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Oral Alpha Interferon Effective in Kenya; U.S. Trials Underway

According to an article in the *Bay Area Reporter*, reports have come from Kenya indicating that small quantities of Alpha Interferon administered orally have been successful in putting AIDS symptoms into remission. Scientists remain skeptical but are keeping an open mind.

Dr. Davy K. Koech, director of the Kenyan Medical Research Institute in Nairobi has been treating PWAs with wafers of Alpha Interferon about 100-200 units in strength. The patients dissolve the wafers in their mouth. According to Dr. Koech signs of remission can be seen

within days. At the end of eight weeks, AIDS symptoms have completely disappeared and the white blood cell count has increased dramatically.

To U.S. researchers who have been treating PWAs with millions of units of Alpha Interferon administered intravenously, with little or no success, the results are baffling. Some theories have been put forth but no solid reasons have yet been found for the difference in results between the two methods of administration. Testing of the theory will be conducted in experiments at Mount Sinai

Medical Center in New York City. Some results should be available in two months.

In the meantime, doctors are reluctant to discourage patients from trying to take the alpha interferon orally. The drug is non-toxic in the amounts used and it can't hurt them. Maybe it can help.

In the U.S., Alpha Interferon administered intravenously is approved for treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma, genital warts, and one form of leukemia. Research has shown potential benefits for treating patients with chronic active hepatitis B.

PWA Issues Highlighted in Telecast from San Francisco AIDS Conference

The Chicago-based Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) released the programming schedule for their landmark 25-hour telecast from the 6th International AIDS Conference on June 21, 22, and 23. In addition to approximately 2-1/2 hours each day of conference news, interviews, and speeches, PAAC is launching its National AIDS Education Initiative. This initiative includes 12 hours of programming on current treatment options for the major AIDS-related diseases, as well as social, financial, and ethical issues raised by the epidemic.

According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's executive director, "This telecast is the most important AIDS educational event since the epidemic began. It will provide physicians, nurses, and other caregivers and persons with HIV (AIDS) virus with the most current information on the management of HIV infection and its opportunistic diseases."

Nary also pointed out that "The telecast integrates critical issues of importance to the PWA (Person With AIDS) commu-

nity such as reimbursement, quality of life, and patient education. PAAC's unique interdisciplinary approach to this epidemic is reflected in such diverse topics as a roundtable discussion of the impact of HIV infection on professional liability insurance; ethical issues in accessing clinical trials by women, children, and people of color; and pastoral care."

The telecast will be provided as a public service to any institution with satellite reception capabilities, cable stations, and persons with home satellite dishes. While hospitals and educational institutions will not be charged a fee, PAAC is requesting that cable companies and individuals registering for the program make a donation to defray PAAC's costs.

Brochures detailing the program schedule, featured speakers and registration information are now available from PAAC. All institutions registering for the telecast must agree to provide a demographic report on viewers. Because of staff limitations, Nary requested that

persons or institutions interested in receiving a registration brochure write instead of telephoning PAAC at 101 W. Grand Ave., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60610.

Wildmon Sued for Copyright Infringement

According to *USA Today*, Artist David Wojnarowicz is suing Mississippi-based Rev. Donald Wildmon and his American Family Association for including photos of his artworks in a mass mailing aimed at raising funds against pornography. The \$1 million suit accuses Wildmon and the association of copyright infringement and libel. The mass mailing allegedly contained details of sexual images from Wojnarowicz's paintings under the headline, "Your Tax Dollars Helped Pay for These 'Works of Art.'" Wojnarowicz alleges the mailing portrayed the works out of context.

Gay Pride Week Schedule

The Gay Pride Week logo will appear on T-shirts and buttons. Both are on sale at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC), 1291 Madison Avenue and at select locations throughout the city. The T-shirts will sell for \$9 and the buttons for \$3.

Those wearing buttons will receive free or reduced admission to certain events during Gay Pride Week. See Gay Pride Week Schedule for details.

Sunday, June 17th

- ▼ Barbecue Kick Off Party at the MGLCC. Starts at 7 PM.
- ▼ Day # 1 of Week Long Art Fair at the MGLCC. 7 PM-10 PM.

Monday, June 18th

- ▼ Special Videos with discussion at the MGLCC. 7 PM.
- ▼ Day # 2 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. 7 PM-10 PM.

Tuesday, June 19th

- ▼ Day # 3 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. 7 PM-10 PM.

Wednesday, June 20th

- ▼ Gay Expo at the MGLCC. Come and check out your local Gay and Lesbian Clubs and Organizations. It's time to join and make Memphis Strong and Proud. Starts at 7 PM.
- ▼ Day # 4 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. 7 PM-10 PM.
- ▼ Miss Reflections Pageant, Reflections. 10:30 PM.

Thursday, June 21st

- ▼ Day # 5 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. Starts at 7 PM.
- ▼ Opening of New Patio. Oops. 7 PM-12 AM.
- ▼ Names Project Memphis Benefit, Reflections, 11 PM. (Reduced Admission with Gay Pride Button.)

Friday, June 22nd

- ▼ John Prowett's 21st Anniversary of His 21st Birthday for the 21st Time Party on the Patio at Chaps. Starts at 7 PM. (Free Admission with Gay Pride Button.)
- ▼ Day # 6 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. 7 PM-Midnight.

Saturday, June 23rd

- ▼ 10th Annual Gay Pride River Ride sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition. Boat starts boarding at 8:30 PM. If not sold out, tickets will be available at boarding for \$15 each.
- ▼ Videos at the MGLCC. 8 PM.
- ▼ Day # 7 of Pride Week Art Fair at the MGLCC. Noon-Midnight.

Sunday, June 24th

- ▼ Special Services at Agape New Life Church. 11 AM.
- ▼ GayFest Picnic sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition on Mud Island. The Picnic will run from 1 PM to 5 PM. Food will be served at 2 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Harmony Gold and the Lambda Men's Chorus.
- ▼ Stonewall 21st Anniversary Party at WKRB. Starts at 8 PM. *Events were still being scheduled at press time. Call the Switchboard at 324-GAYS for information.*

Gazing

Gay Pride and Gay Activism 1979 - 1990

by John Stilwell

As we approach the 10th annual Gay Pride River Ride and the 4th annual Gayfest, I know that once again we'll be hearing the same old complaints. It will be hot and people will ask why we don't have the River Ride early in the spring or late in the fall when the weather is cooler. People will again complain about the heat at Gayfest and many will stay away because it's too public. I'm glad that this year, the Gay Pride Committee has planned a week of events. Maybe — just maybe — more people will get involved



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in the events. And maybe more people will be aware of the fact that we are celebrating Gay Pride.

As I look back on the last ten years, I can see the changes the Memphis Gay Coalition has gone through. I regret some of those changes weren't for the better. I remember my first years with the Coalition. Although I wasn't there at the very beginning, when I did get involved, the Coalition was very active and very political. There were marches down Cooper Street followed by political rallies at the Overton Park Shell. When I came away from those events, I felt Gay and Proud. It was inspirational. But even then, people hid behind various banners to conceal the fact that they were Gay.

In those early days, everything had to be "politically correct." We had to use the "correct" phrases, the "correct" terms, and the "correct" names for everything. With all the nit-picking and posturing, it was only natural that problems would develop. That was coupled with personal agendas that became more important than the overall good of the organization.

I guess the first rift came with the Blacks. Perceiving the Coalition as not serving their needs or addressing their problems, they split off to form a Black organization. That organization became even more tightly focused on interracial couples. The radical feminists broke off later focusing their efforts on N.O.W.'s Lesbian Task Force.

Now don't get me wrong. The organizations I speak of do good work and I wouldn't begin to criticize them. The point I'm making is that these people complained about the Coalition being too narrowly focused. They left to form or join an organization that was just as narrowly focused, only in a different direction. The mistake here is that each of the three segments has less impact and less effectiveness than the three segments working together would have had.

Along with all this breaking-

away, the number of people participating in the marches became smaller and smaller until the marches became more of an embarrassment than a statement of strength and pride. The thing that still irks me the most about this are the people who travel to San Francisco or even to Nashville to participate in their celebrations. They come back and rave about how great it was. And isn't it too bad we can't do that here?

Well we could if they would stay home and participate in our march. But here somebody might recognize them. Is it really Gay Pride when you lose yourself in a crowd of thousands in a city where even if your face is featured prominently on the evening news, no one will know you?

So over the years, the Coalition became less and less political. Part of it was through the loss of people associated with political and/or civil rights organizations such as the ACLU. Part of it was through a concentrated effort to appear less "radical" to potential new members. But certain things remain non-negotiable. The Coalition retains its ability to be a political organization. It continues to meet monthly at the public library as a "political statement." It continues to sponsor and support Gay Pride events. It continues to try to work for all Gay men and Lesbians. And it is still open to all Gay men and Lesbians.

So what is Gay Pride these

days? And is political activism still alive?

Well as far as political activism goes, a few years ago some people tried to form a political action committee. While it was still in the formative stages, voices from the Coalition's own "politically correct" past introduced requirements of racially and sexually balancing the group, requiring co-chairs, and other things to make it "politically correct." The end result was, the organization floundered and vanished into oblivion. (I think it still resides in a cardboard box at Vincent Astor's house.)

