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# **Land Use Control Board Nixes** Community Center's Re-zoning Request

By Allen Cook

The Memphis and Shelby County Land Use Control Board rejected a request by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center Nov. 8 to re-zone a building it was considering purchasing. The building is currently zoned for medical office use and needed a "special use permit" to be used by the center. The vote was 5-3.

Planning Commission staff had recommended approval of the rezoning, but neighbors objected to the idea of night traffic increasing in the predominantly residential area. The building in question is located on Monroe, just north of the Blockbuster Video store on Union.

A story in last month's edition of TJN incorrectly indicated that the City Council would hear the application. In fact, the meeting was held in City Council Chambers, but was heard by the Land Use Control Board.

An appeal would be heard by

the full City Council, but no appeal is planned.

"The rejection had nothing to do with the fact that it was a 'gay' center," a source with the Planning Commission, who asked not to be identified, said. "The area residents simply had concerns about the amount of traffic the center would generate at night," he said.

"The commission recommended that the center look at commercial space," the source said.

This is the second space the center has seriously considered for a permanent home

The first space at Peabody and Cleveland fell through when competing buyers offered more than the center was willing to pay.

An initial offer, which included a potential tax deduction for the seller, was rejected when a better offer was presented to the seller.

MGLCC continues to look at properties for a permanent space and is now reported to be considering a site in the Cooper-Young/ Central Avenue area. It continues to seek individuals, couples and businesses to join its list of benefactors.

Last summer MGLCC raised pledges of approximately \$103,000 to purchase a building to house the center. In addition a "500 Club" campaign was launched to provide ongoing operating funds once a building is purchased.

MGLCC is considering properties in the \$160-180,000 price range. Donations to the building fund are tax-deductible as charitable donations because the center maintained its taxexempt charitable 501 (c) 3 status during the time it has operated without a building.

MGLCC operates the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Switchboard information and referral service, sponsors the annual Twinkie Museum film festival, and hosts a monthly potluck dinner. It also serves as an incubator for new GLBT community groups.

About 70 volunteers from First Baptist Church and Greater Lewis St. Missionary Baptist Church as well as several other organizations met Sat., Nov. 17, to prepare the 2,311 markers which will honor those who have died of AIDS in Shelby County. The markers will be displayed Nov. 25-Dec. 8 in commemoration of World AIDS Day on the grounds of the two churches which are located at Poplar and East Parkway.

# **AIDS Day Commemoration Features Expanded Marker Project, AIDS Quilt Panels**

Two Memphis churches one predominantly white, the other predominantly black —are working together to honor the 2,311 men, women and children who have died in Shelby County from AIDS in commemoration of World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.

Two other churches - again one predominantly white, the other predominantly black - will display 40 sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt Dec. 3-6.

First Baptist Church and Greater Lewis St. Missionary Baptist Church, located on opposite corners of Poplar and East Parkway will display markers representing the dead on their front lawns.

Installation of the markers will take place after Sunday services on Sun., Nov. 25. The display will continue through Sat., Dec. 8.

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

will be expanded across the street to include the Greater Lewis Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Located at one of Memphis' busiest intersections, these highly visible corners have more than 70,000 cars passing them daily.

The markers consist of a white wooden stake each with a red ribbon affixed.

About 70 volunteers from the two churches and other organizations met Sat., Nov. 17, to map out the installation grid and prepare the markers (See additional pictures on page 22).

In addition to the 2,311 painted stakes, more than three miles of string was needed just to create the grid from which the volunteers will work, according to Butch Valentine, the project's originator.

This year's 2,311 figure comes from the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department's HIV and AIDS Summary Report (as of June

# **Arkansas Argues No Case Law** Supports Judge's Voiding of Statute

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A judge's ruling that an Arkansas law banning sex between partners of the same sex is unconstitutional isn't supported by any case law, the state attorney general's office said Nov. 13.

Attorney General Mark Pryor's office filed a brief with the state Supreme Court supporting its appeal of a March 23 ruling by Pulaski County Circuit Judge David Bogard.

The brief filed by Assistant Attorney General Jill Jones Moore argues that neither case law nor history supports Bogard's finding that the 1977 law violates privacy rights granted by the state consti-

In addition, the brief said, the law has apparently never been enforced, so the plaintiffs - seven Arkansans who say they are homosexual - can't claim there's a threat worthy of a court's attention.

To argue that (plaintiffs) may in the future become a target of the act, given its history of non-enforcement, is speculative at best," the brief said.

On Oct. 29, the New Yorkbased Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, representing the plaintiffs, filed a brief with the state's high court arguing that the 1977 law "singles out gay men and lesbians for criminal condemnation for engaging in the very same conduct freely permitted heterosexuals.'

The seven plaintiffs told Bogard they feared being charged or convicted or losing their jobs or professional licenses. The law they challenged carries a penalty of a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail.

Susan Sommer, supervising attorney for the Lambda fund, said that the state's argument that no one had ever been prosecuted under the law was no assurance that no one would be in the future. Prosecutors have had ample opportunity to say they wouldn't enforce the law, she said, but none has done

"They're not saying, 'We're not going to do it," Sommer said. They're saying, 'We have discretion to do it or not,' and that's really a cold comfort."

Sommer said the filing by the state was the last expected in the case before oral arguments are scheduled before the Supreme

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# **Queer Notes Bush May Help Gays**

by Jim D. Maynard

I can't believe I'm saying this, but George W. Bush may not be as bad for the gay community as I thought, and he may in fact do something to help us — change the anti-gay image of the Republican Party. Granted, the Republican Party has a long way to go to catch up to the Democratic Party's aggressive courting of the gay community, but as Bob Dylan put it —

"The Times They are A Changin'":

One thing that changed everything — including the possibility of

equal rights for gays and lesbians
— is the terrorist attack on Sept.

11.

For a long time the GOP has been moving to the right to mobilize the most dependable Republican voters — the Religious Right. It started with Ronald Reagan's

embrace of Jerry Falwell and the "Moral Majority." As governor of Texas, George W. Bush beat his Democratic opponents by courting the Religious Right in Texas and used Ann Richard's timid support of gay rights against her. But as a presidential candidate, George W. Bush began to move to the left of center. While he would not commit to a single gay rights issue, he at least talked to gay Republicans and did not shut them out completely.

As president, thanks to a disgraceful election fiasco in his brother's state of Florida, Bush has continued to

work his way to the center on some issues. Bush has angered some of his former supporters in the Religious Right by not only continuing Clinton's executive orders prohibiting discrimination in federal employment based on sexual orientation, but by appointing sev-

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eral gay people to prominent posi-

The Family Research Council issued a blistering critique of the Bush administration in September accusing the White House of implicitly endorsing "the homosexual political agenda." Among the lists of offenses they cited: letting openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe speak at the GOP convention; naming former Massachusetts governor Paul Cellucci, a "militant advocate of homosexual rights," ambassador to Canada; picking gay activist Scott Evertz to head the White House AIDS office; and appointing a gay man, Michael Guest, to be ambassador to Romania (Secretary of State Colin Powell was singled out for presiding over Guest's swearing-in ceremony and recognizing his partner of six years.

White House senior aide Mary Matalin may be one reason for this administration's positions on gay issues. She is a founder of the progay Republican Unity Coalition and a close friend of the Log Cabin Republicans.

It remains to be seen whether she and other gay Republicans can convince George W. Bush to support concrete legislation like the Employment Non-discrimination Act or to lift the ban on gays in the military. While Clinton had many difficulties with the military establishment that affected his ability to carry though on his promise to lift the ban, Bush has the respect of the military and would be in a much stronger position to change the discriminatory policy.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson made public statements suggesting that God had lifted his protection of the U.S. and allowed the attack because of, among other things, the growing acceptance of gays and lesbians. This outrageous statement alienated not only the majority of the American people—it even had ultra-conservatives like Rush Limbaugh distancing themselves from the Religious Right.

This example of the intolerance of the Religious Right, along with the patriotic sympathy of a growing majority of Americans, gives the Bush administration an excellent opportunity to cut its ties to the Religious Right. Now is the time to end the marriage of the Religious Right and the Republican Party once and for all!

According to recent polls, not only does the majority of Americans support equal rights for gays and lesbians, even a majority of Republicans oppose discrimination against gays in employment and oppose the ban on gays in the mili-

tary. If George Bush would support ENDA and work to end the ban on gays in the military, he could actually accomplish more for the gay community than Clinton. Most importantly, if gay and lesbian equality gets the bi-partisan support of both major political parties, we all will benefit.

There should be more to attract gays to the Republican Party than capital gains tax cuts, the GOP must catch up with the Democratic Party and become more supportive of gays and lesbians, and most importantly, concrete legislation to protect our civil rights must be supported to match the rhetoric.

Don't get me wrong, I'm still very skeptical of the Log Cabin Republican's claim that George Bush deserved the vote of the gay community — he did not. But since we are stuck with him for a least four years, it is time for gay Republicans to put up or shut up. The ball is in their court now; it is up to them to convince the leaders of their party to cut its ties with the Religious Right once and for all, and join the Democratic Party in supporting equal civil rights for gay people.

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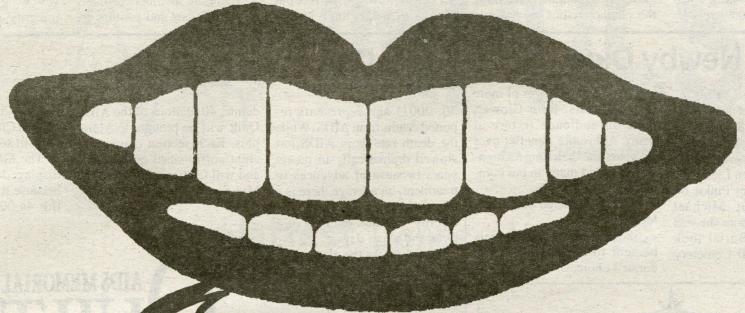
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# December Integrity Meeting to Focus on Selecting New Chaplain

The December meeting of Integrity Memphis will be held on Tues., Dec.18, at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church (Second and Adams). The group will first get into the spirit of the season by singing a few Christmas carols together.

Following dinner, the program will focus on the task of choosing a new Integrity chaplain, made necessary by the departure of Rev. Doug Bailey.

Participants are asked to gather their thoughts concerning the characteristics they would

like to see in the new chaplain, and bring them to the discussion.

Integrity-Memphis is the local chapter of a national organization, Integrity-USA, which serves within the Episcopal Church. The mission is to promote understanding between the gay community and the church.

Regular monthly meetings host a variety of programs, covering a wide range of topics of interest to the community.

There are members of many faith traditions and visitors are

always welcomed.

Integrity meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at Calvary Church.

For more information, visit the group's website at w w w . g e o c i t i e s . c o m / integrity\_memphis/main.html.

# 'Pinkie' Newby Dies

Mary Katherine "Pinkie" Newby, 83, died of heart failure on Sun., Oct. 28, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis.

Ms. Newby was a retired accountant for Stephen Lieb Co.

Mass was said for Pinkie on Sat., Nov. 3, at St. Michael Catholic Church where she was a communicant. Burial took place in Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown. Pinkie and her lover of more than 50 years, Beth Clower, were an audience fixture at many Aphrodite benefits over the years and their long relationship inspired many in our community.

Ms. Clower acted as Pinkie's legal guardian.

She requests that memorials be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.



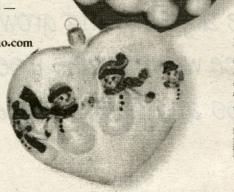
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## **AIDS Day**

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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 as a father who has lost a daughter to AIDS.

# AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels to Be Displayed

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demic, 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. Baptist Church and Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on Parkrose Avenue in south Memphis.

The AIDS Quilt will never be displayed again in its entirety because it is too large. The entire 44,000-panel quilt would

cover a space the size of 26 football fields with walkways or 16 football fields without. It is estimated to weigh more than 50 tons and would be 50 miles long if all the panels

were laid end to end.

The Quilt has been visited by more than 13,800,000 people and has raised more than \$3 million for direct services for people with AIDS.

## **Plunk Band Video Shoot**

On Sat., Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. the Carol Plunk Band will bring a video production crew to One More to record a live concert video to be used for promotional purposes. This video will be sent to record companies, management agencies and booking agents across the

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

United States.

