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## Mid-South Public TVs Didn't Air Documentary On Black Gays

Mid-South viewers in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi were unable to see the broadcast of *Tongues Untied* on public television, but the much-debated documentary about Gay Blacks still received plenty of attention.

Officials decided not to air the film because it contains explicit language and nudity. Eighteen of public television's top 50 markets made that decision.

Michael Labonia, president of WKNO in Memphis, offered to screen the program for those who wished to see it. One showing was

scheduled July 22nd at the WKNO studios and another, sponsored by Black and White Men Together, was slated for July 24 at the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library.

The film stirred controversy because it contains explicit language, full frontal male nudity, scenes of men fondling each other and "scenes of their behinds with G-strings." It drew further controversy because it was produced in part with a small grant from the National Endowment for the Arts which has received criticism for its sponsorship of "obscene" art projects. ▼

## Navratilova, Former Companion View Tape Of Their Cohabitation

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Martina Navratilova and her former companion, Judy Nelson, watched the videotape July 17 that recorded their signing of a cohabitation agreement in 1986.

Nelson is suing the tennis star for half of the assets accumulated during their seven-year relationship, which Navratilova broke off earlier this year. The nine-time Wimbledon singles champion gave day-long depositions in the case July 17 and 18.

Navratilova and her attorneys contend she wasn't aware the agreement called for a 50-50 split of the \$5 million to \$10 million accrued during the relationship.

Navratilova's attorney, Mike McCurley, said Wednesday that a technicality in the videotape confused his client. An assistant to Navratilova's former attorney, Jerry Loftin, appears in the film saying it was the year 1985.

This was later corrected by Navratilova, McCurley said.

"Part of the confusion, part of the planning, was to set up a situation where a correction was to be made of what year it was in order to ar-

gue 'You knew what it was, you made a correction,'" McCurley said.

Navratilova said in sworn testimony she believed the non-marital cohabitation pact contained provisions for payments to Nelson after a breakup — not an equal division of property.

This was the first time Navratilova had seen Nelson since the couple broke up last February. Navratilova had not been in Fort Worth since Nelson filed suit in June.

Asked by reporters if she and Nelson would be friends after the legal dispute is settled, Navratilova replied: "Well, at this point, I don't know."

A woman in Loftin's office who would not identify herself said that Navratilova did not complete her deposition. Another session was planned before the next hearing, scheduled for Sept. 9, she said.

Navratilova's attorneys are seeking to disqualify Loftin from the case because he once represented her and has knowledge of her finances. Loftin contends there is no conflict of interest. ▼

## Two New Groups May Replace Memphis Gay Coalition

Almost exactly a year after it came under attack, the eleven-year-old Memphis Gay Coalition appears to be fading into history, or, at the very least, facing a metamorphosis into a new, more political organization. At its next business meeting, resolutions concerning the formation of two new organizations will be proposed. The Memphis Gay Switchboard would become autonomous under a proposed Gay/Lesbian services organization. A new group is in formation whose main goal is creating political awareness of Gays and Lesbians in Memphis. The funds of the Coalition would be divided

between the two new organizations. "What happens to the Coalition is directly contingent on these two new organizations being organized and incorporated," says Don Griesheimer, acting president of the Coalition.

The future of the Coalition was discussed at a well-publicized GayRap held July 15th, which only twelve people attended. The options available seemed to be whether to dissolve it; try to revive it; or create a new organization to replace the Coalition. They agreed that a need existed for a political organization.

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## Magazine That Promoted Celebrity 'Outing' Ceases Publication 06/28/91

NEW YORK (AP) — *Outweek*, the Gay and Lesbian magazine known for dragging unwilling public figures out of the closet, has closed because of financial troubles.

A notice, signed by president Kendall Morrison, was tacked to the office door at 159 W. 25th St. June 28 informing the 27 staff members the magazine was closed.

It said to call "Vicki" for information about how to get back pay when the money becomes available and listed an office phone number.

There was no answer at the main number and a man who answered Vicki's phone said he was just there clearing out his stuff and couldn't comment.

Infighting by its principals was one of the main reasons the 2-year-old controversial magazine folded.

Founded by Morrison and Gabriel Rotello, who became editor in chief, *Outweek* drew attention when it began exposing well-known people as being Gay, a practice called outing.

The names of celebrities, politicians, socialites and media people were listed, without explanation, in a column called "Peekaboo."

In a shakeup at the magazine in December, Steven Polakoff, a Florida realtor who is listed as publisher, took over daily control from Morrison. Polakoff then fired Rotello at the staff's insistence.

