

## AOL Deletes TJN Website; New One on Web

After less than 10 days of being on the web, America Online removed the *Triangle Journal* website citing a violation of its terms of service (TOS). The website was reestablished a few days later through Vantek Internet Services, a local internet service provider. Vantek assured *TJN* that such an action would not take place with their company.

"Despite their assertions that they are gay-friendly, we found American Online to be very capricious in deleting our website without any consultation whatsoever after less than 10 days, apparently on the complaint of ONE of the more than 30 million subscribers," said Allen Cook, one of the *Triangle Journal's* publishers.

"The deletion of the website was coupled with a threat to cancel *TJN's* service if a second incident occurred," said John Stilwell, *TJN's* co-publisher. Such an action would include e-mail services.

"To have our long-established e-mail address deleted without any chance of retrieving e-mail or having it forwarded, was not a business-risk we wanted to take," Stilwell said.

AOL specifically objected to a full-page ad for a phone-sex company in *TJN*, but deleted the entire site anyway. The site had been registered in the "gay and lesbian" area of AOL's Hometown, a cyberspace which includes both personal websites and those of many businesses.

In a Sept. 15 e-mail, AOL said that it is its policy to remove an entire website from its service if any part of the site, in its opinion, violates its TOS. AOL ducked specific questions regarding the implementation of its policies.

"They wouldn't or couldn't tell us in advance what is or is not acceptable," Cook said.

"With a potential penalty of loss of e-mail access as a sword, they forced us to go elsewhere to post the site. Because we want to provide our *entire* publication on the web, we have refused to censor our content which we believe is of a public service."

Each subscriber to AOL has the availability of his own page or site on the world wide web. A link on *TJN's* AOL page will take one to the new site. The new site's direct web address is <http://www.memphistrianglejournal.com>.

## No 'High Hats' This Year

Friends for Life has announced that its heretofore annual fundraiser "High Heels, High Hats Costume Party" has been retired for the foreseeable future.

For the past several years the event has brought in less and less money for the agency.

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## Judy Shepard Galvanizes Community

By Allen Cook

It's rare that a local gay event will make the 10 o'clock news in Memphis. It's even rarer when that event is the lead story on all four stations here that carry news. And it's rarer still when not one of those stories appeared to show one stereotype.

Such was the case when Judy Shepard spoke to a standing room only crowd in Memphis at Calvary Episcopal Church on Sept. 25. Mrs. Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year old gay man who was beaten almost two years ago in Laramie, Wyo., and left for 18 hours tied to a fence to die.

Although Calvary reportedly had received a fax from Rev. Fred Phelps, the Topeka, Kan. preacher known for his "God Hates Fags" picketing, there were no protestors greeting the approximately 600 who attended Mrs. Shepard's presentation.

The evening was organized by Len Piechowski and the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Religious Affairs.

In an historic move, Mayor W.W. Herenton of Memphis spoke



Mrs. Judy Shepard, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard, addressed an overflow crowd of about 600 at Calvary Episcopal Church Sept. 25. Although the church received a threatening fax, no protesters showed up.

at the presentation and made a proclamation declaring Sept. 25 "Memphis Against Hate Crimes Day." The mayor received several standing ovations for both his presentation and the proclamation.

Herenton noted that it was Sept. 15, 1963 when a Birmingham church was bombed killing four girls there. He said that our city should "stand tall and protest against hate crimes."

The mayor had been criticized for planning to attend the event,

most notably by the local conservative group FLARE. He said that they thought it was "inappropriate" for the mayor to attend. Herenton countered that they seemed to "have the same mentality as those who believed in slavery, advocated lynching and still claimed to serve their God."

Prior to Mrs. Shepard's introduction, about a dozen members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community per-

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## Stan Perry Dies, Pipeline Closed

Stan Perry, owner of Pipeline, died Wed., Sept. 8, of cancer and AIDS-related illnesses.

Perry's death has resulted in the closing until further notice of Pipeline, the venerable levi-leather bar at 1382 Poplar Ave. Activities previously scheduled at Pipeline have generally been moved to The Jungle at 1474 Madison. Call The Jungle at 278-4313 to confirm if an event previously scheduled at Pipeline has moved there.

It is unknown at this time whether Pipeline will re-open, but Jeff Hardy, former bar manager is negotiating with Perry's family to buy the bar. Hardy said that he and some backers are negotiating with the landlords for a

new lease. The current lease expires at the end of November.

Shelby County property records show that the Pipeline building is owned by Miriam Friedman. Ms. Friedman was not able to be contacted as of this writing.

Sources tell *TJN* that new owners would have to acquire access to 40-50 parking spaces to reopen. Apparently, Pipeline was operating under a grandfather clause which did not have parking restrictions. With new owners and licensure, the parking requirement would kick in.

Hardy says that he believes that either the Walgreen's across the street or the Kroger supermar-

ket behind the bar can be persuaded to lease parking spaces for the bar.

Hardy said that he hopes to have Pipeline open by the first of the year and if that doesn't happen, he might have to reconsider his options.

"I've gotten a lot of support from my friends and our patrons of the bar and I would really like to do this (re-open Pipeline)," Hardy said.

Sources say that Perry died without a will and that the estate will have to go through probate.

Stan Perry was the surviving partner of Dennis Kijowski who, along with Perry, opened Pipeline more than 15 years ago.

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## Man Kills 1 in Virginia Gay Bar Shooting

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A former Citrus Springs, Fla., man who said he wanted to shoot gay people opened fire in a gay bar, killing one person and wounding six others, police said.

The suspect walked into the Back Street Cafe late Sept. 22, ordered a beer and after a few minutes, pulled a handgun from his coat and fired repeatedly, said Roanoke police spokeswoman Shelly Alley.

Seven of the 25 people in the bar were hit. Danny Lee Overstreet, 43, was killed.

Ronald Edward Gay, 53, was charged with murder, and police are investigating the shooting as a hate crime.

Earlier in the evening, police said Gay visited a different bar and asked people where the gay bar was, telling witnesses that he wanted to shoot some gay people. A witness pointed him in the right direction, and then called police.

Police arrested Gay moments after the shooting away from the bar.

Gay's address is listed in Citrus Springs, Fla., but police said he had been living in Roanoke, about 190 miles west of Richmond, for about a year. He was being held Sept. 23 without bond at the Roanoke City Jail.

## A Place at the Table 2000 Raises \$100K+

In its fourth year, "A Place at the Table," the Friends for Life/Aloysius Home round of home parties raised more than \$100,000 for the agency.

Seventy parties were held throughout the city during September.

"Each year more of our community is invited to parties, and our host list keeps getting bigger and bigger," said David Lusk. "It's a fun way to raise money and consciousness."

# Some Suggestions for Pride

By Bob Dumais

Now that the brouhaha has died down, we would like to make some concrete suggestions to the Memphis Pride Committee about next year's celebration.

## Move the Date

Move the Pride Celebration from June to October to coincide with National Coming Out Day instead of Stonewall. There is nothing wrong with celebrating the June event that started the modern gay rights movement. It is just that the weather here in Memphis at that time of the year is so incredibly hot and humid, that it tends to put a damper on the turnout for the Pride celebration.

The October date would be considerably more pleasant weather wise and coincide with an event of growing significance in our community, National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

In addition, with the demise of the Friends For Life High Heels, High Hats Halloween

Ball, there are not likely to be any major conflicts with other events.

The chance of rain is also greater in the summer than it is in the fall in Memphis, thus reducing the odds of having to cancel or postpone the Pride celebration.

## Set a Rain Date

Rather than leave it to chance or last minute decisions, plan a rain date or alternative locations for events if the weather is inclement on the scheduled date. Put the rain date information on all ads, posters and press releases, and state how a postponement would be announced: internet, announcements in bars, phone number with message, newspaper, etc.

The community would then know what will happen if it rains, and the committee would not have to rush around at the last minute trying to determine what to do and how it will be done.

Vendors would also be informed without each one hav-

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ing to called individually.

## Information Please

Have a short-term phone number which will be used solely to provide an outgoing message with all the latest information about the Pride celebration. This phone line would only have to be installed for a couple of months prior to the event and remain in service until after any rain date. In fact, the

Gay Switchboard currently has that capability so this idea could be implemented without any cost.

Also, set up a website which would provide all the latest information about the Pride celebration or postponement.

The website and phone message should be regularly up-

dated to reflect the latest information available. This aspect is critical as it has always been difficult to get updated information about the Pride events in the past.

These are just a few suggestions to help the Pride events run smoothly next year... come rain or shine.

# Shepard

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formed a moving poem by Peterson Toscano. The poem spotlighted the many faces of our community from the disco divas and a person with AIDS to a lesbian mother and a young black gay man.

In his introduction of Mrs. Shepard, Jim Maynard, a local gay political activist, thanked her for "not hiding from the 'spotlight' or denying who or what your son was. After your private grieving, you stood up to the challenge of fighting hate." Mrs. Shepard and her husband, Dennis, formed the Matthew Shepard Foundation with donations made after Matthews death. Mrs. Shepard speaks frequently across the country in favor of hate crimes legislation.

"I can't help Matt anymore," she said, "but I have made it my life's work and mission to take on what Matt believed in... to promote respect and kindness for everyone."

She told a story of how at a time when Matt was depressed and living in Colorado, he sought help from a Denver church and was turned away when a woman at the church said, "We can't help you here."

"Older Americans don't 'get it,'" she said. "They think everything is all right the way it is. It's

not all right."

She said that attitude is indicative of a "SIC society — silent, indifferent and complacent" and encouraged members of the audience to "be the change you want the world to be."

Voting, she said, would create that change.

Mrs. Shepard related a story about Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and a talk he had with the Byrd family of Texas. James Byrd was a black man who was dragged behind a pickup truck until he was dead and the impetus for hate crimes legislation being introduced in the Texas legislature.

According to Mrs. Shepard, Bush told Mrs. Byrd that he would sign the hate crimes bill for Texas if "sexual orientation" were removed from the bill. The Byrds

refused. There is still no hate crimes legislation in Texas.

Immediately following Mrs. Shepard's presentation, a wine and cheese reception was held in Calvary's Great Hall. Attendees were encouraged to "take the next step" by getting information and supporting one or more of the six organizations represented there — the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Religious Affairs; the Memphis Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice; Memphis Area Gay Youth; Memphis Pride; Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays; and the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

"This has been wonderful," said one attendee who was beaming. "Our community has managed to pull off an inspiring Gay Pride event this year after all."

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# Memphis Pride Plans Two Events In October Integrity to Host 'College Night'

Memphis Pride Inc. is planning two major events during the month of October, a National Coming Out Day picnic and a membership drive.

## National Coming Out Day Picnic

MPI is planning a National Coming Out Day Picnic to be held Sun., Oct. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the north end of Rainbow Lake in Overton Park. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and soft drinks available for a nominal fee, as well as an open mic for all those wishing to bring their own cassette tapes and karaoke tapes. Other performances also are welcome. It's going to be a great day filled with lots of fun and friendship. So, make plans to come out to the picnic so that we, as a com-

munity, can encourage others to "come out" and to celebrate our own individual "coming out." The event is being co-sponsored by the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

## MPI Membership Drive

During the month of October, several gay and gay-friendly businesses around town will be displaying posters about the membership drive. Wherever you see a poster, you can be sure to get a Memphis Pride Inc. membership application. Places where applications will be available include Inz-N-Outz, Amnesia, Crossroads I and II, J-Wags, Lorenz, N-Cognito, One More, Backstreet Memphis, Metro Memphis, the Lambda Center, Holy Trinity Community Church, First

Congregational Church, Safe Harbor, The Jungle, Madison Flame and through several community organizations. An application can also be found on page 9.

By completing a Memphis Pride Inc. membership application during the month of October, new membership applicants, as well as those filling out renewal membership applications, will become eligible for a special drawing for a night on the town, which will include dinner for two at Lilly's dimsum thensome restaurant, located at 903 South Cooper, and two free Malco movie passes. But remember, to be eligible for the drawing, you must complete and return the membership application, along with a \$5 application fee, no later than 5 p.m. Tues., Oct. 31, 2000.

## Pera/Cole Booksigning at Bookstar

On Sept. 25, local author Brian Pera signed copies and read from his first novel, *Troublemaker*, which was published earlier this summer by St. Martins Press.

He was joined by New York author C. Bard Cole who signed and read from his novel, *Briefly Told Lives*, also published this summer by St. Martins.

Both authors were scheduled for another joint signing later that week in New Orleans, so they were happy to promote their books here in Memphis although Pera had already done a Memphis signing earlier in his book tour.

Although the book signing was scheduled the same night as Judy Shepard's appearance in Memphis, Shannon Yarbrough, assistant manager of Bookstar, said the conflict could not be avoided. The date was picked far in advance by the authors, and Bookstar's calendar of events had gone to press before the Shepard event was announced.

"There is a lot of difficulty in getting any well-known authors to sign in Memphis, especially with larger bookstores," said

Yarbrough, "so we were more than happy to help promote a local author."

C. Bard Cole is a friend of Pera's, so when the signing was

being planned he mentioned a joint event for the both of them. Bookstar quickly ordered stock of both titles in order to promote the event as much as possible.

Yarbrough says he first came across Pera's book while it was being received at the store. He picked it up because he liked the cover and learned that Pera was

from Memphis when he read the inside. He bought a copy to read, and a week later ran into Pera in the store.

He asked Brian if he would like



Brian Pera (L) and C. Bard Cole autographed their books on Sept. 25 at Bookstar Poplar Plaza.

to sign the copies they had on hand, and possibly set up an event with them later in the year. Pera was just about to start his book tour, but was happy to do a larger signing and reading when he returned.

Yarbrough had never heard of C. Bard Cole, but after reading his book, he realized he had read one of Cole's short stories previously published in an anthology by another publisher.

With the formation of the Gay and Lesbian Book Club, Yarbrough felt the signing of two gay fiction titles would be a nice addition to help promote awareness of the club.

"We had about 20 people show up for the signing and for our first club meeting," stated Yarbrough who is also hosting the book club, "I'm just happy to have such events available to our community."

If you were not able to attend the signing, there are still signed copies of both books available at Bookstar, 3402 Poplar Ave.

## Integrity to Host 'College Night'

Tues., Oct. 17, will be "College Night" at Integrity. Student leaders from the University of Memphis, Rhodes College and UT-Memphis will discuss recent campus activities of interest to gays and lesbians, along with plans for the coming academic year. Representatives from Ole Miss and Arkansas State have been invited to participate as well.

Integrity is offering this forum for gay and lesbian students as an opportunity to network and compare accomplishments and goals.

Integrity is the mission of the Episcopal Church to the gay and lesbian community, and the pres-

ence of the gay/lesbian community in the Episcopal Church. It was founded in 1974 by Dr. Louie Crew, a college English professor.

Integrity Memphis meets every third Tuesday at 6:30. A brief worship service in Bethel Chapel is followed by dinner at 7 (feel free to arrive late) and a business meeting and educational program. Everyone is invited regardless of faith tradition.

Visitors may attend any portion of the meeting and late arrivals are welcome. The location is Calvary Church, 2nd and Adams streets downtown (park free in the Allright lot behind the Church).

## LGCJ Moves Meeting

The Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice will meet Mon., Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Highland Branch of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center on Highland Street near the University of Memphis. The main topic of discussion will be the November elections.

The meeting is open to everyone. For more information e-mail

mlgcj@yahoo.com or call 327-2677. Election information will also be available on its website, <http://www.geocities.com/mlgcj>.

Because of the imminent move of the Memphis Public Library's main branch, MLGCJ will no longer be meeting at the Peabody location. The Oct. 23 and Nov. 27 meetings will be at the Highland Street branch instead.

## Bookstar Book Club's First Meeting

The first meeting of the new Gay and Lesbian Book Club at Bookstar, Poplar Plaza, took place Wed., Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. It was a great success according to Shannon Yarbrough, the club's host.

Twenty people attended. There were no reservations required and after a month of advertising, Yarbrough said he was expecting anywhere from 20 to possibly 40 people.

Yarbrough discussed the new book, *Blood and Tears*, a collection of poems in honor of Matthew Shepard, in reference to Judy Shepard's visit to Memphis. Yarbrough also presented the group with free book catalogs from Alyson Publications, a publisher of gay and lesbian authors and titles. Alyson Publications had donated a free book that was given away at the meeting.

