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Application for MGLCC Rezoning Scheduled Before City Council

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's application for a zoning variance is being processed through the Office of Planning and Development and is currently on schedule to appear before the City Council Tues., Dec. 4.

The variance is necessary because the building being considered for the community center is currently zoned for medical office use.

If there is opposition to the application, a public hearing will be held on that date. Although no opposition is expected, reaction to the GLBT community in Memphis is sometimes unpredictable.

Motivating events for obtaining a community center physical space included the ejection of two local GLBT-related groups from meeting spaces held by organizations thought to be GLBT-friendly.

MGLCC believes visible support for the center is important, and

could be vital if opposition is voiced.

"We request supportive GLBT community members mark the hearing on their calendars and make every effort to attend," said Jason Crockett, president of MGLCC.

City Council meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall (125 North Main).

MGLCC is committed to building a stronger, more unified GLBT community in Memphis. MGLCC promotes educational and cultural activities for the GLBT community, and is dedicated to the advancement of understanding and recognition of diversity in the Memphis area.

More information about the MGLCC can be found at www.memphisgayweb.org or by calling (901) 324-4297.

Gay Bank Going Out of Business

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—The nation's only Internet-based bank that markets primarily to homosexuals is going out of business, but its founder is trying to buy it and keep it going without interrupting services.

G&L Bank, whose initials stand for gay and lesbian, announced plans to close by Jan. 3 after liquidating, selling its assets or being acquired.

The bank was founded two years ago by former Memphian Steven Dunlap, who was ousted from its management last year.

Dunlap, a successful businessman but not a trained banker, said that he has formed a new company, Gay Community Bancshares Inc., and has contacted the federal Office of Thrift Supervision to find out what steps must be taken to pur-

chase G&L.

In the late 1980s Dunlap renovated the Memphis landmark Ashlar Hall and opened a club there called "The Castle."

"We think this is a safe and sound bank, and we're looking forward to acquiring and operating it," Dunlap said.

The Pensacola-based bank issued a statement saying the decision to go out of business was in response to the nation's faltering economy and the challenges of Internet banking. Bank managers said deposits are safe and federally insured.

David Richbourg, one of the original investors, said he and other shareholders were working with Dunlap to buy G&L or start a rival bank before the closure was an-

See *Gay Bank* on page 20



A small, but enthusiastic, group of 75-100 spent a beautiful fall afternoon in Overton Park Sun., Oct. 12, in celebration of National Coming Out Day. The picnic was sponsored by Memphis Pride, Inc. Lower than usual attendance was blamed on the fact that the U.S. began its retaliation against Afghanistan that morning. (Additional photos on page 8.)

Friends For Life to Bring "The Faces of AIDS: A Photo Documentary from the Heartland" Exhibit to Memphis

Friends For Life Corporation (FFL) recently unveiled its latest program, The Positive Living Center (PLC), to the Mid-South on Sept. 15. On Sat., Nov. 10, FFL will host a grand opening event for the PLC, which will include the opening of the exhibit "The Faces of AIDS: A Photo Documentary from the Heartland."

The event will be held at the PLC, located in the basement of First Congregational Church, 1000 S. Cooper in Midtown, with the doors opening at noon. A reception is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., followed by a panel discussion at 2:30 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display at First Congregational Church through Tues., Nov. 13, from noon to 8 p.m. daily.

"The Faces of AIDS" is a living, breathing photo documentary revealing stories of people living

with HIV and AIDS in the Midwestern United States, the nation's Heartland. The exhibit and its companion book, *The Faces of AIDS—Personal Stories from the Heartland*, are part of an ongoing project developed by the Chicago Department of Health, which seeks to provide insight into the lives of people who are struggling with the complexities of a devastating epidemic for which there is treatment, but no cure.

Since "The Faces of AIDS" exhibit is about people who are living with HIV/AIDS, it seems only fitting that it should be the highlight of the grand opening of the Positive Living Center since the PLC is place that centers around living with HIV/AIDS.

"The Positive Living Center provides a place where persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS

can learn to manage the disease in a holistic manner," said Kim Moss, Friends For Life executive director.

"Recognizing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all persons, the Positive Living Center provides a place for persons with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers to participate in therapeutic activities that are designed to increase their ability to live successfully with HIV/AIDS.

There is no cure for HIV/AIDS. However, people with the disease are living longer and the PLC's mission is to provide services that will help persons living with HIV/AIDS experience the highest quality of life possible while living with the disease," Moss said.

Speakers planned for the grand opening event on Sat., Nov. 10, See *Faces of AIDS* on page 12

The Full Story Includes Us

by Joan M. Garry
Executive Director
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against
Defamation (GLAAD)

Like many of you, I spent much of Sept. 11 glued to one of several television sets — first in my office and then, after our evacuation, in my den with my family. It was a day of horrifying images. Any sense of security evaporated and was replaced by fear of what could happen next. Amid the chaos in New York, my identity as a lesbian for a moment seemed unimportant. What mattered was my family and my country's safety.

The attacks and their aftermath left most of us with a profound sense of solidarity — a unity reflected in, and

nurtured by, the media. Around-the-clock newscasts erased our differences and brought us together with universal, homogenized reports that seemed calculated to give us comfort and catharsis.

The picture looks different now. Many of us have settled back into familiar, if wary, routines. We've returned to work, to school, to dinner out with friends, to the movies, to television. And, in their coverage of our nation's mourning, media have returned to the routine of marginalizing gay identity.

In the days immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, other matters seemed trivial and inconsequential. We wanted to identify as Americans, feeling an unprecedented

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— at least in many of our lifetimes — sense of community. Against the backdrop of a terrible tragedy, many of us recognized glimmers of the kind of society we yearned for: one where we are connected and part of a common, united equality.

Then, as familiar patterns re-emerged, so did our identities as gays and lesbians. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson blamed us for the attacks. Following a failed attempt by some House Republicans to stall domestic partner benefits in Washington, D.C., the Family Research Council blasted President Bush for “advancing the radical homosexual agenda.” And Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition told *The Washington Post* that gay survivors who lost partners in the attacks ought not be eligible for relief. Clearly, the anti-gay industry wasted no time getting back to its business.

But in the wake of the tragedy, heroes have emerged from within our community. Mark Bingham participated in a revolt that crashed the hijacked United Flight 93 into a remote field outside Pittsburgh. Father Mychal Judge was killed while ministering to a fallen firefighter at ground zero. And Graham Berkeley, Daniel Brandhorst and Ronald Gamboa, David Charlebois, Carol Flyzik, Jack Keohane, Sheila Hein and many others who had lived brave, openly gay lives were among those

lost to the terrorist attacks.

Media coverage of these gay and lesbian heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks has been and continues to be a primary focus for GLAAD, because our community has been uniquely impacted by these events. Our relationships are not afforded basic, equal protections under the law. As a result, some surviving partners will find themselves unable to qualify for state aid and unemployment benefits, and may find themselves unable to obtain bereavement leave, inheritance rights, or even access to the memorial of a partner.

And these exclusionary definitions of family have been used by some media to render our lives and identities invisible. The *Courier-Journal* in Louisville initially reported that Ronald Gamboa, partner of Daniel Brandhorst and adoptive father of David Gamboa-Brandhorst, was single and childless.

NBC's Oct. 2 *Dateline* report on the downing of United Flight 93 identified Bingham as a rugby player, yet made no mention that it was a gay rugby team. Bingham's mother, who was interviewed for the piece, has stated publicly that Bingham's gay identity was a crucial part of his life — a facet of Bingham's character and heroism that NBC had a responsibility to report.

Likewise, the centrality of Father Mychal Judge's iden-

tity as a gay man — especially in the context of his longtime ministries to the LGBT and AIDS communities — has been shamefully overlooked by all in the mainstream but *The Village Voice*.

Some have argued that there were no gay or lesbian victims of the Sept. 11 attacks — there were only American victims. I say they can be both. By idealizing definitions of family and identity that exclude gay and lesbian Americans, our national culture sends the confounding message that what is gay and what is good cannot co-exist. Take that message and couple it with our status as second-class citizens under the law. Add our military's senseless discrimination against and persecution of gay soldiers. This troublesome mix highlights the unique impact of our national crisis on gays and lesbians — and the need to have our heroes known.

Fair, accurate and inclusive media images shatter stereotypes. When Americans learn that the people they respect, admire and hold up as heroes are gay, it goes a long way toward dispelling anti-gay zealots' attempts to demonize our lives. A nation that prizes its diversity and its unity cannot simultaneously abide discrimination. The media cannot choose heroes to polish and promote when real bravery knows no limitations. Media have an obligation to truth.

And we are a part of that.



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Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

Alert: Find out about medicines that should NOT be taken with VIRACEPT. Please also read the section "MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH VIRACEPT".

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. Although VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, VIRACEPT can help reduce your risk for death and illness associated with HIV. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT should be taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), EpiVir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the face, legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Medicines you should not take with VIRACEPT:

Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)

Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)

Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others

Ergot derivatives (Cafegot® and others, for migraine headache)

Halcion® (triazolam)

Versed® (midazolam)

Mevacor® (lovastatin, for cholesterol lowering)

Zocor® (simvastatin, for cholesterol lowering)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with: Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

Phenobarbital

Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)

Carbamazepine (Tegreto® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zocor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

Taking St. John's wort (hypericum perforatum), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort with VIRACEPT is not recommended. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or are planning to take St. John's wort. Taking St. John's wort may decrease VIRACEPT levels and lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to VIRACEPT or cross resistance to other antiretroviral drugs.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)

EpiVir (lamivudine, 3TC)

Zerit (stavudine, d4T)

Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT:

Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood is unchanged. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Viramune.

Sustiva™ (efavirenz)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Norvir™ (ritonavir)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 15-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include nausea, gas and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took

VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. VIRACEPT tablets are film-coated to help make the tablets easier to swallow.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily				
Body Weight Kg	Body Weight Lb	Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: **A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication** should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do **not** mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do **not** heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do **not** add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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World AIDS Day: Do You Notice Anything Different?

By Butch Valentine

The local World AIDS Day observances begin with the World AIDS Day Marker Project to remember the 2,311 children, women and men in Shelby County who have died from AIDS.

Last year, Friends For Life and The First Baptist Church of Memphis worked together to make and install 2,204 markers on the church's property at the corner of Poplar and E. Parkway.

Located at one of Memphis' busiest intersections, this highly visible corner has more than 70,000 cars passing it daily. This year the tribute will be expanded across the street to include the Greater Lewis Street Missionary Baptist Church.

The two congregations, one predominately white, one predominately African-American, will work together to install the markers on both corners on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, and the display will remain through Sat., Dec. 8.

This year's 2,311 figure comes

from the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department's HIV and AIDS Summary Report (as of June 30, 2001) and represents reported deaths from AIDS. While the death rate from AIDS has slowed dramatically in recent years because of advances in treatment, on average there is a death from AIDS in Shelby County every three and a half days.

Dec. 1 marks the global observances for World AIDS Day. Locally, the observance will be held at 6 p.m. at Union Avenue Baptist Church. Special guest Rev. Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak to us as a father who has lost a daughter to AIDS.

To mark the observance of the 20th year of the AIDS pandemic, 40 sections of the AIDS Quilt will be brought to Memphis. Each section consists of eight coffin-sized quilt panels and will feature quilts from the Mid-South.

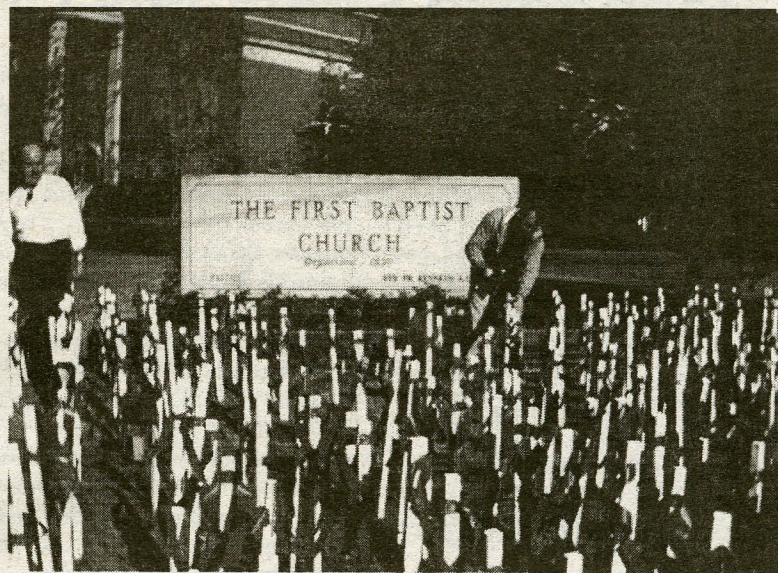
The sections will be shared between two churches, with half of the sections being displayed

during the service, and then from Sat., Dec. 3 through Tues., Dec. 6, at both Union Avenue Baptist Church and Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on Parkrose Avenue in south Memphis.

As many of you know, the AIDS Quilt will never be displayed again in its entirety because it is too large, so this is a very special opportunity for local residents.

Do you notice anything different from previous years about what you have just read? Did you notice all the Baptist churches that are involved with the various World AIDS Day observances? Did you notice predominately African-American churches and predominately white churches are working together for World AIDS Day?

Even though this is the way it should be and should always be, much work remains to be done within the religious community and much work remains to be done in the African-American community.



This file photo from Dec. 2000 shows the first installation of AIDS markers on the lawn of First Baptist Church at Poplar and E. Parkway. The 2001 marker project will include markers placed on the opposite corner on the property of Greater Lewis Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Integrity's November Meeting to Salute Rev. Doug Bailey

The next regular monthly meeting of Integrity Memphis will be held on Tues., Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church (Second at Adams). This will be a special meeting as it will be our last with the Doug Bailey, who has served for 11 years as Integrity's Chaplin, supporter and friend. The meeting will begin with Holy Eucharist, which will be followed by dinner and, then time with Bailey. All are welcome to join the group as it expresses its appreciation and good wishes to him and as it discusses Integrity's "life after Doug."

Integrity-Memphis is the local

chapter of a national organization, Integrity-USA, which serves within the Episcopal Church. Its mission is to promote understanding between the gay community and the church. The regular monthly meetings host a variety of programs, covering a wide range of topics of interest to GLBTs. The group has members of many faith traditions, and visitors are always welcomed.