When it closed, Morrison told the *New York Times*, the magazine's circulation was 30,000 to 40,000.

Joe Di Sabato, president of Rivendell Marketing Co., a firm that represents 175 Gay publications — but not *Outweek* — to advertisers, said the magazine's demise was "a very particular situation" and not reflective of the rest of the Gay press which he said is very healthy.

"It reflects only on *Outweek's* own internal business practices which were radical to say the least," De Sabato said. "It's hard to get advertisers to put money into a publication as controversial as that." ▼

## More Charges Filed In Beating Death Of Gay Man

HOUSTON (AP) — Two more men have been charged in connection with the fatal July Fourth attack on three men outside a Gay bar, police said.

Leo Edmundo Ramirez, 17, and Paul Chance Dillion, 22, remained in the Harris County Jail under \$10,000 bond each on charges of attempted murder in the attack, police said. The two surrendered to Houston police July 12 after authorities announced that two others had been charged in the case.

Those two are Derrick Attard, 17, and John Buice, 16. Attard is charged with attempted murder in the beating of Richard Delaney, and Buice is charged with murder in the beating

death of Paul Broussard, 27.

Attard is in police custody in New York, and his bond had been set at \$30,000, police said.

Buice also surrendered to Houston police and remains in jail on \$10,000 bond.

Broussard, Delaney and another man had just left a Gay nightclub in the city's Montrose neighborhood and were walking four blocks to their car when a group of young men asked them for directions to the club. After a brief conversation, the group beat and stabbed the trio, killing Broussard and wounding Delaney, authorities said. The third man escaped.

Homicide Sgt. Waymon Allen said that 10 suspects were being questioned and more charges may be filed. ▼

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## Gay Church Blesses Union Of 150 Couples

PHOENIX (AP) — About 150 Gay couples had their relationships blessed July 18 by the pastor who founded a church to serve Gay men and Lesbians.

The couples stood with arms around one another as the Rev. Troy Perry, head of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), recited marriage vows.

Then, at Perry's suggestion, the couples embraced and kissed.

"The world tells us you can't do that," Perry said. "They say you can't touch another that you love. But you certainly can."

As the hugs continued, he added, "This can continue in the bedroom."

Troy founded the denomination in 1968. It now has about 200 congregations across the country. The service was part of the church's biennial conference.

The conference met as the Episcopal Church's governing convention met in Phoenix and debated whether the church should sanction homosexual relationships and ordain Gay priests. Episcopal leaders reaffirmed their stand against sexual relations outside heterosexual marriage, but acknowledged that many church members don't heed the policy. ▼



# On The Tenth Anniversary Of AIDS

Opinion By The National Gay And Lesbian Task Force

Ten years into the AIDS epidemic—a horrific anniversary marked recently—homophobia continues to harshly undermine effective health policy. Anti-Gay and Lesbian prejudice has derailed government AIDS initiatives and shamefully contributed to the illness and deaths of thousands of Gay people.

Gay men make up a majority of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control estimates, 65% of reported U.S. AIDS cases are among male homosexuals and bisexuals. Forty-two percent of all reported AIDS cases among Blacks are male homosexuals and bisexuals; 46% among Hispanics; 30% among adolescents and

young adults.

Yet little if any federal funding is targeted toward the Gay and Lesbian community. Federal “no promo homo” legislation bans funding for explicit Gay- and Lesbian-specific HIV prevention programs. Meanwhile, AIDS projects around the country report an alarming “relapse” in unsafe sex practices among Gay males and an increase in HIV prevalence in Gay youth.

President Bush recently said, “... I’ve tried to be very sensitive to the question of babies suffering from AIDS, innocent people that are hurt by this disease” (*National Catholic Reporter*, April 12, 1991). In a recent front-page banner headline, *USA Today* proclaimed, “AIDS: Guarding The Innocent” (Friday, May 17).

These two incidents reflect the deeply rooted stigma and under-

lying anti-Gay contempt that have shaded the specter of AIDS since the original “Rare Cancer Seen In 41 Homosexuals” story appeared ten years ago (*NY Times*, July 3, 1981).

Children and babies with HIV are “innocent.” Gay people are “guilty.” This stigma has shaped government policy, media coverage, legislation, and public perception since the beginning of the epidemic, and does so now.

Sound health policy is being held hostage by politicians who play political football with people’s lives to appease far right conservative forces. HIV exclusion of immigrants and travellers is an example of how medical and scientific facts are ignored. AIDS funding, particularly for the Ryan White CARE Act, remains woefully inadequate. HIV protocols for women and people of color are almost non-existent, even though people of color are more likely to die within six months of diagnosis.