Yarbrough also presented the group with 12 lesbian and gay-themed books that he had reviewed this summer in order to pick one

for the club to read for September. Several people at the meeting commented that they were excited to learn about new books that they had not heard about before. After making his way up the list, Yarbrough announced the club's book for September, which had remained a nicely-kept secret up until the end of the meeting.

The club will be reading Paul Russell's *The Coming Storm* for the month of September. Bookstar had purchased a copy of the book, which was also given away that night to one of the members.

If you missed the first meeting, it's still not too late to join. Copies of *The Coming Storm* will be available all month long at Bookstar, or you may contact Yarbrough at (901) 323-9332 or at [TruCap24@aol.com](mailto:TruCap24@aol.com) for more information.

The group will meet to discuss the book on Wed., Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. in the Bookstar Cafe. The group will then continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

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# A Gay Time at the Emmys

By the Staff of PlanetOut

The creator of *Will & Grace* became the Queen of TV comedy with the sitcom's three big wins at a very pink awards ceremony.

"As a gay man, I can't believe I'm saying this, but I think I finally met a girl I want to sleep with," enthused *Will & Grace* creator, co-producer and writer Max Mutchnick over the NBC sophomore sitcom's Best Comedy Series Emmy statuette. Emmy seemed to be equally charmed by the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender contenders at the 52nd annual prime-time awards show of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences on Sept. 10, with *Will & Grace*'s three big wins, two for British cross-dressing comic Eddie Izzard's special, one for HBO's lesbian trilogy *If These Walls Could Talk II*, and plenty of pink-tinged humor from host Garry Shandling.

It was a gay evening from the get-go, as the perhaps inevitable *Survivor* opening sketch had Shandling vying with others to host the Emmys, with gay *Survivor* winner Richard Hatch looking on from the audience (he seems de rigeur for all awards shows right now, as CBS tries to build towards the hit's second edition beginning in January). As a throwaway line Shandling remarked he was considering dropping both the "R's" from his name: do the math — Garry - rr = gay. Out of the sketch and on to the stage, Shandling looked over the *Will & Grace* team and commented, "There are so many gay characters, you also got a Tony nomination" (referring to Broadway's highest honor).

## Will & Grace Night

The very first acting award of the evening went to *Will & Grace*'s Megan Mullally as Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her outrageous non-gay character Karen, who although mega-rich inexplicably plays at working for Grace and is best pals with Will's flamboyant friend Jack. Jack won Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for Sean B. Hayes (*Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss*). The non-gay actor who plays gay attorney Will, Eric McCormack, had no more hesitation about planting a big smooch on Hayes' lips in congratulations than Hayes did on Mullally.

*Will & Grace* went in leading all comedy series with 11 nominations — inexplicably missing the writing category but otherwise appearing on all the major shortlists — and walked out with Best Comedy Series. As Mutchnick remarked, "This award conveys a whole new meaning to the phrase 'acceptance speech.'"

In her thank you speech, reflect-

ing her many years as an unknown, Mullally said, "This is something new and different. This is also for all those people out there who haven't been able to find their niche and who have wonderful things to offer us and great stories to tell and dreams yet to be realized. Don't give up!" She acknowledged her fellow nominees — of whom some had expected either Lisa Kudrow or Jennifer Aniston of *Friends* to win — "who I've stolen from freely and will continue to do so."

When his turn in the limelight came, Hayes remarked, "This feels awfully strange. I didn't get the book beforehand to help you in what you say."

Backstage, Hayes denied any political agenda for *Will & Grace*, saying, "I think our motto is 'funny first,' and anything that happens to follow that is great. We just want to make people laugh." While *Will & Grace* is the first series with an openly gay male lead character [Ed. note: Though some may recall *Love, Sidney, the Tony Randall character was hardly open*], co-producer David Cohan also denied any pioneering role for the show, saying, "The doors were swinging [open]. There was *Ellen*, though the problem was she changed the character in the middle. Who knows what might have been if she'd been open from the beginning. But there are new shows coming with gay leads [characters, such as *Kiss Me Guido* and John Goodman's *Normal, Ohio*], and it doesn't seem to be a big thing any more."

The *Will & Grace* ensemble also appeared as presenters, doing round-robin listings of what famous series titles might have been had openly gay title characters appeared sooner — *I Dream of Jeannie*, *The Lesbian Woman*, *Ozzie and Harry*, *Little Bathhouse on the Prairie*, etc. — with Debra (*Grace*) Messing's contributions being simply *Maude* and *Frasier*.

## And More

Cross-dressing Briton Eddie Izzard could actually be considered the evening's biggest winner, taking both Best Performance and Best Writing in a Variety or Music Program as a soloist in his HBO special *Dressed to Kill*. His competitors in the writing category were all sizable writing teams, and one of his performance competitors was Cher, who was backed not only by musicians but by acrobats (and Emmy-winning costumes, too). Izzard's show had also been nominated for Best Variety/Music/Comedy Special but lost out to the 72nd Academy Awards (whose producer was busy producing the Emmy show when named the winner). Izzard was shown in brief clips, but was on location in Vienna working on something called *All the*



From left, Shelley Morrison, Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Megan Mullally and Sean Hayes celebrate their awards for their work in "Will & Grace" at the 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, Sunday, Sept. 10. The show garnered awards for best comedy series and best supporting actor and actress for Hayes and Mullally. (AP Photo/Kevork Djansezian)

*Queen's Men* and not present to pick up his trophies.

Best Supporting Actress in a TV Movie/Miniseries went to Vanessa Redgrave, who portrayed an older lesbian confronting the death of her long-time partner in one segment of HBO's *If These Walls Could Talk II*. Redgrave was rehearsing a stage production in Britain and did not attend. It was her second Emmy.

HBO's *Cher: Live in Concert from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas* took Best Costumes for a Variety or Music Program and tied for Sound Mixing for Variety or Music Series or Special with *The Kennedy Center Honors* (CBS) on Aug. 26. Syndicated lesbian favorite *Xena: Warrior Princess* went one-for-one with Best Music Composition for a Series (Dramatic Underscore).

## More Gay Moments

As if the opening sketch weren't enough, *Survivor* turned up in the evening's only music performance, a parodic TV-themed medley by comic Wayne Brady of ABC's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Naturally he sang of Hatch's victory to the disco favorite "I Will Survive."

There were also numerous references to host Shandling's late lamented never-Emmyed HBO series *The Larry Sanders Show*, including the famed homoerotic attraction between Shandling's Sanders and *X-Files* star David Duchovny. At the Emmys, Duchovny appeared as a washroom attendant (working undercover of course), supplying Shandling with a towel and seeking a tip — and advising Shandling that he'd been "voted out of" the washroom. Duchovny also brushed down Shandling's suit, and

while his brush was below the camera frame asked, "Too hard?" and Shandling replied, "Too low."

In another bit, Best Actor in a Comedy Series winner Michael J. Fox (now retired from ABC's *Spin City* for health reasons) shocked Shandling by saying he'd been convinced that the Sanders character was gay, — "you made choices, man..."

## Final Score

*Will & Grace* led the comedies

with three wins, followed by *Malcolm in the Middle* with two; while NBC's freshman political drama *The West Wing* (itself not shy when it comes to lesbian and gay issues) set a new rookie record with nine Emmys, after going in tied with HBO's *The Sopranos* with 18 nominations.

Network totals for prime-time Emmys including both those distributed Sept. 10 and those distributed Aug. 26: NBC 23, HBO 20, ABC 15, Fox 11, CBS 7.



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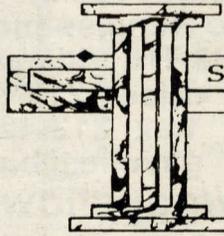
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## Appeal of Virginia Sodomy Law Argued

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A lawyer representing 10 gay men convicted of soliciting undercover police officers for sex has told a state appeals court that Virginia's sodomy law should be struck down because it is "broken a million times a night in this state."

But a lawyer for the state told a three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals on Sept. 12 that the private conduct of married couples has nothing to do with efforts by Roanoke authorities to combat "cruising" by homosexual men in a city park.

Under Virginia law, oral sex between adults — whether homosexual or heterosexual, in public or

in private — is "crime against nature" that carries up to five years in prison.

Sam Garrison, the attorney for the gay men, said evidence in the case "is replete with statements by people — men, women, married, unmarried, straight, gay — that they engage in this conduct."

But Senior Assistant Attorney General John McLees said the court has to consider the law in the context of its use.

"What relationship do these homosexual cruisers have with married people acting in private?" he asked. "None. None whatsoever."

The appeals panel is expected to rule by the end of the year.

## Clinton Urges Congress to Pass Hate Crime Bill

By Sonya Ross  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed with more data showing hate crimes often go unreported, President Clinton appealed to Congress to pass hate crimes legislation.

"Only Congress can do what really should be done here," he said Sept. 13.

Only minutes later, the House agreed in a nonbinding vote to make the hate crimes legislation part of a defense appropriations bill.

"Today, with this bill, we as a society say that we will do everything we can to protect people from these heinous acts, that we will not rest until Americans are free from all violence," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

The House vote was 232-192.

"This historic legislation will help fight hate crimes by strengthening the law and providing state and local prosecutors the tools they need to enforce it," Clinton said in a statement released after the vote. "I urge House and Senate conferees to act swiftly on this legislation so I can sign it into law."

However, congressional sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott told Clinton at

the White House on Sept. 12 the hate crimes provision would not be made part of the defense bill.

According to one source, Lott told Clinton, "We'll talk about it somewhere else, Mr. President," possibly as part of another bill.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the vote was a strong statement of support for tougher hate crimes laws, "regardless of whatever comments were made yesterday."

"The Congress has an obligation to move on it this year," Lockhart said.

Clinton convened an event at the White House to release a new report that shows information on hate crimes sometimes is not forwarded to the FBI.

Victims of hate crimes tend not to report them and sometimes police lack sufficient training to handle such cases, according to the study, written by Northeastern University's Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research and by the Justice Research and Statistics Association of Washington, D.C. The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics paid for the report.

He said a hate crime is "an even more dangerous kind of infection" than ordinary acts of violence.

"I don't think any of us believe we can ever root it out just by punishing people," Clinton said. "The most important thing is that we do have the tools we need to take a strong stand before these things spread even wider."

The president directed Attorney General Janet Reno to work with state and local authorities over the next three months on a plan to improve hate crimes reporting.

He was joined by Sherialyn Byrdsong, the widow of Ricky Byrdsong, a former Northwestern University basketball coach killed in a 1999 hate-motivated shooting rampage, and Laramie, Wyo., police investigator David O'Malley, who handled the 1998 slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard.

Clinton acted as the House de-

bated its nonbinding vote to add the legislation to a defense bill. The Senate voted 57-42 in favor of the hate crimes provisions in June, and Clinton urged House lawmakers to follow suit.

House Republicans argued state courts could handle hate crimes much better than the federal courts.

"All murders are hate crimes and I think what we're trying to do is legislate by headline," said Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo.

But Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., said lawmakers know they can't legislate hateful thoughts "but we do understand that when hateful thoughts turn into hateful deeds, Congress must act."

Mrs. Byrdsong said the legislation must be passed to tell bigots that their hatred will not become commonplace.

"The tragedy my family and I experienced is becoming the American way," she said. "If we allow this evil to spread, I believe it will rock the foundation of this society."

Clinton's plan would add crimes motivated by sexual orientation, gender or disability to the list of offenses already covered under a 1968 federal law, and allow federal prosecutors to pursue a hate crime case if local authorities refuse to press charges.

The legislation also provides assistance to local law enforcement agencies in investigating hate crimes.

The report was based on a survey of law enforcement agencies and found 7,755 hate crimes were reported last year. But 83 percent of the more than 10,000 agencies in the FBI's hate crime data collection program said none had taken place in their jurisdictions in the previous year, the study said.

Of the agencies that reported no hate crimes, 31 percent indicated they still investigated at least one. Clinton noted that as many as 6,000 law enforcement agencies may have failed to report a hate crime, underscoring a disconnect between what is reported to the FBI and what police investigators believe.

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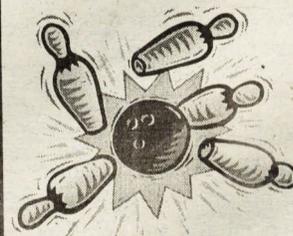
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# Families of Scouts Ready to Ditch Group Because It Excludes Gays

CLAYTON, Mo. — Jude Hagene says she wouldn't dream of her son Sam joining a group that excludes minorities. So Sam is seceding from the Cub Scouts.

The Hagenes' decision comes after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows the Boy Scouts of America to exclude gay members and Scoutmasters. The family is among a handful in the St. Louis area who recently met to discuss ways of starting their own scout troop — one they say will include everyone.

"I would never dream of having my child join a group that would discriminate against African-Americans or Jewish people," said Hagene, a teacher in Clayton. "I liked the idea of Boy Scouts helping the little old lady across the street. But what now? If she's gay, just leave her there?"

Since the June 28 ruling, some cities have barred the organization from using public facilities. Parents, agencies and municipalities have threatened to withdraw millions in funding. Even the federal government said it would review its relationship with the 90-year-old organization.

"I thought scouting was about nature and respect for the environment," said Mitch Margo, a Clayton lawyer and father of one of the youngsters dropping out of the national organization.

Margo said if he agreed with a gay lifestyle, "this (ruling) gives that organization the right to exclude me. The Supreme Court ruling says that

I'm not the right moral character. This crosses the line."

Local Scout volunteers are worried that the gay issue has overshadowed the many good works done by Scouts.

"To me this takes away (from) the focus, the aims of scouting, like character development, citizenship and physical fitness," said Ann Gastler, a St. Charles Scout leader and mother of an Eagle Scout.

The Scouts dealt with a similar issue about 15 years ago, when women were not permitted to be leaders. Today, the organization says women are valued leaders.

"Our program is all the stronger because of them," said Joe Mueller, spokesman for the St. Louis-area Boy Scouts. "We changed with the times and adapted. Who knows what the future holds? We know society

changes. We just don't want our kids on the cutting edge of that."

The St. Louis families planning to break away from the Scouts will meet in a closed session Saturday to discuss a charter and other possibilities before going public with enrollment.

"This is more about adults and what adults are doing to choose what's right for their kids," said Holly Ingraham of Maplewood, also the mother of a son leaving the Scouts. "Kids are too young. It's up to us parents, who are informed, to make decisions that are best."

Some children, however, do have an opinion.

"I just don't like people to exclude other people," says Sam Margo, 9, a former Cub Scout.

"Yeah," pipes in pal Sam Hagene. "It's rude."

## Germany Says Being Gay Not Grounds for Limits on Soldiers

BERLIN (AP) — The German government said Sept. 1 that homosexuality was no reason to reduce a soldier's status or limit his responsibility.

The issue had arisen here in the case of an officer who was reassigned from platoon leader to an office job after a background check revealed he is gay. He filed suit in Germany's

Constitutional Court last year against the move, and in April the Defense Ministry said he would get his old job back.

In a response to a question by the parliament faction of the Party of Democratic Socialism, the government reaffirmed that homosexuality was no "separate entry criterion" for military service.

The Defense Ministry will also make it clear in army regulations the consequences of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and offer advice for leaders on dealing with gay troops in the army.

## Candidates on the Issues: Gays in the Military

By The Associated Press

Three days a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks presidential candidates a question about it. The Sept. 6 question involved their positions on gays in the military

**Do you support the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military?**

**Pat Buchanan, Reform Party:** No answer.

**George W. Bush, Republican:** "I support the current 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy crafted by General Colin Powell regarding homosexuals in the military. We are blessed and fortunate to have had so many men and women fight so valiantly for our liberties in America. I respect and admire anyone who has served in any branch of our military and put his or her life on the line for our freedom."

**Al Gore, Democrat:** "The 'don't ask, don't tell' policy has not worked. Furthermore, I believe that, as a matter of basic fairness,

the policy should be changed. It is unacceptable that patriotic men and women who serve their nation with distinction are not only discharged, but suffer persecution and even violence. They should be allowed to serve their country without discrimination."

**John Hagelin, Reform and Natural Law parties:** "Don't ask, don't tell" is a recipe for discrimination. Gays should be allowed to defend our country, as they indeed always have, without censure of silence. Naturally, sexual promiscuity — heterosexual or homosexual — has no place in the military."

**Ralph Nader, Green Party:** "No I do not. The current system is discriminatory against homosexuals who wish to serve their country. All members of our society should have equal rights and responsibilities. Gays have served in all military branches in numerous foreign countries and, truth be told, have given their lives serving in the U.S. armed services throughout American history."



