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# Writer's Block

by Jim Easter  
Contributing Writer

After meeting in secret since February, the Board of Directors of the Aid To End AIDS Committee on June 11, 1990, changed its bylaws to exclude members from the regular monthly meetings.

A member is defined as "any person who is a volunteer, donor, or client of the Corporation". Under the old bylaws, each member could participate in the meetings. The Board's rationale for the exclusion was due to "the sensitive and sometimes confidential nature of board discussions".

Did the board chose to close the meetings for the above reasons or to justify violating its bylaws? Surely the ATEAC board can hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters dealing with its paid or volunteer staff or to discuss confidential matters dealing with specific clients. For those of us who are volunteers or donors, such by-law changes imply that ATEAC is no longer interested in volunteer efforts or in fund-raising on behalf of the committee.

Another major bylaw change deals with election of the board of directors and officers. Previously, each member was "equally eligible for election as a member to the board of directors of the committee", and was voted upon by the general membership, with nominees from the floor welcomed. Those so elected then voted to determine the officers. Under the new bylaws, a com-

mittee comprised of 3-5 members of the board nominates candidates for board openings and for officers.

Each candidate must then obtain a 2/3 vote of the existing board of directors before becoming a new member of the board. Thus it is patently obvious that ATEAC now has in place a self-perpetuating board of directors. Again, due to the controls in the nominating and election process, the public does not appear to be welcome.

It is also interesting to note that while "The board shall require that grantees furnish periodic accountings to show that dispensed funds have been expended for the purposes which were approved by the board", the ATEAC board itself evidently does not feel the same about accounting to our community for its funds.

It must not be important to let the community know the committee's financial status via periodically published financial statements. The unaudited statement of revenue and expenses for the committee's fiscal year which ended 6/30/90, shows an excess of revenue over expenses (in laymen's terms—profit) of \$26,204.92 in the general and PWA funds.

Without some specific funding needs being made known to the public, it may be difficult to justify continued support for ATEAC.

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## Memphis Mourns Loss Of Massey and Hayes

by Donna Riley  
Staff Writer

In the past two months the Memphis gay community has lost two well loved and admired members of our community. Dennis Massey died of a heart attack on October 14.

Dennis was definitely a great leader and generous contributor to the community. He was a founding member of Apollo and The Queen's Men. He was also a member of Gays on Poplar Street. Dennis gave very freely of himself to benefit anyone in need.

A superb entertainer and director Massey most recently directed Larry Kramer's Normal Heart for ATEAC's PWA Assistance Fund. Dennis also recently received a special Pink Pyramid Award for his years of endless and outstanding service to the gay community.



Michelle Marie

November saw another loss for the community. Michael Hays, better known as Michelle Marie was found with a gunshot wound at 6:40 pm Saturday, November 3. She died shortly after 8 pm that night at Eastwood Medical Center.

Michelle Marie was one of the most beloved entertainers in

Memphis. She devoted her time and talents, giving greatly of herself, to bring joy, happiness and assistance to those in need. Her accomplishments were many including formerly being crowned Miss Gay Memphis.

We will sincerely miss these two great people, both heroes in their own way.

## Box 3038

Dear Editor:

This is just a letter of thanks to the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) and to the Memphis gay community.

Having just recently acknowledged my sexual orientation, I discovered the MGLCC and found a true source of guidance and support in Bill Huckabee and Edward Miller. Together they gave me words of wisdom and made me feel comfortable with myself.

The patrons of the center without any hesitance took me under wing and gave me a new pride that I hadn't felt before. I will always be proud to tell people about the MGLCC and its role in my life. Thanks to you all for being so open and honest with me.

Your Newest Friend,  
Michael Einspanjer

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, October 27, I went to Reflections to go out and have a good time. At the first show I went upstairs to watch and was appalled and angered at what took place during the show. One of the performers, Ms. Summer Holiday, chose to do a minstrel show in black face. I could not believe that a per-

former would even consider doing something that racist in 1990. Before she performed she made a few comments that were equally racial and degrading to the black population. She chose to dress as "Aunt Jemina" with her false large breasts, ratty clothes and a pic-a-ninny wig. I watched for reactions of black patrons and again was amazed that in a packed bar there were only two black patrons.

I cannot believe that an owner of one of the only gay establishments in Memphis would allow such a shameful display to be included in something that is supposed to entertain a wide variety of people of all races, sexes, colors, and creeds. It makes me wonder if the articles and rumors that were printed in both Gaze and Dare newspapers were true of Mr. Stewart.

I think as the gay community we need to band together and protest and not support such a bar. Because if we allow such prejudice in our own community how are we going to earn the respect and understanding of the other communities that we must live and work with. This is 1990 and not 1890.

A gay, white community member.  
Name withheld by request

Dear Editor:

Let me state first that my purpose in writing this letter is not to take sides in the current controversy that is dividing the gay community, but to provoke some thought as to what is best for the gay community.

