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Hate Crimes Statistics Act Passed!

Washington, D.C. — In an historic moment for the Gay and Lesbian community, the U.S. Senate voted 91-4 to pass the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Before voting for passage, Senate lawmakers rejected, by 77-19, a move by Sen. Jesse Helms to attach a four-part anti-Gay amendment to the bill.

The landslide vote marks the first time that the pervasive problem of anti-Gay and Lesbian violence has been addressed, the first time Gay-positive legislation has passed the Senate, and the first time the Gay and Lesbian community has defeated Helms on an up-or-down Gay-related issue.

"The U.S. Senate sent a strong signal to the bigots and bashers in our country that violence against Lesbians and Gay men is as intolerable as violence against racial, religious, and ethnic minorities," said Urvashi Vaid, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director. "It marks the culmination of seven years of work by the Task Force to gain a political response to the

enormous problem of anti-Gay violence."

The bill requires the U.S. Dept., of Justice to "acquire data about certain crimes which manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity."

The bill passed with an amendment offered by Senators Paul Simon (D-IL) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT), two major sponsors of the legislation. The amendment reads, "Congress finds that: (1) The American family life is the foundation of American society; (2) Federal policy should encourage the well-being, financial security, and health of the American family; (3) Schools should not de-emphasize the critical value of American family life; and (4) Nothing in this act shall be construed, nor shall any funds appropriated to carry out the purpose of the act be used to promote or encourage homosexuality."

The Simon-Hatch amendment was considered a "pre-emptive strike" by supporters in

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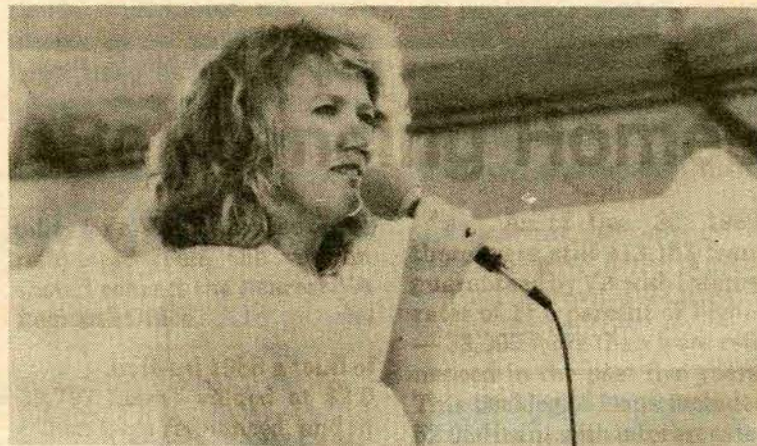
Holly Near To Perform In Peabody Alley

On Friday, March 9, Peabody Alley in the Peabody Hotel will be transformed into a coffee house bar as San Francisco recording artist Holly Near takes the stage.

Best known for her exuberant soprano and her political feminist viewpoint, Holly Near's career has spanned nearly two decades. During that time, she has appeared in films, on television, and on Broadway; has founded one of the most successful independent record companies, and has recorded 14 highly acclaimed albums. In 1988 Near was honored as *Ms. Magazine's* "Woman of the Year."

This Fall her autobiography entitled *Fire In The Rain* will be published by William Morrow.

Near's recent albums include collaborative work with Ronnie Gilbert, the eclectic folk group Trapezoid, the famed Chilean ensemble Intillimani, Arlo



Guthrie, and Pete Seeger. She has toured extensively in Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, Latin America and was a representative from the U.S. at the Third International New Song Festival in Ecuador.

Her latest LP, *Sky Dances*, includes originals as well as cover tunes penned by Bruce Cockburn, Ruben Blades, and Phil Ochs.

Holly Near will appear one

night only at Peabody Alley. Doors will open at 8:00 P.M. with her performance beginning at 9:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available at all Ticket Hub outlets, Sears, Cat's Record Stores, and the Peabody concierge.

For additional information, call (901) 529-4169.

Heart Strings Named "Man of the Year"

This year's recipient of the Tsarus Man of the Year award was HeartStrings Memphis. At the yearly banquet, the plaque was accepted by co-chairs Rebecca Locke and Allen Cook. After a fine dinner, served by Tsarus members, several speakers told their memories of the event, having in common that there was first skepticism, then astonishment, and lastly a great sense of achievement when the show had come and gone.

Don Griesheimer and Donna McMillan, who co-chaired the Parties Committee, related some experiences with their committee. Both had been asked to come to the initial meetings, both had been advised by friends that they should be involved. Both also realized that their participation was a unique opportunity to raise

money for PWA's and also to make a mark on both the Memphis Gay community and the city itself.

Matt Presley described the event as having "brought us together. For the first time, we felt like a community." He used phrases such as "raised spirits and hopes" and "focused energy" citing that "We all did this for the same reason. We were afraid of the loss so we worked hand in hand, heart in heart."

"Though we tried to involve the mainstream community, make no mistake about it, this was a Gay event. It was the Gay community that pulled it off," said Allen. Rebecca stated, "I wouldn't trade the experience of HeartStrings for anything in the world. We are thinking of where we want to hang the

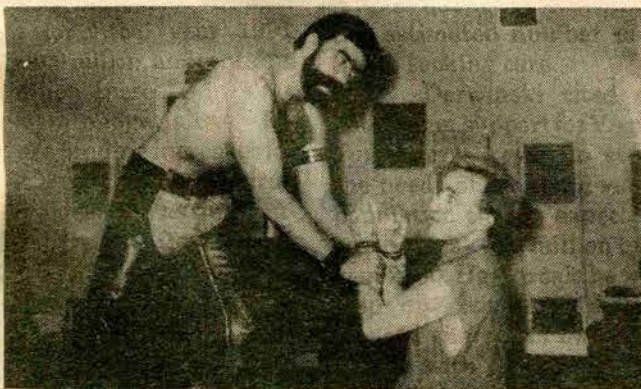


Allen Cook and Rebecca Locke, Co-Chairs of Heart Strings, accepted the Tsarus "Man of the Year" Award on behalf of the Heart String volunteers.

plaque, we think it should be at the Community Center."

The plaque reads "Tsarus 1990 Man of the Year presented to 'HeartStrings' and all the volunteers for a dedicated and purposeful effort in pulling our community together February 12, 1990." It has been installed at the MGLCC.

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Vance Reger and Den Smith in a dramatic scene from Smith's upcoming play *Battle Scars* opening March 18 at Theatre Works.

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Gazing

We're NOT Just Like Everyone Else

by John Stilwell

"We're just like everyone else." How many times have you heard a Gay man or Lesbian use that phrase? Usually it's used in self defense. Such as, "we shouldn't be discriminated against because we're just like everyone else." Or, "we deserve equal protection under the law because we're just like everyone else." It's gotten to the point where I cringe every time I hear it.

I suppose in some very basic ways, it is true. We are men and women. We live and die and pay taxes. We love and want to

be loved. But in fact, we are very different.

We have unique problems. Dealing with our own sexuality is the prime one. And once we've done that, we have to choose when, how and with whom to share that information about ourselves. Once we've started down that road to being ourselves, every step of the way is hazardous travel.

We have to take precautions to protect ourselves from the law, bigots, and sometimes even from our friends and loved ones. Sometimes people only love the person they think we are. What we really are may be so unacceptable to them that they can't love the person we really are. We have to take special precautions to protect our life partners. The law won't protect them. Our relations won't protect them. For those of us with children, we have to take special precautions to protect them. The laws that are supposed to protect us, in fact prohibit us from loving who we want, how we want, and legitimize taking our children from us. In fact, recent court decisions deny us even the basic right to privacy that everyone else enjoys.

As the victims of bad laws, we are singled out and held up for ridicule.

But our unique problems are not the only things that make us different from everyone else. Because of our lifestyle, we tend to be non-traditional thinkers which opens all kinds of horizons for us.

We are forced to abandon the traditional concepts of the family, (one man, one woman, one or more children). We have to abandon some concepts of right and wrong, (heterosexual love being right, homosexual love being wrong). We have to abandon the notion that friends and loved ones know what is best for us and only have our best interests at heart.

And once those very basic concepts have been abandoned

because they just don't work for us, we're free to do what is natural for us. That might mean a career in an occupation not generally associated with our sex, male or female. It might just mean having a mind that is open to other minorities or ideas that don't fit in with mainstream thinking. It might mean a more acute sensitivity to the suffering of others.

So as much as we'd like to defend ourselves by saying we're just like everyone else the fact is that we are not. The point that we have to get to, is acknowledging that we are very different. And, in spite of our differences, we are still entitled to the same protection under the law that other citizens enjoy.

Gays and The Census

by Ivy Young
Director, NGLTF's Lesbian and Gay Families Project

As you can see, 1990 ends in a zero. That means it's time for the decennial count, by the Census Bureau, of the entire U.S. population.

Ordinarily, the Census Bureau ritual would be of little or no consequence to the Lesbian and Gay community. But this year, things are slightly different. Unlike past national counts, the 1990 census could have a direct impact on some of the issues affecting Lesbians and Gay men.

For the first time ever, the Census Bureau has added the category of "unmarried partner" to the relationship section of the questionnaire. Expanding the selection choice beyond "roommate/partner" or "roomer/boarder," the new category is, according to some sources, the Bureau's attempt to get an accurate count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage."

By simple deduction, however, Census officials will also be able to determine the number of same-sex couples living together in committed relationships. That same-sex couples information will be published along with the statistics on heterosexual unmarried partners. For those of us working in the Lesbian and Gay families arena, that information could prove vital to the success of our efforts in the future.

The Census Bureau has been roundly criticized for its failure to alert affected groups that the

question even exists, or, for that matter, what "unmarried partner" actually means. There has been no outreach effort, no community education, no discussion with Lesbian and Gay activists in particular, about how best to ensure that the question is understood and answered accurately.

The Census Bureau does not perceive, or more likely, does not care that for Lesbian and Gay couples answering the survey honestly involves more than a simple check-off. The issue of government intrusion and privacy is a crucial one for many Lesbians and Gay men; yet, census officials have made no effort to counter the fear and apprehension that could lead to a serious undercount of same-sex couples.

Given the Census Bureau's negligence, lack of forethought, and apparent disregard of the Lesbian and Gay community, what are our options regarding the 1990 census.

For some activists in our community, the answer is a simple one: boycott the 1990 Census. Their rationale is basically the criticisms outlined above; a serious lack of outreach by the Census Bureau, coupled with a deep-seated concern over confidentiality, will lead to a gross undercount and a skewed statistical profile.

Unfortunately, this issue is more complex, and requires more than a simple solution. Whether we choose to answer or not, the question is on the survey. Statistics will be gathered, no matter what. Whether we choose to answer or not, we

will be living with the results of the census for the next decade. Public and private industry programs are affected by census data; social and economic policy is guided by that same data; legislative agendas are set, initiatives launched, and priorities determined by the numbers gathered. If we choose to deliberately absent ourselves from this process, if we elect to "disappear," what advantage do we gain?