Integrity meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Church. For more information, visit the organization's website at http://www.geocities.com/integrity_memphis/

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Johnson Accepts LGCJ Board Position

The Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice has welcomed a new board member—Orin Johnson. Orin was accepted to the board at the Sept. 25 meeting of the Memphis LGCJ Board. He will be the chair of the education and outreach committee.

There are openings on the board for chairs of the media and public relations, membership and fundraising committees.

Anyone interested in joining the Memphis LGCJ Board should e-mail mlgcj@yahoo.com or call

327-2677.

Current board members are: Co-chairs Katie Hiestand and Jim Maynard; Len Piechowski, secretary; Tim Johnson, treasurer; and Orin Johnson, outreach chair

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Georgia Court Considers Whether State Should Legally Recognize Same-sex Civil Unions Performed in Vermont

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's right-to-privacy law should allow the state to recognize the civil union of a lesbian couple as a legal marriage, an attorney argued before a three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals on Oct. 10.

Because the couple made a mutual commitment in a civil ceremony in Vermont, which recognizes same-sex unions, they should be considered legal partners in Georgia, said Adrian Lanser, an attorney for one of the women.

Susan Freer of Atlanta is seeking to regain visitation rights to see her three sons from a marriage that ended in divorce in 1995. She's fighting a state court order barring

her from having the children visit while she's living with someone who is not her legal spouse.

Freer, 36, took the last name of her partner, Debra Freer, after the civil ceremony in Vermont. They consider themselves married and should be protected by the state's privacy law, Lanser said.

"Susan Freer has made a lifetime commitment to her spouse," he said. "If public policy doesn't applaud that, it should."

The head of a public interest law firm representing Freer's ex-husband, Darian Burns, argued that only people of the opposite sex can be legally married in Georgia.

Mathew Staver, president and general counsel of the Orlando-based Liberty Counsel, said the state's 1996 Defense of Marriage

Act makes it clear that Georgia will not recognize same-sex unions, no matter where they are sealed.

Vermont's same-sex unions are not recognized as legal marriages in any state, and are even legally distinguished from marriage in that state's own code, Staver said.

And, he said, Susan Freer's right to privacy is not at issue.

"The right to privacy is not absolute," he said. "It is not absolute because there are children involved."

Judges quizzed Lanser on the issue of the state's definition of marriage, with Judge Yvette Miller asking him if it might be an issue for the Legislature instead of the Appeals Court.

Last summer Susan Freer told the news of her civil union to her

ex-husband, a sixth-grade teacher in Rome who has custody of their 12-year-old twin boys and 9-year-old son.

In September, Burns filed contempt charges in Floyd County, accusing his ex-wife of violating a 1998 visitation agreement. That agreement prohibits visitation and residence "by the children with either party during any time where such party cohabits with or has overnight stays with any adult to whom party is not married or to whom party is not related."

A Jan. 30 order by Superior Court Judge Larry Salmon cited both the federal law regarding recognition of civil unions and the public policy of Georgia, which "as declared by the Legislature is against same-sex marriages."

Susan Freer said she has not seen her sons in more than a year, although Staver said she is free to visit with them any time as long as Debra Freer stays away from the home.

"What circumstances can justify depriving (the children) of the nurturing, support, kindness and love of their mother?" Susan Freer said in a prepared statement after the hearing.

"At some point we will be reunited, and I will be waiting for them with open arms," she said. "If there is any good to have come from all this, perhaps it is that they will learn that love and freedom are worth fighting for."

The court did not indicate when it would rule.

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Pataki's Executive Order Extends Equal Benefits to Gay Partners of WTC Victims

By Joel Stashenko
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Advocates for gays and lesbians say Gov. George Pataki has aided their campaign for equality even amid the World Trade Center tragedy.

Pataki decreed in an executive order that gay and lesbian partners of people killed by terrorists should qualify for Crime Victims Board benefits equal to those of heterosexual spouses.

"The terrorists targeted Americans," Pataki spokesman Joseph Conway said. "They didn't care if they were gay or straight. We want to ensure that everyone who lost loved ones receives the help and support they need."

The Empire State Pride Agenda, a New York City-based group representing gays and lesbians, said the state is the first government entity to guarantee such equal treatment for homosexual partners of trade center survivors. Nationally, U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York has called for equity in benefits afforded to gay and lesbian partners of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorism in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Under Pataki's order, same-sex partners who can demonstrate they were "mutually interdependent" with trade center victims are eligible for benefits to offset loss of household income from the Crime Victims Board. The benefits are for up to \$600 a week and can total up

to \$30,000.

The order also applies to unmarried, heterosexual partners of those killed in the Sept. 11 attack.

Pataki signed the order on Oct. 11.

Without Pataki's action, the Empire State Pride Agenda said a surviving same-sex partner would not be eligible for benefits unless he or she could prove the crime victim provided at least 75 percent of a household income.

Matt Foreman, executive director of the Pride Agenda, called Pataki's executive order an "incredibly just and humane act" that showed "courage and compassion."

It is unclear how many of the approximately 5,000 victims of the Sept. 11 attack had homosexual partners, Pride Agenda spokesman Joe Tarver said. Foreman has estimated, based on the numbers of homosexuals in the general population, that there are anywhere from 40 to 100 gay and lesbian survivors of those killed in the attack, Tarver said.

"As the publicity continues, more and more people call us," Tarver said.

The Pride Agenda is also lobbying the American Red Cross and others who control funds that are accepting donations for victims of the Sept. 11 violence to make sure gay and lesbian partners get equal treatment when benefits are distributed.

The Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman and founder of the Traditional Values Coalition, has drawn the ire of homosexual rights' groups by saying public and private charity groups should not give terrorism relief aid to surviving members of gay partnerships.



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HRC Calls Navy Letter Responding to Concerns About an Anti-gay Statement Scrawled on a Navy Bomb A 'Welcome Clarification'

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign and Servicemembers Legal Defense Network welcomed a letter received by HRC Oct. 18 from the Navy calling an anti-gay epithet written on a Navy bomb "inappropriate" and stated "steps were taken to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident."

"The letter was a welcome clarification and we are pleased the Navy has stated that this type of anti-gay behavior has no place in our armed forces," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"We are appreciative they have actively taken steps to end anti-gay episodes, such as this, at a time our nation needs to be united against the new and dangerous threats we face."

"Harassment in any form detracts from mission readiness," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

"We appreciate the Navy's pledge to curb harassment, especially at a time when it needs all service members to focus on

our fight against terrorism."

An Associated Press photographer photographed a bomb on the USS Enterprise that had the words "High Jack [sic] this Fags" scrawled on it. HRC's Birch telephoned the Navy to express her concerns and received a letter from the Navy condemning what they called an "isolated incident."

"We immediately notified Navy commanders involved with Operation Enduring Freedom to ensure steps were taken to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident. They have done so."

Rear Admiral S.R. Pietropaoli wrote in the Navy's letter to Birch: "I sincerely hope this isolated incident will not detract from the hard work and dedication of thousands of sailors and marines serving our nation in this war on terrorism."

The photograph in question was removed from AP internet sources a few days after it ran. Customarily, photographs remain available for several weeks.

October 17, 2001

Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director
Human Rights Campaign
919 18th Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Birch:

Thank you for taking my phone call earlier today. This letter is a follow-up to that conversation.

Your concern about the photograph of an inappropriate comment scrawled on a piece of ordnance aboard USS Enterprise is both understood and shared by Navy leadership. This first came to our attention earlier this week in phone calls from several newspapers with similar concerns. We immediately notified Navy commanders involved with Operation Enduring Freedom to ensure steps were taken to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident. They have done so.

As I told you on the phone, there is no written Defense Department guidance governing spontaneous acts of penmanship by our fighting forces. We do, however, expect oversight and leadership on the scene to ensure such actions are appropriate. The overwhelming majority of statements we have seen on ordnance have been positive expressions of support for victims of the terrorist attacks or those who answered the call and responded to the emergency. "FDNY," "NYPD," "Pentagon," "WTC" and "I (heart) NY" have been the norm. Clearly the photograph in question failed to meet our standards, and I assure you that had it been a Defense Department photo, it would never have been released. In this case our commitment to media access to our aircraft carriers meant the AP photographer was free to shoot and file what he or she chose. Navy had no control over the wire service product.

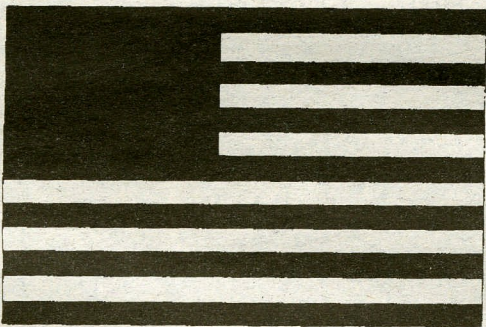
The U.S. Navy does not tolerate discrimination of any kind. I sincerely hope this isolated incident will not detract from the hard work and dedication of the thousands of Sailors and Marines serving our nation in this war on terrorism. Thank you again for your concern and understanding in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

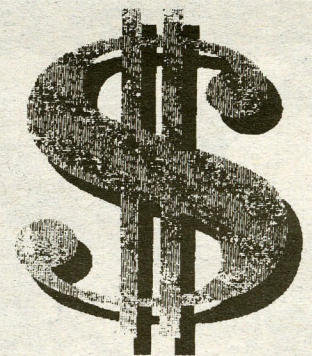
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Prospect of War Brings Military Policy on Gays 'Into Sharper Focus'

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At military bases across the country, troops mobilized for America's new war are saying goodbye to spouses and sweethearts with lingering embraces and teary kisses.

Unless they're gay.

Homosexuals reporting for possible combat are bound by the military mandate: Serve in silence and stay in the closet.

"There are moments that bring this policy into sharper focus. This is one of those moments," says Dixon Osburn, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, formed to assist gays in the military.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, the Pentagon authorized stop-loss orders, which suspends certain types of administrative discharges.

Those orders do not suspend the ban on serving as an openly gay member of the armed forces. However, historically, discharges for homosexuality have decreased during times of war, according to the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military based at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

For instance, in the three years prior to 1966, the Navy discharged more than 1,600 sailors each year for homosexuality, says center director Aaron Belkin, quoting figures researched by authors Randy Schilts (*Conduct Unbecoming*) and Alan Berube (*Coming out Under Fire*). But as military involvement in Vietnam increased, the number dropped to as low as 461 in 1970.

"You can bleed, die and fight for your country when there's an external enemy. It seems unfortunate that America tends to feed on itself and harm itself when there's no external threat," says Richard Watson, a former Navy submarine officer who was discharged after he told his commanding officer he was gay.

Supporters of "don't ask, don't tell" say allowing gays to serve openly will undercut morale and unit cohesion — a heterosexual soldier won't want to share a foxhole with a homosexual.

A Pentagon spokesman did not respond to calls and e-mails re-

questing comment on the contention that discharges of homosexuals decline during wartime.

In the past, officials have said that discharges have been reduced during wartime in an effort to stop heterosexual troops from bolting, Belkin said.

Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociology professor who studies the armed forces and helped draft "don't ask, don't tell" for the Clinton administration, says the policy attempted to steer a middle course.

"If you let open gays in then you do have problems of personal privacy violations — 'You will have to live with this gay guy' — and if you go back to the old order, which was the true witch-hunting, well, that was just repressive and they got stigmatized," Moskos said. "It's a compromise and that's why Congress passed it."

Steve May, an Arizona state representative who drew national attention when the Army tried to force him out for being gay, says any substantial deployment of troops is likely to wither support for a policy that discards people who are trained and willing to serve.

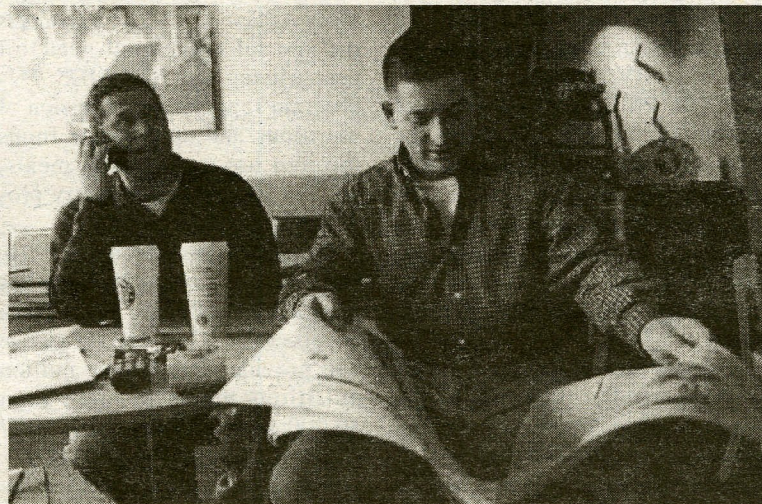
"I think this is the death knell for 'don't ask, don't tell,'" he says. "It doesn't make any sense. I think most Americans want every American who is able to serve, to serve."

May left the Army but remained in the reserves when he ran for office as an openly gay candidate, winning election as a Republican in 1998. In 1999, when the country was considering sending ground troops to Kosovo, he was called up. Four months later, Army officials told May he was under investigation for being homosexual and faced discharge.

May fought the discharge, and ultimately the Army allowed him to serve out his tour, which ended in April.

Critics say the policies are an anachronism in a country where major corporations offer medical benefits to employees' same-sex partners.

"The gay ban is right out of the McCarthy era. It's the only institution in the country that goes out of its way to fire gay people,"



Rich Watson, 39, right, reads a newspaper while his friend, Brian Coppedge, 37, of Phoenix, talks on a cellular phone as they get together for coffee in Seattle. "You can bleed, die and fight for your country when there's an external enemy. It seems unfortunate that America tends to feed on itself and harm itself when there's no external threat," said Watson, a former Navy submarine officer who was discharged after he told his commanding officer he was gay. (AP Photo/Cheryl Hatch)

says Belkin.

America's armed forces have struggled with homosexuality throughout their history. In 1778, Lt. Gotthold Frederick Enslin was drummed out of the Continental Army for homosexuality, Belkin said.

President Clinton's compromise "don't ask, don't tell" policy, later codified by Congress into "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass," means that gays may serve provided no one knows they're gay. Supervisors, meanwhile, are not supposed to ask subordinates about their sex lives.

Several countries allow openly gay troops to serve, including Canada, Israel, Australia and Britain, Belkin said.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, a number of people who had been kicked out of the U.S. armed forces for violating "don't ask, don't tell," got in touch with the Servicemembers Legal Defense League to see if there was any chance of reenlisting, Osburn said.

There isn't; military rules won't allow it.