During the past few months I have heard many charges made against Alan Cook and John Stilwell, none of which can be proven. I think those people making these charges should examine their motives and ask themselves are they really concerned with the good of the gay community or are they out to settle some personal vendetta.

Alan has served as one of the most effect public spokesman and role models for the gay community for many years. He commands the respect and cooperation of the straight community. Alan and John have shown the straight world that gays can be respectable and productive citizens.

We need to ask ourselves do we want to destroy one of the most valuable assets the gay community has by destroying these men's reputation and potential for continued leadership just because we don't agree with some of the opinions they have expressed.



# Atlanta Women's Chorus Celebrates Tenth

The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus celebrates its tenth anniversary with a concert on December 1, 1990, in the June Cofer Auditorium of Southside High School, 801 Glenwood Ave., SE, Atlanta.

The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, begun in 1980 by director Linda Vaughn, has grown from 20 members to a current singing membership of 85 and is supported by its 20-member auxiliary.

In July 1992, AFWC will take part in the GALA IV Choral Festival in Denver. If you have not yet experienced the energy, joy, and professional quality singing of the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, make plans now to attend the December 1st concert.

Two shows will be presented. The first will take place at 7:00 p.m., and the second at 9:00 p.m. The program will consist of a variety of choral music expressing the varieties of women's experience, such as its audiences have come to expect from AFWC.

Tickets will be available for \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door or at Atlantis Connection, The Boy Next Door, and Charis Books. Children's tickets are \$4.00. The concert will have an interpreter for the hearing-impaired, and the space is handicapped-accessible.

**Gaze**  
**Volunteer Meeting**  
**Tues, Dec 4 6 p.m.**  
**MCLCC 276-4651**

**Box 3038**

Dear Editor,  
Dear Editor,

I am asking that my name not be printed with this letter, not because I am ashamed to openly stand up for John and Alan, but because I am one of those people not yet willing to step out and proclaim to all the world that I am gay as John and Alan would want. I do thank God that we have men like them who are willing to provide that leadership.

Concerned Gay Brother

articles and quotes of his I particular, listened to a friend who had the opportunity to work for or with him, I wonder how a person can be this way, when all of us in the Gay community are trying to "unite", fight for our rights to be seen as sane individuals, and show mankind we are a loving, caring people just want to live in peace together with no barriers, especially between us or amongst ourselves. So I close with asking; Is "father" Tommy just an evil step-mommy?

Thank you,  
Name withheld by request

Dear Editor,

I am writing as a concerned/confused member of the Memphis Gay Community. Although not a native Memphian I feel Memphis is a great place and has lots of potential for gays.

My confusion has to do with a man I have never met "formally" only through known facts and "tea talk". I hear this man is a solid figure in the community. A man credited for many accomplishments, owning several bars in the city and being in charge of fund raisers and activities for gay rights and services.

All of these things made me feel, "here is someone who is a 'father' type, someone who is unbiased and there to help his fellow 'man'".

But now being in Memphis for about eight years; seeing, reading and watching this "father" figure, this little apple seems to be somewhat rotten, and maybe worm infested. An apple filled with greed, power, and prejudice to the core. I have read

Dear Editor,

As my walk through life becomes less pedestrian and more like a busy California highway, I stopped and took a glance at the same ideas and ideologies I saw as a child and teenager, seeing them now in a totally different perspective than I did in my youth.

I guess this is part of the maturing process of life that one goes through. The strong winds and swaying trees of fall, make me reminisce of the flexibility and "roll with the punches" philosophy I've developed to survive the dual lifestyle that required by many in the gay world. The sexual dimensions of my life have changed so dramatically during the years of my youth, only to be compared as a metamorphosis into adulthood, a beautiful butterfly.

My marriage has come and gone, weathered the loss of my child, the painful agony of di-

vorce, the loss of friends and family. Somehow they don't seem to have the semblance of things I perceived as a tall stringy young man, growing up in the Pine Barrens of Southern New Jersey. I had an idea that I was gay growing up, but just didn't understand why I felt the way that I did about men, as I do, and it that this writer accepted undeniably his sexual attitude.

I refuse to accept the attitude of society that I'm not as good as the rest of the world. A genetic defect. I'm a wonderful strong and affectionate man and human being. It's being gay that gives me the strength that I need to continue with my aspirations in life, and helps me with the maturing process. Being gay has taught me to have compassion for my fellow man, and generated the creativity that comes from within me. The same is true of love.

Love must emanate from the root. The heart, the fiery furnace that keeps our body clock functioning, also needs warm fuzzies to sustain it. It's part of ALL of us, our love. Some people are more expressive and in tune with their emotions than others...but the potential lives within us all.