## TRIANGLE LETTERS

The *Triangle Journal News* welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be as short as possible and typed, if possible. All letters are subject to editing for clarity, spelling, punctuation, and grammar. All letters must be signed, but names will be withheld if requested. Anonymous letters will not be published. Send your letters to *The Triangle Journal News*, P.O. Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

### Reverse Discrimination?

It may seem odd for an editor to write a letter to the editor, but I have my reasons. I want it to be clear that this is my opinion only. It is not editorial policy or opinion, nor does it necessarily reflect the feelings of others associated with the paper.

First of all, I’d like to say that despite our differences, I have to commend Don Griesheimer for following through on the things that he has committed himself to.

Second, I’d like to call BWMT and B-GLAD to task. They may be commended for addressing the needs of specific segments of the Gay and Lesbian community. But by doing so, they overlook the good of the entire community and they contribute to splintering the community into special interest groups.

At a recent, well-publicized meeting to discuss the future di-

rection of the Memphis Gay Coalition, only twelve white men showed up for the meeting. There were no Blacks and no women in attendance.

Only a year ago, when the Co-ordination. Yet when they had the opportunity to be in on this groundbreaking event—the future direction of an eleven-year-organization that they were so quick to condemn for not including them—they chose not to participate. I can imagine them saying, “we’ll sit back and see what they do.” Then, when only white males show any interest in participating they can sit back and say, “we won’t have anything to do with them because it’s just another white male power structure thing.”

Well, white males and their willingness to become involved and do something do not make a white male organization. The unwillingness and/or refusal of Blacks and women to join them in their efforts, help them with their direction, and contribute to making any organization a community organization is what creates white male organizations. And if you (Blacks and women) create it, you don’t have lots of room to bitch about it.

It’s ok to have a black organization that excludes non-blacks. It’s ok to have a women’s organization that excludes men. It’s ok to have an interracial couples group that excludes anyone who isn’t in an interracial relationship. It’s ok to be a social group focus-

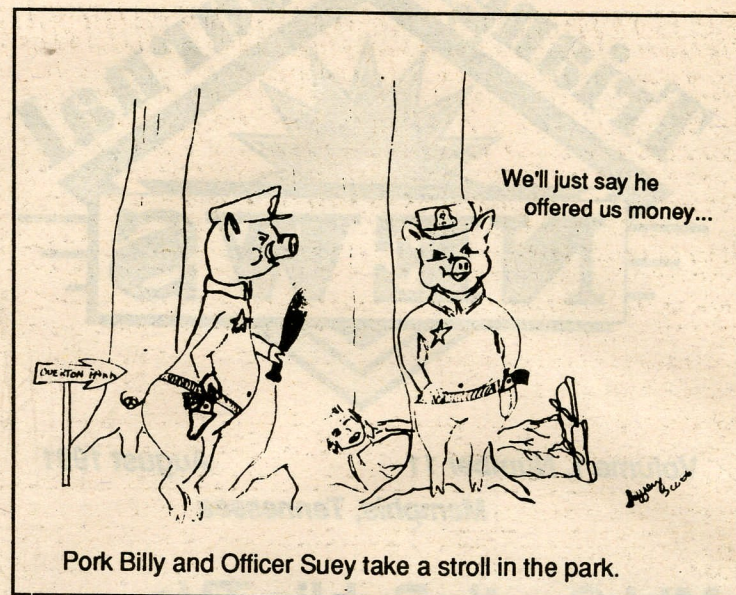
It’s ok to have a women’s organization that excludes men. It’s ok to have an interracial couples group that excludes anyone who isn’t in an interracial relationship. It’s ok to be a social group focus-

Someone once said that racism—or for that matter sexism—is a combination of bigotry and power. You can hate someone for that. Or can you? You can fight the bigotry by your personal actions. If you don’t act like a stereotype, they can’t justify treating you like a stereotype. And what of the power? You can hate someone if they came and took that power away from you by force and kept you down. But if you abdicated that power—let them have that power—because you were unwilling to become involved or to participate, then who is really to blame?

Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable. That includes discrimination by straights against Gays and Lesbians, whites against Blacks, men against women or, conversely, women against men, Blacks against whites, interracial couples against non-interracial couples.

As Christ once said, “Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone.”

John Stilwell  
Memphis, TN



Pork Billy and Officer Suey take a stroll in the park.

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The 10th anniversary of AIDS gives us an opportunity to pause and contemplate the unfathomable. Since 1981, more than 174,900 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS. About 110,500 have died. More than a million Americans are infected with HIV. About 215,000 of them will die within the next three years—more than during the first 10 years of the epidemic.