But Watson understands the impulse.

"Would I go back to defend this country and to serve? You bet," he says. "Even with all its pitfalls and all of its social ills, this is still the greatest place in the world."

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Friends For Life Corporation is one of 52 organizations across the country selected to receive a Philip Morris Positive Helpings grant from Philip Morris Companies Inc. in support of their efforts to provide nutritious food, sundry items and toiletries to those persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Friends For Life will use the grant award in the amount of \$26,000 to expand its Food Pantry services in the Memphis and Shelby County area. The FFL Nutritional Services program consists of the Food Pantry, Home-Delivered Meals and Feast For Friends, a congregate meal program.

"Friends For Life will use the \$26,000 to purchase equipment for the Food Pantry and to increase the amount of fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy products to persons utilizing the Food Pantry," said Kim

Moss, FFL executive director. "The Food Pantry distributes 16 tons of food a month to persons living with HIV/AIDS."

"The Philip Morris Positive Helpings initiative addresses the critical relationship between nutrition and the health of people who are HIV-positive and living with AIDS," said Jennifer Goodale, director of corporate contributions for Philip Morris Management Corp.

"As the largest corporate funder of hunger-relief programs in the United States, and one of the first companies to respond to the AIDS epidemic, we are committed to helping feed people living with HIV/AIDS and to finding solutions to their complex nutritional needs."

Funding for the Friends For Life grant has been provided by the Philip Morris Positive Helpings initiative — a nationwide partner-

ship with the AIDS Nutrition Services Alliance (ANSA) to address the special nutritional needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. This program supports the provision of nutritious and appropriate foods through home-delivered meals, grocery bag and food pantry programs and congregate meals.

Since its inception in 1996, Philip Morris Positive Helpings has awarded \$3 million to direct-feeding programs. This year's initiative will provide almost three million nutritious meals to more than 40,000 people living with HIV/AIDS, totaling nearly \$900,000.

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To learn more about Friends For Life and its volunteer opportunities with the Food Pantry and other services, call 272-0855. Information on ANSA, the national network of HIV nutrition providers, is available on the web at www.AIDSnutrition.org.

For more information about Philip Morris' programs and philanthropy, visit the company's website at www.philipmorris.com.

Rights Group Says Egypt Counting on U.S. to Overlook Rights Abuses

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An international human rights group warned the United States against embracing Egypt as a close ally in the war against terror, saying it would send the wrong message about Cairo's alleged human rights abuses.

Linking up with Egypt "despite its poor human rights record could be even more countereffective after Sept. 11 than it was before," New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a statement Oct. 10.

The rights group accused Egypt of trying to manipulate Washington's efforts to build an alliance in its war against Osama bin Laden and the Afghanistan Taliban regime that shelters him. The United States accuses bin Laden in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington.

"Egyptian officials appear to be counting on the U.S. administration to overlook widespread torture, wholesale jailing of critics, and other forms of repression as it builds a coalition to respond to the Sept. 11 attacks," Human Rights Watch said.

"If the U.S. ignores Egypt's human rights problems, that will not have a moderating effect on people in the region who are hostile to U.S. policies," it warned.

Human Rights Watch earlier protested the arrest of Farid Zahran, a leading member of the Egyptian People's Committee for Solidarity with the Palestinian Uprising. Zahran was detained Sept. 20 on suspicion of disseminating information aimed at disturbing public order and of planning public marches. He was later released.

The rights group, together with the International Gay and Lesbian

Human Rights Commission, also has protested the ongoing trial of 52 Egyptian homosexuals prosecuted on charges of obscenity and insulting religion.

Rights groups in Egypt and abroad also have denounced the conviction of an Egyptian-American human rights activist sentenced in May to seven years in prison.

The activist, Saad Eddin Ibrahim, a sociologist with Egyptian and American citizenship, was sentenced on charges including tarnishing Egypt's image, embezzlement and accepting foreign money without state approval. The case has been appealed.

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Number of Employers Offering Domestic Partner Benefits Jumps 50 Percent in Two Years, According to New Report

WASHINGTON - Domestic partner health insurance benefits have increased by 50 percent in the last two years among U.S. employers, a clear indication that these benefits make good business sense, according to a report released by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

At least 712 U.S. employers added domestic partner health insurance benefits from August 2000 through August 2001 according to "The State of the Workplace for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans." This was an increase of 20 percent over 2000.

As of August 2001, a total of 4,284 companies, colleges and universities, and state and local governments were offering or had announced they would offer health insurance coverage to the domestic partners of their employees, the study found. This was up from 3,572 employers in 2000 and 2,856 in August 1999 — a 50 percent increase in two years.

In addition, the number of Fortune 500 companies offering DP benefits has more than doubled in the past three years, from 61 in 1998 to 145 in 2001. In fact, more Fortune 500 companies — 36 — have added domestic partner benefits in 2001 than in any year since the HRC Foundation has tracked the trend.

"Domestic partner benefits continued to spread at a brisk pace over the last year," said Kim I. Mills,

education director of the Human Rights Campaign and editor of the report. "We believe employers are bringing their policies into line with the changing makeup of the American family — as demonstrated in census data released this year — and with the growing body of evidence that these benefits are a low-cost means of attracting and retaining good employees."

Mills oversees HRC WorkNet, the organization's workplace project, which has tracked these and related trends since 1995. Its database and other information are accessible at <http://www.hrc.org/worknet>.

Daryl Herrschaft, manager of HRC WorkNet and principal author of the report, noted that while the study found no reduction in the number of employers adding domestic partner benefits, "it may be too soon to tell what, if any, impact we might see from rising health insurance costs, and the economic instability that began with the bursting of the high-tech bubble and has worsened since the attacks against the United States on Sept. 11."

Employers continued to add sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policies as well. As of Aug. 15, 2001, HRC WorkNet had identified 2,001 companies, colleges and universities, state and local governments, and federal agencies that had written non-discrimination policies covering sexual orientation. This represents

an increase of 293 employers, or 17 percent, in one year.

This included 294, or 59 percent, of Fortune 500 companies. HRC WorkNet found 39 Fortune 500 companies added sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policies during the period covered by the report, a 15 percent increase over the prior year.

Other key findings:

- Eleven states, the District of Columbia and 122 cities and counties ban anti-gay discrimination in workplaces in their jurisdictions. (During the period covered by this report, one state — Maryland — passed a law prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. However, that law will not go into effect Oct. 1 as slated because a conservative coalition has filed petitions seeking a referendum on the law in November 2002. The petition signatures are currently being challenged in court.)

- An increasing number of governments are enacting prohibitions against job discrimination based on gender identity. Two states — Minnesota and Iowa — the District of Columbia and 32 cities or counties protect transgender or gender-different employees by law or executive order.

- Where data are available, two-thirds of employers that offer domestic partner benefits offer them to both same-sex and opposite-sex partners.

- Since August 2000, two states passed measures to provide domestic partner health insurance benefits: Maine and Rhode Island. A total of eight states and 105 cities, counties and quasi-governmental agencies provide domestic partner benefits.

- The higher on the Fortune 500 list a company is, the more likely it is to offer domestic partner benefits and prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. A total of 79 percent of the Fortune 100 and 88 percent of the Fortune 50 prohibit sexual orientation discrimination. While 29 percent of the Fortune 500 companies provide DP benefits, 54 percent of Fortune 50 companies offer the benefits.

The data in this report come from a variety of sources, including: direct reporting to HRC WorkNet (www.hrc.org/worknet); news accounts; state and local governments; employee resource groups; individuals; and other gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy organizations.


This report also incorporates information from the glvIndex, a rating system developed by Grant Lukenbill and Howard Tharsing and recently acquired by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. HRC WorkNet makes every effort to check the accuracy of the information it receives.

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Emerald Theatre Company Will Present *Lonely Planet*

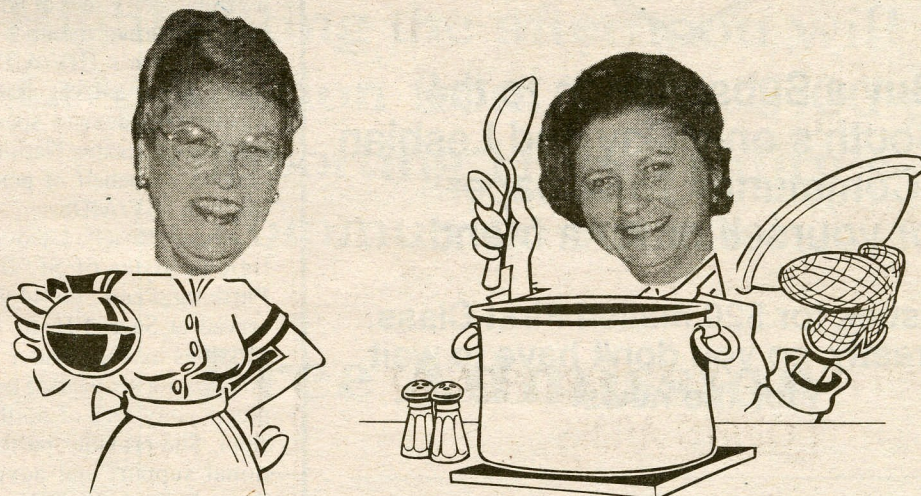
Emerald Theatre Company (ETC) will present Steven Dietz's *Lonely Planet* Nov 9-11 and Nov. 16-18. Curtain times are at 8 p.m. with the exception of the Nov. 18 matinee which will be at 2 p.m. The play is being staged at Theatreworks, 2085 Monroe Ave.

This compassionate play reveals friendship and fear in the age of AIDS. Jody (ETC Co-Artistic Director Hal Harmon) runs a map store. Not one for the outside world, he stays in his store all the time. His friend, Carl (ETC Founder Den-Nickolas Smith) has been bringing chairs of dead friends into Jody's store and leaving them there. When Jody needs to take an AIDS test, Carl tries to convince him it is not only okay to leave the store, but also that he must take responsibility for his life. If he doesn't, he will join the set of chairs that Carl has taken great pains to place in the right spots around the store. Through their interaction, the two realize how grateful they are to have such a strong, lasting friendship.

The two actors are very humbled and excited to present this moving and inspirational work to the public. This opportunity allows the actors to work solely together since the forming of Emerald Theatre Company in 1996. Emerald Theatre Company is now in its fifth year of residency at Theatreworks.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission (\$5 for students with valid student ID). For reservations, call 722-9302.

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HRC Acquires 'glvINDEX' Rating System to Rate Corporate Equality

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign Foundation announced that it has acquired the former Gay and Lesbian Values INDEX (glvINDEX), a 10-point system that rates corporate policies and actions toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

The HRC Foundation has renamed it the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index, to clarify and better describe what it measures, according to Kim I. Mills, HRC's education director.

"The HRC Corporate Equality Index gives us a simple and effective tool to evaluate whether America's biggest employers are treating their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees and consumers equitably, or falling down on the job," said Mills, who oversees HRC WorkNet, the organization's workplace advocacy project. "This index will augment the information HRC WorkNet has

been collecting and disseminating for the last six years."

The HRC Foundation acquired the index from Grant Lukenbill, an author and pioneer in GLBT consumer advocacy who developed the scale in conjunction with leading financial adviser Howard Tharsing, president of V-Management of San Francisco. The HRC Corporate Equality Index will become a permanent part of HRC WorkNet — www.hrc.org/worknet.

Lukenbill said he was pleased that HRC would include the index in its "critical advocacy work within corporate America."

"HRC is currently the most appropriately positioned organization, with the best resources, contacts and technology to carry on the sophisticated work that is required to keep the GLV updated, accurate and relevant to the changing needs of our time," Lukenbill said.

The index will rate several hun-

dred of the country's largest corporations on a range of criteria that closely parallel the Equality Principles as defined by the Equality Project, a non-profit GLBT investor advocacy group in which HRC plays an advisory role:

1. They have adopted a written non-discrimination policy that includes the words "sexual orientation."

2. They have adopted a written non-discrimination policy that includes the words "gender identity" or "gender expression."

3. They offer domestic partner health insurance benefits.

4. They support an LGBT employee group or offer diversity training that includes discussion of sexual orientation and/or gender expression in the workplace.

5. They advertise to the LGBT community, sponsor LGBT event(s) or make charitable gifts to an LGBT community organization.

6. They do not actively engage in actions that would undermine the dignity and worth of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees.

The glvINDEX was created in 1995 by Lukenbill, author of two defining books on emerging trends affecting corporate America and the GLBT community. His first book, *Untold Millions: Secret Truths About Marketing to Gay & Lesbian Consumers* (Haworth Press, 2000), included groundbreaking research about gay consumers conducted by the respected market research firm, Yankelovich Partners, now part of Harris Interactive. Lukenbill's second book, *Smart Spending: The Gay and Lesbian Guide to Socially Responsible Shopping and Investing* (Alyson, 1999), details the policies and power behind America's corporate giants and what they are doing to advance or prevent equal

rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

In the coming months as HRC WorkNet integrates the HRC Corporate Equality Index into its already extensive database of corporate information, HRC will further refine the rating system before it administers a new survey of corporate policies and practices in 2002.

"With the help of many others, I originally created the glvINDEX with the hopes that it would one day become the standard by which corporations would be held accountable for their actions and policies in relation to sexual orientation and gender expression on the job, in the marketplace, and in charitable giving," Lukenbill said.

"It gives me great comfort to see this dream become a reality — one that I know will long endure with the help of HRC and those who support its evolving work."



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Faces of AIDS

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at 2:30 p.m. include Deb Runions, Sister Rosella Lacovitch, Ron Brabson, Jim Pickett, Sanford E. Gaylord, Kim Moss and Positive Living Center Director Len Piechowski.

• Deb Runions has been a journalist for 28 years, and taught journalism for seven years. She became HIV-positive in 1992, and chose to go public with her infection. She began speaking for the Tennessee Department of Education in 1994, and continues there as an HIV consultant. She has shared her first-person presentation with more than 100,000 people in order to raise awareness on issues of HIV/AIDS. She is a former member of President Clinton's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council and was chosen by the former president to speak at the 1996 Democratic National Convention on behalf of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

• Sister Rosella Lacovitch, a religious Sister of St. Joseph of Pittsburg, Penn., for 44 years, has served at Sacred Heart Southern Missions as coordinator of AIDS ministry for six years. She serves a nine-county area of north Mississippi. She provides pastoral/emotional support and advocacy to those living with HIV. She also educates and helps those infected network with agencies that serve rural communities. Housing, utilities, transportation and medical services are the greatest needs of her clients. She also provides counseling and bereavement services. Sister Rosella started working in the HIV field while in Houston by helping babies with HIV. "To journey with people living with HIV/

AIDS is a privilege and a blessing that helps me become a compassionate person," she said.