Thanks for letting me have my say,

Rawhide

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## MGC News

The Memphis Gay Coalition held its annual meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the term beginning January 1, 1991 on October 1, 1990. At this time the body also held elections to fill positions left vacant by recent resignations. The board of directors for the remainder of the year and for 1991 are the same as follows: president, Bill Huckabee; vice-president, Ed Miller; treasure, Don Griesheimer; secretary, Bret Taylor; members-at-large, Martin Hurley; Steve Solomon; Perry Stevens.

The October edition of Gaze was published for a cost of \$214.34. The coalition voted to sign a letter to Tommy Stewart expressing concerns of allegations of racism at his bars. Complete copies of approved minutes

and financial statements are available to members upon request.

On November 5, 1990, one of the members-at-large, Perry Stevens, tendered his resignation citing "more and more things to do, and less and less time..." he also added that he had taken a position as a writer for **DARE** and wanted to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

The next meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition will be December 3, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room "A" of the main branch of the Memphis and Shelby County Library located at McLean and Peabody.

Note: The minutes and financial statements for the month of October have not yet been approved.

**Get Involved. Volunteer . . . Call 276-4651**



# The Help Pages

by Becky Clendenin Caperton, M.S.

Last month we talked about the types of emotional victims, and gave examples so that you could diagnose yourself. Let's talk about behavioral change and the key to setting your emotional victimization free.

Our incorrect ways of thinking about things combined with the actions we take, set our victim feelings in motion and maintain our victim psychology. The key to change seems simple: change our behavior and thoughts and we will disrupt our victim pattern. This is done in a variety of ways. Behavior therapy enables the person to deliberately change automatic patterns of thoughts and actions without probing in their past. Another way is through psychoanalytic therapy where a person learns to understand their unconscious needs, conflicts, drives, and memories. These are both good ways to block the emotional victimization.

There are some other ways to stop this type of behavior. Quit punishing yourself and start realizing that you can change

your behavior and become healthier. If you are an exaggerator, it might be important to look at your self-esteem realistically, accepting your strengths and weaknesses gracefully. If you are a "kick me" victim, it's important that others know you aren't an individual to be victimized. If you are a mis-perceiver, it might be important to check your thoughts and actions out with a friend. Getting someone else's feedback often helps you realize that you may have misunderstood an event, comment, or even a nonverbal cue.

Most important of all, if you believe you are an emotional victim, it would be beneficial for you to seek some counseling. These types of behavioral problems lead to increasingly lower self-esteem, depression, and a general feeling of being "stuck" in your life. No one wants to live their lives in this unhealthy manner. You and your therapist can cover together the patterns of your emotional victimization, and find strategies for eliminating them in your everyday life.

## Groups Send Stewart Letter

*Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Gaze by the organizations whose signatories appear following the letter. The original was sent to Memphis business owner Tommy Stewart after charges were made regarding alleged racially motivated discriminatory practices at his nightclubs.*

October 22, 1990

Mr. Tommy Stewart  
c/o Star Search Video  
1264 Madison Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We are writing to express our deep concern over allegations of differential treatment to blacks in your business establishments, J-Wags and Reflections. Some people have reported that multiple ID's have been required only of black patrons rather than all patrons. Behavior of this nature is not representative of the spirit of unity we seek in a multi-racial community such as the Memphis gay and Lesbian Community.

Based on the information we have received, our organizations are considering what, if any action we should take. We consider these reports very serious and detrimental to the spirit of cooperation we seek and to the success of your businesses.

We would like to work with you to put an end to these practices or perceptions of practices. If you would contact us, c/o P. O. Box 3038, Memphis, Tennessee 38173-0038 we would gladly schedule this meeting. We would welcome a cooperative discussion if contacted before November 10, 1990.

Sincerely,

Concerned Gay & Lesbian Organizations

Tony Horne      Joy Booker  
Co-Chair      Co-Chair  
Black Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Dignity

Irwin Rothenberg      Ed Dillard  
Co-Chair      Co-Chair  
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Bill Huckabee      R. Bret Taylor  
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#### November & December Calendar of Events

Tues., Nov. 20	C. R. Discussion Group, 7:30 pm
Thur., Nov 22	Thanksgiving Celebration, MGLCC, 7 pm
Mon., Nov 26	Open Forum, Main Library, 7:30 pm
Tues., Dec. 4	C. R. Discussion Group, 7:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 9	HHH Playshop, 4 pm
Fri., Dec. 14	Game Night, 7:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 16	Board Meeting, 1:30 pm
Tues., Dec. 18	C. R. Discussion Group, 7:30 pm

For details on November and December activities and a copy of our newsletter call: Ed 452-5894, Irwin 726-1461 or write **BWMT/Memphis**, P. O. Box 42157, Memphis, TN 38174-2157