Some Lesbian and Gay activists have predicted that as few as 10% of those couples affected by the "unmarried partner" question will respond honestly. But, a recent poll conducted by the *Washington Blade* found that of the couples responding, 75% said they would answer the question truthfully. Granted, the *Blade* survey was conducted in a major metropolitan area with a history of Gay visibility. Similar results may not emerge from some small town or hamlet. Then again, they might.

Yes, there will be an undercount of Gay and Lesbian

Couples, just as there is with every other minority constituency in the United States. And, just as leaders in those communities have done following national counts, we too will be able to offer cogent arguments about why the numbers are not accurate: Census Bureau insensitivity, fears about confidentiality, the chilling effects of the on-going climate of homophobia in the U.S., etc.

Our responsibility now is to provide for our community what census Bureau officials did not — information and education. Our community must be persuaded to put aside the fear of being exposed and answer the Census honestly. We have nothing to lose by being truthful.

The struggle to have our relationships and our families recognized and protected will assume much greater urgency in the decade to come. Accurate statistics gathered from the 1990 Census could provide us with a small, but important weapon to help wage that struggle.

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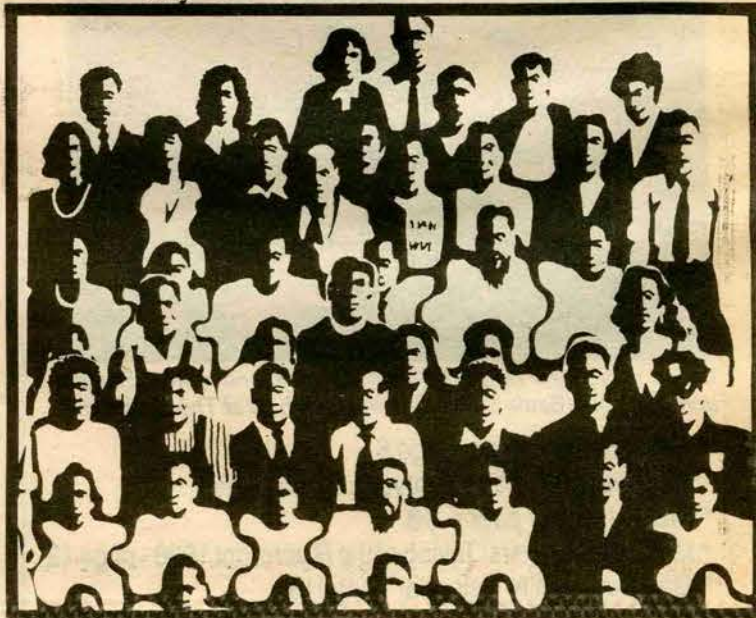
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Bush Challenged on \$1.7 Billion AIDS Budget

Washington, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund has called for over \$3 billion in federal AIDS spending for fiscal 1991.

The organizations executive director, Tim McFeeley, was sharply critical of Pres. Bush's budget proposal, which included only \$1.7 billion for AIDS programs. "Unfortunately, the Administration is running away from the facts on AIDS. Wishful thinking and nickels and dimes are not going to address the real needs of people with AIDS," McFeeley said.

"The number of AIDS cases in the U.S. will double in the next 15 months, yet the Administration offers a mere 7% increase in overall funding. Even more shocking is their proposal to cut \$40 million from the funds used to provide services to individuals with AIDS. There is no justification for this kind of abandonment," McFeeley stated.

"This is not the time to put the brakes on AIDS spending, just as our investment in research is beginning to pay off. We must continue to increase research, so that scientists can explore every avenue opened up by the research done so far," McFeeley stated.

McFeeley challenged the assumption that the government is spending too much on AIDS, stating that "even the National Commission on AIDS in their December report to the President called for substantial increases in federal funding." The

Commission's report indicated that the U.S. would need to allocate between \$2.5 billion and \$15 billion to AIDS programs within the next two years.

"AIDS is a communicable disease, and the potential expansion of the AIDS virus cannot be ignored. The government's failure to spend adequate funds on education, research, and treatment today will bring an even more substantial expense down the line," McFeeley said.

Stephen Smith, HRCF legislative director, called the President's proposal "completely inadequate" to the growing needs. Smith pointed to the federal government's findings on treatment as requiring significant new funds. "In August, the federal government recommended AZT treatment for hundreds of thousands of infected people who have not yet shown serious symptoms," Smith said.

"If we don't find the money to provide that treatment, we will pay far higher costs down the road as people become disabled, stop working, and need hospital care. The President's budget provides no new funds for treatment. It is penny-wise and pound-foolish," Smith continued.

The \$3 billion figure supported by the Human Rights Campaign Fund was developed by the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition.

The Days of Anita Bryant Are Finally Over

Palm Beach County became the first county in Florida to prohibit discrimination in housing, the financing of housing, and public accommodations when the Palm Beach County Commission amended its fair housing laws in Jan 16.

"For the first time since the anti-Gay Anita Bryant crusade in 1977, some Gay men and Lesbian Floridians are able to enjoy equal protection under the law," said Rand Hoch, attorney for the Palm Beach Country Human Rights Council. The Council, along with the Gay-oriented Atlantic Coast Democratic Club, were the two organizations instrumental in lobbying for changes in the law.

The new law, which went into effect in February, prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap, familial status, sexual orientation, age or marital status. The law provides for civil fines of up to \$50,000 for those who discriminate.

To become a law in Palm Beach County, an ordinance must be approved at first reading, and be again approved at a public hearing. Efforts to move the issue to public referendum failed.

The Palm County law includes three classes not protected by federal law — sexual orientation, marital status, and age.

Cleve Jones Steps Down as "Names Project" Head

San Francisco, CA — Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Foundation and originator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, has announced his resignation as executive director. Although Jones is no longer responsible for the day-to-day operation of the NAMES Project, he will remain with the organization to take the lead on several projects, including the recently announced HIV Life Center, a building to house the Quilt and other HIV-related service organizations.

"I'm looking forward to many new NAMES Project endeavors, especially the HIV Life Center," said Jones. "And I'm looking forward to working with the new executive director."

"The change signals our growth as an organization,"

said Managing Director David Lemos who now has been named Acting Executive Director. "Cleve and I have been quietly talking about this for the past several months, as plans for the building have moved steadily forward."

The HIV Life Center is being established in conjunction with Trinity Methodist Church to develop an HIV Center that would house a wide variety of non-medical HIV services and also provide workshop, office, and display space for the NAMES Project. The site is near the present NAMES Project location in San Francisco's Castro district. The new building is to be constructed on the lot where the Trinity Methodist Church once stood.

Lemos continued, "It just wasn't practical for Cleve to manage both the Project's operation and the Life Center work. This will allow us to continue focusing on our objects for 1990 and beyond—to display the Quilt as much as possible—and still work towards the building."

Parents Confront Traditional Values Coalition

"My Gay son's expression of love is, for him, just as natural, healthy, and moral as that of his non-Gay brother and sisters," a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays told a cheering Washington, D.C. pro-Gay rally in January.

Parents FLAG was one of a coalition of religious, activist, and medical groups responding to a move by a California-based fundamentalist organization to take its anti-Gay message nationwide.

The speakers were especially critical of the fundamentalists' attempts to promote psychotherapy as a way to "cure" homosexuality, and to claim religious and family values as their private domain.

"We are members of close-knit families who are pro-family in every sense," said Parents FLAG member Laurie Coburn. "We respect the right of each of our children to be who he or she authentically is."

"To me, it is those who do not respect that right who really are undermining society's basic values."

Coburn was one of several speakers at a rally and press conference responding to a Washington meeting of the Traditional Values Coalition to

launch a "task force for the preservation of the heterosexual ethic."

Parents FLAG, composed largely of parents of Gay children, has more than 200 chapters and contacts throughout the country. A number of Protestant ministers have sat on its board of directors, and its honorary directors include a Methodist bishop, two Episcopal clergymen, and four others ministers and rabbis.

Rev. William Sloan Coffin, president of the SANE-Freeze Campaign for Global Security, pointed out that the Biblical proscription against homosexuality can also be found, in the same terms (an "abomination") and in the same book of Leviticus, as that against eating pork.

"Clearly, it is not Scripture that creates hostility to homosexuality, but rather hostility to homosexuality that prompts certain Christians to retain a few passages from an otherwise discarded law code," he said.

Women's Music & Comedy Fest Slated

Robin Tyler Productions will present the 7th Annual Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival May 24-28 in the northeast Georgia mountains about 80 miles from Atlanta.

Held on 200 wooded acres, the private camp has cabins, a large lake, tennis courts, and showers.

Among the many performers appearing this year will be Holly Near, Kate Clinton, Dianne Davidson, Sue Fink, Betty, Two Nice Girls, and the Sensible Pumps.

Speakers will include Urvasi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force; Patricia Ireland, Executive Director of NOW; and Paula Etlebrick, Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Ticket prices range from \$120 to \$200 and includes music, comedy, crafts, sports, dancing, workshops, camping, food, and fun. Camping, cabin, and R.V. spaces are available. Child care will be provided.

This festival, the largest of its kind in the South, is accessible to disabled women and interpreted for the hearing impaired.

For more information and an application form, send an addressed, stamped envelope to SWMCF, 15842 Chase St., Sepulveda, CA 91343 or phone (818) 893-4075, weekdays.

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Sodomy Repeal Fails in Georgia

Atlanta, GA — The Georgia House of Representatives rejected a move Feb. 2 to repeal the state's "ancient statute" that outlaws sodomy, drawing condemnation from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), local activists and the media. Atlanta activists vowed to press for sodomy repeal in 1991, and blasted homophobic remarks made by Georgia's Speaker of the House during the course of the bill.

The repeal bill, sponsored by Cynthia McKinney (D-Atlanta), would have exempted all consenting adults from prosecution under the sodomy law. McKinney's father, Billy (D-Atlanta), had introduced a bill that would have criminalized only Gay sex.

On Feb. 1, the House Special Judiciary Committee voted 7-3 to send Cynthia McKinney's bill to the floor. But, the younger McKinney's bill was amended to resemble her father's Gay-only bill. Even that bill proved to be too much for the Georgia lawmakers, which quickly killed the bill, 64-44.

Before the vote, House Speaker Tom Murphy, told the *Atlanta Constitution-Journal* he didn't "know enough about sodomy to talk about it." In response to an Atlanta Gay and Lesbian demonstration against sodomy laws on Jan. 8, Murphy said, "Those Gaypeople, I didn't go around them. I didn't want to get too close."