• Ron Brabson is the founding co-chair of the Tennessee Association of People With AIDS.

• Jim Pickett is a Chicago-based writer, activist and advocate, as well as a gay man living with HIV. He is one of the lead authors of Chicago Department of Health's *Faces of AIDS - Personal Stories from the Heartland* book and photo documentary. He coordinates the photo documentary's tour throughout the U.S. His bi-monthly, often irreverent, sometimes schizophrenic column "Pickett Fences," runs in the national HIV/AIDS magazine *Positively Aware* and can be read on the web at thebody.com and www.tpan.com.

• Sanford E. Gaylord is a professional actor, director and award winning writer based in Chicago. He has contributed both on stage and behind the scenes for most of A Real Read's productions. He has directed several HIV education/prevention performances for higher learning institutions in the Chicago area, including performances and speaking engagements for the Chicago Public School System and the Chicago Department of Health's World AIDS Day ceremony. His personal story has been featured in *The Faces of AIDS*. In addition, he has been featured in the documentary *Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100* and the made-for-television pilot, *Kevin's Room*.

The Positive Living Center will be open for tours during the Nov. 10 grand opening event. The PLC provides alternative treatment information, acupuncture, massage therapy, support groups, counseling and education about living with HIV/AIDS. Other services include cooking classes, nutrition classes, meditation classes, art therapy and

music therapy, just to name a few.

A Drop-In Center with games and activities provides persons infected and affected with HIV/AIDS a safe and alcohol- and drug-free environment to visit daily if necessary.

The PLC also includes an exhaustive HIV/AIDS Resource Library with Internet access and copies of brochures and periodicals with information about the disease.

The hours the PLC is open are noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Friends For Life is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for men, women and children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through education, prevention, advocacy and the provision of health, housing and human services.

Under the FFL umbrella are the AIDS Resource Center, which provides a prevention program, case management, nutritional services, transportation, support groups, commodities and the PLC; Aloysius Home and Aloysius Commons; and volunteer opportunities.

According to the Southwest Tennessee Region HIV Prevention Plan 2002, the combined HIV/AIDS rates in Shelby, Tipton and Fayette counties in 1992 to 1999, accounted for 39 percent of Tennessee's combined HIV/AIDS cases of more than 14,000.

The FFL office is located at 1384 Madison Avenue in Memphis. Group tours of The Faces of AIDS exhibit can be scheduled by calling Ed Brandon at Friends For Life at (901) 272-0855.

The Faces of AIDS exhibit is being sponsored in part by Abbott Laboratories. Friends For Life is supported in part by United Way of the Mid-South.

A Handy 4-Page Pull-Out
Reference to Bars, Restaurants and
Other Mid-South Resources

Out & About

The Triangle Journal Calendar of Events November 2001

Fri., Oct. 26

- *Fifty-One Percent* sponsored by NOW – WEVL FM 90 – 1pm
- PFLAG – Jackson, TN (49 Old Hickory Boulevard) – 6:30pm
- Di Anne Price – Cielo – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – Crossroads – 8pm
- Carol Plunk & Her Band – Hard Rock Café – 10pm

Sat., Oct. 27

- Camp Fire USA – First Congregational Church – 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com – 10am
- Spanish 101: Knowing America's Second Language – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 2pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dancing – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 4pm
- Carol Plunk & Her Band – TJ Mulligan's (Quince) – 9:30pm
- Halloween Costume Contest – Pumping Station – (901) 272-7600 – 12 midnight

Sun., Oct. 28

*Daylight Savings Ends
(Fall Back One Hour)*

- Holy Trinity Community Church – Early Worship, Adult Study & Worship and Children's Church – 9am, 9:45am & 11am
- First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Café Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am
- Living Word Christian Church – Services – 10am & 6pm
- DEVO – Pre-Teen Youth Opportunities – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 10:30am
- Safe Harbor MCC – Service – 10:30am

- Di Anne Price & Her Boyfriends – Huey's Downtown – 4pm
- Carol Plunk – One More – 5pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling – Cordova Lanes – 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com – 6pm
- Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire – Memphis Muddy Waters – 6pm
- Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm
- Di Anne Price & Her Boyfriends – Blue Monkey – 9pm
- Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors

Mon., Oct. 29

- Judy Shepard – University of Memphis – Rose Theatre (near the University Center) – 7pm
- An Evening of Gay Comedy with Eddie Sarfaty – Benefits S.P.I.T. – Looney Bin Comedy Club – www.SPIT.cc – 7:15pm
- 2xLambda Meeting – (901) 857-5224 – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Pumping Station – 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm

Tues., Oct. 30

- Di Anne Price – Wang's – 6pm
- Karaoke Night – Metro – 6pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer – YWCA (766 South Highland) – 7pm
- Pool Tournament – J-Wag's – 7pm
- BGALA – University of Memphis – (901) 678-5719 – 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament – Crossroads – 7:45pm
- Karaoke Lady (Donna) – J-Wag's

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Wed., Oct. 31

Halloween

- Halloween Party – Holy Trinity Community Church – 5:30pm
- Di Anne Price – Wang's – 6pm
- Carol Plunk – One More – 7pm
- Halloween Party from Hell – Lorenz – All night long
- Halloween Party & Costume Contest – One More

Thurs., Nov. 1

All Saints' Day

- Safe Harbor MCC – Bible Study – 7pm
- Cotton Pickin' Squares – Prescott Memorial Baptist Church – 7pm
- PFLAG – Prescott Memorial Baptist Church – (901) 761-1444 – 7pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 7pm
- Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

Fri., Nov. 2

- *Fifty-One Percent* sponsored by NOW – WEVL FM 90 – 1pm
- Catholic Mass with Special Invitation to Gays and Lesbians – St. Patrick's Cathedral – 7pm
- Pool Tournament – Crossroads – 8pm

Sat., Nov. 3

- Camp Fire USA – First Congregational Church – (901) 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com – 10am
- Spanish 101: Knowing America's Second Language – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 2pm
- 1st Saturday Club – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 2pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dancing – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 4pm
- Impulse – Grand Opening – 2865 Walnut Grove (formerly "In the Grove") www.ImpluseMemphis.com – 10pm

Sun., Nov. 4

- Holy Trinity Community Church – Early Worship, Adult Study & Worship and Children's Church – 9am, 9:45am, & 11am
- First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Café Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am

- Living Word Christian Church – Services – 10am & 6pm
- DEVO – Pre-Teen Youth Opportunities – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 10:30am
- Safe Harbor MCC – Service – 10:30am
- MGLCC Town Hall Meeting – Topic: Update MGLCC Bylaws & Constitution – Holy Trinity – (901) 324-4297 – 6pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling – Cordova Lanes – (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com – 6pm
- Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire – Memphis Muddy Waters – 6pm
- Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm

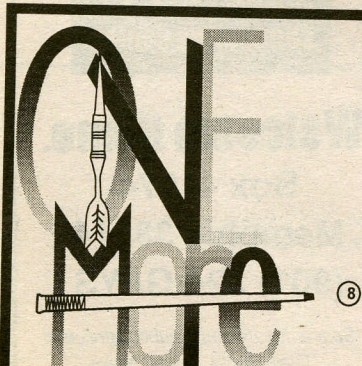
Mon., Nov. 5

- Feast for Friends – St. John's Methodist Church – (901) 272-0855 – 6:30pm
- Lambda Group (Jackson, TN) – Davis-Kidd Conference Room – 6pm
- 2xLambda Meeting – (901) 324-4297 – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Pumping Station – 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm

Tues., Nov. 6

- 1st Tuesday Club (Book) – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 11:30am
- Karaoke Night – Metro – 6pm

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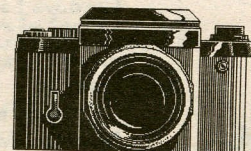


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Holy Trinity Community Church

- Lesbians with Breast Cancer – YWCA (766 South Highland) – 7pm
- Pool Tournament – J-Wag's – 7pm
- BGALA – University of Memphis – (901) 678-5719 – 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament – Crossroads – 7:45pm
- Karaoke Lady (Donna) – J-Wag's – 10pm

Wed., Nov. 7

- Taizé – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 6pm
- Holy Trinity Community Church – Fellowship Supper, Intercessory Prayer, and Discussion – 6:30pm
- Living Word Christian Church – Service – 7pm
- HIV / AIDS Support Group (Jonesboro) – 7pm
- Dart Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Midtown Round-up (Country Dance) – Crossroads – 8pm

Thurs., Nov. 8

- Safe Harbor MCC – Bible Study – 7pm
- Cotton Pickin' Squares – Prescott Memorial Baptist Church – 7pm
- Parents Together (GLBT Parent Support Group) – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 7pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 7pm
- Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

Fri., Nov. 9

- Fifty-One Percent sponsored by NOW – WEVL FM 90 – 1pm
- Pool Tournament – Crossroads – 8pm

- “Lonely Planet” presented by Emerald Theatre Company – TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 8pm

Sat., Nov. 10

- Church Bazaar – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376
- Camp Fire USA – First Congregational Church – (901) 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com – 10am
- “Faces of AIDS” Exhibit – First Congregational Church (1000 South Cooper) – (901) 272-0855 – 12 noon
- Positive Living Center – Grand Opening Reception – 1000 South Cooper (in the rear) – (901) 726-6022 – 2pm
- Spanish 101: Knowing America's Second Language – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 2pm
- Congo Conga - Ballroom Dancing – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 4pm
- Mirror Image – Holy Trinity – 7pm
- “Lonely Planet” presented by Emerald Theatre Company – TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 8pm
- Memphis Bears Club Night – Pumping Station – 10pm

Sun., Nov. 11

Veterans Day

- Holy Trinity Community Church – Early Worship, Adult Study & Worship and Children's Church – 9am, 9:45am & 11am – Note: Ric Rollins preaches at 9&11
- First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Café Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am
- Living Word Christian Church – Services – 10am & 6pm
- DEVO – Pre-Teen Youth Opportunities – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 10:30am
- Safe Harbor MCC – Service – 10:30am
- “Cabaret at the Café” – Friends For Life's Annual Fall Brunch – Café Society – (901) 272-0855 – 11:30am
- “Faces of AIDS” Exhibit – First Congregational Church (1000 South Cooper) – (901) 272-0855 – 12 noon
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling – Cordova Lanes – (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com – 6pm
- Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire – Memphis Muddy Waters – 6pm
- WAC Meeting – Call for information (901) 678-3339) – 7pm
- Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm
- Lonely Planet presented by Emerald Theatre Company –

TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 8pm

Mon., Nov. 12

- “Faces of AIDS” Exhibit – First Congregational Church (1000 South Cooper) – (901) 272-0855 – 12noon
- 2xLambda Meeting – (901) 857-5224 – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Pumping Station – 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm

Tues., Nov. 13

- “Faces of AIDS” Exhibit – First Congregational Church (1000 South Cooper) – (901) 272-0855 – 12noon
- Karaoke Night – Metro – 6pm
- Lambda Circle – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 6:30pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer – YWCA (766 South Highland) – 7pm
- Pool Tournament – J-Wag's – 7pm
- BGALA – University of Memphis – (901) 678-5719 – 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament – Crossroads – 7:45pm
- Karaoke Lady (Donna) – J-Wag's – 10pm

Wed., Nov. 14

- Taizé – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 6pm
- Holy Trinity Community Church – Fellowship Supper, Intercessory Prayer, and Discussion – 6:30pm
- Living Word Christian Church – Service – 7pm
- Dart Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Midtown Round-up (Country Dance) – Crossroads – 8pm

Thurs., Nov. 15

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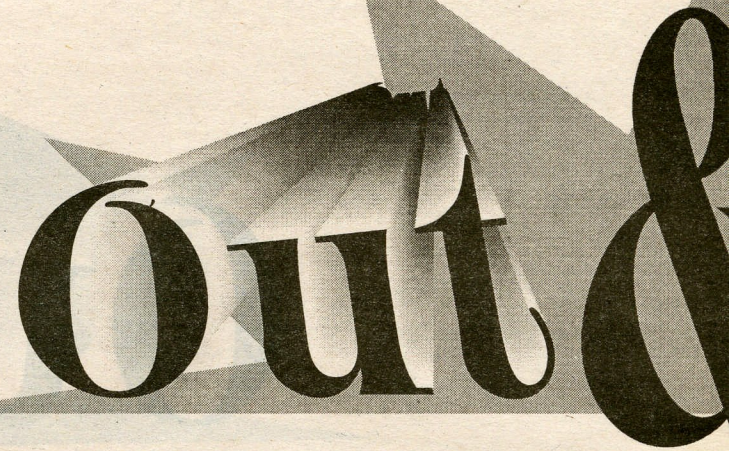
- Safe Harbor MCC – Bible Study – 7pm
- Cotton Pickin' Squares – New Fall Class Forming – Dinner and Dancing – Prescott Memorial Baptist Church – 7pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 7pm
- MGLCC Potluck Dinner – Miki & BJ's House – (901) 324-4297 – 7:30pm
- Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

Fri., Nov. 16

- Fifty-One Percent” sponsored by NOW – WEVL FM 90 – 1pm
- Pool Tournament – Crossroads – 8pm
- Lonely Planet presented by Emerald Theatre Company – TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 8pm

Sat., Nov. 17

- Camp Fire USA – First Congregational Church – (901) 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com – 10am



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 or call 729-3915 and leave a message. Thank You.

