

Gay Book Stays On Shelf At Rogers, AR Library

ROGERS, Ark. (AP) — The board of the Rogers-Hough Memorial Library voted to keep *Intimacy Between Men* on the shelves, but a board member has donated an anti-homosexual book that he says provides balance.

Five members of the board voted June 19 to keep *Intimacy Between Men* in the library. Tom Farrell voted against it and Porky Wenzel abstained.

Farrell donated a book entitled *Shadow in the Land*.

Alice Medin, the head librarian, said Farrell's donation was accepted, but was not a balance to *Intimacy Between Men*.

In a pitch to keep the controversial book, library board Chairman Al Goodridge said free people must know that the truth won't hurt them.

Freedom is the reason colonists settled in America, Al Goodridge said. The board voted to keep *Intimacy Between Men* — a book that some say promotes homosexuality.

"America is about freedom. Ideas can be dangerous but the suppression of ideas is fatal to a democratic society," Ms. Medin said. "Freedom it-

self is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours."

"The library is committed to serving a diversity of interests, backgrounds and viewpoints which are the foundation of pluralism, democracy and peace," Ms. Medin said.

After the board agreed to retain the book, Mary Bach of Bella Vista said, "I'd like to tell you to read the book of Romans. Legalizing sodomy isn't going to answer any questions."

"I'm not condoning the book, but the right to read," said Jim Sawyer, a board member.

Ms. Bach, in answer to a question, said she had not read the book.

Last month, Goodridge said that each board member would read *Intimacy Between Men* before deciding whether to yank the book off the shelves. That way, he said, each member would be able to make a more intelligent decision.

The book was removed from the library while the board reviewed it.

About 50 people showed up in May to give their reasons why the book should stay or go. About a dozen people showed up June 19.



Friends of the Aid To End AIDS Committee move supplies during the relocation of the ATEAC offices. ATEAC's new address is St. John's United Methodist Church, 1207 Peabody, at Bellevue, 38104, 272-0855.

Busts Entrap Park Users

By Allen Cook

MEMPHIS — The pathways of Overton Park were seemingly off limits to Gay men — cruising or otherwise — as an intensive vice squad campaign resulted in many arrests.

Undercover vice officers began arresting people last month and issuing misdemeanor citations in what an anonymous Gay police source called an effort to "clean up the park for the World Police and Fire Games" held in late June.

According to a number of callers to *TJN* and the Gay Switchboard, vice squad members often approached Gay men in the park with suggestive remarks implying a desire for sex. Regardless of the response, vice officers then either arrested or gave the victims citations. A number of callers denied doing anything, although their citations said they initiated a request for sex. "The whole thing was total fabrication," said one entrapment victim. "When they got me in the car, they started telling me all the things I was supposed to have done and it was all lies. I went to the park to enjoy the park. I wasn't even looking for sex."

Most callers indicated, however, that they have met sexual partners in the park from time to time.

Attorneys Robert Ross and Susan Mackenzie have represented over two dozen of the entrapment victims. "This is a blatant violation of people's rights," Ross said. "People are being told to stay out of the park or the next

time they are seen in the park, they will go to jail."

Among the charges placed against the victims are breach of the peace, patronizing prostitution, indecent exposure, and pedestrian soliciting rides.

Mackenzie says that most of the cases are either being pled guilty or plea bargained because "the [victims] just want it to go away."

First-time offenders in General Sessions Criminal Court are often offered a "diversion program" in which the person is placed on a year's probation. If he is not arrested within a year, he can have his record expunged.

Ross says, however, that cases are now being moved into City Court where there is no diversion program. "A lot of people are simply pleading guilty and paying the fines to get it over with," he said.

Fines for "breach of the peace" violations generally run in the \$25 range with an additional \$100 court cost fee tacked on. Fine for patronizing prostitution runs about \$150. A trial on either charge would cost in the \$350-500 range plus legal fees.

Cases which have gone to trial almost invariably result in convictions because the evidence usually has the testimony of two officers pitted against the defendant.

Both Ross and Mackenzie say that while these sorts of cases occur regularly, the pace has definitely increased in the past few weeks.

Ms. Mackenzie feels that groups

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Woman Jailed For Not Telling Rescuer Her Stricken Fiance Had AIDS

By Connie Cass
Associated Press Writer

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — When her fiance collapsed from a heart attack, Connie Lewis rushed desperately to a stranger and pleaded for help. She didn't say the dying man carried AIDS.

Now the off-duty police officer who gave James Cobern mouth-to-mouth resuscitation fears he was infected. And Lewis faces felony charges for not warning rescuers of what doctors and federal health officials consider a remote risk.

"The police showed up at my door right after the funeral services," said Lewis. "They told me they were charging me with reckless endangerment," she said. "I just didn't under-

stand because I would never hurt anybody."

Lewis, an unemployed nursing assistant, was jailed for five days. She was freed on \$2,500 bond. Her case was sent to a county grand jury that will convene in September.

Police said Lewis, 37, endangered rescuers because she didn't tell them Cobern, 34, had tested positive for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, until they had nearly exhausted efforts to save him May 22.

"I tried to tell them that at the time I didn't even think about it, that I was panicked," she said. "I couldn't stop crying."

Larry Baker, the man who tried to revive Cobern, believes Lewis purposely withheld the information.

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Huckabee Out; MGC Fate To be Weighed

Embattled Memphis Gay Coalition president Bill Huckabee resigned from the Coalition June 3. His letter of resignation was presented at the monthly business meeting. Huckabee cited health problems and personal time constraints in saying he was no longer able to serve. Although the letter was unexpected, a decision had been made at the May GayRap to ask for his resignation.

Huckabee came under fire and threatened the future of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, when, as the Center's president, and without board consent, he waged a campaign against bar owner Tommy Stewart and his allegedly racist poli-

cies. After being elected to the board of the Memphis Gay Coalition, he resigned his office at the Center in December "to devote more time to the Coalition." He was noticeably absent from the May 20 GayRap as he had been at the majority of business meetings since his election.

The GayRap topic was to be the future and direction of the Coalition. Huckabee had agreed to bring copies of several Coalition documents which were to be discussed. He failed to attend the meeting, let anyone know he would be absent, or provide for the documents to be brought to the meeting. His inconsistent activity and ap-

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Vaccine Boosts Immune System After HIV Infection

By Daniel Q Haney
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The encouraging early results reported for an experimental AIDS treatment are vindication for vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk, whose idea for this strategy was met with polite skepticism four years ago.

The approach uses a vaccine to boost the body's immune defenses after the AIDS virus has already become established, so it will be better armed to stop the insidious destruction of white blood cells. Traditionally, vaccines have been used solely to prevent an initial infection from occurring.

In a report in the June 13 *New England Journal of Medicine*, doctors from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research presented evidence that one such vaccine seemed to at least temporarily halt the loss of crucial white cells in people with AIDS infections.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, credited Salk with the inspiration for the strategy.

"I am very pleased about this," Salk said in an interview. "It's always nice to see someone else pick up an idea and provide some verification that there is some merit to this. At the beginning, it was believed, well, not

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Memphis Gay Coalition—New Dawn or Fading Sunset?

by John Stilwell

The Memphis Gay Coalition has had one heck of a bad year. Since the resignation of four officers in September of last year, the Coalition has continued to exist—but not much more. Little has been accomplished in the past few months. Still there is a spark of life in the Old Girl. What becomes of that spark is in the hands of the Memphis Gay community.

All the Coalition's troubles began with the GayRap discussions on racism last summer. Folks came out of the woodwork to attend those meetings and complain about the management of the Coalition. As a direct result, four long-time officers resigned their positions. The Coalition has still not recovered

from that.

The interesting thing about those meetings was that they were really packed. There was a large representation of Blacks, and there was good representation from the women's community. And they were all complaining about the white male organization that the Coalition had become. Likewise, at the Coalition meeting when the four officers resigned, the place was packed again, and there was a good representation of both the Black and the women's community. In fact two Blacks were elected to the board.

Once the new board was elected, the huddled masses disappeared and left the board to take care of things. After all, that's how it always happened before. But this time was

different. The new board had no concept of the amount of responsibility and work they had assumed and not all the board members could be counted on to help carry the load. So a lot of things fell by the way and a lot of things didn't get done.

But the Coalition still has a solid core of people who genuinely seem concerned about the Coalition and are committed to making it a viable organization. There also seem to be individuals formerly associated with the Coalition and some new to the Coalition who seem interested in its future.

The Coalition is truly at a crossroads now. Enough of the encumbrances of the past have been spun off so the organization is in a malleable state. It can be anything its members decide to

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make it. It was a white male organization only because the people who could be counted on to get things done and run the day-to-day business for the last eight years were white males. Well, that chapter is over and the time has come to either start writing a new chapter or close the book.

And I'm here to issue a challenge. To all those folks who crawled back into the woodwork, and to all those people who were so quick to criticize the way

things were being done—I challenge you to come to the GayRap on July 15. I challenge you to pack that meeting room again. I challenge you to speak your mind and plot a new course for the Coalition or to plot a course for a new organization. But more than that—I challenge you to commit yourself and then I challenge you to follow through on your commitment.

What will it be? A new dawn or a fading sunset? The choice is yours.

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Police Harassment

At about 8:30 pm on Feb. 3, 1991, two federal marshals, along with about 6 or 8 local county deputies, descended on my home. They were looking for my lover. He had been at a half-way house and left before his time was up. He was here. We have been lovers for the past 8 years. After finding him, Marshal Rambo sat us on the couch in the living room. The local deputies continued to tear the bedroom apart, joking and commenting on dirty queers and things they found. Roark was the ring leader.

The next day, we were taken to federal court. I was charged with harboring a federal escapee, but was released on my signature. In the mean time, Roark came back to my home, which is next to a laundromat I own. He told two black ladies, that the two of us had AIDS. He has told

others that we have AIDS and that if they wash at the laundromat, they will catch AIDS. There are two black-boards at the laundromat and several times references to catching AIDS if you wash there have been written on the boards. He has no reason to think this. This alone is slander on his part. Since he acted in the capacity of a county deputy, it could be said that it is verbal police brutality. All of this has cut my business by more than half.


At the time of the raid, Roark took a collection of Gay video tapes (about 20). The search warrant that the federal marshals gave me about 30 minutes after I was in jail does not have the tapes listed as property taken from my home. Yet Roark has admitted to having the tapes, and has even gone as far as to say I can have them back if I come to the local sheriff's department and get them. I believe that the tapes were illegally taken. That he stole them from my house that night. He has also gone throughout the county telling people that they are home movies of my lover and me having sex. They are not! They are all studio tapes

that I bought.

But what has hurt the most, both emotionally, socially, and financially is his slander—his talk of us having AIDS. Human nature being as it is, humans tend to believe the worst about someone else. They don't care if there is any truth to what is being said. Coming from a law enforcement officer, this seems to constitute harassment, character assassination, and slander.

I have talked it over with everyone that is close to me or might be affected. They all agree that there is no amount of publicity that can hurt me any more than this man has already done. He and I were in school together. He was a bully then and he still is. There have been several lawsuits brought against him that make public the knowledge of his brutality and bulliness. In one case, he jumped on a Cleveland, Mississippi police department officer. There was one time that I had my home broken into and a stereo tape player was stolen. He found the player and the person who stole it, but a few days later he let the man go. He told me that the man had said that I gave him the player for sexual favors. This is untrue. But he thought it was better to drop the charges. The truth of the matter is that the person was one of his informants.

This man has hurt my family and me both emotionally and



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financially, and I believe that I am due compensation. Even the information he gave the local newspaper about the arrest, which appeared on the front page, not the police report, in the last paragraph hurt my business, stating "McHardy, who had operated a shoe shop and laundromat." In the article he was acting in the capacity of a county deputy.

I contacted an attorney a week after this happened. At the time he appeared interested in taking the case on a contingency basis. He wrote a letter to the sheriff about the tapes and the slander, sending me a copy, then telling me that Roark said I could come

and get the tapes. But I heard no more from him.

I think that I am due compensation from the authorities involved in allowing this man to hold a position in law enforcement, knowing full well his reputation.

(This is a copy of a letter that I sent to the Gay/Lesbian Defense Committee. I assure you this is not over, and with this being a county election year it is going to be much bigger. There is a strong Gay vote, and the candidates admit it. For the past three elections, the major candidates have come and asked for my help in the Gay community.)

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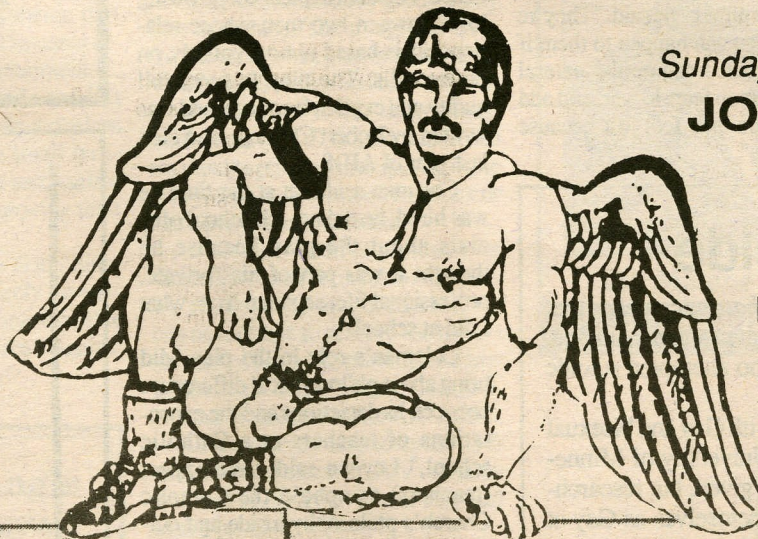
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18 Arrested As Gay-rights Group Protests Cracker Barrel Firings

UNION CITY, Ga. (AP) — An Aug. 15 court date has been set for 18 people charged with criminal trespassing during a protest of Cracker Barrel's firing of homosexual employees.

The demonstrators were arrested June 9 when they failed to leave the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store restaurant in Union City, said police Detective Nick Marlin. They were released on their own recognizance.

They are scheduled to appear Aug. 15 in Municipal Court, he said.

About 100 people participated in the protest, which included members of the Gay and Lesbian community as well as other supporters, said Jack Pelham, a member of Queer Nation/Atlanta. He was not among those arrested.

The demonstrators were protesting the firings of 11 homosexual employees in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and South Carolina, Pelham said.

The Union City Cracker Barrel planned no comment on the demonstration, said manager Chris Laplaca.

Pelham said the demonstrators arrived at the restaurant Sunday morning and took tables, some standing in line as long as an hour. He said most of the demonstrators ordered beverages, and he questioned why police arrested them.

"There are no rules on the books that say with a glass of tea you get a set number of minutes to drink that tea," he said.

Marlin said police were called to the restaurant about 1 p.m. and arrested protesters who refused to leave. No violence was reported.

While those arrested were being processed, the rest of the protesters picketed briefly outside the jail.

Cracker Barrel announced in January its policies prohibited the hirings of homosexuals.

Gay National Guardsman Wants To Be Reinstated

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado National Guard sergeant discharged en route to the Persian Gulf war when he acknowledged he was Gay wants to be reinstated or given an honorable discharge.

Sam Gallegos, 31, was sent home Feb. 25. He has received a National Defense medal and ribbon for serving during the war. He now wants either an honorable discharge or to be reinstated by Gov. Roy Romer to the National Guard.

Romer plans to follow Department of Defense guidelines, spokeswoman Cindy Parmenter said.

At a news conference on Tuesday at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Gallegos said he was in the National Guard for four years before his secret was revealed.

The Department of Defense holds that homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

He was a member of the 104th Public Affairs Detachment in Denver

and was deployed Jan. 9 to Fort Irwin, Calif., for Operation Desert Shield. He told two members of his unit he was Gay. He was then confronted by his commanding officer, Maj. Wilbur H. Bublitz, he said.

Gallegos refused to say he is not Gay and he was given a general discharge, which may affect his eligibility for benefits.

"Whenever there's the possibility of going to war, I think most people try to come to terms with everything in their life," Gallegos said. "I didn't want to go into this without at least trying to make everything right."

Gallegos said he never had sexual relations with any member of the military, but knows at least four Gays who fought in the war with Iraq.

"They're afraid," he said. "They're afraid of what can happen to them if they come out. Imagine the natural fears any person fears in war, and add to it the fears they feel just because they're Gay."

Gays & Suicide

A study published in the June issue of *Pediatrics* contends that almost one-third of young Gay and bisexual men attempt suicide. The study says that roughly half of those who attempted suicide tried more than once.

The figures are based on 137 interviews with Gay and bisexual men between 14-21 by researchers at the University of Minnesota and Washington. No single reason was given, but researchers said the would-be suicides recognized themselves as Gay at an early age and had trouble coping with the knowledge.