On this night, they need all the support and fans they can get.

They want to show record executives that a female-fronted band can rock the house, and that Carol Plunk has the best fans in the world.

## Phone Volunteers Needed

AIDS Careline is seeking reliable, non-judgmental and caring volunteers to assist in staffing an HIV/AIDS hotline. Volunteers will provide information and referral services. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Mike at 274-7477, ext. 1405.

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# Activism and Fun Can Definitely Mix

Feature by Allen Cook

Bar owners in Memphis are not traditionally the most politically active folk around except when it comes to their businesses, but Len Piechowski and Darren Burns are out to break that mold

Fast friends and business partners (but not lovers), Piechowski and Burns opened a new dance bar, Impulse, Nov. 3 at 2865 Walnut Grove Road.

While their credentials as activists are pretty extensive, they admit they are novices in the bar

Piechowski serves as Mayor

Darren Burns is a board mem-

Willie Herenton's liaison to the gay community, a position the mayor created in October. In addition, Piechowski is active with the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice through which he organized a recent town hall meeting bringing together the gay and lesbian community with representatives of the Memphis Police Dept. He also has been instrumental in raising more than \$100,000 to purchase a building to house the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Some years ago, he formed the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Religious Af-

ber of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and recently created a new organization, 2XLambda, a support group for 20somethings which meets weekly.

All in all, the duo believe they have a handle on what a gay and lesbian dance club should be.

One of the first things they believe is that a dance bar should be drug-free. To this end, they have pledged a zero-tolerance policy toward drugs.

In addition to that, they believe a dance bar should be a dance bar - no drag shows, just non-stop

Open Thursday through Sunday nights (9 p.m.- 2 a.m. on Thursdays and Sundays and 10 p.m.- 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays), Impulse has theme nights. For example, Thursday is Ladies Night and an upcoming Madonna Night will only feature Madonna music. Drag queens decked out as Madonna will add to the flavor, but no drag show is planned.

Fridays and Saturdays are re-served for "Dance Your Ass Off"

Although construction delayed Impulse's debut two weeks, the opening night capacity crowd Nov. 3 seemed to enjoy having a new place to dance.

Impulse is divided into two distinct areas - the dance area and the drink-and-socialize area. Both



Impulse owners Len Piechowski (left) and Darren Burns. Additional pictures

areas featured "go-go boys" dancing on elevated platforms opening night. The single bar is located on the side opposite the dance floor.

The seating is sparse so be prepared to stand (or dance) most of

The cover charge of \$5 seems very reasonable and 18-21-yearolds are admitted for the same cover, but are not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages.

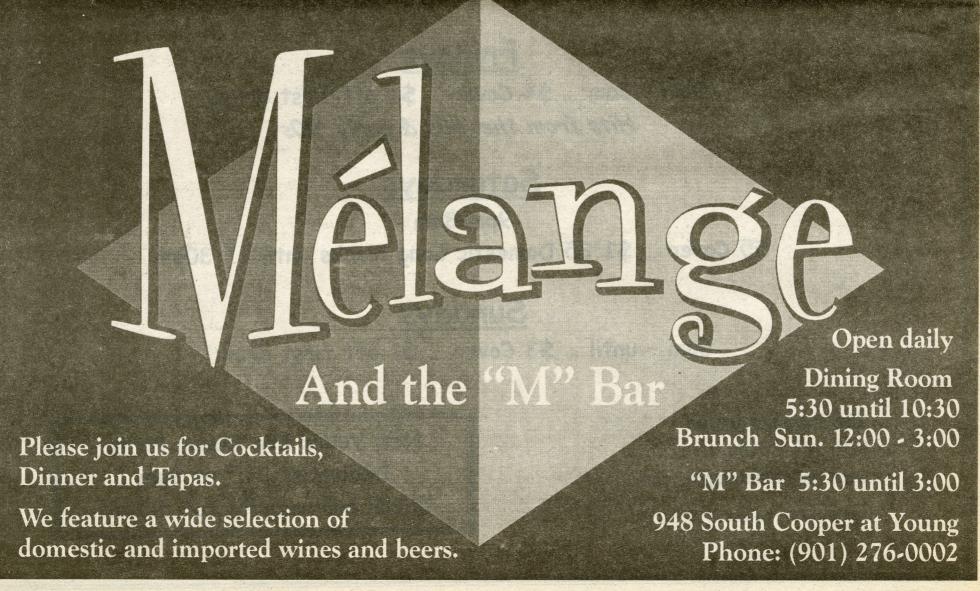
Speaking of alcoholic beverages, a wide variety of them are available including regular, light and imported beers as well as wine and malt coolers. Liquor-by-thedrink is not available at the moment, but that license may be obtained in the future according to

There are two things that I would like to see improved about Impulse.

First, the entrance is in the rear of the building, apparently to accommodate the cover charge and ID process. The activist in me is repulsed by the idea of having to come in "the back way."

Second, the decor in the bar area is pretty sparse. There isn't an ounce of decorator blood in my veins, but the bar area needs something. White walls with smallish Impulse logos don't make it for me. My '70s mentality calls for posters or something, but rest assured, there are plenty of folk in the gay community who can offer more constructive criticism in this area than I can.





# Washington Supreme Court Orders New Trial in Gay Estate Dispute

By Paul Queary Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Gay rights and women's groups applauded a Washington Supreme Court ruling that gays may be entitled to the estates of partners who die without wills.

The justices on Nov. 1 reversed a lower court ruling, ordering a new trial for Frank Vasquez, who is claiming the \$230,000 estate of his longtime partner. A lower court had found the claim invalid because same-sex marriage is illegal

in Washington.

"Equitable claims are not dependent on the 'legality' of the relationship between the parties, nor are they limited by the gender or sexual orientation of the parties," Justice Charles Johnson wrote in the unanimous decision.

"It's a tremendous affirmation of one of the most basic principles," said Jenny Pizer of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights organization

Women's groups also were closely monitoring the case, the

first to consider how the legal doctrine in question applies when one partner dies.

Lisa Stone, executive director of the Northwest Women's Law Center, called the ruling "a wonderful step forward in establishing that all families are the same before the law."

"The doctrine was developed because too often, when a relationship between unmarried couples ends, the woman, who typically has lesser economic power, was left out in the cold," Stone said. "Here, Mr. Vasquez' role in the relationship mirrors that of women over the years: He cared for the home, cooked for the couple, and trusted to his partner to secure his future welfare."

Vasquez, 64, shared a house, business and financial assets with Robert Schwerzler, who died without a will in 1995.

Vasquez claimed the estate, which consisted mainly of the house, and was challenged by Schwerzler's siblings. The siblings called Vasquez a housekeeper, saying they never saw the men display affection and that he did not accompany Schwerzler on trips.

"They literally wanted to put Mr. Vasquez out on the street with nothing," said Terry Barnett, Vasquez's attorney. Vasquez is illiterate and disabled because of a childhood head injury, according to court records.

Pierce County Superior Court Judge Vicki Hogan ruled that Vasquez was entitled to the property under a legal concept that protects the interests of unmarried people in long-term relationships. The Court of Appeals reversed the decision, saying the concept does not apply to same-sex couples because they cannot legally marry.

The state's highest court rejected that conclusion but ordered a new trial because some facts of the case are in dispute.

Ross Taylor, an attorney for Schwerzler's siblings, said he plans to disprove Vasquez' version of the relationship at the trial, thus avoiding the question of whether he is entitled to the estate.

"My clients do not think their brother was a homosexual," Taylor said. "Then we don't even confront the issue."

# Pennsylvania Officers Cleared in Civil Trial Over Teen Who Killed Himself

By Tina Moore Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police are not responsible for the death of a high school football player who killed himself after officers allegedly threatened to tell his family he was gay, a federal jury decided Nov. 7

Jurors cleared three police officers in a civil lawsuit that claimed they caused 18-year-old Marcus Wayman's death in 1997 by threatening to tell his grandfather he was gay.

Officers approached Wayman and a 17-year-old male friend in a car. Police frisked the teens, and found the younger one with two condoms.

Officers Scott Willinsky and Thomas Hoban took them to the station on underage drinking charges. Scott Willinsky later testified that both boys conceded that they had stopped to have sex, although the 17-year-old disputes making the statement. Willinsky allegedly asked if they were "queer" and threatened to tell their families they were gay.

Wayman told his friend he was going to kill himself. A few hours later, he found the keys to the gun cabinet at his home and shot himself in the head, according to court testimony.

Wayman's mother, Madonna Sterling, filed a civil suit over her son's death, charging that the town and three of its police officers — Joseph Willinsky, Scott Willinsky and Hoban — violated Wayman's right to privacy. Joseph Willinsky is the police chief and father of Scott Willinsky.

A spokesman for the Lesbian and Gay Rights project of the

American Civil Liberties Union, which represented Sterling, said an appeal would be difficult.

"People feel this sense of progress. We turn on our TV's and watch Will & Grace and think that things are better for gay people in America. Then, we turn around and see this kind of thing," Eric Ferrero said. "This kind of stuff still goes on. What happened in Minersville wasn't an anomaly."

Joseph Willinsky, Scott Willinsky and Hoban do not have listed telephone numbers and could not be reached for comment. Defense lawyer Robert Hanna of Harrisburg could not be reached for comment after normal business hours.

Sterling has never talked publicly about the case, according to Ferrero. Minersville, population 4,877, is about 55 miles northeast of Harrisburg.

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# National Salvation Army Leaders Rescind Domestic Partner Benefits to Western Employees

By Colleen Valles Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Salvation Army has rescinded an order to offer health benefits for domestic partners in 13 Western states, a move that angered gayrights groups.

The announcement from the evangelical Christian organization came less than two weeks after it extended benefits in its Western Territory to all adult members of an employee's household, including straight and gay partners.

"We've been listening to our internal and external constituencies, and we now confirm adherence to biblical principles concerning marriage and the family," Theresa Whitfield, the Salvation Army's media relations

director, said Nov. 13.

The Salvation Army said the 13 Western states will follow the same policy as the rest of the group, which only offers health benefits to married couples and their dependent children.

The reversal drew criticism from gay-rights groups.

"It establishes the organization as anti-gay, and in a country that's yearning to come together and heal, this was an extremely divisive move that I don't think will be looked on kindly," said David Smith, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign.

The Salvation Army said it's not anti-gay, and Whitfield said the group doesn't ask about sexual orientation when hiring. A statement on the organization's Web site says it does not believe the Bible condones homosexuality, but that Salvation Army services are available to all people regardless of their sexual orientation.

In October, the Salvation Army's commissioners decided to let its four U.S. territories determine their health care policies, and the Western Territory was the only one to make the decision to expand benefits.

The change also would have meant that grandparents or caregivers were eligible for the benefits, not just partners, said Capt. Robert Rudd, community relations and development secretary for the Salvation Army's Western Territory.

"The reason why we made that choice was so we could be fair and equitable to our employees who we hire without discrimination," he said



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# California Governor Signs Migden Bill Expanding Domestic Partner Rights

SACRAMENTO — Governor Gray Davis signed legislation by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) expanding the legal rights and benefits that registered domestic partners can receive under California state law.

