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HHS Chief Sides with Dannemeyer on Gay Youth Suicide Report

Washington, D.C.— Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), has sided with the anti-Gay forces of Rep. William Dannemeyer on the recently released HHS Youth Suicide Report, saying portions of the report dealing with Gay youth run “contrary” to the aim of “advancing traditional family values.”

The response from Sullivan stunned Gay rights activists who say the study has been widely praised for its fair and factual analysis of the growing problem of youth suicide, especially Gay and Lesbian suicide.

Sullivan, named head of HHS by George Bush, was responding to a request from Rep. Dannemeyer on where the secretary stood on the study, titled the “Report of the Secretary’s Task Force on Youth Suicide.” Dannemeyer has severely criticized the report’s “homosexual political agenda.”

The 110-page, pathfinding report analyzes and makes recommendations for stemming the increasing rate of teen suicides in the U.S. The study has a sizeable section on Gay and Lesbian suicide, reporting that “Gay youth face a hostile and condemning environment, verbal and physical abuse, and rejection and isolation from families and peers.”

The report goes on to state that “the traumatic consequences of these external pressures make Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transsexual youth more vulnerable than other youth to a variety of...problems and self-destructive behavior.”

In his written response to Dannemeyer, Sullivan states that “the views expressed in the paper entitled ‘Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide’ do not in any way represent my personal beliefs or the policy of this department.

“I am strongly committed to advancing traditional family values,” says Sullivan. “Federal policies must be crafted with great care to strengthen rather than undermine the institution of the family. In my opinion, the views expressed in the paper run contrary to that aim.”

“We believe strong family values have traditionally meant the nurturing, af-

firmation, protection and understanding of young people, not their alienation and stigmatization,” said Vaid to Sullivan. “We believe, as we hope you do, that suicide and violence are not family values.”

Vaid went on to criticize Sullivan for “politically validating” the anti-Gay accusation of Rep. Dannemeyer. She urged that the report “not be politicized.”

“The report correctly identifies the special vulnerability of Gay and Lesbian youth,” wrote Vaid. “It reveals that Gay youth face extremely hostile, stressful, isolating and unsupportive family environments that have led to a disproportionate number of suicides among homosexual youth. Your [Sullivan’s] statement to Congressman Dannemeyer appears to be unmindful of these facts, and potentially may even fuel anti-Gay and Lesbian family hostility.”

Rep. Dannemeyer has been waging a virtual one-man attack against the report’s Gay content. On August 9, he asked HHS Assistant Secretary James Mason to publicly denounce the Gay portion of the report. On September 7, Dannemeyer sent a similar message to President Bush.

At that time, NGLTF quickly fired a salvo back at Dannemeyer by delivering a letter to Bush calling on the President to reject the Congressman’s unfounded criticism of the report.

In the letter to Sullivan, Vaid called for a meeting with him and his staff and urged the HHS to “actively work to ensure that the report’s recommendations are fully and quickly implemented.”

NGLTF, founded in 1973, is the Gay and Lesbian community’s preeminent national political organization committed to securing full civil rights and effective, responsible federal AIDS policy. NGLTF lobbies, educates, advocates and organizes for Lesbian and Gay fairness and equality. NGLTF has approximately 20,000 members from every state in the Union, plus the Virgin Islands.

For more information, contact NGLTF at 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, (202) 332-6483.

Harassment Increases in Overton Park

Rumors concerning increased harassment and entrapment of Gays in Overton Park were confirmed last week. A Gay Switchboard caller told of being approached by two black plainclothes police, who repeatedly tried to coerce him into joining them for sex. He was on foot and did not ever agree to join them. He told them he had witnessed an arrest in the park the previous week and was alarmed by a sudden move by one of them. He ran and was apprehended. After a long period of verbal abuse he was taken to jail and charged with “attempted misdemeanor.” He was released after 15 hours in jail and was given a court date.

According to the police radio, marked police cars have been ordered to “stay clear” of the park. Earlier reports have mentioned numerous instances of entrapment by plainclothes police, but this is the first victim to speak to *Gaze*. Unconfirmed sources have reported “numerous complaints” and attempts to “clean out the park” as reasons for the latest outbreak of arrests.

Dukakis OK’s Gay Rights for Massachusetts

Massachusetts became the second state in the nation Nov. 15 to enact a law prohibiting discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians. Wisconsin adopted a similar law in 1982.

Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was quoted in *USA Today* as saying, “The lesson here is that Gay men and Lesbians just have to keep going back. We’re not going to go away.”

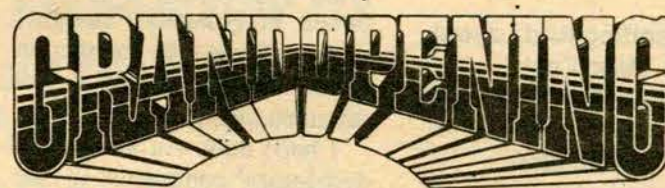
A *Boston Globe* poll of state voters showed that 70% supported the bill and

only 21% opposed it.

The Massachusetts law forbids discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, credit, insurance, and public accommodations. A similar federal law has been introduced in each of the last several sessions of Congress, but has failed to receive enough votes to pass.

Lawmakers in six other states have considered similar measures but they have also failed.

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Gazing

by John Stilwell

The Memphis Gay community has recently suffered a couple of great losses. We mourn the loss of Peter Barrosse, a young man who had a tremendous impact on both the Gay and non-Gay communities. As a speaker, an AIDS activist, a person living with AIDS, and as a man, Peter influenced and inspired many people. He worked very hard as long as he could and he made a difference for a lot of different people in a lot of different ways. His death leaves a tremendous gap that will be hard to fill.

Through job changes, Bob Dumais has moved and his leav-

ing also creates a position that will be hard to fill. Bob was active in the Memphis Gay Coalition, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Gaze newspaper, the Gay Switchboard, and many other projects.

There is always a need for volunteers. But without being able to fall back on these two men, the need is now even greater. The nice thing about both Bob and Peter is that they were ideal volunteers. Both of them were enthusiastic, hard-working, dependable, and motivated. You could depend on them to be there when you needed them and you could depend on them to follow through on what they commit-

We're Looking For A Few Good Women And Men

ted to do.

As you may have guessed by now, this is all about soliciting new volunteers or motivating volunteers who may have been active in the past. But do us both a favor. Honestly evaluate your qualifications before you volunteer your services. I'd be a rich man if I had a dollar for every person who said, "I want to help. Give me a call." All that does is allow that person to say at a later date, "well I volunteered to help them but they never called me. So screw them."

Qualification Number One, and probably the most important qualification is: Be motivated and be a self-starter. If you say give me a call and leave it at that, I guarantee you'll never hear from us. That's not because we don't need your help. It's because there are so many

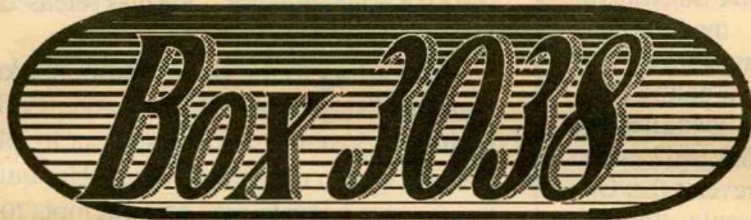
other things to be taken care of, we won't even think of you until it's all over. To be a good volunteer, find out when you are needed and be there at that time. Don't expect to volunteer when you can fit it into your schedule. You have to plan your schedule so that you can volunteer when you are needed. Yes, sometimes you have to make sacrifices and sometimes you have to miss things to be where you are needed when you are needed.

And that leads right into Qualification Number Two - probably the second most important qualification: Be dependable and follow through. If you volunteer to do something - then do it. There may be other people waiting for you to complete your task before they can complete their task. If you are the sort of person that needs to be hounded to get something

done - you are no good as a volunteer

Qualification Number Three is just as important as the previous two: Know when to say NO. There are a lot of things that need doing but if you become involved in too many different things, one of two things will happen. Either some things just won't get done or everything will get done, but you won't have the time or energy to do them all right and do them all well.

So think about these things and evaluate yourself honestly. If you think you have the qualifications to be a good volunteer, give us a call and find out when and where we need you. If you don't have these qualifications, do us both a favor - don't volunteer.



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KIX 106 Apologizes

(In the November '89 issue of Gaze, we published a letter that Hunter Johnston wrote to KIX-106 about comments made by The Breakfast Club, the early morning DJ's. We recently received the following from Hunter.)

I thought you might like to see the reply I received from KIX-106 after they received my letter. As I expected, it was not much of an apology. It even seems he apologizes for the article even being mentioned which was of course NOT the point of my complaint. I applaud Gay articles being mentioned in typically "straight" media; it was the manner in which they mentioned it that offended me.

I hope they will avoid such derogatory comments in the future. I for one will not hear them, since I will only listen to KIX-106 long enough in the future to know what sponsors I should boycott.

Thanks For You Support,
Hunter Johnston
Memphis, TN

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This is in response to your letter of October 3, 1989. Thank you for taking the time to write the station and thoroughly expressing your views.

On behalf of KIX 106 and The Breakfast Club, I sincerely apologize for the remarks made on the show. Following our telephone conversation, I met with Andy, Debbie, and Captain Pat to discuss the situation. As you know, they often read topical information on the air (taken from newspapers, magazines, etc.). The Denmark story they did was taken from the *Commercial Appeal*. It was certainly one of the major stories of the day. All 3 networks ran a piece on it. I cannot fault The Breakfast Club for airing the story.

However, their comments following the story were uncalled for. Expressing their personal views is not their job at KIX 106. The show is live. Sometimes things are said that can't be "taken back." Nevertheless, there is no excuse for what was said.