The suicide rate is twice to three times as high as an equivalent group of heterosexual men, researchers said.



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Fired Teacher Hides Direction Of Gay Play

DALLAS (AP) — A drama teacher fired at a Catholic high school for directing a non-school affiliated play about homosexual relationships says the production was part of his "private, professional life."

Bruce Coleman, a former substitute teacher at Bishop Lynch High School, said he was fired May 6 after principal Edward Leyden read a newspaper review of the play *Jerker*.

The play, shown at the Dallas Alliance Theater, depicts the growing love between two men whose relationship is based almost entirely on phone calls. The play features full nudity and explicit language, and was written by Robert Chesley, who died last year of AIDS.

Coleman said that at the time he was hired, he did not tell school officials about the play because he thought it was part of his "private, professional life, separate from what I did at school."

Coleman's role in the play "did bring about philosophical differences between its depictions and the expectations of teachers at a Catholic school," Leyden said. "We expect (teachers) to uphold the Catholic Church's philosophy inside and outside the school."

Coleman, 30, had been teaching at the school since January, and said he did not mention the play, first staged in April, to any of his students.

There are few options now, Coleman's lawyer said, since the school is a private institution.



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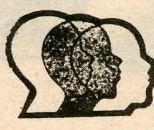
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Philip Morris, Boycotters Announce AIDS Effort

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris Cos. Inc., the target of a consumer boycott organized by homosexuals, announced May 30 it would double its charitable contributions for AIDS research and education.

The company announced its action at a news conference with ACT UP, the boycott organizer. ACT UP, or AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, said it was lifting its 13-month campaign against two Philip Morris products, Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer.

Philip Morris did not say how much its yearly AIDS funding would be, but spokeswoman Alice McGillion said the company has given \$1.3 million for AIDS research and education since 1987.

The company invited applications for grants from AIDS or homosexual organizations "providing direct service and making innovative efforts

that cannot find funding from more traditional sources."

The boycott was in retaliation for the company's political campaign contributions to Sen. Jesse Helms, the North Carolina Republican characterized by ACT UP as a vehement foe of homosexuals and AIDS funding.

McGillion said Philip Morris was not withdrawing its support of the tobacco-state senator. But she said the company was far from Helms' biggest contributor, having given him \$19,000 over the past 10 years.

The company also has contributed \$100,000 to the library that will house Helms' paper, and will honor a commitment to give another \$100,000.

Philip Morris, based in New York, is one of the world's largest consumer products companies. Its brands include Maxwell House coffee, Jell-O pudding, Oscar Mayer meats, Sealtest ice cream and Velveeta cheese.

NYC City Council OKs Tough New Human Rights Bill

By John Shanahan
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The City Council has passed one of the toughest human rights bills in the nation, prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

The new law passed June 5, 34 to 1, with the council's lone Republican, Fred Cerullo of Staten Island, opposing the measure. Mayor David Dinkins is expected to sign it into law within the next 30 days. Unlike federal legislation, the city bill includes homosexuals as a protected class. In language aimed at protecting them, the law prohibits discrimination based on perceived membership in a group or association with someone in a protected group.

The passage came on the same day that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a major civil rights bill intended to make it easier for victims of discrimination to sue for damages.

President Bush is expected to veto the measure, which he calls a "quota bill."

The city bill shifts to the employer the burden of proving that employment tests do not discriminate when one group of individuals, such as women or racial minorities, fail the tests at a disproportionately high rate.

City Human Rights Commissioner Dennis deLeon praised passage of the bill. "This gives New York City the

most progressive human rights law in the nation," he said.

It touches a wide cross section of issues ranging from housing, jobs, and services and their connection with discrimination based on age, race, sexual orientation, marital status and/or disability.

Council Speaker Peter Vallone said the measure would be landmark legislation which will show the city is in the forefront of attempts to eliminate discrimination.

The bill, an amendment to the city's current human rights law, would allow people who feel they have been discriminated against to pursue legal action on their own in state Supreme Court instead of going through the Human Rights Commission.

Under the bill, the Human Rights Commission is empowered to seek in state court civil penalties of up to \$250,000 in cases of systemic discrimination and \$50,000 in cases alleging discriminatory harassment.

Cerullo said that "while the bill speaks of no quotas ... it nevertheless shifts the burden on the small business owner to provide the mechanism for the legal process in proving their hiring practices."

It would also outlaw discriminatory boycotts based entirely on race and discriminatory harassment like sexual harassment or threats against Gay people.

Men Denied Marriage License

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Gay men have been denied a marriage license, but say that won't stop them from marching down the aisle before 350 friends and relatives.

A minister will preside over the ceremony, symbolically joining Ted Rust, 28, and James Dean, 23.

On May 28, the pair were denied a marriage license at the King County Administration Building. They said afterward that they plan to file a lawsuit challenging state law forbidding same-sex marriages.

"Everywhere we go, we're denied freedom," said Dean, who was concerned about being denied such marital rights as being allowed into a hospital room if Rust were critically ill.

In 1972, two King County men sued to force the county auditor to issue them a marriage license. Two years later the state Court of Appeals upheld the denial. The court ruled that although the state marriage statute does not specifically forbid same-sex marriages, that was the intent of legislators.

Rust and Dean said they hope their planned lawsuit will heighten public awareness of problems like theirs. Rust said the two believe marriage is a "born natural right."

Survey Shows Safe Sex Efforts

BOSTON (AP) — More than 60 percent of the Gay and bisexual men surveyed in the Boston area over the age of 23, say they are practicing safe sex, according to a survey released by the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

The survey was conducted in the summer and fall of 1990 through Gay newspapers, community groups, Gay bars and clubs. The margin of error for the survey was plus or minus 3%.

Of the 1,841 Gay and bisexual men who responded to the anonymous, mail-in survey, 67% said that in the six months prior to participating in the study, they had refrained from sex or had always used a condom.

"I am convinced more than ever that until we market condoms the way we market soap and deodorant, we can never hope to achieve the behavior change needed to prevent the transmission of HIV," Larry Kessler, executive director of the AAC, said.

Of the survey respondents, 63% said they had taken the HIV antibody test, and of those, 23% said they had tested positive.

An additional 22% said they practiced safer sex by using condoms, but not consistently. Eleven percent said they had sex and never used condoms.

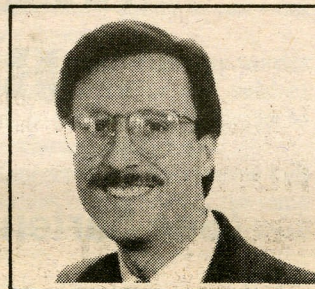
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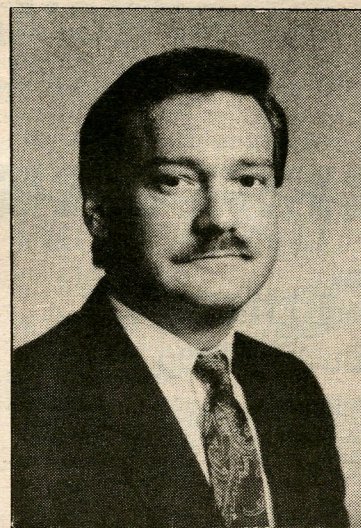


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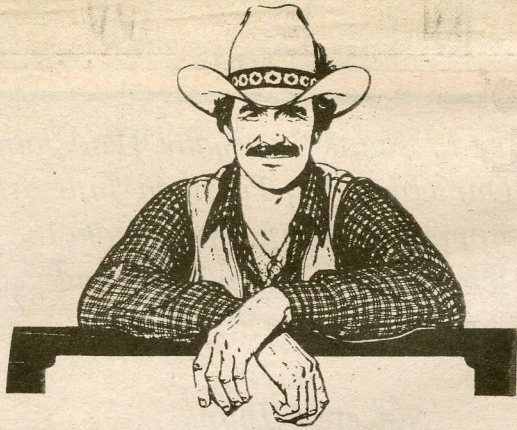
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Lesbian Breakup Takes Visitation Rights Case To Wisconsin Supreme Court

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Lesbian who cared for her girlfriend's adopted son should be granted child visitation rights now that the relationship between the women has ended, a lawyer told the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Wendy Sporleder of Appleton acted as a parent for the child while her partner worked outside the home and the boy even called her "mama," Attorney Shelley Gaylord argued before the state's highest court.

"My priority is to get parental and parental-like relationships recognized regardless of sexual orientation," Ms. Gaylord said.

But Dan Cross, the lawyer for the boy's mother Janice Hermes, said there was nothing in state law or Supreme Court rulings to suggest that "taking on parental responsibility gives (people) the rights of parents."

"Functioning or acting like a parent with the consent or knowledge of a legal parent does not turn someone into a legal parent," Cross said.

Cross said the case was "a classic example of where it is not appropriate for the state to intervene."

The case has drawn nationwide attention from Gay rights groups with the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund of New York filing a joint brief supporting Ms. Sporleder's position.

"A favorable ruling in Wisconsin would not only be important to Lesbian parents in Wisconsin, but may give other courts as well the encouragement to look at the reality that children do not always live in traditional

families," said Paul Ettlbrick, Lambda legal director.

Recently, New York's highest court decided there is no provision in that state's law to allow a woman to have visitation rights to the son that her longtime female companion conceived by artificial insemination.

A California intermediate appellate court reached the same conclusion in March, and similar cases are pending before intermediate appellate courts.

Ms. Sporleder and Ms. Hermes, of nearby Combined Locks, had lived together for seven years. After Ms. Sporleder unsuccessfully sought to be artificially inseminated, Ms. Hermes in 1988 adopted a 2-month-old boy.

Shortly before the two women ended their relationship, the pair signed a three-page agreement that said the adoption was a joint decision and that they would share custody of the child.

In January 1989, Ms. Hermes told Ms. Sporleder she could have no more contact with the boy and the two separated.

Justice William Bablitch asked Cross whether he wanted the court to ignore the contract the two women signed and suggested that such a ruling would also deny support for a single mother who lived with a man, even if they had a contract in which he agreed to help rear the children.

"Yes, that's the result of my argument," Cross responded.

If the court considered the contract it would have to "figure out in what way the rights of single adoptive parents are less than that of an adoptive couple," Cross said.

Legal Dispute Continues Between Tennis Star, Former Companion

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for the former companion of Martina Navratilova have filed motions demanding the tennis star turn over copies of her psychological and financial records.

Judy Nelson contends in a lawsuit against Ms. Navratilova that the tennis star has not lived up to terms of a 1986 agreement providing that if they split up, they would divide assets accrued since they began living together in July 1984.

Ms. Navratilova sent Ms. Nelson a letter in April dissolving their relationship.

The motions requesting Ms. Navratilova's records were filed June 20 and include a list of 22 questions that Ms. Nelson's attorneys want Ms. Navratilova to answer under oath. Ms. Nelson's attorneys have requested Ms. Navratilova's psychological or psychiatric records, her personal diaries and journals as well as her investment tax records.

The motions also ask Ms. Navratilova to disclose the names of persons living with her, any witnesses she may call, the subject matter about which they will testify, and her assets, debts, and business interests.

Ms. Navratilova's attorney, Mike McCurley, said the request was harassment and added he planned to file a motion to quash the request.

"I have no knowledge that any such records exist," McCurley said.

Ms. Nelson's attorneys also ask that Ms. Navratilova appear in Fort Worth July 2 for a videotaped deposition. Ms. Navratilova will be competing June 24-July 7 at Wimbledon and has asked that the hearing be delayed.

Attorney Jerry Loftin said Thursday that Ms. Nelson would have no problem with delaying the deposition until after Wimbledon if Ms. Navratilova would agree to certain conditions.

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Report: CIA Agrees Not To Discriminate Against Lesbian

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The CIA has agreed to settle a discrimination lawsuit and reconsider a Lesbian's application for a security clearance without regard to her sexual orientation.

The *San Francisco Daily Journal*, a legal newspaper, said the settlement in the long-running case of Julie Dubbs would not be binding in other cases but was still called a breakthrough by her attorney.

In 1981, Dubbs, a technical illustrator, had been denied a security clearance she sought for her job with a military contractor.

"This is the first time the CIA is considering a known Gay for a security clearance at any level," said the lawyer, Richard Gayer. The report said the settlement provides Gayer \$10,000 in legal fees for his work on the lawsuit, which was filed in 1985.

The settlement does not include any policy statement or admission of wrongdoing by the CIA. But Gayer said the agency would have to treat any other homosexual person seeking a security clearance the same way or face a similar court challenge.

"I'm really happy about the outcome," said Dubbs, 45, of Santa Clara. She said her goal has always been "to help other Gay people to not have to go through what I went through."

Under the settlement, the CIA says Dubbs' "homosexual conduct and associations will be considered in the same manner as heterosexual conduct and associations" in deciding whether to grant her a top-level clearance, the newspaper said.

The CIA and its Justice Department lawyer have declined to comment on the settlement, which is subject to approval by U.S. District Judge Eugene Lynch.

The CIA has denied it discriminates against homosexuals. Its policy is to consider homosexual or heterosexual conduct in security clearance decisions if it "reflects on an individual's stability, indicates a personality disorder, could result in exposure to direct or indirect pressure arising from susceptibility to undue influence or coercion, or could affect an individual's ability to carry out agency duties."

Gay rights advocates say worries that homosexuality will subject people to blackmail are irrelevant to those who are openly Gay.

"Gay people can be entrusted with the secrets of this country the same as non-Gay people," said Evan Wolfson, staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Gay-rights group in New York.

Episcopal Bishop Defends Lesbian Ordination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington's Episcopal bishop defended his decision to ordain a Lesbian as a priest, calling her "an able candidate for the ordained ministry."

"In all her discussions with diocesan representatives, the candidate has been clear and candid about her sexuality and lifestyle," Bishop Ronald Haines said of Elizabeth L. Carl. "She has handled herself well in this connection, being forthright about herself, yet sensitive to the differing views of others," the bishop said in a statement.

He acknowledged that Ms. Carl, 44, "has for a number of years openly lived in a loving and intimate relationship with another woman." But in the face of criticism from some church leaders, he said, "We have found her to be an able candidate for the ordained ministry in this church."

Ms. Carl, who was ordained June 5, has served as a church choir member, lay reader and lay minister, and entered the ordination process in 1985.

She graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York last year and began her job as assistant minister of the Church of the Epiphany in Washington last month.

The Episcopal Church has been ordaining women since 1974.

Lesbian Herstory Archives Launches Campaign to Purchase New Building

New York, NY—The Lesbian Herstory Archives (LHA), the largest and oldest Lesbian archival collection in the world, has kicked off its second annual House Party Campaign. The campaign is critical to the success of LHA's Building Fund Drive which will enable the organization to purchase a new building for its rapidly expanding collections.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives houses tens of thousands of books, photos, periodicals, letters, diaries, organizational papers, and other artifacts of international Lesbian history and culture. It serves as an essential resource for researchers, political activists, authors, and film-makers documenting Lesbian experience.

After 16 years, the collections have outgrown their original home in a small New York City apartment. LHA planners have their sights set on locating an accessible, three-story brownstone that is close to public transportation routes. The larger space will provide an audio-visual room, a gallery for artists and photographers, a humidity controlled room for special collections, as well as comfortable research rooms and space for educational forums.

The House Party Campaign provides an opportunity for Lesbians and others to host their own gatherings designed as fundraising events. All tax-deductible funds raised during this campaign will be used solely for the

purpose of purchasing the new building. "Each house party brings us a step closer to acquiring the new home LHA needs and deserves," says Joan Nestle, co-founder. "It also enables Lesbians and our friends around the world to share first-hand in our vision, and to actively participate in preserving the full diversity of Lesbian voices and experience that enrich us all."

In 1979, LHA incorporated as the Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that operates solely by volunteer services. For more information regarding the archives or the Building Fund Drive, contact LHEF, Inc. at PO Box 1258, New York, NY 10116 or call (212) 873-9443.

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Gay Zinefest Signals New Movement

By Lisa McLaughran
TJN Contributor

CHICAGO—The first convention of underground Gay zines (pronounced "zeens") from across North America was held in Chicago, May 25. "SPEW: The Homographic Convergence" was held at the Randolph Street Gallery where dozens of zines were displayed at tables by their editors or staff members who made the trek from cities like Montreal, Toronto, Los Angeles, New York, and Ann Arbor. Videos and films made by Gays and Lesbians were shown throughout the day. Several hundred people attended.

The event was topped off by a party at The Hot House, a disco, where six-foot-six L.A. "blackress"-drag queen Vaginal Creme Davis performed without her heavy metal band. Also featured was the Lesbian post-punk "psychedelic garage pop" group Fifth Column from Toronto, Canada.