The measure, AB 25, provides important employment, health care, and estate planning rights currently

denied same sex couples. These benefits include the ability to:

- Seek compensation for the loss of economic or emotional support;
- · Make medical decisions in the · Act as a Conservator to tend
- to a partner's medical and financial needs:
  - · Re-locate with a domestic part-

ner without losing unemployment benefits;

- · Use sick leave to care for a partner or partner's child;
- · Adopt a partner's child as a step-parent;
- · Extend employer-based health coverage to domestic partners of small businesses;
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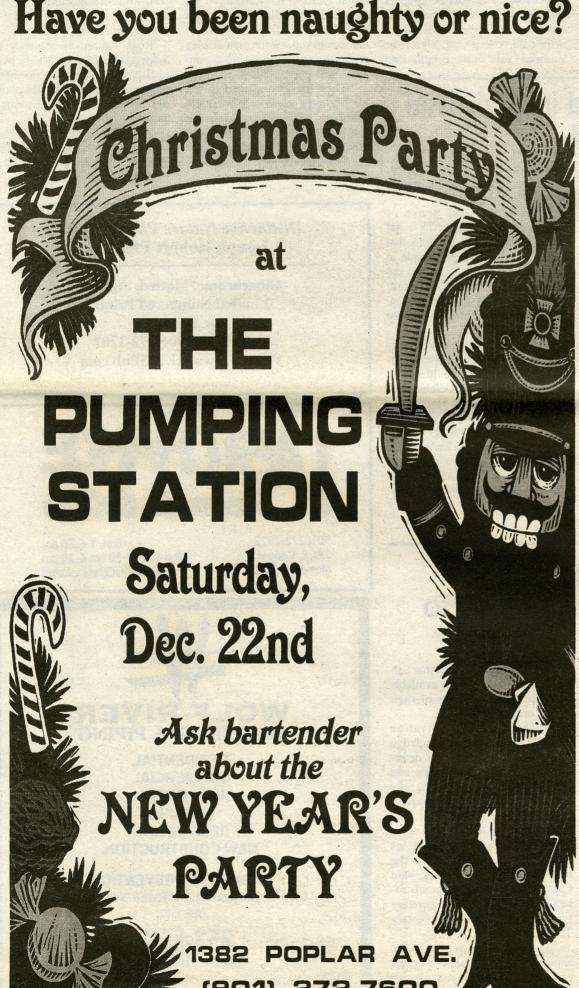
"This bill marks a stellar advance for lesbians and gays in California," said Migden. "It recognizes important everyday rights under the law that affect all individuals and their families. This new law sends a message across the nation that California celebrates the dignity and diversity of all people,

including same sex couples."

Migden is the author of California's original domestic partnership law, enacted in 1999. That law provided domestic partners with hospital visitation rights, health insurance coverage for public employees and a registry within the Secretary of State's office.

The new benefits in AB 25 take effect Jan. 1, 2002.







California Gov, Gray Davis (holding signed bill) and Assemblywoman Carole Migden (standing, right) at the signing ceremony for a bill which expands domestic partner rights for Californians.

# Mass. Medicaid Board Sides with HIV Patient in **Transplant Application**

By Justin Pope AP Business Writer

BOSTON (AP) - A state board ruled Nov, 14 that an HIVpositive man with end-stage liver disease should be covered by Medicaid for a potentially lifesaving liver transplant.

The Division of Medical Assistance Board of Appeals said the procedure was "medically necessary" and not experimental. Some scientists believe that HIV reduces the chance of survival for transplant patients.

"Certainly, for all Medicaid recipients, HIV status alone can no longer be a basis to refuse liver transplantation," said attorney Bennett Klein of Gays and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. "This decision really breaks new

The ruling would only directly affect Massachusetts Medicaid recipients in similar circumstances. But, Klein said, the ruling could help make the case in other states and with private insurance companies.

HIV drugs have kept the patient from developing AIDS, but he also has hepatitis C and is expected to die of liver failure within months. The man wasn't identified, but is 41 years old and lives in Boston.

The ruling granted his request for a referral to the University of Pittsburgh transplant program. It also ordered Neighborhood Health Plan, a private company that provides health care to Medicaid recipients through a state contract, to pay for the procedure.

The man still could be denied a transplant for medical reasons.

NHP Director of Corporate Communications Deborah Reiter said the company was reviewing the ruling but had no immediate comment.



by Paula Martinac This Month:

"The New Gay Villians"

(see page 25)

## **HRC Praises State Activists for Solid Victories in Four of Five Referendums**

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign has applauded state organizations and activists for winning four out of five ballot measures on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. The encouraging results show that voters are increasingly rejecting discrimination and want to see all citizens treated fairly, says HRC.

"The smashing success of these campaigns signals a trend where voters are increasingly supporting equality and resoundingly defeating discrimination," said HRC National Field Director Seth Kilbourn.

"Nowhere was this more apparent than in Michigan, where voters overwhelmingly rejected a divisive anti-gay misinformation campaign by the American Family Association and chose fair-

Voters went to the polls Nov. 6 to vote on GLBT issues in Houston, Miami Beach, Fla. and the Michigan cities of Huntington Woods, Kalamazoo and Traverse City.

The gay-supportive measures all won, except for a narrow defeat in Houston.

In a 58 to 42 percent victory, Traverse City voters rejected changing the city's charter to prohibit measures that would grant gays, lesbians or bisexuals "protected" status. The anti-gay American Family Association prompted the proposed amendment in Traverse City after the city commission passed a resolution opposing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. If passed, the defeated amendment would have reversed that resolution and stopped future gay equality measures in the city

"We are completely delighted

to see that the people of Traverse City said 'no' to discrimination despite the American Family Association's scare tactics," said Traverse City Campaign Against Discrimination Co-chair Bonnie Deigh.

In a second Michigan victory in Kalamazoo, a city charter amendment similar to the one in Traverse City failed with 54 to 46 percent of the voters supporting equality.

In the Detroit suburb of Huntington Woods, 69 percent voted to uphold an ordinance approved by the city commission earlier this year prohibiting anti-gay discrimination, while 31 percent opposed it. "Michigan voters have soundly defeated these anti-gay ballot measures and took a stand for diversity and acceptance. This is a clean sweep," said Sean Kosofsky, director of policy for Triangle Foundation, a group active in fighting these and other anti-gay ballot measures in Michigan since 1994.

"The AFA's message of discrimination will not fly in Michigan and we strongly encourage them to heed the message from voters and stop their anti-gay crusade," Kosofsky said.

Voters in Miami Beach voted 65.7 to 34.3 percent in favor of Measure 102 offering health care coverage to domestic partners of city employees.

Voters also passed Measure 115, 68.5 to 31.5 percent, that expands pension benefits to cover the domestic partners of fire and police workers.

These victories, made possible by the incredible grassroots organizing undertaken by SaveDade over the last few years, help reverse the legacy of Anita Bryant who kicked-off the modern anti-

gay movement with her successful 1977 "Save the Children" campaign to overturn a Miami Dade County nondiscrimination ordinance

The Nov. 6 vote is the first time that Dade County residents voted on GLBT equality issues since the divisive 1977 campaign.

Despite a very well run and organized campaign, voters in Houston narrowly voted 51.5 to 48.5 percent to prohibit the city from offering health benefits to partners of gay and lesbian municipal employees.

"No matter the final result, we made history today and should be proud," said Grant Martin, campaign manager of People for a Fair Houston.

'We've had an unprecedented coalition of leaders from the business, religious, African-American and civil rights communities, all standing up for GLBT equal-

HRC supported the campaigns with funding, staff support and voter identification. In Michigan, HRC sent field staff to work with all three campaigns and also partnered with the statewide LGBT group Michigan Equality, on a voter file project to identify supportive and persuadable voters in each jurisdiction. Through this effort by HRC and Michigan Equality thousands of likely voters were identified for the campaigns to contact in order to persuade them to vote the right way and to turn out on Nov. 6.

'The voter identification collaboration with HRC was invaluable to the campaigns," said Beth Bashert, president of Michigan Equality

'This partnership with HRC is a great example of how national and state organizations can work together to achieve incredible results for our community. Michigan Equality looks forward to future projects with HRC in

In Houston, HRC contributed \$5,200 directly to the campaign.

Local HRC leaders and two HRC field organizers helped organize phone banking and block walking in October and GOTV efforts on Election Day.

"These ballot measures and other on-going work at the state and local level are a top priority for HRC," said Kilbourn.

"Developing a winning message, identifying GLBT-supportive voters and implementing a strong field plan are the keys to winning ballot measures as well as legislative campaigns. HRC is committed to these efforts all across'the country."



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# **Atlanta TV Reporter Goes Public** with HIV Status

ATLANTA (AP) - After more than a year of keeping it a secret, WSB-TV reporter Roby Chavez revealed he is HIVpositive during a speech to the Atlanta Executive Network, a monthly networking event for gay and lesbian professionals.

"I want to talk about fear, and how fear can rob you of life," Chavez told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He called his decision to speak out "a question of being true to yourself.

Chavez, 37, tested positive for the virus in August 2000, but kept it a secret from everyone but his partner, Will Morse, a regional vice president for a national health care company. Morse is HIV negative.

In October, WSB released Chavez from the final year of his three-year contract, citing inconsistent performance. Chavez, who joined WSB in January 2000, said his release was not related to his HIV-status, which he said no one at the station knew

Chavez said he does not know what he will do after his contract expires, or what repercussions he might face as a result of speaking out.

"You know what? It doesn't

matter," he said. "If I worry about repercussions I'm still letting fear dominate my thoughts."

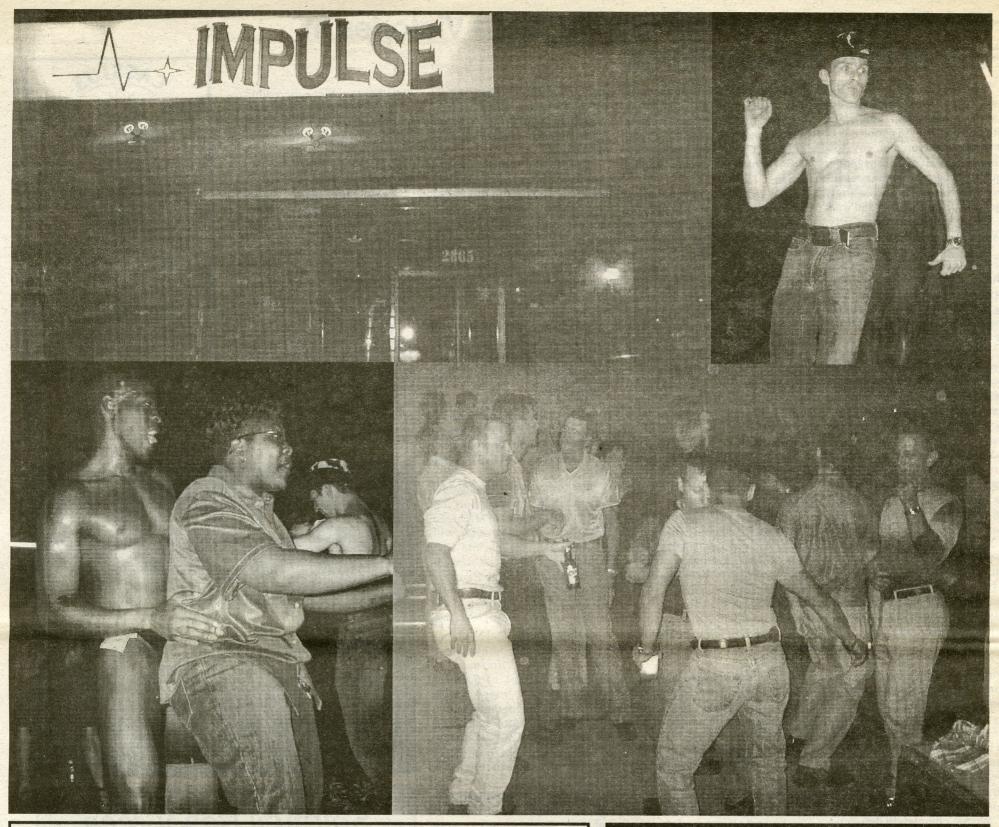
This isn't the first time the 14year TV veteran has made the news. In May, standing on the shoulder of Ga. 400 moments before a live 11 p.m. newscast, Chavez and cameraman Jeff Burton were struck by their news van after a driver plowed into its back bumper.

'That was a real turning point for me," Chavez said. "I could have lost my life then, but I didn't. And it just hits you — the need to live, just really live."

# Spiritual Resources in the Memphis Area

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VIRACEPT is indicated in combination with other antiretroviral agents for the treatment of HIV infection. The most common side effect of VIRACEPT is diarrhea, which can usually be controlled with over-the-counter treatments. Some prescription and non-prescription drugs and supplements should not be taken with VIRACEPT, so talk to your doctor first. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, changes in body fat, and increased bleeding in hemophiliacs. HIV drugs do not cure HIV infection or prevent you from spreading the virus.

Refer to the important information on the next page. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com.





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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 dives

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® (amiodárone, for irregular heartbeat)

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

Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® 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 (Tegretol® 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<sup>™</sup> (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<sup>™</sup> (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<sup>®</sup> 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.