- Spanish 101: Knowing America's Second Language – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 2pm
- Congo Conga – Ballroom Dancing – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 4pm
- Mirror Image – Holy Trinity – 7pm
- Lonely Planet presented by Emerald Theatre Company – TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 8pm
- Tarus Club Night – Pumping Station – 10pm

0855 – 6:30pm

- Memphis Pride – Open Meeting – Holy Trinity – (901) 32-PRIDE – 7pm
- 2xLambda Meeting – (901) 324-4297 – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – The Jungle – 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament – Pumping Station – 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm

Tues., Nov. 20

- AIDS Consortium Meeting – United Way Building (Union Avenue) – 11:30pm
- Karaoke Night – Metro – 6pm
- Integrity Worship, Dinner & Program (\$5) – Calvary Episcopal Church – (901) 278-8915 or (901) 374-9484 – 6:30pm, 7pm & 7:45pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer –

Sun., Nov. 18

- Holy Trinity Community Church – Early Worship, Adult Study & Worship and Children's Church – 9am, 9:45am, & 11am
- First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Café Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am
- Living Word Christian Church – Services – 10am & 6pm
- DEVO – Pre-Teen Youth Opportunities – Holy Trinity Community Church – (901) 320-9376 – 10:30am
- Lonely Planet presented by Emerald Theatre Company – TheatreWorks – (901) 722-9302 – 2pm
- Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire – Memphis Muddy Waters – 6pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling – Cordova Lanes – (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com – 6pm
- Jello Shooters – Benefits MGLCC – Pumping Station – (901) 324-4297 – 6:30pm
- WAC Meeting – Call for information (901) 678-3339) – 7pm
- Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm

Mon., Nov. 19

- Feast for Friends – St. John's Methodist Church – (901) 272-



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Calendar of Events

- YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 7pm
- BGALA - University of Memphis - (901) 678-5719 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Karaoke Lady (Donna) - J-Wag's - 10pm

Wed., Nov. 21

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6pm
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Community Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner - 6:30pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm
- HIV / AIDS Support Group (Jonesboro) - 7pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm

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- Midtown Round-up (Country Dance) - Crossroads - 8pm

Thurs., Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Day

- Living with HIV - Support Group - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 6pm
- Safe Harbor MCC - Bible Study - 7pm
- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church - 7pm
- Star Karaoke - Crossroads - 10pm

- DEVO - Pre-Teen Youth Opportunities - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 10:30am
- Safe Harbor MCC - Service - 10:30am
- World AIDS Day Marker Project - First Baptist Church - (901) 272-0855 - 12:30pm
- Brothers and Sisters Bowling - Cordova Lanes - (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com - 6pm
- Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire - Memphis Muddy Waters - 6pm
- Sissy Bingo - Crossroads - 8pm

Fri., Nov. 23

First Day of the Holiday Shopping Frenzy

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- Fifty-One Percent sponsored by NOW - WEVL FM 90 - 1pm
- PFLAG - Jackson, TN (49 Old Hickory Boulevard) - 6:30pm
- Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm

Mon., Nov. 26

- 2xLambda Meeting - (901) 324-4297 - 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night - Backstreet - 8pm

Sat., Nov. 24

- Camp Fire USA - First Congregational Church - 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com - 10am
- Spanish 101: Knowing America's Second Language - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 2pm
- Congo Conga - Ballroom Dancing - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 4pm
- Stimulation Bash - Pumping Station - 10pm

Tues., Nov. 27

- Karaoke Night - Metro - 6pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 7pm
- BGALA - University of Memphis - (901) 678-5719 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Karaoke Lady (Donna) - J-Wag's - 10pm

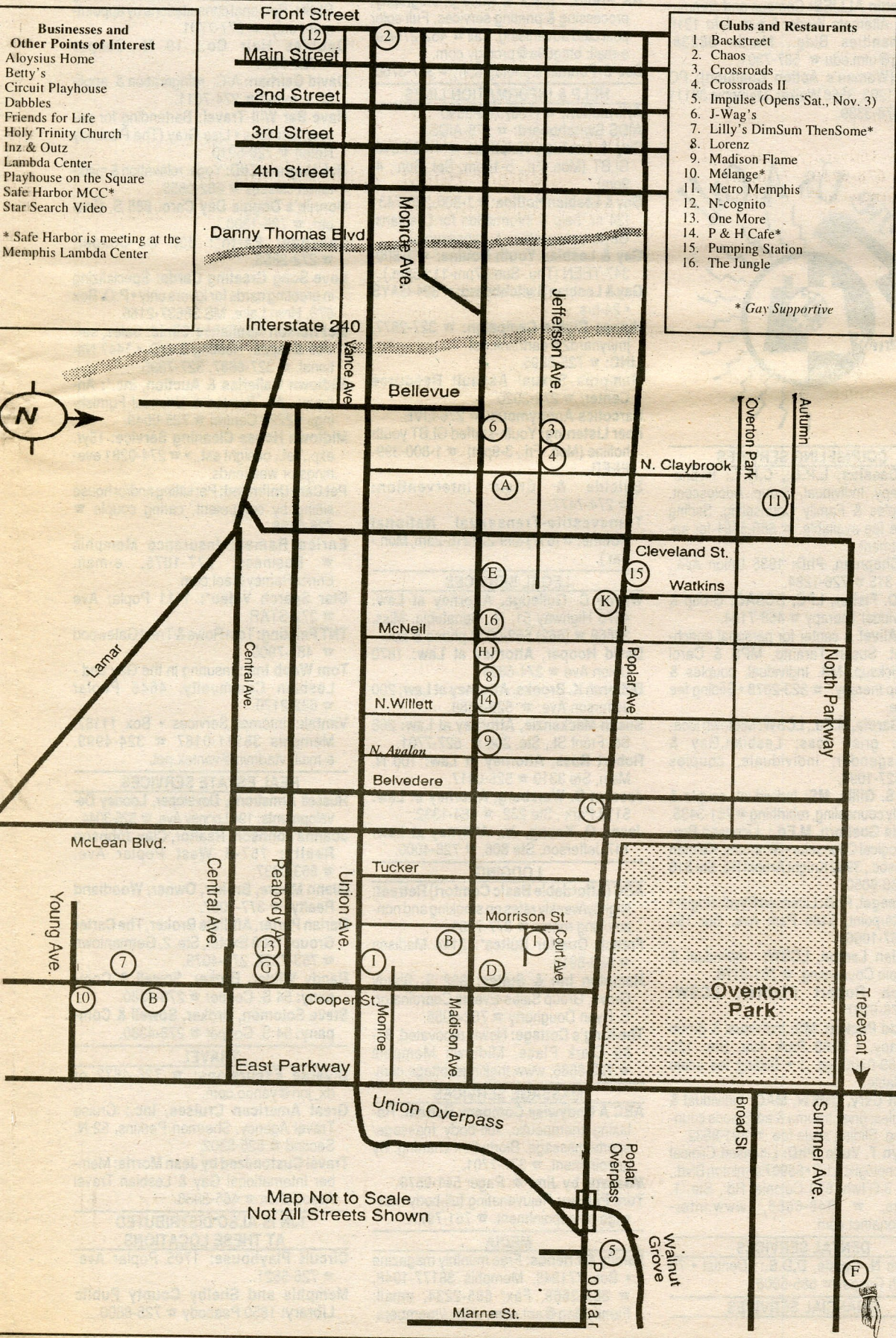
Wed., Nov. 28

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6pm
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper, Intercessory Prayer, and Discussion - 6:30pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Midtown Round-up (Country Dance) - Crossroads - 8pm

Businesses and Other Points of Interest
Aloysius Home
Betty's
Circuit Playhouse
Dabbles
Friends for Life
Holy Trinity Church
Inz & Outz
Lambda Center
Playhouse on the Square
Safe Harbor MCC*
Star Search Video

* Safe Harbor is meeting at the Memphis Lambda Center

- Clubs and Restaurants**
1. Backstreet
 2. Chaos
 3. Crossroads
 4. Crossroads II
 5. Impulse (Opens Sat., Nov. 3)
 6. J-Wag's
 7. Lilly's DimSum ThenSome*
 8. Lorenz
 9. Madison Flame
 10. Mèlange*
 11. Metro Memphis
 12. N-cognito
 13. One More
 14. P & H Cafe*
 15. Pumping Station
 16. The Jungle
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Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.
Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

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Buns on the Run*: 2150 Elzey Ave. 38104 ☎ 278-2867 (278-BUNS).
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Lorenz*: 1528 Madison ☎ 274-8272.
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N-cognito*: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599.
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P & H Cafe*: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
Pumping Station*: 1382 Poplar Ave. ☎ 272-7600.
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.

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- Inz & Outz*:** 553 South Cooper ☎ 728-6535.
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BJ's Cleaning Service: ☎ 726-4211.
King's Kleaning Service: Home or Office ☎ 745-3300.
Lee's Carpet Care: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
Al-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.
Bluff City Sports Association: Box 41803,

- Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 647-2530.
Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: ☎ 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.
Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Religious Affairs: Box 11716, Memphis 38111 ☎ 309-9255 - Emily Haire.
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.
First Congregational Church: Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 10:30 am, Wed. 6 pm • 1000 South Cooper ☎ 278-6786.
First Presbyterian Church: Sun. School, 9:30 am; Coffee & fellowship, 10:30 am; Worship, 11 am • 166 Poplar ☎ 525-5619.
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/
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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): ☎ 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.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-901-664-6614 for information, e-mail: burtren@aeneas.com
Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.
Safe Harbor MCC: 1488 Madison Ave., Chapel ☎ 458-0501.
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Southern Country Memphis: Country

- Western Dance Club.
Southern Sisters: Support group for transexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.
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 ☎ 662-915-7049, 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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Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 3340 Poplar Ave., Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.
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- 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 & transexuals).
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.
Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center: ☎ 272-2020
Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.
Peer Listening: Youth-staffed GLBT youth hotline (Mon.-Fri., 3-9pm) ☎ 1-800-399-PEER.
Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.
Transvestite-Transexual National Hotline: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

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

- ABC (Affordable Basic Comfort) Retreat:** Nightly/weekly rates on smoking and non-smoking rooms ☎ 377-7701.
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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.
Recovery Times: Free monthly newspaper focusing on addictions & recovery. Distributed in Memphis, Jackson, & Nashville TN ☎ (901) 377-7963.
Triangle Journal News: Free monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411, Fax: 454-1411 *51, email: memphisTJN@aol.com, website: http://www.memphistrianglejournal.com.

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Lavender Earth*: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853.

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- McPherson Appliance Clinic:** Sales, service & repair, Heating & A/C. • 1447 National, ☎ 327-6887, 327-7395.

- Midtown Galleries & Auction, Inc.:** Antiques, Art, Painted & Unusual Furnishings • 2228 Central ☎ 725-0049.

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

- TNT Painting:** Tom Rowe & Trent Gatewood ☎ 481-7900.

- Tom Webb Ins.:** Insuring in the Gay and - Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar ☎ 682-2170.

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

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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.

- Randy Wilder, Broker, Sowell & Company:** 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380.
Steve Solomon, Broker, Sowell & Company: 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380.

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- Great American Cruises, Inc.:** Cruise Travel Agency, Sherman Perkins, 52 N. Second ☎ 525-5302.

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Women of Achievement Nominations Accepted Until November 20

It is time again for the annual Women of Achievement Awards. Women of Achievement, Inc. has organized events and publications to recognize and celebrate women and their important contributions to life in Shelby County since 1985. Applications are being accepted through Nov. 20.

Women of Achievement, Inc. was founded in 1984 as a coalition of diverse civic and professional groups and supporting agencies. According to Virginia Stallworth, current officer of Women of Achievement, Inc., this award has great opportunities for the many deserving lesbians in the Memphis community and by placing an article in *TJN*, they hope to attract more lesbian nominations.

Women of Achievement, Inc. hosts its annual awards banquet each March, during National Women's History Month. This event is the organization's major event for the year.

Seven awards highlight contributions made by women in Memphis and Shelby County who have given their time, creativity and spirit for the improvement of their communities and the advancement of women. Recipients of the annual awards are presented with plates created by Memphis artist Mimi Dann.

The seven award categories are: Courage (backed an unpopular cause in which she deeply believed while facing active opposition), Determination (despite a widespread inertia, apathy or ignorance, solved a glaring problem), Heritage (those of generations past whose achievements enrich their lives), Heroism (heroic spirit was tested and shown as a model), Initiative (seized the opportunity to use her talents and created her own future), Steadfastness (lifetime of achievement) and Vision (sensitivity to women's needs that led her to tremendous achievements for women). Some past award recipients in the lesbian community and supporters of the lesbian community may be familiar to you. They are Jocelyn Wurzburg, Rita Underhill, Susan MacKenzie, Angie D'Agastino, Shelia Tankersley, Karen Shea, Audrey May and Vickie Scarborough.

To nominate a woman that you feel is deserving of one of these awards, follow the Nomination Guidelines, which are:

- Tell us your nominee's story and specifically how it relates to your chosen award category in a 300-word summary.
- You must submit documents or articles about your nominee's achievements that are pertinent to

the nomination. A maximum of six documents or articles is requested. Items will not be returned. No video/audio tapes or notebooks, will be accepted.

• You may nominate more than one person in any or all of the categories, but you must submit a separate nomination form for each

nominee.

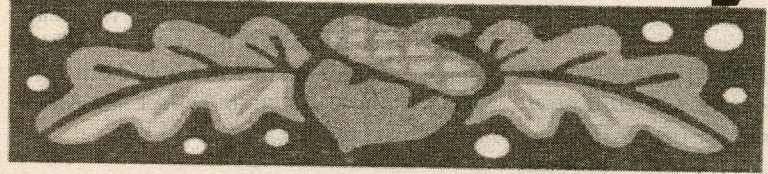
• Nominees for Courage, Determination, Initiative, Steadfastness and Vision must be current residents of Shelby County.

• Heritage nominees must have been residents of Memphis or Shelby County at one time or another. There is no residence restric-

tion on the Heroism category.

Applications and more information is available by writing: Women of Achievement, P.O. Box 820353, Memphis, 38182-0353 or e-mail WomenOfAchievement@hotmail.com.

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Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine
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Sad to Say... You know the old debate that if a tree falls in the woods and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? Well, a tree just fell and no one was around to hear it, but I'm telling you it made quite a big noise. Attendants at the sixth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific were told the September 11th attacks on the USA are distracting the world from the fight against AIDS.

Happy to hear... The tree that fell that no one heard was the report from this meeting announcing the promise of an AIDS vaccine was only 4-5 years from now, but most likely 6-10 years. VaxGen's AIDSVAX is in phase III testing, and another promising candidate, Aventis SA's ALVAC is in phase II testing. Though the first vaccine will not be 100 percent effective, this is certainly encouraging news.

Sad to Say... An article in *USA Today* written by Steve Sternberg titled "Black Men Unplugged" quotes some startling figures: "although blacks represent just 12 percent of the nation's population, blacks make up 37 percent of all reported AIDS cases." Overall, researchers estimate "one of every 50 black men and one in 160 black women in the USA are infected with HIV, though they

have not yet been tested." These are tragic figures.

Happy to hear... The World AIDS Day Marker Project will help draw attention to this tragedy. The Marker Project, last year installed at First Baptist Church on the corner of Poplar and East Parkway, will this year include the Greater Lewis Street Missionary Baptist Church, an African-American church, which is across the street from First Baptist. The markers will be on both corners to draw attention to the fact that AIDS affects everyone, regardless of race.