Please accept our apology. Hopefully, we can still include you as a member of the KIX family.

Best Regards,
Bill Jones
Program Director

Writer Thanks Gaze For Getting Him Started

With this letter it is my intention to let you know how much I have enjoyed *Gaze* over the past few years and that I will not be renewing my subscription at this time. I would also like to tell you why I subscribed in the first place (since I have no connection with anything that has to do with Memphis).

Some seven or eight years ago I decided I needed to find out what the "Gay Community" was all about. Bowling Green, KY is not a place to find a very good answer to that question. So, barring moving to another town, I subscribed to *Gaze*, *The Works* (Indy), and *The Advocate*.

My recent history involves being an early volunteer with Nashville CARES and helping found one of the few rural based AIDS service organizations right here in Bowling Green. That involvement was the result

of an article *Gaze* published about the start up of Nashville CARES. You people have helped me a lot in understanding the "Community."

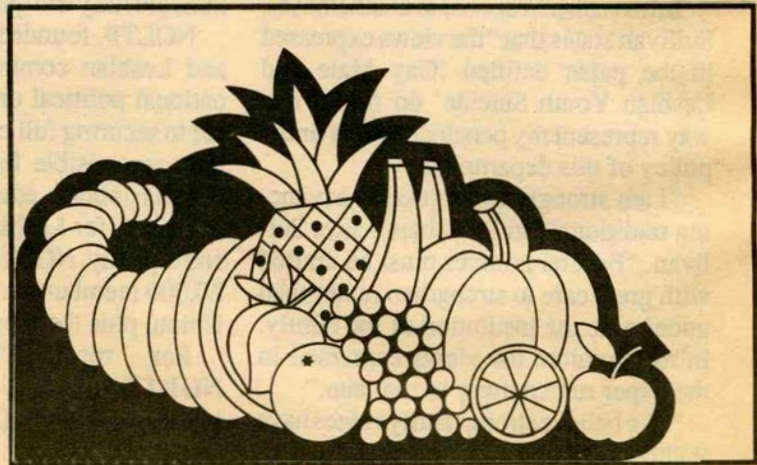
I also want to make the point that several of the editorials by Allen Cook and John Stilwell have had a great impact on my thinking and actions. I know that these two gentle people have great big hearts that are in exactly the right places. I only wish that their dreams for the community could (or would) come true. Life would be so much better. Thanks guys.

So since I've come to understand and gotten involved locally, and since there is little more you can do for me at this distance, I must now end this relationship and pursue my own dreams and hopes.

Walter Norris
Bowling Green, KY

We're glad we could be some help to you and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Don't hesitate to call or write if we can further assist you.

— Ed.

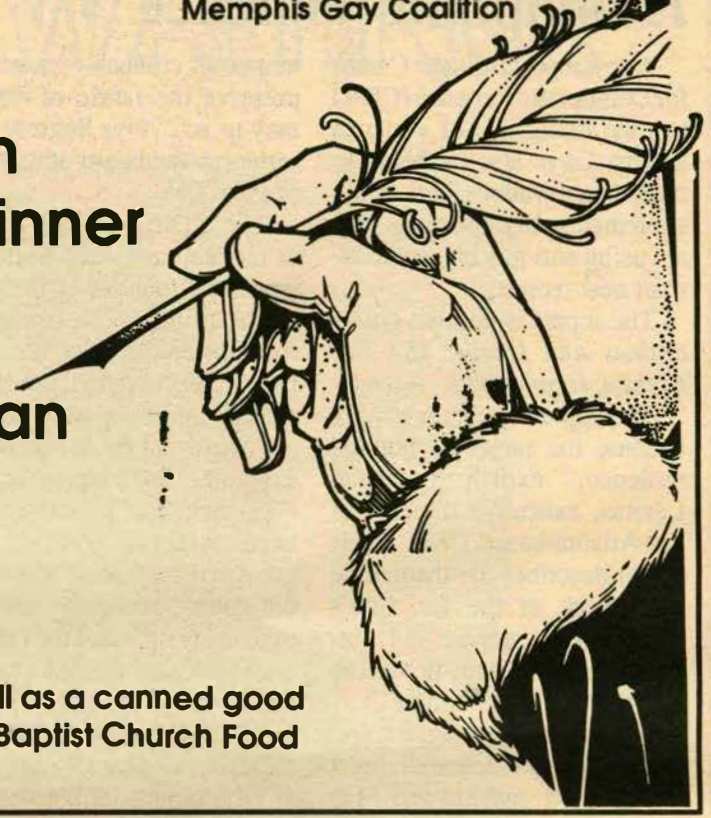




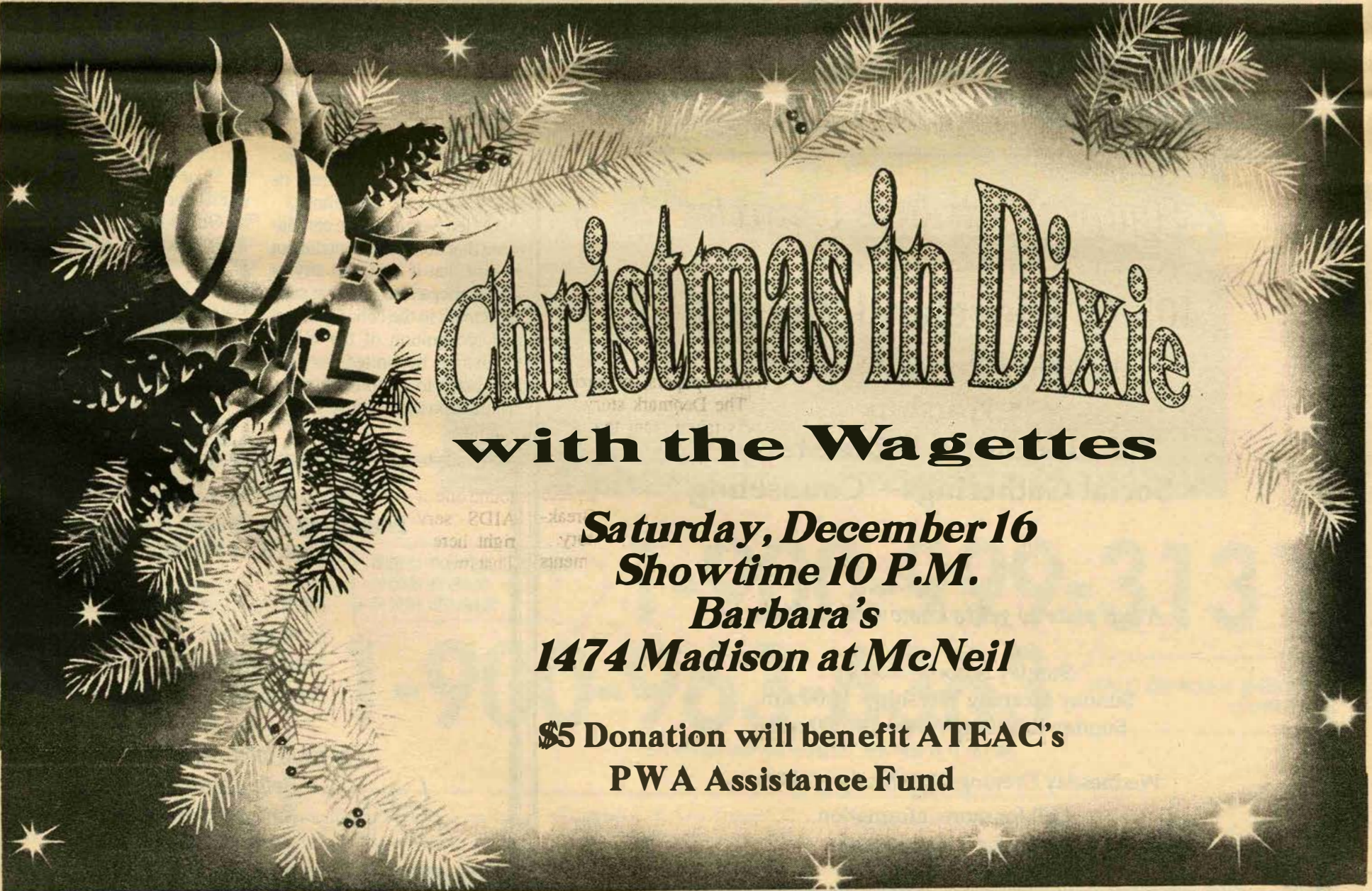
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Report Highlights Homophobic Violence

A new report from the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) ties the rising tide of violence against Gays and Lesbians to ultra conservatives and white supremacist organizations that are using anti-gay bigotry to attract new recruits.

The report is entitled *Quarantines and Death: The Far Right's Homophobic Agenda*. "Gay people have increasingly become the target of bigoted violence," explained Daniel Levitas, executive director of the Atlanta-based CDR. "This report describes the theoretical framework of the far right's homophobic agenda and outlines the basic steps needed to confront anti-gay bigotry."

The 40-page monograph was written by CDR research director Leonard Zeskind and Mab Segrest, a long-time human rights activist who is currently director of research and publication for North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence, based in Durham.

"Homophobic violence chal-

lenges all citizens who wish to preserve the fabric of democracy to act," says Segrest, who serves on the board of directors of the CDR.

The CDR, formerly known as the National Anti-Klan Network, was founded 10 years ago as the principal clearinghouse for information on community-based response to hate group activity and bigoted violence.

Quarantines and Death examines such issues as why Gay men and Lesbians have been targeted by far right groups, the nature of homophobic violence, and the ideology of the new right and the far right regarding homosexuality, AIDS, and civil rights.