Steve Lafreniere and Mary Jo Schnell organized the event, sponsored by People Like Us Books. The event was organized to celebrate Gay culture by "bringing together all the zine editors so they could finally meet," said Lafreniere. "Everyone had been writing each other for several years and had wanted to meet." A "zine" is a usually photocopied, homemade underground, mini-magazine that can take any form its authors choose — there are no rules. According to Jon-Henri Damski in *Windy City Times*, "Zines feature porn pix and high energy writing, with minimalist editing. They dart from page to page like a flasher with the soul of a flaming queen." Gay zines have been around for about ten years, with the first one reputed to be *Straight To Hell*, from New York City. Zines as a more general genre date back further, with the advent of late '60s and early '70s creations like the early copies of *Rolling Stone* and

Punk.

The Gay zine movement, called "homocore," is a reaction to the mainstream Gay crowd's meeting "calls for anarchy with a collective finger to the lips," according to Gay author Dennis Cooper in *The Village Voice* ("Homocore Rules") last year.

Cooper appeared for a reading at a cabaret the night before the convention.

The biggest hits of the convention seemed to be *Fertile La Toyah Jackson* (Vaginal Davis' zine) and *Bimbox*, a Lesbian/Gay punk zine from Toronto (edited by G.B. Jones of Fifth Column and

Bruce La Bruce, an actor). Lafreniere describes Davis' zine as a "string of tongue-in-cheek non-sequiturs" and fictions made up about an imaginary Gay party scene of Hollywood personalities witnessed each issue. *Bimbox* made a strong impact as being a progressive, biting rag that attacks the middle class Gay scene, which it views as timid and bourgeois, in a mock civil war while championing "queers" and "dykes" as more appropriate terminology. "All the zines deliberately overstate their points because they are so sick of the status quo and heterosexual role models that Gays seem to accept," said Lafreniere. "They may seem extreme to some people who are not used to a cartoon point of view. They're tongue-in-cheek, not completely serious."

Bimbox has featured a humorous booklet called *SCAB*

(the Society for the Complete Annihilation of Breeders) and a page called "People Who Should Have Their Heads Bashed In With a Lead Pipe," which listed the entire staff of *The Advocate*. They say things like, "All victims of Gay

bashing get what they deserve — victims of queer bashing will come to your rescue," Lafreniere said. An article entitled "Why Queer Nation is So Fucking Stupid" lambasted Toronto's Queer Nation chapter as a

bunch of lazy, self-righteous rich kids.

A complete listing of other zines can be found printed in most zines. As part of their "new world order," *Bimbox* refuses to list zines which do not include participation by women. "Ever heard of women?" the zine fumed about *Pansy Beat*, from New York. "They're all the rage in Paris this year."

Most recently, Michael Petrelis of ACT-UP (New York) was reported in *Outlines*, a mainstream Gay monthly, as blasting attendees at the Human Rights Campaign Fund Leadership Conference in Virginia, using quotes from *Bimbox* #4. Referring to the zine, he called the conferees "misogynist capitalist swine clones and half baked numbskull granola feminists" who are "directly responsible for segregated bars,

sexism, racism, classism, separatism, mass complacency and a complex network of selfish, over-educated, self-appointed rich people overseeing a vast fake-democratic Gay and Lesbian multi-national bureaucracy that dictates how we think, and fuck." Petrelis was angry that the conference was "secret" and "an opportunity for them to massage each other's egos."

Zines like *Bimbox* attack exclusivity and promote bolder feminist and anarchistic Gay politics. *Bimbox* professes to aim for "the absolute destruction of Lesbian and Gay culture." The

zine proclaimed, "We will not tolerate their voluntary assimilation into heterosexual culture. We will not tolerate their warped, shallow, twisted concept of feminism."

Films shown during the zinefest featured *No Skin Off My Ass*, featuring Bruce La Bruce, and homemade videos by Sadie Benning. A controversial panel discussion about the use of the word "queer," with panelists including Vaginal Creme Davis, was held at the gallery a couple of days after SPEW.

New York zine *My Comrade* hailed the "Gay Nineties" on its most recent cover. "Pretty soon the big joke insult will be, 'Oh, you're so Eighties,'" said Lafreniere, whose own underground zine *Gentlewomen of California*, is unavailable to the public.

Lafreniere lists a few of his favorite zines for those who wish to try to obtain a copy:

Fertile La Toyah Jackson, 7850 Sunset Blvd., #110, Los Angeles, CA 90046. \$5.

Bimbox, 206 Berkeley Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 2X4, CANADA. "Probably \$5," according to Lafreniere.

THING, 2151 West Division Street, Chicago, IL 60622. Outstanding slick Black Gay/Lesbian zine. \$5.

Sister Nobody, 2336 Market Street, #128, San Francisco, CA 94114. Lesbian zine. \$2.

Don't Tell Jane and Frankie, P.O. Box 55, Postal Station "E", Toronto, Ontario, M6H 4E1, CANADA. Lesbian zine. \$3.

Lafreniere noted that most zines do not have a regular schedule. He strongly suggested sending well-wrapped cash instead of a check (even to the Canadian zines) because cashing checks is too expensive for them. Lafreniere suggested writing or visiting People Like Us in Chicago for more information ("They are really exploded with zines"): 3321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60657.

Zinefest Organizer Attacked

by Lisa McLaughran

Steve Lafreniere, organizer of the SPEW zinefest in Chicago, was stabbed shortly after the convention's closing party at The Hot House disco by a man driving a car whose female occupants had shouted anti-Gay slurs at a group of Gays standing outside the disco getting fresh air. The stabbing took place around 2:30 a.m. on May 26th near the club.

Lafreniere, 37, stressed that the hate crime that followed the event "was not really related" to the Convergence and did not impact on its success. "Oh, that's not really interesting," he said. In brief, the stabbing incident occurred after he walked up to the car and responded to the slurs while the car was stopped by a traffic light at a nearby intersection. The driver got out and stabbed Lafreniere once in the back and drove off.

"Normally, my friends and I just go, 'yeah, you got it right, yeah, you see us, drop dead' when somebody does that," said Lafreniere. "I had been celebrating and drinking for the first time in a while or I never would have done that. I went up and said some-

thing like, 'Who do you think you are coming into this neighborhood and harassing us, you blah, blah, blah.'"

Lafreniere lost 3 pints of blood, but was able to leave an area hospital after two days. He experienced some temporary memory loss due to head injuries he received from hitting the pavement during the incident. The Horizons Anti-Violence Project and the Gay and Lesbian liaison to the Chicago police department are following up on the case. The car's Rockford, Illinois license plate was reported to police by several people at the scene, but no arrests had been made as of presstime.

Lafreniere noted that the narrowness of Chicago hate crime laws may cause the stabbing to not be officially considered a hate crime. "Because the slurs were shouted by the women and not the driver when the car initially stopped in front of the club, the stabbing may be considered a separate incident to the police," he said.

"He practically would have had to have been saying the slurs while he stabbed me for it to be considered a hate crime under the law."



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Gallo Concedes French Discovered HIV

CHICAGO (AP) — The U.S. researcher credited as a co-discoverer of the AIDS virus in 1984 now acknowledges what he found was sent to him by French scientists the year before, a newspaper reported May 30.

Dr. Robert C. Gallo of the National Institutes of Health dropped his six-year claim to the discovery in a letter to the British scientific journal *Nature*, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

The *Tribune* said it obtained a typewritten draft of Gallo's letter which concludes with an apology "if during this period anything I said shed more heat than light," the *Tribune* said.

However, the apology was edited out of the version that will appear in *Nature* for space considerations, said John Maddox, the journal's editor. Maddox said he regretted that decision, the *Tribune* reported.

The letter accepts findings by the

Pasteur Institute in Paris that a virus discovered there in 1983 is a virtual genetic twin of the Gallo virus.

Pasteur researchers reported earlier this month in the American journal *Science* that a viral culture in the Gallo laboratory somehow became contaminated with some of the French virus shipped from Paris in fall 1983.

In 1985, the Pasteur Institute alleged that the AIDS blood test developed in Gallo's laboratory had been made from the French virus. The U.S. government patented the blood test, which provides annual royalties.

An out-of-court settlement in 1987 split the royalties equally between the NIH and the Pasteur Institute.

Gallo's research and his recent efforts to prove differences between the viruses he found and those he received from the French are being investigated by the NIH.

Tom Cassidy, CNN Business Anchorman, Dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Cassidy, the Cable News Network business anchorman who went on television to tell millions of Americans of his battle against AIDS, has died of complications of the disease. He was 41.

Cassidy, who died in May in New York City, joined CNN's business department as an anchorman and re-

porter in 1981. The following year he founded the network's *Pinnacle* program, a weekend show that profiled business leaders.

Diagnosed with AIDS in 1987, he went public with his disease last March in a report for CNN.

"It was unbelievable the pressure that was lifted off my shoulders when suddenly everybody knew," Cassidy

More Women Are Getting AIDS, Study Reports

By Eric Fidler
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — More women are getting AIDS and more are getting it through sexual contact, the Centers for Disease Control says in a new report.

"It's getting out in the heterosexual community," said Dr. Tedd Ellerbrock of the CDC in Atlanta and principal author of the report. "This is no longer the Black, 20-year-old prostitute in the Bronx. This is out in the suburbs."

Ellerbrock and his colleagues examined records of 15,493 cases of AIDS among women in the U. S. — every woman's case documented by the CDC through December 1990.

They found women accounted for

11.5% of all adult AIDS cases in 1990 compared with 6.6% in 1985, said their study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The study also said women are more at risk of having sex with a partner who is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, than heterosexual men are. Most intravenous drug users are men, plus some bisexual men acquire HIV from other men.

Of AIDS cases reported in women through 1985, 56% were intravenous users. By 1990, 48% were drug users. Meanwhile, the proportion of infected women found to have high-risk sexual partners rose to 32% from 19%.

"Anybody who engages in unsafe, unprotected sexual acts takes a risk,"

said. "There's something about AIDS that's quite powerful — it's awfully final."

"I do remember the surprise in my heart and my mind at the unchallenged support I got. People loved me and I didn't know it. I just said I didn't trust them, and that was my skepticism as a reporter, I think."

"Tom was one of the country's best business journalists and his courage and dignity were inspirational to all of us fortunate enough to have known him," Lou Dobbs,

vice president and managing editor of CNN Business News, said in a statement.

Cassidy came to Atlanta-based CNN from Mutual Radio in Chicago, where he had been business editor.

He began his broadcasting career in 1978 as a reporter and anchorman for KEZI-TV in Eugene, Ore, later moving to KGO-TV in San Francisco.

The Boston native was a graduate of Bowdoin College and earned master's degrees in both finance and journalism from Columbia University.

Dr. Howard Minkoff of the State University of New York Health Science Center in Brooklyn said.

Minkoff said the study backs up a previous CDC report that said AIDS was likely to become the fifth-leading cause of death among women of childbearing age this year.

Previous studies had indicated that women with AIDS died faster than men, but Ellerbrock's study found that women lived as long as heterosexual men with the virus. While Gay men seem to live longer with AIDS than women, he said that may be misleading.

Ellerbrock said Gay men with AIDS tend to develop Kaposi's sarcoma, which produces a sore on the skin. He said that because the lesion develops early in the course of the virus, it may be that Gay men are diagnosed as AIDS victims earlier than women and heterosexual men.

He said no one knows why homosexual men develop Kaposi's sarcoma and women and Gay men do not.

Dr. Kenneth Rich, an associate professor at the University of Illinois' medical school who is studying the transmission of AIDS from mother to infant, said the study shows that AIDS "seems to be spreading out of the inner city and to the smaller areas."

Ellerbrock said doctors need to be on the alert for AIDS in their female patients.

"All we really have right now in terms of stopping the epidemic is education," he said.

New Leather Club Inaugurated

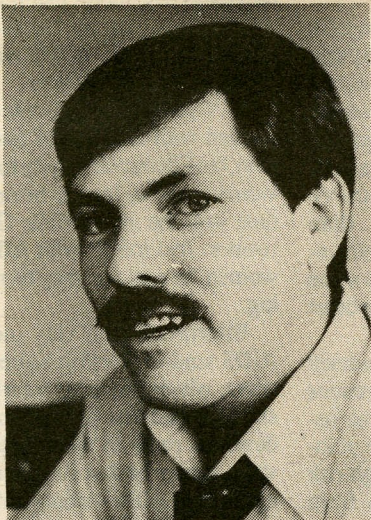
After months of secrecy, underground mutterings and purported controversy, the Memphis Leather/Levi Alliance was inaugurated at the Pipeline on June 8. Chairman Chuck Saylor spoke briefly on the subject of brotherhood and recognized members of Tsarus, Wings, Women of Leather, the Cosmic order of Ka and Centaur. The club colors were unveiled by Matt Presley, Mr. Leather Tennessee, and Dennis Kijowski, owner of the Pipeline. The new club was then celebrated with punch and cake and distribution of many friendship pins.

The new colors are highly symbolic, following the tradition of many leather clubs. An equilateral triangle encloses a silver field with the words *Alliance* and *Memphis* in black. There are three interlocking forearms in each of the three primary colors—red, yellow and blue. Each of the five colors has its own particular meaning but, in simplest form, they are the colors which combine to make every color in the Gay rainbow.

The club describes itself as, "a group of classically valuable, energetic, strong, mysteriously bold-blooded people." The club's goal is to promote brother/sisterhood within the leather community and to better the community as a whole.

HRCF's Endean To Speak July 2

Steve Endean, founder of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, will speak on grassroots political action on July 2 at 1471 North Parkway.



Endean's speech will be entitled "Grassroots is the Key to Lesbian/Gay Victories." His appearance is being sponsored by BWMT, B-GLAD, and HRCF.

Endean was the Gay community's first lobbyist in Washington and has been a full-time Gay rights activist for over 20 years. He now directs HRCF's extremely successful Speak Out constituent mail program and field operations.

According to organizers, Endean will be in Memphis to talk about ways individuals can make a difference in the national battles for fairness, effective federal health policies, and the defeat of radical right-wing, anti-Gay amendments.

For more information, call 726-1461. Refreshments will be served.

Club members were prominent at a fundraiser held at the Pipeline the next day (see Lady A.'s Rounds) and also assisted in the moving of ATEAC to new quarters (see photo pg. 1). Information about the club may be obtained through its address (listed in Gay Resources).



The members of Memphis' newest Leather/Levi club, Alliance, formed recently and inaugurated June 8 at the Pipeline.

Tsarus S&M Auction

In July of 1982, Tsarus held an S/M auction at their home bar on Madison, "Sharon's." Most of the items on the auction block were personal services offered by members of Tsarus and other interested individuals. The purpose of the event was to raise money and create a more positive public image.

The auction became an annual event and continued to be held at the bar through the time it was "Jackie's." It was moved to J-Wag's in 1986 and finally to the Pipeline on Poplar in 1987.

Through the years the auction has undergone many changes... everything from a sling raffle to a "Salvage and Miscellaneous" theme. A silent auction was created in which participants could make bids on a piece of paper with the item going to the highest bidder. (Participants were given the opportunity to know where the bidding stood before final bids were closed.

Tsarus' 1991 S/M Auction will bring

back more personal services to enhance the theme, as well as a silent auction. Sharon Wray will auction the members and pledges of Tsarus, in addition to the many items and other individuals to be placed on the auction block. (It has been rumored that Mr. Tennessee Leather will be on the block!)

The Auction will take place at the Pipeline on July 27 with the silent auction beginning at 9:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to obtain more information or desiring to offer a donation or service for the Auction can contact Don Johnson at 372-4426.



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Chaps Complaint Addressed

According to owner David Bulliner, the Internal Affairs Division of the Memphis Police Department will address the complaint filed last month concerning the harassment of one of their patrons. On May 19, officer Wiley Taylor, having been called to take a damage report, suddenly began a search for marijuana on the Chaps patio and forced a bar patron to crawl to the patrol car on his knees though no evidence was found. "This

officer was one who responded to another call to the bar just two weeks ago," said Bulliner. "He tried to come in, but other officers stopped him. The other officers answered the call and he did not come inside. I think they realize he has some sort of problem." How the police department will address the situation and what disciplinary measures may or may not be taken is still unknown.

Gay Square Dancing Comes to Memphis

by Ron Thomas

Gay men and women square dancing! Are you kidding? No my dear, I'm not kidding. Let me bear witness to the fact that Gay men and women can and do enjoy the activity of square dancing. I recently had the opportunity to accompany friends to Miami Beach, Florida where we attended the 8th annual convention of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC). Is that a mouth full or what?

To be honest, until now, I had given very little thought to square dancing. For that matter, I never imagined there might be an organization for Gay square dancers. Well honey, this is some organization. The association currently lists over 30 Gay square dance clubs! I met dancers representing clubs from places like Seattle, Washington, San Francisco, California; Chicago, Illinois; and Vancouver, Canada. In all, approximately 650 Gay men and women from various parts of the U.S. and Canada attended this fun and well-planned event. And please note that **event** is the correct word here. There were plenty of activities over the course of the three days to keep anyone happy.