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# Dr. Laura TV Show Halts Production for a Week

By DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Laura Schlessinger's new television show made it on the air despite advertiser boycotts and protests by gay rights groups. Now, viewer apathy may knock it off.

With the "Dr. Laura" syndicated talk show struggling in the ratings, production has been briefly stopped for some retooling, a show spokeswoman said Sept. 22.

Paramount Television, which makes the show, is adding a new producer. A planned four-day break in the production schedule was moved up, said Daniella Cracknell, a show spokeswoman. New shows will continue airing every weekday.

"The show is not going off," Cracknell said. "We're just preparing for (ratings) sweeps."

The 53-year-old Schlessinger, who first gained a wide following with her radio call-in advice show,

has been roundly criticized by gay activists for her comments on homosexuality, which she has termed "deviant" and "a biological error."

Advocates have pressured several sponsors from advertising on the show. Procter & Gamble, one of the nation's largest advertisers, pulled ads from Schlessinger's radio program in May and dropped plans to advertise on the television show.

Paramount and its stations have been forced to sell advertising time at discounted rates.

The show debuted on Sept. 11. Critics pronounced it dull, perhaps because of an effort to avoid controversy. During its first week, it averaged roughly 3 million viewers, and ratings have dropped 11 percent in the second week, said Marc Berman, an analyst for Mediaweek.com.

"It's a major disappointment," Berman said.

By contrast, *Oprah* regularly draws about 11 million viewers and *The Sally Jesse Raphael Show* gets

about 6 million people, he said. Schlessinger's ratings are only slightly better than Martin Short's show last year, which was canceled at the end of its first season.

"It's obvious to me that Paramount is coaching her and toning her down," Berman said. "That's not what she should be doing. She should be confrontational, like she's been on the radio."

A spokeswoman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation claimed credit for the show's slow start.

"Hopefully, Paramount will realize the show was in trouble the second it started airing," said Cathy Renna of GLAAD. "There's nothing here to retool. It's a program they need to drop."

Renna said Schlessinger "has not uttered the word gay" in two weeks on the air. But she said GLAAD feared Schlessinger might begin using more extreme tactics in order to attract viewers.

Berman said the show, which attracted good time slots in stations around the country, could be in trouble if history is any guide. He compared *Dr. Laura* to the initial poor reaction to Roseanne's talk show in 1998. That show limped to a conclusion after two years.

"When you launch a show, you have to get it right from the beginning," he said. "Whoever saw the show isn't going to come back if they didn't like it from the beginning."

For more information and background on this story, check out these sites on the world wide web.

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Jonnie Angela Fitzgerald of Los Angeles holds up a sign in front of Paramount Studios in Los Angeles Sept. 11, as part of a protest by gay and lesbian groups against Paramount's decision to syndicate a television program featuring Dr. Laura Schlessinger to the U.S. and Canada. About 200 gay activists shouted 'Shame, Shame, Shame' outside Paramount Studios as Schlessinger's television talk show made a low-key syndicated debut.

## Lesbian Appealing Denial of Name Change

By Amy Westfeldt  
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A lesbian who wanted to hyphenate her name to include that of her longtime partner is appealing the decision of a judge who said a name change would create the impression the two women were married.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey on Sept. 21 appealed Superior Court Judge Anthony J. Iuliani's decision to deny Jill Bacharach's application to change her name.

At a hearing in August, Iuliani denied the Cedar Grove woman's petition, saying he feared it would create the appearance that she and her female partner were married,

said ACLU staff attorney J.C. Salyer. Same-sex unions are not legally recognized in New Jersey and in every state except Vermont.

"I have never expected this sort of discrimination from a court of law," said Bacharach, 32.

Salyer said the judge's concern about the appearance of a same-sex union is an improper basis to deny a name change.

Name changes are commonly rejected if attorneys prove a person is seeking to avoid prosecution or debt, or to perpetuate a fraud, attorneys said.

Iuliani stated that creating the appearance that Bacharach and her partner were married would be fraudulent, said Wendy Berger, public policy director for the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition.

Berger called Iuliani's remarks while he delivered his decision at the Aug. 10 hearing homophobic.

"The judge chastised them," Berger said. "He said to them, 'You know, if you want to get married, you should go to Vermont,' which is completely inappropriate for him to say."

Iuliani did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

Shannon Minter, senior staff attorney at the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, said the denial of the name change was unprecedented.

"I have never heard of a court refusing to allow a lesbian or gay person to change their name," Minter said. "It's illogical and irrational. It's also illegal."

Attorneys refused to release the name of Bacharach's partner. They have appealed the decision to the Superior Court's appellate division.

  
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# Dutch Parliament Approves Unprecedented Gay Marriage Rights

By Anthony Deutsch  
Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)— The Netherlands lawmakers on Sept. 11 gave same-sex couples the right to marriage and all the trappings, including adoption and divorce — approving legislation that provides gays rights beyond those offered in any other country.

The new law will bring little change to the daily lives of most gays in a country that has long been at the vanguard of gay rights. But activists say it marks a bold step toward recognizing the equality of gay and heterosexual unions in the Netherlands.

Lawmakers thumped their desks in approval when the vote passed

malize their long-standing relationship with a formal marriage.

"Should I ask his father for his hand or should he ask mine?" Wagenbuur asked with a laugh.

The law puts the Dutch at the forefront of the gay rights movement, a position held by Denmark since that country gave official sanction to gay marriages in 1989.

Danish gay couples enjoy the same rights as heterosexuals except for the right to adopt children. In May 1999, they won the right to adopt their partner's children but adoption from outside the marriage remains forbidden. Sweden also allows gays to register as couples with most of the rights of marriage.

Dutch legislators said the bill will not open the Netherlands to so-called "marriage tourism," since

But the Vermont law does not recognize marriages between same-sex couples.

Andrew Fielding, spokesman of the European Union Commission, said recognition of Dutch gay marriages will be "entirely a matter for each member nation" in the 15-member union.

It wasn't until two years ago that the Netherlands allowed same-sex couples to register as partners and to claim pensions, social security and inheritance.

However, the law lagged behind the popular acceptance of gays in

the Netherlands, especially in Amsterdam, where the Homo Monument is a popular tourist attraction and where gays annually hold a raucous floating parade on the central canals watched by tens of thousands of people.

Van der Staaij, who opposed the bill, warned Dutch gay couples could face problems in other countries where homosexuality remains taboo or illegal.

The Dutch take the lead on other social issues besides gay rights. Officials tolerate the use of small quantities of so-called soft-drugs

such as marijuana and hashish, allowing cafes to sell cannabis joints and a cup of coffee.

Prostitution is on open display in well-regulated red-light districts, where scantily clad women sit like merchandise in shop windows. Private television stations often show late-night soft-porn movies.

*The Dutch weren't always as liberal as they are today. For a chilling history lesson, see Wik Wikholm's Past Out column on page 26.*



Henry Lauws who calls his mother just after getting married to Willem Klein, center, in one of the Holland's first gay marriages at the Amsterdam City Hall in this Jan., 15, 1998 file photo. Dutch parliament enacted a bill, Sept. 12, allowing conversion of the country's "registered same-sex partnerships" into full-fledged marriages, complete with divorce guidelines and wider adoption rights for gays. (AP Photo / Serge Ligtenberg)

109-33 in the lower house, and some of the scores of witnesses in the packed public gallery applauded and embraced. The bill still needs approval by the upper house, considered a formality, and is expected to take effect next year.

Opponents warned the legislation will isolate the Netherlands and said it threatens Dutch values.

"We are going in the completely wrong direction," said lawmaker Kees van der Staaij of the Reformed Political Party. "We are ending an age-old tradition anchored in the Bible."

Under the bill, gay couples can convert their current "registered same-sex partnerships" to full-fledged marriages, complete with wider adoption rights and guidelines for divorce. However, they are barred from adopting children overseas because of potential confrontation with countries that don't allow gays to marry.

"We now have a choice," said Mark Wagenbuur who came to The Hague to witness the vote with his partner, Lei Lennaerts, and two other gay friends. Wagenbuur, 34, and Lennaerts, 35, don't plan any adoptions, but said they will for-

marriages are allowed only for citizens or people with residency permits.

"Tourists cannot marry here," said Boris Dittrich, one of the legislators who initiated the bill.

Gay couples who legally wed in the Netherlands also will find few countries recognizing the marriage, he said, citing a survey conducted by the Dutch Foreign Ministry. Only a few Scandinavian and European countries said they would recognize the marriages of Dutch gays who move to their countries.

A State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the U.S. government has not addressed the issue. He said that it appeared to be a matter for individual states to decide.

However, recognition of such unions is questionable in the United States. Thirty-two states have already adopted laws specifically outlawing same sex marriage. Vermont has the closest thing after approval of a law by the state legislature last spring. That law creates civil unions, a legal institution parallel to marriage that provides the same rights, benefits and responsibilities to same-sex couples.

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# U.S. Gov't Scientific Advisers Reject Easing of Gay Male Blood Ban

By Lauran Neergaard  
AP Medical Writer

GAITHERSBURG, Maryland (AP) — U.S. government scientists narrowly rejected a proposal to ease the ban on gay male blood donors Sept. 14, citing uncertainty over whether the move would increase the AIDS risk to the nation's blood supply.

All men who seek to donate blood are asked if they have had sex, even once, with another man since 1977. Those who say they have are permanently banned from donating blood.

Critics say that policy, in effect since 1985, is outdated because better testing can now detect virtually all HIV-infected donated blood — and there's an increasingly urgent need for more blood donors. Also, the gay community contends the policy is discriminatory, forbidding donations by thousands of men whose HIV tests show they're healthy.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration asked its scientific advisers whether it should change the blood-donation rule to ban only men who had sex with another man within the past five years.

But the advisers voted 7-6 that there was not enough evidence that it was safe to make that change. The FDA is not bound by its advisers' decisions but typically follows them.

Changing the policy would have resulted in about 62,300 men — both gays and those who had experimented with homosexual activity only once — seeking to donate blood, estimated FDA medical officer Dr. Andrew Dayton. That might result in 1.7 HIV-infected units of blood slipping into the blood supply, he said.

The issue has split the blood industry, with half the nation's blood banks supporting a further easing of the policy — to one year instead of five — while the American Red Cross opposes any change.

All donated blood undergoes strict testing for the AIDS virus and other blood-borne diseases — that would not have changed. But testing isn't perfect. Of the nation's 12 million units of donated blood, about 10 HIV-infected units slip through each year, causing about two to three HIV infections a year, said Dr.

Michael Busch of the University of California-San Francisco.

So as an extra precaution, the FDA also requires blood banks to question potential donors about their risks for HIV and other diseases and refuse the blood of high-risk people. The hope is that people will not lie, although studies show many do.

The ban on gay male donors was adopted in 1985 because the deadly AIDS virus first appeared in the United States as an epidemic in the gay community. Later, other high-risk people were barred from donating, such as intravenous drug users and prostitutes.

But now — with the nation bracing for blood shortages and new genetic tests promising to eliminate the rare cases of HIV still caused by donated blood — many blood banks are asking why they have to turn away thousands of healthy men.

"I don't think there's enough information to make a decision at this point in time," said John Boyle, a Maryland blood-safety consultant for the FDA.

But even panelists who voted against the change did encourage the FDA to continue to study how to change what several called a discriminatory policy that mandates that no gay men can give blood even though doctors are only worried about a subset of that population.

About 8 percent of gay men have HIV, the government estimates.

"We cannot change our procedures in a way that would result in increased numbers of infectious donation in our blood supply," said Dr. Rebecca Haley, the Red Cross's chief medical officer.

The FDA considered easing the ban partly because the nation is facing an increasingly tight blood supply.

Only 8 million Americans donate blood, just 5 percent of currently eligible donors. Blood donations are decreasing about 1 percent a year, while demand for blood is increasing by 1 percent a year.

Already, some cities routinely experience blood shortages during holidays and the summer, when regular donors go on vacation, and blood banks are bracing for more serious shortages if donations continue to decline.

Until recently, all donated blood was tested for immune system cells that fight HIV. But those antibodies may not appear until 80 days after an infection, so newly infected donors have sometimes slipped through.

Last year, however, blood banks began using a new genetic test that they believe can largely eliminate that risk. Nucleic acid testing, or NAT, can detect tiny amounts of a virus before the donor's body has even recognized the infection, 11 days after a person is infected.

That means the test could easily catch HIV infection in a man who had sex with an HIV-infected man a year ago, much less five, said some blood banks that urged the FDA to go with a one-year policy instead.

Last spring, a human rights commission in South Africa ruled that gay men have a constitutional right to donate blood.



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# Coming Out Young Has a Cost

By Stephanie Innes  
Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Gay and lesbian youths are coming out at younger ages, but not without cost.

Hallway and schoolyard taunts at gays were reported by more than 85 percent of the 616 Tucson students, gays and heterosexuals, polled in a newly released survey taken at two high schools this year.

One-third of the students rated their school as unsafe for homosexuals.

"It is a risk to come out early, but at the same time, when kids choose to come out, they are not having to live a life of secrecy. It's a balancing act," said psychologist Jean Baker, who sits on the Arizona Psychological Association's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues Committee.

Pollsters from the local chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network are not naming the schools where the surveys were conducted because they do not wish to single them out. Similar polls will be conducted at other Tucson high schools this year, said Alan Storm, co-chair of the network's Tucson chapter.

"One of the most surprising things is that students still hear anti-gay slurs from faculty and staff. That certainly is not expected," Storm said.

Seventeen percent of the students in the local survey said they had heard faculty or staffers make derogatory comments about homosexuals.

"Not all of the teachers are accepting. I did have a teacher talk to me about changing my sexuality," said Amanda Taylor, 18, a senior at Canyon del Oro High School and

a member of its year-old Gay-Straight Alliance, a campus club.

When Mike Pollack, 21, was a teenager attending Project PASS in Tucson, only one area high school — Tucson High — had a gay-straight alliance.

But a growing acceptance of gay people in mainstream society during the late 1990s led many students to ask their schools to sanction gay-straight alliances.

Five Tucson-area high schools had such clubs as of last semester: Tucson, Amphitheater, Canyon del Oro, Desert View and University.

"The appearance of gay-straight alliances on campuses has been an incredible asset to youths for feeling empowered and safer," said Pollack, coordinator of QueerVoice, a youth advocacy group affiliated with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. "But being out opens them up to violence and harassment. And it happens all the time."

Canyon Del Oro student Taylor, who came out as a lesbian to her friends and family when she was in middle school, began lobbying CDO administrators for a gay-straight alliance when she was a

freshman. The school approved the club at the end of her sophomore year.

Bill Maginnis, a computer repair technician at Canyon del Oro and a faculty adviser to its Gay-Straight Alliance, said the group's meeting announcements are often torn down, and some teachers don't read club notices to their classes.

School officials weren't the only challenge Taylor faced as a lesbian at CDO. Other students have sometimes been unkind.

"It doesn't happen anymore, really. Kids don't seem to care. But my freshman year was different. They called me faggot, and I had some rocks thrown at me when I was on campus going to class," she said.

In one instance, Taylor and her girlfriend were holding hands at school, she said, and a male student spat on them.

But she said the Gay-Straight Alliance has helped increase acceptance of homosexuals at her school. For example, the group has handed out pink triangles to teachers for display in their classrooms to indicate a gay-friendly learning environment and a willingness to

discuss gay and lesbian issues.

"A lot of the teachers have put them up," Taylor said.

While she said she never worries about her safety at school, Taylor thinks that gay, lesbian and bisexual students at her school still face challenges.

"With the students, if there are problems it's usually with guys."

The Tucson survey said hallways and the cafeteria were the most common places for hearing anti-gay remarks from other students. Sixty-five percent of the polled students reported harassment or homophobic remarks in the gym or on the athletic field.

The local poll was conducted on the heels of the national Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's survey of anti-gay bigotry in U.S. schools last October. The national poll, which surveyed only gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youths, suggested that homophobia is still rampant in schools.

Eighty percent of the 496 youths from 32 states who responded to the national survey reported severe social isolation and 19 percent reported suffering physical attacks based on their sexual orientation.

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## Study Shows Welcoming Newsrooms, But Gay Coverage Still Lags

By Karen Gaudette  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gay journalists say they've found greater acceptance in their newsrooms over the past decade, but media coverage of homosexual issues still is not keeping pace with their expectations, according to a new national study.