**NEXT MEETING - Dec. 3  
7:00 PM Meeting Room B  
Main Library - Peabody &  
McLean**

## Join The Memphis Gay Coalition

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WKRB	26	14	3
K-Y Kids	24	16	5
CHAPS	23	17	6
Church Ladies	22.5	17.5	6.5
Skin Toys	22	18	7
Simply Delicious	19	21	10
Inspirations	19	21	10
Half + Half	17	23	12
Up -n- Coming	17	23	12
LL + GG	17	23	12
Gutter Puppies	16.5	23.5	12.5
Just Fer Fun, Hun	15	25	14
Lois Laners	13	27	16



# World AIDS Day

*Third Annual  
Observance,  
December 1*

On December 1, 1990 a major event will take place around the world. World AIDS Day is part of the continuing effort to meet the challenge of the world wide epidemic of AIDS- an epidemic that continues to worsen in all regions of the world. World AIDS Day 1990 will focus on women and AIDS.

World AIDS Day originates with the World Health Organi-

zation (WHO). Observed in over 150 countries around the world, World AIDS Day is a day to draw attention to the AIDS pandemic.

It is a day to raise awareness about how we can stop the spread of AIDS/HIV worldwide, and a day to bring a message of compassion, hope, and understanding about AIDS to people in every country of the world. December 1 will mark the third annual observance of World AIDS Day.

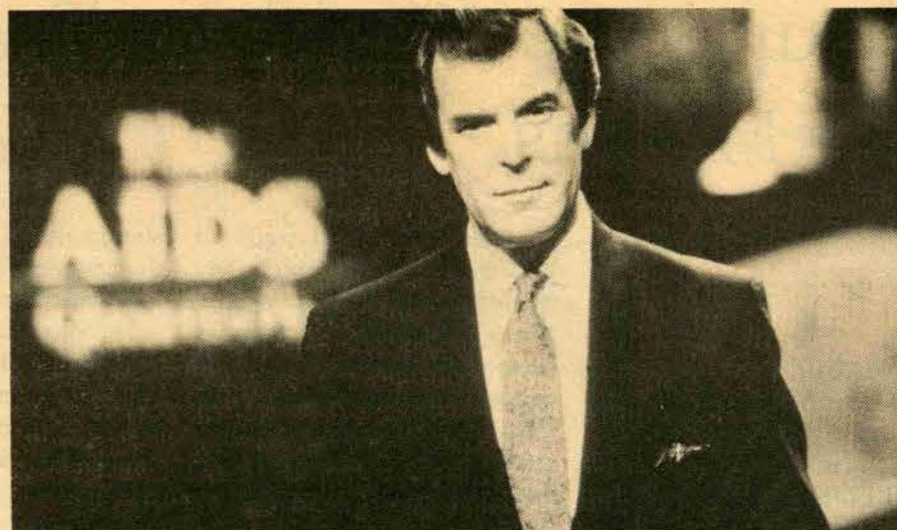
Of the six million people currently estimated to be HIV-infected, approximately two million are women. As a consequence of HIV infection in pregnant women, WHO estimates that

during during the 1980's up to 200,000 infants worldwide were HIV-infected through perinatal transmission.

This year the focus will be on women and AIDS to reflect not only the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS on women as a medical problem, but also the crucial role women play in preventing infection with HIV and caring for people with AIDS.

Attention will be focused on special concerns related to HIV/AIDS and pregnancy, childbirth and raising children.

AIDS is a serious health problem which affects men, women and children in countries around



*Peter Jennings, ABC News Anchor*

the world. Currently there is no cure for AIDS, but through education and understanding that we can control the spread of AIDS/HIV.

It is important that everyone

be aware of the risks of infection with HIV, and essential that we understand that people with AIDS and HIV infection should be treated with care and respect.

## The AIDS Quarterly

In recognition of World AIDS Day, *The AIDS Quarterly* will take a on a story that has not yet been told: the AIDS crisis in Poland. The program airs on Monday, November 26, 1990 at 7pm on public television WKNO channel 10. The series anchored by ABC newsman Peter Jennings, is produced by WGBH Boston.

"Right now, the country in the world the most at risk from the effects of AIDS...is Poland," comments Jonathan Mann, MD.

## Edmund White Talks To The AIDS Quarterly

The actual scope of the AIDS problem in Poland is not known. Already the numbers are high and climbing unhindered because officials seemingly are too caught up with the demands of the current political and economic revolution to confront AIDS in a pointed and deliberate way.

The second segment of *The AIDS Quarterly*, produced by Gregory Colbert, is a monologue by Edmund White, a man *Time* magazine describes as "America's most influential gay writer." He is the author of best-selling books that chronicle gay life in America, including *A Boy's Own Story* (1982) and *The Beautiful Room*

*Is Empty* (1988). By White's own description, "[Truman] Capote was a writer who happened to be gay; I am a gay writer."