"Tom Murphy and other lawmakers don't want to get too close to voting against a repressive sodomy law," said Cathy Woolard, president of the Georgia ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter. "But they'll have to, because we'll be meeting with legislative sponsors to go over the vote count and plan our strategy for 1991. We will be back."

Sue Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project director who worked closely with the Georgia activists on the repeal effort, observed, "Legislators are allergic to casting votes in favor of private, consensual sex — whether it's to repeal a sodomy law or mandate AIDS education in schools."

In its post-vote editorial, *The Atlanta Constitution* said of Speaker Tom Murphy, "Ignorance is a fully plausible explanation for [the sodomy] vote, though it is no comfort to be confronted so brazenly by a legislator boasting of his stupidity."

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Hate Crimes

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an effort to head off a Helms amendment.

The Helms amendment, overwhelmingly defeated in the

Senate stated, (1) The homosexual movement threatens the strength and the survival of the American family as the basic unit of society; (2) State laws prohibiting sodomy should be enforced; (3) The federal gov-

ernment should not provide discrimination protections on the basis of "sexual orientation;" and (4) School curriculums should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society.

Voting against the bill were Senators William Armstrong (R-CO), Gordon Humphrey (R-NH), Trent Lott (R-MS), and Jesse Helms.

Memphis

Battle Scars To Premiere

The premiere of *Battle Scars*, a new drama by local playwright Den-Nickolas Smith, will take place March 18, 19, and 20 at Theatre Works, located at 414 S. Main, downtown. Ticket prices will be \$5, performances at 8 PM. There is limited seating and some tickets will be available at the door.

Matt Presley and Vance Reger play the Gay couple in whose apartment the story takes place. Their relationship appears to be stable and mutually fulfilling—Drey, an outwardly gruff and inwardly caring man, paired with August, a man more understanding than blunt, more educated and patient. They share strong feelings for one another and a common bond as Leathermen. Den-Nickolas Smith plays Ben, the young friend of August, who is developing a fascination with the leather lifestyle. There are differences of opinion as to whether Ben really understands anything about his friends' lifestyle and conflicts arise. The effect on the three's relationships forms the plot, further complicated by Taz, played by Kerrel Ard, who is attracted to Drey and oblivious to his relationship.



Matt Presley (left), Vance Reger, and Den-Nickolas Smith (kneeling) rehearse a scene from *Battle Scars*. Kerrel Ard (not pictured) rounds out the cast.

Some very intense and serious situations will be portrayed by means of graphic depiction and uncensored language. The Monday evening performance will be a benefit for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The theatre rental for this performance is being sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition. The Wings club has committed to sponsor the opening night performance and Women of Leather will sponsor the closing evening on Tuesday. The rest of the proceeds will benefit L. G. Productions for future efforts. The play will be directed by Vincent Astor.

Memphis Outdoors Group Announces Spring Schedule

After two organizational meetings, Memphis' new outdoors organization for Gays and Lesbians has announced a schedule of events for the early spring and has named itself appropriately "Out and About Memphis."

At the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center in January, an enthusiastic group discussed the potential of a group that would give men and women in Memphis a chance to share their enjoyment of the outdoors with a friendly and diverse group. Everyone hopes that there will be enough support from the Memphis community to allow many different activities to be included in the group's schedule, encompassing a wide range of interests, allowing almost everyone to take part. Similar groups elsewhere in the country have successfully organized everything from cycling events that attract hundreds annually in the Northeast, hiking expeditions throughout the world, national get-togethers with many different types of activities, as well as simple picnics and volley ball games.

The first events scheduled for the spring are a get-acquainted visit to the local zoo in late March and a visit to Shelby Forest Park in late April. The zoo visit March 31st at 11 A.M. will be followed by a barbecue feast at a local restaurant. The

Shelby Forest outing April 22nd at 1 P.M. will offer a picnic and opportunities for cycling, horseback riding, hiking, volleyball, etc. and should be a great way to welcome Spring to Memphis.

Out and About Memphis would like to invite anyone inter-

ested in this group to join them at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center Sunday, March 11th at 2 P.M. to get acquainted and discuss upcoming events. Please call Tom at 274-1847 or Dale at 276-0275 for more information.

Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center Update

by Ken Horton

Your Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center is now actively serving the needs of this area, supported by men and women from the entire Mid-South. It has become a reflection of the richness, and diversity of our community.

The center is having more and more functions, some sponsored by the center's staff and others sponsored by various groups. Every month we are approached by a new person or group to provide space for another function.

If you have not seen the MGLCC, please drop by, the best time being on weekends. The general hours are in the ad in this newspaper. We have a large bulletin board and table

with pamphlets from many groups. A volunteer staff person can also advise you of the events which are taking place or put you in contact with someone who will. If you have a group that is interested in using the space please leave word with a staff member.

Western dance lessons and video nights are on alternating Thursday evenings and the first Saturday of the month pot-luck is at 7:00 P.M. the next one being on March 3. These are great times to introduce yourself to other people and discover all that the center has to offer. Board meetings are the third Saturday of every month at 11:30 A.M. and all are welcome. See you soon!

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 January 19, 1990

Team	Won	Lost
1. Simply Delicious	20	8
2. Stiff Competition	19	9
3. Up-N-Coming	18	10
4. King Pins	17	11
5. Lois Laners	17	11
6. Just Fer Fun, Hun'	16.5	14.5
7. Goodwinners	15	13
8. Hallelujah Hooters	14	14
9. Lucky Thirteen	13.5	14.5
10. WKR Bowlers	13	15
11. Half-Nuts	11	17
12. Travelin' Trojans	10	15
13. The Orphans	7	21
14. To Be Announced	3	25

Team standings are determined by total pin scores.

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

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The STOP AIDS Leadership training is an intensive, week-end experience designed to prepare key volunteers for leadership roles within the local STOP AIDS community organizing project.

The weekend is designed to accomplish the following goals:

1. Thoroughly familiarize participants with the STOP AIDS model of AIDS prevention and with the STOP AIDS meeting outline.

2. Assist participants to develop the qualities needed for leadership in the project, especially in the role of group facilitator

3. Give participants ample opportunity to identify and explore personal experiences about AIDS so that these may be used advantageously in their work with the Project.

4. Convey to participants the importance of community organizing as an AIDS prevention tool and provide them with an experience of this technique.

5. Bond the participants into a working group of volunteers who know and trust one another and who take personal responsibility for accomplishing to goals of the project.

6. To allow participants to understand the roles needed in the Project (i.e.) group leaders, office coordinators, community organizers, to identify their own particular talents and to provide an opportunity for each to commit to a particular role in the project.

HIV+s get benefit from AZT

USA Today reports that people who carry HIV but aren't sick yet might get more prolonged benefit from the drug AZT than patients with full-blown AIDS. Burroughs-Wellcome, manufacturer of AZT, told a government panel Jan 30 that symptomless people develop fewer drug-resistant strains of the virus while under AZT.

FDA Approves Fungal Drug

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug fluconazole for fungal infections



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STOP AIDS meetings are one evening, peer-led, small group discussions held for members of a specific risk group who have common issues around AIDS risk behavior. The meetings are carefully structured to foster an atmosphere of safety and encourage open conversation where participants may share their experiences of living with the AIDS epidemic. Usually participants feel less isolated, learn from each other about coping with changes in risk behavior and feel social support for those changes. The aim of this discussion is to empower participants to recognize their individual contribution to community standards, to reach their own conclusions about their responsibility for risk behavior and to take personal action about AIDS prevention.

ATEAC's entry into the STOP AIDS Project is being funded by the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. It will target Gay men initially. Once the model is in place, other groups (women, youth, ethnic minorities, etc.) will be trained and targeted as well.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the STOP AIDS Project, call 458-AIDS to obtain more information about the training.

common among people with AIDS and others with impaired immune systems. Pfizer Inc. will market the drug.

Vaccine Progress

Early positive results are being reported for HGP-30, the first U.S. AIDS vaccine designed to protect against all strains of the disease and check its progress in those already infected. The vaccine is being developed by CEL-SCI Corp and Alpha 1 Biomedical Inc. HGP-30 is being tested in Britain, where 24 male volunteers have completed immunizations with no toxic effects. HGP-30 is a totally synthetic material containing no live virus.

St. Jude Develops Anti Pneumocystis Drug

A potential new drug in the battle against AIDS-related infections being tested at St. Jude Children's Research Center has proved to be 100% effective at preventing pneumocystis pneumonia which afflicts about 75% of people with AIDS.

According to Dr. Walter Hughes who directs AIDS research at St. Jude, animal studies have shown the drug to be as good as any drugs they have compared to it.

Researchers have completed preliminary trials on animals and are set to begin trials on PWA's soon.

"If we can prevent pneumocystis in AIDS patients, we could probably double their lifespan without doing anything else," Dr. Hughes said in a *Commercial Appeal* interview.

Although St. Jude researchers have developed several drugs to treat pneumocystis, the latest drug is the only one which actually kills the protozoa which causes it. In addition to AIDS, pneumocystis also affects people whose immune systems have been suppressed by cancer or leukemia chemotherapy.

Phase one drug trials in humans are set to be completed in February.

The new drug is called hydroxynalpthoquinone or 566C, was formulated by Wellcome Research Laboratories in Britain to combat malaria. When used against pneumocystis, the drug actually kills it, while others drugs merely inactivate it. If the drug is approved, it may mean that people who have had pneumocystis will not have to continuously take a preventative.

The drug was reportedly 100% effective in preventing pneumocystis and shows no toxicity in the animal studies even in large doses.



Health Officials Worried by AIDS Infection Rates

Tennessee public health officials are concerned by the HIV infection rates among young African-American women. An ongoing surveillance study has revealed that .24% of African-American babies born in Nashville have antibodies to HIV according to Bernie Ellis, director of surveillance and seroprevalence. The study suggests that 24 in 10,000 women of child-bearing age are infected. This compares with a rate of 15 per 10,000 nationally.

Ellis said the rate of infection among black mothers jumped from 1 per 1,000 in April 1989 to 2.5 per 1,000 in November.

Estimates of AIDS infection among young women were based on testing babies born in Shelby County for antibodies to HIV. Thirty to 50% of babies born to HIV infected mothers are actually infected with the virus.

In Mississippi the rate is similar. Twenty-three in 10,000

babies born in a three month period in Mississippi between September and November also tested positive. Blood samples from Mississippi newborns were tested at the Tennessee state laboratory.

Ellis indicated that the upward trend among Black women is particularly evident. He indicated that the percentages were lower than those of some states, notably Florida where rate of 160 per 10,000 were reported.

According to *The Commercial Appeal*, 15 of the 10,973 Mississippi newborns tested positive for AIDS. Three infants were white and 12 were African-American.

HIV infection rates among people tested at sexually transmitted disease clinics were considerably higher than those tested in other settings. In Mississippi, Hinds County and Jackson have the highest rates. Those places also lead the state in sexually transmitted disease cases.