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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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The Triangle Journal Calendar of Events
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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

 Congo Conga - Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm

•Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

Fri., Nov. 23
First Day of the Holiday
Shopping Frenzy

•PFLAG – Jackson, TN (49 Old Hickory Boulevard) - 6:30pm

•Pool Tournament – Crossroads

•Flashback Fridays - Impulse 9

#### 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

Sun., Nov. 25

•Holy Trinity Community Church – Early Worship, Adult Study, Holy Communion & Children's Church – 9am, 9:45am, 11am & 11am

•First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Café Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am

•Living Word Christian Church
- Services - 10am & 6pm

•Safe Harbor MCC – Service – 10:30am

•World AIDS Day Marker Project - First Baptist Church and Greater Lewis Street M.B. Church (Poplar & Parkway) -(901) 272-0855 - 12:30pm

•Brothers and Sisters Bowling – Cordova Lanes – (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com -

•Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire– Memphis Muddy Waters – 6pm

•Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm •Variety Format - Impulse -

(901) 323-6FUN or www.ImpulseMemphis.com -8pm

#### Mon., Nov. 26

•2xLambda (Activity) Meeting - (901) 324-4297 - 7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Jungle -7:30pm

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•Karaoke Night – Backstreet –
8pm

#### Tues., Nov. 27

•Karaoke Night – Metro – 6pm •Lesbians with Breast Cancer – YWCA (766 South Highland) – 7pm

•Pool Tournament – J-Wag's –

•BGALA - University of Memphis - (901) 678-5719 - 8pm

•Dart Tournament – Crossroads – 7:45pm

•Karaoke Lady (Donna) – J-Wag's – 10pm

#### Wed., Nov. 28

•Taizé – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 –

•Holy Trinity Community Church – Fellowship Supper and Informal Discussion – 6:30pm

•Living Word Christian Church
- Service - 7pm

•Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm

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

#### Thurs., Nov. 29

•Safe Harbor MCC – Bible Study – 7pm

•Cotton Pickin' Squares – Prescott Memorial Baptist Church – 7pm

•Congo Conga - Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm

•Star Karaoke – Crossroads –

#### Fri., Nov. 30

•Pool Tournament – Crossroads – 8pm

•Flashback Fridays - Impulse -

#### Sat., Dec. 1 World AIDS Day (20th Anniversary)

•Camp Fire USA - First Congregational Church – (901) 327-0438 or

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– 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

•Worls AIDS Day Interfaith Service - Union Avenue Baptist Church - 6pm

•Shake Your Ass Off Saturday Dance Party - Impulse - (901) 323-6FUN or www.ImpulseMemphis.com -

•Carol Plunk Band - Touchdown Club (Dyersburg) - 9:30pm

#### Sun., Dec. 2

Advent

Holy Trinity Community
 Church – Early Worship,
 Adult Study, Holy Communion & Children's Church –
 9am, 9:45am, 11am & 11am

•First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Cafe' Congo & Worship – 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am

•Living Word Christian Church

– Services – 10am & 6pm

•Safe Harbor MCC – Service – 10:30am

•Carol Plunk - One More - 5pm
•MGLCC Town Hall Meeting Topic: Update MGLCC Bylaws
& Constitution (Continued
from last month) - Holy

Trinity - (901) 324-4297 -

6pm
•Brothers and Sisters Bowling –
Cordova Lanes – (901) 4586312 or
memphisgaybowlin@aol.com -

6pm
•Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida
Claire– Memphis Muddy
Waters – 6pm

•Sissy Bingo – Crossroads – 8pm

#### Mon., Dec. 3

•AIDS Memorial Quilt - Union Avenue Baptist Church & Mt. Vernon Baptist Church - 9am-3 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

•Feast for Friends – St. John's Methodist Church – (901) 272-0855 - 6:30pm

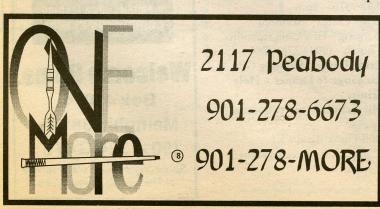
Lambda Group (Jackson, TN) –
 Davis-Kidd Conference Room – 6pm

•2xLambda (Topic Discussion) Meeting – (901) 324-4297 – 7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Jungle -7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Pumping Station - 7:30pm

•Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm



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Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Trinity Community Church**

Tues., Dec. 4 •AIDS Memorial Quilt - Union Avenue Baptist Church & Mt. Vernon Baptist Church - 9am-

3 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm •1st Tuesday Club (Book) - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 11:30am

•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 - 8pm •Dart Tournament - Crossroads

-7:45pm •Karaoke Lady (Donna) - J-Wag's - 10pm

Wed., Dec. 5

•AIDS Memorial Quilt - Union Avenue Baptist Church & Mt. Vernon Baptist Church - 9am-3 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

• Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 -

•Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper and Informal Discussion -6:30pm

·Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm •HIV / AIDS Support Group

(Jonesboro) - 7pm

•Carol Plunk - One More - 7pm •Dart Tournament - The Jungle -7:30pm

•Midtown Round-up (Country

## Your Event Could Be Here

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Dance) - Crossroads - 8pm

Thurs., Dec. 6

•AIDS Memorial Quilt - Union Avenue Baptist Church & Mt. Vernon Baptist Church - 9am •Safe Harbor MCC - Bible Study

•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., Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day

•Catholic Mass with Special Invitation to Gays and Lesbians - St. Patrick's Cathedral - 7pm

•Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm

•Carol Plunk Band - Barley's (Jackson, TN) - 8pm

•Flashback Fridays - Impulse -9pm

Sat., Dec. 8

•Camp Fire USA - First Congregational Church - (901) 327-0438

CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com

•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 Band - Professional Video Shoot - One More - 8pm

•Memphis Bears Club Night -The Pumping Station - 10pm Annual HBC Christmas Benefit -The Other Side (Jackson, Tenn.)

Sun., Dec. 9

Hanukkah (begins at sunset) •Holy Trinity Community Church - Early Worship, Adult Study, Holy Communion & Children's Church -9am, 9:45am, 11am & 11am

 First Congregational Church – Sunday School, Cafe' Congo & Worship - 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am

 Living Word Christian Church - Services - 10am & 6pm

•Safe Harbor MCC - Service -10:30am

•Carol Plunk - One More - 5pm •Brothers and Sisters Bowling -Cordova Lanes - (901) 458-

memphisgaybowlin@aol.com -6pm

·Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire- Memphis Muddy Waters - 6pm

•Holy Trinity Community Church – "Hanging of the Greens" - 7pm

•WAC Meeting - Call for information (901) 678-3339)

•Sissy Bingo - Crossroads - 8pm Carol Plunk Band - Mulligan's (Jackson, TN) - 10pm

Mon., Dec. 10

•2xLambda (Activity) Meeting -(901) 857-5224 - 7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Jungle -7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Pumping Station - 7:30pm

•Karaoke Night - Backstreet -

Tues., Dec. 11

•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 -

•BGALA - University of Memphis - (901) 678-5719 - 8pm •Dart Tournament - Crossroads

-7:45pm •Karaoke Lady (Donna) - J-Wag's - 10pm

Wed., Dec. 12

• Taizé – First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 -6pm

•Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper and Informal Discussion -6:30pm

•Living Word Christian Church - Service - 7pm

•Carol Plunk - One More - 7pm •Dart Tournament - The Jungle -7:30pm

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

Thurs., Dec. 13

·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

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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.

Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm

•"Pageant Christmas" (Holy Trinity Community Church) -Playhouse on the Square -

Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

Fri., Dec. 14

 Pool Tournament – Crossroads •Flashback Fridays -Impulse -

9pm ·Carol Plunk Band - T.J. Mulligan's (Cordova) - 9:30pm

Sat., Dec. 15 Ad & Copy Deadline for the

January 2002 TJN •Last day to purchase the 2002 **Entertainment Coupon Book** from MGLCC - (901) 324-

•Camp Fire USA - First Congregational Church - (901) 327-0438

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

•Mirror Image - Holiday Gift Exchange & Dinner - Holy MirrorImage\_tg@yahoo.com -

·Carol Plunk Band - T.I. Mulligan's (Quince & Kirby) - •Tsarus Club Night - The Pumping Station - 10pm

Sun., Dec. 16

•Holy Trinity Community Church - Early Worship, Adult Study, Holy Communion & Children's Church -9am, 9:45am, 11am & 11am

•First Congregational Church -Sunday School, Cafe' Congo & Worship - 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am

•Living Word Christian Church - Services - 10am & 6pm

•Carol Plunk - One More - 5pm ·Sissy Bingo hosted by Ida Claire- Memphis Muddy Waters - 6pm

•Brothers and Sisters Bowling -



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Cordova Lanes – (901) 458-6312 or memphisgaybowlin@aol.com -6pm

•Jell-o Shooters – Benefits MGLCC – Pumping Station – (901) 324-4297 – 7pm

•WAC Meeting – Call for information (901) 678-3339) – 7pm

•Sissy Bingo - Crossroads - 8pm

#### Mon., Dec. 17

•Feast for Friends – St. John's Methodist Church – (901) 272-0855 - 6:30pm

•Memphis Pride - Open Meeting - Holy Trinity - (901) 32-PRIDE - 7pm

•2xLambda (Topic Discussion) Meeting – (901) 324-4297 – 7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm

•Pool Tournament - The Pumping Station - 7:30pm

•Karaoke Night – Backstreet – 8pm

#### Tues., Dec. 18

•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 – YWCA (766 South Highland) – 7pm

•Pool Tournament – J-Wag's – 7pm

•BGALA - University of Memphis - (901) 678-5719 - 8pm

•Dart Tournament – Crossroads – 7:45pm

•Karaoke Lady (Donna) – J-Wag's – 10pm

#### Wed., Dec. 19

 Taizé – First Congregational Church – (901) 278-6786 – 6pm

•Holy Trinity Community Church – Fellowship Supper and Informal Discussion – 6:30pm

Living Word Christian Church
 Service – 7pm
 HIV / AIDS Support Group

•HIV / AIDS Support Group (Jonesboro) – 7pm •Carol Plunk - One More - 7pm

•Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm

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

Thurs., Dec. 20
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•Safe Harbor MCC – Bible Study

•Cotton Pickin' Squares – New Fall Class Forming - Dinner and Dancing - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church –

 Congo Conga - Ballroom Dance Reinforcement Class - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm

•MGLCC Potluck Dinner – No Potluck this month - See you next month

•Star Karaoke – Crossroads – 10pm

# Fri., Dec. 21 Winter Begins

•Pool Tournament – Crossroads

- 8pm •Flashback Fridays - Impulse -

#### Sat., Dec. 22

•Christmas Party - The Pumping Station

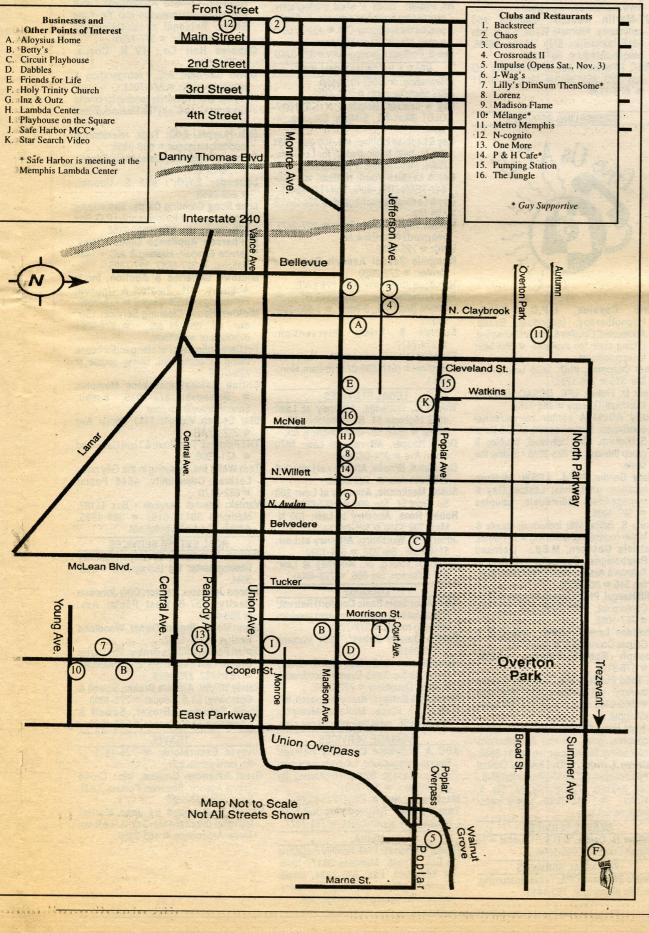
 Christmas Party with Special Holiday Show - The Other Side (Jackson, TN)

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Calendar of Events



The Gay Memphis Resources Directory is printed as a public service, and its listings are free. Agencies and businesses listed herein have requested to be listed, but have not been charged. All phone numbers are area code 901 unless otherwise noted. (\* Indicates TJN distribution points.)