Sad to Say... "Life is a sexually transmitted disease."—Unknown

Happy to hear... "The Bible contains six admonishments to homosexuals and 362 admonishments to heterosexuals. That doesn't mean that God doesn't love heterosexuals. It's just that they need more supervision."—Lynn Lavner

Sad to Say... Ultra-conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, who is no friend of ours, is losing his hearing. He has a complete loss of hearing in one ear, and only partial hearing in another.

Happy to hear... While I wish Limbaugh

the best of health, I'm hoping that maybe his talk show will have to be canceled.

Sad to Say... In the efforts to help the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks, America responded en masse with blood donations. On average, 65 percent said they were first-time donors, compared to 20 percent during normal times. Now, however, some of the thousands who donated blood are now receiving unwelcome news that their blood tested positive for HIV, hepatitis or other blood-borne infections.

Happy to hear... It is encouraging to know that safeguards are in place for our nation's blood supply. Nationally, on average, about 25 out of 10,000 blood donations test positive for the hepatitis C virus, between 9 and 17 for HIV and 6 out of 10,000 for hepatitis B.

Sad to Say... The ultra-conservative and very anti-gay American Family Association (Tupelo, Miss.) expressed its disappointment in Procter & Gamble's decision to include homosexual domestic partners in its benefit plan for employees. "With this move, P & G clearly expressed that its corporate policy now equates two homosexual lovers shackling up together with a man and a woman living in holy matrimony."

Happy to hear... Whenever the American Family Association is upset, I'm tickled pink, because that means someone somewhere is doing what is right and just. But to counter groups such as the AFA, we have groups such as the ACLU. In September, Anthony Romero became the sixth execu-

tive director in the National ACLU's 81-year history. He is the first Latino and gay man to head the ACLU. Put another win in our column.

Sad to Say... Reports from San Francisco report a trend to use Viagra with party drugs, such as Ecstasy and poppers that can lead to an increase in unprotected sex. Also, Viagra and nitrates, such as poppers and other cardiovascular drugs, cause blood vessels to dilate, and combining them can cause dizziness, stroke and heart attacks. A survey among 800 men who visited a clinic in San Francisco specializing in STDs report 34 percent of the gay respondents used Viagra vs. 7 percent of the straight men. Also, 30 percent of gay men who have used Viagra and who are HIV negative reported having unprotected anal sex with HIV+ partners or men of unknown HIV status. I know everyone wishes they could "do it" like the Energizer® Bunny, but listen to your body. When your peter is pooped, it's time to quit.

Happy to hear... On the plus side, the sensible use of Viagra could actually reduce HIV transmission by making it easier for men to maintain erections while using condoms.

Sad to Say... "My cousin is an agoraphobic homosexual, which makes it kind of hard for him to come out of the closet."—Bill Kelly

Happy to hear... "Homosexuality is God's way of insuring that the truly gifted aren't burdened with children."—Sam Austin

New Mexico Teen Pleads Innocent in Fatal Beating

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — A New Mexico teenager accused in the fatal beating of a 16-year-old Cortez boy has pleaded innocent to first- and second-degree murder charges.

Shaun Murphy of Farmington entered the plea Oct. 18 in Montezuma County District Court. His trial was scheduled for March 4.

Murphy is accused of beating Fred Martinez Jr., whose body was found June 21 south of Cortez.

Martinez' death has gained the attention of gay-rights groups because he sometimes dressed as a girl and was considered transgendered. Advocates have raised the question of whether he was killed because of his sexual orientation.

Authorities, however, have declined to call his death a hate crime.

During a preliminary hearing in September, Murphy's defense lawyer, Pamela Brown, said her client did not deny fighting with Martinez and striking him in the head with a rock the night of June 16. But she contended Murphy was fighting in self defense, and Martinez was alive when the two parted.

Martinez was last seen by family members at his home June 16, when he left to attend a carnival at the Ute Mountain Roundup Rodeo.

Brown said that potential trial witnesses present a conflict of interest for the public defender's office, and a new lawyer might have to be assigned to Murphy's case. District Judge Sharon Hansen set a hearing on the issue for Dec. 5.

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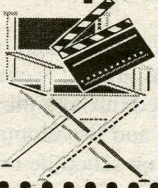
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Deep Inside



HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

Ashman Again

A decade after the death of legendary gay Disney lyricist Howard Ashman, one final song is about to be added to his outstanding corpus of animated musical numbers. A part of the 10th anniversary re-release of *Beauty and the Beast* in IMAX and other large-screen theaters next March, the studio that Walt built is restoring "Human Again," a song by Ashman and composer Alan Menken that was storyboarded but not animated for the film's first release and later made it into the hit Broadway musical. This is the first time Disney has added a scene as part of a re-release of one of its films, and the sequence is said to be a rollicking French cabaret-style fantasy of the residents of the Beast's castle. Three of the film's other numbers were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Song, but there's always room for another chorus line of dancing candelabras and singing teapots.

Call Me Mister

Openly gay actor Rupert Everett has just made a deal with NBC to star in a comedy series for next fall. In *Mr. Ambassador*, he plays a British statesman stationed in Washington, D.C. Everett (*My Best Friend's Wedding*) is also the co-writer of the series' pilot and executive producer of the show. NBC has ordered 13 episodes of the diplomat-driven comedy, which will be produced at Touchstone Television by Marc Platt (*Legally Blonde*). Everett, who recently finished filming *The Importance of Being Earnest* with Reese Witherspoon and Judi Dench, has not yet assembled the sitcom's supporting cast. The English actor hasn't decided on his character's sexual orientation either, according to his publicist.

In Heaven with Dennis Quaid

Dennis Quaid will get it on with another man in *Far from Heaven*, a new film by gay writer-director Todd Haynes. Quaid (*Traffic*) will co-star with Julianne Moore (*Boogie Nights*), who first gained widespread attention in Haynes' 1995 cult classic *Safe*. The sociological drama centers on a white suburban family in 1957 whose world is turned upside down when Moore's character catches her husband (Quaid) sleeping with another man. She sends her closeted beau to a therapist, then deals with her own sexual frustration by fooling

around with her black gardener, played by Dennis Haysbert (*Love and Basketball*). Lesbian producer Christine Vachon (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*) is overseeing the project, which begins shooting later this year in Connecticut. There's been no word yet on who will play Quaid's on-screen lover, but I've started doing sit-ups just in case anyone calls.

Gods and Monsters Invade Florida

Gay *Gods and Monsters* scribe Bill Condon is writing a new film, *In the Kingdom of Big Sugar*, for Robert DeNiro's Tribeca Productions. The epic focuses on a Cuban sugar magnate who moves his family business to Florida after Castro's revolution, only to face widespread revolt among his sugarcane cutters. The political saga is based on the true story of the Fanjul brothers, who covered up their company's slave-like working conditions by donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Democratic and Republican parties. No director has been hired for the film, which may star DeNiro. Condon recently penned *The Devil and Daniel Webster*, which will feature Jennifer Love Hewitt, Alec Baldwin and Anthony Hopkins, and is also scripting the film version of *Chicago*.

Just the Facts

You take the good, you take the bad, you take them all and there you have the latest resuscitated campy schlock from ABC's *Wonderful World of Disney*. A *Facts of Life* reunion show on November 18 joins the network's stable of retro-remakes, which already includes reshapes of *Footloose* and *Grease*. This tribute to the 1979-1988 NBC sitcom will include appearances by Mrs. Garrett, Blair, Tootie, an Natalie, but in a stunning blow to

dykes everywhere, adolescent lesbian icon Jo won't be joining the rest of the cast. Actress Nancy McKeon, who played the butch brat on the original show, reportedly no longer wants to be identified with the teenage tomboy character. The fact that she's the only cast member who has a job (she's a series regular on Lifetime's police drama *The Division*) might have influenced her decision as well. In any event, actresses Charlotte Rae, Lisa Whelchel, Kim Fields, and Mindy Cohn will revisit the fictional Eastlake School for Young Women and reprise their respective roles. The plot centers around grown-up Natalie, who needs the other girls' advice after she receives two simultaneous marriage proposals. Natalie solves this "problem" with the help of Tootie, who's become a Hollywood talk-show host, and Blair, who owns a chain of hotels. Mrs. Garrett will also be there to share her wisdom with Natalie, and God knows she probably has lots of it, now that she's older than dirt. Filmmaker Charles Herman-Wurmfeld, whose lesbian indie film *Kissing Jessica Stein* hits theaters in March, directed this get-together, which was packaged by openly gay producer Laurence Mark (*As Good as It Gets*).

Why Can't Someone Else Be Audrey Hepburn?

Jennifer Love Hewitt has signed on to do her second Audrey Hepburn project in three years. Hewitt (*I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*), who played the slender screen legend in ABC's *Audrey Hepburn Story* last year, will headline *Why Can't I Be Audrey Hepburn?*, a romantic comedy about a TV news anchor who's obsessed with the *Breakfast at Tiffany* star. Hewitt's character gets dumped at the altar, like Holly Golightly, and subsequently falls in love with a hunky fireman who shares her love for Ms. Hepburn's films. The actress was reportedly the fourth choice of gay writer-director Ryan Murphy (*Popular*), who preferred Tea Leoni, Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Renee Zellweger. I wonder if Hewitt had

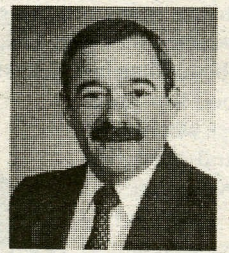
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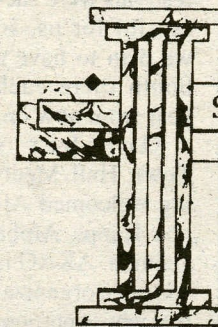
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The Community Corner

by Robyn Johnson, MGLCC Secretary

It was nice seeing lots of new faces at this year's National Coming Out Day Picnic sponsored by Memphis Pride, Inc. It was also great to see many returning faces. The weather this year was hands down better than last year's!

The food was good, the dogs were amusing, and the company was great.

If you get a chance, ask one of the Board members of MGLCC about the picnic table incident. It could have been ugly!

By the way, I hope everyone picked up a copy of the Oct. 4 issue of the *Memphis Flyer*; many of your local GLBT supportive organizations and businesses were featured in a 6.5-inch by 9-inch ad. Each organization and business listed monetarily donated towards that ad. Please be sure to thank them for supporting the GLBT community and to support them in return.

Also, I hope you saw the following week's (Oct. 11) issue of the *Memphis Flyer* as well. Yours truly, along with Daniel (MGLCC

member-at-large) and Angela (MGLCC treasurer) were pictured in the "We Saw You" section of the paper.

We finished off the month of September with an informational booth at the Taste of Midtown Festival. Both the Cooper-Young and Taste of Midtown festivals were successful for us, so we plan to have a booth there each year from now on.

October's Town Hall Meeting welcomed Alpha Kappa Alpha Gamma. AKAG is a service organization whose purpose is "to obtain unity amongst the gay community, as well as humanity."

We heard how our newest service organization will use the "leadership skills and attributes" of its members to enhance and uplift both our community and our city.

MGLCC members attended the candlelight vigil Oct. 12 in memory of Matthew Shepard sponsored by Circuit Playhouse. Our group consisted of about 35 supporters who marched from the Friends For Life

office to Circuit Playhouse. Our very own, Len Piechowski, member-at-large, was the keynote speaker for the event.

October's regular Potluck Dinner was held at our president's and his partner's apartment and we had a nice time. By having the dinner at someone's house, we had the opportunity to watch "Must See TV" and we didn't pass up that opportunity.

The dining hour and place for November has been scheduled for Miki and BJ's, two of our members-at-large, home at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 15. We will have a traditional-style Thanksgiving dinner. Miki and BJ will provide the turkey, and we ask that you bring all of the side dishes and desserts. Call our switchboard (324-GAYS) or check the website (www.MemphisGayWeb.org) for the exact address.

For those who have not heard, the newest organization to form out of the Community Center is up and running, doing well, and has a strong support from its members. I am talking about 2xLambda, the social group for 20 to 29 year olds. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Darren, MGLCC's vice president and

2xLambda facilitator, at 857-5224.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by purchasing an Entertainment Book. We will be selling the Entertainment Books until the end of the year, and they make great birthday and holiday gifts. They are only \$20 and if you call, write or e-mail us, we'll get one to you. Don't forget, MGLCC gets 20 percent for every book we sell. So if you want a book, please buy one from us and support your community.

For November, as I already mentioned, we will have our regular Potluck Dinner and we will also have our regular Town Hall Meeting.

This month's topic will be our bylaws and constitution. MGLCC's bylaws and constitution are in severe need of an update, so join us Sun., Nov. 4, from 6-8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Community Church, 3430 Summer Ave., if you would like to have input on the update.

You can also catch us at the Pumping Station on the third Sunday of every month selling Jello® shooters to help pay for the Switchboard phone bill. Steve and the Pumping Station staff have been very generous to MGLCC by do-

nating space and allowing us to sell shooters each month. Thanks, guys! We truly appreciate all of your support!

Please mark your calendars. Our application for a zoning variance is being processed through the Office of Planning and Development and is currently on schedule to appear before the City Council Tues., Dec. 4. If there is opposition to the application, a public hearing will be held on that date. (See the complete story on page 1.)

This time of the year slows down for MGLCC.

It gives us a chance to wrap up the events of the summer and a chance to prepare for the spring. Even though you may not see us around town as much, we will continue to have our regular monthly events.

I would also like to remind everyone that you can always find information about us at the above-mentioned website. We are continuously updating the website so that we can accept your applications online as well. We also realize that many are not online yet, so we also retain a post office box. The address is: MGLCC, PO Box 41074, Memphis, TN 38174.



Gay Bank

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nounced.

Majority stockholders last year fired Dunlap after disputes with bank president Kay Griffith. He has since sued Griffith, the bank and another employee alleging his business concept was stolen, he was forced out and that the concept, bank's name and trademark belong to him.

G&L has been losing money but that is not unusual for a new bank, Dunlap said.

"The bank is successful," he

said. "It just may not be as successful as these people wanted it to be."

The bank's latest report to regulators shows a net loss of \$926,000 for the second quarter, assets of \$100.9 million, mainly deposits, and equity capital of \$18.6 million.

Dunlap said attracting \$100 million in deposits in two years is phenomenal growth.