"This document underscores the basic need for all groups that are the targets of bigoted violence to work together," said Kevin Berril, director of the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Since the agenda of the far right is to scapegoat and polarize, it is important for us to

remain unified." The Anti-Violence Project recorded 7,248 incidents of bigoted harassment - including 70 murders - in 38 states in 1988.

According to Zeskind, white supremacists believe that AIDS is a "racial disease" carried by Jews and Blacks.

"The Christian new right maintains it is a punishment sent by God for the sin of homosexuality," adds Zeskind. "Whatever the perception, a steady stream of murders and assaults has been the result."

Zeskind is the author of numerous background documents on racist and anti-semitic movements. In 1987, he received the Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award for "fearless reporting in the struggle against bigotry" from the Columbia University School of Journalism.

The Center for Democratic Renewal is a non-profit organization which implements programs of research, training, public education, community organizing and technical assistance to counter white supremacy, religious intolerance and homophobic violence.

Quarantines and Death is available for \$5 (including postage and handling) from the Center for Democratic Renewal, P.O. Box 50469, Atlanta, Georgia, 30302. A 15% discount is available for 10 or more copies.

Lambda, United Services Life Insurance Settle

United Services Life Insurance Company and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund have announced the out-of-court settlement of a suit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York brought by "John Doe," a New York student who alleged that he was asked to pay a higher premium for a life insurance policy because he was perceived to be Gay.

Doe, a heterosexual graduate student who was living with a male roommate in New York City at the time of his application, claimed that he was asked to pay more because he fit a Gay demographic profile. United Services Life stated that it had no policy of discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, and alleged that it asked Doe to pay a higher premium because of an elevated liver enzyme test.

According to United Services Life, the "Guidelines for Underwriting for AIDS" recommended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which prohibit, among other things, the use of sexual orientation in determining insurability, are consistent with the company's previous underwriting practices. As part of the settlement, United Services Life Agreed to express its adherence to the Guidelines.

United Services Life emphasized that this settlement did not signify that it admitted any of Doe's allegations and that such settlement in the belief that formal recognition of the NAIC Guidelines by United Services Life helps to establish nondiscrimination as an industry-wide standard.

SF Examiner Series on Lesbian and Gay Life Available

In a breakthrough for the major mainstream press, the *San Francisco Examiner* observed this year's celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Stonewall by publishing a 16-part series called "Gay In America" (GIA).

GIA includes an account of the growth of the Gay and Lesbian community, a nationwide survey of Gay and straight attitudes towards Gay life in America, and news stories and personal accounts on such topics as Gays and religion, Gays and politics, Gay culture, Gays in the arts, and the impact of AIDS on the Gay community.

GLAAD's Executive Director, Craig Davidson, comments "Gay In America" sets a new standard by which all other reporting about the Gay and Lesbian community will be judged. It shows what the mainstream press is capable of when openly Gay and Lesbian reporters and editors contribute to the coverage of their lives."

By arrangement with the *San Francisco Examiner*, GLAAD is making a 64-page reprint of GIA available to students, activists and others who might be interested in the series. Prices are \$4.50 each (including postage), or \$3 each for bulk orders of 25 or more. For more information, or to order reprints, write to GLAAD, 80 Varick Street #3E, New York, NY, 10013.



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Wendy's Bows To Pressure

Last August, the Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Association Journal urged its readers to send complaints to the Wendy's hamburger chain. The AFA was apparently outraged that Wendy's advertised on a rerun of NBC's *L.A. Law* in which a Gay olympic athlete sued a cereal company for cancelling his ad contract when he came out of the closet. The episode also featured a closeted Gay judge.

What upset the AFA is that viewers were "treated to two positive, 'normal,' homosexual characters."

While ignoring GLAAD's (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) letter asking the company to continue supporting Americans in all their diversity, Wendy's answered all complaints from the *AFA Journal* readers with a form letter which said, in part: "As an advertiser, we give our television sponsorships serious thought and consideration. Obviously, the particular episode of this show was not consistent with the kind of programming we wish to be associated with. Moreover, Wendy's tries to sponsor programs we feel have a wide appeal to the family viewing audience."

What is "obvious" is that Wendy's needs to learn that Gay and Lesbians are not "anti-family," and shows which realistically portray characters who happen to be Gay or Lesbian (like 25 million other Americans) or which deal with homophobia are not "promoting homosexuality."

GLADD recommends sending your comments to James W. Near, President, Wendy's International Inc., P.O. Box 256, Dublin, OH 43017, or call him at (614) 764-03100.

— The GLADD Bulletin

"thirty-something" Gays

ABC's *thirty-something* is now filming episodes dealing with a Gay character. "Russell," played by David Marshall Grant, appeared briefly in some episodes last season.

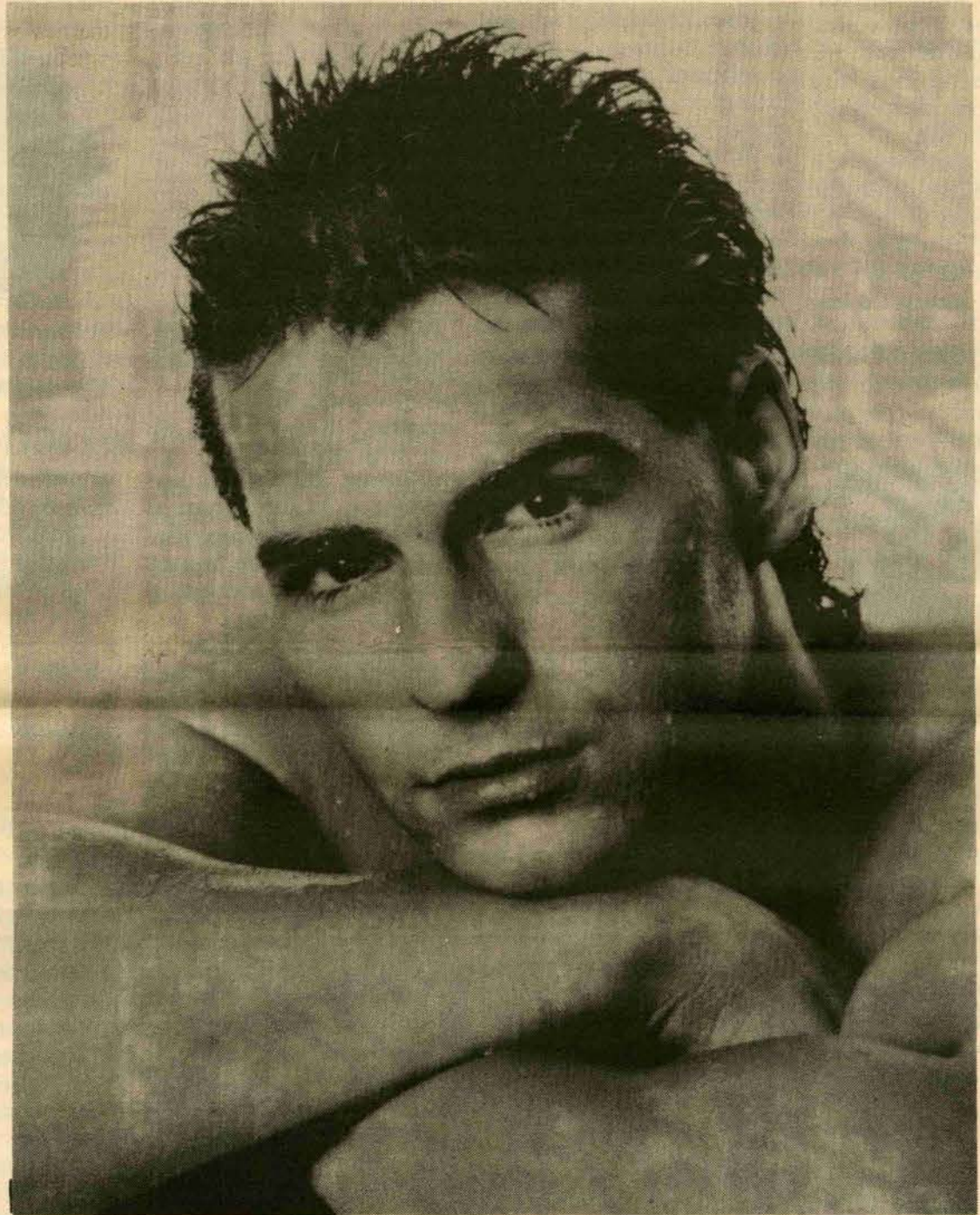
According to some, it seems only logical that the trendy characters in the show would have at least one Gay friend (after all two of the main characters work for an advertising firm), but a barrage of complaints is ex-

pected when the first episodes air. Letters of support for Gay characters in ABC programs can be sent to Robert Inger, President, ABC Entertainment, ABC Television Center, 4151

Prospect Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90027. Comments on *thirty-something* can be sent to Marshall S. Herskovitz and Edward Zwick, the show's executive producers, at MGM/UA

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New Gay Play Slated

Casting has been completed for a new Gay themed play by Dennis Smith, *Battle Scars*. The play explores individual personal opinions about others. Specifically, it deals with the Leather lifestyle and one individual's desire to experience everything it entails.

The script promises to be a drama in the fullest sense of the word. Some very serious and intense situations will be portrayed by means of graphic depiction and uncensored language.

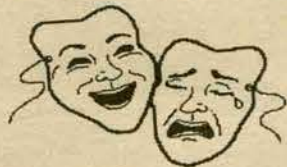
Who is a Leatherman? What does he look like? How does he act? One character in the play has thought about it and has decided to explore the possibilities. His friends, a couple celebrating their second anniversary, differ on whether he is the type to become involved. Of course, they disagree. The intention of the plot is to discover what living with, or in, leather has to do with attitude, physical appearance, lifestyle—how complex is it? Fantasy? Role Playing? Sadomasochism? The audience is to find out.

