rose to fame and fortune out of a coffin (*Spirit in the Sky*). Ask anyone who saw it. A minor war resulted when she was announced, passions were hot concerning the choice for Miss Memphis. Attendance dropped that year, Gay Memphis wasn't ready for the foray into Frayser.

George's on Madison was the site of the next two pageants with Rachelle Fontane winning for 1978 and Veronica York winning for 1979. Peri Silvona was the first Miss Gay Memphis to be crowned at the Marshall St. location for 1980.



The event moved again to 10 North Cleveland when Shari Turner was crowned Miss Gay Memphis for 1981. Vivian Blake won the 1982 title at the same location. Once again, the pageant relocated to George's on Marshall. Brandy Alexander was crowned Miss Gay Memphis 1983 and a furious loser crowned one of the judges with the plaque, now grown heavy with thirteen recipients. The next two pageants were held at the Pendulum.

Roxie Bleu for 1984 and Tammika St. John for 1985 saw the pageant come full circle. The final pageant under the auspices of the Queen's Men returned to the American Legion Post #1 and Sable Starr

won for 1986. The pageant came under private ownership when Raquel Collins won for 1987. Controversy following the pageant caused it to hibernate for the next two years.

Though this history may conflict with some earlier written sources, much research has been done to try to make the list of winners and locations correct. I imagine that I will continue to hear wonderful stories about many of these contests, but I feel that this shall be the definitive list. Have a happy Halloween and remember, there's no shame in wearing a dress. A lot of courageous people in a much more unfriendly time paved the way toward freedom with sequins.

The 1990 Miss Gay Memphis Pageant Will Be held on November 10 at Reflections. ATEAC will realize all proceeds. Produced by Tommy Stewart for ATEAC. Show director will be Trixie Thunderpussy.

Miss Gay Memphis Pageant

Friday Nov. 10th - 11 PM

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Quick Clips

Dateline Memphis, What Happened When Gaze Turned 10.

It escapes us when our name and/or journalistic contributions turned up in *Gaze* for the first time. It is, however, our great pleasure and privilege to turn up in the 10th Anniversary issue. This is Memphis, early autumn 1989 and you, my dears, are history.

Artistic Trivia Department

We attended the Toulouse-Lautrec exhibition at Dixon Gallery and Gardens on the perfect night. We happened to be viewing the *Elles* series of lithographs, a complete set, which has as its subject matter the daily lives of prostitutes. A new theory, as we were informed by one who studies works of art on paper, is this. The series begins with a much-reproduced lithograph of the Clownesse Cha-O-Kao (whose name is derived from a derogatory term).

People are now recognizing this same woman in several of the other lithographs which show scenes of two women in domestic circumstances. *Elles* translates as a rather murky feminine form of "They." Formerly thought to refer to prostitutes, some sources now believe it refers to Lesbians, in whom Lautrec was interested. He was friendly with them, and frequently in their company. The name of the Gay bar in Montmartre of that period is also listed in some biographies of the artist as a place which he was seen on occasion, though we know of no art pieces resulting from any acquaintance with Gay men of the period.

Memphis Is *Not* Boring Department

We began the month by attending Heart Strings. We ate, met lovely cast people, laughed, cried, and remembered with an auditorium full of

people. We attended brunch (no, we *organized* brunch) at a mansion. We sipped champagne and ate delicious food courtesy of the Crowne Plaza. We helped raise tens of thousands of dollars. We were impressed, and we are still tired (watch it, May Nell). And we helped change Memphis forever.

That same weekend, Tsarus held its annual AIDA run. Around 50 people participated, and five out of town clubs were represented. The byword this year was "visit" as the chilly conditions caused by Hurricane Hugo prompted much warmth and fellowship—of necessity. Ask David Bulliner how he got those bra burns, you just won't believe it, toots. And-a-good-time-was-had-by-all. We plan to see all of the local leather clubs at the Gateway 16th anniversary this weekend.

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center was christened on October 1 by an informal Pot Luck Dinner. We arrived a bit late for the nibbles but did see several of the crowd. The support for the center is growing daily, and there is a very commendable mixture of different types of people and lifestyles on its board. Why don't you go over and see it some time. Check the ad.

We are desperately trying to break bad habits and jumped into a lightning face to catch the Trixie Thunderpussy Awards. The actual awards ceremony was preceded by selected short subjects, courtesy of the video projector, of the Wagettes' Labor Day benefit. Video embellishments continued throughout the awards and, yes Virginia, we got one too. Many shining lights of the glitter circuit were there, and several were "honoured"... Lady Vic as most versatile performer and Billie Jo Casino as entertainer of the year were the two nice ones. The Fat Lady came out and did her Shelley Winters impression; though a newcomer to the maelstrom of sequins which is cabaret show business, she was purty good. Her mother even applauded, but did not tip. ATEAC was given \$409 from the benefit. The quote of the evening was, "One of these days Tommy Stewart may buy a *@#; table that don't rock."