**ADULT BOOKSTORES** 

Airport Bookmart: 2214 Brooks Rd E. ☎ 345-0657

Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar

Fantasy Warehouse I\*: 791-793 North White Station 5 683-9649

Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell

Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer # 323-2665

Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.

Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell ₹ 744-4513

BARS / RESTAURANTS

Backstreet\*: 2018 Street ☎ 276-5522

Bourbon Street Cafe: (In the French Quarter Suites)\*, 2144 Madison = 728-4000.

Buns on the Run\*: 2150 Elzey Ave. 38104 ₹ 278-2867 (278-BUNS).

Crossover: 851 Island Road, Columbus,

MS = 601-327-0942.

Crossroads\*: 1278 Jefferson ≈ 276-8078. Crossroads II\*: 111 N. Claybrook **274-8655**.

J-Wags\*: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909. Jake's Place: 356 N. Main = 527-2799. Lilly's DimSum ThenSome\*: 903 South Cooper = 276-9300.

Lorenz\*: 1528 Madison ☎ 274-8272. Madison Flame\*: 1588 Madison ☎ 278-9839

Mélange: 948 South Cooper ☎ 276-0002. Metro Memphis\*: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.

N-cognito\*: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599. One More\*: 2117 Peabody ☎ 278-MORE (6673)

Overstuffed Deli & Caterers: 3003 Airways Blvd. #701 **2** 396-1969, 3727 South Mendenhall **2** 362-2989, 7716 Poplar Ave., Germantown = 757-1212.

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 Other Side\*: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN ☎ 1-901-668-3749.

**CARDS & GIFTS** 

Inz & Outz\*: 553 South Cooper # 728-6535.

GGS Gourmet: # 278-6218 or on the web at GGSGourmet.com

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES
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

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

Aphrodite: 3430 Summer Ave, Memphis

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

# Mid-South Community Resources

Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 

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 Freemont 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-

Friends For Life-HIV Resources: HIV/ AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 \$\pi\$ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS

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

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

Into The Light (Women's AA): Memphis

Lambda Center ≈ 276-7379.

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

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

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

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

Memphis Bears Club: 1066 Wrenwood, Memphis 38122 = 323-4773, e-mail: info@memphisbears.com, website: www.memphisbears.com.

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

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

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

Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice: Box 241363, Memphis 38124 email: lgcj@gaymemphis.com, web page:

http://www.gaymemphis.com/lgcj.

Memphis Pride, Inc.: Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 111265, Memphis 38111 32-PRIDE, e-mail: MphsPride@aol.com.

Memphis TransGender Alliance: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jasen,

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 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

Safe Harbor MCC: 1488 Madison Ave., Chapel = 458-0501 Seriously Sober (AA): Memphis Lambda

Center = 276-7379 or 454-1414. 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.5

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,  $rac{1}{2}$  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.

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

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

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491-8632. Kathryn T. Vullo, PhD: Licensed Clinical Psychologist 11 C • 8590 Farminton Blvd Ste. 3,G'twn, 670 Colonial Rd., Ste. 1, ☎ 848-6666, www.inter-

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Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 3340 Poplar Ave., Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.

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

Sarah A. Washington: Investment Advisor ☎ 466-3588, website: www.lpl.com/ sarah.washington, e-mail: sarah. washington@lpl.com.

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Park East Florist: 6005 Park = 761-2980.

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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.) • 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.

& Crisis Intervention: Suicide ☎ 274-7477.

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

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

Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney at Law:

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LODGING ABC (Affordable Basic Comfort) Retreat: Nightly/weekly rates on smoking and non-

smoking rooms # 377-7701. French Quarter Suites\*: 2144 Madison ☎ 523-8912.

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

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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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# Case Tests Sodomy, 'Romeo And Juliet' Laws

By John Hanna Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Matthew R. Limon might seem the unlikely subject of what some attorneys see as an important social, political and legal cause.

But none of those attorneys defend the behavior that put Limon in prison, a sexual act with an underage boy. Rather, they're attacking how Kansas law treated his case from Miami County compared to those of similar sex offenders.

A judge sentenced Limon to 17 years and two months in prison for criminal sodomy, following guidelines in Kansas law. Had Limon or the boy been female, the maximum sentence would have been only one year and three months.

That difference pulled the American Civil Liberties Union and another group into Limon's case. As far as their attorneys know, it is the first of its kind in the nation to reach an appellate court, making it a possible test case for gay rights advocates.

A three-member Kansas Court of Appeals panel plans to hear arguments in Limon's case at 9 a.m. Nov. 20 at the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka. The court could is-

sue a decision by early next year.

The civil liberties groups are asking the appellate court to declare that Limon's tougher sentence violates his right to equal protection under the law and to strike down the provision of Kansas law that led to the longer prison term.

"It's the first time I've seen a case like this," said Julie Carpenter, a Washington attorney who represents the DKT Liberty Project, a "mini-ACLU" with a Libertarian philosophy. "It's such an unusual situation."

The Liberty Project views Limon's sentence as a case of gender-based discrimination. The ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project in New York views it as a case of discrimination based on sexual orientation. Both believe the state and federal constitutions don't allow such bias, a point the state disputes.

The two groups also claim legislators consciously permitted the different treatment of similar crimes, based on whether they involve gay or straight sex acts.

Rep. Mike O'Neal, chairman of the Kansas House Judiciary Committee, said they're right.

O'Neal said legislators simply

continued the state's long-standing policy of not expressing approval for same-sex relationships. If Kansas is part of a "look the other way society," many of its citizens aren't ready to go against their religious teachings, he said.

"The history really is biblically based," said O'Neal, R-Hutchinson. "Kansas has kind of consistently gone back to that biblical reference."

In 1999 and 2000, Limon was a resident of the Lakemary Center, a school for developmentally disabled young people in Paola.

In February 2000, after he had turned 18, performed a sex act with another boy, identified only as M.A.R., who was one month shy of his 15th birthday. Initially, their encounter was consensual.

The year before the incident, legislators had enacted what became known as the "Romeo and Juliet" law. Named for Shakespeare's fictional young lovers, its goal was to separate consensual teenage sexual relationships from cases in which older adults exploited young children

It lessened the penalties for unlawful but consensual sexual relations where one person is under 19 and the other person is between 14 and 16, if their ages are less thanfour years apart.

The new law also ended the requirement that the people convicted in such cases register as sex offenders with local law enforcement officials after their prison terms end.

However, the law applies only when the young sexual partners are of the opposite sex.

Limon was charged and convicted by a judge under an older criminal sodomy law. His juvenile record contained a similar offense from 1998, making his sentence in the latest case more severe.

The ACLU has identified three other states with laws that could have a similar result in the same circumstances: Alabama, Texas and Virginia.

"When you read the text of the law, the only conclusion you can come to is that the Legislature thinks gays should be punished more severely than straight people," said Tamara Lange, an ACLU attorney in New York.

In defending Limon's sentence, Assistant Miami County Attorney Amy Harth told the Court of Appeals that the state is trying to protect children. She also said the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed such different treatment even if it seems unwise or its rationale, tenuous.

Limon's attorney, David Estes, an assistant appellate defender, conceded in documents that the U.S. Supreme Court has not declared gays and lesbians a class that must receive the highest protection against different legal treatment.

Nevertheless, he said the Kansas Court of Appeals should do so.

"Homophobia is not a compelling government interest," he wrote.

But O'Neal said the U.S. Supreme Court probably will have to settle the issue.

And he said legislators didn't consider a "Romeo and Juliet" exception for same-sex partners because it would have required them to rethink the criminal sodomy law, which prohibits sex acts between Kansans of the same gender, even consenting adults.

He noted that legislators declined to make changes in 1992, when they revised sentencing laws, and passed a bill re-emphasizing the state's ban on same-sex marriages in 1996.

"This distinction, the same-sex, opposite-sex distinction, has been on the books since our criminal code was enacted," O'Neal said. "We didn't break any new ground. That certainly was the intent."

# Man Pleads Guilty To Threatening To Blow Up Falwell's Church

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — A man pleaded guilty to threatening to blow up the Rev. Jerry Falwell's church in response to Falwell's anti-gay remarks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bill Connelly initially faced the felony of making a threat to burn or bomb a building. Under Tuesday's plea agreement in Lynchburg General District Court, Connelly was sentenced to six months in jail on two misdemeanor counts of using obscenities or making threats by telephone.

The sentence was suspended on the condition that Connelly be on good behavior for a year and have no contact with Liberty University, where Falwell's office is located.

He also was barred from contacting Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Connelly made three phone calls to Fallwell's office on Sept. 17, cursing and threatening to blow up the church.

Falwell has been widely criticized for comments he made Sept. 13 in an appearance on Pat Robertson's television show, *The 700 Club*.

"I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way — all of them who tried to secularize America — I point the finger in their face and say you helped this happen."

Falwell later apologized.
Connelly also apologized after the hearing Nov. 13.

"I regret being pushed to the point of feeling the need to make inappropriate remarks over the telephone," said Connelly, who is gay. "I felt very threatened by Falwell's reckless remarks."

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# First Regular TV Character Who Has Undergone Sex Change Doesn't Cause a Stir

By David Bauder AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Producers of *The Education of Max Bickford* anticipated a fuss after casting the role of Erica, a college professor who used a sabbatical for a sex change operation. Never before had such a character been a regular in prime-time television.

The conservative American Family Association alerted its members, and the CBS broadcasting network got a handful of protest letters. But no advertisers expressed concern, and moral watchdogs have been quiet.

"I think the lack of comment is an indication that there is an acceptance," said Nicole Yorkin, a creator of the drama. "It's not something they see as so shocking or horrifying that it requires a great deal of discussion."

Erica is not alone.

Television story lines that probably would have provoked morality debates only a few years ago have passed by unnoticed, either because the public has become used to them or the country is preoccupied with more important news.

Four years after Ellen DeGeneres' sitcom coming-out party was front-page news, a doctor played by Laura Innes on *ER* is quietly coming to terms with being a lesbian. The story began last spring and is continuing this fall.

And less than a decade after former Vice President Dan Quayle complained about Murphy Brown delivering a baby out of wedlock, an unmarried character on *Friends*—television's most popular show

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— is pregnant. Her friends even turned the idea of marriage into a joke.

"People are jaded," said Ed Vitagliano, spokesman for the American Family Association. "You can see just about everything on national television that this just doesn't seem so new."

Vitagliano's Tupelo, Mississippi-based organization has all but thrown in the towel.

"Our basic perspective is that Hollywood is a lost cause when it comes to promoting traditional views of marriage and sexuality," he said.

Erica's acceptance is even more remarkable considering it airs on one of television's busiest nights, Sunday, on CBS, the network that generally has the oldest, most conservative audience. It starts at 8 p.m., during what used to be known as the family hour.

Dawn Prestwich, co-creator of the series with Yorkin, said she was a little nervous presenting the character to CBS. To her surprise, network executives not only approved it, but encouraged the producers to make Erica more prominent.

A woman, Helen Shaver, was cast as Erica. *Bickford* creators said they didn't seek an actor who had been through a sex change because there weren't many to choose from.

Shaver took the role, she said, because it was well-written and offered the chance to work regularly with star Richard Dreyfuss. She researched the part by reading books and talking to people who had undergone a sex change.

Any indications that her character had once been a man are very subtle: Shaver will make certain movements with her hands, or slightly after her walk or voice.

"The narrow view is that a transgender woman looks like a man in a dress," she said, "but that's not true. Yes, there are some transgender women who look like men in dresses, but that's just a tiny, tiny part of the whole community."

Dreyfuss' character has a hard time accepting Erica. He pouts that his old drinking buddy, with whom he used to ogle women, is now a woman. Bickford thought it ridiculous when Erica got a new birth certificate, and angrily told her.