ATEAC Financial Statement

Income Statement for ATEAC July 1, 1989 - January 31, 1990				
	General Fund	PWA Fund	State Fund	Total
Income				
Total Contributions - Individuals & Corporations	\$8,316.93	\$200.00		\$8,516.93
Total Foundations & Trusts	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
Special Events - Net Proceeds		\$11,153.01		\$11,153.01
Total ATEAC Special Event		\$1,504.00		\$1,504.00
State Government Grants			\$5,586.58	\$5,586.58
Transfer from Savings or CD	\$26,626.10			\$26,626.10
Reimbursements	\$1,045.26			\$1,045.26
Total Income	\$38,988.29	\$12,857.01	\$5,586.58	\$57,431.88
Expenses				
Total Professional Salaries	\$7,396.31		\$7,416.76	\$14,813.07
Total Federal Income Tax	\$4,567.24			\$4,567.24
Total FICA (Social Security Taxes)	\$58.84		\$150.64	\$209.48
Total Health Insurance	\$690.25			\$690.25
Total Office Supplies	\$584.24		\$440.37	\$1,024.61
Total Educational Supplies	\$622.63	\$117.10	\$425.13	\$1,164.86
Total Switchboard Telephone Expense	\$201.70		\$1,356.54	\$1,558.24
Total USPS Postage Expense	\$182.50		\$243.50	\$426.00
Total Other Shipping	\$135.25		\$15.00	\$150.25
Total Rent		\$2,219.29		\$2,219.29
Total Licensing & Permits	\$10.00			\$10.00
Total Utilities	\$1,413.88	\$845.95		\$2,259.83
Total Care of Buildings & Grounds		\$298.50		\$298.50
Total Building Equipment/Furnishings	\$574.20			\$574.20
Total Printing	\$510.73		\$666.60	\$1,177.33
Total Advertising		\$45.45		\$45.45
Total Conferences & Meetings	\$312.00		\$1,056.20	\$1,368.20
Total Assistance/Rental Payments		\$9,147.10		\$9,147.10
Total Assistance/Financial		\$656.00		\$656.00
Total Assistance/Medical		\$1,264.94		\$1,264.94
Total Assistance/Utilities		\$3,743.80		\$3,743.80
Total Assistance/Clothing & Personal		\$34.47		\$34.47
Total Other Assistance		\$1,252.91		\$1,252.91
Total Organization Dues	\$175.00			\$175.00
Total Major Equipment Purchases	\$708.30			\$708.30
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	\$456.11			\$456.11
Total Special Event Expenses	\$841.54			\$841.54
Total Auction Expense	\$501.76			\$501.76
Total ATEAC Special Event Expenses	\$84.00	\$279.56		\$363.56
Transfer to Savings	\$4,006.00			\$4,006.00
Total Expenses	\$24,032.48	\$19,859.62	\$11,816.19	\$55,708.29
Income (Deficit) Over Expenses	\$14,955.81	(\$7,002.61)	(\$6,229.61)	\$1,723.59

AIDS Update

ATEAC Caseload, Financial Assistance Triples

Although recent studies seem to indicate a slowing of the AIDS epidemic nationwide, financial assistance to people with AIDS (PWA's) from the Aid to End AIDS Committee has more than tripled in the past few months (see graph below).

ATEAC is the only social service agency in the city which specifically targets people with AIDS for services.

According to Program Supervisor, Angie Dagastino, the bulk of clients who need financial assistance need it for such basics as rent and utilities. "In the current fiscal year, we've spent over \$7,000 more on PWA assistance than we've taken in for that purpose," Dagastino said. She indicated that the deficit has been made up from reserves created by a Consolidated Federal Campaign donation two years ago.

Although ATEAC still receives funding for its educational programs from the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment, direct service monies, such as those needed for patient assistance, are scarce. "We rely on the generosity of the public. Without private donations, we'd be unable to provide even the basics," Dagastino said.

Donations from the public, the proceeds of the Annual ATEAC Auction, monthly AIDS Awareness nights, and special events are all earmarked for the Patient Assistance Fund.

During the past year, special events such as the Wagette's,

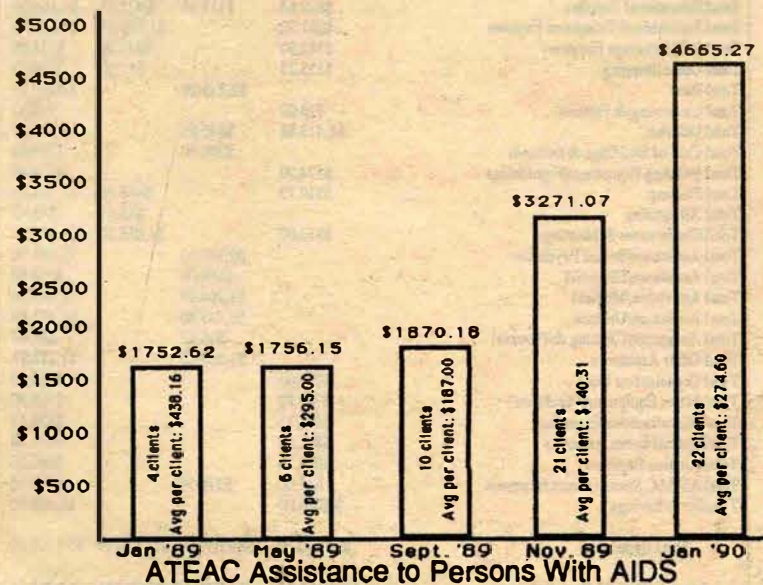
Pipeline, and George's benefits have brought in about \$12,000. George's has been donating the door charges of its Wednesday nights since December—an amount totalling over \$2000 alone. The single largest contributor to the Patient Assistance Fund was Trixie Thunderpussy who singlehandedly raised thou-

"In the current fiscal year, we've spent over \$7,000 more on PWA assistance than we've taken in for that purpose."-Angie Dagastino

sands of dollars for the fund.

Although the number of clients seeking financial assistance has increased dramatically, the amount dispensed on a per client basis has fallen. "Of necessity, we've had to be better at screening our clients and networking with other agencies which can provide some of the assistance we previously provided," stated Dagastino. She noted the state's AZT program and the cooperation of other agencies in providing needed prescription drugs for some clients. "Whenever we can get someone else to pay for a service, we save that money for someone else who needs it," she said.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to ATEAC, P.O. Box 40389, Memphis, TN 38174-0389. Memorials and honorariums are acknowledged to the person of the donor's choice.



From the Library

by Jean Hofacket, Coordinator Special Services
Memphis Shelby County Public Library and Information Center

Books! Videos! Brochures! Magazine articles and more.. your public library has AIDS information in a variety of forms. You can drop in to see what we have or give us a call (725-8801) if you have questions but don't have the time to get to the library.

Brochures... All of the public libraries in Memphis/Shelby County have a variety of brochures that you can read there or take away with you (no check-out — no return) to read later or share with a friend. Some of them are: *The ABC's of AIDS*, *Don't Get Stuck With AIDS*, *Talking With Your Partner About Using Condoms*, *Teens and AIDS! Why Risk It, Deciding About Sex... The Choice to Abstain*, *How to Talk to Your Children about AIDS*.

Books... For Children... *Understanding AIDS* (Ethan A. Lerner) and *Know About AIDS* (Margaret O. Hyde). Both give basic information about AIDS for children 4-6.

Books for teens include: *AIDS: Trading Facts for Fears A Guide For Teens* (Karen Hein), *Sex Drugs and AIDS* (Oralee Wachter) and *Lynda Madaras Tasks to Teens About*

AIDS.

AIDS: The Women (Inez Reider and Patricia Ruppelt, ed.) has been called "the definitive collection of our experiences as women whose lives are touched by AIDS." This challenging and engaging book moves between the ordinary and the heroic and gives voice to the experiences of the women who are family, lovers, caretakers, PWA's, and activists. *Mother, Do You Know What AIDS Is?* (Anne Serabian) gives the story of a family, especially a mother and son, living with AIDS. The narrative gives an overview of the impact of AIDS on daily living while the journal entries made during Tom's illness provide an intensely personal glimpse of a family struggling with the day-to-day realities in the world of AIDS. *AIDS: A Self-Care Manual* (AIDS Project Los Angeles) is a comprehensive guidebook that covers all aspects of AIDS Management, with contributions by leading experts in the field. AIDS Project Los Angeles has drawn upon its extensive experience to produce a practical, medically authoritative reference book, valu-

able not only to people with AIDS, but also to health professionals, therapists, ministers, family members, co-workers, spouses, caregivers — everyone touched by AIDS. *Take These Broken Wings and Learn To Fly* (Steven Dietz and M. Jane Parker Hicks) is "expressly for those who are ready to come to terms with the reality of AIDS and our social survival. The authors have combined current medical knowledge with expert psychological counsel. Whether we are affected directly or indirectly, this book will change perceptions. There is hope and that hope must be communicated."

Videos... on AIDS and related issues include: *AIDS: Answers for Everyone*, a series of informative interviews with medical authorities, PWA's and family members that offers facts about AIDS accurately and easily. *Doors Opening: A Positive Approach To AIDS* shares the love, insights, and healing processes of Louise Hay's Wednesday night AIDS groups. And *How To Avoid Catching AIDS: Safe Sex for Men and Women*, hosted by Morgan Fairchild, explains what AIDS is, how it is transmitted and changes in behavior that can help protect against AIDS.

Project Inform on Compound Q

Project Inform, A San Francisco community based AIDS Information clearinghouse has presented the results to date of their unofficial study and monitoring on the experimental anti-AIDS drug known as Compound Q. Although the drug does not appear to be the miraculous "magic bullet" some had hoped for, preliminary results from toxicity and efficacy tests begun last May suggest the Compound Q may be a powerful new weapon in the fight against HIV.

Project Inform officials said that the 24 antigen level (which measures HIV viral activity) showed a substantial and sustained drop averaging 50% in 9 of the 15 patients that could be evaluated.

Those for whom the T-cell data was available showed increases in that measure of immune system response ranging from seven to 101%.

While the drug, which was administered in an intravenous drip three times a week, seems to be tolerated relatively well

among most patients, seven of 51 patients monitors for toxicity developed central nervous system side effects. These CNS disorders ranged from temporary confusion to coma causing Project Inform to caution that Compound Q is a potent drug that should be only administered under a physician's care and ideally in a hospital setting. All those experiencing nervous system side effects responded to corrective drug therapy.

"AZT has the limitation in that it only interferes with the infection of new cells and the ability of those newly infected

cells to pump out the virus," said Project Inform Co-director Martin Delaney. "It does nothing about the cells which are already infected. [Compound] Q, on the other hand, effectively kills off any cells that appear to be infected, but it has no impact on free virus in the blood, which in the absence of other treatment you would assume would cause the infection to return."