The survey also found that anti-gay slurs are still commonly heard in newsrooms, despite improvement in other areas important to

gays and lesbians, including domestic partner benefits and anti-discrimination policies.

"It shows that we've made lots of progress but that there's still a lot to do," said Robert Dodge, president of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, which released the study as its 10th annual convention began here.

The association's survey of 363 gay print and broadcast journalists included questions ranging from how comfortable the journalists felt being "out" in their newsrooms to

how often managers asked their opinions on coverage of lesbian and gay issues.

The research found that gay journalists applaud national coverage of gay-related news, such as the killing of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming and the coming-out of comedian Ellen DeGeneres. However, fewer than half of the journalists surveyed said their organizations paid enough attention to ongoing issues such as gay marriage and homosexuals in politics.

"They were very unhappy with the ways their news organizations covered the everyday lives of gay men and particularly, lesbians," said Sheila Murphy, one of the researchers.

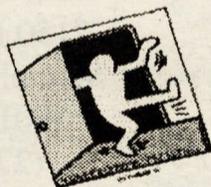
As for placement of such stories in the newspaper and on broadcast news, 6.1 percent of those surveyed gave news organizations an "excellent" rating, compared with 39.1 percent for "good" and 44.7 percent for "fair."

Ninety percent of gay journalists said they are "out" in their newsrooms, up from 67.5 percent in 1990, the first year the survey was done. This year, 88.5 percent said they'd feel comfortable bringing a date of the same sex to a company party or an event.

Still, 25.4 percent of the journalists surveyed said they had heard derogatory comments about gays in their newsrooms.

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# Five Legislators Lose Re-election Bids Over Civil Unions

By Ross Sneyd  
Associated Press Writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont voters have had their first chance to weigh in on the civil unions law and they've sent a mixed message.

Five incumbent Republicans who supported the law, including one state senator from the Burlington area, were defeated in their primaries on Sept. 12.

Four Republicans and one Democrat who supported the law and were targeted for defeat survived their primaries.

Among civil unions opponents who were challenged because of their position, one was defeated and two others were re-elected.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Thomas Little, a Republican who won a challenge, said it was clear that granting marriage benefits to same-sex couples was difficult for many voters to accept.

"This is probably something that's going to take a generation to resolve," Little said.

The most prominent GOP supporters who were defeated were Reps. Marion Milne, representing six conservative Orange County towns, and John Edwards, who represented two towns along the Canadian border and served on the committee that wrote the bill.

Some prominent Republicans were stunned. U.S. Sen. James Jeffords telephoned Milne and

urged her to run for her seat in November as an independent.

"He has a lot of respect for Marion for the person she is and the legislator she is," said campaign spokeswoman Heidi Mohlman. "He just felt she needed some support."

GOP Sen. Peter Brownell of Chittenden County, the only Republican senator seeking re-election who voted in favor of civil unions, was defeated in a crowded field.

Also losing were Reps. Robert Kinsey in Craftsbury and William Fyfe in Newport. Fyfe's district mate, Forest Buckland, opposed civil unions but also was defeated in a district swept by ardent foes of the law. Republican Rep. Nancy Sheltra of Derby, the leading critic of the law in the Legislature this year, easily defeated a candidate who sought to beat her because of her stance.

The Sept. 12 primary was the first real opportunity that voters have had to register their views since the idea of granting gay and lesbian couples the rights and benefits of marriage was presented to the Legislature.

Among Democrats, civil unions supporter George Cross in Winooski also faced a stiff challenge but fended it off. In Burlington, James McNamara voted against the bill and was defeated in the primary by an opponent who said he would have

supported civil unions. Rep. Avis Gervais in Enosburg was targeted for defeat because she voted against the law, but she won.

The results fit with the fractured mood among voters around the state.

In polls and in a nonbinding referendum decided in only about a fifth of the towns around the state on Town Meeting Day, Vermonters have said they opposed both full marriage and the legal equivalent that eventually was created just for same-sex couples.

Some voters said they turned out to show their support for civil unions.

"I voted the straight Democratic ticket, primarily because I'm in favor of civil unions and the Republican Party is on a kick about trying to turn it back," said Ed O'Neil, a builder in Newfane.

Other voters said they just wanted the controversy to end.

"I'm sad the way our state's divided. I'm looking forward to the end of this election," said Annabelle Westling in Pittsfield.

For lawmakers like Milne, civil unions was almost the sole issue. Signs imploring voters to "Take Back Vermont" dot the landscape across central and northern Vermont.

"There are those that are willing to discuss it with me and maybe even if they don't agree with me, they admire my courage in doing what I think is right," Milne said

before polls closed. "There are others that are very unhappy with that one vote. I respect people on all sides of this issue."

Republican Party leaders have said they hope to capitalize on voter discontent with civil unions, as well as education financing and several other issues, to retake control of the Legislature. Both the House and Senate currently are controlled by Democrats.

Ironically, most of the legisla-

tive primaries turning on the civil unions are among Republicans. Just 15 House Republicans and two Senate Republicans voted for the law.

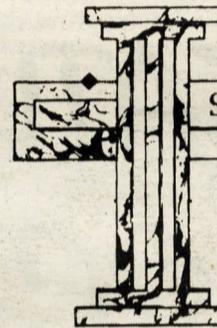
"Obviously, 80 percent of Republicans voted in opposition to it and we're the more conservative party," said state GOP Chairman Patrick Garahan. "It would be more likely that you would have primaries."

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## Firm Settles Discrimination Lawsuit with \$1 Million Donation to Urban League

By Larry Neumeister  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Morgan Stanley Dean Witter has settled a \$1.35 billion discrimination lawsuit brought by a black former analyst by promising to contribute \$1 million to a civil rights organization.

The firm said Sept. 15 it would avoid the expense and distraction of a trial by using money it would have spent on legal costs to make the donation.

"We believe this is a complete vindication," the investment firm said in a statement.

In the same statement, Christian Curry, 26, said the episode had been "emotionally draining ... and to continue would be detrimental to all."

"While I will receive no payment, I am pleased with the result," he said, noting that the National Urban League, a nonprofit social service and civil rights organization, benefits blacks.

Benedict P. Morelli, Curry's lawyer, did not return a telephone message for further comment be-

yond the statement.

Curry claimed in his lawsuit he was fired in April 1998 because he is black and because the company thought he was a homosexual after nude photos of him appeared in a gay men's magazine.

His lawsuit claimed the firm had him arrested on trumped-up charges of planting racist and anti-gay e-mail in its computer system

to back up his discrimination case. Those charges were later dropped.

The company said Curry, a real estate analyst who began work for the firm in July 1997, was fired for expense-account abuses.

Prosecutors concluded that the firm used poor judgment but had not broken any laws when it fired Curry.

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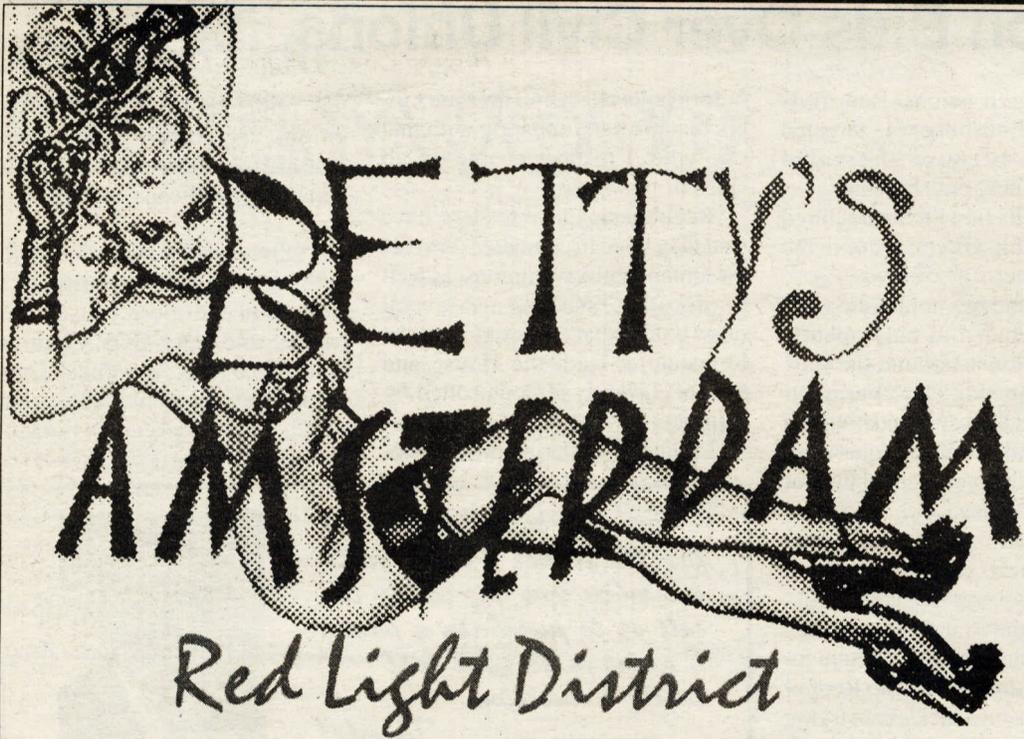
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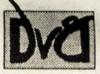
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- Mid-South Fair -  
[www.midsouthfair.com](http://www.midsouthfair.com)  
- 274-3247
  - "Fifty-One Percent"  
sponsored by NOW -  
WEVL FM 90 - 1pm
  - Debbie Kines -  
Amnesia Jazz Bar -  
5pm-3am
  - "Stop Kiss" - Circuit  
Playhouse - 726-4656  
- 8pm

### Sat., Sept. 30

- Mid-South Fair -  
[www.midsouthfair.com](http://www.midsouthfair.com)  
- 274-3247
- Car Wash (co-spon-  
sored by MGLCC,  
Pride & LGCJ) - Holy  
Trinity Parking Lot -  
10am
- Irving Evans &  
Wendy Browning -  
Amnesia Jazz Bar -  
5pm-3am
- "Stop Kiss" - Circuit  
Playhouse - 726-4656  
- 8pm
- Memphis Dance Group -  
Bartlett Performing  
Arts and Conference

Center - 385-6440 -  
8pm

### Sun., Oct. 1

- October - Memphis  
Pride Inc. Membership  
Drive
- First Congregational  
Church - Services -  
9am & 10:30am
  - Holy Trinity - Service  
- 11am
  - Living Word Christian  
Church - Services -  
10am & 6pm
  - Safe Harbor MCC -  
Services - 11am &  
7pm
  - Carol Plunk - One  
More - 5pm
  - Brothers and Sisters  
Bowling - Cordova  
Lanes (7945 Club  
Center Cove) -  
5:45pm
  - MGLCC Town Hall  
Meeting - First Con-  
gregational Church -  
725-1574 - 6pm

### Mon., Oct. 2

- Lambda Group (Jack-  
son, TN) - Davis-Kidd  
Conference Room - 6pm

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- Feast for Friends - St.  
John's Methodist  
Church - 6:30pm
  - Diane Price - Amnesia
- ### Tues., Oct. 3
- Lesbians with Breast  
Cancer - YWCA (766  
South Highland) -  
7pm
  - BGALA - University  
of Memphis - 678-5719  
- 7:30pm
  - Irving Evans Jazz  
Jam - Amnesia

### Wed., Oct. 4

- Taizé - First Congre-  
gational Church - 278-  
6786 - 6pm
- Holy Trinity - Dinner  
and a Movie - 6pm
- Living Word Christian  
Church - Service - 7pm

- HIV / AIDS Support  
Group (Jonesboro) -  
7pm
- Carol Plunk - Flying  
Saucer - 8pm
- Gay and Lesbian Book  
Discussion Group -  
BookStar (Poplar  
Plaza) - 323-9332 -  
8pm
- Teresa Pate & Irving  
Evans - Amnesia

### Thurs., Oct. 5

- Cotton Pickin'  
Squares - Prescott  
Memorial Baptist  
Church - 7pm
- PFLAG - 761-1444 -  
7pm
- Jina Moore / Donna  
Lee - Amnesia

### Fri., Oct. 6

- "Fifty-One Percent"  
sponsored by NOW -  
WEVL FM 90 - 1pm
- Catholic Mass with  
special invitation to  
Gays and Lesbians -  
St. Patrick's Cathed-  
ral - 7pm
- Midtowners Bowling -  
Cherokee Bowling

Center (2930 Lamar  
Avenue) - 7pm

- Carol Plunk - Movie  
& Pizza Company -  
8pm
- Renee Koopman -  
Amnesia
- 5th Anniversary  
Party - The Other Side  
- Jackson, TN

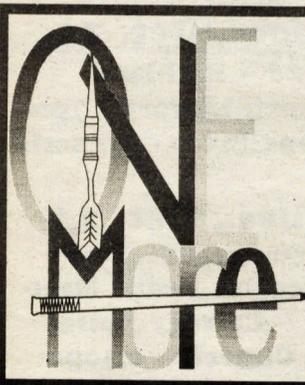
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- Donna Lee & Renee  
Koopman - Amnesia

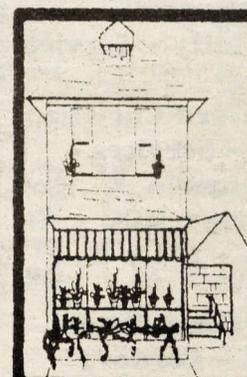
### Sun., Oct. 8

Yom Kippur

- First Congregational  
Church - Services -  
9am & 10:30am
- Holy Trinity - Service  
- 11am
- Living Word Christian  
Church - Services -  
10am & 6pm
- Safe Harbor MCC -  
Services - 11am &  
7pm
- Memphis Pride Inc.  
National Coming Out  
Picnic, Rainbow Lake,  
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- Carol Plunk -  
One More - 5pm



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- BWMT Business Meeting - Hal's House - 276-0168 - 5pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling - Cordova Lanes (7945 Club Center Cove) - 5:45pm
- WAC Meeting - Call for information (272-3638) - 7pm

### Mon., Oct. 9

Columbus Day Observed

- Diane Price - Amnesia

### Tues., Oct. 10

- Lambda Circle - First Congregational Church - 278-6786 - 6:30pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- BGALA - University of Memphis - 678-5719 - 7:30pm
- Irving Evans Jazz Jam - Amnesia

### Wed., Oct. 11

National Coming Out Day

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - 278-6786 - 6pm

- Holy Trinity - Dinner and a Movie - 6pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm
- BWMT Movie Night - Joe's House - 7pm
- Teresa Pate & Irving Evans - Amnesia

### Thurs., Oct. 12

- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church - 7pm
- NOW Meeting - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Jina Moore / Donna Lee - Amnesia

### Fri., Oct. 13

- "Fifty-One Percent" sponsored by NOW - WEVL FM 90 - 1pm
- Midtowners Bowling - Cherokee Bowling Center (2930 Lamar Avenue) - 7pm
- Jina Moore - Amnesia

### Sat., Oct. 14

- Memphis Bears Club Night - The Jungle - 10pm
- Wendy Browning - Amnesia

### Sun., Oct. 15

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- The World March of Women in Washington D.C. sponsored by NOW
- First Congregational Church - Services - 9am & 10:30am
- Holy Trinity - Service - 11am
- Living Word Christian Church - Services - 10am & 6pm
- Safe Harbor MCC - Services - 11am & 7pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling - Cordova

Lanes (7945 Club Center Cove) - 5:45pm

- WAC Meeting - Call for information (272-3638) - 7pm

### Mon., Oct. 16

- Feast for Friends - St. John's Methodist Church - 6:30pm
- Memphis Pride Meeting - Holy Trinity Community Church - 7pm
- Diane Price - Amnesia

### Tues., Oct. 17

- AIDS Consortium Meeting - United Way Building - (Union Avenue) - 3pm
- Integrity Worship, Dinner & Program (College Night) - Calvary Episcopal Church - 278-8915 or 374-9484 - 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- BGALA - University of Memphis - 678-5719 - 7:30pm
- Irving Evans Jazz Jam - Amnesia

### Wed., Oct. 18

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - 278-6786 - 6pm
- Holy Trinity - Dinner and a Movie - 6pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm

# Out

## The Triangle Journal

Welcome to the *Triangle Journal News Calendar*. We try to provide as many upcoming events in the GLBT community as possible. If you would like to add your event or need to update an existing event, please e-mail our Calendar Editor, Angela Lamb, at [cantsee3d@yahoo.com](mailto:cantsee3d@yahoo.com) or call 729-3915 and leave a message. Thank You.