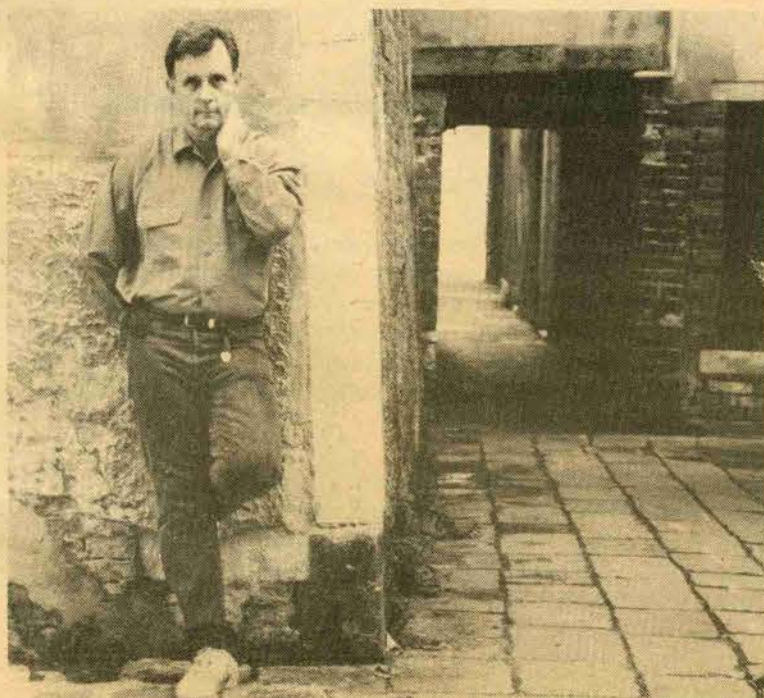
A Cincinnati-born expatriate in Paris since 1983, White recently returned to the United States. He currently teaches creative writing at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

White tested positive for HIV in 1985. In this segment, he speaks

to viewers about what it is like living with a disease for which there is no cure. "I think that I alternate between realism and denial," he says. "In a way, what AIDS does is it gives you the hour of your death, statistically. So I think, then, you either fall into despair or you deny it."

In addition to these segments, Jennings will provide a global update on the AIDS crisis, plac-

ing in context recent estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO) that eight to ten million people are infected with HIV worldwide, or about one in every four hundred adults in the world today. These statistics could signal a cumulative total of 15 to 20 million HIV-infected persons in the world by the year 2000.



*Edmund White, gay writer and author of A Boy's Own Story*



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# Around the World in Twenty-four Months

by Perry Stevens  
Contributing Writer

## English couple takes a honeymoon.

Many of us would love to find the perfect lover, quit our jobs, and take a trip around the world. Unfortunately, that doesn't happen very often. But it doesn't mean it can't happen. Just ask David Hammond and Marcus Dickinson.

Earlier this year the two met in London where Hammond, 45, was a hospital administrator and a city councilman, and Dickinson, 26, managed a bicycle shop. They had known one another only a short time when they decided to go on a short vacation together. "We went on holiday to Tunisia in April," said Hammond, a cheerful, talkative man with that uppercrust British clip in his voice we Americans seem to love so.

"We'd been back for a fortnight when we decided we were sick of England. Marcus was tired of his job,

and I was sick of mine. And then Marcus had the idea of fruit picking in France...then olive picking in Greece. It grew until it became what it is."

Hammond says the two talked about it on Saturday, put their house on the market on Sunday, and sold it Wednesday. After a long summer of waiting for the final papers to go through, they finally got the money for the house, and they were ready to go.

The U.S. is the first stop on a two year trip around the world. The couple left England September 2. They arrived in Boston, visited friends there for ten days, and spent three harrowing days in New York City. Of New York, Hammond said, "It's expensive and intimidating. I got really quite paranoid about the place.

We went out to Christopher Street one night," Dickinson added. We found out later that five people were killed that very night in the same area! It is not a welcoming place."

The pair headed south to Washington, D. C., which they found to be much more inviting. "It's a welcoming place," said Hammond. We went to a bar on capitol hill and got chatting with folks who showed us the gay scene." The group went to several museums and took in the sights.

"We're not being tourists in that we're walking a lot. We're taking the bus and that sort of thing. I think we're getting a better view of America the way we're doing it. We're staying where we want for as long as we want....but we are under a loose



schedule." After leaving the nation's capitol, Hammond and Dickinson went to Chicago and then on to Miami - all by bus. "By the time we got to Miami we both felt shattered," admits Marcus. "so we decided to go to Jamaica for a week and just relax.

We did basically nothing. Oh, but we did bicycle for a day!" "Yes, it was the closest thing to dying I've ever experienced," Hammond offered wryly. "And this was all to go to a bird center at the top of a mountain." Neither man had rented a bicycle with brakes, so while the trip up the mountain was difficult, the trip back down was "frightful"

You might ask just how someone pays for such a trip. Obviously, it doesn't hurt to have a lot of money to start with.