The fight should be against AIDS, not the victims of AIDS. We need to be proactive, not reactive. If the President wants to protect all citizens from AIDS, he

must advocate for funding of targeted education and prevention programs. He must back up his calls for compassion with leadership and action.

If there is a glimmer of hope in this horrible and unspeakable tragedy, it is that Gay men and Lesbians have been sparked into bold action by the scourge of AIDS. Enraged by a negligent government, compelled to fight the contempt of a public that loathes homosexuals, the Gay and Lesbian movement has been galvanized into a battle that will continue til the epidemic ends and long beyond. ▼



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## Group Says Homosexuals, Loggers Should Unite Against Supremacists

By Luis Cabrera  
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP)— Timber workers and homosexuals are both targets of white supremacists and should unite in the fight against the Aryan Nations, speakers told a July 16 forum. "It may seem odd for Gays and loggers to link up, but they both have a lot at stake in the fight against the Nazis," Seattle *Gay News* reporter Matt Nagle told those at the forum titled "Loggers and Gays Against Nazis."

The group Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nations), based in Hayden Lake, Idaho, has announced a campaign to recruit loggers. Aryan Nations leaders have spread the supremacist doctrine in timber towns such as Forks, WA and Medford, OR.

A leaflet placed on hundreds of car windshields in Medford May 31 said "Aryan Nations supports the right of the White logger and the hard-work-

ing White taxpayers to make a living," referring to timber workers' battle to stay employed despite massive proposed harvest restrictions to protect the northern spotted owl.

Residents of Forks staged an anti-supremacist rally in response and loggers in general have turned a deaf ear to Aryan Nations recruiters. But former Forks logger Steve Goodman warned at the forum that if something isn't done to soften the economic blows to timber towns, the message could get through.

"Desperation, that's what the Aryan Nations feeds on," Goodman said.

Goodman, who worked for small, independent logging operations, said he quit logging a year ago because he could no longer make a living at it. He said his former coworkers need more from the government than "food stamps and promises.

"Tom Metzger and Richard Butler and assorted others are just lying in the weeds out there waiting for all of us to

fail," he said, naming two well known supremacist leaders. Butler founded the Aryan Nations.

Nagle, who said Gays are frequently the targets of attacks by white supremacists, proposed cooperation between homosexuals and loggers to head off Aryan Nations recruiting attempts. "By coming together with the loggers we can learn as much from them as they can from us," he said. "It will help dispel myths and misconceptions and give the Nazis less to work with."

Nagle suggested that homosexuals support loggers in anti-supremacist rallies, that they write letters to timber organizations and unions representing timber workers, and that members of the UFAF speak in timber towns.

The UFAF, a coalition of Seattle groups, was formed in December 1988 in response to a gathering of supremacist "skinheads" on Whidbey Island, forum organizer Luma Nichol said. ▼

## Gays Asked To Send Jesse Helms 'Love Letters'

By Cindy Roberts

RALEIGH (AP)— A New York-based group is asking homosexuals and their supporters nationwide to speak their hearts in a letter-writing campaign aimed at Sen. Jesse Helms.

"It's not a bash-Jesse-Helms operation. It's quite the opposite," Timothy Lane, a spokesman for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said. "Each letter to Jesse should be a personal affirmation, a sharing of experience, a statement of all that is good, positive, challenging and special about being Gay or Lesbian."

Lane said GLAAD singled out Helms because the North Carolina Republican is perceived as the nation's most vocal opponent of Gay and Lesbian rights.

"We don't expect to change his mind but ... we want to level the playing field as far as understanding about who Gays and Lesbians are versus who Helms says Gays and Lesbians are," Lane said in a telephone interview from New York.

Eric Lundgren, a spokesman in Helms' Washington office, said the senator had no comment.

It's not the first time Helms has been the target of Gay-rights advocates. Last summer, Helms came under fire from the group Oral Majority for his opposition to legislation to help homosexuals and AIDS victims. The group urged consumers to boycott Philip Morris products because the cigarette maker had contributed to the senator's re-election campaign.

GLAAD is allowing six to eight months for the mass mailing, after which it wants to chronicle the writers' sentiments in a book titled *Letters to Jesse*.

The book, scheduled for release

## Gays Want Judge Reprimanded For Comments

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Gay rights supporters are complaining about a federal judge who referred to homosexual inmates as a "bunch of queers" during a hearing on Jefferson County Jail conditions.

State Rep. Glenn Maxey, D-Austin, an outspoken advocate of Gay rights, said Hall's statement "sends a very chilling message to our young people."