- HIV / AIDS Support Group (Jonesboro) - 7pm
- Teresa Pate & Irving Evans - Amnesia

### Thurs., Oct. 19

- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church - 7pm
- Jina Moore / Donna Lee - Amnesia

### Fri., Oct. 20

- "Fifty-One Percent" sponsored by NOW - WEVL FM 90 - 1pm
- Midtowners Bowling - Cherokee Bowling Center (2930 Lamar Avenue) - 7pm
- Miss Mid South River City National & Miss Mid South River City National at Large - Crossroads - 10pm
- Jina Moore - Amnesia

### Sat., Oct. 21

- Mirror Image (previously Memphis TransGender Alliance) - Holy Trinity - [memphisgroup@usa.com](mailto:memphisgroup@usa.com) - 7pm
- Tsarus Club Night - The Jungle - 10pm
- Donna Lee - Amnesia

### Sun., Oct. 22

- First Congregational Church - Services - 9am & 10:30am
- Holy Trinity - Service - 11am
- Living Word Christian Church - Services - 10am & 6pm
- Safe Harbor MCC - Services - 11am & 7pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling - Cordova Lanes (7945 Club Center Cove) - 5:45pm

### Mon., Oct. 23

- LGCJ - Highland Branch Library - 7pm
- Diane Price - Amnesia

### Tues., Oct. 24

United Nations Day

- Integrity Board Meeting - Calvary Episcopal Church - 6:30pm



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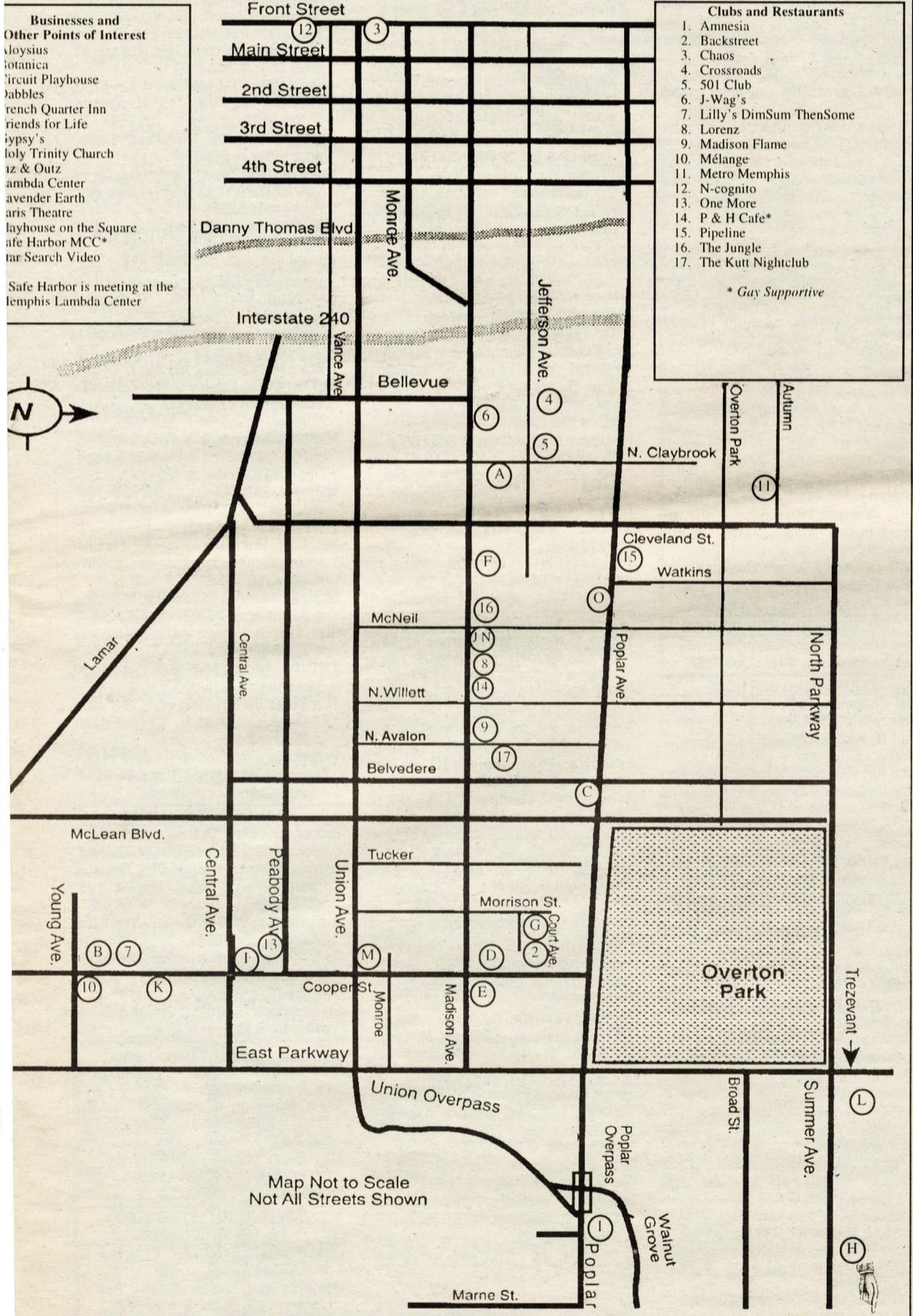
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- Playhouse on the Square
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- Star Search Video

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- **Lesbians with Breast Cancer - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm**
  - **BGALA - University of Memphis - 678-5719 - 7:30pm**
  - **Irving Evans Jazz Jam - Amnesia**
  - **Donna Lee & Katy Cosco - Amnesia**
- Sat., Oct. 28**
- **Carol Plunk - Davis Kidd - 7pm**
  - **Irving Evans - Amnesia**
  - **Halloween Bash - The Other Side - Jackson, TN**
  - **Check with your favorite nightclub for scheduled Halloween events.**
- Sun., Oct. 29**  
*Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back 1 Hour)*
- **Carol Plunk - One More - 8pm**
  - **Mon., Oct. 30**
  - **Diane Price - Amnesia**
- Tues., Oct. 31**  
*Happy Halloween  
 Deadline for Memphis  
 Pride Inc. Membership  
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  - **Carol Plunk - Flying Saucer - 8pm**
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- Thurs., Oct. 26**
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**Paris Adult Entertainment Center**: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.  
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**Madison Flame\***: 1588 Madison ☎ 278-9839.  
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**Rumors\***: 637 Hwy 145 South, Shannon, MS ☎ 601-767-9500.  
**The Jungle\***: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.  
**The Kutt Nightclub\***: 92 North Avalon ☎ 276-9122.  
**The Other Side\***: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN ☎ 1-901-668-3749.

## CARDS & GIFTS

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**GGG Gourmet**: ☎ 278-6218 or on the web at GGSgourmet.com

## CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

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**King's Kleaning Service**: Home or Office ☎ 745-3300.  
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

# Mid-South Community Resources

**AI-Anon (Co-dependency)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

**Alliance**: Leather/levi club • Box 42174, Memphis 38174.

**Aloysius Home, Inc.**: (See Friends for Life).  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis**: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.

**Aphrodite**: 3430 Summer Ave, Memphis 38122.

**BGALA (Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness)**: BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs, Box 100, U of M 38152, email: bgala@cc.memphis.edu. ☎ 729-3915.

**Black & White Men Together (BWMT)**: Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 276-0168 or 276-4762.

**Bluff City Sports Association**: Box 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 682-9928.

**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League**: ☎ 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.

**Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Religious Affairs**: Box 11274, Memphis 38111-0274 ☎ 324-8523, Len Piechowski.

**Cotton Pickin' Squares**: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., Prescott Memorial Baptist Church • 2298 Elzey, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-2116.

**Crossroads**: African American Gay men's motivation/support/social group. Meets 1st & 2nd Fridays. Conrad R. Pegues, 1902 Fremont Ave., Memphis 38114, crpegues@aol.com.

**4F**: Leather/Levi group • 698 Pope Dr., Bartlett 38112.

**Friends For Life—HIV Resources**: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS.

**Holy Trinity Community Church\***: Worship Service: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 3430 Summer ☎ 320-9376.

**Integrity Memphis**: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.

**Into The Light (Women's AA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

**Jackson Lambda Support Group**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 901-427-1500 for information.

**Living Word Christian Church**: Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 340 N Garland ☎ 276-0577.

**Loving Arms (Services for HIV+ Women & Their Children)**: Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.

**Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY)**: PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 335-MAGY for info; website: www.geocities.com.westhollywood/1772/.

**Memphis Bears Club**: PO Box 111094, Memphis 38111-1094 ☎ 276-4823, e-mail: http://members.xoom.com/memphisbears.

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

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC)**: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 324-4297.

**Memphis Lambda Center\***: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 1488 Madison ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.

**Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice**: Box 241363, Memphis 38124 e-mail: lgcj@gaymemphis.com, web page: http://www.gaymemphis.com/lgcj.

**Memphis Pride, Inc.**: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 111265, Memphis 38111

☎ 32-PRIDE, e-mail: MphsPride@aol.com.

**Memphis TransGender Alliance**: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jansen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.

**Mystic Krewe of Memphis United**: 41 S. Century, Memphis, 38111.

**National Organization for Women (NOW)**: Box 40982, Memphis 38174 ☎ 578-3286 or e-mail at memphisnow@hotmail.com.

**New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

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

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**Phoenix AA** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

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**Southern Country Memphis**: Country Western Dance Club.

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**Stonewall Mission Church**: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.

**Sunshine Travelers**: Meets every other Tuesday at 7 pm at The Jungle, ☎ 788-4PLA (4752)

**Tennessee Leather Tribe**: Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.

**The Mid-Towners Bowling League**: ☎ 323-3111 - Linda Etherton, 342-4630 - James Bailey.

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

**Univ. of Miss. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Assoc.**: GLBA, PO Box 3541, Univ., MS 38677 ☎ 662-234-1258 email: glba@olemiss.edu, website: http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/glba.

**UT-Martin ALLIES**: Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 38238, neilg@utm.edu ☎ 587-7301.

**WAC (Woman's Action Coalition)**: PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.

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**Anne S. Gillis, MS**: Individual, couple & family counseling, rebirthing ☎ 761-3435.  
**Patricia Goshorn, M.Ed.**: Licensed Psychological Counselor • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Ste 316 ☎ 369-6050.

**Cliff Heegel, PhD**: Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150 ☎ 767-1066.

**Sheridan Lambe, LCSW**: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.

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**Karen B. Shea**: Financial Consultant, Smith Barney Inc., 1661 International Dr., Ste. 200 ☎ 818-4134, 800-227-4146, fax: 818-4233.

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**Botanica**: 937 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.

**Park East Florist**: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.

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**See-S**: Portraits & photography ☎ 327-3760.

## HELP & INFORMATION LINES

**Affirmation**: ☎ (708) 733-9590.

**AIDS Switchboard**: ☎ 278-AIDS.

**Gay & Lesbian Helpline**: ☎ 1-888-340-GLBT (Mon.-Fri., 5-10pm, Sat.-Sun., 4-9pm).

**Gay & Lesbian Hotline**: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transsexuals).

**Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline**: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.).

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard**: ☎ 324-GAYS • 24-hrs.

**Human Rights Campaign**: ☎ 327-2677, jmaynard2@earthlink.net

**LINC**: ☎ 725-8895.

**Narcotics Anonymous**: ☎ 276-LIVE.

**Peer Listening**: Youth-staffed GLBT youth hotline (Mon.-Fri., 3-9pm) ☎ 1-800-399-PEER.

**Rape Crisis**: ☎ 528-2161.

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

**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline**: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

## LEGAL SERVICES

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**Deborah K. Brooks, Attorney at Law**: 200 Jefferson Ave. ☎ 529-8888.

**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney at Law**: 1545 Union Ave. ☎ 278-1004.

**Robert Ross, Attorney at Law**: 100 N. Main, Ste 3310 ☎ 525-0417.

**Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney at Law**: 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.

**Jason O. Young, Jr., Attorney at Law**: 147 Jefferson, Ste 806, ☎ 728-4000.

## LODGING

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**French Quarter Suites\***: 2144 Madison ☎ 523-8912.

**The King's Cottage**: Newly renovated, 87-89 Clark Place, Midtown Memphis ☎ 722-8686, www.thekingscottage.com.

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## MEDIA

**Family & Friends**: Free monthly magazine • Box 771948, Memphis 38177-1948, ☎ 682-2669, Fax: 685-2234, email: FamilyMag@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/familymag/homepage.html.

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**Star Search Video\***: 1411 Poplar Ave ☎ 272-STAR.

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**Vantek**: Internet Services • Box 11187, Memphis 38111-0187 ☎ 324-4999, e-mail: vtadmin@vantek.net.

## REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**Russell Armstrong, Developer, Looney Developments**: 194 Looney Ave. ☎ 525-3044.

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**Glenn Moore, Broker, Owner, Woodland Realty**: ☎ 377-1057.

**Darian Porter, Affiliate Broker, The Carter Group**: 1908 Exeter, Ste. 2, Germantown ☎ 753-7222, 278-4079.

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# Next Step in Gay Legislator Case Likely T

By Jacques Billeaud  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona state lawmaker fighting his ouster from the Army Reserves after announcing during legislative debate that he is gay said he won't surrender his case but expects to lose.

A panel of three colonels recommended Sept. 17 that Lt. Steve May be honorably discharged for violating the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding homosexuality.

The recommendation is subject to a review by a general and approval by the Defense Department. In the meantime, May will continue as a reserve lieutenant two days a month.

May has filed an appeal but believes the military won't decide in his favor.

"It is possible, but history is not on our side," he said.

The Army Reserve maintains that booting May was part of abiding by Defense Department policy.

Under the "don't ask, don't tell" rule enacted in 1994, gays are admitted to the Armed Forces as long as they don't declare their sexual orientation. In turn, the military is barred from seeking such information about a service member.

Since the policy has been in force, more than 5,000 people have been discharged for breaking their silence.

But May's case is unique because of his role as a legislator, said Dixon Osburn, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a group helping military members facing discharge because of their sexual orientation.

"It's the grandest of ironies that the voters of Arizona chose Steve May partially because of his honesty in being gay, and the Army is punishing him for his honesty," Osburn said.

Retired Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis, who helped draft the anti-gay policy, said May's political credentials don't have any bearing on the decision.

"He doesn't deny saying it," said Maginnis, now an official with the conservative Family Research Council. "The (panel of colonels) had no choice but to discharge him."

The Army began investigating May after he discussed his sexuality during a 1999 legislative debate over denying government benefits to employees' gay partners.

May, who had been open about his sexuality since his first campaign for office in 1996, made the comments after he was honorably discharged and before he was recalled to active duty during the Kosovo crisis.

"When people look at this objectively, they will recognize the Army has made a mistake in trying to expel an outstanding officer who has done nothing wrong," said Christopher Wolf, May's lawyer.

If May doesn't win his appeal from the military, he plans to proceed in civilian courts.



Army Reserve Lt. Steve May, left, talks with his attorney Christopher Wolf, right, after leaving a media briefing during a break from an administrative hearing Sat., Sept. 16, in Los Alamitos, Calif., to determine if May should be dismissed from the military for openly discussing his homosexuality. May, an Arizona legislator who successfully ran for office as an openly gay candidate, is accused of violating the military's "don't-ask, don't tell" policy when he acknowledged his sexual orientation during a debate at the Arizona state capitol. (AP Photo/John Hayes)

## Warren Murder Trial Gets Change of Venue

By Vicki Smith  
Associated Press Writer

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (AP) — The first Marion County teen-ager to be tried in the murder of a gay black man will face jurors in Raleigh County in November.

Marion County Circuit Court Judge Rodney Merrifield late Sept. 20 signed an order moving David Allen Parker's first-degree murder trial to the southern West Virginia county, his secretary confirmed Sept. 21.

A copy of the order does not set a trial date, but the secretary said it is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15. Merrifield had verbally approved a change of venue earlier this week after a preliminary hearing that has been continued to Oct. 12.

Lawyers for Parker and co-defendant Jared Wilson, both 17, had suggested Raleigh County as a possible venue, arguing media coverage of the murder in north-central West Virginia has made it too difficult to find impartial jurors.

Attorney Stephen Fitz said that Raleigh has a diverse population and probably has had far less exposure to the case. Prosecutor Richard Bunner did not object to the move.

Parker and Wilson are charged with beating and kicking to death 26-year-old acquaintance Arthur "J.R." Warren on July 4, then running over him with a car to disguise his injuries as a hit-and-run.