Dennis has been involved in theatrical pursuits since high school. He has appeared in *Inherit the Wind* and *No Sex Please, We're British* at the

Crossroads Playhouse in Corinth, Mississippi, and assistant directed *The Little Foxes* there. He has also performed in high school and college productions. His interest in theatrical involvement was sparked anew when he was cast as Larry in last spring's production of *The Boys in the Band*, here in Memphis.

"I began writing this play in April, during *Boys in the Band* and finished it in September," says Dennis. He had always been interested in the attitudes and lives of people of leather and began to talk to those he had met. "I imagined or figured out a lot of the details of what is portrayed in my play. After going to the two GayRaps on leather, most of what I had figured was confirmed. Maybe this will help more people to understand what it is all about."

The five cast members are Kerrel Ard, Matt Presley, Vance Reger, Dennis Smith and Bret Taylor. The playwright will direct. Production is scheduled for the early spring and will be the first piece produced by the newly formed Lollipop Guild.



Vanessa Vogue Crowned Miss Gay Memphis 1990

For the first time in two years, a new Miss Gay Memphis was crowned on Friday, Nov. 10, at Reflections. Vanessa Vogue was chosen by a panel of five judges from a slate of eight contestants.

Miss Vogue was sponsored privately and placed highest in a combination of four categories: presentation, evening gown, sportswear and talent. She sang live for the talent competition which was as impressive as she was convincing. She received a silver tray, cash prize, and will be sponsored by the pageant in the Miss Gay Tennessee competition. The profits from the pageant, \$1,060, were to benefit ATEAC, and ATEAC president Tommy Stewart crowned

the winner, as no former Miss Memphis title holders were present. First alternate was Summer Holiday, second alternate was Peaches.

The Miss Gay Memphis pageant was first held in 1969 under the auspices of Belles Ltd. A

symbol of Gay pride at the time, it was continued for most of its 20 year history by the Queen's Men, a social club formed in the early 70's. It passed into private ownership in 1986 and became a benefit for the first time this year.



Winners of the 1990 Miss Gay Memphis Pageant. Vanessa Vogue (C), First Alternate Summer Holiday (L), and Second Alternate Miss Peaches (R).

Mackenzie Elected NOW Pres

Susan Mackenzie was elected to her second term as president of Tennessee National Organization for Women (NOW). In an uncontested election, Ms. Mackenzie was nominated for president by national board member and Nashville chapter member Kathy Austin who praised her for her good work over the past year. Ms. Mackenzie is a local lawyer.

Susan has been representing Tennessee NOW at the national level throughout her presidency. She is currently on the Lesbian Rights Conference

Implementation Committee and has been selected to be the Chair of Small States Caucus which consists of 35 of the smaller states based on membership.

Rick Bray, an active Memphis NOW member was elected secretary of Tennessee NOW. Bray made a short speech to the con-

ference attendees mentioning that one of the things he brings to the office is networking through his other involvements with various groups. Bray becomes the first male officer for Tennessee NOW.

— NOW Newsletter

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 November 18, 1989

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pins
1. Stiff Competition	34	10	25,374
2. W K R Bowlers	31	13	25,298
3. Up-N-Coming	27.5	16.5	24,998
4. King Pins	25	19	25,169
5. Lucky Thirteen	24	20	24,718
6. Simply Delicious	24	20	24,629
7. Travelin Trojans	23	17	22,459
8. Half-Nuts	22	22	24,398
9. Lois Laners	20.5	23.5	24,188
10. Just Fer Fun, Hun'	18.5	24.5	24,452
11. Goodwinners	18.5	25.5	24,172
12. Wray-ettes	13	31	24,101
13. Hallelujah Hooters	13	31	23,687
14. Mama's Girls	9	23	17,392

There will be no bowling November 24 or December 22.

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

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Gay & Lesbian Community Center Grand Opening Dec. 3

by Ken Horton, President

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center is off and running. My thanks to the overwhelming response from so many people. There is group there every Saturday typing, hanging pictures, planning, and accepting donations from the community. It has been a great experience watching this place grow from the empty four walls to a warm, comfortable place with such capability to serve our city. This has become another of the "thousand points of light."

As of this writing, we still need an attorney to give us just a few little pieces of advice, and an accountant to help us in all of the paperwork of applying for our tax-exempt status and with our tax papers. We also need more volunteers to help us plan more events, and, of course, we need YOU to help us in our fund raising.

The Center's grand opening will be on Dec. 3, 1989 at 4 P.M. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, and speech

along with hors d'oeuvres. There will be representatives from many of the groups in town and you are invited to be a part of this historic event.

Guest speaker at the grand opening will be Ms. Novella Smith-Arnold, community leader in volunteerism and in helping the forgotten and oppressed of our society. She was a recent nominee for the vacant city council position. Ms. Arnold will speak briefly about the nature of volunteerism and introduce some opportunities for all of us.

For those of you who have not been keeping up with this project, the community center is a non-profit, all volunteer-staffed organization chartered by the state of Tennessee, with the purpose of education, counseling, and social activities. Chartered in early 1989, we had fund raisers even before that date to get started. Following some more fund raising this year, we formed our by-laws, constitution, and rules, and looked for a space to lease. We found this and signed a two-year lease on Oct. 1. Since

then, we have been meeting fast and furiously to fill the enormous gap of services which this city has, especially among our minority. We have a library started on subjects unique to us, have several volunteer counselors who will be available on a limited basis, and are planning free Western dance lessons. Several organizations are planning their meetings here, and the center itself will have movie nights and potluck dinners. In addition, we have a huge bulletin board for posting events, and a large calendar of events at the center.

If your organization would like to use the center, please drop by between the hours of 12-2 on any Saturday and there will be someone to explain the usage policy. It is a drug and alcohol-free environment, and a small donation is asked to use the center.

The center is located at 1291 Madison. It's mailing address is P.O. Box 40231, Memphis, TN 38174-0231.

Memphis Gay Men's Chorus Forming

Those guys who like to sing but only have a little spare time on their hands are invited to become a part of the Memphis Gay Men's Chorus currently being formed. A sign-up sheet on the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (1291 Madison) bulletin board is available.

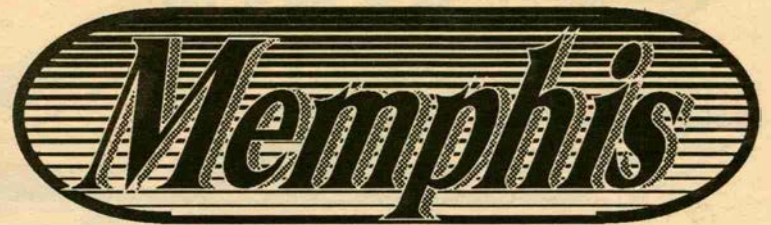
At press time, a start-up meeting had not been scheduled. According to organizers, that meeting will yield a formal name for the group and selection of a director and accompanist. Fourteen people have signed up.

Of the chorus, Ken Horton, President of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center said, "For those of you who cannot come out, there will be ample events geared only for our segment of the community, and we may be able to settle on a generic name to ease our transition into the Memphis scene."

Interested singers can contact Ken Horton on the Gay Switchboard on Wednesday evenings (7:30-11:00 PM, 324-GAYS) or come by the Community Center between noon and 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays.

Benefit Show to be Rescheduled

The show planned for this month to benefit the MGLCC has been postponed. According to Matt Presley, show coordinator, schedule conflicts among many of the participants of the Gay-Ho shows made it "impossible to produce the type of show we wanted. These things involve a lot of time in rehearsal and set construction, given by many people. Not to worry, there will be other shows."



AIDS Activist Barrosse Dies

Peter Barrosse, 32, died on Oct. 25. Peter was most known in the Gay community as its first publicly proclaimed person with AIDS. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barrosse and by his lover, Mike Bankester.

Peter, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, was a past vice-president of the Memphis Gay Coalition and was a board member of the Aid to End AIDS Committee at the time of his death.

Barrosse first went public with his disease when his story appeared on the cover of *Memphis* magazine in 1987. Following the publication, he made himself available to various groups as a speaker. Never one to hide his Gayness, Peter emphasized the fact that he was a human being first, a Gay man second, and a person with AIDS third. "I will not be defined by either my sexuality or my disease," he once said.

A memorial service attended by approximately 300 people was held Nov. 5 at the Unitarian Church of the River. Memorials were requested to be sent to the Aid to End AIDS Committee, P.O. Box 40389, Memphis, TN 38174-0389.