"Erica is wonderfully flawed and human," said Scott Seomin, entertainment media director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "Helen Shaver and the writers are really doing this character well. She has integrity, she doesn't make an apology for who she is, she's living her life openly and honestly. It's very reflective of how it can be for people who transition into a different gender."

Previous depictions of such characters were used for temporary shock value, he said. They were crime victims, objects to be pitied or shown trying to fool others about their sexuality, he said. GLAAD considers Erica's casting a breakthrough that can help people struggling with their sexuality.

GLAAD sent a glossary to journalists with suggestions on

how to address Erica. It prefers the term "transgender," and also advises that Erica be referred to as "she," never "he."

The American Family Association resists this, calling Erica "he" in the magazine it sends out to 200,000 subscribers.

"No matter how many surgeries a person has, their chromosomes determine their sex," Vitagliano said. "Once you've kind of detonated the male-female model, anything goes."

Still, the American Family Association considers Erica more of a distraction than an outrage. Vitagliano said her presence is "weird" in a show that otherwise has much to recommend it: he praises the program for the complicated, yet tender, relationship between Bickford and his daughter.

The character has attracted little attention because it's not really a controversy in society, said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. Murphy Brown and Ellen became issues, but by the time they went on the air, many in American society had come to grips with single motherhood and homosexuality, he said.

"Television never pushes envelopes," he said. "It licks envelopes."

Thompson said "culture war" attacks on Hollywood aren't likely to resonate post-Sept. 11 because they echo the criticism Islamic fundamentalists have of American society — and domestic critics don't want to be associated with the enemy.

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# Mississippi Punishes Four Year Old Because He Has Lesbian Moms

ATLANTA — Mississippi is refusing to issue a birth certificate to a 4-year-old boy, punishing him solely because he has been adopted by a lesbian couple. The refusal means that the child has no legal document to prove his name, the names of his parents; and his date and place of birth.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a lawsuit against the state demanding Mississippi provide a birth certificate to the child, as required by law. The state has refused repeated requests for the document since the child was adopted at infancy.

"The state of Mississippi is unfairly punishing this small boy by denying him his birth certificate, which is a basic necessity for everyday life. The state is harming this child simply because he was adopted by loving parents who happen to be gay," said Lambda

Deputy Legal Director Michael Adams.

Adams added, "Mississippi needs to issue this birth certificate and let this boy live his life."

Lambda argues that Mississippi is ignoring its own law that requires it to honor valid, out-of-state adoptions and provide an amended birth certificate when the adoption is complete. Singling this child out for different treatment not only creates an unlawful exception to state law and regulations, but also violates the guarantees of equal protection of the law under the Mississippi Constitution.

Cheri Goldstein and Holly Perdue took their son into their Vermont home when he was discharged from a Mississippi hospital, eight days after his birth. In April 2000 the adoption was finalized in Vermont and a request was made to have Mississippi amend

the child's birth certificate to include his adoptive parents' names and his new name.

Goldstein and Perdue live with their son and six other adoptive children. They also care for two adults with severe mental retardation. Perdue has been a foster parent for 18 years and has taken care of many children with special needs. The couple have been sought out by Vermont officials when special-needs children have needed adoptive homes.

"This family is extraordinarily loving. The entire community benefits from the nurturing home they provide. Mississippi should not make life difficult for a child just because some people dislike his parents' sexual orientation," said Hector Vargas, regional director for Lambda's Southern Regional Office.

# HRC Concerned Disturbing Trend of Hate Crimes Continues in New FBI Report

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign has said the FBI's new crime report released in October shows that the disturbing trend of hate crimes continues unabated despite lower overall crime rates.

FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 2000 — the latest year for which statistics are available — showed that as overall serious crime decreased slightly nationally, with the Crime Index at its lowest level since 1978, reported hate crimes have continued to rise and increased 3.5 percent from 1999 to 2000. At the same time, the number of law enforcement agencies participating in reporting hate crimes decreased 3.6 percent from 12,122 to 11,690.

Reported hate crime incidents based on sexual orientation continued to increase and rose 0.9 percent. Reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation have more than tripled since the FBI began collecting statistics in 1991, and comprise 16.3 percent of all hate crimes for 2000 at 1,330. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation continue to make up the third highest category after race and religion, which make up 53.6 and 18.2 percent, respectively of the total, 8,152.

"Behind each statistic is a life impacted by hate violence," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "As Congress modernizes its terrorism laws, we should bring our 33-year-old federal hate crimes statute up to date by passing the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act. This bill would give 21st century tools to law enforcement by allowing better coordination between federal, state and local law authorities."

It is widely known that hate crimes based on sexual orientation are under-reported, and evidence indicates that FBI data does not paint the whole picture.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP), a private organization that tracks bias incidents against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, reported 2,151 incidents in 2000 in only 11 cities/jurisdictions across the country while the FBI collected

WASHINGTON — The Hun Rights Campaign has said the agencies for the year.

In 2001, a series of violent hate crimes have alarmed lesbian and gay advocates across the nation. For example, on July 29 Willie Houston, 38, was fatally shot in the chest in Nashville, after the alleged gunman, Lewis Maynard Davidson III, 25, taunted him with anti-gay epithets.

Houston had just finished a midnight riverboat cruise with his fiancée, Nedra Jones, and friends when the trouble started. Houston escorted a blind male friend by the arm into a restroom while holding Jones' purse.

Inside the restroom, the gunman allegedly hurled anti-gay insults at the friends. He followed them out of the restroom, while continuing his verbal harassment. Davidson then allegedly returned to his car where he retrieved a gun and said, "Now what you got to say?" before firing the weapon at Houston.

Police are searching for Davidson and have yet to officially call it a hate crime, saying the investigation is "still very much open." While the victim is reportedly not gay, Tennessee hate crime laws cover violence based on real or perceived sexual orientation.

University of Maryland campus police are investigating a violent hate crime that occurred on Oct. 11 during National Coming Out Day.

According to police, a 22-yearold woman wearing gay-supportive pins was hanging her bicycle on her car rack when a man approached her from behind and struck her on the back of her head, pushing her head into the rack and knocking her to the ground.

The white male kicked her several times while she was on the ground as he hurled anti-lesbian epithets and expletives. The woman, who was treated at the University health center, sustained a black eye, a bruise on her nose and scratches on her legs and arms. The woman only saw the man's leg, and police have no suspects.

Lorenzo Okaruru, according to detectives, died after being savagely beaten about the head and face on Aug. 26 with a blunt instrument, most likely by a man who

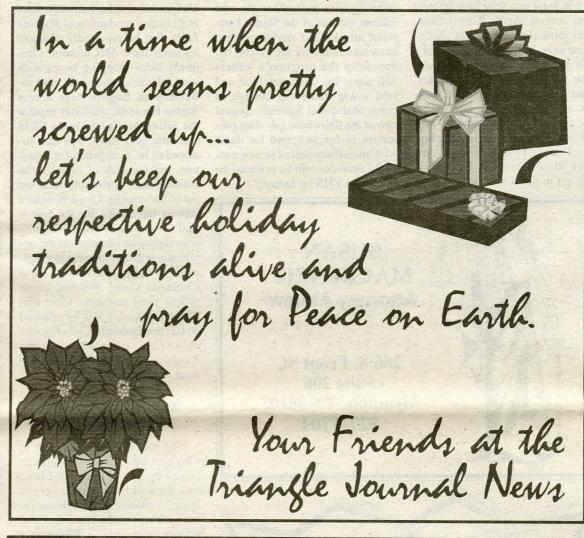
picked up someone he thought was a woman and was angered to find out Okarura was a man.

Law enforcement officials have said they believe Okaruru was killed based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The Washington County Sheriff's Office classified Okaruru's Aug. 26 beating

death as a hate crime, the first such killing in the county.

Edgar Garzon, 35, died three weeks after he was attacked when leaving a gay bar in Jackson Heights on Aug. 14, according to police: Garzon suffered a skull fracture in the attack and died at Elmhurst General Hospital.

Garzon had just left Friends Tavern when two men in a red car exchanged words with him and followed him toward his home. At the intersection the suspects got out of their car, pounded Garzon with either a baseball bat or lead pipe, then fled with his wallet. Police have labeled the beating a bias attack.



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# Deep Inside



# HOLLYWOOD:

by Romeo San Vicente

# New *Queer* Lover for Michael

Queer as Folk's Michael, played by Hal Sparks, will be getting at least one new love interest next season. Actor Robert Gant, who joins the cast for its sophomore year, will portray Michael's new lover, a university professor who specializes in gay studies. Gant will appear in a limited number of episodes while continuing his recurring role on the WB Network's Popular, where he plays Vice Principal Calvin Krupps. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is also set to guest star on Queer as

Folk next season, according to a flurry of recent reports. Hizzoner, who's worn drag on SNL, is willing to nance it up on the show in order to raise money for gay and lesbian victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. No storylines have been mentioned for the mayor, but hopefully the program's writers will name his character Julie and find a wig that's big enough to cover that awful hairline. Season two of the Showtime gay soap premieres in January, and for those who missed any part of season one, all 22 episodes will be released on DVD and VHS on January 8.





#### Jones Leaves the Opera Early

casting the female lead in his Phan-

tom of the Opera film now that

Catherine Zeta Jones has passed on

the project in order to play Velma

Andrew Lloyd Webber is re-

in the movie musical Chicago. Jones (Traffic) reportedly didn't want to do two singing roles in a row, so Lloyd Webber is looking for a new actress to play the role of Christine. The uber-composer was said to be courting Martine McCutcheon, who currently stars in a London production of My Fair Lady. But he reportedly changed his mind due to McCutcheon's frequent show-stopping bouts with viral infections and vocal cord inflammation. English stage actress Ruthie Henshall, who may replace the ailing McCutcheon as Eliza Doolittle next April, was also rumored to be a candidate for Phantom, but her lack of fame in the United States apparently took her out of the running. Lloyd Webber's current top choice for the part is said to be Kate Winslet (Titanic), who supposedly impressed the impresario with her singing in an upcoming animated version of A Christmas Carol. Winslet, whose stellar song numbers from that Christmas special will be released on CD this December, would probably play opposite Antonio Banderas, the current favorite to wear the Phantom's mask.

# Baranski Dragged to Chicago

The role of Mary Sunshine in Chicago has traditionally been played by men in drag, but Christine Baranski (The Birdcage) is about to change all that. Baranski has been cast as the cross-dressing gossip columnist in Miramax's film adaptation of the Bob Fosse musical. Gay producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron won't say why they hired a woman for the role or whether the character's gender will be changed, but sources indicate that the casting decision was forced on them by Miramax. Maybe they're planning to outfit the actress with some heavy-duty prosthetics.

#### Ab Fab May Go for Five

Jon Plowman, producer of the intoxicating series Absolutely Fabulous, is said to be discussing plot lines for a fifth season with series co-creator and star Jennifer Saunders. Apparently, Plowman and Saunders have nixed plans for a feature film, deciding instead to limit the camp concept to televised, half-hour doses. Ideas they're kicking around include a flashback to stuffy daughter Saffy's formative years and a first-ever glimpse into the home of perpetually stoned Patsy, which probably hasn't seen a pint of Pine-Sol since the 1960s. Other stories place Patsy and Edina on a primitive Greek island or on a poorly timed visit to Sweden's famed Ice Hotel, where dreadfully warm weather causes the entire resort to melt.

# Queen's Script Drags Film Down

The WWII drag film All the Queen's Men, which stars British cross-dressing comic Eddie Izzard (Velvet Goldmine) and Matt LeBlanc (Friends), may never make it to a theater near you. The wig-wearing romp, which was cowritten by Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys scribe Jeff Stockwell, was poorly received by U.S. exhibitors and hasn't secured widespread domestic distribution. The military farce about Allied soldiers who penetrate German lines by masquerading as women - kind of a cross between The Dirty Dozen and Some Like It Hot — is said to be erratic and uninspired, though the performances by Izzard and LeBlanc are supposedly a hoot. LeBlanc's character is a butch American officer who's forced to wear heels for the good of the free world, while Izzard plays a seasoned cabaret star who's drafted because of his dead-on impersonation of Marlene Dietrich. Their slapstick antics, which include some I Love Lucy-esque gags that take place on an all female assembly line, apparently couldn't overcome the film's inconsistent script. The German-financed film may ultimately be relegated to paychannel broadcasts by Showtime or

# Glory Days and Scary Nights

Gay writer-producer Kevin Williamson has transformed his mid-season series Glory Days into a macabre murder mystery show that resembles his shocker Scream more than it does his drama Dawson's Creek. The hour-long WB Network show, which was originally conceived as a relationship-based program, still stars Eddie Cahill (who played Rachel's hunky assistant Tag on Friends) as a successful author who moves back to his small-minded home town, but Cahill's character will now be solving murders rather than reconciling with his past. Williamson reportedly infused the show with horrific elements and ghastly deaths to capitalize on his affiliation with postmodern fright films like I Know What You Did Last Summer. As part of the series' gothic metamorphosis, Cahill's character will also become involved with the town coroner, played by Poppy Montgomery, who was Marilyn Monroe in the CBS miniseries Blonde. Glory Days premieres in January.