"It says to them that it's all right to be bigoted," Maxey told the *Houston Chronicle*. "It's a small step from bigotry to action."

"I think Judge Hall ought to resign. It reflects a Gestapo and KGB mind set," said Thom Prentice, co-chair of the Austin Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus. "He should resign or apologize."

Hall, 67, cannot be removed from

the bench because he has been appointed for life.

Attorney Michael Maness filed a complaint against U.S. District Judge Sam B. Hall Jr. in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans July 11.

During the jail case, Hall questioned a Jefferson County sheriff's officer about inmates put in cells with "all that other bunch of queers in the tank." He later referred to homosexuals as "their kind."

In his letter to the appellate court clerk, Maness wrote that Hall's comment constitutes "conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts."

Hall usually hears cases in Marshall and Texarkana, but is conducting trials in Beaumont for vacationing U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher. ▼

## Church Adopts Resolution Embracing Homosexuals

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Ashland First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has adopted a resolution to reach out to homosexuals.

"Our purpose in taking this stand is to extend our ministry and community to a group of people who have experienced significant alienation from traditional Christian churches," Pastor Caren Caldwell said Friday. "We are among an ever-expanding number of people who do not regard homosexuality as unnatural, sinful or sick."

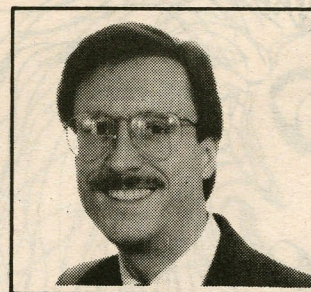
The Ashland congregation was the first in the United Church of Christ in Oregon and the first mainline church

outside Portland to adopt a policy embracing homosexuals.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution in 1985 calling on local congregations to study and affirm a non-discriminatory policy toward Gays and Lesbians. Since then 55 congregations out of 6,000 have adopted such a resolution.

Caldwell said as people started studying the issue, they realized many of them had family members who were homosexual.

"We found an overriding theme in the Bible that God loves everyone and has mercy and is compassionate towards everyone," she said. ▼

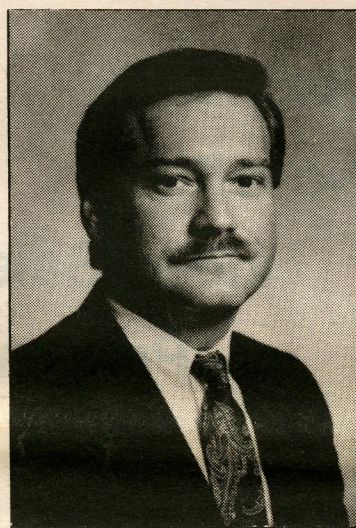


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late next year, will contain mostly letters from average people, along with some from high-profile Gay-rights defenders, Lane said.

The Gay-rights group has been approached by several publishers, he said.

"We're encouraging the writers to send a letter to Jesse Helms directly and a copy to the GLAAD office in New York," he said.

But Lane said he expects a wide response. GLAAD has 20,000 members and 12 chapters nationwide. ▼

## Frat Members Suspended For Anti-Gay T-shirts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A Syracuse University fraternity has been suspended by its national organization for selling T-shirts with anti-homosexual slogans, including one jokingly advocating violence against Gays.

All 54 members of the Alpha Chi Rho chapter at Syracuse were permanently suspended but those who win an appeal can rejoin, said Jim Spencer, executive director of the fraternity's national headquarters in Neptune, N.J.

Spencer said all members were suspended because the complaints were made after students had left for summer recess and the national group

couldn't conduct a proper investigation.

Last month, the university's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association complained to the university's Judicial Board about T-shirts being distributed on campus by the fraternity.

On the front, the shirts said "Homophobic and Proud of It!" It also shows the picture of a limp wrist encircled and slashed out and said "It's an exit not an entry."

The back reads "Club Faggots Not Seals," accompanied with the picture of a muscled crow, the fraternity symbol, holding a club and standing over a prone faceless figure. Next to them is a seal hoisting a mug of beer.

"This is offensive to us, as I'm sure it is to the vast majority. We're taking it as a serious thing," Spencer said.

Syracuse officials say they are continuing their own investigation and were expected to decide by mid-July whether to discipline the students.

"I'm still going to pressure the university to do something, because I would like to see the university impose some kind of education," said Charlie McDonald, co-president of the university's Gay and Lesbian group.