In his order changing the venue, Merrifield cited a vigil for Warren that drew more than 500 people to the courthouse steps days after the murder. The rally also attracted national gay- and civil-rights activ-

ists and an anti-gay group from Kansas. National print and electronic media then took greater interest in the case.

News organizations from Pittsburgh to Clarksburg have since saturated the region with coverage in newspapers, and on radio and television, Merrifield said. The *Dominion Post* of Morgantown and the *Times-West Virginian* of Fairmont have each filed more than 25 stories, he said.

"Nearly all of these newspaper articles have been located on the front page and, in fact, most of these articles have been the lead story for that particular day," Merrifield wrote.

The coverage has contained detailed information about the investigation and clearly illustrates that many Marion County residents "have become emotionally involved in this case and have prejudged the defendant's guilt," he

said.

Parker has already confessed to beating Warren, but the judge has yet to decide whether jurors will hear that confession.

In his statement to Sheriff's Detective C.L. "Chip" Phillips, Parker admitted beating Warren after discovering he had told other people about a sexual relationship he claimed to have with Parker.

Wilson told Phillips that he went along with the beating because he was afraid of Parker, who had threatened to beat him, too.

But defense teams argue that both boys' confessions were improperly obtained. They say neither was informed of his right to an immediate juvenile detention hearing.

They also contend Phillips delayed moving the boys from Grant Town to the courthouse so he could elicit the confessions. Phillips denies any wrongdoing.

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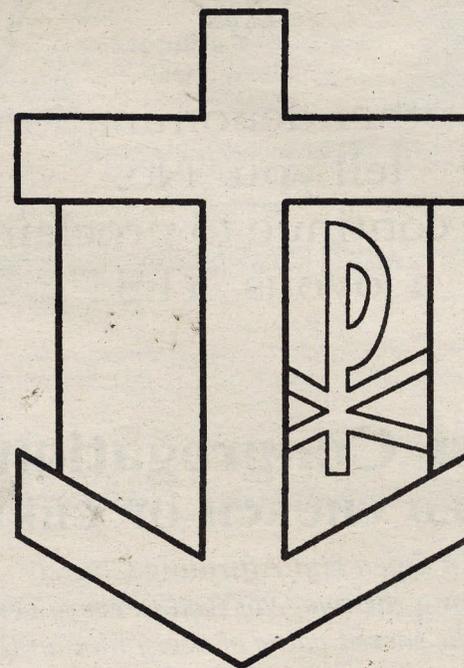
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### MGLCC Town Hall Meeting

MGLCC will host its monthly Town Hall meeting Sun., Oct 1 at 6:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church.

The focus of the meeting will be what the community wants and needs in a physical Community Center. The group invites any individuals who would like to offer their input to come, and especially encourage at least one representative from each group in Memphis to be present. Spread the word and make every effort to attend

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## Deep Inside

# HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

### Kidman Cries Woolf

A-list actress Nicole Kidman is expected to portray legendary feminist Virginia Woolf in the film adaptation of gay writer Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Hours*. The book focuses on three 20th century women from different periods who are related only through their thread of connection to Woolf's 1923 novel *Mrs.*

*Dalloway*. Kidman is expected to play the author, who is working on the novel while recovering from depression. Also considering the project are Gwyneth Paltrow (who would portray a 1940s Los Angeles housewife who is obsessed with the book during her first pregnancy), and Meryl Streep (who would take on the role of a contemporary New York woman whose ex-boyfriend — who has dubbed

her "Mrs. Dalloway" — is dying of AIDS). Queer Producer Scott Rudin has been negotiating with the talented trio of actresses for more than a month and is expected to set the film up at a studio as soon as the cast is finalized.

Kidman is also considering playing controversial 19th century American feminist Victoria Woodhull in a biopic based on her life for *Basic Instinct* director Paul Verhoeven. Woodhull was a bisexual and a former prostitute, as well as a stock market genius, who ran for president in the 19th century. Kidman's better half, Tom Cruise, is attached to that project as a producer.

### Too Queer for Ad Folk?

Showtime's gritty adaptation of the raunchy homoerotic British series *Queer as Folk* is having a hard time rounding up high-profile product placements due to its racy subject matter. According to magazine *New York*, companies such as Old Navy, Perry Ellis, Polo and Versace are just a few who won't allow their products to be showcased on the series. Even Abercrombie & Fitch, whose sexy catalogs are practically an institution for the male homosexual set, won't allow its brand name to be portrayed on the show about five young homosexuals and a lesbian couple in Pittsburgh. Uh... since when can you buy Versace in Pittsburgh? An NFL honcho demanded all references to the Pittsburgh Steelers and the league be deleted from the script for an upcoming episode. Let's hope this means the series is as juicy as the British one that spawned it! The drama is still expected to debut on the cable network this December.

### Lesbians Do the Time Warp Again

Broadway hipster-producer Jordan Roth has cast his revival of *The Rocky Horror Show* with a gender bending twist — lesbian comic Lea DeLaria will play the Eddie/Dr. Scott role, which was originated by chunky rocker Meat Loaf way back in 1975. Pee Wee Herman auditioned for the cross-dressing roll of Frank N. Furter, but balked at the \$2,000-a-week salary. But you will be able to catch *Rent* alum Daphne Rubin-Vega as Magenta and *muy caliente* Raul Esparza in the roll of Riff Raff when the show opens at New York's Circle in the Square theater on Nov. 13. Rock chick Joan Jett will show she still loves rock n' roll when she makes her Great White Way debut as Columbia. Old-time talk-show host Dick Cavett will be the show's narrator. I wonder if tickets are available for the Halloween performance?

### Gaffney Joins Goodman's Family

Comedian Mo Gaffney, who played a shrink on the hit sitcom *Mad About You*, has signed on to is currently in negotiations to take

## Melissa Etheridge and Julie Cypher Split

NEW YORK (AP) — Another celebrity lesbian couple is calling it quits.

Rocker Melissa Etheridge and her girlfriend, director Julie Cypher, announced Sept. 19 they were ending their relationship after 12 years. The couple has two small children together.

"With the utmost of love and respect for one another, we have decided to separate," the couple announced in a statement released by Etheridge's label, Island Records.

"As committed parents, our top priority continues to be what is in the best interest of our children. Though elements of our lives will change, our family will always remain intact."

Etheridge and Cypher were one of Hollywood's most famous lesbian couples, after Ellen DeGeneres and Ann Heche, who announced their breakup last month.

Cypher gave birth to the couple's 3-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son. In January, they revealed to *Rolling Stone* magazine that rock legend David Crosby was

portray John Goodman's ex-wife in the gay-themed sitcom *Normal, Ohio* (formerly called *Don't Ask*). The show is about a gay dad who moves back to his Ohio hometown after living an openly gay life in Los Angeles for four years. Gaffney's character will still harbor feelings for her ex. The project has undergone several name changes during the development process and may air this fall under a different name entirely.

### Ferrell Will Flame

Former *Saturday Night Live* funnyman and star Will Ferrell has joined the cast of Ben Stiller's upcoming fashion spoof, *Zoolander*. Ferrell will play flamboyantly gay fashion designer Mugatu, a rival and nemesis to Stiller's dimwitted male model character, Derek Zoolander. Mugatu will front an alliance of evil designer conspirators, including openly gay couple Dolce & Gabbana and Giorgio Armani. *The Messenger* star Milla Jovovich and *Shanghai Noon* star Owen Wilson co-star in the flick, which is currently in production in New York.

### McKellen Makes Graves Decision

Queer actor Ian McKellen, who garnered an Oscar nod for his work in *Gods and Monsters*, has been tied up much of the last 18 months in New Zealand shooting *The Lord of the Rings*, where he's playing Gandalf. But with the production almost finished, McKellen is lining up his next project. The actor



Melissa Etheridge (L) and Julie Cypher are seen arriving at the 42nd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Feb. 23.

the children's biological father, donating the sperm so the couple could conceive through artificial insemination.

Etheridge's publicist, Sheila Richman, told The Associated Press that the couple would not discuss custody issues or any other details of the split.

on a role in the upcoming film *Eliza Graves*. Based on an Edgar Allan Poe short story, the film is a drama about a doctor who takes charge of an insane asylum, where he falls in love with patient Eliza Graves. The film is expected to go before cameras in February 2001.

### HBO Is on the Ball

HBO is so thrilled with the pilot for *Six Feet Under*, the new original series from queer *American Beauty* screenwriter Alan Ball, that it placed an order for 12 more episodes. *Six Feet* centers on a family that has been in the mortuary business in Los Angeles for generations. The new show is expected to debut next year, most likely as a companion to the network's hit show, *The Sopranos*. Ball claims the tone of the show is not dissimilar to that of *American Beauty* — very funny, yet quite moving — and nothing you'd see on a major network. In typical HBO fashion, the show has a stellar cast, including *Hilary & Jackie* star Rachel Griffiths and *In & Out* alum Lauren Ambrose.

Romeo San Vicente predicts Anne Heche will start dating Richard, gay star of *Survivor*. You can reach Romeo in care of this publication or via e-mail at [RomeoDeep@aol.com](mailto:RomeoDeep@aol.com). For more *Deep Inside Hollywood*, visit [www.popcornq.com](http://www.popcornq.com), [www.gay.com](http://www.gay.com), or [www.queery.com](http://www.queery.com).



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# GREG AND AMY, TED AND CINDY

Fiction by Jim Norcross

Joe, the bartender looked up from polishing-glasses as the good looking, well dressed young man entered and sat down at the end of the bar.

"Well, if it's not Gregory Brewster, the up-and-coming young attorney. I thought you were in Chicago working on a big trial. Get any of the crooks off the hook?" Joe put down his bar towel and asked, "Want a Bud?"

"No, I'll have a scotch and water. A double."

"Must be celebrating", said Joe.

"What are you doing home so early in the week? Amy and the girls all right?"

"Sure; Just got in and, I'm exhausted, but I don't want to go home yet. Amy and her mother are having a black tie dinner party tonight for some Italian opera singer who's in town for a LeBonheur Hospital benefit. I have to go and get into my tux. Gawd, I hate those things. Amy and her mother are always involved in some project."

"Well, I guess that's what you get for marrying one of those society types from Rhodes College".

"All I want to do after a week in court is go to Pickwick Lake, and lie around in shorts, and not shave for the entire time I'm there—just fish and drink beer. But no, I have to go home and get into a tux."

Greg drained his drink and signaled for another one. Joe studied him for a minute, then filled the glass.

"Say, Joe, funny thing happened when I was in Chicago this week. I was in the hotel bar and got to talking to this chap—a CPA. I mentioned that I was from Memphis, and he said he'd married a Memphis girl. Lo and behold come to find out he's married to Amy's best friend. I'd never met the guy, because I was involved in a trial when he and Cindy got married a few years back. Cindy—she was Cynthia Tremain here, and still uses her maiden name professionally. She's an anchor at one of the TV stations there in Chicago where she met and married this guy Ted. I really pissed Amy off when I couldn't go to their wedding. Amy and Cindy keep in touch by telephone, but I'd never met Ted. He's a nice guy. I liked him a lot.

"Well, as I was saying, we were talking, and imagine my surprise when I found out our wives grew up together—lived next door to each in Central Gardens." Greg drained his glass and motioned for another. "The trial in Chicago is going to last for a while, so it's nice to have someone to have a drink with now and then, someone I can talk with who's not an attorney. Hotel living gets pretty lonely." Greg drained his glass in one long swallow and said, "Well, I'm off to don the monkey suit and do the

bit with this Italian tenor and my mother-in-law. Fun, eh?"

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"Oh, Cindy can you believe we're having lunch at Paulette's? It's like when we were ten and lived on Harbert. Remember how we would get dressed up in our mothers' hats and pearls and play like we were having drinks at Paulette's? Now twenty years later here we are."

Amy had made reservations for a late lunch. Cindy was in town doing a special on Fed Ex. When they first saw each other they'd squealed and giggled like teenage cheerleaders, which they had once been. Amy was glad that her mother wasn't there to witness the event, as she would most definitely have termed the greeting most unlady like.

"Cindy, come sit down so we can order and catch up on all the gossip. I'm dying to know all about your career at the television station. I'm envious of your job. It sounds very exciting."

"Well I'm envious of your being a mother. I wish Ted and I had children. He wants them badly. But that just doesn't seem possible for us unless I give up my career. Ted doesn't believe women should work when they have children. I've worked damn hard to get where I am, and I don't want to give it up. Guess you can't have it all."

"Well, I love my girls, but they can be trying at times. I'm forever carrying them all over town for ballet and soccer lessons. It's hard, especially with Greg out of town so much." They ordered seafood salads and talked about old times and school days. "Do you remember Rita Gammon?" asked Amy. "She was a couple of years ahead of us in school."

Cindy wrinkled her brow and said, "I don't believe I remember her. Why?"

"She was killed in an auto accident recently. I was just trying to see if you remembered any of the old Memphis gang."

Amy mentioned several more names, and Cindy recalled none of them. Cindy then brought up topics and events on a national level, and was shocked that Amy had little knowledge of politics or current events. Both of them fell into silence. At last Amy turned to Cindy and asked, "How's Ted?"

"Oh, he's fine. We both travel in our jobs. We're apart a lot, but we're happy." But she grew silent and then blurted out, "I think he's having an affair."

"Oh, Cindy. I'm sorry. What makes you think that?"

"I have no proof of it. I just feel he is for some reason. What about Greg? Has he ever had an affair?"

"Oh, Greg would never cheat on me."

"I shouldn't have asked."

"Greg knows Daddy would kill

him if he found out he was playing around. He really would."

They finished their salads and Cindy glanced at her watch and stood up. "Look, I have to run." She dropped her gold American Express card on the table. "Lunch is on me. Let's get together again before I leave. It was good seeing you. Bye now."

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"Amy, I'm home," Greg called from the door as he entered the house.

"I'm in the bedroom putting on my make-up. You had better hurry and shower. We're due at the Browns in two hours. You didn't forget, did you?"

He'd forgotten. The Browns' annual (and boring) backyard barbecue was tonight. He frowned and asked what he knew would be a futile question. "Can't we get out of it? I'm really bushed."

"I'm sorry, but we just have to make an appearance. Daddy and Mamma are expecting us, and you know how close they and the Browns are. Hurry now. I do have some news for you though."

"What is it?"

"I heard from Cindy today. She

called to tell me she and Ted are separating."

CRASH! There was the sound of glass breaking on the tile floor of the bathroom.

"What in the world was that?" asked Amy.

"I dropped a bottle of shaving lotion."

"Well, I hope it wasn't that expensive bottle that mother brought you from Paris last spring. Be careful when you're cleaning up. Don't cut yourself. Hurry. We have to be leaving. Did Ted mention anything about he and Cindy having problems? Cindy said he was having an affair. Did he say anything to you about it?"

"No, not a word. I'll be out in just a minute."

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Greg finished the trial in Chicago and came home and started looking for a place to get away from everything. A lawyer associate offered his cabin located in an isolated part of northern Mississippi. "It's pretty primitive," said the owner, "but it's a good place to go if you want to really be alone."

Greg had told Amy that he simply had to have some time to him-

self, and that he was going to go to the cabin for the week. He wanted to get away from all things legal, and he'd he didn't want to see or talk to another lawyer, or look at a judge.

"I just have to be by myself for a while. Please understand. I don't want to have to shave or put on a suit or a tie. I just want to lie back and do nothing but fish and drink beer and be by myself."

He knew Amy didn't understand, but she at least gave her reluctant approval. "Just don't come back covered with poison ivy. I'll explain it to Mama and Daddy—somehow."

Referring frequently to the map given him, he arrived at the cabin, and parked his Jeep in front. Getting out, he noticed that the door of the cabin was already open. He glanced around, and then spotted the rental car parked in a small grove of trees. Letting out a wild yell he started running, pulling off his clothes as he went. He raced inside the cabin, and was completely naked by the time he reached the bedroom.

"Oh, Ted, you did make it after all."