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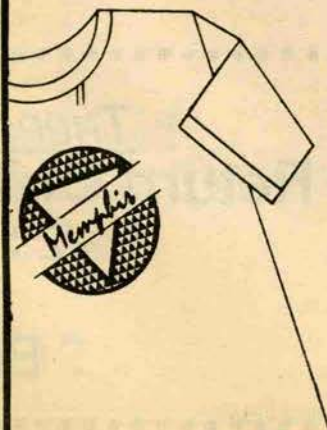
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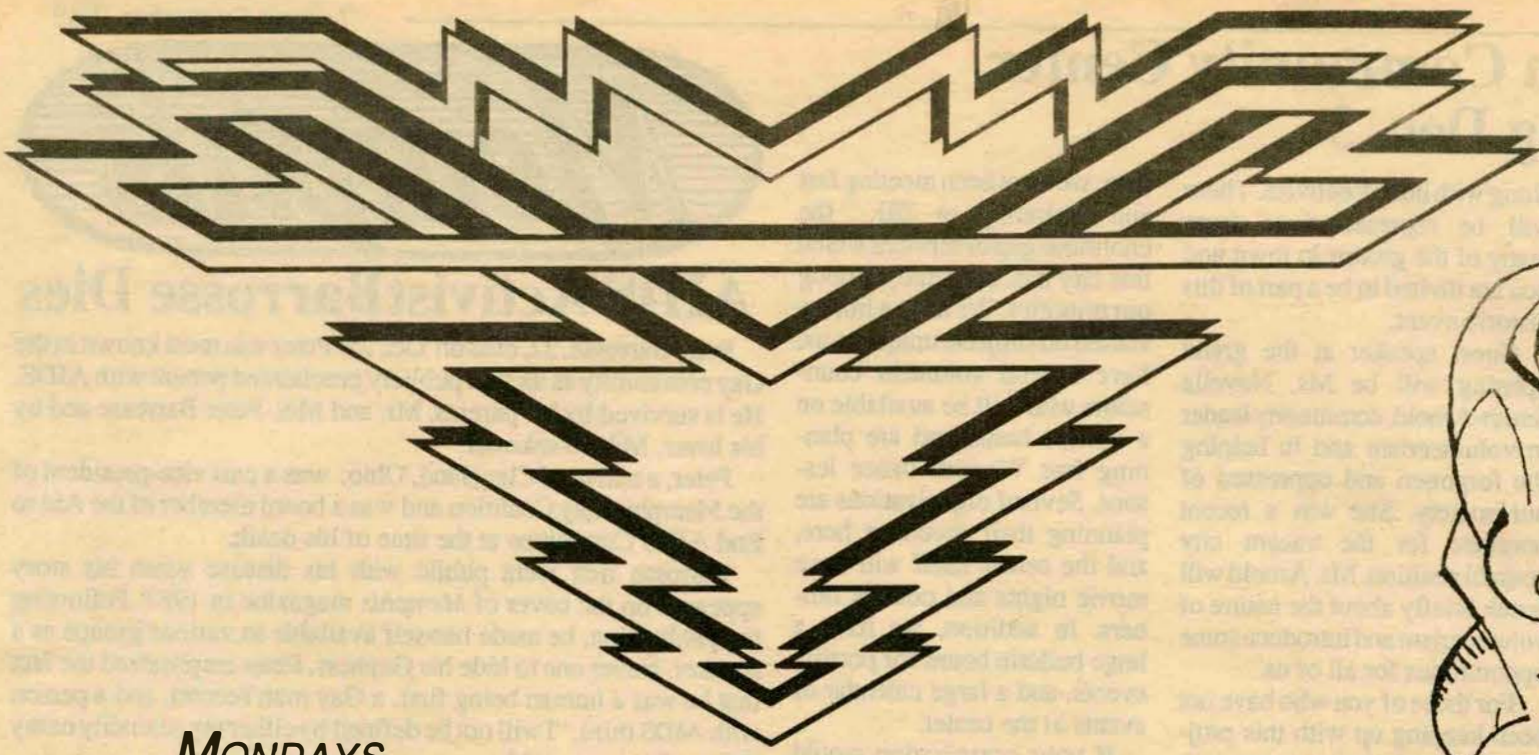
The Memphis Gay Coalition is offering these limited edition Gay Pride T-shirts for only \$8 (\$7 for members of MGC). Silk screened in purple with a pink triangle, these 100% cotton T-shirts will make the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer — or buy several for yourself! They can be purchased at any MGC or GayRap meeting or by mail (add \$2.00 to cover postage and handling). Sizes M, L & XL.

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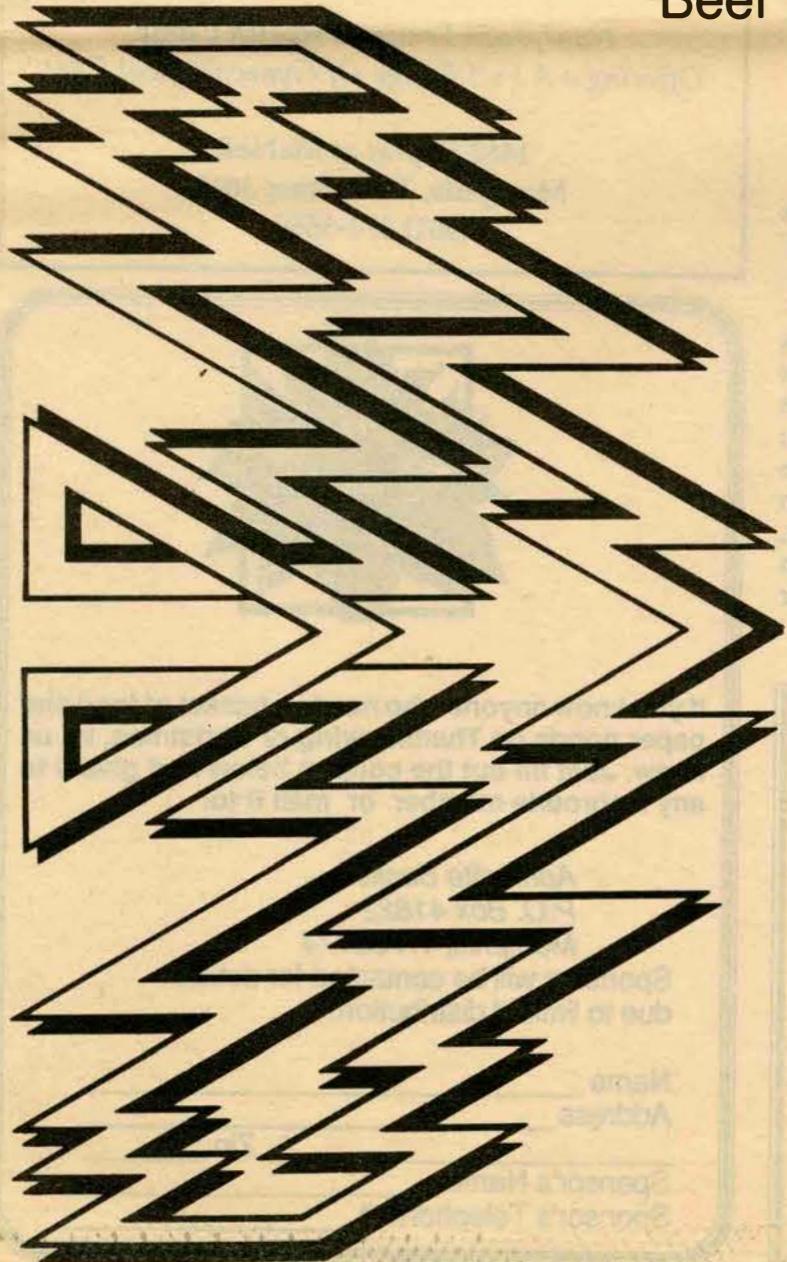
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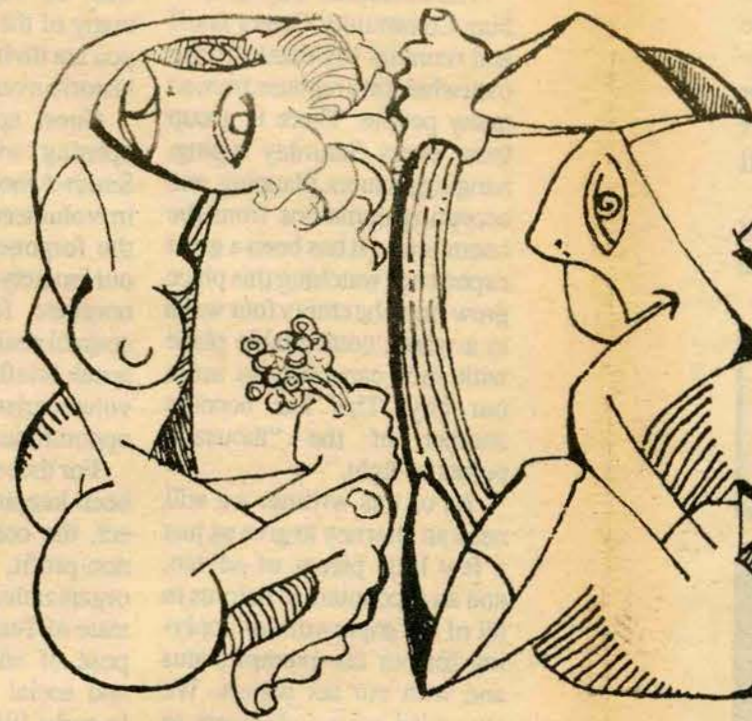
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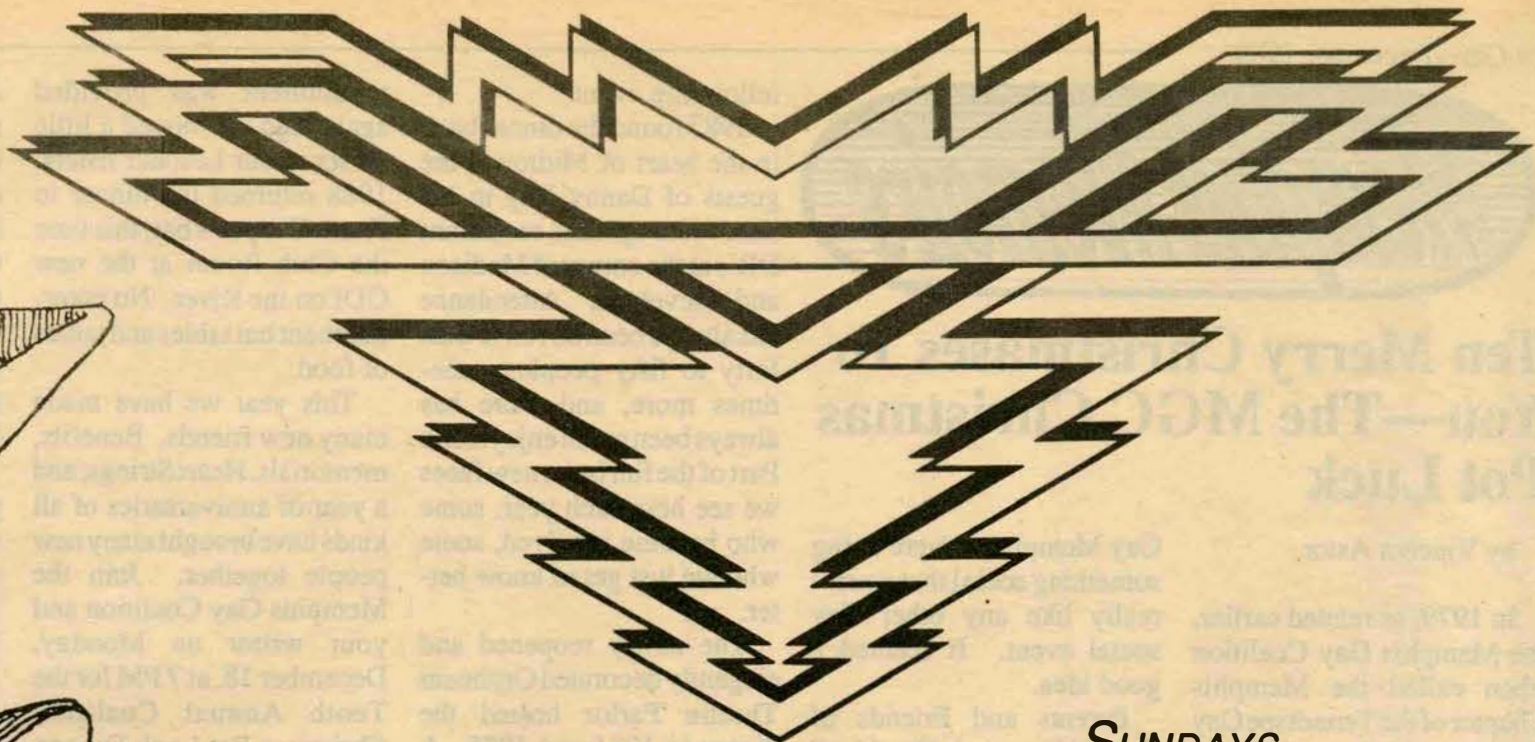
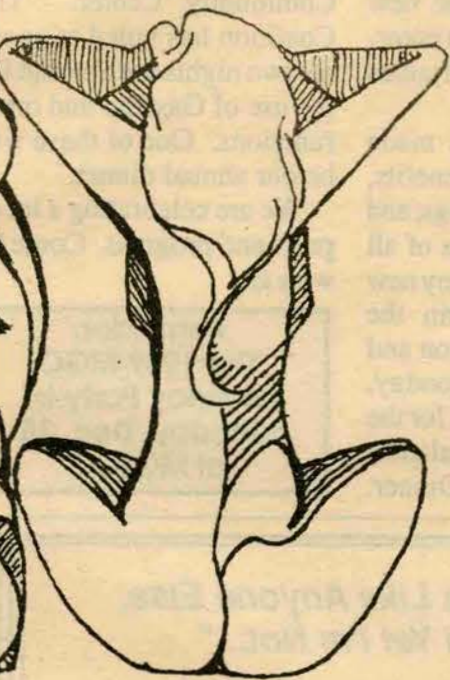