This points out the two opposing views on the subject of organizations. First, there is the view that it is better not to even have an organization then to have one that is not racially and sexually balanced. The other view, my personal view, is that you can't force that balance. It has to happen because people care and want to be involved in the organization. If you elect or appoint people just to make a quota, unless those people really care about being involved, they simply become dead weight.

So to answer the question, Gay activism is still alive. It is just sitting back waiting for people to get over their petty bickering and start pulling together for the good of all.

As for Gay Pride — well that's a more difficult question. At one point, everything was very plain to me. In all honesty,

I have to admit that things are no longer black and white but only "Shades of Grey." Do we jump on every song lyric, every comedian that cracks a Gay joke, and every person that makes a disparaging remark? Or do we conserve our energy and choose our battles? Do we proudly put Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center in big bold letters on the front window and risk someone breaking in and trashing the place? Or do we put only the letters on the front window and quietly conduct our business hoping to go unnoticed? In the names we choose for ourselves, do we proudly proclaim that we are Gay and Lesbian? Or do we hide behind symbols that we know mean "Gay" but which hide that fact from non-Gays? Do we speak to the media and other people about our feelings, our rights, and our needs? Or do we sit back and wait for someone else to come forward? Do we wait for someone else to do something?

Well, maybe things are clearer than I thought. Gay Pride is on the closet shelf because we prefer to take the easy way — the safe way. I guess we can take it down and wear it again when we get ready to take some chances. We can wear it again when we decide to take charge of our lives and make things happen for ourselves. We can wear it when we decide to stop being afraid. Won't that be a great day?!



Gaze encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be as short as possible (500 words or less). Longer letters may be edited for length. Send letters to Letters to the Editor, c/o Gaze, P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Gay Youth Speaks Out

Memphis is not a good place for a young Gay person to live. Currently in Memphis, there is no Gay club or bar that the youth under 21 can go to. I feel that the few Gay bars we have here in Memphis should give out wristbands for drinking — as some bars already do — so that the Gay youth can dance and have

fun, too. After all, there is no law against dancing — just drinking. We should be able to dance and have fun too!

Michael Ashe
Collierville, TN

Switchboard Appreciated

I'd just like to send a note of appreciation to the Memphis Gay Coalition for providing the Gay Switchboard service. Whenever I travel to other cities, I always like to check out the local Gay scene. Your operator was not only knowledgeable, but friendly in providing the information I requested.

I had called earlier in the day and was able to access a list of

local bars from the answering machine. In my experience this was unique and definitely a service.

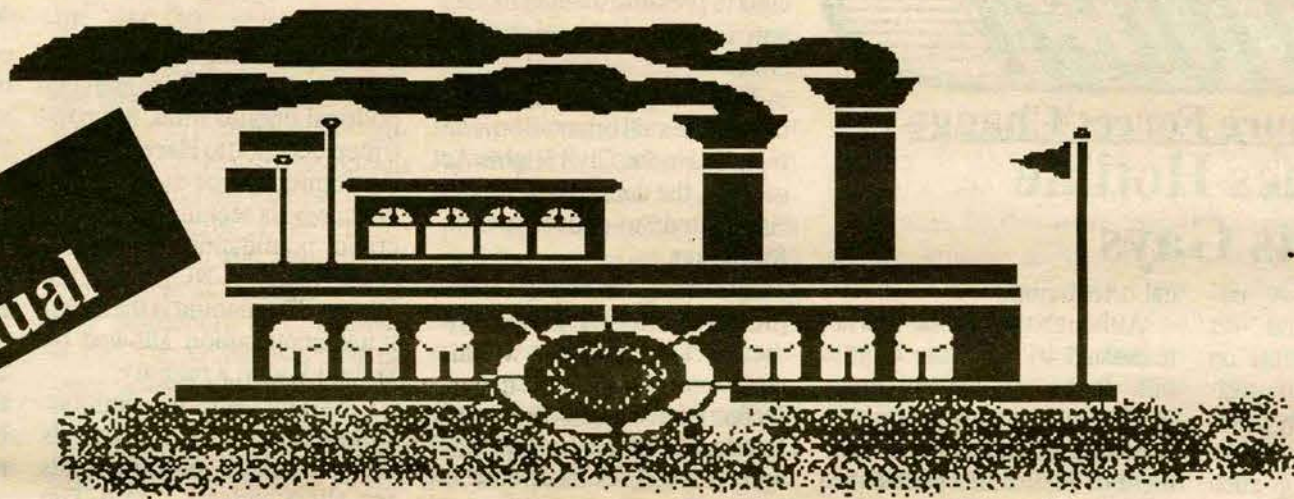
Other cities' hotlines have very limited hours and nothing during the day. I just thought I'd say thank you.

Raleigh, N.C.

Thanks for your kind words. The Memphis Gay Switchboard has now been in operation for almost 15 years. This year, the Coalition decided to do some outreach and upgrade the service. Ads have been running in the Memphis Flyer and phone traffic definitely increased. In addition, the bar listing service was added for daytime callers when volunteer operators are not available.— Eds.

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NGLTF Pressure Forces Change Hate Crimes Hotline Disconnects Gays

Washington, DC—A national hate crimes "hotline," set up to collect information on crimes of bias but which originally refused to take "Gay bashings" and religious-related reports, is now tracking such crimes following pressure from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The Toll-free hotline, 1-800-347-HATE, was announced by Pres. Bush in Apr. 23 at the White House signing of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The hotline is operated by the U.S. Dept of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service and was established to help the DOJ mediate and conciliate incidents of hate violence (see story on page 16.)

During the ceremony, Bush explained that the Hate Crimes Statistics Act orders the attorney general to collect information on "crimes motivated by religion, race, ethnicity, or sex-

ual orientation."

Although the hotline was not mandated by the Hate Crimes bill, at the signing ceremony Bush said, "I am also pleased to announce that today the Department of Justice has established a new toll-free phone number for reporting complaints of these hate crimes."

Gay and Lesbian activists were stunned to discover, upon calling the hotline, that operators would not take information on anti-Gay and Lesbian hate crimes. Robert Bray, NGLTF public information director, called the number to test it and was told to call—at phone toll rates—the DOJ civil rights office. That office instructed Bray to call the DOJ criminal section, which told him to "write a letter" describing his case.

NGLTF then contacted Gay and Lesbian activists to "swamp" the hotline, and notified Rep. Barney Frank and

Gerry Studds and Sen. Paul Simon of the problem. The lawmakers contacted DOJ officials to pressure them to include anti-Gay and Lesbian hate crimes.

DOJ officials claimed that because sexual orientation is not included in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the department was not "mandated" to collect such information.

However, following intense pressure from NGLTF and other members of the hate crimes coalition, including the Anti-Defamation League and People For the American Way, the DOJ agreed to add sexual orientation to the hate crimes hotline and track such incidents on DOJ hotline reports.

Furthermore, DOJ officials met with Kevin Berrill, NGLTF anti-violence project director, and Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF legislative director, to discuss coverage of Gays and Lesbians in DOJ operations.

"We were outraged that the national hate crimes hotline was hanging up on survivors of anti-Gay attacks," said Radecic. "Victims of bashings were being further victimized by bureaucratic runaround. However, we are pleased the Justice Dept. moved quickly to fix the problem and open a dialogue with Gay and Lesbian activists."

HRCF Backs Harvey Gantt In Helms Race

Washington, DC—The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization, has contributed \$5,000 to Harvey Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, N.C., who is seeking the Democratic nomination to replace Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the U.S. Senate. The amount is the maximum contribution allowed by federal law in a primary.

"Harvey Gantt is a compassionate man who understands the importance of civil rights for all Americans," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the HRCF. "He has demonstrated his ability to serve and will make an effective and capable senator."

"Jesse Helms is a disgrace. The more the voters of North Carolina learn about him, the more questions they have about whether he represents their interests," McFeeley noted. "Helms spends his time fighting needed AIDS resources, censoring art and opposing choice," McFeeley stated. "His bigotry against Lesbian and Gay Americans has no place in the U.S. Senate," he continued.

Helms was successful in keeping the recently passed Hate Crimes Statistics Act off the Senate Floor for three years.

When the bill eventually was considered by the senate, he offered an anti-Lesbian and Gay amendment which was rejected 77-19, following extensive lobbying by HRCF and other national organizations.

Helms is the author of the notorious "not promote or encourage" amendment which was designed to weaken AIDS prevention materials aimed at Gay and bi-sexual men. The Senate has refused to accept his amendment in the last few years.

In recent weeks, Gantt has stepped up his attacks against Helms on issues of concern to the Lesbian and Gay community. He accused Helms of appealing to people's emotions, rather than addressing the nation's real problems.

Helms "is going to decide what art is good and what art is bad [and] is going to decide about people whose sexual orientation is 'normal.' He is going to get back on the issue of what is good and what is evil in American society"

Gantt, an African American, "represents the best of what North Carolina can offer the nation, independence and vision, not the ignorance, bigotry and hate that Jesse Helms embodies," McFeeley stated.