Fraternity president Richard Kizik said he had no comment on the suspensions or on the distribution of the shirts. ▼







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## Army Memo Proposes Reversal of Ban On Lesbians and Gay Men

New York, NY—According to a document released by the Justice Department on June 19th, in the course of a lawsuit against the U.S. Naval Academy, the department of Army appears to be considering a proposal to reverse its current ban and permit Gay and Lesbian persons to serve.

The document was released by the Justice Department in conjunction with the discovery process in Joseph Steffan's landmark Gay and Lesbian civil rights lawsuit against the U.S. Naval Academy which discharged him for being Gay in 1987. The fact that the document, which proposes changes in the Army's treatment of Gay service members, was produced by the government's attorneys defending the Naval Academy suggests that the memo reached the highest levels of military policy administration.

The four-page document—which has been described by Gay activists as "stunning" and "staggering"—begins with a critical review of the background of the current policy, citing military research that indicates "homosexual personnel are no greater security risk than are their heterosexual counterparts," making sharp distinctions between sexual orientation and sexual behavior, acknowledging the great social changes that have occurred in the fifty years since the ban was instituted, and recognizing that "homosexuality" has gained

more acceptance in "society-at-large as a viable alternative lifestyle and a valid sexual orientation."

The document then goes on to assure those who may resist changes in the policy that:

Current changes in Army policy [are] not an abdication to social pressure or pressure from courts, Congress, or special interest groups, or an erosion of the high moral standards expected of military personnel, but a sincere attempt by senior Army leadership to ensure that commanders continue to base their decisions on the time-honored principals of good order, discipline, and morale rather than to resort to actions predicated on personal moral judgements.

A few sentences later, under the heading of "Justification," the memo goes on to state that a change in policy is needed "in order to establish a supportable Army policy that can withstand the inevitable challenge by either the courts or Congress."

The document ends with a dramatic proposal to change the current policy which states, in part, that "The Army shall not discriminate in recruitment, promotion or retention practices based on sexual orientation."

"This document is an absolute admission that the policies mandating the discharge of Gay and Lesbian personnel is unsupported by any evidence, has always been

discriminatory, and is utterly without justification," stated Sandra J. Lowe, Lambda Staff Attorney and counsel for Steffan. "We're extremely pleased this document has surfaced. Not only is it an internal admission that the ban on Lesbians and Gay men is based on prejudice and not military necessity, but it's also an indication that the change of the policy is inevitable, if not imminent."

The memo was originally withheld on the basis of a claim by the government that the document was "privileged." The author of the document, the circumstances under which it was prepared, the date it was written, and the status of the proposal are not clear.

Before he was discharged from the Academy, Steffan was one of the ten highest ranking members of his class with direct command over 800 fellow

midshipmen. Six weeks before graduation, Steffan was Questioned by the Academy Commandant about a rumor that he was Gay. In accordance with the Academy honor code, Steffan responded that he is Gay. After two disciplinary boards recommended his discharge, Steffan, who is now 26, was forced to resign from the Academy and was denied his diploma. ▼

## Air Force Captain Receives Honorable Discharge; Cheney Says Delay a 'Mistake'

Washington, DC—Air Force Captain Greg Greeley received an honorable discharge from the armed forces one day after his original discharge was delayed because of his participation in the Washington, DC Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

The delay in Greeley's discharge was attacked by members of Congress, the media and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

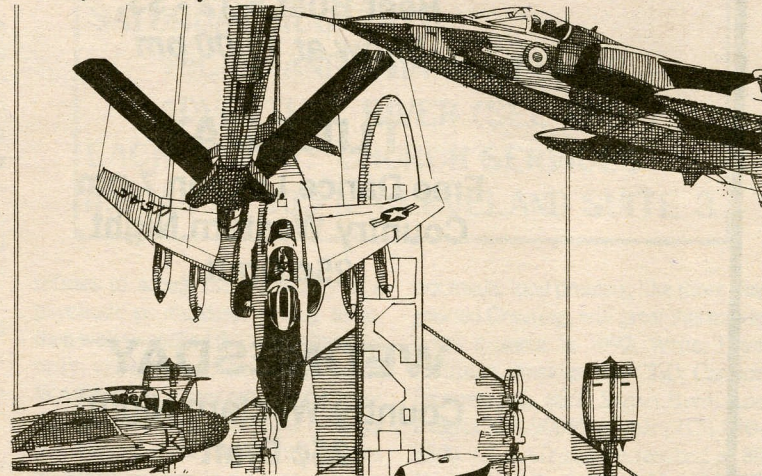
"The decision to stop the harassment of Captain Greeley and give him his honorable discharge is a small step in our ongoing effort to end the policy of discrimination against Lesbian and Gay Americans in the armed forces," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund.