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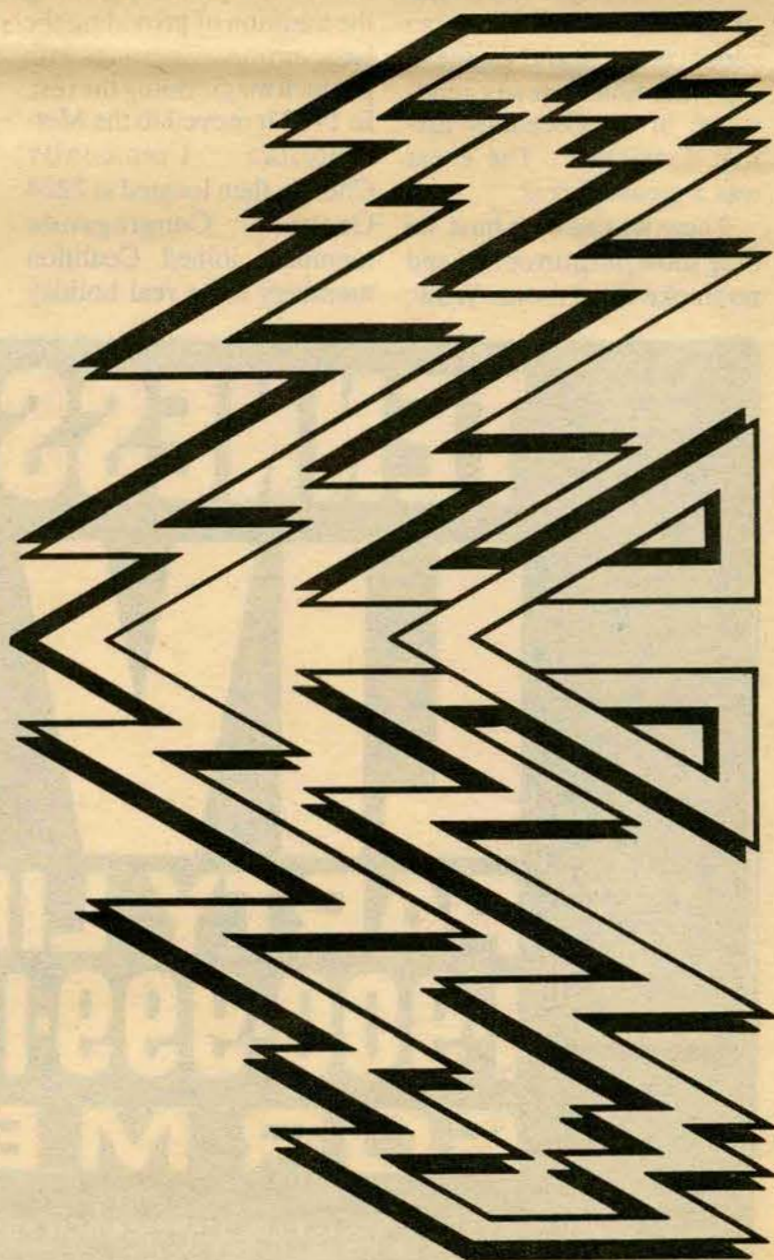
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Ten Merry Christmases To You—The MGC Christmas Pot Luck

by Vincent Astor

In 1979, as related earlier, the Memphis Gay Coalition (then called the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights—TGCHR) was founded in September. *Gaze* newspaper came along for its first issue for November and, lo, the group of enthusiastic new friends came together for dinner during the holidays. It was known as a Christmas Pot Luck, but Jewish friends, and perhaps a few closet atheists and alternative thinkers came for the fellowship which the season brings. My friend Irwin remembers 50 or so people being in attendance at a private home, newly renovated, in the Greenlaw district downtown. The event was a great success.

There was no beer bust, no drag show, no mirror ball and no smoke filled room. Wow,

Gay Memphians were doing something social that wasn't really like any other Gay social event. It seemed a good idea.

Parents and Friends of Gays (the word "Lesbian" hadn't been included yet) sponsored a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day in 1980 at the brand new Pendulum. It too was a success—good attendance and a promise of much support from owner Mary Pierce for many Coalition and other fundraising functions to come.

The Coalition itself held the dinner the following year at the same place, beginning the tradition of providing the basic bird and trimmings with pot luck magic doing the rest. In 1982 it moved to the Metropolitan Community Church, then located at 2224 Central. Congregation members joined Coalition members for a real holiday

fellowship event.

1983 found the dinner back in the heart of Midtown, the guests of Danny Ray in his handsome upstairs restaurant DR's at the corner of Madison and Cleveland. Attendance has always been no fewer than forty to fifty people, sometimes more, and there has always been much enjoyment. Part of the fun is the new faces we see here each year, some who become involved, some who we just get to know better.

The newly reopened and elegantly decorated Orpheum Theatre Parlor hosted the dinner in 1984 and 1985. A trip into the beautifully lit auditorium and organ music provided special entertainment. Frank Cooper provided the space in 1986 at the French Connection on Marshall and a small divertissement was provided, primarily inspired by the presence of a grand piano and willing carolers.

The special atmosphere of the dinner was never lost, bar amenities were always available, but the atmosphere has always been relaxed and never as intense as most nights out, just a pleasant evening with friends. It was also a chance to get to know our bar owner hosts better, and they us.

1987 saw Sharon Wray and WKRB as our hostesses, en-

tertainment was provided again, and we moved a little closer to our Lesbian sisters. 1988 returned the dinner to Frank Cooper's bar, this time the Club Room at the new GDI on the River. No entertainment but tables and tables of food.

This year we have made many new friends. Benefits, memorials, Heart Strings, and a year of anniversaries of all kinds have brought many new people together. Join the Memphis Gay Coalition and your writer on Monday, December 18, at 7 PM for the Tenth Annual Coalition Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.

After all this time, we are now in a space which truly belongs to the entire Gay community, the brand new Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The Coalition has voted to sponsor two nights each month for the use of GayRap and other functions. One of these will be our annual dinner.