A proposed merger with Bancorp.com Bank of Wilmington, Del., that was announced last year never took place.

Dunlap said G&L needs to open small branches around the country to serve gays and lesbians and was never intended to be strictly in

cyberspace.

"The Internet piece was just to connect the dots," he said.



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Gay Purchasing Power a Significant Force, Major Study Reveals

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The median combined household income of gay couples is \$65,000, nearly 60 percent higher than the 1999 U.S. median income of \$40,800, a first-of-its-kind study reveals. Advertisers are taking notice.

"We've always surmised that gay purchasing power is a force to be reckoned with," says Jeffrey Garber, founder of the project study. "What was needed was a yardstick to accurately measure the impact of gay and lesbian consumerism."

Garber, president of OpusComm Group, Inc., in conjunction with the S.I. Newhouse School at Syracuse University and media/entertainment company GSociety, Inc., has developed the first comprehensive and in-depth census of the economics and buying habits of the gay and lesbian market.

The Internet-based census was designed to poll gay men and lesbians about their education, jobs, spending practices and politics, and make that information available to advertisers.

"Gay men and lesbians collectively are an important consumer constituency," according to Garber. "The 2001 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census will become one of the primary tools used to educate mainstream advertisers about this unique and widely ignored niche market."

"A few major corporations are beginning to reap the rewards as pioneers in this market," says Syracuse University Professor Amy Falkner, expert in targeted adver-

tising and how different groups use the Internet. "Gay and lesbian advertising is moving 'out of the closet' and into the mainstream market."

Nearly 6,000 U.S. respondents completed the 40-minute-long census.

The study reveals a significantly higher median income for gay households than the U.S. median. More than a fifth of respondents reported a total combined income of \$100,000 or more. Nearly 60 percent of gay male households and 46 percent of lesbian households showed a combined income in excess of \$60,000.

"This means well-heeled gay and lesbian couples, sharing two incomes and generally without the expense of raising children (13 percent of Gay/Lesbian couples have children under 18 years of age living at home), can plan to be actively courted in the near future by industry and services anxious to open up this "new" market," says Falkner.

In findings destined to change the way advertisers cozy up to the affluent gay and lesbian market, the study reveals a strong tendency among this group to buy products or services from companies they know to be gay-friendly.

"You'll be seeing many more large corporations 'coming out' as friendly to gays, once they see what a positive image in the gay community can do for sales," explains Cary Gilbert, president of gay entertainment/media company GSociety, Inc. "It isn't being deceptive or devious on the

company's part. Instead it's a matter of taking the opportunity to be open and positive about their policies and goals concerning the gay population. That recognizing gay clients has a positive effect on the bottom line is a side benefit — and a compelling one."

Nearly 9 out of 10 census re-

spondents are registered voters, and 79.8 percent of them voted in the 2000 presidential election, as compared to 49 percent of the general public who voted in the 1996 election, according to the clerk of the U.S. Congress. The great majority — 68.8 percent — are registered Democrats.

"Money talks, the same in politics as in business," Garber says. "As the gay and lesbian economic power base becomes more widely recognized, we are sure to see many subtle and not-so-subtle changes in the way the gay population is courted."



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by Paula Martinac



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Who Was Beauford Delaney?

From the outside, Beauford Delaney's long career as a modernist painter, with many important exhibitions to his credit, looks like a success story. But personal tragedy overshadowed Delaney's professional achievements. Throughout his life, mental illness and guilt about his homosexuality plagued the talented artist.

Delaney was born in 1901 in Knoxville, Tenn., to a lower-middle-class black family. His father was a preacher who worked as a barber to support the family; his mother was an ex-slave who did laundry for white families. Beauford was the eighth of their 10 children, only four of whom lived to adulthood.

At an early age, both Delaney and his younger brother Joseph showed a gift for art. Delaney's first patron was the owner of the local shoeshine store where he worked after school. His boss noticed the 14-year-old's sketches and commissioned him to paint a seascape. Although Delaney had never seen the ocean or worked in oil paint, he executed a painting that so impressed his boss he introduced the teenager to a well-known Knoxville painter named Lloyd Branson, who quickly took

Delaney on as his student and assistant.

Delaney remained under Branson's tutelage until 1923, when, with funds provided by his mentor, the young man left for Boston to pursue a formal study of art. Through letters of introduction to the city's leading families,

York. He arrived in 1929 at the height of the Harlem Renaissance, full of excitement. But on his first day, he was duped out of all of his possessions and much of his cash. To make ends meet, he took a job as a hotel bellhop. In his free time, he painted portraits of people on the Harlem streets and took classes at

Another break for Delaney's career came in 1938, when *Life* magazine featured the artist in a story about African Americans, pronouncing him one of the most talented "Negro painters" and bringing him to national attention. Delaney got 50 copies and sent them home to Knoxville, and the

wing, introducing him to his friends and to the gay subculture. Delaney's career flourished in the 1950s and 1960s, as he perfected his abstract technique and chose subjects drawn from current events, like Rosa Parks and Robert F. Kennedy.

But even as he was exhibiting in major international shows, Delaney's inner voices and paranoid delusions became more pronounced, perhaps exacerbated by his excessive drinking. A suicide attempt in 1961 — brought on when he imagined that a gay-bashing mob was trying to murder him — landed him briefly in a sanitarium.

His slow, downward spiral continued until, in 1975, Delaney was found passed out on a Paris street, and Baldwin had to arrange for his old friend to be committed to a psychiatric hospital. The painter died there in 1979, unaware that his work was at that moment hanging in the most important exhibit of his career, at the prestigious Studio Museum in Harlem.

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Delaney became immersed in Boston's liberal society, which at that time included young writers Edna St. Vincent Millay and Countee Cullen. During his years in Boston, Delaney began struggling both with his sexual desire for men (his first homosexual experience was in a swan boat at the Public Gardens) and with voices that he had started to hear in his head.

After six years, Delaney had outgrown Boston and decided to try his luck in the art world of New

York. He arrived in 1929 at the height of the Harlem Renaissance, full of excitement. But on his first day, he was duped out of all of his possessions and much of his cash. To make ends meet, he took a job as a hotel bellhop. In his free time, he painted portraits of people on the Harlem streets and took classes at

the Art Students' League, one of the few art schools that accepted blacks. In 1930, his brother Joseph joined him at the League, and they lived together for a short time uptown. But Joseph strongly disapproved of his brother's sexual inclinations, and Delaney moved to Greenwich Village. There he pursued brief, sexual encounters with white men — a life he kept separate and secret from his black and art-world friends.

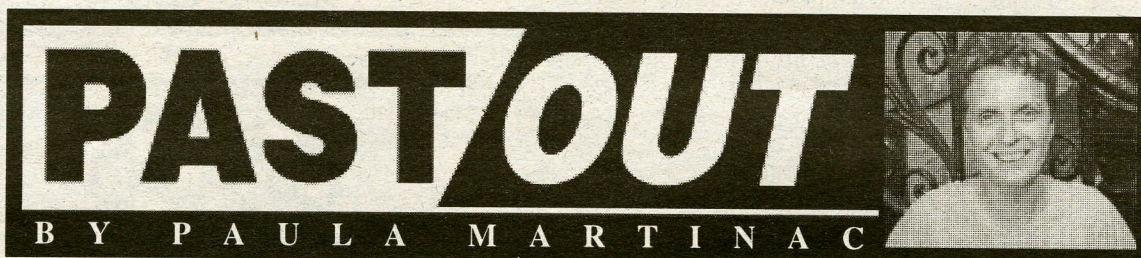
Through a series of breaks (which included landing a job at the gallery that was the forerunner of the Whitney Museum), Delaney got his paintings into a number of important venues, like the Washington Square Outdoor Exhibit and a one-man show at the New York Public Library. At the same time, he became part of a gay bohemian circle in the Village, meeting and falling in love with a white singer named Dante Pavone. Pavone was a popular subject of Delaney's paintings at that time, but the two never became lovers.

local newspaper ran a feature about the city's proud son.

In 1940, through a mutual friend, Delaney met 16-year-old James Baldwin. Confused about his own sexuality and longing to be a writer, Baldwin arrived at Delaney's studio one day looking for a mentor. Delaney immediately fell in love with the young man; but because there was no sexual interest on Baldwin's part, the two never became physically intimate. They did, however, enjoy a close, lifelong friendship. "Great art can only be created out of love," Baldwin wrote admiringly of Delaney in 1964, "and ... no greater lover has ever held a brush."

Baldwin left New York for Paris in 1948 to escape the racism and homophobia he had experienced in America, and Delaney followed suit five years later, intending to be gone only temporarily. But in fact, he never returned to New York, not even for a short visit.

In Paris, Baldwin took Delaney, who spoke little French, under his



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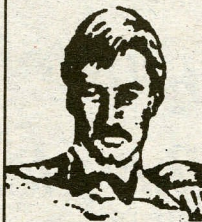
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German Historian Claims Hitler Was a Closet Homosexual

By Melissa Eddy
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — A German historian created a sensation at the Frankfurt Book Fair with a new book that revives old speculation that Adolf Hitler was a closet homosexual.

Lothar Machtan, author of *The Hidden Hitler*, said in an interview Oct. 10 that long-ignored biographical evidence strongly suggests the Nazi dictator had homosexual tendencies, but that he masked his leanings because they conflicted with his ruthless drive for power.

"You can reduce it to one sentence: Adolf Hitler was attracted to men," said Machtan, a Bremen University professor. "Or, he had homosexual leanings."

Historians have long assumed that Hitler never consummated his relationships with women, including his longtime companion Eva Braun. And previous biographers have raised questions about Hitler's sexual orientation, some writing that he was repelled by homosexuals.

But no major biography has claimed outright that Hitler himself was gay.

English historian Alan Bullock, author of *Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives* said that not enough was known about Hitler to make such a statement.

"You can make a case that maybe he was, but it seems highly improbable," Bullock said in a telephone interview. "Perhaps in the early years, when we don't know much about him, but what's really the interest in it? I'd want more evidence."

Machtan said his key evidence was a letter written by 1948 by Hans Mend to a German diplomat saying that he had seen Hitler lying in the hay with "his male whore" while all three served in the same military unit in France during World War I in 1915.

"When I read the Mend protocol, my jaw almost dropped," he said. The letter, copies of which are in the Federal Archives in Koblenz and the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, has been examined by other historians, but Machtan says he is the first to take it seriously.

Machtan claimed other historians failed to pursue hints of Hitler's homosexuality partly because of qualms about giving him a human face.

Machtan said his conclusion was based also on other elements of Hitler's life, including his passion for men, his "shimmering eroticism," and a series of homoerotic friendships in the 1920s.

Machtan theorizes that Hitler's internal struggle with his sexuality formed part of the charisma that made many Germans adore him

and created a bond with his closest associates.

"If you look at critical elements of Hitler's life in view of his homosexuality, we can understand them much better. For example, how a man with his background and no real education, could develop such a powerful charisma," he said.

But Hitler's own handling of homosexuals was contradictory.

Machtan suggests that one of Hitler's fiercest rivals after the Nazi seizure of power — Ernst Roehm, the boss of the Sturmabteilung storm troopers — knew of his homosexuality, providing one reason for Hitler to order Roehm's 1934 assassination.

Roehm was a known homosexual, and the SA under his leadership was renowned for its decadent lifestyle, which became a point of ridicule among the Nazis' early critics. Machtan suggests that Hitler used Roehm to test how the public would respond to a gay leader. When the result was more ridicule, he swiftly did away with the SA leader.

"The way he did it was very perfidious, but very intelligent," Machtan said.

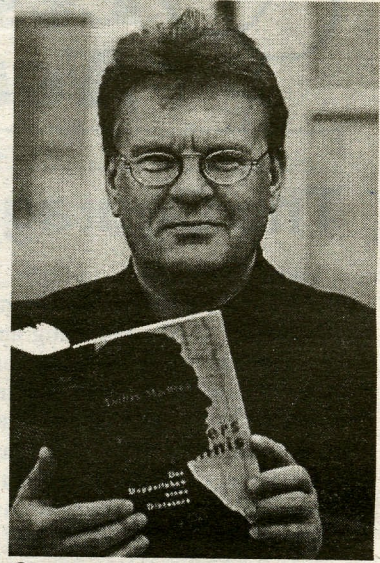
Machtan also said that the Nazi persecution of gays was based on an existing law that was sharpened in 1935, and asserted that Hitler himself never made any public statements about what he thought

of homosexuality. Few of the 15,000 gay men put in concentration camps survived.

For German historian Joachim Fest, author of a Hitler biography who has also written of the Fuehrer's homoerotic leanings, said the Mend letter was a "strong" new indication. But he said he wasn't convinced of Hitler's homosexuality.

"It's an interesting thesis, and you can argue long about it. But there's no firm evidence," said Fest, whose son's publishing house, Berlin-based Alexander Fest Verlag, was putting out Machtan's book.

Machtan, 52, has previously written several books on 19th-century German chancellor Otto von Bismarck. *The Hidden Hitler* was released Oct. 10 in 12 languages, including English.



German Lothar Machtan, author and professor of modern history, presents his book *Hitler's Secret* (Hitler's Geheimnis) at the Frankfurt book fair Oct. 10. Machtan claims in the book that Hitler was homosexual. (Ralph Orlowski/Reuters)

One in Three Gay Americans Has Experienced Personal Violence Based on Sexual Orientation

SAN FRANCISCO — Most violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals remains unreported, according to the PlanetOut Partners/Modalis Speak Out Community Survey, the first survey conducted for PlanetOut Partners, Inc. by Modalis Research

"In our first extensive survey of the largest panel of gay and lesbian Americans, we wanted to gather data that could make a difference in people's lives," said PlanetOut Partners CEO Lowell Selvin.

One-third (33 percent) of the respondents reported that they had experienced a personal attack based on their sexual orientation. These anti-gay attacks included acts of physical violence, verbal abuse and destruction of personal property. Although a large number of these attacks were disclosed in the confidential online survey, only three in 10 of those involved reported the incident to authorities and fewer than one in seven (13 percent) received counseling or support as a result.

"This survey spotlights the fact that, despite years of working to inform and educate law enforcement officials and our own community, most hate crimes still are not reported," said Gwenn A. Baldwin, executive director of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

"According to recent reports from the California attorney general and the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, hate crimes based on sexual orientation are second only to hate crimes based on race; and hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are more likely to be physically violent," Baldwin said.

Among survey respondents, only 15 percent say that they believe there are laws currently in place to protect them from attacks based on sexual identity.