Dear Customers:

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High Tech Gays to Boycott Int'l AIDS Conference

San Jose, CA—High Tech Gays (HTG), the nations largest organization of Gay and Lesbian professionals in the high tech industries, has voted to support the boycott of the 6th International AIDS Conference being held in San Francisco in June.

The boycott will be effective unless the U.S. government alters its immigration policies to allow Gay men and Lesbians and persons with AIDS or HIV infection to freely enter the U.S. and attend the Conference. Current U.S. law prohibits such persons' entry. HTG has asked its more than 700 members to write to their Congressional representatives to have the discriminatory policies changed.

"The majority of High Tech Gays' members are scientists, engineers, and other technical professionals who must have access to full and freely exchanged information. This conference is violating this tenet of free information flow by denying entry to Gay men and Lesbians and people with AIDS and HIV and is, besides, morally reprehensible" said Rick Rudy, president of High Tech Gays and a Board Member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "A Conference that excludes those who can bring the necessary information cannot accomplish its tasks and HTG members find that unacceptable."

HTG joins more than 85 national and international organizations who are boycotting the AIDS Conference, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Lesbian Denied Employment by Dallas Police

New York, NY—Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced the filing of a suit against the State of Texas, the City of Dallas, and the Chief of the Dallas Police Department for denying a Lesbian employment as a Dallas police officer, solely because of her sexual orientation. The DPD refuses to hire Lesbians and Gay men, and cites as a basis for its policy of discrimination Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which criminalizes certain "homosexual conduct." Lambda's lawsuit

challenges the constitutionality of that law, which by its terms specifically discriminates against Gay people.

In March 1989, the plaintiff, Mica England, interviewed in her home town of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a position on the Dallas Police Force. At the time, a recruiter told her that her being a Lesbian would not be a bar to employment, and encouraged her to come to Dallas. Based on that assurance, Ms. England traveled to Dallas to complete interviews. There, Ms. England was subjected to intrusive questioning about her personal life and private sexual activity, and was not permitted to complete the application process because

of her statement that she is a Lesbian. Police Chief Mack Vines told Ms. England that the DPD "doesn't hire Gays."

"The use of the Texas sodomy statute to justify discrimination in hiring by the government is a classic example of how these highly intrusive and stigmatizing laws harm Lesbians and Gay men, even when they themselves are not arrested or prosecuted for violating them," said Evan Wolfson, the Lambda staff attorney who represents Ms. England.

"The mere existence of these laws is used to justify all kinds of discrimination—from refusing to allow Gay people to adopt or keep custody of our kids, to



refusing to allow us to serve our country in the armed forces," said Wolfson.

Section 21.06, more commonly known as the Texas "sodomy" law, makes it a Class C Misdemeanor for adults to engage in consensual oral or anal intercourse with others of the same gender, even in the privacy of their own homes.

"Dallas is one of the few large cities in Texas where openly Gay people cannot work as

police officers," noted William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, a local advocacy group supporting England's case. "The Texas State Dept of Public Safety and the police departments of San Antonio and El Paso, to name just a few, all recognize that anti-Gay discrimination is unconstitutional, unfair, and counter-productive to the interests of the taxpayers who need the best officers they can get."

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In the afternoon, on June 10, a unique benefit called Afternoon Nibbles and High Tea will be held behind the Community Center on Madison from 3 PM until 6 PM. This lighthearted entertainment is being hosted by Vance Reger, Mr. Leather Tennessee, and Victoria Endora of Memphis, Lady Astor.

A \$2.50 admission to the al fresco event, will entitle the patron to tea (hot or iced) or

coffee and a serving from 12 different afternoon tea dainties. Picnicking will be encouraged (do bring a cloth or blanket) on the parking lot behind the Center. The admission will be discounted to \$2 if one remembers to bring one's white gloves. In deference to individual modes of attire, coloured or dark accessories will be permissible. Hats are, however, optional yet desirable. Seconds will be \$1.

Live musical entertainment is being arranged and several of Gay Memphis' better known chefs and clubs will be represented.

The Community Center will be open for its regular Sunday hours, soft drinks are available within. In deference to MGLCC policy, no alcoholic beverages will be served or allowed. All

proceeds will be donated to the effort to bring the Names Project Regional Quilt to Memphis. Do come!

Reflections Quilt Benefit June 21

by René Greene

The Memphis Chapter of the Names Project is the cause for a special benefit show to take place on June 21st at Reflections. Proceeds from this show will be directly used for bringing the regional AIDS Memorial Quilt to Memphis this year. Show director René Greene has promised a highly diverse cast of entertainers and a very special guest host/emcee. The performers will include the wonderful singing talents of Summer Holiday, Jo Anne, and Vanessa Vogue. There will also be something new for Reflections—Male Impersonation—not to mention many other special treats.

Tommy Stewart has most generously donated the use of his bar, crew and equipment for the evening. Thanks, Louise, we still love you.

Beer Bust will run from 8 until 12, the show will begin at

11:00 central-drag-time (11:15 PM). Cover is a \$3.00 donation; this includes admission and beer bust only. All those wearing a Pride Week Button save one dollar off the cover. All patrons must bring a legal state ID. Names Project buttons and T-shirts will be available for sale in the bar so bring lots of change, Lucille.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have agreed to assist in this cause. Especially those who were professional and loving enough to put aside personal qualms to help our Gay community. Pettiness can be very inconvenient. Very special thanks to Beau and Terry, you're wonderful.

More information will be available on posters in most of your finer Gay bars, so plan to bring your ID and come, remember, celebrate and hope with us. We love our commu-

nity and look forward to seeing you there.

Playhouse Cares: Theatre Benefit for ATEAC

Playhouse on the Square is proud to sponsor an AIDS benefit to be held at 8 P.M., July 2nd, at the theatre, at 51 South Cooper in Midtown. The program is entitled, "Playhouse Cares... Songs of Love: A Celebration," and will be performed by the Playhouse company and many friends. Organizers are Tamera Tweedy and Mark Chambers. Admission for the benefit will be \$6.00. All proceeds will go directly to the Aid to End AIDS Committee. Cash bar will be available and there will be a reception in the lobby following the performance.

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(or coloured) gloves

*Proceeds will be directed toward
future display of the
Names Project Quilt in Memphis*

Memphis NAMES Project Chapter Established

by Gary Wilkerson

The Names Project chapter for Memphis is now a reality. After two months of work and letter writing, the Memphis chapter was granted the status of "Chapter In Formation." In 90 days, the chapter will gain full chapter status. Each month in this space I plan to update the community on the activities and plans of the chapter.

The Memphis chapter of the Names Project is headed up by an eleven member steering committee. The members of that committee are: Gary Wilkerson and Todd Blankenbeker, Co-Chairs; Gracia Steele, Production and Logistics; Rebecca Locke and Jack Woods, Volunteer Coordinators; Rita Underhill and Angie Dagastino, Outreach Coordinators; Paul Forster and Jason Starr, Finance/Treasurers; and Allen Cook and Susan Browning, Media Coordinators.

The steering committee held its first official meeting on May 16th. Future meetings of the chapter will take place on the third Wednesday of each month. At the May meeting some plans were made, and these plans are currently being carried out. We are still searching for a site to display the Quilt. Our plans call for bringing the Quilt to Memphis this fall in cooperation with the Memphis

Aids Coalition and ATEAC.

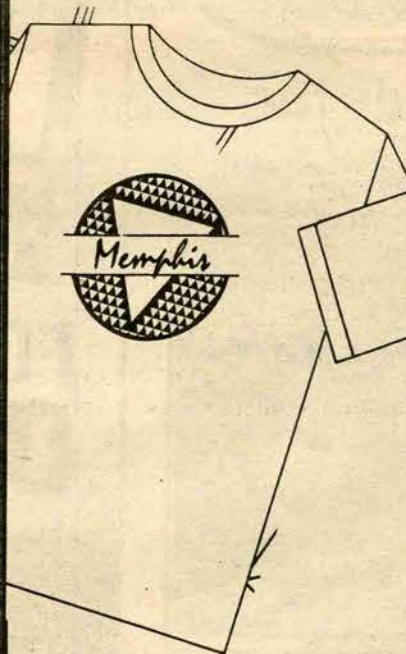
The chapter is seeking volunteers to help in the making of quilt panels, at fund raisers, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering may call the chapter office at 725-0371.

Plans are underway to hold monthly quilting sessions using the production facilities at the Red Cross chapter. There are six sewing machines, cutting tables, material, and equipment there. At the quiltings, anyone interested in making a panel for a friend, lover, or family member who has died of AIDS may come to the quiltings and use all materials at no charge. Anyone interested in making a panel can contact the chapter office. If you would like to make a panel at home, but need some help or information, we will be glad to answer any question that you might have.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the benefit show on June 21 at Reflections. We hope this benefit is a huge success. At the benefit, the chapter will have T-shirts, buttons, and other merchandise related to the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

For more information call or write, NamesProjectMemphis, PO Box 34576, Memphis, TN 38184-0576, (901) 725-0371.