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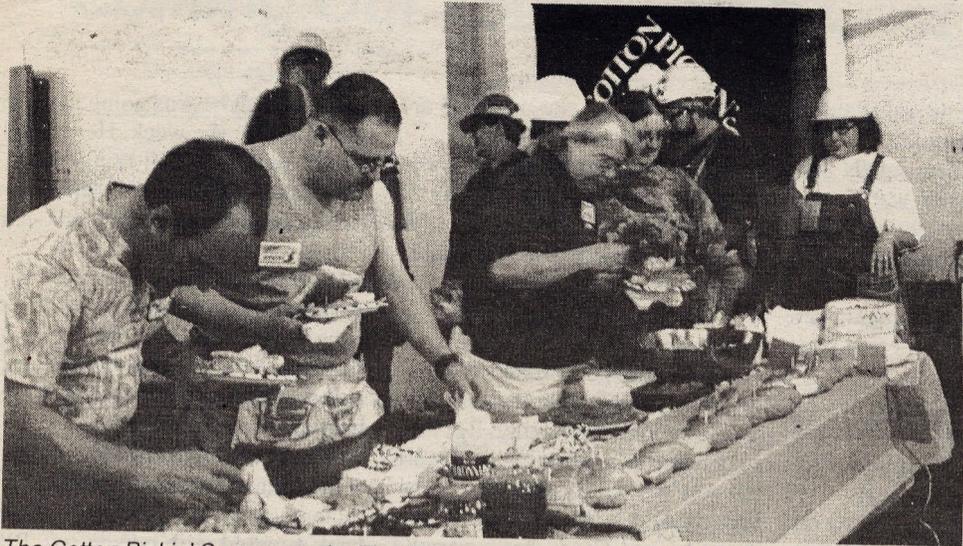
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## Life of Gay Cuban Writer Shines In 'Before Night Falls' at Venice

By Candice Hughes  
Associated Press Writer

VENICE, Italy (AP) — The gay Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas had a terrible life, a blazing talent and a heartbreaking death in exile after years of sexual and political persecution.

*Before Night Falls*, making its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival, conveys it all, along with Arenas' humor, humility and defiance.

The "buzz" started as the credits rolled at the first screening; *Before Night Falls*, was a top contender for a Golden Lion. Ditto for Spanish actor Javier Bardem for his performance in the lead role.

*Before Night Falls*, is New York painter Julian Schnabel's second movie and he had great raw material to work with — Arenas' highly acclaimed memoirs.

*Before Night Falls*, was published in 1993, three years after Arenas, suffering from AIDS, committed suicide in New York. Schnabel said he saw the writer in a TV interview the same year and "he put a hook in me."

"He was so humble and funny and what he had to say was so profound," Schnabel said.

Arenas was a neglected, unwanted illegitimate child born into poverty and neglect in rural Cuba. A teenager when Fidel Castro rose to power, Arenas got an education thanks to the Cuban revolution.

That may have been the last thing he had to thank it for. A pariah because of his homosexuality and his deeply original writings, Arenas was relentlessly persecuted.

Only the first of his more than 20 books — novels, poems, short stories — was published in Cuba. The rest, many of them smuggled out, were published abroad to high praise and major awards.

The Castro government imprisoned Arenas several times and confiscated his manuscripts when it could find them. He was tortured, spied upon, consigned to labor camps, coerced into signing "confessions" and promises to write books glorifying the revolution.

"Always the drums of militarism stifling the rhythm of poetry and life," Arenas lamented in his autobiography.

Desperate to escape Cuba, he once tried to reach Florida on an inner tube. Another



Spanish actor Javier Bardem (R) with Italian actor Andrea Di Stefano joke during a photocall in the Venice Lido Sept. 4. Di Stefano and Bardem are starring in Julian Schnabel's film *Before Night Falls* which played at the 57th Venice film festival, the oldest in the world.

time, he tried to swim across Guantanamo Bay to the U.S. naval base. He finally got out in the 1980 Mariel boatlift, along with more than 100,000 other "undesirables," but the United States was no promised land.

An outsider at home, he was also an outsider in exile. Arenas was just 47 years old when, impoverished and dying of AIDS, he killed himself.

Schnabel skillfully weaves Arenas' own words into the film. *Before Night Falls*, shot in New York and Mexico, also does an excellent job of capturing the look and feel of Castro's Cuba. It also features nice cameos by Sean Penn as a peasant driving an oxcart and Johnny Depp in two roles — a transvestite and a cop.

According to the entertainment daily *Variety*, the film's debut in Venice was capped with a U.S. distribution deal with Fine Line Features for around \$1 million.

Schnabel is a rich and famous painter whose works are in places like the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Tate Gallery in London and the Centre George Pompidou in Paris.

Schnabel, the director, is another story. Despite praise for his debut film, the 1996 *Basquiat*, he had to finance *Before Night Falls* himself.

"There's a lobby for stupidity in Hollywood," complained Schnabel, who showed up for the prescreening news conference in a paint-stained vest, a red-and-yellow sarong and sunglasses.

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'SCUSE ME, DUDE... WHICH WAY TO 456 DEADWOOD?

OH, Y' MEAN, CASA DEL CUNTY? END O' THE BOARDWALK, LAST HOUSE ON YOUR LEFT.

SO WHASSUP WITH YOU AN' MISS ANNIE-- YOU STILL FISHER IN HER POND?

NAH... THAT WAS JUST A ONE TIME THING.

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# Stand Up for Your Rights—Vote!

Commentary by Jim D. Maynard

On Tues., Nov. 7, we have an opportunity to make a stand for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality—vote! This election is important for the future of the GLBT civil rights movement. Do we go forward or turn the clock back on equal rights for GLBT people?

Our choice in this election is pretty clear: Al Gore and the Democratic Party have taken some giant steps by including equal rights for gays and lesbians in their platforms, whereas George W. Bush and the Republicans reaffirmed their allegiance to the religious right by explicitly rejecting equality for gays and lesbians in theirs.

President Clinton has done more than any other President for gays and lesbians, including appointing hundreds of gays and lesbians to government positions, signing an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment, and openly supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

George W. Bush, on the other hand, has vowed to abolish the White House liaison to the gay and lesbian community and has said he will not knowingly appoint a gay person to any government position.

Despite the “illusion of inclusion” at the GOP convention, we must focus on the record of George W. Bush and the GOP rather than their empty rhetoric. There is a great credibility gap between Bush’s rhetoric of “inclusion” and “compassion” and his record on gay and lesbian issues: George W. Bush opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act; opposes hate crimes legislation that covers sexual orientation (he refused to

support the hate crimes bill in Texas simply because of the inclusion of sexual orientation); opposes domestic partnership benefits for same-sex couples; opposes the right of gay and lesbian couples to adopt children; and opposes the right of gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military.

As governor of Texas, George Bush even defended the state’s sodomy law, which applies only to homosexual acts, as an “important symbol of traditional values.” As governor of Texas, and in the GOP primaries, George W. Bush has demonstrated his close ties to the religious right, which is why he has their unanimous support in the presidential election.

Bush’s vice-presidential candidate, Dick Cheney, is more proof that the Republican Party is trying to wrap ultra-conservative candidates in a “moderate” package. Cheney has one of the most conservative voting records in Congress: he voted against AIDS/HIV funding, opposes lifting the ban on gays in the military, and opposes including sexual orientation in non-discrimination policies, despite having a lesbian daughter. He even supported the South African apartheid government and voted against releasing Nelson Mandela from prison. This GOP ticket is not a friend of GLBT people and does not deserve one gay or lesbian vote.

The gay Log Cabin Republicans have endorsed George W. Bush despite his clear record of opposition to gay and lesbian civil rights, and despite the Republican Party’s anti-gay platform. By supporting George Bush, the Log Cabin Republicans have insulted the whole movement for GLBT equality. There is no justification for gays and lesbians to support George Bush. He offers us nothing. The

Log Cabin Republicans are rewarding Bush’s opposition to GLBT equality.

Two presidential candidates do deserve your vote: Democrat Al Gore and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader.

Gore has come a long way in his support for gay and lesbian equality and is clearly on our side. Whether or not he will keep his promise to end the military’s disastrous “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, which continues to exclude gays and lesbians from openly serving in the military, we will have to wait and see.

However, I think we can count on him to support and sign the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which a President Bush would certainly oppose and veto. Our right to work without fear of employment discrimination depends a great deal on which candidate wins this election.

Al Gore is not a perfect candidate, especially if you start looking at other issues besides gay and lesbian civil rights. Not all of us on the progressive/left are happy with the “New Democrats” who supported the indefensible “Defense of Marriage Act,” and cut welfare programs to women and children as well as AIDS victims.

On the issue of campaign financing, Al Gore and the Democratic Party are just as lacking in credibility as the Republicans. Which leaves a very attractive alternative to the two-part duopoly—Green Party candidate Ralph Nader.

In addition to his proven record of holding corporations accountable for their activities, and his strong support for labor and civil rights, Nader goes even further than Al Gore by supporting the right of gays and lesbians to legally marry

and adopt children.

The real choice for GLBT voters is between Al Gore and Ralph Nader. It’s a difficult choice: (1) Do I vote for the candidate I would really like to see win the election but who cannot (Ralph Nader), and thus help elect George Bush; or (2) do I vote for the candidate most supportive of gay and lesbian equality who can win (Al Gore).

If elected president, George W. Bush would set the gay and lesbian movement back decades, ending the progress we have made in the last eight years. I think the stakes are too high in this election to sacrifice the civil rights of gays and lesbians, as well as the reproductive rights of women, by supporting a third party candidate for president.

The next president will probably appoint three or more Supreme Court Justices, and that President will be either Al Gore or George W. Bush. I don’t want George W. Bush in a position to appoint more anti-gay conservatives to the Supreme Court.

On the state level, our incumbent U.S. Senator, Republican Bill Frist, is clearly an opponent of gays and lesbians. Frist, like Bush, opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes legislation, etc. Frist is clearly opposed to equality for gays and lesbians.

However, the Democratic candidate, Jeff Clark, or someone in

his campaign, attacked Shannon Wood, one of his primary opponents, for her platform which included equality for gays and lesbians. Because of these attacks on Shannon Wood and sexual harassment accusations from students at MTSU against Clark, Knoxville Pride has endorsed Green Party candidate Tom Burrell for U.S. Senate.

The Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice sent a questionnaire to Jeff Clark to clarify his position. In response, Clark apologized for the attacks (blaming them on someone else in his campaign), and promised to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes legislation as well as domestic partnership benefits for same-sex couples. He would not, however, support same-sex marriage, but neither does Al Gore.

The gay/lesbian movement has made a lot of progress in the last decade. We helped elect the first president to openly support gay and lesbian civil rights. According to polls from the last national election, five percent of voters identify as gay or lesbian. Our vote is important and it will definitely count in this election. Whatever you do, exercise your right to vote, and use your vote to reward candidates who support GLBT equality. Our future depends on the outcome of this election.

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## PlanetOut Raises More Than \$10 Million

PlanetOut ([www.planetout.com](http://www.planetout.com)), the Internet media company serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, announced that it has raised more than \$10 million in a third round of funding that includes a number of premier corporate, financial and individual investors.

America Online Investments, BMG Entertainment, Creative Artists Agency, EDventure Holdings, Mayfield Fund and prominent angels (private investors) are among those participating in the round, reflecting the growing interest in the gay and lesbian market among mainstream investors and corporations.

“We see this round as an enthusiastic endorsement of PlanetOut’s

vision and our commitment to creating the premier online destination for the gay and lesbian community,” said PlanetOut CEO Megan Smith.

New investors represent two prominent entertainment companies, BMG Entertainment, one of the world’s premier music companies and a part of Bertelsmann AG, and Creative Artists Agency, Hollywood’s leading literary and talent agency.

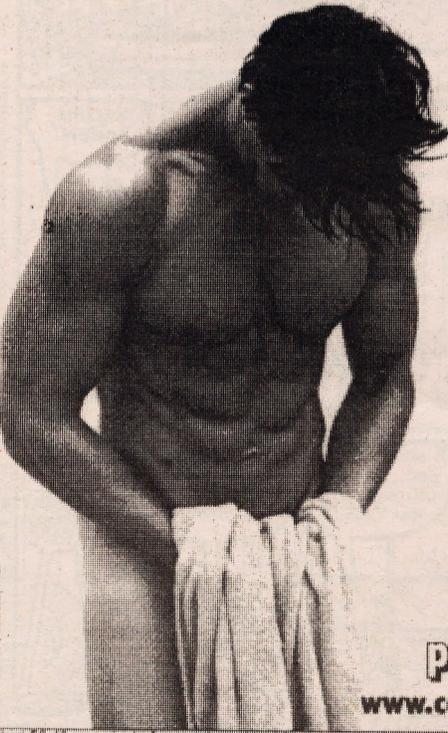
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# What Was the Dutch Sodomy Panic?

Today, Amsterdam's gay-friendly attitude, freewheeling nightlife, and the Homomonument, memorializing gays lost during the Nazi era, confirm travel guide descriptions of the city as the gay capital of Europe. Yet, during the 18th century, sex between men was more aggressively prosecuted in Holland than in any other European nation.

The first wave of prosecutions began in Utrecht, a large Dutch city, when Zacharias Wilsma, a 22-year-old servant and former soldier, was arrested on a sodomy charge in 1730. Wilsma was interrogated under threat of torture, and he knew a conviction could mean death, so he cooperated with his questioners. He shocked officials with a detailed description of a "sodomitical underworld" in Holland's cities, a world he said he knew well.

Wilsma named several sexual partners who lived in Amsterdam, so Utrecht authorities transferred him there to testify against his erstwhile lovers. The four men he accused were executed together in June 1730. Before they died, interrogators extracted a list of more than 40 names of fellow sodomites. The cycle of arrest, interrogation, and conviction continued, and investigations spread to The Hague, Delft and Haarlem.

The recorded testimony of Wilsma and other sodomites later in the century reveal that the underworld he told authorities about really existed. It had well-defined rituals, its own slang and well-known meeting places. A man cruising for sex might pat one hand with the other — a signal that he wanted to have sex — and once he attracted a partner, he might propose "going to the office," a visit

to a public toilet. Once there, he and his partner would "dance and jump." More specifically, they might choose "shaking out" (masturbation) or "dirty work" (anal sex), though probably not oral sex, an unpopular practice. Sex partners could be found in local taverns, at well-known "offices" with names like "The Old Lady," or, if money permitted, in a "fun house"

their collective sin. In sermons and printed broadsheets, preachers warned that worse punishments would follow unless Holland returned to the stoic values of an earlier era and eliminated sodomites and their secret underworld.

The panic that followed the discovery of the "sodomitical underworld" and the ministers' warnings lasted for about two years. Para-

root out Faan's sodomites. He interrogated and tortured the accused and forced them to reveal the names of their accomplices. The confessions he elicited included lists of dates and times when each of the accused had committed sodomy and the names of dozens of accomplices. The detail of the confessions suggests that the accused often fabricated both accomplices

convictions he needed to justify a mass execution. On Sept. 24, 22 men and boys were tied to wooden stakes, strangled and burned.

Periods of intense persecution recurred in 1764, 1776 and 1795, though none were as violent as the panic of 1730-1732.

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(brothel).

Wilsma and the other convicts' revelations came at a time when Dutch society was primed for panic. King William III had led the nation to economic and military successes during the late 17th century, but his death in 1702 led to the deterioration of the Dutch military and a humiliating loss of territory in 1713. By 1730, a consensus had developed that the nation was sliding into decline. When Holland's Calvinist clergy learned about the sodomites in their midst, they seized on the news to explain the nation's ills.

According to the preachers, the Dutch people had grown lazy during the years of plenty, and their idleness led them to sins like gambling, card playing and whoring. When those pleasures were not enough, the most depraved descended into sodomy. No wonder the nation was in trouble. The Dutch people had enraged God and were suffering the consequences of

doxically, the worst single incident of persecution did not occur in one of the large cities where sodomites congregated, but in a tiny peasant village named Faan. The tragic sequence of events there began in April 1731 when a blind 13-year-old boy alleged that his nephew had tried to have sex with him. The presiding country judge, Rudolph de Mepsche, quickly concluded that Faan was infested by a band of sodomites just like those he had read about in the big cities, and began a campaign to destroy it.

De Mepsche used the same methods of the city magistrates to

and events to escape the rigors of torture.

Records of the Faan interrogations reveal that sodomites in the little farming village were very different from Zacharias Wilsma's crowd. Some of the accused in Faan did not even know what sodomy was when they came before De Mepsche. Once he explained it, they admitted to a dalliance by a barn or in a ditch, but Faan had no "offices" or "fun houses," no sub-cultural rituals and no secret language. The dangerous underworld de Mepsche set out to destroy did not exist. Still, de Mepsche had the

## Plans to Honor Harvey Milk Include a Pink Cloud Over Castro

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk may be memorialized with a pink cloud permanently hovering over the main intersection in the city's Castro district.