Like any other convention we began with registration. The friends, who invited us to go, had the chance to see old friends and acquaintances and we had the chance to meet many new people.

That evening there was a grand march to kick off the weekend with each club wearing it's club's colors. Then there was square dancing followed by western dancing all evening long. Although I couldn't square dance, I took the opportunity during the western dance to try a little two steppin' and boot scootin' to the live band. Over the next two days there was a banquet, a brunch, meetings for club organizers, a Honky Tonk Queen contest, western dance classes (I attended two and had a terrific time.) and of course more square dancing and western dancing. In addition, there were side trips to local Gay bars and sight-seeing attractions. Now surround all this with a great hotel, beautiful half acre pool and white sand beach and you'll realize how hard it was not to have a good time. I decided then that this wonderful social activity should find a home in Memphis. I hope I'm not wrong.

The brings me to the purpose of this article. If you've lasted this long maybe you don't care if there is a purpose but here goes. In the coming months there will be a Gay square dance club forming in Memphis with lessons for beginners being offered one night a week. Please give square dancing some thought and look for ads appearing in forthcoming issues of the *Triangle Journal News*. Yes, like I said in the beginning, Gay men and women square dancing and it was great!



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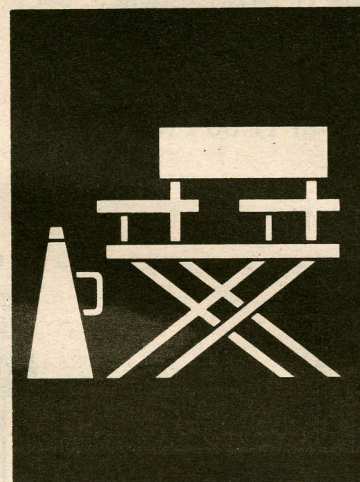
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The Director's Chair

by Gary Bodell
MGLCC Director

It's summertime! Time for swimsuits, suntan lotion, sunglasses, toning (not to mention tanning), and community events. While some were stuck in their offices, home sick in bed, or weren't ready to come out of the closet, Gay Pride Week started off with a bang. The Memphis Gay Coalition's free potluck attracted a modest crowd and there was great response with Gay Expo, also sponsored by the Coalition. Gay Expo featured representatives from Meristem, Dabbles, Lee's Carpet Cleaning, Jimmy's Electronic Repair, IDS, Davies-Sowell Realty, B & K Cleaning, B-GLAD, MSU-GALA, Parents-FLAG, the *Triangle Journal*, ATEAC, Agape Church, and the Coalition. I would personally like to thank everyone who had a booth or who just dropped by to see what was happening. About 40 people did.

The Lambda Men's Chorus open rehearsal and the dramatic



readings by the Lollipop Guild attracted only a few enthusiastic listeners but added immensely to the scope of our Gay Pride events. Third Friday Coffee House had its usual great support and Agape Church had a pleasant turnout for its Ice Cream Social to round out the week.

The MGLCC now has a new Executive Board. The new officers are Vincent Astor, president; Bob Dumais, vice-president/ Membership Chair; Gloria Autry,

treasurer; and Bill Hanley, secretary. Gene Urich still sits on the board as an at-large member. Other new faces are John Denney, Fundraising Chair, and Donovan Hilliard who fill the two other at-large seats.

Long time Gay activist Vincent Astor says the new board will be more active and will make itself more noticeable to the public. Astor also said that one of his goals is to increase public awareness of the Center.

At the recent board meeting, Perry Stevens was commended for his dedication during his term as vice-president.

The MGLCC has just been awarded one of four grants from *Query* newspaper out of Nashville. We received the largest of four awards. Cited as reasons for the grant were the Gay/Lesbian library and our function as a place for obtaining and providing information.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 8 at the Center. Memberships, fundraising and the Center's quarters will be discussed.

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Gay Pride Recap

Pleasant Pot Luck was had at the Community Center by members and supporters of the Coalition to start off the week. Den-Nickolas Smith, Jimmy Gray and moi performed readings from his new piece "Thoughts" at the Center on Monday (our section is published in this month's Memoir). The Lambda Men's Chorus opened their rehearsal on Tuesday and served snacks. Gay Expo on Thursday, also at the Center, had a wonderful turnout both in participants and in onlookers, thanks to the efforts of Joy Booker (a full account may be found in the MGLCC column). B-GLAD provided quiche and sweets (how tres Gay!). Third Friday coffee house packed 'em in and over 300

attended the 11th annual River Ride, the coolest boat ride in recent memory. Speaking of memory, attendees signed a River Ride logo which will go into the gallery of notable events at the Center. Well over a hundred people attended this year's GayFest cookout and wading party at the Pipeline patio and cheerfully ate and joked through the downpour. Many thanks from us to Rick Hartgrave, Kerrel Ard, Mike Gold and the cheerful staff of the Pipeline for bringing this event to fruition (find the pun, go ahead Blanche). We all got dessert afterwards at the Agape New Life Church Ice Cream Social again at the Center. Then we crashed.

Ring Around the Rumours

We found this notice hanging from a Lesbian's right breast, "Don't feed or tease the straight people." Do we dare?

Birth usually occurs after 8 months or better. It took that long to finally liquidate the spectre of "Ben" from the side of G. Bellington Rumples. Identity crises are so inconvenient, ne c'est pas? Tracy Clark does indeed have thought processes on his own. Community activism lives.

Congratulations to Miss George's in Exile, Tenisha Cassidine. Vonna was first alternate, Misty McIntire second. Bartenders from the Pipeline judged. Now just how impartial can one possibly be?

ATEAC realized over \$275 and a quantity of canned goods from the fashion show benefit at Reflections. His Place for Men, Merry-Go-Round, D J's, and Attivo all participated in what turned out to be a delightful evening of dance and fashion, a real crowd pleaser. Organizers have ex-



pressed interest in repeating the event, perhaps around the Christmas holidays.

Now we don't think we will get in hot water for this one. Lady Rae tells us that the Twins, Jodie and Jamie Bryant, turned 73 simultaneously at a surprise party at Chaps on June 9.

Lady Rae performed requests and several other friends gathered for the occasion. We certainly wish them both the best of everything.

Oops was not able to dedicate its patio due to a cloud-burst but the food was served anyway inside, and such food! We were happy for the presence of champagne because we learned there for the first time about the sizable grant from *Query* newspaper which went to the Community Center. We did take advantage of much of that champagne.

The Lambda Men's Chorus is busy rehearsing for its performance at the Pipette 4th of July benefit. Their showpiece will be music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. They have promised to inform us of their fall concert date very soon.

Speaking of the Pipettes, their event will be a four-day celebration showcasing much live entertainment including solo evenings by Joyce Cobb and Ruby Wilson. *TJN* and *Query* are co-media sponsors. There is a single price for all four days; individual performance tickets will also be sold. Melina will feature in the Gay history segment, we ourselves will perform, Mr. Leather Tennessee Matt Presley will perform as well as other guests. The beneficiary will be pediatric AIDS research at St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Finally! After months of rumours and hiding from our psychic vibrations, the Memphis Leather/Levi Alliance (commonly known as Alliance) finally declared themselves on June 8. They proved themselves very community spirited by joining in the sticky fundraiser the next day and helping to move the ATEAC offices on the 21st. They took 2nd place club participation at the recent Oberons run. We just love our new vest brooch.

Speaking of that sticky fundraiser, it established a new community fund

courtesy of Vance Reger and Matt Presley (Titleholders-R-Us) at their Dessert Squirt on the Pipeline Patio June 22. This fund will be used for those who come into dire situations such as funeral expenses and unexpected lifestyle crunches. There was \$170 raised which included a hefty \$50 donation from the lovely and talented Miss Gay Memphis 1991, our excessively dear sister Miss Kirby Kincaid. She inquired of us if the bucket of water we were auctioning off, to be applied to the titleholder of choice, might be applied to us instead. We named a figure and the bitch produced it! We, as well as the entire crowded patio, could not help but be amused. We also could not help but be wet and out of sorts but sportspersonship must prevail.

Chick-a boom, chick-a-boom. Is this a new Carmen Miranda impersonator or just a plain, garden variety Alley Ant?

This new saloon called Snap will hopefully open later this summer at a still undisclosed location. Can you think of a more appropriate name for a Gay club? We are practically slaivering for information but this is all we were thrown.

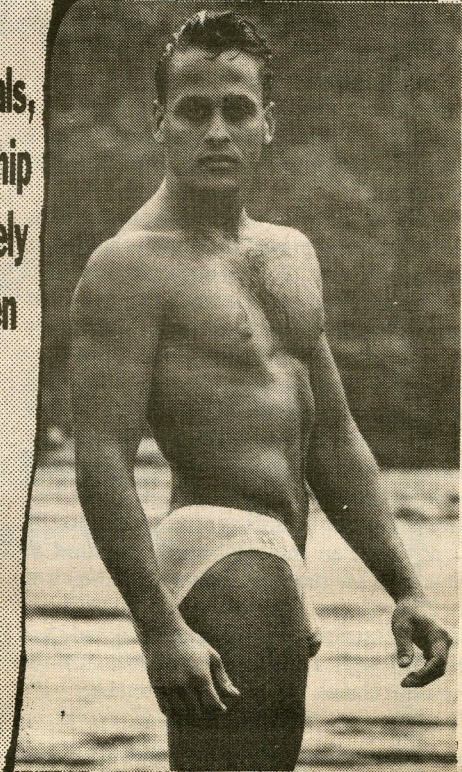
Our own personal thanks to all the folks who helped move the ATEAC offices and storage during Pride Week. Members of Alliance, Don Johnson of Tsarus, and several other friends of ATEAC made things much easier and more fun (why in this world do you thine we were driving that butch truck?). It is also an entomological fact that Alley Ants, like any ants, wander aimlessly from their appointed path without a Queen to lead them.

We enjoyed immensely our second trip to warm welcomes in Little Rock at the Festival of Liberation. This event was organized by the Women's Project of Little Rock and was held on a balmy afternoon in MacArthur Park Pavilion. We were happy to see our friends from AGLTF, the many crafts people and activists, and meeting organizers Suzanne Pharr and Valli Kanuha. It makes us happy to be a small part of Arkansas these days. We also acquired a lovely new purse.

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WKRB is welcoming Dee Dee Whitaker and friends to Friday nights this month. Exposed to Love will return on July 5, Connie Linda and Gail on July 7, and comedienne and singer Logan on July 14. *Aphrodite* will hold another benefit for Billie Jo Casino on June 30.

As well as the 4th of July weekend, the Pipeline will be hosting two fundraisers—BOHD (Bartenders of Hebrew Descent) will hold a benefit for the Community Center on July 9

from 5 'til 8 (oh Mary, don't ask) and Tsarus will hold its annual S/M auction on July 27 which will include personal services (?). Alliance will have a club night on July 20.

J-Wag's will hold a Wild-Wet-Fun weekend on July 6 & 7. Many of the wet things will happen on Saturday and a cocktail buffet will take place on Sunday, all with the help of Alliance. The club of the same name will hold a yard sale at Star Search Video on the 27th. Victims of Desire will return to J-Wag's on the 24th.

Chaps will be celebrating their second anniversary the weekend after the 4th of July with special shows and a fish fry on the 6th.

Reflections will hold the Miss River City Pageant on July 3.

Final Round

And Ma! He's a Lawyer!

Ta, ta.
Lady A.

Gays & Lesbians Seek Changes In Church Doctrine

By Richard Vara
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — During the growing years that most girls are discovering boys and romance, Carolyn J. Mobley painfully was discovering romantic feelings for other girls.

"I was in a very religious family," said Mobley, who will be ordained next year in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

"My grandfather was a Baptist preacher. My mother was very involved with the church. To be 14, 15 and 16 and really discovering that I had sexual feelings for other girls was quite disconcerting."

Like many other religious homosexuals, Mobley intently prayed for God to change her sexual preference. "It never happened," she said.

She remained celibate until she graduated from college in 1971 and worked as a children's religious educator in Orlando, Fla. "I had relationships with two or three women — and also one man at the urging of my mother."

Today, Mobley is very comfortable with her homosexuality. She believes she will enter heaven because of her faith in Jesus Christ. Her Lesbianism she regards as a "gift from God."

Mobley, an intern/pastoral assistant at Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, is a member of a small Christian denomination that celebrates Gay and Lesbian lifestyles. The non-denominational Houston church has about 350 members with 36 ministries. Houston is one of the larger

churches in the 22-year-old denomination, which has about 35,000 members in 250 churches in nine countries.

Active homosexuality is still rejected by most Christian denominations. That rejection is provoking angry confrontations as Gay rights activists seek more than tolerance. They are insisting that denominations reverse centuries-old doctrines and ordain openly homosexual men and women.

The United Church of Christ and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) have relaxed the ban on ordaining active homosexuals. Other denominations are considering the move.

Presbyterians considered a proposal to ordain practicing homosexuals and bless Gay unions during their recent General Assembly in Baltimore. That proposal was among several in a controversial sex study recommending sweeping changes in traditional sexual morality.

The Episcopal General Convention, meeting in Phoenix in July, will consider a study committee recommendation to permit bishops to ordain active homosexuals.

An acknowledged Lesbian was ordained an Episcopal priest at the Church of the Epiphany in downtown Washington despite objections from some parishioners. Elizabeth Carl, a Methodist-reared native of Houston, received a divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York last year. She will spend much of her part-time priesthood counseling the elderly as well as visiting the sick.

Bishop Ronald H. Haines, who ordained Ms.

Carl, 40, said a 1979 resolution of the church's General Convention expressed a majority view of church bishops and deputies against ordination of a Gay priest, but that resolution was not adopted as a canonical direction, leaving the decision up to the discretion of the local diocese.

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church, meeting in Louisville, Ky., in 1992, will consider the report of an appointed Committee to Study Homosexuality. Although the committee has not completed its study, the majority of panelists voted informally to recommend the church change its view that homosexuality is incompatible with Christianity. But so far the Methodist committee has left untouched a prohibition against ordaining "self-avowed practicing" homosexuals.

Many churches within those denominations, as well as others including Unitarian Universalists, already have openly homosexual clergy ministering often to predominantly homosexual congregations.

"Every spring when ordinations take place, there are dozens of open [known] Gays and Lesbians ordained," said Edgar "Kim" Byham, a leader in the Episcopal Gay advocacy group, Integrity.

Most Christian denominations in the United States have Gay rights advocacy groups that have tried to soften, if not abolish, anti-homosexual policies. But no one is predicting that any of the major denominations will reverse bans on ordaining Gays.

"I don't think the larger denominations will take those radical positions at this time," said Lynn Mitchell, religion scholar-in-residence at the University of Houston.

Even Christian Gay rights advocates such as the Rev. John Gill, Mobley's boss at Metropoli-

tan Community Church of the Resurrection, agree.

"It's dead in the water; there's no doubt about that," Gill said of the Presbyterian report's recommendations.

Gill is a graduate of Princeton (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary and served briefly as a director of youth activities for a Presbyterian church before joining the Metropolitan Community Church.

Both Mitchell and Gill said there is a Grand Canyon-size gap between study committees, often packed with academicians and scholars, and the average pastor and the laity.

A 1989 church survey of Presbyterians found that three-quarters believed that homosexual sex is always wrong.

One source of friction is biblical interpretation.

"There is no doubt that the Bible statements about homosexuality are very negative," Mitchell said.

But Gill argues that the Bible is conditioned by ancient cultural biases and does not reflect current knowledge of homosexuality.

His view is not shared by the minority dissenters on the Presbyterian study committee: "We reject any notion that assumes that the light and knowledge which we currently possess on sexuality is superior to biblical mandates on such matters and that this knowledge should be the norm for a fresh word on the subject."

Mitchell said churches have ordained homosexuals for centuries. They have long recognized the difference between a homosexual orientation and homosexual behavior. Homosexuals in the past did not challenge doctrines that considered homosexuality as a spiritual disorder, he said.