We are celebrating a lot of pride and progress. Come be with us.

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Suppressed Pentagon Study: Military Should Abolish Ban on Gays

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced today that months of intense congressional pressure, spearheaded by Congressman Gerry Studds' office at Lambda's urging, has resulted in the release of a Pentagon study which recommends that the military reconsider its anti-Gay policy in light of the overwhelming current data finding no relationship between sexual orientation and military performance. Lambda contacted Studds' office for help in obtaining release of the study, entitled "Nonconforming Sexual Orientation and Military Suitability," shortly after filing suit earlier this year on behalf of Joseph Steffan, a highly-commended midshipman discharged from the Naval Academy solely because of his sexual orientation.

In a sweeping analytical survey of historical, social, legal, and scientific data, the authors of the report concluded that the ever increasing social tolerance of Lesbian and Gay men necessitates a reexamination of the

military's exclusionary policy. Comparing the military's exclusion of Gay men and Lesbians to the historical segregation of Blacks and women, the authors conclude that the military's anti-Gay policy is outmoded and equally discriminatory.

For months the Pentagon stonewalled Studds' office and Lambda attorneys by denying the existence of the study, which was conducted by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, a Defense Department think tank. But in the course of Lambda's eventual discovery for the Steffan trial, the military released the cover page of the report, finally confirming its existence.

Sandy Lowe, Lambda staff attorney for Steffan, noted, "Thanks to the effort of Congressman Studds' office, it is now patently obvious that the military's policy of discrimination is the same kind of discrimination that blacks and women faced when they sought to serve. It is high time that the courts stop rubberstamping the

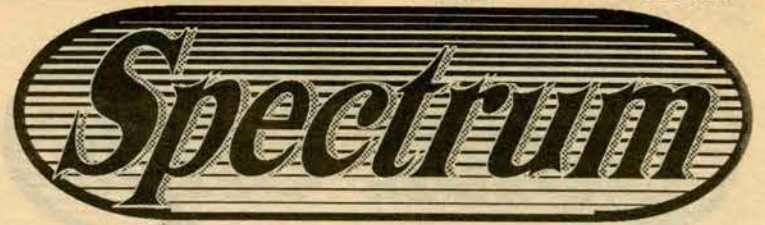
military's meritless claims that discrimination is justified, and declare the anti-Gay policy unconstitutional."

The report urged an end to the ban on Lesbian and Gay service personnel, noting that "having a same-gender or an opposite-gender orientation is unrelated to job performance in the same way as is being left- or right-handed."

In the report, experts analyzed each of the military's claims in its exclusionary policy, and recognized the concept of homophobia as being responsible for the military's resistance to change:

"The unreasoned resistance to learning about or interacting with homosexuals has led to the formulation of the concept of *homophobia*. Some men experience uneasy feelings when in close proximity to other men who are identified as homosexuals. It is as if such nearness could pollute one's identity."

The report also makes critical comments on the broad significance of its own findings:



"Our analysis directs us to regard people with nonconforming sexual orientation as a minority group. Our nation has a long history of successful dealing with minority groups, particularly to integrate racial and other minority groups, notably women, into nearly every aspect of political and social life. The minority group follows from our analysis of contemporary scientific social and legal observations. The social construction of homosexuals as minority groups members is more in tune with current behavioral science theory than the earlier construction: sin, crime, sickness."

According to Lowe, one of the most critical and potentially far-reaching findings of the report is the experts' unequivocal conclusion that there is no empirical evidence to support Pentagon assertions that Gays and Lesbians present a greater security risk than heterosexu-

als. Lowe explains, "The national security issue is one issue traditionally put forth by the Defense and intelligence communities which has most frightened Congress, the courts, and society at large. The implication of the report's national security finding goes far beyond the military because it totally undermines the rationale for the denial of security clearances to Gay men and Lesbians that are required for employment in defense and other civilian industries."

Paula L. Ettlbrick, Lambda Legal Director, added, "This report shows conclusively that there is no justification for the military regulations which categorically ban service by Lesbians and Gay men. All the empirical research and analytical data, even *within* the possession of the military, concludes that sexual orientation has nothing to do with fitness for military service."



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Quick Clips

by Lady A.

Just how many anniversaries can one year hold? What got an unsuspecting TOQ up to her false eyelashes in a pageant she has only attended twice? How many benefits can there be in one month? Tune in below.

Tradition! Tradition! Department

Miss Gay Memphis has returned from slumber. The crowd at Reflections was capacity, including some well-known faces and title holders but not one former Miss Memphis. Pity. Faces we have known from years past included Leslie Cartier and Liz Carrington and the newest Miss Black Gay Memphis Shkatra Carrington, recently crowned at the Apartment.

The pageant has returned as a benefit for ATEAC and \$1,060 was raised through admission and tips.

The eight contestants were judged in four categories. In the opinion of this reporter, one or two needed to do their homework on what is sportswear and what is cocktail wear. Not that they weren't all beautiful, but we did wonder. The second most awaited event of the evening was the talent competition of which several numbers merit mention. Toya St. James was impressive in a keyboard gown which turned into a piano played by disembodied hands and a live Phantom of the Keyboard. Peaches turned to South America for her talent presentation which gave a nice lighter touch to the eve-

ning. Live singing was done by Vanessa Vogue and Summer Holiday, another refreshing change, and Victor Victoria did one of her famous Dolly Parton impressions. Fiona was selected by her co-contestants as Miss Congeniality and Kirby Kincaid must have worked for hours on her enthusiastic and beautiful smile.

The first most awaited event of the evening was the crowning itself. It turned out that the biggest ass seen on stage that night was not, as you might expect, Tommy Stewart, nor was it any of the more curvaceous contestants. It happened that one Toni Chambers, though the crowd favorite, was chosen first alternate. She kept intact a long tradition at Miss Memphis by accepting her silver tray award, flinging it at the judges' table and flouncing out of the room.

Yawn.

It seems to us that, even though each contestant thinks

and must keep thinking that she is best, the reason that one enters the pageant, dearie, is to get an objective opinion. One either accepts this opinion with grace or one shows just exactly what one is made of. Which was crystal clear to all present.

The final list of winners was: second alternate—Peaches; first alternate—Summer Holiday; and Miss Gay Memphis 1990—Vanessa Vogue. We concur wholeheartedly. Vanessa was truly beautiful at all times and she did look and behave like an RG (real girl). If this is an event about female impersonation, isn't that what it's all about?

Bravo to Trixie for being able to turn a negative situation positive.

We are sure that some details which were omitted from the pageant format will be corrected next year. A group number would be nice. After all, it wasn't perfect in 1969, nor always thereafter.

Travels With Your Aunt Department

We motored up to the Gateway Run in St. Louis for the day and had a wonderful time. Cordially welcomed by the club officers, we proceeded to take a quantity of our 10th Anniversary *Gaze* to St. Louis for the first time. Dinner was tasty and the show at the Gateway saloon was one of the best we have seen in years. This is definitely a showclub. Their salute to Sweet 16 was a well-rehearsed, well-organized and much enjoyed production. It contained everything from MTV—style videos to parodies of the Patty Duke and I Love Lucy shows on screen; from a slumber party sequence, full of some truly ditzzy dames, to a brief leather fantasy. The capper was the regionally famous rendition of *Sincerely*. Anyone else doing this song is a bad photocopy of this original rendition. By the way, we were also surrounded by an

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entire packing house of grade A beefcake, most of whom were at least civil, and some very friendly. We hope to return next year. We took notes.

Woman on the Street Department

They say, whoever the hell "they" are, that the only constant thing is change. It is a bit late for day lilies but the bars in Memphis are certainly acting like them.

oops, Michelle Rollins' latest endeavour, is open even as we type, in the location next to the Sears store on Autumn at Cleveland. It will begin as a cruise bar only and perhaps grow into a game room as well. It reminds one who remembers such of the old Phase III on Cleveland. This space is beginning to have had as many different bars in it as the Pipeline building. The corner of Madison and Cleveland, we believe, still holds the record number of whoopsie bars under any one roof.

Speaking of the Pipeline, their Halloween fundraiser for PWAs was very successful. A donation of \$1,682 was donated to ATEAC from this benefit and the Pipette benefit last July. Thanksgiving dinner will be provided with pot luck optional. Their 4th anniversary party will take place 10-ish in the evening on Sunday, December 3rd. Stan and Dennis will host their Christmas party at the bar, an open house tentatively set for December 21. The Pipeline has won three pool nights in a row, playing against WKRB. City championship is the 2nd week in January.

RIP—Last Stop, Numbers, and Lorretta's.

The Miss J-Wag's title was won by Peaches and the Wagette's will have a combination dinner and show on Thanksgiving Day, a benefit for ATEAC.

The Pipettes and the Pipeline will have two special functions in December. On December 1 a prize will be given for best dressed at the **Trucker Party** and a drink ticket for every new toy truck (longer than 6") donated to the cause. December 15th

the theme will be **Teddy Bears**, the same holds true for each new teddy bear (longer than 4") donated that night. The recipient of the collected toys will be **St. Jude Children's Hospital**.

This year's **Miss Mess Memphis** turned out to be **Sofonda Peters** at the annual Halloween celebration at GDI. The Texas Headliners return on Thursday, December 14th, for two shows. GDI is devoting every Wednesday night's door charges to the PWA fund of ATEAC. The first of these was held last week in honor of Renee Williams, longtime performer at George's. Over \$450 was raised and Melina sends her thanks to the crew at Reflections for their support.

GayRap has moved this month to the **Community Center**. Meeting times for both GayRap and the Coalition Business Meetings have been revised to 7 PM on the 3rd and 1st Mondays respectively. The MGLCC's **Grand Opening** will take place on December 3.