The hope is, according to Delaney, "AZT would cover one Achilles' heel of Compound Q, and Q would cover an area AZT doesn't touch.

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Congressional Post Card Campaign Underway

Washington, D.C. — A massive post card campaign to increase support for the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. Congress has been launched by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The post card campaign, part of NGLTF's commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the Gay rights bill, is targeted at virtually every member of the house and senate. NGLTF urges Gays and Lesbians to send post cards to their congresspersons and senators.

NGLTF has printed a first-run of 40,000 post cards, half for the house and half for the senate. Each participant fills in the name of their congressperson/senators, their own name and address, writes a personal message, signs the card, then mails it to the pre-printed address. Cards require 15¢ postage.

Suggested personal messages include, "It is time for the U.S. Congress to take a stand against all forms of bigotry and discrimination. Support the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill."

The post card campaign, which will run through June 1990, is part of an overall NGLTF Gay rights bill lobbying

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Separate cards for senators and congressmen are part of the NGLTF post card campaign.

effort, which includes letters, National Lobby Days in June, and other events.

The bill, officially known as The Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1990 (S47 in the Senate and HR655 in the House), would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment, credit, public accommodations, and federally assisted programs.

To obtain post cards and more information, write NGLTF Post Card Lobbying Campaign, 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, or call (202) 332-6483.

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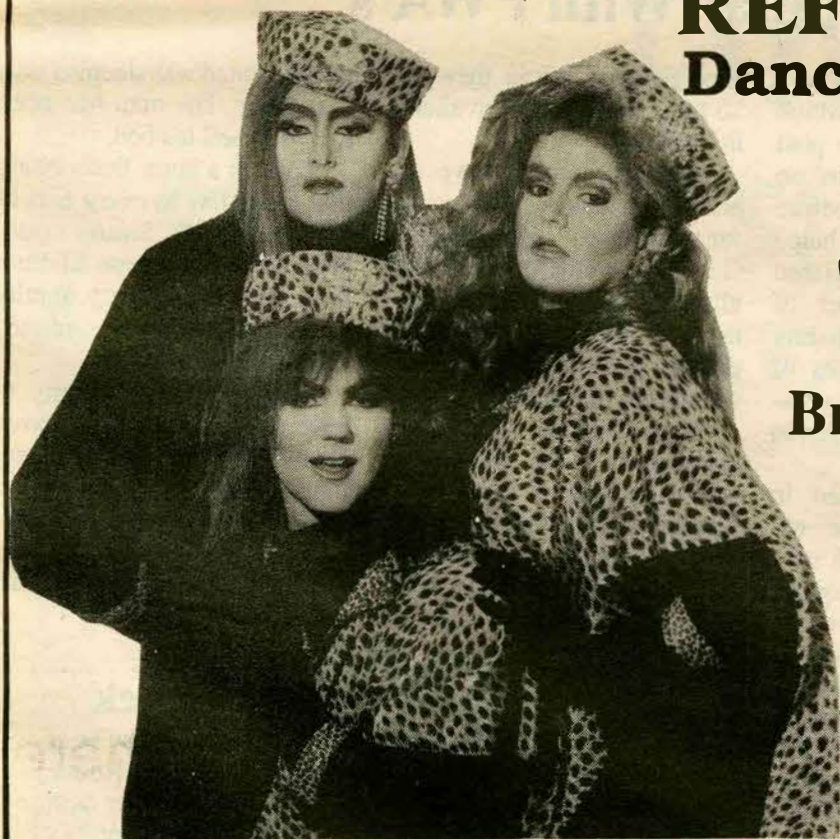
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Supreme Court Rules: Military Ban on Gays Stands

Washington, D.C. — The Pentagon's ban on Gay men and women in the military services was upheld in two Supreme Court Appeals Feb. 26.

The Court refused, without comment, to review the military ban. This action leaves open the possibility that the Court may consider a review of the policy which says "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The Court rejected appeals by Miriam Ben-Shalom who was denied reenlistment in the Army Reserve because she is a Lesbian, and James M. Woodward who was removed from active duty by the Navy.

National Gay rights organizations believe they'll get better treatment from Congress, however.

Ms. Shalom, 41, was a sergeant in the Army Reserve in Milwaukee. She joined the Reserve in 1974, but was discharged in 1976 because she is an acknowledged Lesbian. A federal judge had ordered her

reinstatement, and she served out her enlistment that ended in August 1988.

Woodward was allowed to enlist for six years in 1972 in the Naval Flight Officer Candidate Program even though he acknowledged being sexually attracted to men. However, Woodward says he answered "no" to a subsequent question that asked if he had ever engaged in homosexual conduct.

Woodward was recommended for discharge in 1974 after being seen with a sailor who was to be discharged for homosexual conduct in an officers' Club in the Phillipines.

The Army policy, according to Associated Press reports, says "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service," and bars "persons who engage in homosexual conduct or who, by their statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct." The Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the revised policy last August.

Gay New Orleans Politician Makes Run-off

After beating sixteen other candidates in the primary elections, Louisiana's first openly Gay politician, Larry Bagneris, Jr., will face Jacqueline Clarkson, a well-financed candidate of the conservatives, in the March 3 run-off for a hotly contested New Orleans City Council seat. Bagneris received 15% of the total vote with 3,841 votes, only 173 votes away from the frontrunner.

Bagneris is a New Orleans native who has been active in Gay politics nationally as well as locally in Houston, his one time residence.

He is a former board member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and of the Gay Rights National Lobby. He served on the planning board of the first March on Washington in 1979. In 1980 he was the first openly Gay delegate from Texas to the National Democratic Convention.

Bagneris was awarded the Harvey Milk Award in Los Angeles by Christopher Street West and was honored with the proclamation of Larry Bagneris Week in Houston for his work as president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and as founder of the Gay Pride Parade and the Gay Hispanic and Black Caucuses.

Gay activists are elated at the prospect of succeeding Mike Early, a councilman who voted against a 1986 Gay civil rights ordinance because of his concern that Gay waiters might transmit the AIDS virus to customers. Early did not seek reelection.

Success in the primary was due in large part to the grass roots efforts of local Gay political groups and the political arm of the local NOW chapter. Bagneris has long been a proponent of choice for women.



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Life Insurance "Cash In" Programs May Become Popular With PWA's

For people with AIDS and other terminal illnesses which pile up large bills, a new plan which allows a "cashing in" on life insurance benefits before death can be of immense help.

According to Associated Press reports, a number of companies are arranging to buy the life insurance policies of terminally ill patients at a discount and then cashing them in when the patient dies.

Living Benefits, based in Albuquerque, N.M., for example, will pay 55-80% of a policy's face value, but requires the prospective clients prove that they have 18 months or less to live. The amount a person can receive depends on the prevailing interest rates. In return, customers list Living Benefits as their sole beneficiary.

Since last April, at least two other for-profit companies have started up: American Life Resources Corp. in Miami and Beat the Grim Reaper International in New York. Prudential announced last month a plan that would allow its policyholders with six months or less to live to get the proceeds of their insur-

ance policies before they die. So far the plan is only available in 10 states.

Other companies have applied to insurance commissions for the right to offer such policies. Most of these would only allow the policy holder to withdraw no more than half of the policy's face value, and then only in monthly installments.

Steven Simon, president of American Life Resources started accepting applications last fall and bought its first policy last month. According to AP, Simon tells how, as an AIDS volunteer buddy, the first per-

son he visited was sleeping on a bare floor. The man had been forced to sell his bed.

"This is a story that's being told every day in every part of the country," Simon said. "People in the prime of their lives are having every dignity that you and I take for granted just robbed from them."

Living Benefits claims to have saved at least six homes from foreclosure since beginning its operations. Living benefits has bought about 50 policies, 50 purchases are pending and about 200 applications are out, he said.

Andy Rooney May Be Back

Rumors that CBS commentator Andy Rooney may be returning to *60 Minutes* were rampant at press time. Rooney was given a three-month suspension last month after being quoted in *The Advocate* as saying that Blacks were guilty of "watering down their genes" and other racially disparaging remarks. He has consistently denied making such statements. *The Advocate* was interviewing him regarding his anti-Gay comments in a December television special. Rooney stated that homosexual unions were hazardous to [your] health.

60 Minutes has fallen from third to eleventh place since Rooney was removed, but it is too early to see if there is any connection. Speculation is that if Rooney returns early, it will be in conjunction with an on-air apology. Stay tuned.



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Memphis Memoirs

The 1980 Southeastern Conference

The Takeover of the Holiday Inn Rivermont

by Vincent Astor

We have chronicled several events of the past which have effected not only the Gay community of Memphis but the city as a whole. HeartStrings was the latest, earlier came Miss Gay Memphis. Ten years after Miss Memphis another community wide statement was made at the fifth annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men.

The first regional conference originated in Chapel Hill, NC, and had grown in five years to an attendance of about 2000. It was founded in 1976 by the Carolina Gay Association as a means of bringing the Lesbians and Gay men in the Southeast together in the celebration and struggle of Lesbian and Gay lifestyles. The SEC had moved once to Atlanta in 1978, its second move from the eastern states was to Memphis. Its target area was the southeastern region, from Maryland to Florida and west to Texas. Memphis was selected for its central location, for the fact that Tennessee was the only state in the southeast to have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, and because the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR) was better organized in Memphis than in Nashville, where it was founded.

Gaze was brand spanking new and the aroma of activism was heady. Plans began to be formulated in February for the Conference to be held in August. By the March issue, one of Memphis' most prominent hotels, the Holiday Inn Rivermont (now the Rivermark) had been booked for the Conference. The largest and splashiest Miss Gay Memphis ever had already been held there in the early 70's and the facilities were considered excellent.

In April, Barbara Grier, Lea Hopkins and Leonard Matlovich were announced as keynote speakers. Barbara Grier co-founded Naiad Press, the largest Lesbian-feminist publishing

company in the country. Leonard Matlovich was famous for his discrimination case against the U.S. Air Force. Author Lea Hopkins was well known in the Black community as an activist for human rights and Gay and Lesbian rights as well as having been the first Black Playboy Bunny at the Kansas City Playboy club. Artist Tee Corrine was to present a slide show and address in the afternoon.

The theme was "Aware and Active" reflecting the tone of the Lesbian/Gay movement of the 80's. The logo was a sectioned pyramid, and a t-shirt was designed. Local fundraisers were joined by offers of fundraising help from as far away as Chapel Hill, New Or-

leans and Athens, GA. A dance was scheduled and numerous workshops and caucuses were planned for the three days, with a highlight being a concert by Meg Christian.