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Vanessa Vogue Heads for Miss Gay Tennessee

Vanessa Vogue, Miss Gay Memphis 1990, is deep into preparations for the upcoming Miss Gay Tennessee pageant in August. She was an independent contestant for Miss Memphis, sponsored by Greg Brantley, her lover. The pageant was unique, being a benefit, that its fiscal emphasis lay in the donation to ATEAC. She will be sponsored for Miss Tennessee by the Wagettes, who count some of the original Queens Men among their number and are well versed in the ins and outs of pageants.



Vanessa Vogue, Miss Gay Memphis

decent and professional manner. I plan a career in female impersonation and the Miss Gay Memphis title is the most important thing so far to encourage me."

Vanessa counts long time legends Melina and Billie Jo Casino among those who have helped and encouraged her. She became a regular at GDI after the pageant and has made guest appearances in Paducah, New Orleans, Nashville and Little Rock, as well as at WKRB, Barbara's, the Family Affair, the Apartment, and Reflections in Memphis. Her next aspiration is Miss Gay America.

Vanessa's strong points are fine talent and beautiful presentation. Gowned elegantly and with under-emphasized makeup, she takes the term "female impersonation" seriously and is thoroughly convincing. Her impressive singing voice has been in training, through church work, since age 15. She lip-syncs well but prefers live vocals, having a well-modulated female tone.

"My number one goal is to work in as many benefits as possible for ATEAC and other charities," she says. "I want people to look at me and say that I represented Memphis in a

Tsarus S&M Auction Returns

Tsarus, the oldest leather club in Memphis, will be holding its Salvage & Miscellaneous Auction at the Pipeline at 10 PM on June 16. In keeping with past auctions, Tsarus will be auctioning both merchandise—such as a complete picnic for two in a basket—and personal services—such as Nob Polishing and Flagpole Sitting—as well as lawn service and a gourmet dinner for four prepared by our own Don G.. This year, Tsarus will be offering the auction merchandise both by the traditional auction method and by a silent auction.

The auction merchandise will be available for viewing at the Pipeline, 1382 Poplar Avenue, on Saturday afternoon from 4 PM until 6 PM. Refreshments will be served. Many of the members of Tsarus have been busy gathering just the right items for our S & M auction that will thrill and excite you. There is no cover that evening, so come, bid, and buy. You're sure to find that special bargain that's meant just for you.

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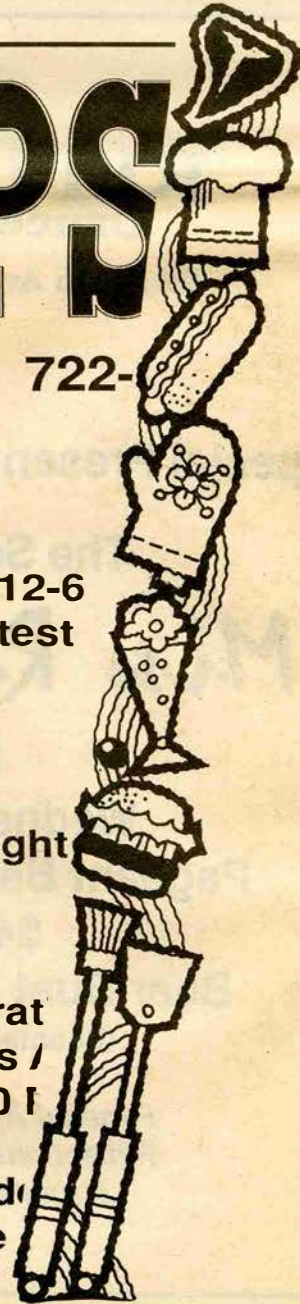
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Juicie Fruit Cards Bring Lesbian Humor to the Fore

Lesbians are just beginning to gain the visibility that Gay men have enjoyed for years. Gay men, for example, are fortunate enough to have their choice of an abundance of videos and greeting cards. Lesbians, in the meantime, are wearing out tapes of "Desert Hearts" and whiting-out mustaches on heterosexual greeting cards. One timely product designed to increase Lesbians' choices in the marketplace is the all-new Juicie Fruit humor card line.

This eight-card line is one of only two major humorous Lesbian card lines available both to retailers and to individuals via mail order. Juicie Fruit cards are sold in dozens of alternative, women's, and New Age bookstores coast-to-coast, and the number is increasing daily.

"We want to bring the cards to a large audience," says the creator, Laura "Lucky" Baker. "In addition to making the cards available to the stores that faithfully serve Lesbians' needs, we are offering Juicie Fruit to bookstores and card shops that may have never carried anything so unabashedly Lesbian before.

"The time will come when serving heterosexuals only will be as outmoded as a 'whites-only' establishment," says Baker. "As Lesbians and Gay men, we can't afford to allow ourselves to be systematically excluded from any institution. As comical as it is, there are still some people who view our inclusion on a card rack as a threat."

Baker honed her irreverent brand of humor as a designer and greeting card writer at the Midwest's bastion of conservatism, Hallmark Cards. Seeing that Juicie Fruit wasn't likely to be a hot property at Hallmark, Baker quit and published the cards with the help of her "roommate" Colette Panchot, and two of their Lesbian friends. As a result, Pajama Party Press was born. Like Hallmark Cards, Pajama Party Press is also based in Kansas City, MO.

The cards are light-hearted. They poke fun at everything from Lesbians' love of health food to our preference for comfortably sensible clothes. They are perfect for birthdays and thank-yous, friendship and love, and all those nebulous areas in between. They are printed in hot pink and black on glossy

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and its annual Peace Calendar. The cards can be ordered directly from SCW at \$9.95 for a mixed pack of eight or \$7.50 for a pack of six of the same card, plus \$2.50 for shipping. Standard discounts are available for

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Many other products for Lesbians and Gaymen are available through SCW, including posters from ACT-UP and the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights,

photographic cards and more. For information, contact SCW at (315) 474-1132 or write Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217. For a full-color spring 1990 catalog, send \$1. The catalog is free with any order.

Spectrum

R F D—Sweet Sixteen

by Vincent Astor

Personally, I have always felt that one of the most durable contributions the Gay movement has made is our literature. Where many newsletters and magazines have come and gone (and sometimes returned); I have here a story about a most unusual Gay journal which has lasted 16 years.

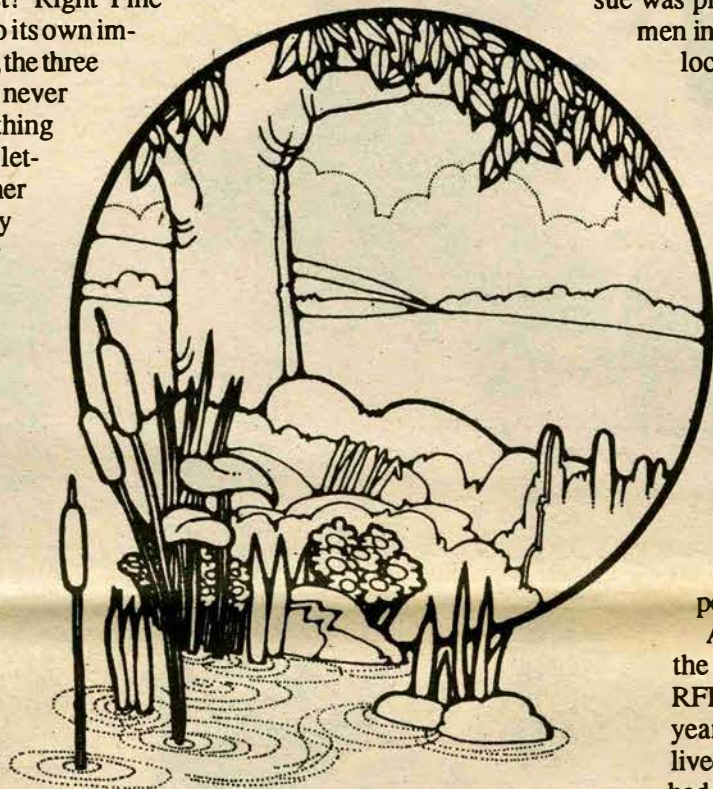
Rural Free Delivery? Radical Faerie Digest? Right Fine Dialogue? True to its own image and direction, the three letters R F D never mean the same thing twice. The three letters taken together mean "A Country Journal for Gay Men Everywhere." This magazine has appeared regularly for 61 issues (through several cross-country moves) and contained the contributions of many people.

It describes itself thus: "RFD is the only nationally distributed magazine that focuses on rural Gay men and related areas of human growth and consciousness. RFD explores the identity of Gay men, their history and contributions. Being a reader-written journal, it is an open forum for new ideas, radical views, and controversial issues."

"The philosophy of the journal is one which expounds a low-energy-consuming lifestyle and voluntary simplicity. Our readership maintains a high interest in alternative products, publications, services and real estate." The key word is alternative.