Aphrodite raised \$2141.00 at their eighth annual That's Entertainment fundraiser at WKRB on November 12, in which we were pleased to participate. This money goes toward Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets which the club distributes each year. Also at WKRB, Saturday, December 2, will see Connie and the Little Rock Ladies and their annual Christmas Show will be held on December 17.

Chaps will also host **Thanksgiving Dinner from 3-6 PM**. On December 1 there will be a Bartender Birthday Party.

Dear Intern of My Dreams: This space reserved for your own personal dish(es). Whether it is Wedgwood or Mellarmine rests with you.

Gotta get our beauty rest for the holidays.

Don't even open your mouth, Hazel.

Ta, ta. Lady A.



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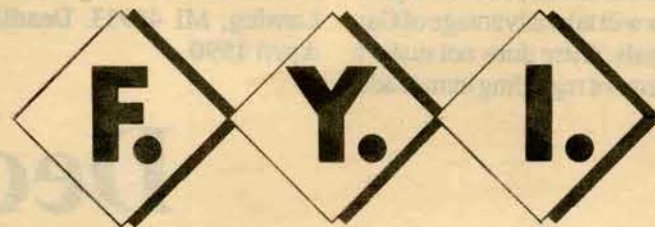
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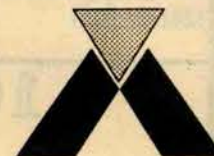
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Christmas Greetings to the Memphis Gay Community from BWMT

- Dec. 4 **Discussion Group** at Irwin's at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 **Board Meeting** at Ed & Miike's at 1:30 p.m.
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Good-looking, great personality, well-educated, career-oriented professional, 26, 6'2", 180#, br/hazel eyes, cute smile. Enjoy all sports, movies, music, dancing, and spending time with someone special. Seek friend with same, possible relationship. Write to: Dept R-11, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

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Maria Sullivan, a 26 year old white female (Gay/homosexual?) is in need of a white female companion/attendant to live with her in her home in the Jonesboro, AR area. Maria has been a quadriplegic for the last six years. She owns her own home and has a van equipped with a wheelchair lift. She enjoys backgammon, card games, television, music, fishing, as well as some outdoor activities. Room and board will be provided free and a starting salary of \$150.00 per month. Applicant would have free time daily for college and/or part-time employment to supplement their income (applicant's income). Interested applicants should write to Maria Sullivan P.O. Box

153, Brookland, AR 72417.

GWM, 29, 6'1", brown hair, brown eyes, discreet, caring, and loving. Seeking GWM 20-45, who wants a true friendship/relationship. Phone Scott anytime at (601) 489-8023.

Mark P, I'm sorry I couldn't make you happy. I hope someday you will be able to forgive me. The door to our home will always be open, if and when you decide to come home. I miss you terribly. Merry Christmas Babe! Love always, Roger.

Male, 34, 6'2", 185#, br/br seeking company to enjoy life. Social drinker & smoker OK but NO drugs. Should care about your body. P.O. Box 38021, Germantown, TN 38183.

Attractive, GWM, 25, 5'10", 140#, slim, smooth body, br/br, passive seeks hot, dark-haired top, attractive, in shape, endowed, who enjoys being serv-

December 1989 Gay Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			22	23	24	25
				• Thanksgiving Dinners at Chaps, Pipeline, J-Wag's (also Wagette show).		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					• Bartender Birthday Party, Chaps • Trucker Party, Pipeline, Teddy Bear Party Dec. 15, Pipeline, Pipettes collect toys for St. Jude	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
• Grand Opening of Community Center, 4 PM 1291 Madison	• Memphis Gay Coalition Business Meeting, Main Library, Meeting Room A, 7:00				• Video and Social Night, Community Center, 8 PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				• Texas Headliners, 2 shows, GDI • Video and Social Night, Community Center, 8 PM	• Deadline for January issue of Gaze. • Coffee Shop, Community Center, 8 PM	• Christmas in Dixie (Wagette Benefit for ATEAC), Barbara's, 10 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• WKRB Christmas Show • BWMT Brunch, see ad p. 13.	• Coalition Holiday Pot Luck Dinner, Community Center, 1291 Madison, 7 PM			• Winter solstice • Christmas Party, Pipeline	• January Gaze due out.	• Chanukah • MGLCC Meeting, Noon - 1:30, 1291 Madison
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	• Christmas Happy Holidays from the Staff of Gaze					

iced on a regular basis. Send replies to Boxholder P.O. Box 12223 Memphis, TN. 38182-0223.

GWM wants to share home. Must be straight-acting & appearing. \$225 mo. + 1/3 utilities, + dep. Drugs will not be tolerated. Fems need not inquire. Write Dept. C-12 P.O. Box 3038, Mphs., TN. 38173-0038.

BiWM wants cute, young boy, 18-28, to daddy. Love and correction will be meted out according to your needs and actions. Write me about yourself. Dad, Box 2301, Memphis, TN 38175.

DUPLEX for rent. Two-story brick, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths,

washer/dryer, private yard, and private drive. Looking for one or two discreet, young (20-40), professional, straight-acting, GWMs. Call Dave at 327-3749.

Attractive, 22 yr. old, career-oriented male seeks other for friendship and possible relationship. 6' 170 #, with brown hair and bl/gr eyes. I enjoy dancing, movies, the outdoors, and quiet evenings at home. Interested? Write to: Steve, Box 41743, Memphis, TN 38174.

GWM, 48, 6'3", br/hazel seeking someone versatile for friendship/relationship. (901) 323-3572.

GWM, 29, br/bl, 165#, 6'1", Hairy chest looking for GWM

25-35 for friendship or relationship. No Fats, or Fems, or Drugs need apply. All replies will be answered. Robert P.O. Box 751724, Memphis, TN 38175-1724.

Attractive, GWM, 23, 5'6", 140#, seeks guys (21-35) interested in leather, bondage, etc. for friendship. Let's explore together safely! I am a bottom. Reply: Dept J-12, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 5'9", 165#, bl/bl, early 40's, sincere, caring, dependable. Seeks GWM, 22-39, for movies, theatre, dinners, travel, good conversation, good times, friendship/relationship. Reply to: Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.

Classifieds

Expose yourself to the joys of photography. R/U 18 to 28? Want to be in pictures? Be a star? The main attraction? Get a sexual charge? A raise in male hormones? A day B/4 the camera you will enjoy? A standing ovation for your performance? Confidential. Call Chris at (901) 423-1609. Will buy slides and slide film. Slide processing available. Collector, I don't sell.

GWM photographer, seeks part-time lodging in a open-minded carefree atmosphere to photograph nude models. Accommodations must be reasonable. Call Chris at (901) 423-1609.

Handsome Latin Male, 29 green eyes, muscular build, endowed. Visiting Memphis on business. Seeks white, endowed guys (21-35) for safe oral workouts. Photo to SRM, P.O. Box 421291, Del Rio, TX 78842.

Keyboard - Guitar player seeks M/F Singer-Lyricist's-Musicians for possible jam sessions and gigs. 454-1411

Mike, you can let your wall down and trust me, I know you've been hurt in the past by others, I can say I won't hurt you. I LOVE YOU. JOHN C

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
Oops: 1349 Autumn - 272-1634
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 - 762-8401, 458-AIDS, or 272-0855.
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.

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

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

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

Women of Leather: 181 N. Willett, Memphis 38104 - 278-9321

HELPLINES

AIDS Switchboard: 458-AIDS - 3:30-11pm.

Gay Switchboard: 324-GAYS - 7:30-11pm.

LINC: 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Counseling

Becky Caperton, MS: Counseling - 327-9758.

Beth Causey, M.Div.: Pastoral counseling - 454-0108.

Kim A. Moss MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835

Union, Suite 101, Memphis 38104 - (901) 726-4586.

Carole Taylor, MS: Counseling - 458-7098.

Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

Legal

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

Massage

"Just the Right Touch": Non-sexual Swedish/sports massage - 377-7701.

"A Touch Of Relaxation": Therapeutic massage by appointment, Ms. Bernie Gwyn - 522-1482 or 522-7054.

Carpet Care

Lee's Carpet Care: Commercial - Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates - 327-6165.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.

Economy Interiors: Antiques - 1466 Madison - 725-9222.

Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.

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

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

GAZE IS ALSO DISTRIBUTED AT THESE BUSINESSES

Davis-Kidd Booksellers Inc. - 397 Perkins Rd. Ext. - 683-9801

Men of Leather: Leather shop - 111 N. Claybrook - 722-8963.

P & H Cafe - 1532 Madison Ave. - 274-9794

Squash Blossom Natural Foods - 1720 Poplar Ave. - 725-4823 & 6105 Sanderlin - 685-2293

Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.

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

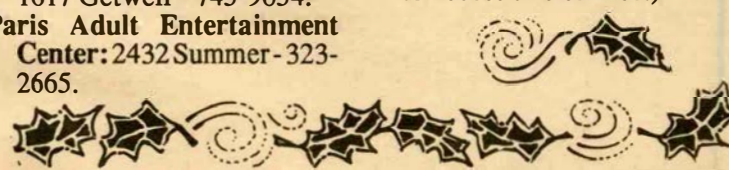
MEDIA

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. (You must have a computer and modem to access this service.)



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1. not another bar (**1349 Autumn Ave.**),
2. used to express dismay by the competition (**24 hours a day**),
3. caught in the act (**cruise bar**),
4. mama don't 'low no guitar pickins no how (**canned music 11 pm-4 am**),
5. out of it (**refrigerators don't fart when you take the meat out**),
6. there goes another rubber tree plant (**901-272-1634**).