The next event of note was a roast of **Granny Weaver** held by the Wagettes, also for ATEAC. George Wilson introduced himself as Ralph Edwards to the goodly crowd and began the procedure of dramatizing Granny's life as a series of fall-

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ng off stools. She was presented with a sawn off bar stool so that she wouldn't have to fall so far. A dramatic recreation of her triumphal return to the stage last Labor Day weekend only proved to us that Granny is indeed a trouper, and we said as much. We have lost our hair a time or two but never lost our balance as bombastically and as dramatically as Granny did, never missing a single word and only realizing what had happened the next two days she spent in bed. Her peppery speech and spicy temper were relived in full by the likes of Michelle Rollins, Phyllis, Tommy Stewart, and Trixie Thunderpussy. Mattie Mae had collected several pages of quotable quotes, and \$458 was presented to ATEAC as a result of the entire sordid mess.

Jerry, a **Wagette** of importance, explained that the group began hanging around together a good while ago and were well known for their rousing sing-along to that David Allan Coe song about names. Someone started referring to them as the Wagettes, and these worthy gentlemen decided to put their effort into a little less drinking and a little more fundraising. Their attendance at events can be relied upon when they are not involved in their own projects. They have been very successful these few months and are planning a Thanksgiving dinner event for November. And we say, good luck to them.

Women of Leather celebrated their second anniversary on October 14 with a cocktail party, sponsored by Chaps; a seated prime rib dinner at Zinnie's East, sponsored by the club; and cordials afterward, sponsored by the Pipeline. We were pleased to attend as well as notice several out of town visitors. Four guest clubs were represented.

resented.

We flew away from there to attend another beautiful backyard party given by BWMT in honor of their national board which held a meeting in Memphis that weekend. Nick's home and yard were quite festive, a number of local organizations were invited and attended. We certainly enjoyed meeting so many active people from all over the country. The national organization is also 10 years old, if we remember correctly. Such a plethora of anniversaries!

It's not easy being a Sylph. There are so many creative spirits and career girls in the **Pipettes** that scheduling is becoming a full time occupation. Jere, head Pipette, was pouring tea for us just the other day and saying that they will embark on two new projects this fall. They are undertaking a food drive, rather than a dinner, for Thanksgiving and plan to collect toys for Kids With AIDS as their holiday project. One of their numbers sang in perhaps the most stirring song of all in Heart Strings, *Sometimes When We Touch*. They were represented in Mr. Southern Leather and, our psychic sources say, may be represented in the brand new **Lollipop League**. We know very little about this new Thespian undertaking, but there is an article elsewhere. We suppose we will at least be informed if there are to be auditions.

And if that gossipin' bunch of biddies ever invites us to a **GHOUL** function, we will ponder long and hard (well, not over any of the members, that's for sure) whether to accept, decline, or airily ignore.

Even the day we typed this, we attended the very first local service on the annual Episcopal **National Day of Prayer for AIDS**. It was a very beautiful ecumenical prayer service at

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Calvary Episcopal Church with the inaugural of a very impressive cloth sculpture dedicated to People Living With AIDS. Bishop Dickson of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee participated as well as representatives from many other denominations including Agape New Life Church and Prescott Baptist Church. A goodly number attended.

**Woman on the Street
Department**

The Apartment will have its special Hallow'een show on Sunday the 29th at 11:30. Congratulations to Miss Jr. Miss Sheena St. James. First alternate was Adrienne Austin, 2nd alternate was Sharita Manchester. Watch for the Miss Black Tennessee here in November.

Barbara's will be very quiet on Hallow'een, as quiet as any whoopsie bar is that night. The lovely and talented Ms. Pierce has started taking short order food very seriously—hot tamales, pizza, hamburgers (not your fast food variety), and hot dogs—available anytime. Congratulations to Martha and June, regular Thursday night musicians, for their nice mention in the *Memphis Flyer*.

Chaps will host a Wings club Club Night on October 28 and a costume contest on Hallow'een. An Officers' Club Club Night is scheduled to take place on

November 18. The Officers' Club is a new group out of Little Rock. Wings continues to place for club participation in out of town runs. Yay guys!

GDI on the River will hold its costume contest on the 28th. Naomi Sexton won the Miss Southern Belle title, Kirby Kincaid was first alternate, and Candy Kiss, second alternate. Miss Mess Memphis will be held on the 31st.