# Will and Grace Creators Go Straight

The producing team of David Kohan and Max Mutchnick (Will and Grace) have sold another sitcom to NBC, but none of the new show's characters are gay. Mutchnick (the gay one) and Kohan (the straight guy he writes with) are creating a new comedy for next fall that revolves around two hetero couples, one that's married and one that isn't - a setup that may be left over from the team's original three-couple concept for Will and Grace. Kohan and Mutchnick, who are busy writing the ensemble series' pilot episode, have reportedly decided not to cast the show with any major stars. Like Will and Grace, this new program will succeed or fail based on the merits of its characters and conceptual strength.

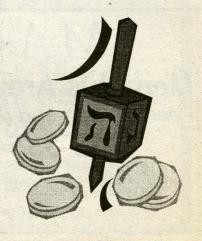
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# The Community Corner

by Robyn Johnson, MGLCC Secretary

#### **Old Business**

The November Town Hall Meeting was quite a success, although, where was everyone? The November and upcoming December meetings are the ones we are

using to review our constitution and bylaws. Non-Profits regularly review these documents in order to verify the organization is adhering to its mission or to update the mission statement. As many of you know, we have instituted a five-year plan to raise the necessary capital to purchase a building.

In 2004 or sooner, the Commu-

nity Center will occupy its own facility. When this happens we will be more able to institute programs for the betterment of our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community members. We will also be able to share the space with other community organizations. So we really want to be sure we have all our ducks in a row!

So far our fundraising efforts have consisted of establishing a strong membership base, the 500

Club, and soliciting for benefactors. Membership stands at 78 members. We have 40 members who pay a one-time payment of dues. See the contact information below to obtain a schedule of the

donation options.

The 500 Club has 21 members. The idea behind the 500 Club membership is to create a large number of members donating monthly over a three-year period to the building fund which will create a large financial base from which to operate the Community Center on a continuing basis.

Even after we acquire a building, this money is needed for operating expenses (taxes, utilities, etc.) as long as they are building-related. In other words, the Community Center will be supported by and for its membership.

Let's look at the numbers. If there are 500 people each donating \$10, this means the Community Center will have a monthly operating income of \$5,000. With this amount the Community Cen-

ter would be able to maintain the building properly and meet any emergencies that might occur (any homeowner can empathize). This would mean it's "one for all and all for one!" No individual would then bear too much of the burden.

In addition to these two membership categories, we also have benefactors. A 500 Club membership allows one to spread payments out over a three-year period, but some prefer a lump sum payment. At this level of membership, members have given the Community Center \$500 or more each. We have a total of 13 benefactors. The Building Fund money is in a securely held fund and its use is restricted to the purchase of a building. Any money left after the purchase may only be used for the

The Community Center has various ongoing fundraisers that we urge you to support. Once again, we are selling Entertainment Books. These great coupon books are \$20 and make good gifts, too. I've purchased one myself, and plan to use some of the coupons during the holidays. To purchase an Entertainment Book, contact us and we'll get one to you.

at The Pumping Station, soliciting for donations towards our Switchboard. The Switchboard is a 24automated system (324-GAYS). We are in the process of updating and revising the sys-- I'm told its running on an old Wang computer with a 286 processor! We would like to thank everyone for giving at our Jell-O®-Shooter nights. These are the third Sunday of each month at The Pumping Station.

#### **New Business/ Upcoming Events**

We would like to announce a New Year's Day Bowl Party. Can't tell y'all just yet whose home we'll invade. This should be firmed up by the next column and the website will have this information, too. Also, be on the lookout for information regarding our "Sweetheart Mardi Gras.'

Since Fat Tuesday falls so close to St. Valentine's Day, we thought we might combine the two into one big shindig. Since it will be a combination of the Mardi Gras and St. Valentine's Day, we are going to make this a less formal occasion

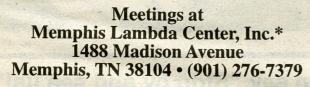
Many of you have also seen us than your typical ball. We are also including a Bachelor / Bachelorette Auction in the fun! Keep an eye out for more details.

> The Community Center hosts monthly town hall meetings and a potluck dinner. December's town hall meeting will be on Sun., Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Community Church, 3430 Summer Ave. We will finish up discussing the constitution and by-laws.

> The December potluck has been canceled, look for us instead at Bookstar where we will be happy to wrap your packages. We will be at Bookstar several afternoons and evenings leading up to the holidays so stop by and say hello... and get a gift wrapped!

> The potlucks are regularly held on the third Thursday of each month at a board member's home. We will meet again in January.

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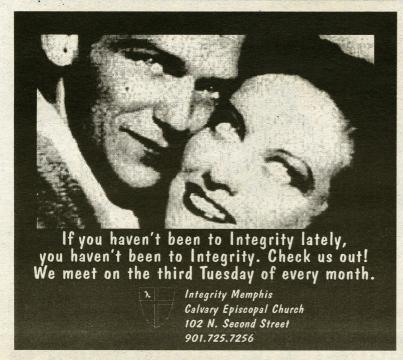


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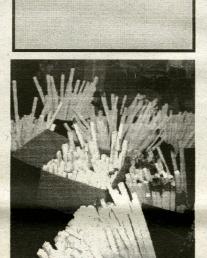




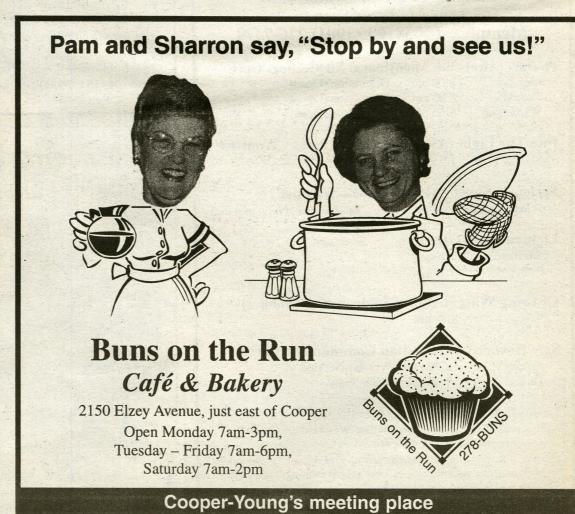












## **Who Was Rachel Carson?**

Rachel Carson had two very separate lives: a public career as an environmentalist and author of the groundbreaking book Silent Spring, and a long and private involvement with another woman.

Carson was born in 1907 in Springdale, Penn., not far from Pittsburgh. She was the youngest of three children, a loner who spent much of her time reading. By age 8, Carson was writing her own stories, mostly about birds and ani-

A gifted student, Carson won a state scholarship to attend Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh (now Chatham College), where she intended to major in English. But after a biology class with a charismatic professor named Mary Scott Skinker, Carson switched to science. She continued, however, to combine her two passions, writing nature essays for the college magazine. One professor praised her ability to make "relatively technical subject [matter] very intelligible to the reader."

With Skinker's help, Carson won an internship to the prestigious Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., in 1929. Although she had already written many stories about the sea, the 22year-old had never seen the ocean. Carson wrote to a friend that she began "storing away facts about the sea" - information that would fuel the writing of several of her books.

After graduate school at Johns Hopkins University, Carson began a career as a government science writer and editor. At her first job at the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, Carson wrote everything from radio scripts to pamphlets. When her boss deemed one of her earliest efforts, "The World of Water," too literary for government use, Carson successfully submitted it to the Atlantic Monthly and so began a

lucrative sideline career writing for magazines.

The Atlantic article attracted attention from an editor at Simon and Schuster, who encouraged her to expand it into a book. Under the Sea-Wind, a literary portrait of the many creatures living in the ocean, appeared in November, 1941, and mer ended and the two women had to part, they feverishly planned visits and wrote to each other daily. Their 11-year correspondence is peppered with romantic language strongly suggesting they were lovers. Carson wrote of "the suddenness and intensity of this feeling" and of her longing to be with her the New Yorker and then in book form. It met with immediate hostility from many chemical companies and critics. One male reviewer branded her a "hysterical woman"; some pesticide manufacturers threatened lawsuits.

But the public greeted Silent Spring eagerly, making it her third did not live to see the astonishing impact her words would have: In 1972, the newly founded Environmental Protection Agency banned the use of DDT.

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garnered favorable reviews. But the attack on Pearl Harbor one month later overshadowed the book's publication, and it ended up selling only 1,600 copies.

Carson's second book, published 10 years later, made a much bigger splash. Her literary agent sold the serial rights for The Sea Around Us to the New Yorker, which made it possible for Carson to leave her demanding day job. The oceanographic study was an instant bestseller; one critic lauded it for "removing the mystery of the sea ... while leaving us its poetry." Carson was bombarded with fan mail and had to hire an assistant to answer her letters

With her royalties, Carson built a summer cottage on Southport Island in Maine. There, in 1953, she met Dorothy Freeman, who spent summers on the island with her husband.

Although Carson had, since college, surrounded herself with a circle of close female friends, the intimate relationship she quickly developed with Freeman surpassed any other in her life. When the sum"darling." In a telling incident, Carson and Freeman spent one of their weekends together burning many of their most intimate letters.

Carson's next book, The Edge of the Sea, about seashore life from Maine to Florida, appeared in 1955 and also achieved bestseller status. But it was with her fourth and final book that she made the most enduring contribution to literature, science and society.

Since 1945, Carson had done sporadic research on the use of DDT as an insecticide. But she did not begin writing on the topic until 1958, when she learned that a bird sanctuary had been sprayed from the air with the deadly poison, resulting in the deaths of birds and harmless insects. "Everything which meant most to me as a naturalist was being threatened," she wrote.

Carson's demanding research was slowed by her diagnosis with breast cancer in 1960 — ironically, at the same time she was uncovering the cancer risks brought on by exposure to DDT. In 1962, Silent Spring appeared in installments in

bestseller. More importantly, politicians took notice. After Eric Severeid interviewed Carson on television, both the President's Science Advisory Committee and a congressional committee headed by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) began investigating pesticides as an environmental hazard. Carson became a household name – even the comic strip "Peanuts" referred to her in several install-

Carson died of a heart attack in 1964, and Freeman scattered her beloved's ashes to the sea winds in Maine. The pioneering ecologist

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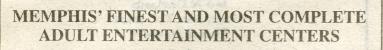
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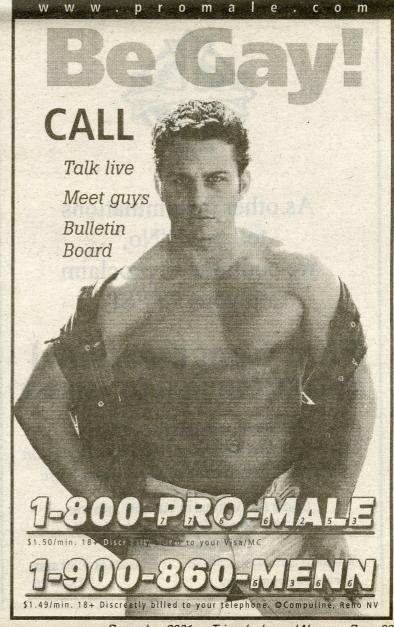
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## **Egyptian Court Sends 23 Men to Prison**

By Sarah El Deeb Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Twenty-three Egyptian men charged with debauchery and other crimes for having gay sex were sentenced Nov. 14 to jail terms of one to five years in a trial that human rights groups have denounced as persecution of homosexuals.

Another 29 men in the case were acquitted, prompting cries of joy from relatives who had denied the charges and accused the Egyptian media during the four-month trial of sensationalism and destroying the young men's reputations.