The difference today is the staunch defense

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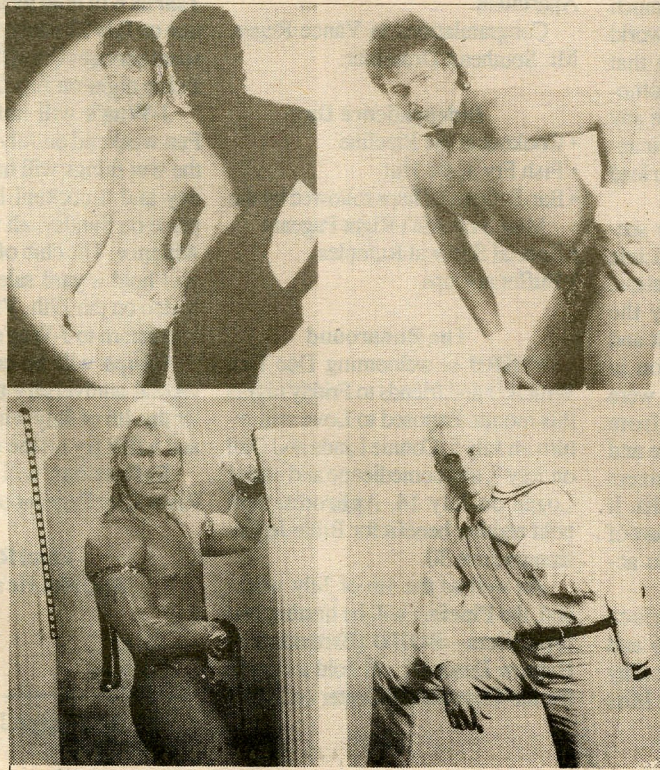
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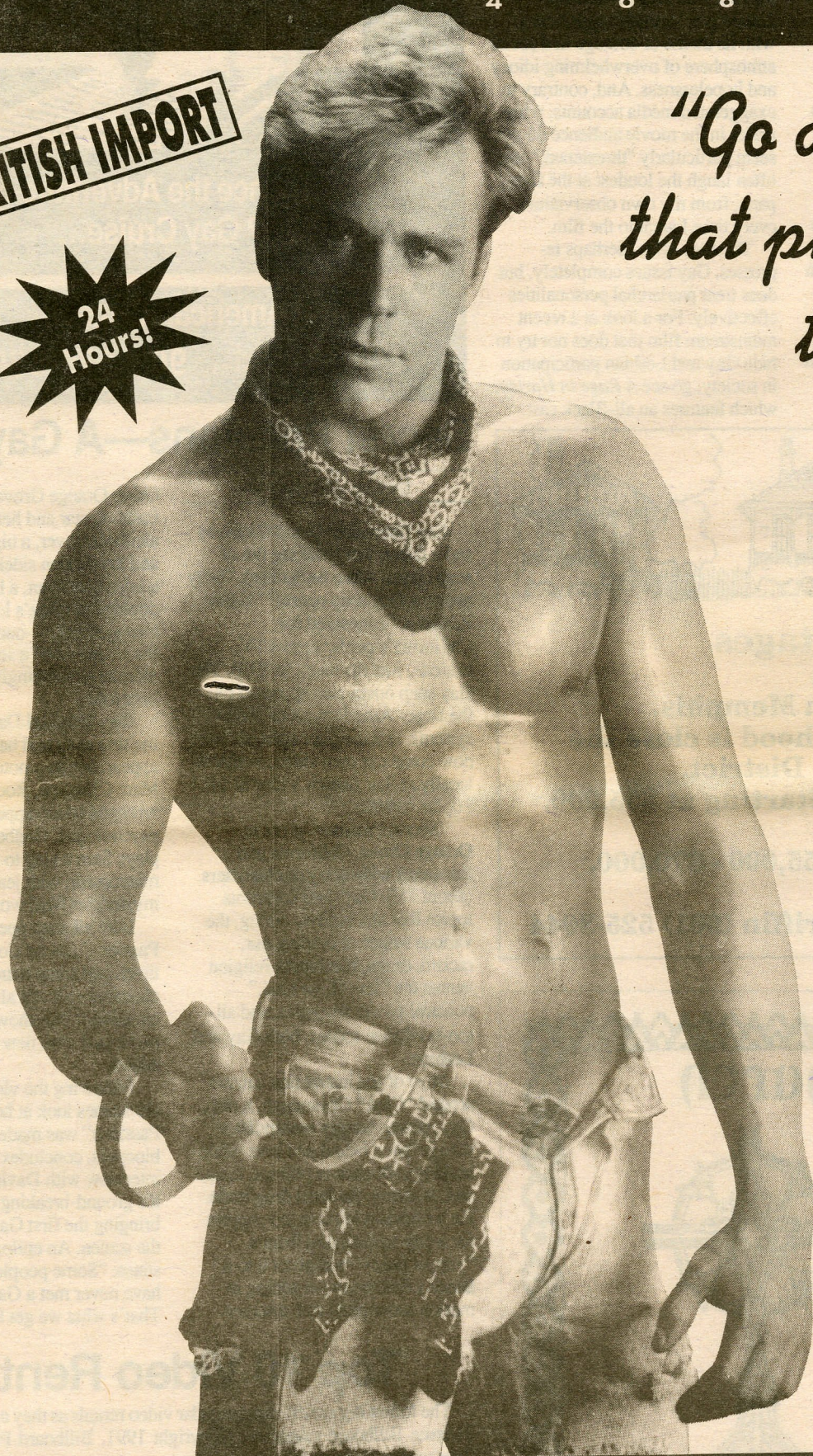
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A Few Words about *Thelma and Louise*

By Lisa McGaughan and L. Harris

Driven across the west to the edge of the world by a relentless police state, *Thelma and Louise* dive off into the void in a final refusal to submit to the patriarchy. The girls' accents are sickeningly stereotyped Southern, almost clownish, as is Hollywood's wont, but the message is less cute, actually boldly feminist for Hollywood. Dazed old men and women serve as markers at crucial points in the film. When *Thelma and Louise* are out of cash and on the run, and Louise's ebullient confidence is sagging, two creepy old women appear at a window tearfully watching Louise wait in the car while *Thelma* is in the dimstore. They've

seen it all before, and they know she isn't going to make it. The old people seem trapped in a world of controlled fools, like the goldfish in the aquarium lamp at *Thelma's* house or in the tank at the diner where Louise works. *Thelma and Louise* find their every move outside the norm under observation in a goldfish bowl universe. An interesting point is that even with a gun, women in the film are regarded by men as weak and impotent, in every case except with the state trooper. Men regard each other as equals one-on-one: the man with the gun holds the biggest phallic card and thus is in a power position. But a woman is less than an equal with or without a gun, until she uses it. The rapist made it clear he would go out and rape again

when he taunted Louise after her intervention. This was what made her snap. The movie has been repeatedly misinterpreted as mindlessly espousing violence. It's really much bleaker than that. An area nurse reports that women who have been raped have told her watching *Thelma and Louise* is a "cathartic experience," with its theme of courage in a social atmosphere of overwhelming idiocy and hopelessness. And, contrary to exaggerated media accounts, white males in the movie audience do not seem particularly "threatened," and often laugh the loudest at the funny parts, from my own observation every time I went to the film. The film skirts, perhaps represses, Gay issues completely, but does treat patriarchal personalities effectively. For a look at a recent mainstream film that does not try to hide Gay and Lesbian participation in society, go see *A Rage in Harlem*, which features an all-Black cast.



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Secret Passions—A Gay Soap

by Gary Coughlan

Gay filmmaker David Gadberry and a friend were making fun of soap operas when he decided, "Why not do a Gay soap opera?" "Secret Passions," conceived for California's public access TV stations, was the result in 1990. The Gay soap opera also appeared on the larger American cities' cable systems, and the pilot episodes have now come out on a video, available locally at Star Search Video at 1411 Poplar Avenue.

"Secret Passions" is set in Orange Grove, California and features a wide array of characters (about 75% Gay) and confronts topics like alcoholism, outing, the various stages of coming out, racism, drugs, blackmail, religion versus the "law of the land," political power struggles, and all-too-brief love scenes, both Gay and Lesbian.

Most of the interaction centers around "Chaz" Cavanaugh, a rich, Gay, power-hungry manipulator who inspires hatred and love while seeking influence in politics, music and, it seems, the local drug trade. He withdraws his coveted support for a city council seat from a "yuppie pansy" and gives it to a Black Lesbian lawyer setting in motion more plots and schemes.

Other Orange Grovers include a budding star and her former(?) alcoholic lover, a bigoted reverend and his deacon sidekick, a bartender-confidant, a bodyguard who doubles as Chaz's lover, two teenaged boys—one of whom is in the closet—and a Jewish councilwoman—seemingly something for everyone.

Gay film idol David Burrill sings the title song and has a cameo appearance as a potential pick-up. Marc Christian, Rock Hudson's wronged lover, appears as a TV psychologist. Gadberry himself plays Stan trying to make his relationship with jealous, volatile, mysterious Neal work out.

Like all soap operas, "Secret Passions" can be slow-moving at times and some hatreds between characters are not altogether explained. The show is being revamped with new characters to be added.

Following the video, a behind-the-scenes look at how "Secret Passions" was made, including bloopers, concludes with an interview with David Gadberry on his ground-breaking achievement in bringing the first Gay soap opera to the screen. An epilogue message states: "Some people believe they have never met a Gay person. That's what we get for hiding."

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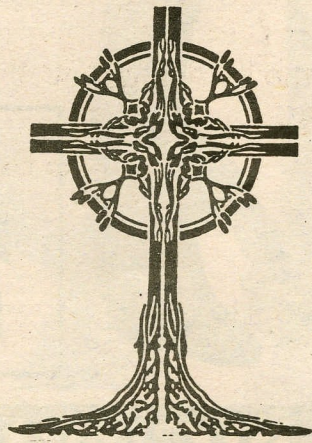
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Top 10 Video Rentals

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1. *Ghost* (Paramount)
2. *Predator 2* (Fox)
3. *Mermaids* (Orion)
4. *Three Men and a Little Lady* (Touchstone)
5. *The Rookie* (Warner)
6. *Avalon* (RCA-Columbia)
7. *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (Warner)
8. *Jacob's Ladder* (Live)
9. *Pacific Heights* (Fox)
10. *Presumed Innocent* (Warner Bros.)

Recognizing Unhealthy Guilt – Part III

By Becky Caperton, M.S.

This month, we're winding up our series on guilt. Here are the last of the "guilt trips!"

14. I can't stand criticism.

You worked straight through lunch and didn't have time to go to the bank. When your partner innocently asks if you made a deposit, you blow up and accuse him/her of being critical.

Those lugging around unhealthy guilt view even garden-variety questions as assaults that require immediate self-protection. Since an answer of this kind sounds like an accusation (How could they even ask when they know how busy you are?), your partner is now angry with you. Self-defense against reproach is what we think protects us from the rejection and abandonment that we fear so much. Tragically, our defense consists of dishing out the same rejection that we fear. The result is that no one wins.

15. I'm a perfectionist.

"I should have exercised for an hour today instead of just 45 minutes. I'll make it up tomorrow by exercising an extra 15 minutes."

Instead of taking joy in the 75 percent, perfectionists would rather complain about the 25 percent they missed. No one can do their best 100 percent of the time. Half the time we do better than our average and half the time we do worse, according to statistical perfection as defined by the laws of probability. It takes a lot of nerve to believe that we can or should be able to outwit natural laws, but perfectionism requires just that. Perfectionism evolves as a strategy to ensure love and approval and is rooted deep in childhood fears and longings, making it an emotional need, not an intellectual choice.

16. I worry about being selfish.

You should have helped your sister move this weekend, even if you were still recovering from the flu.

We erroneously assume that decent human beings happily continue giving, oblivious to their own needs until they drop on the floor in a heap.

Ironically, you're often angry at the very people you are bending over backward to assist because helping them leaves so little time and energy for you. Instead of acknowledging your anger as a signal that things are out of balance, you interpret it as an inappropriate feeling that you should not have.

17. I hate to take any assistance or ask for help.

Your mother is visiting for a week. Instead of letting her help you with the cooking and shopping (which she genuinely enjoys and has offered to do), you insist on doing everything yourself so she can "relax" and "enjoy herself" (which she can't do because she feels guilty that you're

slaving away on her account). By the end of the week you're exhausted and angry and eager for your "bothersome" guest to leave.

Most guilty people find it much easier to give than to receive, and almost impossible to receive if it requires asking. Yet giving and receiving are really the battery poles between which love flows. Refusing to receive is not an act of generosity but a subtle kind of selfishness that dams up the flow of love and separates us from each other.

18. I can't take compliments.

A friend compliments you on your dress, and you reply that it's just some cheap thing you picked up at a discount store.

The guilty response to compliments is a fascinating paradox. On the one hand, we yearn to be perfect and thrive on approval. But when it's freely given, we push it away, focusing instead on possible imperfections that might invalidate the compliment.

19. I sometimes worry that I am being or will be punished for my sins.

"I know if I don't help my mother clean this weekend God will punish me for it when I die."

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20. I worry about my health a lot.

You've had a stomach ache for two days and are convinced it's an ulcer. And those strange headaches you've been getting lately are scaring you to death. Maybe you'd better get a CAT scan to rule out a brain tumor.

Worrying about the body deflects attention from emotional self-awareness and is one more way of numbing the pain of inner shame. Seventy-five percent of doctor visits are attributed to stress-related disorders.

Guilty people are not only prone to both illness and hypochondria but also tend to awfulize about aches and pains.

21. I can't say no.

"The last thing I wanted to do tonight was go to the movies with Sally. But I was afraid if I said no she'd get angry with me or think less of me."

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Pink Panthers Sued For Over \$100,000

NEW YORK (AP) — The company that owns the rights to the "Pink Panther" movies is suing a citizens group called "Pink Panther Patrols" which walks the streets of Greenwich Village to prevent anti-Gay violence.

"The Pink Panther motion pictures were created and promoted in the spirit of lighthearted, noncontroversial family fun and

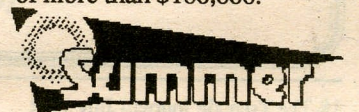
entertainment, a purpose and history not in keeping with the issues the Pink Panther Patrol faces," said the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

A lawyer for the citizens group in New York City, where attacks on homosexuals more than doubled last year, accused the company of homophobia.

The lawsuit was filed in Janu-

ary by MGM-Pathé Communications and was reported in *The New York Times*.

Claiming the citizens group violates the Lanham Act, which protects copyrights, it seeks damages of more than \$100,000.



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Anti-Censorship Group Formed

by Linda Bassette

(From Lesbian & Gay Directions, the newsletter of The Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force.)

LITTLE ROCK— During the May 18th meeting sponsored by Concerned Citizens for Lesbian and Gay Rights held at the Terry branch of the public library, the Arkansas Coalition Against Censorship was established. ACAC is being formed in response to the increasing number of hate groups distributing literature in Arkansas.

The first order of business was to send letters of support to the librarian in Rogers, Ark. and the library system itself, which recently came under attack for its acquisition of a book entitled *Intimacy Between Men*. Although the person challenging the book candidly admitted that he had not read it, he supported his position by saying that the title was enough for him. The book was removed from the shelves pending a decision by the library board, but was returned

June 18 after the board voted 5 to 1 to allow the book to remain. One board member abstained. Insiders report that two of the board members felt personally offended by the book, but were unwilling to take steps to remove it.

ACAC is a broad-based coalition and not a one-issue group. Anyone interested is urged to call the Coalition at 664-2810 to have their name put on the mailing list so as to be kept apprised of ACAC activities.

It is our intention to be a positive force in Arkansas. We have no desire to merely be a reactionary group to those groups who would seek to censor the media. We hope, in the future, to encourage booksellers to offer greater variety, to encourage movie critics to push movie theaters to stretch and show all those films that we never see here in Little Rock while we are watching the Academy Awards every April, and to generally foster an attitude of inclusion rather than one of exclusion when media questions arise.

Protect your first amendment rights. Join the Coalition today.

Policy To Prohibit Discrimination Against Gays Under Study at UCA

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — A policy to prohibit discrimination based on sexual preference is under study at the University of Central Arkansas.

The policy is backed by the UCA Gay and Lesbian Coalition, which has asked for the policy's adoption.

Existing policy at the school states the university will not discriminate and will adhere to various civil rights laws, according to Ronnie Williams, director of minority affairs at UCA.

Williams said a clearer policy is needed.

The new policy also would ban discrimination on the basis of age, race and religion, according to Jennifer Petray, a member of the Gay group.

The coalition's presence on campus has caused some flap. During the spring semester, almost every issue of *The Echo*, the student newspaper, has contained letters condemning homosexuality as a sin.

"We're not here to debate religious issues on campus," Ms. Petray said. Homosexual students have constitutional and legal rights like other students, regardless of religious beliefs, she said.

"Faculty, administration and other students are free to and sometimes encouraged to make derogatory remarks," coalition president Rachel Messer said. "It's really hard to operate where they hate you."

Ms. Messer said the coalition, which has about 30 members, put up posters and a banner that were torn down.

Despite the problems, Ms. Messer and Ms. Petray said Gay and Lesbian students have received support from some faculty, housing staff and others.

"We have a lot of supporters among the students," Messer said.

Of the letter writers, Ms. Petray said, "We would always like to think it's the vocal minority, but this being the South and the Bible Belt, so to speak, it's a bit discouraging."