But Hammond says the bulk of the expense is being covered by the sale of their house. And how does one whip up the courage to take such a journey?

"Well, love makes you do

strange things," Hammond said thoughtfully. "Marcus is my great love. In spite of my being a very conservative, staid person, I had no difficulty in deciding to make the trip." After leaving Jamaica, the two came through Mexico and turned eastward toward New Orleans, and finally, to Memphis.

They visited Graceland and took in some barbecue. After Memphis, they eagerly look forward to a few days of relaxation in the Mississippi delta at the home of a friend of a friend. They said that kind of connection is exactly what's made the lengthy vacation work so far.

"People are very helpful," said Hammond. We've managed thus far to link up with the gay community wherever we've gone. Everything we've needed, people bent over backward to help." That's been true whether the need was a guide through a city, a place to stay, or just the loan of a washer and dryer.

After Mississippi, there will be stops in

Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and possibly Hawaii. Hammond and Dickinson will leave the U.S. for New Zealand by the second week in November.

They'll see all of Europe, most of Asia, and a great deal of Africa before they return to London after just more than two years. Their globe trotting will include 26 flights on a dozen airlines, with travel within each country limited to bus or train.

After only two months into the trip, how do the travelers feel about one another? "I don't think I've learned anything more about him," said Dickinson. "We met nine months ago, and within the first six months we fairly knew each other. He does surprise me sometimes in that he can cope with situations I can't handle.

"It's all I've expected and more." said Hammond. It is tiring, but we take time to catch up with ourselves. I love him more than I thought I did in England."

## Chaps and Waggettes Raise \$1,500 For St. Jude

by Jim Easter  
Contributing Writer

Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, the gay community opened its wallets and purses to help the PWAs at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Saturday's event was sponsored by the Wagettes and was held at CHAPS ( a.k.a. Granny's Place ). Emceed by Victor/Victoria on the new stage, The show featured the exciting talents of Sweet Thang and spouse, Jim and Jerry, the Pipettes, Peaches, Alexis, Samantha Ray, and the Women of Leather, among others. Sunday, the Pipettes hosted a show and auction at the PIPELINE. The show, emceed by Kirby, included performances by Billy Jo, Granny, Victor/Victoria, the Boogie Woogie Pipettes and others. Several paintings and signs and a wonderful queen size quilt handmade by a PWA who resides in Jackson, MS., were auctioned to the highest bidders. Funds raised from the two events totaled in excess of \$1,500.00.

Thanks go to all the performers who donated their time and tips for such a worthy cause.

## Fall Concert Great Success

by Russell Armstrong  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, October 28, a glorious autumn afternoon, the Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus gave its first Annual Fall Concert. Held at the Church of the River, the chorus performed a thoughtful selection of sacred and secular music, a perfect compliment to the serenity of the beautiful river view and the peace of the church's lovely sanctuary.

Equally compelling were the chorus members themselves -

poised, well outfitted, and in perfect voice - points obviously appreciated by the audience of 85 who awarded the chorus with a well-deserved standing ovation. Following the concert was a lovely reception with food, wine and abundant hospitality.

In fact, it was so enjoyable that even the folding up of the tablecloths and the appearance of the vacuum cleaner could not cajole people to go home. A beautiful day in every way.

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# About Town

by Donna Riley  
Staff Writer

**Aphrodite** will sponsor its annual benefit for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy on Sunday, November 18 at 8 pm. at **WKRB**.

"**That's Entertainment**" will also be held at **WKRB**. **Ms. Billie Jo Casino** and **Ms. Lily Christine** will host a benefit for the **Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center** on the following Sunday, November 25, at 8:00 pm. "Legends" will feature several top notch entertainers. Don't miss this grand opportunity to show your community spirit and have a great time.

Congratulations to **Priscilla Presley** who won the Ms. Mess Memphis pageant at **G. Bellington Rumples**. Hump Night/Talent Night has resumed at Rumples on Wednesday nights. **Billie Jo Casino** is the hostess, and the winner leaves the bar \$100.00 richer

Congratulations are also in order for **Chaps'** bowling team who recently drastically improved their standing - from a dreary fourteenth to a contending fourth! **Chaps** must also be commended for their positive attitude toward the predicted December 3 earthquake. They threw an earthquake party on November 11. Some of the earthquake goers may have felt earthquake tremors the next day!

The **Miss Gay Memphis** pageant will be held at Reflections on November 14. Good luck to all the contestants. All proceeds from the gala will go to **ATEAC**

for PWA assistance. **Dena Kaye** from Nashville will perform two shows at Reflections on December 20.

Pool tournaments are continuing on Monday nights at **WKRB** and the **Pipeline**.