One must first understand the type of people who would publish, write for, and read such a magazine. This might conjure up thoughts of the 1960's movements of alternative lifestyle, of which the Gay rights movement is also a part. Since there have been Gay people, mostly Gay men in this case, there have been

Radical Faeries. They describe themselves as a network of very diverse "rural and urban dwellers who see Gays and Lesbians as a distinct and separate People with our own culture, way of Becoming and spirituality." "We believe that as a People we have unique and necessary contributions to make. We join together with each other in mutual aid and love for play,



work, self-discovery and nurturing."

Faeries find one another at gatherings and in sanctuaries. One sanctuary is located in Middle Tennessee, named Short Mountain. A Gathering is defined as a large coming together of people of like mind. The first national Faerie Gathering took place in 1979 and was called for by activist Harry Hay. Several regular gatherings take place each year, in several areas across the country (Short Mountain holds two). There are Gay and Lesbian gatherings and also mixed gatherings where the Gay attendees are welcome.

Alternative is redefined among Faeries. Some leave cities for the country. Some leave independent living for communal living. Some leave mainstream religion for older traditions—Wiccan, Native American, Buddhist—or a more nature oriented spirituality. A

common vision shared by Faeries is the sacredness of and respect for the earth and nature, hence the emphasis on rural life. These communities are a living outpost of the "caring for our own" attitude which was once such a necessary part of the closeted Gay life. A lot of mutual concern is found at gatherings and in these communities—perhaps, a sense of family which Gay people in small groups used to have and may be slipping away. People here do actually care about and for one another. It's not easy, it takes work and willingness. It can, and does happen.

Therefore, it was natural that a journal to interconnect these individuals, couples and groups would arise. In 1974, the first issue was printed by a group of men in Iowa City, Iowa. A local Gay/Lesbian outreach group helped

with resources and funding and RFD was born. The first issue was seen as a lifeline for many isolated rural Gays and a forum which would be used by those who perhaps took the concept of alternative lifestyle beyond most people's ken.

An article in one of the earliest issues of RFD interviewed a 70 year old Gay farmer who lived in the country. He had his own set of difficulties but maintained his Gayness all of his life. The home-spun quality has remained consistent for 16 years (quarterly, following the seasons) as the articles, topics and graphics, sometimes even the size and shape, change with each issue. As does the meaning of "R F D".

The journal was published for several years by Faeries in Wolf Creek, OR. Its home has moved several times, staying for about 10 years at Running Water, a commune near Bakersfield, NC. Some issues were put together at various locations then distributed out of New Orleans or Bakersfield. In the winter of 1989-90 the first issue was mailed from its present home at Short Mountain Sanctuary, near Liberty, Tennessee.

Though rural in flavor, RFD finds its way into hundreds of city mailboxes and bookstores. 2700 copies of each issue are printed, going to at least 1300

subscribers, some out of the country.

The table of contents rarely changes; there are always letters and a lunar calendar; there are useful and informative departments such as Kitchen Queen (recipes) and Gardening; purely



literary departments (Essays, Poetry, Book Reviews); feature articles and humor. Important subjects such as AIDS, of course, and why there are so few Faeries of color are explored; there is a prison outreach, and articles from faraway places like China and nearaway places like Canada. Even the commercial ads are unusual.

These creative and unusual writings demonstrate a richness and variety in Gay thought. News stories and commentary prove that the Faerie movement is not insular, in fact, it is well aware and sometimes very involved. There is always a Faerie contingent and workshop at the

Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men.

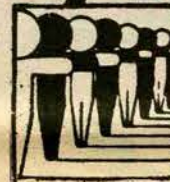
Without losing any of its original purpose or intent, RFD has also become a chronicle of Gay history, in times when these chronicles exist with purpose. Its large variety of contributors keep it up-to-date and fresh. Readership

continues to grow and with it the notion that there is potential for a unique Gay/Lesbian culture that has little or nothing to do with discos, stereotypes or coastal trends. Something unique—just like the ever-changing "R F D".

As this Faerie might say, "Really Faabulous, Dahling."

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 4 **CR/Discussion**, Irwin's, 7:30
 Saturday, June 9 **Hot, Horny & Healthy
Playshop**, Apartment Club, 9:30pm
 Sunday, June 10 **Board Meeting**, Ed's 1:30
 Saturday, June 16 **Hot, Horny & Healthy
Playshop**, Tony's, 7:00pm
 Monday, June 15 **Monthly Meeting**, Main
 Library, Meeting Room A, 7:30pm
 June 24-30 **NABWMT Convention '90**, San
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For details and a copy of our newsletter: Call Ed (452-5894), Irwin (726-1461) or write BWMT/Memphis, P.O. Box 41773, Memphis, TN 38174-1773

Aids Coalition Seeks Funding Proposals

Many remember Heart Strings and the moving experience the presentation afforded those in attendance. The many hours of hard work volunteered by so many interested people to make the evening a success has paid off to our community not only by heightening awareness of the AIDS issue, but by being a great fund raiser. About \$10,000 is being made available by the Memphis AIDS Coalition to groups and agencies who serve people with AIDS and those who are HIV positive. Grants of up to \$2000 each

are available with an application deadline of June 15, 1990.

Each grant proposal must include a project summary, explanation of the problems/needs it will address, a program plan, background of the applying agency/group which includes its involvement in AIDS service and a detailed budget of how the grant money will be spent.

Those interested in receiving a grant application should contact Rebecca Locke or Allen Cook at the American Red Cross, 726-1690.

Benefit to Salute George Wilson

The Wagettes have organized a benefit to begin at 10 PM on June 2 dedicated to George Wilson. The beneficiary will be ATEAC. Specialty numbers, production numbers and performances by many of Memphis' best female impersonators should make this show a real night to remember.

The Wagettes decided to honor George Wilson for his many years of contributions to Gay Memphis. His bar was for 20 years synonymous with the Memphis Gay community, with female impersonation and, to those who lived it, the fight for individual freedoms.



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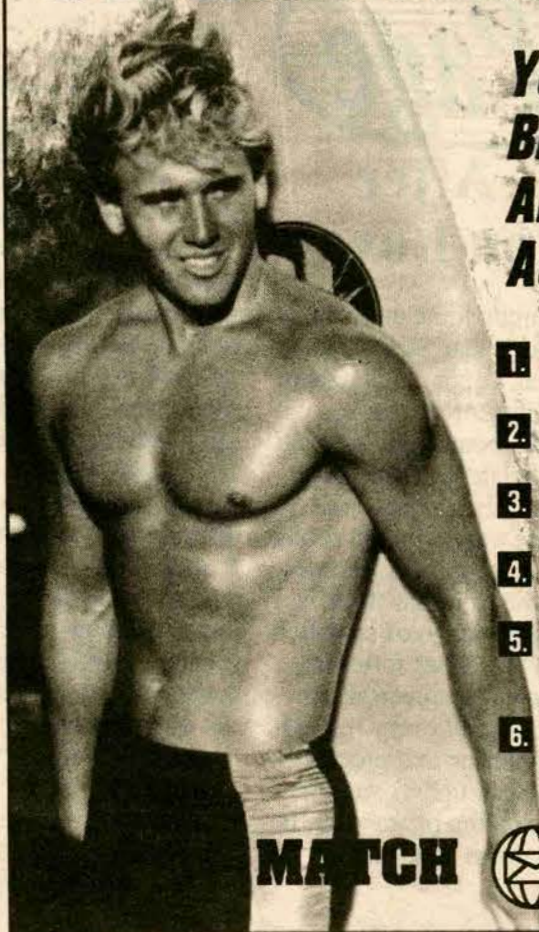
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The Help Page

Steps to a New Life After Losing Someone You Love

by Becky Caperton

How can two people react so differently to breaking up? Tom and Steven had been dating for 5 years when they split up. Surprisingly, Tom adjusted to his new single status pretty quickly - within 2 months he began dating again. Steven, on the other hand, lost interest in everything around him - he couldn't eat, slept fitfully, and felt emotionally raw. Once, he called Tom's new apartment and hung up when his answering machine picked up. He cried, knowing he was out somewhere without him.

You might think that Tom is heartless or that Steve is over emotional; after all, neither one's behavior seems to fall within the boundaries of what society dictates as "acceptable" grieving. Researchers used to think there was a right and wrong way to react to loss, but new studies indicate that there is a much wider range of so-called "normal" reactions following a loss. There is a universal grieving process, but every individual experiences that process in his own way, in his own time.

The grieving process can be broken down into three (3)

phases. And while everyone passes through these phases, we each experience them differently.

Phase 1 : Impact

We've been conditioned to believe that we should feel tremendously sad, even depressed, right after a crisis, but that is not true for everyone. In fact, experts used to think that if you weren't extremely distressed after a major loss, it didn't look well for your future psychological well-being. A new study done by the University of Michigan found that between 1/4 and 2/3 of people who have lost a partner are not greatly distressed, yet are emotionally healthy. Likewise, the parameters of what is "normal" following a breakup have changed. It's not surprising if you get depressed after a breakup - but not everyone has to.