Gay Pride Week was a celebration like Memphis had never seen: a yard sale fundraiser for the SEC, the first Gay Pride Picnic, a seminar at Memphis State concerning "Helping Professionals Work Constructively With Gay Clients," a benefit at the Psych-Out for Conference '80, the Mr. Sharon's contest and the very first Gay River Ride on June 27. Memphis was getting a new lesson in Gay Pride.

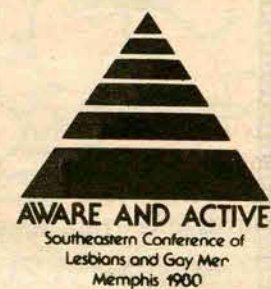
That year, Tsarus celebrated its 3rd anniversary. Apollo and GOPS were active social clubs. The revival of the Muscular Distrophy Benefit was being planned for Labor Day weekend. Dignity Memphis was scheduling its first meetings, Integrity had a PO box, and we had a strong MCC. Complaints from Gay listeners had contributed to the firing of disc jockey Ron Jordan for offensive characterizations on FM-100. Police director E. Winslow "Buddy" Chapman had been booked to speak at a Coalition

meeting. The Switchboard had received a certificate of recognition from Volunteers in Action and had celebrated by having a party at the Schlitz Belle. The Pendulum was operating where Reflections is now. Barbara's was named Sharon's. J-Wag's hadn't come out yet. The French Connection was open but the Barracks was not.

More fundraisers were held in Memphis and the organizers were gearing up to expect several hundred brothers and sisters who would leave Memphis

a changed place.

Next month's column will continue the story of Conference '80.



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March 11	– Potluck Brunch/Board Meeting, Ed's, 11 AM
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March 26	– Monthly Meeting, Main Library, 7:30
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Manufactured by Custom Condoms, a division of the Puria Group, Inc. of Somerville, Massachusetts, the "Knight Light" latex condoms will glow brightly for up to fifteen minutes, with an after-glow lasting over five hours. To achieve the "glow-in-the-dark" luminescence, one just has to hold the "Knight Light" condom up to a light for a few seconds, then turn the light off — and "rise and shine." The non-toxic "Knight Light" condoms are manufactured of high quality latex and are safe to use. "Knight Light" condoms will be marketed as a novelty product until the condoms receive government approval from the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). FDA approval will allow this exact same product to be labeled "safe to use for the prevention of pregnancy and disease."

"Knight Lights" are one of many condom products being manufactured and marketed by Custom Condoms, a "safer sex company" in Massachusetts. Custom Condoms partner, Adam Glick-

man, "We see an extraordinary need in this country to ease the issues of safer sex and condoms. If we can help to make condoms fun, then people will talk about them and feel more relaxed about using them." Partner, Davin Wedel continues, "The statistics about AIDS and unwanted pregnancies are staggering. This country is in a crisis situation and our goal is to make condoms a part of our everyday lives, like vitamins or toothpaste."

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The two-year old safer sex company produces a variety of speciality condom products, including packaging name brand latex condoms in oversized matchbooks emblazoned with company logos and messages. National clients include major corporations, universities, radio stations, night clubs, and organizations.

"Knight Light" condoms will be available in most gift and novelty stores throughout the United States and Canada by mid-March. "Knight Lights" will be sold in single packs and will retail for about \$2.50 each.

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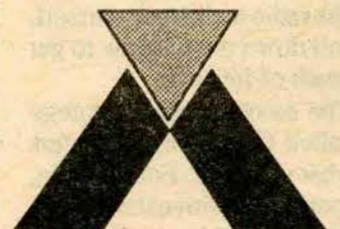
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The Help Page

Recovering Quickly From Every Day Upsets

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

At some time in life, everyone suffers the type of emotional wound that can take months or years to heal. The loss of a friend, the death of a loved one, or ending of a relationship all modify life in far-reaching and unalterable ways.

The vast majority of life's emotional hurts, though, are little ones — the garden variety upsets that can leave you rattled for a day or two. Still, who wants to waste even one day on negative emotions? And the more hassles we have to deal with, it seems, the more disturbed we are likely to be by the next little incident that comes along.

How can you stop those emotional cuts and scrapes from turning into a major malady? This month and in April, I'm going to talk about some typical, everyday upsets and some tips from experts on how to make a quick recovery. Their suggestions are specific, but the underlying principles can be applied to most of the common hassles you might encounter.

1. Going Nowhere Fast. When you get caught at a traffic light, does your face turn red? There are three general strategies for dealing with that type of situation. The first is behavioral—DOING—something to minimize the frustration. If you're caught at a traffic light, for instance, you can turn on the radio to distract yourself, or roll down the window to get a breath of fresh air.

The second kind of strategy is called Cognitive, and refers to what you think. For example, tell yourself positive statements. If you are rushing to make an appointment and get caught at a light, you can tell yourself, "I'll make it — it's only one light, and it only lasts 60 seconds." Another cognitive strategy is to distract yourself by thinking about a different, more pleasant scene. If you're really going to be late, you might want to take a slightly different approach. In that case, it's probably not the traffic jam causing you distress, but anticipation that something awful or catastrophic will happen later because of being late.

Rehearsing how you are going to cope with that future situation is a positive way to distract yourself. You might decide to make a joke about catching every light, make a simple apology, or just be ready to get down to business when you arrive.

The third strategy is to use relaxation techniques to minimize your emotional distress or the physiological arousal associated with it. Sit comfortably in your seat and relax all of your muscles very quickly until you become like a rag doll, or simply close your eyes for 15 seconds.

2. That Hurt Feeling. Has a good friend forgotten to send you a Christmas Card? Did someone neglect to invite you to a party? It's not the fact that you didn't get the card or the invitation that's upsetting, but the negative feeling that goes along with it. A person prone to becoming distressed by these situations will go into a whole internal tirade about the event. They will say, "This means they don't think of me, don't care about me, don't love me." They'll think back to similar situations in the past that brought about similar feelings and they'll dwell on them. Psychologists refer to that type of thinking as negative cognitive distortions.

The strategy for dealing with that is to catch yourself early on in the phase of negative thinking and try to stop it. Don't tell yourself to stop thinking about it, because as soon as you say it, you'll think more about it. What you really want to do is think of positive statements — a different way of evaluating the same situation. You can say, "Maybe the card is late. I've sent late cards before. And if I don't get one, it's not the end of the world." The idea is to minimize negative thinking by thinking more rational thoughts.

3. Coping With Overload. When your schedule has you swamped and you're ready to set fire to your office and home, you can use these pointers to get you back on an even keel.

First, you need to be realistic about what you can get done.

Don't say "I'll work 40 hours straight and finish everything," or, "I'll do all my shopping next weekend."

One of the best ways to approach a work overload is to map out exactly what you've got to get done and prioritize the list. There is no way to deal with the general work overload, but you can deal with each of ten tasks individually. That way, at the end of the day, you can look at what you've accomplished instead of feeling like you failed. There are too many people who spend a day being very productive and go home feeling like they didn't get anything done because everything isn't finished.

Schedule breaks—periods of reward to gather each step along the way. Tell yourself that you **WILL** make it through. Appreciate that you've made it through similar situations before and that you can do it again.

Next month, we'll look at arguments that occur in a relationship, losing your temper, and dealing with special occasions or holidays and the general let-down that occurs following them.

Gay Women's Social Group—On a Roll!

by Carol Molder

The Gay Women's Social Group started the new year off with a bang. The January potluck was attended by well over 50 socializers. There was tons of great good, numerous door prizes, and lots of new faces.

We would like to thank Phyllis and Paula for allowing us the use of their home for the potluck and many thanks to Carolyn for her excellent bartending skills. We also want to thank all the businesses and individuals that gave products and services for the door prizes: Maudie's Deli (lunch and tickets), Bernie Gwyn (massage), P&H Cafe (lunch), WKRB, MGC, NOW (T-Shirts), Decadence Manor (gift certificate), Barbara's (bottle of vodka), Big Daddy's Bowling Lanes (free games), Book Cottage (cookbooks), Dabbles (haircut), Susan (choice of workshops), Lee (carpet cleaning), and Racks (a teddy bear picture of which rivalry for threatened to cause blood shed). We hope our community will patronize these places that are Lesbian and Gay friendly.

In February we had our first annual Valentine's Dance. Over

*Gay Women's
Social Group*

Game Night

Cards *Trivia*

Saturday

March 17, 1990

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Pictionary *Scrabble*

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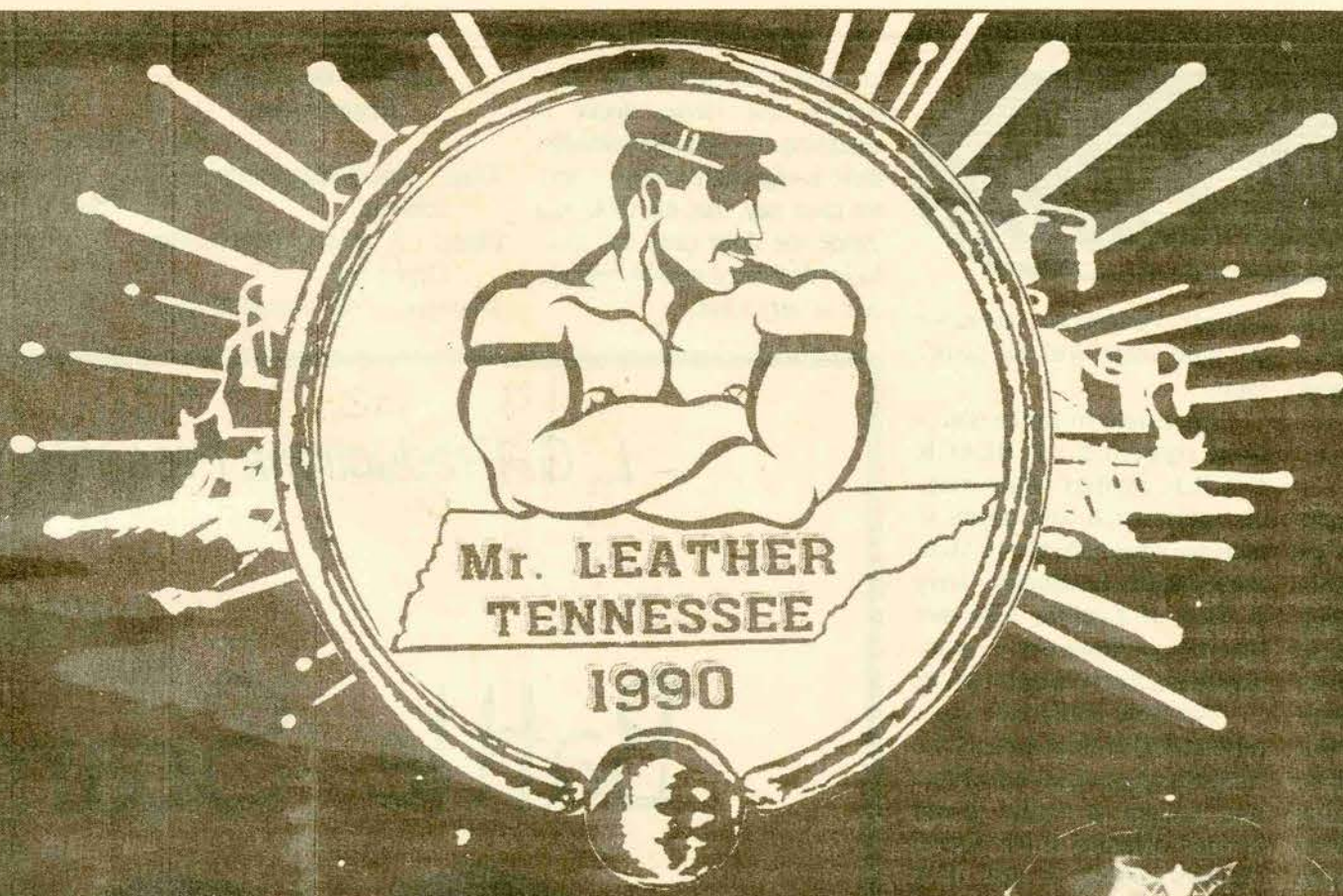
sixty women came out to party and dance. We were glad to see over traveling sisters from Mississippi and Arkansas make the trip to party with us. Thanks to Dixie, Bernie, and Carolyn for the great dance music tapes and to Jean for her decorating expertise on our picture backdrop. As an added treat, Nan and Patty had some of their hand-crafted jewelry for sale, and even donated 40% of their profits back to the social group.