Roy Whitehead Jr., UCA's legal counsel, said he will review the policies of other schools before making a recommendation this summer to UCA President Winfred Thompson. He said any policy likely would need the approval of UCA's board of trustees.

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By Allen Cook

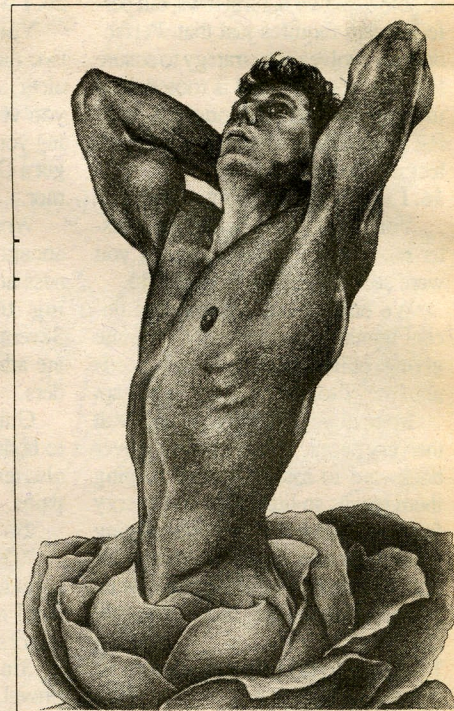
Your buns need sun! So reads the slogan of the Arkansas Bare Society (ABS), a social nudism group formed in 1989 in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

The all-male nudist organization is a non-profit social group which sponsors about seven weekend events a year. Gatherings are funded by the members and rarely cost more than \$10 per person. ABS will be celebrating National Nude Weekend #16 July 13-14 at the Full Moon Ranch in Mountain Home.

Hal Allen, president of ABS, is quick to point out that ABS is not a sexist, sex club. "The club is exclusively male," he says, "because of an Arkansas statute that prohibits the exposure of one's genitals to members of the opposite sex." Apparently there is no indecent exposure involved when all parties are of the same sex. Their brochure acknowledges that "friendly hugs and kisses are always allowed, and natural attractions occur during gatherings. However, ABS is not a sex club, and overt sexual activities are not acceptable."

Allen says the gathering in July will feature horseshoe throwing, volleyball games, hot tubbing, and a huge barbecue on Saturday evening, "followed by guitars around the fire pit." Sunday will feature a brunch (complete with champagne) and games continuing in the afternoon.

A gathering in September will feature "canuding" on the upper Buffalo River and Thanksgiving and December holiday gatherings are also planned.



ABS membership fees are \$15 per year, \$20 for couples. While members are encouraged to bring guests to any ABS function, they may attend only two functions as a guest. Guest passes are \$7 each. Members must also be 21 and sign a "responsibility release form" and write a small comment to be included in their directory.

For more information on ABS, write Hal Allen at Route 8, Box 264 A, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

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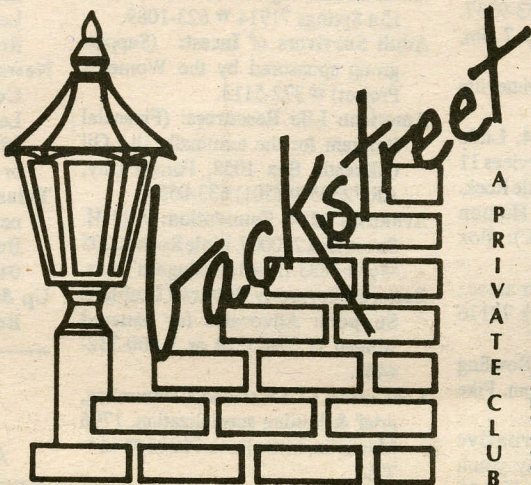
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A.B.S.: Naturist/nudist organization • Write A.B.S., Route 8, Box 264-A, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
ACLU of Arkansas: 209 West Capitol, Suite 214, Little Rock 72201 ☎ 374-2660.
ACT-UP Little Rock: 7 pm, 1st & 3rd Fri. • 1419 S. Taylor, Little Rock 72201 ☎ 661-9408.
Arkansas Coalition Against Censorship: ☎ 664-2810.
Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force: Box 45053, Little Rock 72214 ☎ 666-3340. Board/membership meeting 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4th Thurs. Call to confirm.
Arkansas Women's Political Caucus: Box 2494, Little Rock 72203.
The Body of Christ: Box 1364, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 374-1693, Rev. Ron Burchman, Sun. Service 10:45, 318 Main, North Little Rock.
Concerned Citizens for Lesbian & Gay Rights: Political action, contact Mark Burnett ☎ 663-8609.
Diamond State Rodeo Assoc.: Box 806, Little Rock 72203-0806 ☎ 224-6119. Meetings 7 pm, every 2nd Sun.
Dignity: Box 3015, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 758-3512. 7:30 every Thurs., Chapel service 1st Thurs., St. Vincent's Center

for Health Education.

Gay & Lesbian Action Delegation: Box 2897, Fayetteville 72701 ☎ 521-4509.
Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. (GLSA): University of AR, AU 517, Fayetteville 72701.
Gays, Lesbians, & Straights Together: 6:30 pm, 3rd Thurs., U.U. Church ☎ 225-1676 (DeAnn) or 376-4316 (Tom).
The League: Box 56117, Little Rock 72215. Meetings every 3rd Sun.
Lesbian & Gay Student Alliance: UCA, c/o 123 West 21st, Little Rock.
Little Rock Men's Chorus: Rehearsals 7 pm every Thurs. ☎ 221-9007 (I. J. Routen).
MCC of the Healing Waters: Box 664, Berryville 72616 ☎ 623-1049 (Cheri) or 525-8629 (Jon).
MCC of the Living Springs: Box 365, Eureka Springs 72632 ☎ 253-9337. Services 7 pm, Bible Study 7 pm, Thurs., Elk Street.
MCC of the Ozarks: Box 92, Fayetteville 72702-0092 ☎ 443-4278.
MCC of the Rock: Box 1964, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 753-7075. Services 11 am, 2017 Chandler, North Little Rock.
Northwest Arkansas Gay & Human Rights Coalition (NGHRC): Box 3177, Fayetteville 72702.
Officer's Club: National leather assoc., Box 4392, North Little Rock 72116 ☎ 758-0835.
Off the Wall: Gay & Lesbian Bowling League, Mon. nights, 8:30 pm, Pike Lanes, North Little Rock.
PALS (People of Alternative Lifestyles): (Lesbian & Gay youth group ages 16-22) Wed., 6:45-8:15 pm, 210 Pulaski Street, Little Rock. Call AGLTF
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays: Support, action, social group for all interested, Gay or not • 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thurs., Unitarian Church, Minister's office, Little Rock ☎ 821-4865 (Shirley Herndon).
Phoenix Alcoholics Anonymous/Phoenix Al-Anon: (Lesbian & Gay Outreach) Little Rock ☎ 224-6769 (Frank) or 821-4255 (Barbara). Meetings Sun., 5 pm & Wed., 8 pm,

Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church.
Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, Synod of the Sun: (AR, LA, OK, TX) • Rodger Wilson, 3235 Kinmore, Dallas, TX 75223 ☎ (214) 823-2317.
Pulaski County N.O.W.: Box 662, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 663-1333.
Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN): ☎ 375-5908.
Triangle Book Club: Monthly discussion 7pm, 3rd Thurs. ☎ 221-3565 (Bill) or 664-0817 (David) or 664-7565 (Alan).
Unitarian Universalist Church: 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock 72207 ☎ 225-1503.
Women's Project: 2224 S. Main, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 372-5113.

COUNSELING / HEALTH SERVICES

Adult Counseling Services: Box 2883, Hot Springs 71914 ☎ 623-1089.
Adult Survivors of Incest: (Support group sponsored by the Women's Project) ☎ 372-5113.
American Life Resources: (Financial Program for the terminally ill.) Gil Gilbreath, Box 1058, Forrest City, AR 72335 ☎ (501) 633-0554.
Arkansas AIDS Foundation: 5911 H. Street, Box 250007, Little Rock 72205 ☎ 663-7833. Board meeting 4th Thurs.
Battered/Formerly Battered Lesbians Support: Advocates for battered women ☎ 376-3219 or 1-800-332-4443.
Lee Cowan, LCSW: General counseling, grief & healing specialization, 1706 Magnolia, Little Rock 72202 ☎ 664-7252.
Disabled Lesbians Support Group: 4th Mon. each month, 7:30 pm, ☎ 372-5113.
Gay Men & Lesbian Support/Therapy Group: 5-6:30 pm, Tues., 210 Pulaski (free) ☎ 374-3605.
Helping People With AIDS: Box 4397, Little Rock 72204 ☎ 666-6900.
Ralph Hyman, Ed.D: Psychologist specializing in Gay & Lesbian counseling • The Psychotherapy Center, 210 Pulaski, Little Rock ☎ 374-3605.
Arden Kate, LCSW: Feminist therapist, co-dependency, addictions, women's issues, Little Rock ☎ 224-0127.
Lesbian Support Group: 7-8:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tues. ☎ 372-5113.
Kathy Martone: Individual, marital, relationship counseling, women's issues • The Victory House, 115 S. Victory, Little Rock ☎ 376-9529.
Mary Ann Mattingly, M.S.: Counseling for Lesbians • Gay men, & survivors of sexual abuse ☎ 666-1024.
Pine Bluff HIV/AIDS Support Group: 2500 Rike Drive, Box 1019, Pine Bluff 71613 ☎ 541-6000 (contact Carolyn) or 534-1834 (contact Lloyd).
Psychotherapy Center: Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group & HIV/ARC/AIDS Support Group, 210 Pulaski, Little Rock ☎ 374-3605.
Washington County AIDS Task Force: Direct services & education, Box 4224, Fayetteville, 72702 ☎ 443-AIDS (7 pm • 7 am).
Dr. Kurt Wilhelm: Counseling for Gay men/Lesbians/couples 1511 Center, Little Rock ☎ 378-0300.

HELP & INFORMATION LINES

AIDS Information Line: ☎ 666-3340 (Little Rock). 1-800-448-8305 (outside Little Rock), 6:30 - 10:30 pm daily.
AIDS Hot Line: ☎ 443-AIDS (7 pm - 7 am).
Arkansas Coalition Against Violence to Women & Children: ☎ 276-1872.
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: ☎ 666-3340 (Little Rock). 1-800-448-8305

(outside Little Rock), 6:30 - 10:30 pm daily.
Hate/Violence Hotline: For collection of occurrence statistics only ☎ 1-800-347-HATE.
Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 373-8663.
National AIDS Hotline: ☎ 1-800-342-AIDS, 1-800-344-SIDA (Spanish access), 1-800-AIDS- (TTY-Deaf Access).

LEGAL SERVICES

Anne Owings Wilson: Attorney-at-law, 804 N. Ash, Little Rock, 72205 ☎ 664-3537.

MEDIA

The Lariat: monthly newsletter of the diamond State Rodeo Association, Box 806, Little Rock, AR 72203-0806 ☎ (501) 224-6119.
Lesbian & Gay Directions: monthly newsletter of the Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task force, Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.
News of the Gay & Lesbian Community: Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Rights of Fayetteville, Box 2897, Fayetteville 72701 ☎ 521-4509 or 443-0661.
Triangle Journal News: Monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485 ☎ (901) 454-1411.
Up & Coming: Women's newsletter • Box 718, Fayetteville 72702.

Women's Music: Sun., 7-9 pm, KABF 88.3 FM.

NIGHT CLUBS / DINING

Backstreet: 1021 #Q Jessie Road, Little Rock ☎ 664-2744.
Center Street Bar & Grill: 10 Center Street, Eureka Springs ☎ 253-8102.
Chelsea's Piano Bar & Restaurant: 10 Mountain Street, Eureka Springs ☎ 253-6723.
Christopher's: Center & 6th (in the Little Rock Inn), Little Rock ☎ 376-8301.
Court Garden: 305 Garrison Avenue, Ft. Smith ☎ 783-9822.
Discovery III: 1021 Jessie Road, Little Rock ☎ 664-4784.
Ms Febe's: Center & 6th (in the Little Rock Inn), Little Rock ☎ 376-8301.
Our House Lounge: 235 Broadway, Hot Springs ☎ 624-6868.
Ron's Place: 523 W. Poplar, Fayetteville ☎ 442-3052.
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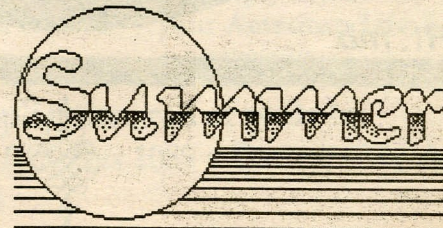
July 1	Mon	Family, friends, significant others, HIV+, AIDS support group, 6:30 pm, 210 Pulaski (free), 374-3605
July 4	Thurs	DSRA Open House, The Ranch, 3-9 pm
July 5	Fri	People Affected by AIDS Drop-in Center, 3-5 pm, AR AIDS Foundation (sponsored by AAF & RAIN) Happy Hour to benefit The League, 5-9 pm, Discovery
July 5-7		Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver, CO
July 7	Sun	Tea Dance to benefit The League, 4-9 pm, Discovery League Political Awareness Committee Meeting, 4 pm Happy Hour to benefit The League, 5-9 pm, Discovery
July 9	Tues	Helping People With AIDS HIV Testing, free, anonymous, Call AIDS Foundation - 663-7833
July 12	Fri	Happy Hour to benefit The League, 5-9 pm, Discovery People Affected by AIDS Drop-in Center, 3-5 pm, AR AIDS Foundation (sponsored by AAF & RAIN)
July 13	Sat	DSRA cookout for the Officer's Club
July 14	Sun	Diamond State Rodeo Association, 7 pm
July 15	Mon	Family, friends, significant others, HIV+, AIDS support group, 6:30 pm, 210 Pulaski (free), 374-3605
July 19	Fri	Happy Hour to benefit The League, 5-9 pm, Discovery People Affected by AIDS Drop-in Center, 3-5 pm, AR Foundation (sponsored by AAF & RAIN)
July 21	Sun	The League
July 22	Mon	Family, friends, significant others, HIV+, AIDS support group, 6:30 pm, 210 Pulaski (free), 374-3605
July 24	Wed	Disabled Lesbians Support Group, 7:30 pm, Women's Project - 372-5113
July 25	Thurs	AGLTF Board/membership meeting, 7:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Church (Call to confirm)
July 26	Fri	Happy Hour to benefit The League, 5-9 pm, Discovery People Affected by AIDS Drop-in Center, 3-5 pm, AR Foundation (sponsored by AAF & RAIN)
July 28	Sun	RAHG Dance (location and time TBA)
July 29	Mon	Family, friends, significant others, HIV+, AIDS support group, 6:30 pm, 210 Pulaski (free), 374-3605



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Woman Jailed

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"She knew back in her mind that if she told someone he had AIDS, no one would help her," said Baker. "I wouldn't have touched him."

Lewis said Cobern contracted the HIV virus while getting a tattoo in an Illinois prison, where he served time for theft.

The federal Centers for Disease Control hasn't documented any cases of HIV transmission through contact with saliva and believes the chances of it happening are slight. "If there was any possibility, it would be minuscule," CDC spokesman Mike Greenwell said.

Nevertheless, CDC guidelines urge emergency workers to treat all bodily fluids with caution. For mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, it recommends special masks, one-way air tubes or other protective gear.

Police Chief Jackie Moore said he would not expect any of his 18 officers in this northwestern Tennessee town of about 10,000 people to perform mouth-to-mouth on an HIV-infected person.

Weakley County ambulance attendants who got there after Baker did not perform mouth-to-mouth because they considered it futile. Moore, who also responded to the call, said he regrets even touching the body.

Baker has tested negative for the HIV virus, but his doctors said he must be tested in six months to confirm the results.

Moore said he would push for a state law to require disclosure of HIV infection to police and other rescue workers.

Laws in Arkansas and Missouri require patients to tell health care workers if they have AIDS, but neither would have applied to Lewis, said Lisa Bowleg, a researcher at the AIDS Policy Center at George Washington University in Washington.

"This Tennessee case is by far the most outrageous I've ever seen," she said.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of six years in prison, but Lewis probably wouldn't serve more than 60 days because she has no record, said her attorney, David Hamblen.

"That might not seem like much to a criminal, but it would destroy Connie Lewis," he said. Hamblen said he would ask the grand jury to drop the charge or at least reduce it to a misdemeanor.

District Attorney Tom Thomas said Baker's being a police officer did not influence his handling of the case.

Until the grand jury meets, Lewis must stay with Cobern's mother and not to leave the house alone. She said she had planned to return to her family in Hillsdale, Mich.

She said she often thinks of Cobern's death — her hurried attempts at resuscitation, the dash to her father's house nearby to call an ambulance, seeing Baker outside and begging for help.