Phase 2 : Observation

During this phase you begin to focus less on the break up itself and more on how you are reacting to it. Often during the Impact stage there is no detaching, no stepping back. In Obser-

vation, you begin to recognize what you've lost - not just the person, but your dreams for the future, and the direction in which you thought you were headed. A lot of people don't realize that this may be even more painful than the loss of the person. Surprisingly, many people need to spend a lot of time alone, reminiscing. Some people think your supposed to forget about the past - it's too painful. But rehashing everything about your relationship - the good and the bad - allows you to put it into perspective. This phase comes to an end when you are able to incorporate the past into the present and move into the future.

Phase 3 : Reconstruction

During this final stage, you begin to build a life and an identity that doesn't include your ex-lover. It's important to figure out how you can incorporate the values you held as a couple into your life as a single. For instance, if you and your lover used to swim together and enjoyed being fit, you could retain that value by taking up another

sport that you liked that also makes you feel good physically. Doing this will help you restructure your life. It's important to remember, though, that everyone moves through each phase at his or her own rate. Time may be the great healer, but there is no clock or calendar by which to measure your recovery. People who are grieving often find themselves under a subtle pressure to show more distress initially than they may feel and then to cheer up and get on with life long before they're ready. There is no universal prescription for coping with a loss - and we are just beginning to realize the full range of normal grief

If you are trying to take steps to a new life after losing someone you love, remember that your grieving reaction may be different from your partner's, but that makes it no less acceptable or genuine. Everyone moves through the above three phases, but we all do it in a different way and take different amounts of time. Give yourself a break, and allow yourself to heal.

Alternative AIDS Counseling and Testing Site Established

In an effort to reach more people who are considered to be at high risk for AIDS, or HIV infection, an alternative site to receive AIDS Counseling and Testing has been established as of May 3, 1990. In addition to the testing site at the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, 814 Jefferson Ave., Counseling and Testing is now available at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison Ave. on Wednesday nights from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Counseling and testing is provided by staff of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department. According to Skip Coder, AIDS Counselor, of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, "One of our goals is to provide counseling and testing in an unbiased environment through extended hours to people who are unable to come during regular working hours." Coder says he hopes that this new location will provide education and service to more members of the target population.

Anonymous and/or confidential testing is available. There is no charge for the test. Please call 576-7866 between the hours of 8 AM-4:30 PM for an appointment.

ATEAC Begins Food Pantry

The Aid to End AIDS Committee has been sanctioned as a food pantry outlet of the Memphis Food Bank. The effort was made in order to better serve some of ATEAC's clients who need emergency food assistance.

"In the past we've been using other food pantries, but it just meant that we had to send the client to another place," said Angie Dagastino, ATEAC Executive Director. "Now we can simply give them something immediately, and don't have to be dependent on the hours of other agencies," she said.

Currently, the ATEAC food pantry stocks basic items such as cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, beverages, and the like. A limited supply of household cleaning materials and personal items are also available. However, they would like to expand. A freezer would allow them to acquire frozen foods and other more perishable items.

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Gay Center In-creaes Visibility, Elections Planned

by Ken Horton

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center has just signed an agreement with the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department to provide HIV testing and counseling at the center. Signing the agreement along with the president of the center, were Mayor Bill Morris and other officials. This testing is part of the plan of the Health Department to reach out into the community. The agreement will last until July 1, at which time the effectiveness will be reviewed. Appointments can only be made by calling the Health Department at 576-7866.

The annual elections of the community center will be held at the monthly business meeting on June 16, 1990, at 11:30 AM. We are asking for all people interested in the center to come to the meeting, nominate, speak, and vote. Up for election are all officers and seven board members. Now that the center is running, a board seat involves only a few hours a month at the monthly meetings and a few hours throughout the year for various volunteer functions. These are not tasks which will overwhelm a person's time. Due to the efforts of the current board, staff, and contributing organizations, the workload is spread out among a large group.

The center is still in need of additional books for our library. If you have any books around the house gathering dust that may be of interest to the Gay community, please drop them by the center during regular hours. Along with this, we are asking for someone to donate a few hours a week to better organize the library. If you are interested, please call and if no one is in, leave your number on our answering machine.

The community center is becoming a place to "hang out." More and more people are attending our sponsored functions such as dance nights, video nights, pot lucks, or meditation classes; using our bulletin board and information table to advertise; and participating in many of the numerous events sponsored by various organizations. If you have not yet visited us, please drop by. This is your center, helping us all, and needs your support too. See you soon.

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Quick Clips

"Life is a banquet, and some poor sons-of-bitches are starving to death." —Auntie Mame.

Gay Pride Department

Windy as we are, they will give us only so much space to break wind (watch it, and don't cross me with a full glass of soda nearby). Please turn to the front page and several stories scattered throughout this paper. And remember, gentle readers all, if you aren't proud then you are ashamed. Do you really want to spend your whole life ashamed? Think about it.

Rumours and Anecdotes Department

It's twue, it's twue, it's twue! Frank Cooper dropped a pearl in front of us that a new bar will be opening this summer. It will be on the periphery of Midtown (not Marshall St.) and be larger than Reflections but smaller than GDI. The format will be a new concept entirely. No, it's not on the old Rain Check I site. No, it's not at the old Cleveland St. Post Office. No, it's.....do we have to tell you everything?

Our big question is—will this be the only one?

Somebody mentioned something to us about a station wagon, a little red car, the Paris Adult Theatre and the service. It went by so fast (and we paid so little attention) that this is all that was left. If it was you, well, you at least got mentioned.

Ok. Patio Fever has hit Memphis. Decking, decking, on the ground. Who has the best pa-ti-o around. Gentle readers, talk to us. Get involved in some controversy.

Rain did not stop about twenty persons from the recent Positive Atmosphere Pot Luck. Picnic it was not, but conversation was good and the food was plentiful. Let's hope for more.

Food was also heavily emphasized (did you ever taste chocolate cake flavored with Scotch before?) at the Menage a Trois party given for Memphis' three leather clubs in May. All associates and members were mailed invitations and a nice showing (42) from all three had some ever-so-slightly rambunctious fun. The drive to Rossville

took forever but it was a nice trip to the country. Two of the club presidents praised the effort and encouraged more inter-club events.

The National AIDS Memorial Service was commemorated at Overton Park Shell on Sunday June 26. Selections from Peter Barross' as yet unpublished book were among the readings. The Lambda Men's Chorus performed and got their picture in the *Commercial Appeal*. 147 people were present and there were more readings and music. Fabric hearts with names of loved ones lost were pinned to a length of fabric which will be stitched into a panel for the Names Project Quilt. In honor of the occasion, all Gay bars were asked to observe a moment of silence at 5 PM, to mark the beginning of the program.

Aphrodite raised \$1,010 at their Blast From The Past benefit May 27. This will underwrite the living expenses of a disabled Lesbian in our community who is awaiting a liver transplant and her Social Security. As they said in "Damn Yankees," —you gotta have heart.

Benefits Galore Department

The Wagettes will sponsor a benefit for ATEAC at Chaps on June 2 at 10 PM. It has been designated as a tribute to George Wilson and promises to be something special. Numerous clubs and groups will participate with performances by most of Memphis' drag celebrities.

A benefit entitled **Afternoon Nibbles and High Tea** will take place from 3 to 6 PM behind the **Community Center on June 10**. A donation of \$2.50 (two dollars if you remember your white gloves) will include a nibble from 12 different types of finger food, music, and tea, iced tea, or coffee. Picnicking will be encouraged on the parking lot. Many of the Gay community's better known cooks and caterers will participate and the hosts will be Mr. Leather Tennessee, Vance Reger, and Lady Astor. In uniform, of course. Special consideration will be given to mode of attire (as in matching accessories) as long as appropriate gloves are

present. In accordance with MGLCC policy, no alcohol will be served or allowed. Proceeds will be directed toward bringing the Names Project Quilt to Memphis.

Tsarus will hold its famous **S & M Auction** (Salvage and Miscellaneous, Clothilde) Saturday, **June 16**, at the **Pipeline** beginning at 10 PM to benefit the club. They sent us an article, do look it up.

Another benefit show for the **Names Project** will be held at **Reflections** on Thursday, **June 21**. Renee' Greene has assembled a highly diverse cast of entertainers and a very special guest host/emcee. She is also promising male impersonators. Admission will entitle patrons to a beer bust as well as the show. Showtime is 11 PM.

Of course, the **10th Annual Gay River Ride** will sail away on **Saturday, June 23**. See details elsewhere. This is the **Coalition's** main fundraiser of the year.

This fundraiser helps pay for **GayFest**, a free picnic to be held on **Mud Island, Sunday, June 24**. Entertainment will be courtesy of Harmony Gold and the Lambda Men's Chorus.

Monday, **July 2nd**, will see a brand new and unusual benefit show. An Actors Benefit for **ATEAC**, "Playhouse Cares...Songs of Love," is scheduled for one performance only at **Playhouse on the Square** at 8 PM. Organized by company members Tamera Tweedy and Mark Chambers, performances by many of our local actors and actresses will be varied, unusual and of high quality. The arts community comes forward once again.

Woman on the Street Department

Women of Leather and WKRB will team up for **WOL's** 2nd annual Variety show on **June 3**.

Don't forget the **Pipeline's** 4th annual Pool Party all afternoon **June 2** (with their infamous Upside Down Margaritas). There will be a club night that evening hosted by Conductors.