"Those convicted have either admitted (to homosexual activities) or someone testified against them. Without testimonies, there was no sentence," Fawzi el-Hagan, a lawyer representing a number of defendants, said after reading the verdicts to relatives.

Medical tests were also used as evidence against a number of de-

Homosexuality is not explicitly referred to in the Egyptian legal system, but a wide range of laws covering obscenity, prostitution and public morality are punishable by jail terms.

There were chaotic scenes at the courthouse before and after the verdicts were announced. Only a few people were allowed into the courtroom to hear the verdicts; outside, police wielding sticks drove back a crowd of about 200 relatives, lawyers, journalists and passers-by.

In the courtroom, crammed into a fenced-in dock, the 52 men wept and screamed as the presiding judge read out the sentences. Most of them could not hear what sentence they received.

One defendant kissed the Quran, Islam's holy book; another screamed at a news cameraman. Most covered their faces, some with masks fashioned from hand-kerchiefs.

The presiding judge, Mohammed Abdel Karim, read his verdicts and sentences quickly, ignoring the defendants' shouts and chants from some relatives of: "We will appeal to God! He is our defender!"

When news of the sentences came in bits and pieces from people leaving the court, one elderly woman joyfully distributed sweets and soft drinks, saying she had heard her son was among those acquitted.

Another mother, upon hearing that her son had been convicted and sentenced to two years, wept and said. "By God, my son has nothing to do with this. He is straight."

The men were put on trial after police raided a Nile boat restaurant in May and accused them of taking part in a gay sex party.

Sherif Farahat, believed to have been the group's leader, received the longest sentence — five years of hard labor for debauchery, contempt of religion, falsely interpreting the Quran and exploiting Islam to promote deviant ideas. Mahmoud Ahmed Allam received three years on the religious charges, but was acquitted of debauchery.

Twenty others were sentenced to two years and one man was sentenced to one year for debauchery.

Scott Long, a director at the New York-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Com-

mission, watched as the accused were escorted out of the courtroom.

"They were terrified, they were terrorized, they were trying to hide their faces .... They spent over six months in prison for the crime of having been in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Local and international human rights groups criticized the trial. Amnesty International accused Egypt of persecuting people for their sexual orientation and said the type of court, the Emergency State Security Court, was not independent.

Judge Abdel Karim told APTN that the case was tried before his court because the defendants endangered "national security."

Emergency state security courts verdicts can only be appealed to the

president.

Special police rush alleged homosexuals on trial into court in Cairo on

Nov. 14. Twenty-three Egyptian men accused of being gay were sentenced

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Long said it was President Hosni Mubarak's "responsibility" to pardon those convicted. Speaking on condition that he

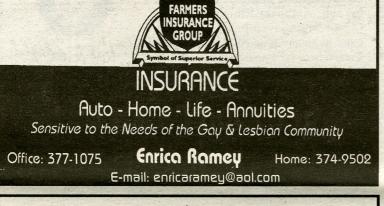
(AP Photo/Philip Mark)

not be named for fear of persecution, one gay Egyptian who has followed the case and was at the courthouse as an observer said the trial was unjust.

"They did not do anything wrong. They did not offend the law .... It is all faked ... we don't have justice," he said, sobbing.

Among those arrested in the same case was a teenager who was tried separately and convicted and sentenced in September to three years' in prison.

The boy is appealing the verdict in a juvenile court. The appeal hearing is scheduled for Nov. 21.





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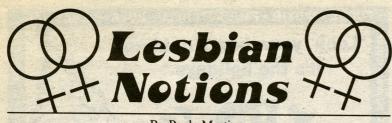
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By Paula Martinac

## The New Gay Villians

Just when we think lesbians and gay men are making real progress in the fight against antigay prejudice, something happens to remind us how deeply rooted and insidious homophobia actually is. The fact is, many people continue to associate "gay" with "bad" and still don't get enough information from the media to counter their assumptions.

The war on terrorism has provided a number of disturbing examples of the persistence of homophobia. Most notable may be the Associated Press photo of a bomb aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise on which an American soldier had printed the message "HI JACK THIS FAGS." But even before that photo surfaced, there were other suggestions floating around that the Sept. 11 terrorists and the infamous Osama bin Laden might be homosexual

Both radio talk shows and online message boards - everpopular spots for homophobic rantings — have been breeding grounds for "terrorists are gay" hogwash. At the America Online (AOL) boards, for example, you can find plenty of cagey references to bin Laden's sexuality. One AOL post questioned why bin Laden lives "without female companionship in the desert." Others wondered about his and his cohorts' clothing, noting that the terrorist leader "likes men in dresses" and himself "wears a 'gown.' Is he coming out of the closet or some-

There have been subtle implications in the press, too. One conservative commentator in Britain, Ros Coward, wrote in the Manchester Guardian that "intense sexual ambiguity" surrounded bin Laden, whose appearance he called "languidly feminine."

On this side of the Atlantic, CNN interviewed a heterosexual couple in Florida who had rented a house to two of the alleged hijackers in the months preceding the attacks. A now-familiar profile of the hijackers emerged — they kept to themselves, they paid the rent on time, and so on. But at the end of the interview, the landlady added another piece of "information" in a hushed tone: "They didn't seem to like the ladies." Amazingly, the reporter never challenged or questioned her but simply let the statement stand as the last words viewers heard.

Then there's the photo from the Associated Press. Perhaps more

upsetting than the word "fags" scrawled on the bomb was the fact that the AP did not address the slur in the photo caption or in a separate story. Instead, after groups like the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Human Rights Campaign raised objections to the photo, the news service pulled it completely from circulation and threatened to sue publications that used it without permission — even if papers wanted to offer critical commentary on the image's content.

Of course, it's not new when people foolishly equate a real threat like terrorism with something they perceive as threatening, like homosexuality. It's not new either when journalists make such associations, let them stand unquestioned, or cover them up.

In the last century, those who reported on Hitler often made 'wink, wink" suggestions about him and his colleagues. After she interviewed Hitler in 1931, Dorothy Thompson, a renowned U.S.

journalist (and a bisexual to boot), wrote that Hitler had a "soft, almost feminine charm" and probably "crooks his little finger when he drinks a cup of tea." And in his epic Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, William Shirer, an American correspondent in Germany before and during the Nazi takeover, put unusual emphasis on the fact that the "weird assortment of misfits" who started the Nazi Party were homosexuals

It's a little chilling, then, that at the same time associations between today's mass murderers and homosexuality are being tossed around, a new book revisiting the idea that Hitler was gay has just been published. Written by a Bremen University history professor named Lothar Machtan, The Hidden Hitler: The Double Life of a Dictator alleges that Hitler's antigay policies, which started in the 1930s, came about because he was trying to hide his past, which had included erotic friendships with men.

Critics of Machtan dismiss his

work, maintaining that he doesn't have any evidence to back up his assertions. I haven't read the book, so I won't pronounce judgment on

But here's a curious fact about the press coverage of its publication. Of all the many news stories I've read about Machtan's book, only one so far (in Reuters news service) quoted the author as saying that it would be absurd to think that homosexuality had anything to do with Hitler's other policies, like the extermination of the Jews. In other words, Machtan seems to be saying what many gay historians have argued — that even if some historical "evil-doers" turn out to be gay, "gay" does not equal "evil."

That's an important piece of information, and one that, amazingly, the media still often fail to convey to the public.

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# **Hate-Crime Suspects Plead Guilty**

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) — Two Kauai men accused of attacking campers because they were gay pleaded guilty Nov. 8 to numerous

By pleading guilty to assault, terroristic threatening and other charges, Orion Macomber, 19, and Eamonn Carolan, 18, avoided trial on the more serious charge of firstdegree attempted murder. It carries a mandatory life sentence without

Macomber and Carolan were accused of going on a rampage at Polihale State Park that included setting a tent on fire while campers were inside.

No one was seriously injured in the May 26 attack.

Police said the two were found in a pickup truck with two cans of kerosene. The campers had provided the license plate number of the truck they said had tried to run them down at the park.

Macomber and Carolan had been scheduled to stand trial Dec. 3. They will be sentenced in Janu-



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# ABOUT BOOKS

by Shannon Yarbrough



# **Read Anything New Lately?**

People often ask me if I've read anything good lately; they also tend to ask if I've read anything new. Chances are I've read a little of both, but the new books are not always good and the good books are not always new.

It's always nice to take a trip back to my bookcase and discover a book that I forgot I even bought. Dusting off the cover, it's definitely not new to the press, but it is new to me.

With so much going on in the gay entertainment world right now, it's so hard to keep up with new literature.

Ellen is back on television and Survivor has another gay player this season. The first season of Queer As Folk is coming out on video.

And there are so many gay indie films popping up everywhere... Come Undone, The Fluffer, Punks, L.I.E., Songcatcher, Big Eden, The Closet, and Nico and Dani just to name a few. By now, my collection of books is so huge that I wonder if I will ever get to read every one.

I continue to add more and more to the shelves, keeping up with what is new.

Yet, I always try to find time to reach to the far corners of the shelves and "rediscover" a book for the first time. Those tend to be the best books I've ever read. And that's how I found the book I just finished reading, *The Boy in the Lake*, by Eric Swanson.

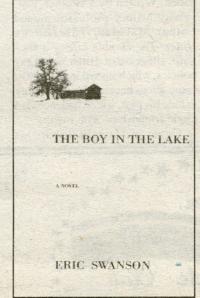
It was first published in 1999 (not so new), but it is definitely a good book worth reading.

It is possible that the name, Eric Swanson, is familiar to you. His life story inspired the hit play As Bees in Honey Drown.

Ever wonder if your life could be that interesting? I often swear that there are hidden video cameras taping moments of my life, but I am yet to turn on the television and find myself sitting on both sides of the screen.

However, back to Swanson's life. The Boy in the Lake is his second book. With its plain white cover, I almost put it back on the shelf and looked for something else to read. Yet, after reading a few passages I decided to finish it

The book follows a man named Christian Fowler who is a New York social worker/psychotherapist. He returns to his small Ohio hometown after three decades due to the death of his grandmother. He soon begins seeking absolution from a lost friend that he betrayed years ago as a young teen, with whom he also shared a homosexual relationship at the age of 12. Swanson's narrative is so lyrical



and precise.

The story is laced with the thoughts of the adult Chris as he deals with things at his grandmother's house, and drifts back to childhood memories of his drunken mother and miner fa-

ther

Meanwhile, Chris searches to find out if his friend still lives in the town, while also dealing with anxieties over his 10-year lover, Richard, who's been sleeping around back home.

Throw in therapy sessions that Chris had with a mocking patient named Stephen, a self-hating, closeted high school dropout who becomes a prostitute, and you have almost the entire story. Does it sound like too much to follow? It really isn't.

Swanson does a magnificent job of switching between each story line. I had no trouble at all distinguishing past from present. The entire book is emotionally weighted with suspense.

You read almost the entire book before you find out how Chris betrayed his friend. You also discover that the title of the book (especially the lake) serves as a haunting metaphor throughout.

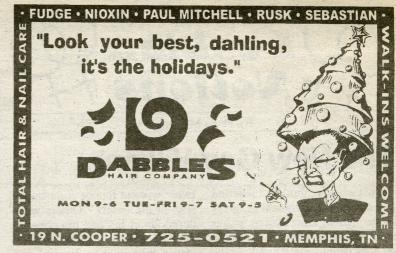
So, if you are missing out on what's new due to the holiday rush, then pick up a copy of *The Boy in the Lake* if you want to just read something good.

You don't have to take my advice though, read the book!



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- 2. Michael Nava Triangle Classic 3-in-1 Edition (The Little Death / Goldenboy / How Town)
- 3. Andy Warhol by Wayne Koestenbaum
- 4. The Marble Quilt by David Leavitt
- 5. Booked For Murder by Val McDermid
- 6. The Evening Crowd At Kirmser's: A Gay Life in the 1940s by Ricardo J. Brown
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- 8. Jeremy Thrane by Kate Christensen
- 9. Onyx by Felice Picano
- 10. Metes and Bounds by Jay Quinn



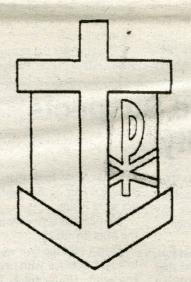


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