"I think Harvey would really be taken by this," said Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano at a ceremony Sept. 13 unveiling the two grand prize winners of a

contest to design the Harvey Milk Memorial Plaza.

One of the winning designs was created by landscape designer Christian Werthmann and involves a web of fog-making installations hoisted more than 20 feet above the intersection. Pink clouds would levitate over the street.

"The clouds have a very poetic dimension," Werthmann said.

"They can stand for dreams and optimism. To me, the whole gay and lesbian movement is driven by that vision."

The second top design by architect Heidi Sokolowsky called for a 60-foot-tall "vision tower," which would display moving images from an island in the median on Market Street. The broad electronic billboard-like tower would include images of Milk as well as information about local events.

The design would include a close-up viewing area, which pedestrians could access by walking down an underground passageway at the base of the tower.

Both designs will be reviewed by the public during a community meeting in November. They will eventually be incorporated into a final design that will include various elements of the winning entries.

Funding for the project, which could reach into the millions, would come from the city Arts Commission and from state and local transit funds.

Milk, the city's first openly gay supervisor, was a pioneering crusader for gays in San Francisco. He was assassinated at City Hall in 1978 by former Supervisor Dan White.

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# Book Review Trailblazing

By Shannon Yarbrough

By the time you read this, Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, will have already visited Memphis and spoke to us about what she is doing to survive the loss of her dear son. You probably also enjoyed the reruns of the hit summer *Survivor* series which ended in victory for the openly gay participant Richard Hatch.

As the summer of 2000 came to an end, I kept recalling all of our "survival" stories of the year, and have noticed just how important the word survive has become recently in the gay and lesbian community.



How long did you hold your breath during the brutal rape scene in *Boys Don't Cry*, wondering how anyone could emotionally survive that? And what about all of those "survivors" who are standing up and protesting Boy Scout policies? Let's not forget the continuing fight against AIDS and the survivors who are fighting for their lives.

One story that stands out in my mind is that of Eric Anderson, America's first openly gay track coach. Dating back almost four years ago, we may have forgotten Eric's story by now and the media attention that it received. However, Eric has recorded his survival story for us this year with the release of his book, *Trailblazing*, by Alyson Publications. For those of you who enjoyed Patricia Nell Warren's *The Front Runner*, you do not want to miss Anderson's first-person narrative of his personal, professional and political experience.

Eric was at the top of his sport, coaching the running team at Huntington Beach High School in Orange County, Calif. After coming out to his school and students, his whole team quickly became the victim of harassment, discrimination and violence. Not only was Eric becoming the center of homophobia in Orange County, but his team was the center of it as well, being labeled "the fag team." However, his team decided to become survivors of the hate. The young trailblazers fully supported their coach and strove to achieve their goals, gain respect from their competitors, support from their school, and glory on the track.

With the amount of hate our students face in high school today, it was amazing to read the story of

the teacher who was standing by their side. A victim of that hate, Eric Anderson's personal story of determination is the perfect book for anyone who has felt alone in his or her struggles.

Eric's team suffered from his own personal choice, but they stood by his side and were determined to succeed. Although Eric was blamed for any mistakes or losses the team may have had, he kept a positive outlook on gaining acceptance as a human being.

The cover of the book alone displays the result of Eric's struggle. It is a picture of Eric with his team running in the background, determined to keep going and succeed. There are also many pictures displayed in the book of Eric and his students and their winnings. Such pictures brought back nice memories for me of a time when I was in high school. Although I was lucky enough not to be a victim of such hate, my heart goes out to those who were not as fortunate as me.

*Trailblazing* is a story that definitely reminds us to stop and be thankful for who we are. It also made me thankful to know that we have such strong members of our gay and lesbian community across the nation that are willing to stand up and fight for their rights, and for our "survival."

Eric writes, "Our experiences bonded us in a way that created lasting and exceptional friendships." It is not often that we witness this among teacher and student relationships.

As you begin reading the book, Eric tells you that many of his students were very skeptical about their abilities as athletes, just as Eric was very skeptical about his choice to come out. As he molded them into a team of believers, they also began to believe in him. Not only did his team members learn who they really were as they struggled to the top on the track, but Eric learned who he was as their mentor and as a person.

*Trailblazing* was the only non-fiction book I read this summer, but it was a personal story that once again proved that truth is indeed stranger than fiction. Eric Anderson's story is one that you do not want to miss as we reach the end of another year of struggles and triumph (and survival). You don't have to take my

advice though, read the book!

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# School Districts Reverse Bans on Gay Students Club

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — The Orange Unified School District plans to settle a federal lawsuit by reversing an earlier decision to ban a gay-tolerance club from meeting at an area high school.

The district's board formally approved the agreement Sept. 7, the first day of classes for the system's high schools, spokeswoman Judy Frutig said.

As part of the settlement, the board said it will vote to change its policies on school clubs before ap-

proving the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, Frutig said.

The new rules will prohibit student clubs from discussing sexual activity and create a system that will allow parents to object to a child's participation in any school group, she said.

In December, the board unanimously rejected the Gay-Straight Alliance Club at El Modena High School, prompting a federal lawsuit by two students who wanted to create a forum for gay students

to discuss discrimination.

They said the board violated the Equal Access Act, which prohibits public schools that take federal money from excluding particular non-curricular clubs if it allows others.

The students involved in the club are happy their fight with the school board has ended, said their attorney, Myron Dean Quon.

"What it comes down to is, we're happy to be able to dispense of costly litigation and we're happy

the kids can go back to being regular school kids and not under such great public scrutiny," he said.

There is no financial settlement included in the agreement, he added.

In Utah, meanwhile, the Salt Lake City School District voted Sept. 5 to end its four-year ban on nonacademic clubs that was imposed to keep a gay-straight alliance from meeting.

Board members — some who even voted for the ban in 1996 —

rejected the idea that allowing students to form extracurricular clubs would be promoting a gay and lesbian lifestyle.

The new policy allows students to create academic clubs sponsored by the school, and nonacademic clubs that cannot participate in school fund-raisers.

After the meeting, students from Highland High School were already making plans for what clubs they want to form, including ones for meat eaters, swimmers and ski-

## Barbados to Put Condom Machines in Prisons

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Prisoners in Barbados will soon have access to condom machines to help stop the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, among inmates, *The Nation* newspaper reported.

"I am not sure of the statistics because our testing is not as widespread as it should be ... but we suspect this is a significant problem," Health Minister Philip Goddard was quoted as saying in the *Nation* newspaper. "If we are advocating safe sex and we recognize the reality of men having sex

in prison, then it logically follows that they should have the same protection as the rest of the community."

Goddard dismissed the view that advocating condom use in prison promotes homosexual behavior, a controversial issue in the conservative Caribbean nation.

"I am not promoting any type of sexual behavior, but we have to recognize that there are men who have sex with other men in this society," Goddard said.

Goddard did not say when the machines would be installed.

## Sundance Channel to Celebrate NCOD Oct. 11 With Two Films

Sundance Channel will celebrate National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 with two films that tackle the subject with candor, sensitivity and humor.

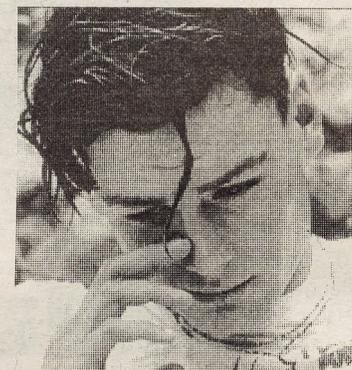
In his award-winning short *Family*, Stephen Patrick Foery details his coming-out experiences from age 18 to 22, from first discussing his sexuality on Philadelphia's public radio show *Gaydreams*, to finding an influential gay mentor on the Internet, to finally coming out to his

father in a tense interview.

*Family* will air on Wed., Oct. 11, at 9:45 p.m.

Also airing is David Moreton's critically acclaimed *Edge of Seventeen*, a sweet, funny and knowing tale of an Ohio boy's coming out circa 1984, a giddy period when gender-bending pop stars like Boy George were making major inroads into mainstream culture.

*Edge of Seventeen* will air on Wed., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m.



Stephen Patrick Foery in *Family*.

## Nonprofits Fuming As MARTA Nixes Ads

ATLANTA (AP) — Nonprofit groups are fuming over a new advertising policy by Atlanta's MARTA transit system that rejects all ads that don't make a commercial sales pitch.

That means MARTA trains, buses and bus shelters will no longer carry message ads on topics like gay rights and abortion, or even ads promoting recycling, world peace or walkathons.

"Now they will be perceived as just another predatory entity in the community that takes and takes and take, but becomes stingy in giving back," said Cheryl Odeleye, vice president of the Georgia Alliance for Children.

The group had used MARTA in the past to advertise its Greater Atlanta Youth Walk every fall. This year the transit agency turned them down.

MARTA stopped accepting noncommercial ads after it lost a federal lawsuit by an anti-abortion group whose ads MARTA had turned down. A judge ruled MARTA was wrong to reject the abortion ads when it had previously accepted ads concerning gay rights, AIDS awareness, pregnancy counseling and adoption services.

After losing the suit, MARTA allowed the abortion ads to go up. But then it revamped its policy. Now promoting mouthwash and fast food is OK. Message ads aren't.

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# Lesbian Notions

by Paula Martinac

## Considering Our Candidates

In the 2000 presidential election, what's a progressive-thinking lesbian or gay voter to do? Vote for Al Gore? Choose Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate? Sit out the election? Those alternatives are all problematic in different ways. But at this moment in history, Democratic candidates remain the best choice for left-leaning Americans, including lesbians and gay men.

In the primaries, I was a Bill Bradley supporter. I had never before heard a major-party candidate, except Jesse Jackson, use the term "racial justice" with such ease and underscore it in his campaign. Unlike Gore and Bush, who couldn't say enough about what they owed to Jesus, Bradley refused to bring his religious beliefs into his bid for the highest office of a country where church is supposed to be separate from state. But it was his unflinching advocacy of adding "sexual orientation" to the Civil Rights Act over the strong objection of many centrist black and gay leaders that really clinched it for me.

Bradley, however, was never a "perfect" choice for lesbian and gay voters. In the Senate, he voted for the odious Defense of Marriage Act, and he remained opposed to same-sex marriage throughout his campaign. Even his wife, Ernestine (whom I'd vote for in a minute, if

the Constitution allowed immigrants to become president), admitted that Bill had a long way to go in his thinking on that key gay issue.

Gore is even further from perfection than Bradley. His praise for Clinton's abysmal welfare reform program makes any good leftist cringe. And although he's gay-friendly, Gore, too, has got a way to go on issues like gay marriage and service in the military.

But the truth is, the "perfect candidate" doesn't exist, except in our imaginations. Even Ralph Nader, whom some on the left view as a savior, has been chastised for failing to address the racial divide in this country and for not taking a more impassioned stand on gay and abortion rights. Confronting criticism of Nader from progressives, Winona LaDuke, the Green Party's vice presidential candidate, wisely reminded voters that "we need to be careful on the left ... to not make it so we are islands of political correctness unto ourselves, where it is only those who hold absolutely every [progressive] stand that we are willing to support."

Still, many liberal voters, lesbians and gay men included, are already invoking the old "there's no difference between Democrats and Republicans" excuse to opt out of going to the polls. They're ignor-

ing the many notable differences between the two major parties' platforms on issues like lesbian and gay rights, abortion, gun control, the minimum wage, and prescription drug benefits for Medicare recipients. Strangely, many of these non-voters may consider their silence to be a political statement.

Other progressives, disapproving of Gore's corporate funding, his personal financial investments, or his choice of a running mate whose commitment to affirmative action has drawn questioning, may decide to cast their votes for Nader. But a vote of conscience for Nader, particularly in the key state of California, may throw the election to Bush — something no progressive should have on his or her conscience.

The push to have more than two choices in a presidential election is one I support. I think many people are hungry to reform this country's two-party system, as evidenced in the first presidential run of Ross Perot, the victory of Jesse Ventura

in Minnesota, and the interest in Nader's grassroots campaign.

The function of third-party candidates has been to bring to the foreground issues that the major parties don't. That's important work, but in our imperfect system, these candidates usually just become "also rans" who pitch the general election to either the Democrats or Republicans.

Part of the problem lies with the Commission on Presidential Debates ([www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org)), which is controlled by the two major parties and stipulates that only candidates garnering 15 percent in the polls can participate in the televised debates. Without exposure in the debates, which influence so many independent and undecided voters, third-party candidates are limited to single-digit totals, and the vicious cycle of two-party domination continues.

We need a lot of changes in our election process, like easier balloting and campaign finance reform. And for starters, we could use new

rules governing the debates. Reform Party members have suggested letting candidates participate as long as they have raised \$500,000 and appear on enough state ballots to have a mathematical chance of winning. By opening up the debates, voters would have more options, and we'd probably find major-party candidates becoming more responsive to a wide range of political views.

In the meantime, we've got the reality of the November election, in which only two candidates are electable: Bush, whose party's platform states, "We do not believe sexual preference should be given legal protection"; and Gore, whose party vows commitment to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, among many other things. It's your choice.

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**New Lesbian Erotica Anthology Seeks Stories.** *Pillow Talk III: Yet More Lesbian Stories Between the Covers*, an anthology of erotic lesbian short stories, edited by Lesléa Newman to be published by Alyson Publications, seeks sexy, breathtaking, HOT stories written

by women who identify as lesbian or bisexual. All serious, funny, tender, angry, lusty stories about sexual encounters (or near encounters) will be considered. Editor is looking for well-written stories complete with plot, fully developed characters and emotional content as well as body parts.

Before submitting stories, writers should obtain complete guidelines either by visiting the website [www.lesleanewman.com](http://www.lesleanewman.com) (select "books for adults" and click onto "upcoming titles") or send self-addressed stamped envelope for complete guidelines to: Lesléa Newman, P.O. Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: Feb. 12, 2001 (postmark).

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## PERSONALS

35 yo white male master of discipline ISO naughty submissive slave. I am into bondage, spanking, shaving, endless sex, toys and more. 18-22ish, smooth-bodied, white male, about 140# with boyish looks and mannerisms. Skinny a plus. No diseases. For an absolute spanking good time, call Mr. Paul: 323-1521.

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GWM, 50, seeking caring and sincere GWM, 45-55, for lasting, loving and fun relationship. Call Brad: 662-223-5882, Mon.-Thurs., 6:00-9:00 p.m.

GWM couple, late 30s, HIV-negative, seeks GWM, 18-30 for relationship and fun. No fats or fems. Call Phillip—581-6165.

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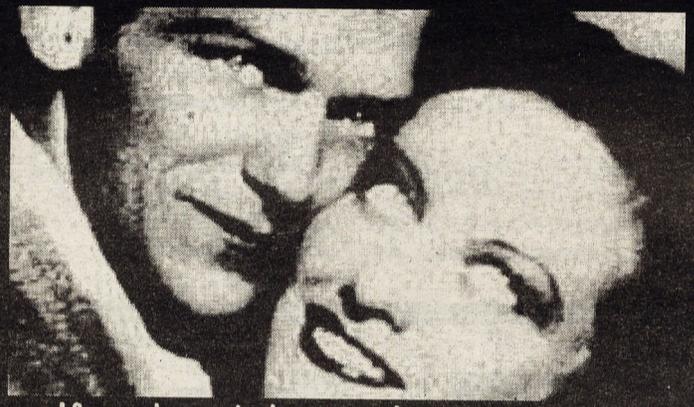
Wanted: guys 18-30, thin to average build, for fun and sex. Send letter with your looks, likes and how to contact you. Gay, bi, straight, curious, HIV-negative, BJ or all nighter. Write TJN Dept. BD-09, P.O. Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

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Sunday	8:00 pm	Discussion
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Tuesday	8:00 pm	Twelve Step Study
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Big Book Study
Thursday	9:00 pm	Discussion
Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion

(Last Sunday of month is birthday night with speaker.)

### Into The Light (Alcoholics Anonymous - Women)

Thursday	7:00 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)
Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

(Business meeting 3rd Sunday of month, Birthdays last Thursday)

### Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)
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### Open Heart (Al-Anon)

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Thursday	5:30 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)

(Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month, Birthdays last Tuesday)

### ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

Sunday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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\*Memphis Lambda Center, Inc. is a private organization formed for the promulgation and enhancement of Twelve-Step meetings with a special outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community. Business meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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