"If I could go back to that day," she said. "I don't know if I'd do anything differently."

Vaccine

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worthy of any attention."

Salk's notion was to base his vaccine on a deactivated version of the AIDS virus, much like the polio vaccine he developed in the 1950s.

"Since I could not sell the idea to others at that time, I went on and pursued the idea on my own," Salk said.

Working with other researchers and Immune Products Ltd. of San Diego, Salk gave the vaccine first to chimps, then to people with advanced AIDS infections and finally to people in early stages of viral infection.

Dr. Clarence Gibbs of the National Institute of Neurological Communicative Disorders and Stroke, who conducted the chimp experiments, said the latest results are "absolutely" vindication for Salk's theory.

"I feel very good about it," Gibbs said. "This confirms what we said four years ago."

The skepticism stemmed in part from puzzlement over why a vaccine should work when exposure to the virus itself fails to trigger the immune system to fight off the infection.

However, much of the doubt focused on concern about whether a treatment based on real virus could ever be totally safe. The Walter Reed researchers got around this by giving patients a vaccine containing just one viral protein — the one that makes up its outer coat — rather than the whole virus.

This vaccine, made through gene splicing by MicroGeneSys Inc. of Meriden, Conn., was tested on 30 volunteers. Over 10 months, levels of so-called T cells that are the virus' main target remained stable in the 19 people who initially responded to the vaccine. They fell 7 percent in those who failed to respond.

"I think it's very promising, particularly in terms of teaching us how the human body's immune system controls HIV," said Dr. Robert R. Redfield, who directed the study. "It obviously gains in intrigue because not only is it safe, but it appears to be associated with short-term stabilization of T cells."

Experts caution, however, that years of follow-up studies will be necessary before researchers can be sure that this approach actually helps people live longer.



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"I'm impressed with it," said Dr. Sheldon Wolff of New England Medical Center. "Should everybody be getting it? We absolutely can't say that. But it certainly is worthy of more study."

Just why a genetically engineered viral protein prompts a response that a natural virus doesn't remains unclear. However, researchers speculate that the man-made protein is subtly different, and this somehow prompts the body to make virus-killing antibodies.

Church Doctrine

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and advocacy of homosexual lifestyles from lay and ordained Gays and Lesbians, he said.

"This is the first time in history that the case of the legitimacy of the homosexual lifestyle has gained much following in culture," Mitchell said. "The Gay rights movement has been considered by liberal Christians as a legitimate movement."

The confrontation between Gay rights advocates and more conservative Christians is polarizing most denominations.

Almost every denomination has organized conservative advocacy groups battling to retain traditional biblical interpretations and doctrines. "They are raising a lot of money," said Byham regarding Episcopal conservative groups such as the Prayer Book Society. "It's enough to frighten people."

Nonetheless, Byham is confident that the Episcopal General Conference will not produce any anti-Gay resolutions.

Gill said denominations eventually will have to revise all their sexuality doctrines, including the ordination of Gays.

"The church is so vested in the institution of marriage, the sanctity of the home, strict moral and ethical codes that have been laid down over

the years, that it will deal with (sexual morality) only piecemeal," he said.

"In about 20 years, it will be accepted," he said.

Mitchell said, "Things will change in another generation, but not because of any theological or biblical change, but because people will be more accepting of people's lifestyles."

While tolerance of homosexuality in religious communities is likely to continue to grow, the church is still not ready to sanction homosexual practice as a morally acceptable lifestyle, he said.

Among those trying to change that view is Jim Bailey, publisher of *Second Stone* magazine. *Second Stone*, with a circulation of 7,000, is a New

Orleans-based publication for Christian homosexuals. Bailey, who is a homosexual, began the periodical three years ago.

He wanted a magazine focusing on homosexual Christians living in "committed relationships" who wanted assistance with spirituality. He wants to help Gays realize their religion and sexual preferences are not mutually exclusive.

As long as homosexuals are damned from the pulpit and the pew, relations between Gays and the church will be confrontational, Bailey predicted. "Until changes can be made at that level, you are going to see hate toward Gays and Lesbians."

Park Busts

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of people are being treated differently. For example, if the officers find out that they have stopped a married man, they will most often charge him with public drunkenness or a similar charge, and issue a misdemeanor citation. Gay men, on the other hand, are most often arrested — an 8-hour process which requires bond posting to get released from jail. She indicated the pattern was not 100%, but high enough to indicate there was a pattern of differential treatment.

Asked what Gay men could do to avoid being arrested in the park, they said, "Bring your wife and kids."

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parent lack of interest during his term were discussed, and it was concluded his resignation would be in the best interests of the Memphis Gay Coalition.

With the resignation, another discussion of the Memphis Gay Coalition's future and direction has been slated for the GayRap July 15. Anyone interested is urged to attend the meeting. The very existence of the organization is in jeopardy unless enough interested people can be found to become involved.

In other business, a committee was established to research procedures to incorporate the Gay Switchboard as an independent tax-exempt organization. Members agreed that separating the Switchboard from an organization that is supposed to be political might make the service eligible for various grants and donations. Furthermore, it would keep it from being used as a political tool.

Navratilova

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"We're asking that the court appoint a receiver to preserve the assets, pay Judy to maintain herself until the matter is settled, and prevent Navratilova from concealing or disposing of any of the assets until this matter is heard," Loftin said.

A hearing was been set for June 25 on the motion asking the court to appoint a receiver to protect the couple's assets until the case can be heard.

When Ms. Navratilova dissolved their relationship, she did not list the property accumulated since she and Ms. Nelson lived together, the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* reported.

She also did not offer to divide the property.

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Among My Souvenirs

Like everyone else, there's a lot of junk in my wardrobe. Once in a while, I come across a very elaborate costume which is just a little snug. I can't part with it because it carries memories of Washington, DC, sore feet, a throng, a quilt, and the Lincoln Memorial by moonlight, in the arms of a friend. Close

by is a second hand dress that probably doesn't fit anymore. We are not as svelte as once we were. I can't part with that either because I wore it when Gay Memphis took over the Holiday Inn Rivermont. There is another useless gown, rolled in a wad, of black taffeta with the embroidery in shreds. That relic boarded the Memphis Queen II with me back in the year of our pride 1980.

I learned in 1980, for the first time, not to care. I highly recommend it. It's like the first time a person admits it to themselves, when you look in the mirror and say, "honey, you're funny." Suddenly it makes sense why you think certain ways and have certain feelings and attitudes. It gets better when you really don't give a damn anymore who knows. Knows what? Knows about your fatal attraction to persons of the same sex. If you really don't worry anymore, retort kicks in and the swishiest of us becomes stronger. And proud.

There are as many different kinds of Gay people as there are people. We all seem to share a little extra dose of temperament. What we need is a large

dose of self esteem, in other words, pride. Now if there are that many kinds of Gay people, there can be just as many kinds of pride. This, however, requires courage, but either a drop or a cloudburst will do. A drop of courage may lead to a signature on a check, even for a cause represented

only by its initials, but that drop will produce a drop of pride. A cloudburst of courage may sweep a person into a march, into the newspaper, into jail or into the office of an elected official. This cloudburst will result in the same amount of pride, and might just rain on a few others in the process.

It's not difficult to come by—proud is the opposite of ashamed. If I am not ashamed, I am proud. We are not talking about excess here, Just fact. So if I refuse to be ashamed, it's easy to be proud. It's a choice open to any individual. Suddenly, your detractors have one less weapon. Suddenly it's easier to defend yourself. Suddenly, you can go on with the million other things that make up life.

I am at that strange period in my life when change is all around me, neither very young nor very old. I can be as I choose—either young enough to party the night away or old enough to be wiser than thou. I guess you might say I am in my prime. I am getting to know many people younger than myself who are beginning to live this lifestyle and I am watching older people, pioneers or just survivors, leaving one by one. I have a good

A Memphian's Memoir

by Vincent Astor

Metamorphosis: Man Into Woman Premieres July 3

Gary, a 39-year-old successful animation artist and devout Christian, has decided to pursue a life-long dream: to become a woman. *Metamorphosis: Man Into Woman* is a candid, non-sensational and often humorous journey with Gary as he prepares physically and emotionally for sex-reassignment surgery.

As Gary becomes Gabi and begins to behave the way s/he believes women are "supposed" to, the very essence of what makes us men and women is seemingly up for debate. *Metamorphosis: Man Into Woman* premieres Tuesday, July 3 on PBS (check local listings), as part of the third season of *P.O.V.*, public television's summer series showcasing the best work of American independent filmmakers.

His Life As A Woman

Gary is one of the 60,000 Americans who suffer from "gender dysphoria," a condition in which a person feels trapped in the body of the opposite sex. But before he can be an acceptable candidate for "sex-reassignment" surgery, Gary must prove that he can successfully live and work

as a woman for at least one year.

Following a "good-bye nose" party given by his friends, Gary makes the first of several cosmetic adjustments to his face: a nose job. "as a guy, I could have kept my nose," he jokes, "but as a woman, there's no way I could live with a nose this big."

Gary's self-effacing humor proves to be an asset as he undergoes a series of other startling changes. In addition to ongoing hormone injections, which begin to develop his breasts, he has his hair cut in a woman's style, undergoes electrolysis, begins wearing women's clothes, and finally, chooses her new name, Gabi. Through all this, Gabi is also buoyed by a support group for transsexuals, her therapist (who is herself a transsexual), several doctors, and close friends.

Over the next year and a half, Gabi undergoes an expensive series of cosmetic changes, including a second nose job, cheek implants and chin surgery. Still wrapped in bandages, she says, "This isn't at all what I wanted. My nose is a lot smaller, my chin is a lot smaller, my cheeks are a lot bigger, but I look really ugly. I look like a little monster."

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memory for most things. I guess that's why I was picked to chronicle the times, by realizing that I'm living on the cusp. So, I answer questions. I pass along the deeds of past years. I recognize the pioneers and encourage the new enthusiasts. I promote pride.

I'm proud of being Gay. How can I not be? When I remember the crowd

of volunteers at Heart Strings; when I remember the enormity of the Quilt; when I remember the courage of Harvey Milk and John Stilwell, the courage of Karen Thompson and Sharon Wray, the courage of Mart Crowley and Bill Kendall, the courage of Harvey Fierstein and Mark Chambers, the courage of Larry

Kramer and Peter Barrosse, the courage of Urvashi Vaid and Rick Bray, the courage of Craig Russell and Dennis Belski. I can only hope to walk in their shadow.

But I can be proud. Twenty-four hours a day. In front of God, mother, and everybody. As long as I have breath and God makes rhinestones.

The film captures the unique psychological and moral challenges Gabi faces during her metamorphosis. She finds herself estranged from her mother ("I've killed her son," she says) and struggling to reconcile her desire to change gender with her firmly held Christian faith. Her co-workers react with emotions ranging from understanding to amusement to scorn. "She's not a woman to me at all," remarks one woman. "She acts like a woman is supposed to act, but she doesn't act like a woman." One man says, "Gabi is almost 40 years old, when is she going to learn how to become a woman?...It seems so naive to think that happiness is going to come by actually being so radical as to have a sex change."

These remarks underscore one of the central questions raised by Gabi's quest for a more comfortable gender: What makes a man a man, a woman a woman? Filmmaker Lisa Leeman notes: "As a feminist, I've spent most of my life trying to cast off traditional stereotypes about how girls and women are supposed to be. Then here comes Gabi, absolutely obsessed with proper feminine behavior. I showed up at her house in shorts and high topped sneakers one day and she cringed, "Lisa, you look like a boy!"

A New Confidence

When Gabi is laid off from her job



Time for a Change — Gary (left) becomes Gabi (right) as s/he prepares for sex change surgery in *Metamorphosis: Man Into Woman* airing on P.O.V. Tuesday July 3 (check local PBS listings). A sympathetic and intimate look at what makes us men and women.

(unsure if it is related to her change), she must stop therapy, electrolysis and some of the other support systems that keep her going. Due to her uncertain financial future, as well as the confusion, fear, religious misgivings, and ambivalence that continue to plague her, Gabi postpones surgery.

As she becomes more comfortable with living and working as a woman, Gabi boldly decides to return to her hometown to attend her 20th high school reunion—and more importantly, to reunite with her mother. Her former classmates are at first thrown off guard by the "new Gary," but most are supportive and understanding. Her mother is less so, but both agree to learn to live with their new relation-

ship. These successes give Gabi a much-needed boost of confidence. "If I could go back everywhere, from kindergarten, from the grocery stores, from every part of life...and show them who I really am, I would do it," she says.

As of March 1990, after living as a woman for more than two years, Gabi has not yet undergone sex-reassignment surgery, but she remains determined to be who she knows she must be. "I believe in what I'm doing, I'm proud of myself for this decision in my life," she says. "And I'm not going to let anything take me back at all."

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Lambskin Condom Warning Issued

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — County supervisors unanimously approved what they call the first law requiring stores to post signs warning that lambskin condoms don't protect as well against AIDS as latex.

Supervisors voted 5-0 June 11 to pass the ordinance tentatively approved May 28.

The new law goes into effect in 30 days in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara county. Failure to post the warnings could bring a \$100 fine. But supervisors said they were unsure how the law will be enforced.

The signs, drafted by the county Health Care officials, say: "Condoms may not be 100 percent safe, but latex condoms labeled for disease protection provide greater protection against AIDS than do natural (lambskin) condoms."

All signs will be translated into

Spanish and have AIDS hotline phone numbers listed.

Since the ordinance will not be effective in cities, county officials are hoping city councils will adopt similar ordinances to strengthen the program.

The board considered the law at the urging of a local businessman, Jim Nissley, who claimed he had contracted the HIV virus when using a natural membrane condom.

Nissley, 38, who was diagnosed with AIDS last year, made a personal crusade out of telling the public that natural skin condoms don't have the same protection against AIDS as latex condoms.

County health officials say studies have shown unbroken lambskin condoms are 95 percent effective in stopping the spread of the HIV virus, compared to 99.6 percent effectiveness for latex condoms.

Congressman-Doctor Says AIDS May Become Mainstream

By Gene Kramer
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a congressional AIDS task force predicted that the disease will devastate Asia and may strike deep into mainstream America.

Rep. Jim McDermott, a Washington Democrat and a psychiatrist, said Thursday he was convinced "that Asia is the sleeping giant of a worldwide AIDS epidemic" that will hit before the turn of the century.

What's more, he told a House hearing, "after examining the crisis in Asia, I am convinced an epidemic in the heterosexual population" of the United States may be inescapable.

"America is not India or Thailand," countries facing AIDS crises now, he said, "but we do have prostitutes, intravenous drug users and a sexually active young adult population."

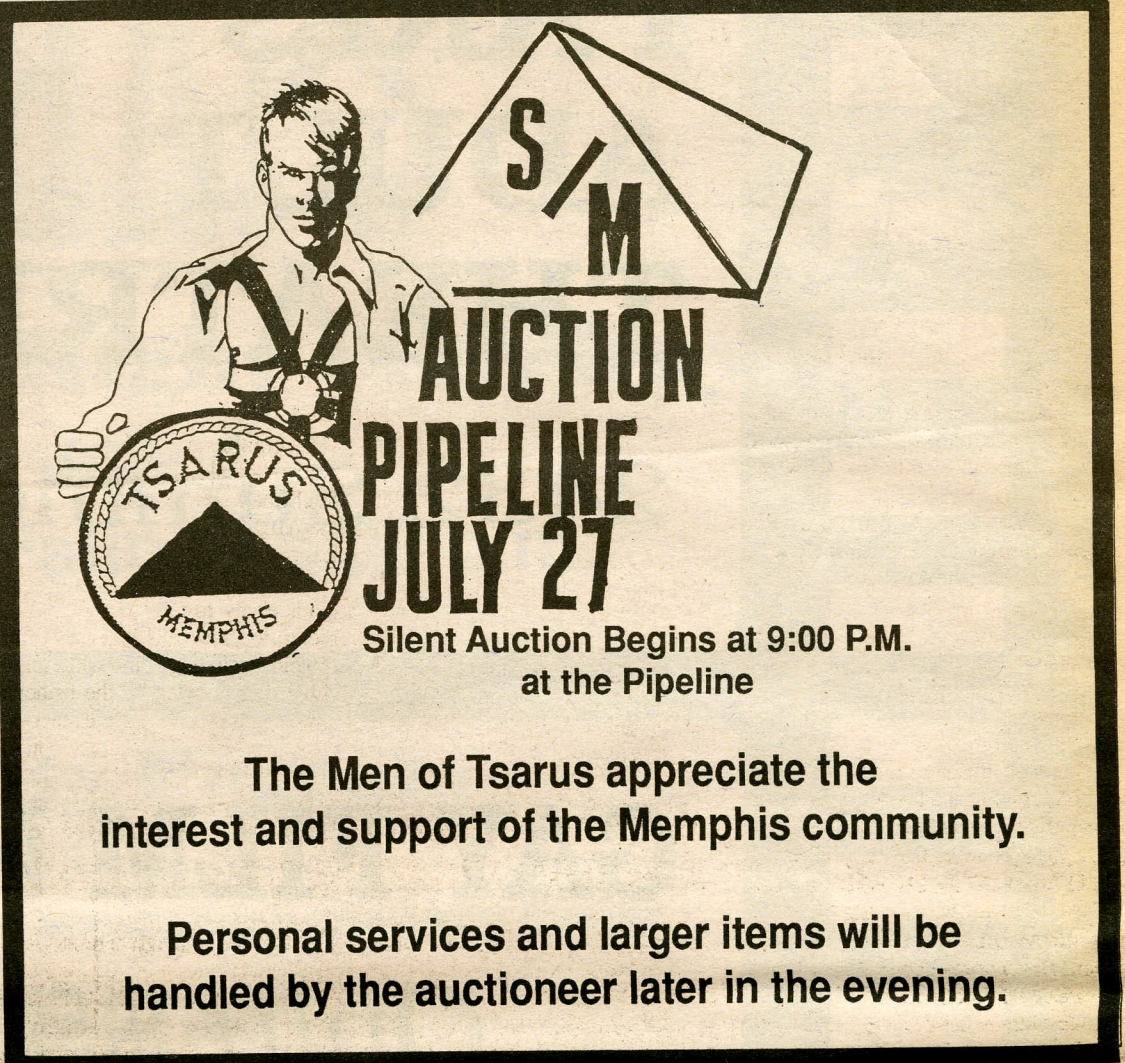
"Americans need to confront tough questions regarding their own sexual behavior, such as condom availability and use, as well as sex education vs. sexual abstinence."