A strong letter opposing the treatment of Greeley was sent by the Campaign Fund only hours after the Pentagon's decision to delay his discharge was made public by the *Washington Post*.

In an interview with Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney printed in

*USA Today*, the Secretary admitted that the Pentagon's decision to delay the discharge was a mistake. "He should not have been harassed on his way out," Cheney told the paper. Moreover, he noted, "no question in my mind, we've got a large number of Gays in military service."

Tim McFeeley expressed hope that the Secretary's comments reflect an increased awareness in the Pentagon of the negative impact of their discriminatory policies. "We are going to continue pushing until this policy is changed," McFeeley stated. ▼







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## Beating Suspect's Lawyer Says Gay Man Provoked Attack

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The lawyer for the 17-year-old charged with the videotaped beating of a gay man contends the victim "provoked the attack" in an ongoing dispute with the boy's family.

"It's not a Gay-bashing case," John R. McCardle, a Hayward defense lawyer, told reporters. Instead, he said, the alleged beating that left William B. Kiley with a broken nose and neck injuries was the result of a disagreement over lawn clippings.

"It's a case about lawn clippings," he said.

McCardle's remarks came after a hearing in which Juvenile Court Judge Thomas C. Edwards ordered the youth to remain in the custody of juvenile authorities until his trial next month.

According to Deputy District At-

torney Janet Cartwright, the judge's decision was based on the seriousness of the crime and because the youth may pose a serious threat to others.

No trial date has been set, but Cartwright said the case will probably be heard in August.

The 42-year-old victim set up a video camera on his rental property across the street from where the alleged beating took place.

The youth has been charged with violating a person's civil rights, felony battery causing serious bodily injury, and assault with a deadly weapon. His name hasn't been released because of his age.

Kiley, who earlier in the week filed a \$20 million civil lawsuit against the youth and his family, did not attend the hearing. ▼

## Conservatives Urge Hotel To Cancel P-FLAG Meeting

CHARLOTTE (AP) — An annual meeting of Gays and Lesbians scheduled for Charlotte this fall has led local conservatives to urge the host hotel to cancel the booking.

An official of the Omni Charlotte Hotel said that the October conference of the International Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays will go on as scheduled at the uptown location. General manager Tom Barker said the booking can't be canceled.

"Our purpose is to serve the general public, not to endorse or approve of any group," he said.

Concerned Charlotteans, the conservative religious group, had sent postcards to the hotel asking officials to cancel the booking. The Rev. Joseph Chambers, who heads the group, considers the meeting a step toward turning Charlotte into "a homosexual mecca."

Chambers said his group is determined to force the meeting out.

"There are some things in the works," he said. "We would like to see it changed in a very quiet way. But you can certainly use some stronger tactics if your weaker tactics fail."

Nila Bailey, president of the federation's Charlotte chapter, said about 500 people are expected at the October conference.

Members of the group also lobby for Gay/Lesbian rights. They have protested at a Charlotte-area restaurant that fired a Gay worker. Some marched in June's Gay Pride parade in Durham.

Chambers described the federation as "blatant and viciously pro-homosexual all the way. Their real purpose belies their name." He pointed to a parade of half-dressed Lesbian bikers through San Francisco and said that could be in Charlotte's future.

"There will be no parade," Mrs. Bailey said. "There will be no naked people. Just parents trying to help each other, and help our children." ▼

## Sgt. In Murder-Suicide Faced Homosexuality Charges

FORT IRWIN, Calif. (AP) — An Army sergeant who allegedly killed an enlisted man, then committed suicide was facing a court-martial on charges he had a Gay relationship with the soldier, officials said.

Sgt. Timothy Karl Miller, 25, had been charged on three counts of sodomy and four counts of indecent acts stemming from an alleged relationship with Spec. Terry Wayne Stephenson Jr., 20, Army officials said.

The body of Stephenson, who was shot to death, was found in a hallway

outside his room shortly after 6 a.m. July 9. Miller shot himself three hours later after officers questioned him in his barracks.

Authorities at this Army training center in the Mojave Desert, about 130 miles northeast of Los Angeles, called the double slaying an apparent murder-suicide.

Wagstaffe confirmed that Miller's court-martial was set to begin the week of July 8 and the charges he faced were based on allegations made by Stephenson, who was scheduled to be a witness for the prosecution.

"Stephenson was alleging that Miller initiated the contact," Wagstaffe said. "It was a case of fraternization between a supervising non-commissioned officer and a subordinate officer. ... It was not an alleged forced act." ▼

## Couple Skips Marriage License To Protest Alleged Discrimination

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Don Ulin and Susan Wyss both said "I do" to each other and "I don't" to an official marriage license.