Our March social will be a game night on Saturday, March 17, from 7-10pm at the MGLCC. There will be no cover charge. These will be a cash bar for soft drinks as no alcoholic beverages are permitted at the Center

Planned games include cards, Scrabble, Pictionary, trivia, or whatever anyone wants to bring. For those that just want to talk, there's plenty of room for a conversation area.

It's contest time... Put on your thinking caps. We are going to have a contest to change the name of the social group to something suitable for T-shirts. There will be a prize for the best name which will be announced at the May social (details of which are incomplete at this time). There will be entry forms available at the March social, so be thinking of a good name.

For more information about the group, women can call Lee at 327-6165.



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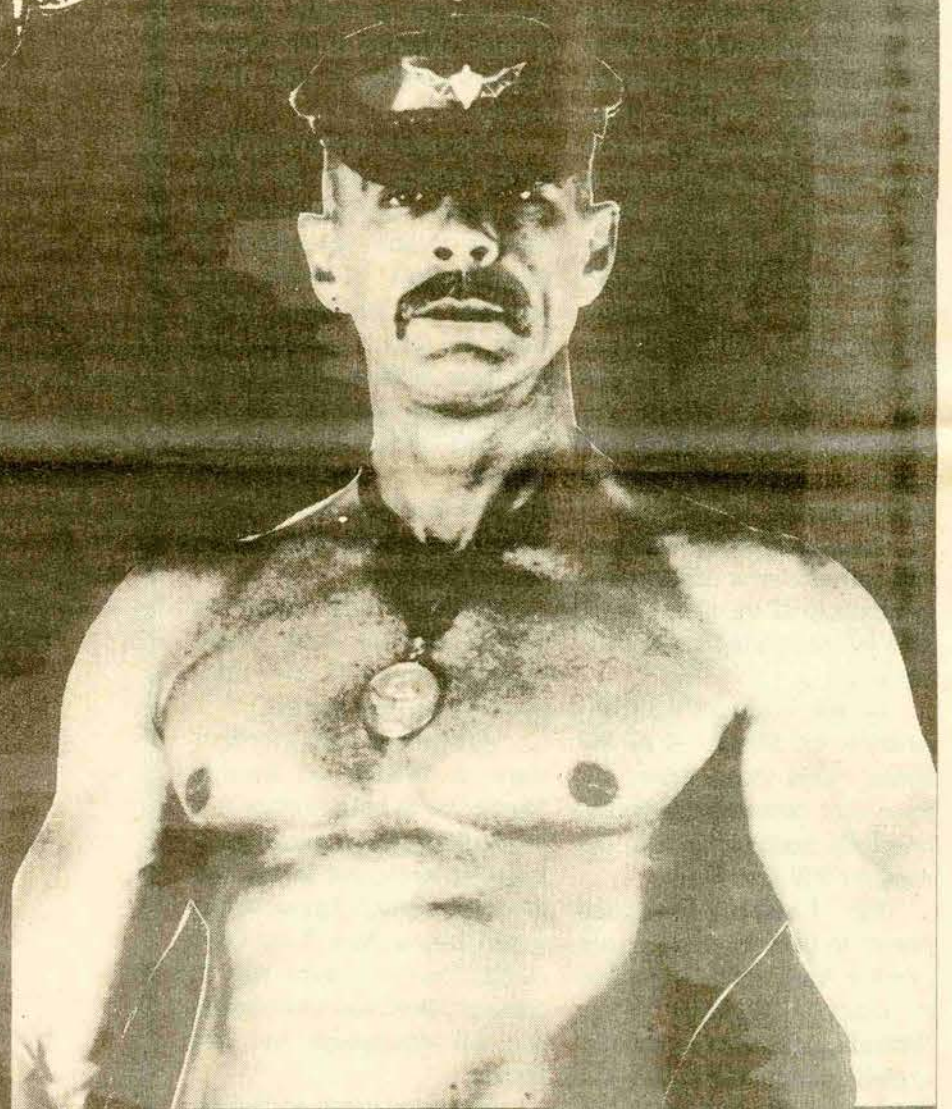
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Quick Clips

Bored in Memphis? Are you kidding? The things we *didn't* get to attend would fill a new social calendar.

Generic Tea Department

Battle Scars, a brand new Gay drama, will premiere on March 18, 19, and 20 at **Theatre Works**. We are hoping that this play will go places, so don't miss the first chance to see it. It examines some very serious matters (this is not Gay-Ho, children) but we hope it will be an evening one will not easily forget. The playwright is Den-Nickolas Smith, who played the role of Larry in last year's *Boys in the Band*. Matt Presley, Vance Reger and Kerrel Ard complete the cast. We, ourselves, have had something to do with production, if y'all have to make do with a Lady A. retrospective next month, it will be because we are utterly spent with this play. Thanks to Wings, the Coalition, and Women of Leather for sponsoring the rent for the theatre.

Congratulations to **Women of Leather's** new officers, the members will travel to Nashville this month to the Conductors run.

Do not forget the **ATEAC Auction** on March 24 at the Hilton. This event grows by leaps and bounds every year, hopefully keeping up with the need for PWA services.

Mr. Leather Tennessee proves to be a very large scale event in April, the 6, 7, and 8 to be exact. A veritable Who's Who of Leatherdom is expected to participate including Michael Pereyra and Mr. Marcus, two of the best-known men in today's Leather circles. Information about the entire weekend and applications for entrants are available at the Pipeline. Belated birthday greetings to Dennis and Gladys Jean from the Pipeline. The t-shirt speaks the truth, 40 isn't old if you're a tree.

We heard nothing but wonderful things about the **Positive Atmosphere** pot luck social. We were very sorry to have missed it and even sorrier not to have sung once more with the Gay Men's Chorus (who sang well

indeed). Perhaps next time, we are sure there will be plenty more.

An article in last month's *Gaze* concerned the **BLACK C.A.R.E. Project** which gathers information and hopes to increase education about AIDS in the Black community. Jerry at **Men of Leather** tells moi that the questionnaire is available there. Every little bit helps.

We were immensely complimented that the patrons of the **Valentine** festivities at the Pipeline thought so highly of our humble offering in the festive drawers contest. It was truly touching.

Congratulations to the **Man of the Year** recipient for 1990. The plaque was presented by **Tsarus** to the volunteers of **HeartStrings** Memphis and accepted by co-chairs Allen Cook and Rebecca Locke. We did buzz in from rehearsal in time for that fine French onion soup and the rest of the meal at WKR.B. Tsarus must be commended for their broad spectrum of choices for their yearly honour.

WKR.B will welcome Connie and the Little Rock Ladies on March 11, each Sunday is something special.

Wings will hold a benefit show at WKR.B on Sunday March 25, to help finance this year's *Flight 6* run, showtime 8 PM. We neglected to say last month how much fun we had at their **Chinese New Year Club Night**. Every member was in costume, there was a nice buffet and the atmosphere was tres festive.

Congratulations to **Naomi Saxton**, winner of **George's Sweetheart Pageant**.

On January 24, Barbara Pierce and Mike Williams threw a **Delta Dawn** birthday party for **Billie Jo Casino** (she's 41, and her daddy still calls her baby). Reports were that she was roasted to a golden turn in front of around 100 attendees. Crystal, Renee' Green and Shannon provided entertainment with a few guest stars. We were assured that we had been invited (?).

Yes, Barbara, the burger was delicious. We always have

to hand it to quiet little **Barbara's**, the circus decor is charming, the service friendly, there is regular live music, and, we must say, that the table just inside the door (and the *spotlight*) dedicated to Gay periodicals is very kind.

Quote of the Month Department

Time: The Melissa Etheridge concert.

Place: A men's room at the Orpheum.

Dialogue: An unnamed Les-

bian to the astonished house manager.

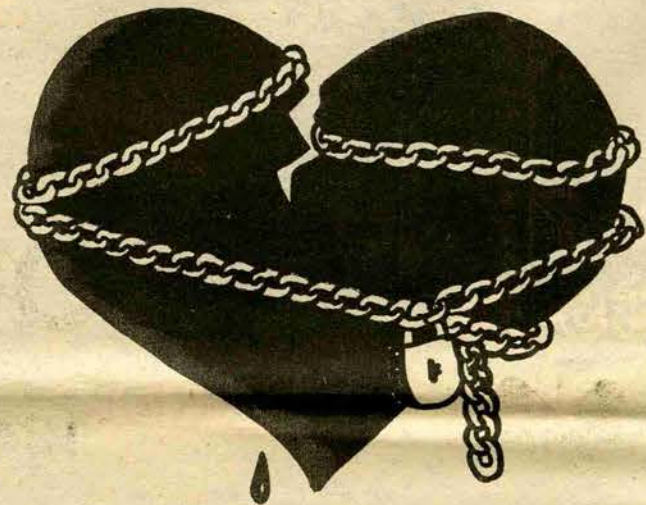
Scene: The same Lesbian in front of a urinal.

"I bet you didn't know we could do this, did ya."

Ta, ta Lady A.

L. G. Productions Presents

Battle Scars



a play by Den-Nickolas Smith

March 18, 19, 20

8 P.M.

Theatre Works

Downtown, 414 S. Main

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Directed by Vincent Astor

See a cast member for ticket information. Limited Seating available at the door.