**The Pipeline** also features movies and munchies on Monday for all you couch potatoes. Speaking of food, the **Pipeline** will hold its fourth annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 22 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

A special breakfast show at **J-Wags** on November 16 will feature two legendary performers, **Loretta** and **Billie Jo Casino**.

A male revue known as **The Texas Headliners** will heat things up there on November 19th. Then on December 10, the **Male Order Strip Revue** will return by popular demand.

**AGAPE New Life Church** is gearing up for the holiday season. On November 22, they will host a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner. **AGAPE** will provide the turkey, participants are asked to contribute the trimmings. On December 23, they are planning on making some joyful noises.

There will be caroling followed by a Christmas party at **Court Manor** beginning at 2:00 pm. **AGAPE** will continue in the festive spirit on December 30 with an open house at the church. **Black and White Men Together** will also sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner potluck at the community center on November 22. For more info, call 726-1461.

Happy Turkey Day to All!

## Chaps is Number 1!

by Jim Easter  
Contributing Writer

In the recent Great American Bartender Challenge conducted by the Mid-South Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, **Chaps** garnered top honors in Memphis. By selling paper hearts and hosting a show, **Chaps** raised \$1250 to beat out the other twelve entries in the neighborhood bar category of competition. According to Charlotte Hooper, Special Events Coordinator for the society, \$31,000 was raised, well over their \$25,000 goal.

For its efforts **Chaps** received the "1990 Top Memphis Neighborhood Bar" trophy, as well as

a handsome walnut and brass plaque. **WKRB** also received a plaque "For your dedicated efforts in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis, 1990". **David Bulliner**, owner of **Chaps**, and his brother **Billy**, who co chaired the event, also received "Great American Bartender Challenge" denim jackets. **David** said that he was proud that his gay patrons could come together to raise money for such a worthy cause.

**Billy** added "I appreciate everyone's support. It was a very pleasant surprise." Both plan on helping again during next year's campaign in August.

## Who's The Best Trick?

by Roger Smith  
Staff Writer

Finally, there's a new face in this city's bar scene - **G. Bellington Rumples**. The new bar, located at 1819 Madison near **Bill and Jim's Steak House** is **Frank Cooper's** third bar in Memphis. **Cooper** first entered the business in 1984 when he bought the old **George's** on Marshall from **George Wilson**.

In 1988 **Cooper** moved his business to a better location on **Front Street** and renamed it **GDI On The River**. But the bar was eventually sold because "the clientele changed . . . We got too much publicity". Says **Cooper** of his hopes for the partons of his new bar, "I would like to keep it as gay as I can . . . and to keep it adult."

**Cooper** co-owns the bar with **David DaPonte**, and the new venture compares favorably with **GDI**. Some may even like it better than the previous nightclub.

The bar's restaurant, known as **The Bellington Room** is spacious, well-appointed and attractive with thick carpet and wall-



Frank Cooper  
and David DaPonte

sized mirrors.

**Cooper** is in the process of expanding the restaurant's menu to offer steak, chicken and other entrees as well as deli fare. Several types of coffee and a well-stocked bar are also available. The sandwich platters are very good as are the generous mixed drinks.

The bar's dance-floor is roomy, with a large array of xenon strobes and colored lights.

A second tier sports another bar and more seating and also serves as a great vantage point for those who want to scope-out the dance floor below.

Memphis finally has a top-notch gay bar again!

## Holy Trinity Community Church

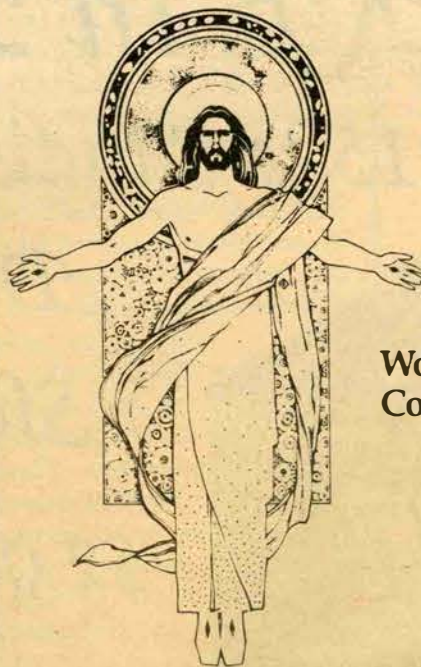
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The Memphis Gay Coalition, Inc. is sponsoring **GayRap** on Monday, November 19th at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison Avenue at 7:00 pm. The program topic is "Estate Planning for the Gay and Lesbian Community." Charles Butler, CFP and Susan Mackenzie, attorney will facilitate the discussion.

Charles has specialized in financial and tax planning for the gay and lesbian community since 1984.