The survey was conducted by Modalis Research from August 6-29, 2001. The confidential survey was conducted online; 2,322 individuals responded. Modalis and PlanetOut Partners host the world's

largest panel of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals with more than 10,000 participants.

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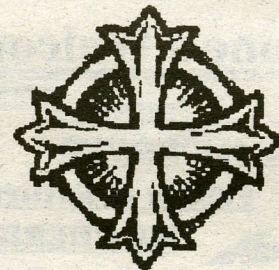
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Lesbian Notions

By Paula Martinac

The Courage to Dissent

When a country is in crisis, as the United States has been since September 11, the last thing anyone wants to hear is social dissent. But if dissent is central to the lesbian and gay movement, as many of us consider it to be, we should be concerned about the effect the widespread call for national unity and blind patriotism might have on our struggle for civil rights.

Without a doubt, the disasters of Sept. 11 made everything else in the news pale in comparison. Suddenly, local efforts to obtain domestic partnership benefits or gay adoption rights — which just days

earlier were all-important struggles — seemed trivial by comparison to the grotesque loss of human life in New York and Washington. The anger many of us had felt toward the Bush administration's lack of attention to social issues softened a bit as we watched the president publicly expressing true compassion for the victims.

To complicate our feelings further, there were all the reports that made it clear just how vital a part of society gay people really are. Profiles of gay people like the passenger who fought back against the hijackers and the priest who died

ministering to the injured at the World Trade Center demonstrated that we are, indeed, everywhere — including right smack in the middle of terror.

But the tragedies have also underscored how tentative our position in society really is. Although the domestic partners of lesbians and gay men killed in the attacks may get some financial relief through private agencies, they won't be able to collect Social Security and pension benefits, as will heterosexual spouses. Predictably, right-wing extremists like Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition have been calling for this assistance to be doled out purely "on the basis of one man and one woman in a marital relationship."

The acute need for civil marriage rights for same-sex couples is demonstrated by other examples as well. Gay.com reported recently on a binational gay male couple — one partner American and Christian, the other Palestinian and Muslim — whose last hope for staying

together was dashed on Sept. 11. They had been counting heavily on obtaining asylum for the Muslim partner in the United States, but that's unlikely to happen now.

We can picture other possible repercussions, stemming from our lack of basic civil rights. Imagine a non-biological lesbian mother who faces losing custody of her child because her partner, the biological mother, died in the attacks — and the couple didn't have the voluminous paperwork necessary to try to safeguard their family. Or maybe there's a gay man whose lover was killed at the World Trade Center but who can't express his grief at work or take time off for fear of losing his job. Take any of these examples of anti-gay discrimination and you've got ample reason to criticize an administration that has not shown the least bit of interest in supporting our issues.

Lately, however, we've been hearing and reading statements from politicians, religious leaders, and just plain folks, including gay people, about the need for Americans to put aside our differences for the national good. Everyone from almost-president Al Gore to widely read lesbian commentator Deb Price has been urging the country to stand behind our president. (Price pronounced it "our duty" to do so.) When even our favorite political humorists won't venture a negative word against the president, it's no wonder his public approval rating skyrocketed from 50 to 90 percent.

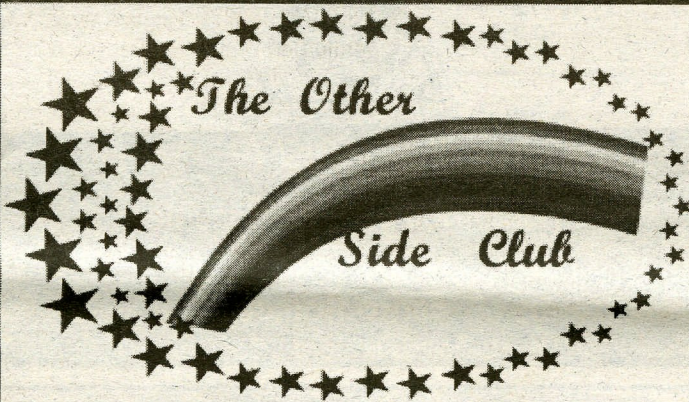
The fact is, though, Bush is still the same president with the same policies as before. There's a per-

ception out there that he's changed, maybe because he's been forced to grapple with foreign policy issues that never particularly interested him and, in doing so, has had to learn General Musharraf's name. But, believe it or not, Bush is once again pushing for a brand-new \$75-billion tax cut to boost the economy, although the recent cuts had an almost negligible impact.

I'm concerned that the self-censorship many Americans are engaging in ("watch what you say, watch what you do," as the White House press secretary framed it) will lead the United States down a dangerous path, where questioning what our leaders do is synonymous with disloyalty and conformity becomes the best way to survive. One terrible prospect would be that minority groups — including lesbians and gay men — refrain from criticizing the administration for fear of seeming divisive and alienating public and political support for their issues.

It's heartening, then, that a handful of lesbian and gay organizations (including the often accommodationist Human Rights Campaign) have banded with other civil-rights groups to issue a statement affirming, among other things, "the right of peaceful dissent." I hope many other gay groups join them. At times like these, we need the courage to think and speak out critically.

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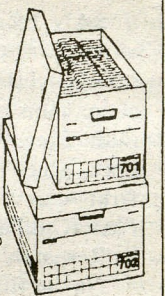
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'Romeo & Juliet Law' Gives Kansas Gay Teen 16 Years More in Prison than Heterosexual Would Serve

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kansas' so-called "Romeo and Juliet Law" is unconstitutional because it gives lesbian and gay youth much higher prison sentences than straight youth who engage in the same behavior, the American Civil Liberties Union said in an appeal brief filed Sept. 28.

Matthew Limon is appealing a 17-year prison sentence he received because shortly after he turned 18, he performed oral sex on a nearly-15-year-old male at a residential school for developmentally disabled youth where they both lived in Miami County, Kansas. If he had instead performed oral sex on a 14-year-old female, he would have received 12 months in jail under the "Romeo

and Juliet Law," which applies only to heterosexuals.

"The only difference between a year in jail and 17 years is whether or not you're gay," said Matt Coles, director of the ACLU Lesbian & Gay Rights Project, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief on Limon's behalf. "Matt Limon will be 36 years old by the time he's released, having spent half of his life in prison — while a heterosexual person would have been released before turning 19."

Under the law, consensual oral sex between two teens is a lesser crime if the younger teenager is 14 to 16 years old, if the older teenager is under 19, if the age dif-

ference is less than 4 years, if there are no third parties involved, and if the two teenagers "are members of the opposite sex."

The Equal Protection clause of the U.S. Constitution forbids singling out a group of people — based on bigotry toward that group — and punishing them more severely for the same behavior. "That's exactly what Kansas is doing," Coles said.

The appeal doesn't seek to change age-of-consent laws or reduce sentences for sexual contact with minors, the ACLU said.

"The question here isn't whether young

adults should be punished for unlawful sexual activity. It's whether gay people should be punished more severely than straight people for committing the same crime," Coles said. "We don't think the Constitution allows that, and we hope this court won't, either."

The case is State of Kansas v. Matthew R. Limon in the Court of Appeals of the State of Kansas, in Kansas City, number 00-85898-A. Limon is represented by a court-appointed public defender.

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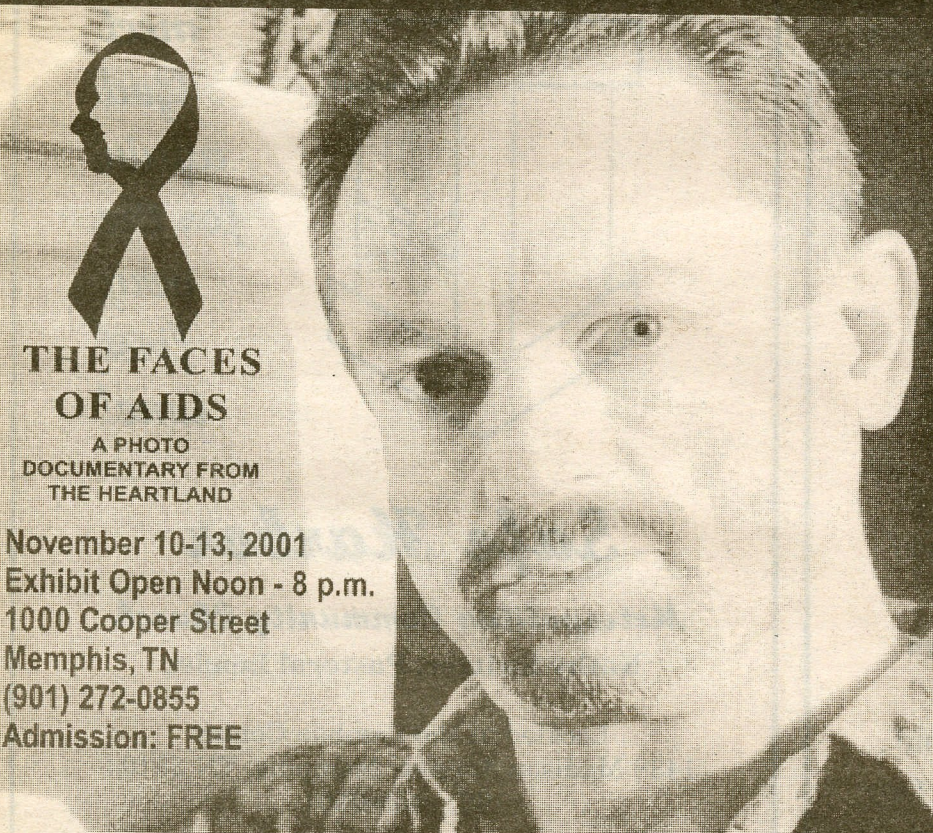
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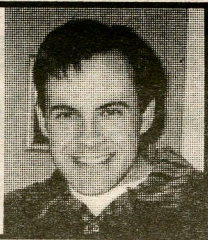


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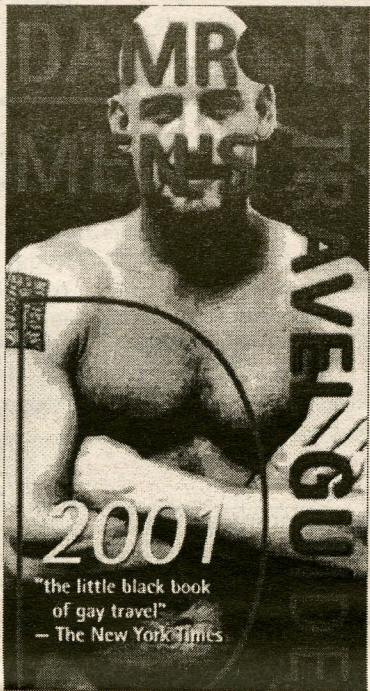
As we approach the holiday months, there are many of us who may be planning end-of-the-year trips or even thinking ahead to next spring. Although there are tons of well-known gay hotspots all across the country and overseas that we like to visit again and again, maybe this year you are thinking of trying something different. If so, there is definitely a book I recommend to help you decide on a gay-friendly destination.

If you haven't picked it up already, it's the *Damron Men's Travel Guide 2001*. You can usually spot a copy in the travel section of your local bookstore. However, most stores (if any) only have two to three copies on the shelf. It's easy to spot though because it's a smaller and thicker black book with a hunky man on the cover.

At more than 800 pages, *Damron* is well-known for being the source for gay travelers and vacationers. It provides more than 100,000 listings of gay-friendly hotels, bed and breakfasts, bars, nightclubs, bookstores, cafés, gyms, saunas, cruises, restaurants, retreats, conferences, etc. The list goes on and on. Brief descriptions are also included with each listing.

Before my recent move to St. Louis, Mo., I turned to my copy of

Damron to find out what gay St. Louis had to offer. I never knew St. Louis was home to the second



largest Mardi Gras festival each year. We all know where the largest is held! There are pages and pages of New Orleans listings for those of you who are fans of The Big Easy. With St. Louis being so big and diverse, the listing of clubs

and organizations was quite helpful to me in discovering just where the gay people were! I soon found out that the Soulard district and the Central West End were the places to be in this new city I call home.

However, with gay organizations and clubs changing so quickly everywhere, *Damron* almost goes out of date just when it has hit the stores. A prime example of this is the Memphis listings. The book listed several clubs that had come and gone, but to my disappointment, the same was true for St. Louis. It's good to know that an up-to-date copy of *Damron* is available each year. It's definitely the most informative and the largest gay travel directory that I have ever seen. It's also the only one I own.

For those of you who travel outside the country, *Damron* has information that may be helpful to you as well. It includes gay favorites throughout London, Amsterdam, and much more. It also includes places you may *not* want to visit while outside your homeland.

So, for those of you thinking about a winter ski trip, or maybe you are thinking of skipping Cancun next spring break, you should definitely check out the *Damron Men's Travel Guide 2001* to decide where to vacation or party. You don't have to take my advice though, read the book!

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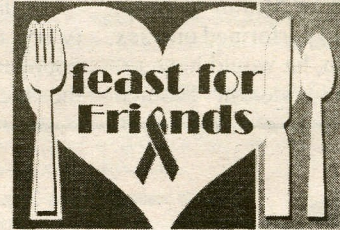
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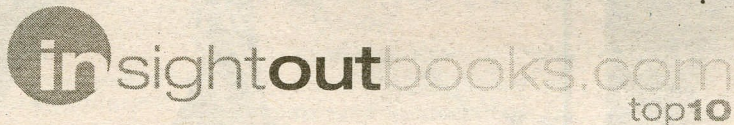
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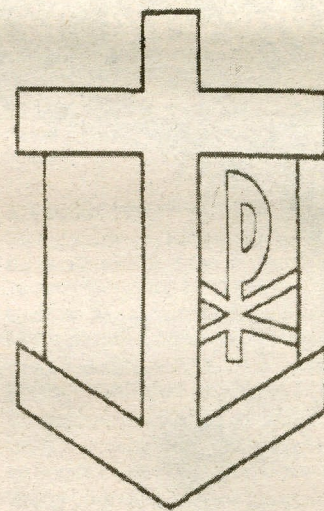
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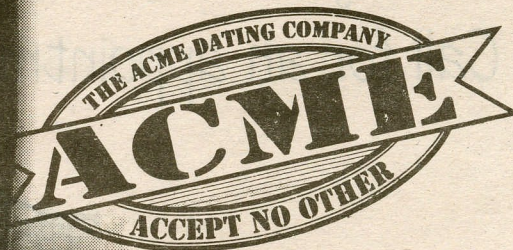
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