Oops will be opening their new patio with a **Gay Pride Party** on **June 21**.

Memphis will have their choice of **cookouts on July 4**. **The Pipeline, Oops, Chaps and J-Wag's** will all be cookin' up a storm to celebrate Independence Day.

Gay Switchboard 324-GAYS

7:30 - 11 Nightly

Information

Referrals

Counseling

Volunteers are needed to staff the Gay Switchboard. Switchboard training is scheduled for Monday, April 16 at 7:00 at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center. If you can spare one evening a month in the comfort of your own home - we can use your help. Call us at 454-1411 for more Information.

(This is not a dating service or a phone sex line.)

Parting Shots Department

Overheard at Seessel's: "No, darling, I don't talk to her anymore. When she was enrolled in the Lady B. school of charm and department she majored in perfidy and deception. Not only was she graduated Summa Cum Laude, she received the Dr. Evadne Hinge Humanitarian Award for self-righteousness...."

No, we didn't write this and we haven't decided which candidate deserved it most.

You slut! Ravished, abducted and bussed to Chicago! Only to be surrounded by acres of meat and hot cross buns! We will await news of when you are again ambulatory.

Ta, ta.
Lady A.

Symbols of A Heritage...

by Regina Russell

Reprinted from July 1981 Gaze

As common as we sometimes think our symbols have become, we still hear Gays ask what the pink triangle or the lambda stand for. Because much of our heritage and culture is represented by these symbols, we should certainly know what they mean.



The Lambda: The eleventh lower-case letter of the Greek alphabet, a symbol of justice, balance, freedom, equality, and unity, the lambda was adopted by the post-Stonewall Gay liberation movement as an international Gay rights symbol.



The Pink Triangle: A symbol sewn to the uniforms of Gays in Nazi Germany's concentration camps, the pink triangle was similar to the star of David worn by Jews. The number of Gays executed in Nazi Germany is unknown, but estimates range from 10,000 to 250,000. The pink triangle has since become an international symbol of the oppression of Gay and Lesbian people.

In addition to the geometric symbols, the color lavender has become a universally identifying symbol of what has come to be known as the "lavender culture." A mixture of blue and pink, the traditional "baby colors" of male and female, lavender represents the rejection by Gays of society's demands that we accept its role models.

Playhouse To Present "The Rocky Horror Show"

Live on stage at Playhouse on the Square, 51 South Cooper from June 15 - June 29, 1990, comes the original stage version of the cult movie which has been a "12 o'clock high" for thousands of enthusiastic movie goers, "The Rocky Horror Show," directed by Ken Mc Culough with musical direction by Tom Johnson and choreography by Ann Halligan.

See Dr. Frank N. Furter match wits with the innocent young couple. Thrill to the delightfully trashy rock and roll music! "It isn't a musical, it isn't a rock concert... It's a sort of glitter, rock, horror, comedy, transvestite circus..."—WABC-TV.

Appearing in this high-energy, rock and roll musical are Resident Company members, Tamara Tweedy and Michael Detroit as Janet and Brad. They will be accompanied by Resident Company members Peter

Colburn as Narrator and Curtis C. playing Riff-Raff.

Local favorite Mark Chambers will be the ever popular Dr. Frank N. Furter, with Cathy O'Gara as Columbia, Donna Stovall as Magenta, Chip Hunter as Rocky, Tommy Ruble as Eddie and Cullen Holliman as Dr. Scott.

Playhouse on the Square Interns, Glenn B. Stoops and Natalie Wilder will be part of the chorus. Natalie will also understudy the part of Janet. The rest of the chorus members are: Kenny Barnett, Brian Helm, Michael Lashlee, Kelly Lavigne, Jenny Odle, Laura Prentice, Jay Rapp, and Linda Savage.

Show times for "The Rocky Horror Show," opening June 15, will be Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM through July 29, 1990

Olivia Records Launches First Women's Musical Cruise in History

On Feb. 12-16 and 19-23 Olivia Records launched the first successful women's musical cruises in history. Both sold out, 4-night cruises departed from Miami and included stops in Key West, Nassau, and a day on a private island, Blue Lagoon. 1200 women from across the country were treated to a Lesbian vacation never before available.

"This was not just a cruise, it was an incredible experience" said Judy Dlugacz, President of Olivia Records. "We spent an entire year gearing up for these first cruises and every moment of the cruise from pool games to port excursions was planned to make this a uniquely Lesbian vacation. We wanted the passengers to have the time of their lives and I think we succeeded beyond our wildest expecta-



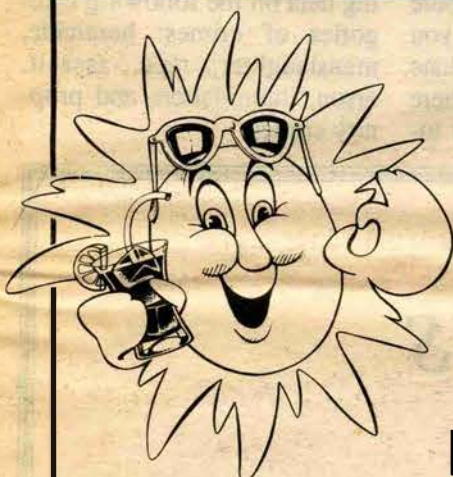
tions."

Music and entertainment were major attractions on the cruise produced by Olivia Records. A star-studded roster of artists included Cris Williamson, Teresa Trull, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Deidre McCalla, Tret Fure, Dianne Davidson, Bonnie Hayes, Donyell Carter and comedienne and MC for the cruise Marga Gomez. "Music is our calling card and we plan to bring our passengers the best in women performers every time we sail," promised Judy.

A highlight of the cruise was the trip to a private island where the women spent the day relaxing, swimming, snorkeling, sun bathing, and exploring. "The private island is one of the major attractions of our cruises to the Bahamas and Caribbean and is a key reason we have chosen to

launch our first cruises from the East Coast. There's nothing that can compare with being on our own island paradise!"

Olivia plans to make cruising an ongoing vacation option for women and has two upcoming cruises for 1990-91. Olivia's next cruise is a 7-night Halloween (Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 1990) Caribbean cruise to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. John, Nassau/Blue Lagoon aboard the S.S. Seabreeze. A 4-night Valentine's cruise (Feb. 11-15, 1991) has just recently been added to Olivia's schedule. "We'll keep adding new cruise options as long as women want them." promises Judy, "There's simply nothing more fun than this!" For information about Olivia cruises call 800-631-6277 or write Olivia Records, 4400 Market St., Oakland, CA 94608.



It's Going To Be Great! GayFest Picnic Sunday, June 24th 1 - 5 PM Mud Island

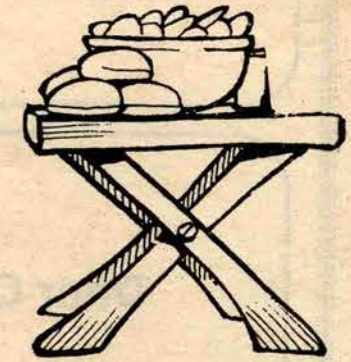
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Most Mid South Congressmen Vote For the Act President Bush Signs Hate Crimes Statistics Act

by Tom Roden

On Monday afternoon, April 23, 1990, Pres. George Bush signed into law the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in a signing ceremony held in the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House. The signing was attended by numerous members of Congress, civil rights leaders, and Gay rights leaders. The new law authorizes the Justice Department to tabulate and report crimes that are motivated by hatred or prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. The inclusion of hate crimes directed against Gay men and Lesbians sparked fierce debate in both the House and Senate.

While Gay rights advocates

generally hailed the new law as a milestone, the President carefully avoided using the "G" word in his prepared speech. Instead, President Bush emphasized the racial and ethnic aspects of the new law. His remarks are as follows:

"We join together to celebrate a significant step to help guarantee civil rights for every American with the passage, and now the signing, of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. When I first heard that this bill had passed both houses of Congress, I thought of a photograph in the news recently, and it's the plaza near a Montgomery, Alabama, church where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached during the '55 bus boycott. And, in that

plaza stands a new civil rights memorial inscribed with the names of 40 brave Americans who died in the civil rights struggle, each one the victim of a hate crime. And, on the memorial's wall, water cascades over the vow made by Dr. King on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial: 'We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.' His pledge is just as powerful today. We will not be satisfied. Justice for all has been the historic mission of the civil rights movement, and it's a mission still to be fulfilled.

"Bigotry and hate, regrettably, still exist in this country, and hate breeds violence, threatening the security of our entire society. We must rid our communities of the poison we call prejudice, bias, and discrimination. And, that's why I'm signing into law today a measure to require the Attorney General to collect as much information as we can on crimes motivated by religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation—the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

"Now, one of the greatest obligations of this administra-

tion and of the Dept. of Justice is the guarantee of civil rights for all Americans. As I said in my State of the Union address, every one of us must confront and condemn racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hate, not next week, not tomorrow, but right now—every single one of us—for hate crimes cannot be tolerated in a free society. We have vigorously prosecuted federal violations involving hate crimes. We will continue to do so.