Susan Mackenzie graduated from Middle Tennessee University in 1983 with a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice Administration. Her graduate work was done at Memphis State University where she earned her degree in 1986. That same year Ms. Mackenzie received her license to practice law in the State of Tennessee.

Ms. Mackenzie is a member of the National gay and Lesbian

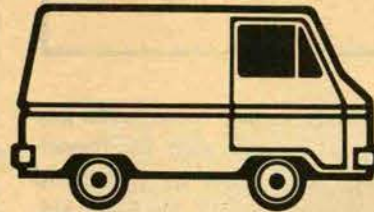
Law Association, The American Bar Association, The Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association. She is currently serving as the president of the Tennessee Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Areas of discussion include: Wills, what needs to be included in a will; Durable Powers of Attorney; Powers of Attorney for health care and Directives to Physicians. All of these items address how an individual's affairs are to be continued while they are disabled or unable to take care of their own business. These instruments also provide the only means that gays and Lesbians have to protect their relationships. Free information on topics of concern to gay and Lesbian community will be provided by IDS/American Express. Plan to attend and share your opinions and concerns.

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The walk was held in memory of Peter Barrosse who was diagnosed with AIDS in March of 1986. This year's walk was held only 2 days after the first anniversary of Barrosse's death.

Mary Barrosse, Peter's mother, was on hand to give her support to this event. She resides in Cleveland, Ohio where she works as a volunteer at an outpatient center for people who are HIV+ or

have been diagnosed with AIDS.

During the time that Barrosse lived with AIDS he maintained a highly public profile. Largely through his efforts Memphis came to see this condition on a more personal level.

One of the organizers of this year's event, Mark Whithead, credits Barrosse's positive attitude and dedication to keeping himself physically fit for Barrosse's three year survival with AIDS.

Since physical fitness was so important in his life this walk is the best way to remember Barrosse.

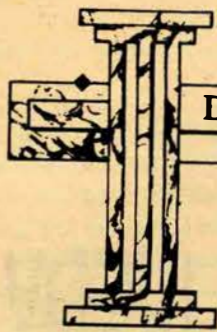
Donations may be sent to The Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC), 689 Melrose, Memphis, TN 38104.



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**Congratulations**, Irwin! According to a recent article in the Gay News Telegraph, Tommy Stewart said that you have had an erection for him since he became president of ATEAC in February, 1985. Five years and eight months is a long time to keep it up for anyone. Your name should be entered in the *Guinness Book of World Records* in recognition of your Herculean staying power.

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## ORGANIZATIONS

**Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** AIDS Service Organization-Box 40389, Memphis 38174-389, 458-AIDS, or 272-0855.  
**Agape New Life Church:** Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis 38104, 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.  
**Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B\_GLAD):** Box 1921, Memphis 38101, 327-3943 or 948-2345.

**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 1161 Poplar #15, Memphis 38105.

**Colors:** Box 1921, Memphis 38101.

**Conference for Catholic Lesbians: Faith,** 324\_6949.

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

**Holy Trinity Community Church:** Box 41648, Memphis 38174, 726-9443. Worship Service Sundays at MGLCC, 1291 Madison, 11:00 AM.

**Into The Light (Women's AA):** Meets Sundays at noon, Thursdays at

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**Kinship: Seventh Day Adventist** Gay religious group - Box 171135,

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

**Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38187-0038, 728-GAYS.

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 1291 Madison, Memphis 38104. Mailing address: Box 38174-0231, 276-4651.

**Memphis Lambda Center:** Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs. 241 N. Cleve-

land (above United Paint Store), Memphis 276-7379.

**Memphis State university Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness (GALA):** GALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs, MSU 38152.

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

**Mystic Crewe of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

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

**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982, 276-282.

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P\_FLAG):** Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031, 761-1444.

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

**Positive Mental Attitude Association, Inc.:** 28 N. Claybrook, Suite

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

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

**Tsarus:** Leather-Leviclub, Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

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**Library Information Center (LINC):** 752-8895.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 276-LIVE.

**Rape Crisis:** 528-2161.

**Suicide & Crisis Intervention:** 274-7477.

**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline:** (206) 623-1549, 24 hours.

## Professional Services/ Counseling

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

**Bob Hughes, MS:** Counseling, Codependency/ ACOA, Holistic Healthcare 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 38668, (601) 562-8738.

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

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

## MEDIA

**AIDS Update:** Newspaper publication 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 publication, Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038, 526-8006 or 728-GAYS.

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

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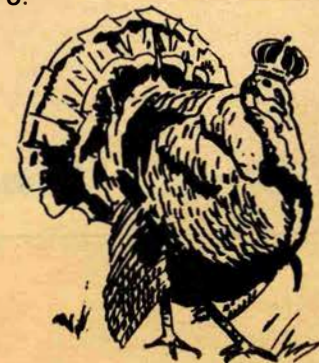
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