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was first identified in this country 10 years ago and has been found mainly among homosexuals and intravenous drug users. The HIV virus causing the disease was found to be spread by exchange of body fluids and multiple use of contaminated needles.

In most countries, the disease eventually spreads from higher-risk groups "onto street corners and into the bedrooms of the general population," McDermott said.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., opened the hearing of his House health and environment subcommittee by predicting that the 1990s would be a decade of "dealing with complacency. America has become comfortable with half measures while AIDS continues. ... The Bush administration led us to spend more on Kuwait in one month than on AIDS in 10 years."

McDermott, a child psychiatrist from Seattle before entering Congress, visited the Philippines, India and Thailand recently in a follow-up to his 1990 survey of AIDS in Africa.



Health Officials Weighing Change In Definition Of Who Has AIDS

By Deborah Mescé
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health experts who track the AIDS epidemic are seriously considering changing the definition of the disease to include many more people infected with the virus, an official said June 7.

Dr. Gary Noble, a deputy director of the federal Centers for Disease Control, said the change might double the number of people considered to have AIDS.

Since the government began counting 10 years ago, 174,893 people in the United States had been diagnosed with AIDS and 110,530 of those have died.

Experts say between 1 million and 1.5 million others in the United States are infected, some with no symptoms and others have varying degrees of illness.

Many who would be newly classified as having AIDS under the plan being considered are now diagnosed only as being infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

AIDS activists have been clamoring for a more inclusive definition. That would enable more HIV-infected women to get Social Security disability and other benefits, eligibility for which is linked to whether they have AIDS.

The definition of AIDS has evolved from the early days of the epidemic, when it was a disease

mostly of white, Gay men. The disabling conditions that defined full-blown AIDS were those found most commonly among this population.

The definition was updated in 1985 and 1987, but in recent years the disease has been spreading rapidly among intravenous drug users and women. AIDS activists have been saying it is time for the definition to reflect the changing face of the disease.

The definition, for example, does not include gynecological conditions or infections found most typically in HIV-infected women. Some of the infections also commonly afflict heterosexual men with the virus.

These conditions are often as disabling as the ones that define AIDS. But because they are not part of the definition used by the Centers for Disease Control, people seriously ill with HIV infection, but not technically having AIDS must wait months or years to prove their disability, activists say.

Noble said CDC officials are seriously considering adding to the AIDS definition those who have severely low immune levels, which would be CD4 counts — a common measure of immune function — below 200.

"We do recognize that the basic problem of those with HIV infection is an immune deficiency, and immune deficiency leads to increased severity of scores of diseases," Noble said.

Women's advocates maintain that diseases such as yeast infections, geni-

tal herpes, pelvic inflammatory disease and cervical neoplasia are much worse in women with HIV than in uninfected women.

"That is probably true," Noble said, "but we also have evidence that there are scores of other infections that are also worse in people with severe immunodeficiency."

"So there is considerable logic in including all HIV-infected individuals who have severe immune deficiency because that will include virtually all of these individuals who are suffering from the complications of severe immune deficiency," he said.

A spokesman for the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power said that while the CD4 count of 200 may define severe immunodeficiency for men, the level appears to be higher for women. More research would be needed to determine what the level should be for women, said spokesman Robin Haueter.

But Noble said researchers have found no differences in the distribution of the key immune-system cells in men and women and that medical experts believe the change would include virtually all of the HIV-infected women with severe gynecological conditions.



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Government Attacking Private Monopoly On AZT

By Deborah Mesce
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government wants to break Burroughs Wellcome Corp.'s monopoly on the AIDS-fighting drug AZT and encourage price-lowering competition.

The National Cancer Institute should be named co-inventor of AZT with Burroughs Wellcome, now the only U.S. source of the drug, Dr. Bernadine Healy, director of the National Institutes of Health, said.

Healy said the government and the company do not disagree significantly about the nature of their scientific contributions to the development of AZT, but they do about the patent law consequences.

Burroughs Wellcome holds a patent on the use of AZT to treat AIDS, giving it a legal monopoly on supply of the drug.

"NIH believes that investigators at the National Cancer Institute should have been named as co-inventors on the AZT-related patents issued to Burroughs Wellcome," she said in a statement outlining NIH's claim to AZT.

That would enable the National Institutes of Health to license other companies to produce the drug.

Two lawsuits have set the stage for legal resolution of the issue. One was filed in March by the People with AIDS Health Group and several AIDS patients challenging the validity of Burroughs Wellcome's AZT patents.

The company has filed a motion to dismiss the suit, as has the government, which is named as a co-defendant.

In another case, Barr Laboratories Inc. of Pomona, N.Y., is challenging the validity of the patents. Barr has submitted an application to the Food and Drug Administration seeking to market AZT for treatment of people infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, but who have no symptoms.

Barr also has requested a license from NIH "to the extent that NIH may have rights in Burroughs Wellcome's AZT patents."

"NIH is contemplating the granting of this license so that the company legally would be able to market AZT if it is ultimately determined, in litigation between Barr and Burroughs Wellcome, that the government is entitled to inventorship status," Healy said.

"In that event, competition would result in a lower price for AZT," she said.

AZT treatment currently costs about \$3,000 a year. The price could be cut by one-half to two-thirds if made as a generic drug without patent protection.

Burroughs Wellcome maintains that its scientists were the first to conceive of the use of AZT for the treatment of HIV infection "and this creative insight is the basis for the use patent granted in 1988," said Kathy Bartlett, a company spokeswoman.

"The company has acknowledged the collaborative efforts, but this doesn't require the collaborators to be named as co-inventors," she said.

AZT was discovered under an NCI grant in the 1960s. When scientists were searching for antiviral compounds to fight the AIDS virus in the mid-1980s, AZT was pulled off the shelf as a possibility.

Healy said NCI scientists applied state-of-the-art laboratory analysis to AZT in early 1985 to evaluate its possible therapeutic value and helped develop an understanding of the AIDS disease process.

"NCI was the most appropriate research collaborator for Burroughs Wellcome for these reasons," she said.

Though AZT was already in the public domain when the AIDS epidemic took root, "the intellectual and scientific contributions made by NCI to the evaluation of AZT were essential components of the invention of AZT therapy for AIDS," Healy said.

Lab Zeroes In On Weak Spots In AIDS Virus

LOS ALAMOS (AP) — Some human trials of an AIDS-disabling protein may have failed because the protein was not concentrated enough, a Los Alamos National Laboratory report suggests.

Biological experiments were conducted at the National Cancer Institute's Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, and results were combined with physics-based mathematical models, the team says. Such mathematical models explain the AIDS-causing virus, HIV, when it is outside the target cell.

The research team found that HIV binds easily to CD4 protein and so prefers to infect cells that feature such protein, including some white blood cells, lymphocytes — the principal cells of lymph nodes — and macrophages, which engulf and digest foreign bodies in the blood stream.

"The research results suggest that the trials of soluble CD4 in people have failed to treat AIDS infection because the drug concentrations used in the trials were too low to block HIV in regions of high cell density, such as in lymphoid organs," the lab says.

The lab says controlling the age of the virus and the concentration of target cells is crucial in experiments on potential vaccines or therapies.

The life cycle of the AIDS virus is complex and varied, says an article by the research team in this month's *Journal of Virology*.

"In the human body, the types of cells HIV infects are 100 to 1,000 times more concentrated in lymph nodes and lymphoid organs than in blood," LANL's news release says.

The *Journal of Virology* report was written by Scott Layne and Micah Dembo of LANL's theoretical biology group, Peter Nara and Michael Merges of the Frederick Center, and John Spouge of the National Library of Medicine's National Center for Biotechnology Information.

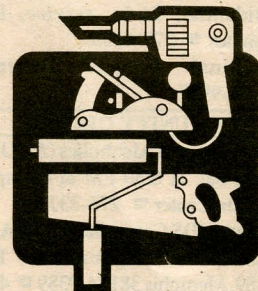
Researchers found that at some point the ability of the virus to infect becomes proportional to the number of glycoprotein "knobs" on the virus, which facilitate the bonding with the CD4 protein, the lab report says.

Researchers also found that the virus sheds its knobs as it ages, making it more difficult for older viruses to infect target cells, the lab says.

One preventive theory involves saturating the system with free-floating CD4 molecules, taking up all available knobs and blocking the virus.

But research shows that a balance develops between the HIV and the soluble CD4, and only a certain proportion of knobs is covered.

"If the viral stock used in a study is so old that many of its knobs have fallen off, a blocking agent such as soluble CD4 may need to cover only a few knobs to force an HIV particle under its critical number of knobs and render it non-infectious," the lab says. "For fresh viral stock with its full complement of knobs, however, the



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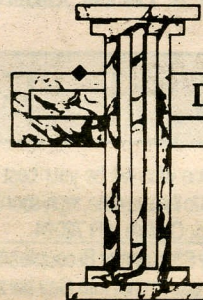
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Many Young Or Minority Gay Men Still Practice Unsafe Sex

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The city's AIDS workers are alarmed by two studies that show a new wave of young Gay men are ignoring publicity campaigns and engaging in unsafe sex.

"They know (AIDS) is out there," said Dr. George Lemp of the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office. "The problem is personalizing the risk."

One of the studies released to the San Francisco Health Commission on Tuesday showed that 24 percent to 42 percent of young Gay men still engage in unprotected anal intercourse.

Researchers found the AIDS virus in 14.3% of 17- to 19-year-olds, 14% of the 20- to 22-year-olds and 10.4% of 23- to 25-year-olds tested outside seven Gay dance clubs.

The other study showed that 50% of Gay Hispanic men, 40 percent of Gay Filipinos, and 12% of Gay American Indians engage in high-risk sexual behavior. Earlier findings revealed that 32% of Black Gay men have unprotected sex.

AIDS educators are calling for a change in the way the risks are publicized. Small group discussions, informal networking in Gay bars, and one-on-one counseling sessions are more likely to work than huge and impersonal billboard or TV campaigns, said Dr. Sandra Hernandez of the city AIDS Office.

Mississippi Ranks In Middle In AIDS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi ranks in the middle of a list of states where AIDS cases are prevalent, but health officials warn that this is no time to slack off on education measures to combat the disease.

Mary Jane Coleman, director of HIV-AIDS prevention program for the state Department of Health, said Mississippi ranks 19th in the number of AIDS cases among the 50 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

But Coleman said the CDC ranking is misleading because the reports are not actual diagnoses.

Mississippi remains about midway among the 50 states in actual AIDS cases, she said, adding that the CDC figures simply mean that, for the past 12 months, the state has gotten better at retrieving data.

Coleman said the state is not seeing a doubling of diagnosed AIDS cases as it did in previous years but there has been a significant increase.

According to a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the cumulative total of AIDS cases nationwide was 174,893 as of April 30.

In Mississippi, the cumulative number of AIDS cases was 745 as of May 21, according to statistics provided by the state Department of Health.

To date, 37 new cases of AIDS have been diagnosed statewide for 1991. Sixty-three percent or 110,530 people with AIDS have died nationwide. In Mississippi, known AIDS deaths are 61% or 454.

Racially, whites with AIDS made up 55% of total reported cases nationwide and, in Mississippi, 58%.

Most AIDS cases were among males nationwide, with 89%, and in Mississippi, 90%. In both the U.S. and in Mississippi, the majority of people diagnosed with AIDS were between 30 and 34 years old.

blocking agent would have to cover a much larger number of knobs to disable an HIV particle."

Hence knowing the age of the virus is critical in analyzing experimental results, the research team reported.

Also, the number of target cells similarly becomes a factor because the effectiveness of a blocking agent goes down as the cell concentration goes up.

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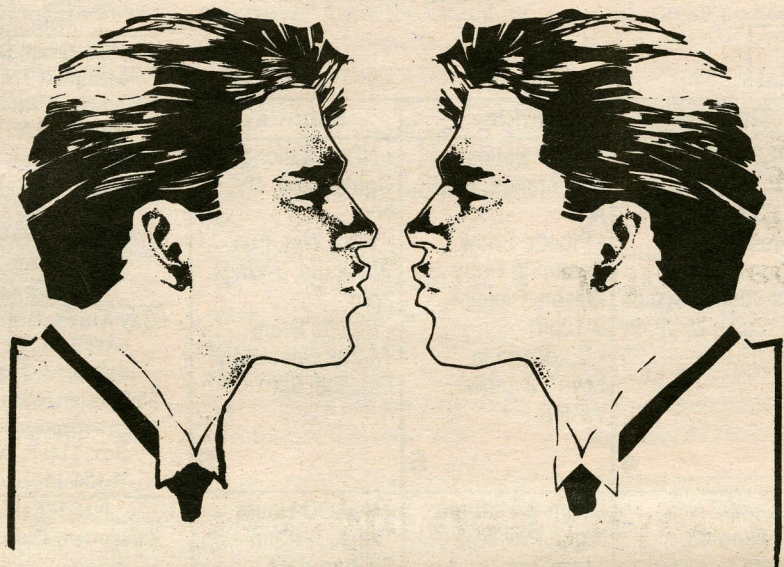
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	• MGC Business Meeting, Main Library, MTG Rm A, 7pm	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • NOW Meeting, Main Library, Peabody & McLean, 7pm • BWMT C/R, Special Guest Steve Endean, 7:30pm	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • Bible Study: Agape New Life Church, 7pm or Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm • Miss River City, Reflections, 11pm	INDEPENDENCE DAY • TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • For special events see "Deep Dish" on page 13	• NOW National Conference, NY, NY • Pipette Show Featuring Ruby Wilson, Pipeline, 9-12pm • "Exposed to Love", 2 shows, WKRB	• NOW National Conference, NY, NY • Wild, Wet, Fun Weekend, J-Wags, 3pm • Pipette Show, Tsarus Cast Party, Pipeline, 9pm
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• Worship Services: See Below • NOW National Conference, NY, NY • Pipette Show Featuring Joyce Cobb, Pipeline, 3-7pm • Alliance Cocktail Party, J. Wag's, 4pm	• MGLCC Board/Business Meeting, 7:30pm • Leather/SM Discussion Group, Leatherworks, 7pm	• BOHD Fundraiser New Plant for Community Center, Pipeline, 4-7pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • Bible Study: Agape New Life Church, 7pm or Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm	• Torn & Tattered Night, Pipeline, 11pm-3am	• NGLCC Hours Thurs. 7-10pm Fri 7pm-12M Sat. 10am-12M Sun. 1-7pm • Pipeline T-Shirt Night
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• Worship Services: Agape New Life Church or Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am • BWMT Board Mtg., 1:30 • Logan-Comedy & Song, WKRB	• Copy & Ad Deadline for TJN • MGC GayRap Discussion, MGLCC, 7pm	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • BWMT C/R, 7:30pm	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • Bible Study: See Above • Women of Leather, Regular Mtg., WKRB side II, 8pm	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm	• Third Friday, Coffee House, MGLCC • Bandana Night, Pipeline	• BWMT Hot, Horny, & Healthy Playshop, 4:30pm • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 7pm, \$3 w/dish, \$5 w/o dish • Alliance Club Night, J. Wag's, 10:30pm
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