J-Wag's will be hosting Miss J-Wag's while disyere colyumn is at Miss Printer; more news next month. Read the ad, they paid a lot of money for it.

Last Stop will hold its costume party on the 27th with an additional celebration on Hallow'een night. They are also offering catering services.

Lorretta's etc., etc., etc., is advertising Bait Shop specials daily. We didn't think catching fish had anything to do with Lorretta, but we don't know absolutely everything. She is serving mixed drinks.

Numbers will have two costume contests, one on the 28th and one on Hallow'een. Two gowns in one season—it's just more than a girl's wardrobe can handle.

The Pipeline has an entire weekend of goodies: a Pumpkin Carving contest on Friday, costume contest Saturday, its annual Auction Benefit on Sunday, and Whores d'Ouverts on Hallow'een. Expect the unusual.

Reflections will be hosting the revival of Miss Gay Memphis on November 10. Tommy is hoping to place it back among the ranks of the more glittering pageants held in Memphis. This one has a lot of years behind it. Some queen or other had the audacity to write a history of Miss Memphis, it's in here someplace. Ask any employee who won the Beanie Weanie award at Reflections. A poll is presently being conducted to test the veracity of this accolade.

WKRB will celebrate the spook day weekend on the 28th, and Aphrodite will present That's Entertainment VIII on November 12 to benefit their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket campaign. This year's show is dedicated to the memory of David Wiley and Jeff Padgett.

Read this over, Memphians. Don't ever let moi hear, not even by rumour, that anybody is bored in Memphis. Just within our realm of social meandering are enough functions to attend and groups to become involved with to wear out seven league boots, much less our little K-Mart special, vinyl afternoon tea pumps. We have not mentioned every organization in town either. We all can be proud of what Memphis has become.

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theatre to be themselves, for once, without hiding. Twenty years later, the descendent of that same pageant will be presented proudly in a city that has so much to offer it fills more than half a page of a newspaper

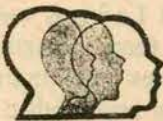
this size. Just the list, Marie.

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October - November 1989

Gay Community Calendar

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22	• ATEAC Board Meeting, 689 Melrose, 7:00	23	24	25	26	27
28						• Halloween Weekend - See Ads for Special Bar Events • Wings Club Night, Chaps, 10 PM
29	• Benefit & Auction, The Pipeline, 9 PM	30	• Halloween See Ads for Special Bar Events • Miss Mess Memphis Pageant, GDI	31	1	2
5	• Memphis Gay Coalition Business Meeting/ Gay Switchboard Training, Main Library, Meeting Room A, 7:30	6	7	8	9	10
11						• Miss Gay Memphis Pageant, Reflections, 11:00 PM
12	• Aphrodite Benefit "That's Entertainment VIII", WKRB, 8 PM	13	14	15	16	17
18				• Gaze Advertising and Copy Deadline for December issue.		• MGLCC Meeting, Noon - 1:30, 1291 Madison • Officer's Club (Little Rock), Chaps, 9 PM
19	• Gay Rap, Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison, 7:30 PM	20	21	22	23	24
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GWM, 20 5'8", 160#, bl/bl, student, art and music lover, newcomer. Seeking GWM, 20-28, interested in things besides bars, for possible friendship/relationship. Send to Dept Z-5, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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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 - 762-8401, 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: Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982.
Gay Women's Social Group: Lee, 327-6165.
Into The Light (Women's AA): Meets Sundays at noon, Thursdays at 8 PM at Memphis Lambda Center.
Kinship: Seventh Day Adventist Gay religious group - 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): 1291 Madison, Memphis 38104, Mailing address: Box 40231, Memphis 38174-0231.
Memphis Lambda Center: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs - 241 N. Cleveland (above United

Paint Store), Memphis - 276-7379.
Minority Prison Project (MPP): For information: John Prowett, 1973 Sipes, Memphis 38127.
Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104 - 452-6983.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG): 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.
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

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Carole Taylor, MS: Counseling - 458-7098.
Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

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Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 - (901) 525-0417.

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Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.
Tobacco Corner Newsroom: 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.

MEDIA

AIDS Update: Newspaper published by the Aid to End AIDS Committee - 458-AIDS.
Gay Alternative: Radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.
Gaze: Monthly newspaper published by the Memphis Gay Coalition - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 454-1411.
The Personals: Gay computer bulletin board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.

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If you can furnish any of the above, please call the Gay Switchboard (324-GAYS) on Wednesday nights or come by the Center, 1291 Madison, between 12-2 Saturdays. We will do our best to have any large object picked up. Please keep all donations dignified as they will help represent our community, and call or come by first in order to prevent duplications. All volunteers will be asked to work no more than one or two hours per month.