Adult oriented material, uncensored language, partial nudity, some violence

Mr. Leather Tennessee

The Pipeline and Drum Production out of Nashville have scheduled the inaugural Mr. Leather Tennessee contest for April 6-8, 1990. This promises to be the largest event within the Leather community that Memphis has yet seen. The sponsors of the event hail from all over the country, the sole local sponsor being the Pipeline. Drum Production's Les Robinson has organized numerous contests in the country, this being his first in the a Mid-South.

This will be a weekend-long event. Friday will include a welcoming ceremony and introduction of contestants at the Pipeline. Saturday will be busy featuring the erotic art exhibition "Title Holders II", showcasing the nationally known artist Cirby; brunch; and a Leather Market Day with participation by many leather artisans and craftspeople from a variety of places.

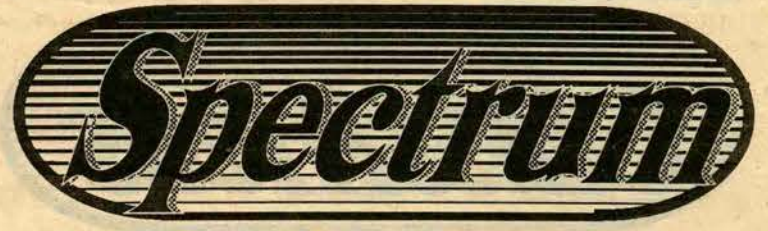
The contest itself will take place Saturday evening, at a separate location. Entertainment will be provided by Born Divas from New Orleans and J. T. Fredericks. Born Divas is a contemporary duo who are currently leading performers at the Mint in New Orleans (of the two tons of fun variety) and have sung to great acclaim in many cities. J. T. Fredericks performs in a country-western style and is well known on the Gay rodeo circuit and on the west coast. Co-Emcees will be Michael Pereyra, Mr. International Leather 1988, and Mr. Marcus. The organizers hope to attract contestants from all over the region but all judges will be from outside of this area. The producers, specifically, will have nothing to do with the judging.

The winner of the contest will receive \$500 cash and round trip airfare to the International

Mr. Leather Contest held in Chicago each June plus numerous other prizes from the national sponsors. First and second alternates will win \$50 and medallions. The winner is expected to participate in other contests and fundraising events in the area.

The participants, other than contestants, read like a Who's Who of Leatherdom: Patrick Toner (IMA 1986), Guy Baldwin (IMA 1989), Alan Selby (Mr S Products), and Dustin Logan (Mr. Great Plains Drummer, 1989, and the Leather Journal's Leatherman of the Year).

Sunday's entertainment will take place at a huge tea dance featuring another show by Born Divas and a visiting DJ imported from Chicago. The entire weekend will be included in the \$25 package, information about reservations or contestant entry forms may be obtained at the Pipeline.



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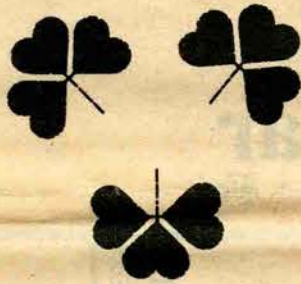
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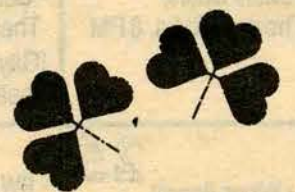
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GBM, mature & educated, want to meet GWMs for friendship and companionship — possible lover if we are compatible. I am honest, sincere, trustworthy, and very serious about this ad. I have a wide variety of interests and enjoy quiet evenings at home. Write: Occupant, P.O. Box 22871, Memphis, TN 38122.

Bob, you are a very special and dear lover. Thanks for being there for me. I truly love you and only you. "831". Nyla.

GWM, 32, 5'11", 180#, seeks feminine, pre-op, male-to-female transsexual taking female hormones. Discreet. Want to swap transsexual films, maga-

zines. Send photo! Stan, P.O. Box 751151, Memphis, TN 38175-1151.

WM, 29, looking for friendship/relationship. To qualifiers: must be warm, caring, devoted, & 20-37 age group. Had enough hard times. Need to be loved & respected. Reply care of Dept. A-3, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

BiWM, dominant tastes, wishes to meet submissive for discreet safe encounters. Would definitely enjoy meeting TS or TVs. Photos would be nice but not necessary. Bi-Females also welcome. Reply to: Dept. B-3, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GBF, 21, new to the Lesbian world, would like to meet other Lesbians. Forward c/o Benford, 714 Avenue I, Rear, Greenwood, MS 38930, or call Helen at (601) 455-3090.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL. Nice Looking

GWM, 29, 6'1", br/br, with many good qualities. Seeks GWM, 20-45. If you are sincere, loving, fun, & looking for a true friend or relationship, phone Scott at (601) 489-8023 anytime after 7 PM.

How would you like to snuggle up to a sexy GWM at night who's honest, trustworthy, & very sincere? I'm 19, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 138#. If interested, contact: Boxholder, Box 411, Collierville, TN 38027-0411.

GWM, 37, 5'9 1/2", 170#, seeks GM, 28-40, for friendship & correspondence in South Africa and would like to swap Gay magazines & newspapers. Write to: G. R. Jewell, 64A Napier Street, Worcester 6850, C. P., Republic of South Africa.

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March 1990

Gay Community Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat

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28	29	30 • Gay Men's Chorus, MGLCC	31 • ATEAC Auction Volunteer Meeting, Red Cross, 1400 Central, 7 PM	1 • Western Dance Lessons, MGLCC, 7-9 PM	2 • Bowling League	3 • MGLCC Potluck, 7 PM
4 • Memphis Gay Coalition Business Meeting, Main Library, 7 PM • BWMT C/R, 7:30 PM	5	6 • Gay Men's Chorus, MGLCC	7 • ATEAC Auction Volunteer Meeting, Red Cross, 1400 Central, 7 PM	8 • Video Night, MGLCC	9 • Bowling League • Holly Near, Peabody Alley, 8 PM	10
11 • BWMT Potluck Brunch/ Board Meeting, 11 AM • Connie & the Little Rock Ladies, WKRB	12	13 • Gay Men's Chorus, MGLCC	14 • ATEAC Auction Volunteer Meeting, Red Cross, 1400 Central, 7 PM	15 • Western Dance Lessons, MGLCC, 7-9 PM • Gaze Advertising & Copy Deadline for April	16 • Bowling League	17 • St.. Patrick's Day • Gay Women's Social Group, Game Night, 7 PM
18 • Battle Scars, Theatre Works, 8 PM	19 • Battle Scars, Theatre Works, 8 PM (GayRap moved to Theatre Works)	20 • Gay Men's Chorus, MGLCC • Battle Scars, Theatre Works, 8 PM	21 • ATEAC Auction Volunteer Meeting, Red Cross, 1400 Central, 7 PM	22 • Video Night, MGLCC	23 • Bowling League • Sisters In The Name of Love, Reflections, 11:30 PM & 1:15 AM	24 • BWMT Potluck, C/R, 7 PM • ATEAC 4th Annual AIDS Auction, Memphis Hilton, 7:30 PM
25 • Wings Benefit, WKRB, 8 PM	26 • BWMT Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Main Library	27 • Gay Men's Chorus, MGLCC	28	29	30 • Bowling League • April Gaze due out	31 • BWMT Playshop, Apartment Club, 10 PM

GWM, 39, professional, 168#, 6', br/br, mustache, seeking similar GWM, 32-42, for friendship and/or relationship. No drugs, fems, fats. All serious replies will be answered. 3445 Poplar Ave, Suite 6-126, Memphis, TN 38111.

GWM, 35, 6'2", 180#, brn/blond, blue eyes, genuine, caring, honest, varied interests, wanting to hear from singles & couples for friendship & fun. Write: T. F., P.O. Box 121, Salem, AR 72576.

Would you be interested in forming a group of GWM's to make a week-long trip in September to San Francisco by Amtrak? If so, reply to: Dept. H-3, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

GWM, 26, 5'9", sincere, car-

ing, loving, seeks GWM, 21-45, for friendship or possible relationship. Serious reply only to: Ron, (901) 276-3719, 2 PM-9 PM, M-F or 8 AM-10 PM, weekends.

Mike F., We all have to start over once in awhile, but first one needs to grow up! I'm Sorry things did not work out between us, but I'm looking for a man, not a child. I hope 1990 will be good for you. R.L.S.

GWM, 25, br/bl, 6', 180#, straight-acting, sensitive professional, finally coming out, seeks GWM, 20-25 who will be patient with a "newcomer", for friendship/relationship. Not into Gay bars, but tired of isolation. Discreet, sincere, caring, and desire same. Reply to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 613291, Memphis, TN 38101-3291.

Take a chance. I did.

Attractive, GWM, 37, 6'2", 180#, br/bl, professional, straight-acting, seeks correspondence, friendship with GWM, 35-40. Like music, jogging. Call after 8 PM, (601) 485-7720. Write: Lindsay, 4320 36th Ave, C-3, Meridian, MS 39301.

Any local college students interested in joining a Gay and Lesbian social group write to: Club, P.O. Box 81303, Memphis, TN 38152.

GWM, 5'9", 158#, br/bl, early 40's, caring, sincere, dependable. Seeks GWM, 22-39, for movies, dinners, travel, good conversation, good times, friendship/1:1 relationship. Reply to: Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.

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Attractive, GWM, 31, 5'10", 170#, auburn hair, blue eyes, outdoor "country boy", in shape. I like camping, hiking, good times, etc., seeking GWM, 18-35, who wants true friendship/relationship: Gene (Angel), Box

571, Milan, TN 38358.

Attractive, GWM, 5'10", 175#, br/bl. I'm a caring person but burned out on the bar scene. Desiring a sincere, stable man for a serious friendship/relationship. No fems, fats, or drugs. Contact SCM, Box 240863, Memphis, TN 38124.

GWM, 31, 6', 210#, bl/bl, not into bars, drugs, & don't smoke. Looking for someone for friendship, 20-35, open to new ideas. P.O. Box 751062, Memphis, TN 38175-1062.

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WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

ORGANIZATIONS

Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC): AIDS Service Organization - Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 458-AIDS, or 272-0855.
Agape 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 - 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 - 276-4651.

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.

Outand About Memphis: Tom 274-1847, Dale - 276-0275.

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.

Positive Mental Attitude Association, Inc: 28 N. Claybrook, Suite 1, Memphis 38104 - 276-PMMA.

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

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

Wayne C. Gullede, Attorney At Law: 208 S. Heard Street, Senatobia, MS 38668 - (601) 562-8738.

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.

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.)

Two's Company: Gay computer bulletin board and computer support. "Handles" accepted. 1200/2400 baud. 726-4073.

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