"As we speak, 17 racist skinheads in Dallas are waiting to be sentenced by a federal court for conspiring to commit hate crimes against Jewish, Black, and Hispanic citizens. The mail bombings which killed a federal judge and a NAACP lawyer are being investigated tenaciously by federal authorities. We will not rest until the cowards who committed these senseless crimes are behind bars.

"We must work together to build an America of opportunity where every American is free, finally from discrimination. And, I will use this noble office, this bully-pulpit, if you will, to speak out against hate and discrimination everywhere it exists. Enacting this law to-

day helps move us toward our dream—a society blind to prejudice, a society open to all. Until we reach that day when the bigotry and hate of mail bombings, and the vandalisms of yeshivah schools, and the Catholic churches we've seen recently... we must remember: for America to continue to be a good place for any of us to live, it must be a good place for all of us to live.

Pres. Bush's signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act culminated 3 years of efforts by Gay activists. The bill was sent to him following passage by the House of Representatives on April 4 by an overwhelming vote of 402 to 18. With the exception of Arkansas Congressman John Hammerschmidt, all Mid South representatives favored the new law. (Rep. Ford of Memphis was absent for the vote.)

In the Senate vote earlier this year, four Senators opposed the bill, including Trent Lott of Mississippi. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act mandates gathering data on the following categories of crimes: homicide, manslaughter, rape, assault, arson, intimidation, and property crimes.

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Sodomy News From Across the States: "Sod Squad" Formed; Action in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Georgia

Washington—Sodomy law battles are being waged in several communities across the country as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Privacy Project announced new initiatives for repealing the anti-Gay and Lesbian measures.

Sod Squad Forms, Seminar Slated For Atlanta

Sodomy law repeal activists came together at the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men last March in Raleigh, NC, to form a new "Sod Squad" aimed at organizing repeal efforts on the grassroots level. Fifteen activists from Florida, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, Arkansas, North Carolina, Georgia, and the District of Columbia formed the squad, which was facilitated by Sue Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project director.

Sod Squad members received sodomy reform training from the country's leading experts in an 11-workshop track. The track included subjects such as the impact of sodomy laws on AIDS prevention in the Southeast, criminal code recodification, state court challenges, legislative repeal, and statewide organizing. In a post-conference discussion, "Sod Squaders" enthusiastically endorsed reconvening the Squad at October's Lavender Law Conference and opening it to all interested Lesbian and Gay activists.

Incorporating and updating information from the Southeastern Conference, NGLTF's Hyde will organize a special one-day seminar on sodomy law reform to be held at the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association's Lavender Law II in Atlanta, GA, October 5-8, 1990. The one-day seminar on sodomy law reform will take place on Monday, October 8.

Crimes Against Nature in Oklahoma

Gay and Lesbian activists in Oklahoma have launched the long process of changing that state's crime against nature law as the Oklahoma Recodification Committee agreed to draft a model "crimes against nature" statute that exempts all consenting adults in private.

Members of the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, along with NGLTF's Sue Hyde, provided considerable information and testimony on sodomy law reform to the Recodification Committee staff at the state's Crimes and Punishments Subcommittee meeting on sodomy repeal held in Guthrie, OK, in late March. Activists have targeted both houses of the Oklahoma legislature, which must approve changes to the sodomy law.

Missouri Sexual Misconduct

The Missouri sexual misconduct repeal bill was debated in that state's house and senate judiciary committees last March after lobbying, education, and media efforts by the St. Louis Privacy

Rights Education Project (PREP). Although the Missouri legislature did not vote on the repeal bill, PREP activists report only one person showed up to testify against it. The Missouri activists have laid important groundwork for a state-wide repeal effort and hope to move the bill through the next session, with broader support from activists in cities and towns throughout the state.

Coming Back For More In Georgia

Although the Georgia legislature rejected a bill to repeal the state sodomy law last February, sponsoring lawmakers have vowed to bring the bill back in 1991. Activists are poised to pick up the fight at the start of the session. Georgia is the home of the infamous *Bowers vs. Hardwick* anti-Gay Supreme Court sodomy ruling.

"It's been an extremely busy year for all of us working to rid ourselves of these insulting, intrusive, and archaic sodomy laws," said NGLTF's Hyde. "Starting with last January's demonstration for repeal in Atlanta, we've moved to Jefferson City, Raleigh, Oklahoma City, and elsewhere. The Task Force and activists across the nation have recommitted our movement to this important issue."

For more information on sodomy repeal efforts, call NGLTF at (202) 332-6483, or write the NGLTF Privacy Project at 1517 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.



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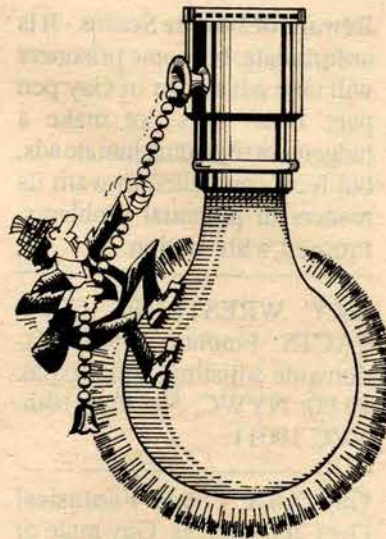
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I'm not in the army, but I am looking for a few men, 25-45

June/July 1990 Gay Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
The July and August issues of Gaze are combined so that the staff may enjoy Gay Pride events and regroup for the fall. As a result the July/August issue will appear in the middle of July and the September issue will appear on schedule during the last week of August. Please note revised deadlines.					1	2
• Meditation Group, MGLCC, 7-9 PM • WOL Variety Show WKRB	• MGC Meeting, Main Library, Peabody & McLean, 7 PM • BWMT CR, 7:30 PM	• Lambda Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC		• Western Dance Lessons, MGLCC, 7:30-9 PM		• MGLCC Pot Luck, 7 PM • Wagettes' ATEAC Benefit, Chaps 10 PM • Pool Party, Pipeline
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American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
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Gay and Lesbian Parents

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Gay Women's Social Group: Lee, 327-6165.

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Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 - 274-3550.

Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC): Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 324-GAYS.

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Minority Prison Project (MPP): For information: John Prowett, 1526 Court Street, Memphis 38104.

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Names Project Memphis: Box 34576, Memphis 38184 - 0576 - 725-0371.

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38104 - 452-6983.

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

Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG):

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Phoenix (Gay AA): 272-9549, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

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

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Gay Alliance (T-GALA): Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202.

Transexuals in Prison (TIP): For information: John Prowett, 1526 Court, Memphis 38104.

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

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

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

HELPLINES

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

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

LINC: 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Counseling
Becky Caperton, MS: Counseling - 327-9758.

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

Bob Hughes, MS: Counseling, Codependency/A COA, Howlistic Helathcare Services, 5583 Murray Road, Memphis 38119 - 767-6351.

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 38666 - (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.

Miscellaneous Services

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

Correct Cable Connection: Audio/video connections and wiring - 375-1570.

Wildhare Graphics: 344 North Watkins, Memphis, TN 38104 - 278-8437.

MISCELLANEOUS

Airport Bookmart: 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.

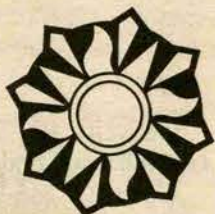
The Personals: Gay computer bulletin board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713. (You must have a computer and modem to access this service.)

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

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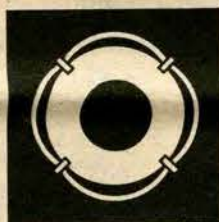
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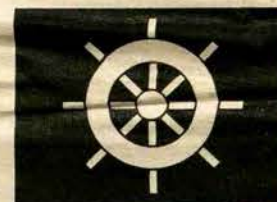
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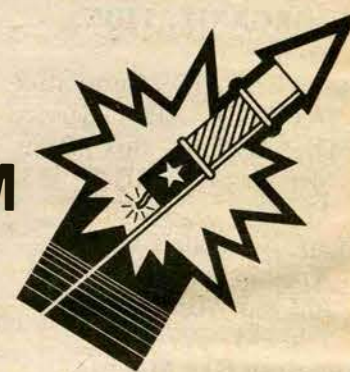
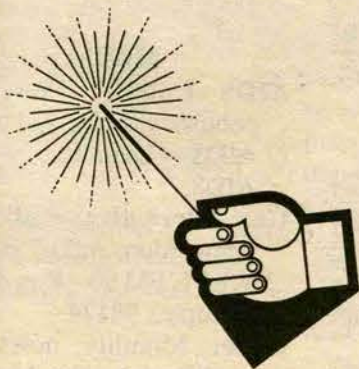
Opening of New Patio
Patio Party June 21, 7PM til 12 Midnight



Boat Ride Special June 23
A Free Beer of Your Choice With
Boat Ride Ticket Stub, After Boat Ride



Fourth of July Party
Wed. July 4 1990
Cook Out on New Patio 4 PM til 9 PM
With Free Beer Bust



July 10, 1990 Free Beer of Your Choice With Ticket Stub from Janet Jackson Concert.

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