It's not that they take their marriage vows lightly. They decided that was the best way to protest what they perceive as discrimination against Gays who marry.

Gay couples are denied marriage perks such as tax incentives, insurance breaks and "legitimacy" titles for children because of their sexual preference, the couple says.

"It seemed like one very small area where we could take a stand and follow the dictates of our conscience. As long as millions of equally loving couples are denied those benefits, we are unable to partake of them in good conscience," Ulin said after the weekend wedding.

"What should be a welcoming supportive institution has become a means of enforcing discrimination. Martin Luther King said that until everyone is welcome on any seat of the bus, no one belongs on the bus at all. We look at the legal institution of marriage in the same way."

The couple followed Ulin's Quaker upbringing and had guests sign a certificate of marriage. Although the document isn't recognized by law, Ulin said it "will mean far more to us than a civil certificate."

Ulin, 30, is a member of the Bloomington Quarry Morris Dancers and writer for the radio show, "A Moment of Science." Wyss, 32, works for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. ▼

## Soon To Be A Movie

(From the GLAAD Bulletin)

Last November we alerted you to production plans for the movie *Basic Instinct*. Unfortunately, our complaints urging script revisions were ignored. This most Lesbophobic of movies went into production in San Francisco, where it has been met with street protests from GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area and local Queer Nation chapter.

Starring Michael Douglas, *Basic Instinct* features the latest in man-hating killer Lesbians. Roxy, the psycho Lesbian killer, slashed her little brother to death when she was 14. She tries to kill the hero because he's involved with her bisexual female roommate. The roommate herself is an ice-pick man-killer. A third woman, who is either bisexual or Lesbian, is also apparently a murderer.

The film contains no sympathetic Lesbian, Gay, or bisexual characters. And the hero, a straight white man, makes homophobic remarks throughout.

Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "If we've reached the point where any minority

## College to Investigate Condom Distribution by Student Association

DALLAS (AP) — The University of North Texas is investigating the Student Association's distribution of condoms to incoming freshmen without school approval.

Joe Stewart, vice president of UNT student affairs, said the dean of students office would immediately begin reviewing the violation of the code of student conduct.

Stewart would not say if the school's review would focus solely on the group or individual members of the group. Penalties range from a verbal warning to expulsion from the university.

Wade Duchene, vice president of the Student Association, said that although he is anxious about possible punishment, he believes the action was the correct one.

"I mean sure, I'm scared. I'm a senior, I'm about to graduate," said Duchene. "But I think what we did was right. Judging from the responses from the students and the parents it was really no big deal. And hopefully the administration will seek to punish it like it was no big deal."

Officials at the 26,500-student university just north of Dallas did not stop the condom giveaway, despite their disapproval of the action.

Stewart said he received three phone calls in response to the prophylactic giveaway. One call, from a student, was in support of the handout. The two others were from parents opposed to the action.

About 150 of the 800 condoms, obtained from the Texas Department of Health, were distributed along with leaflets on safe sex.

"We gave away more than we expected, about 150. The green ones all went fast, I think to show school spirit," Duchene said. UNT's school colors are green and white. "... The students showed a much more mature attitude about sex than the administration did."

Duchene said the group will continue handing out condoms during freshman orientation sessions continuing throughout the summer.

Stewart said the administration believes student health center officials should be responsible for condom education, not students.

Condoms are already available at the UNT health center on request, Stewart said.

Duchene said the Student Association planned to pass out condoms at last year's orientation session but deferred to school officials. ▼

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refuses to accept the possibility of a psychotic or murderer among them, then we've reached the state where the only villains can be white male WASPs." He misses entirely the point that the only representations of Gays (i.e. *Silence of the Lambs*) or Lesbians by major studios is as queer psycho killers or as objects of ridicule.

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not made, loud protests, like those that greeted *Cruising*, will greet this movie when it opens in 1992. Write: Peter Hoffinan, President and CEO, Carolco Pictures, Inc., 8800 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069 or call (213) 850-8800. GLAAD can be reached at 80 Varick St, Suite 3E, NY, NY 10013. ▼



# Arts Journal Takes Literary Tack En Route To AIDS Understanding

By Molly Mccarthy  
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — James Turcotte didn't panic when he found out he had AIDS.

Instead, he calmly sat down at his laptop computer and began to write.

Turcotte, 45, records his life in New York city's Gay community in a daily journal.

"I would like ... to encourage people to write their own journals," he said from his apartment in New York City. "Otherwise, people feel like they've lived for nothing. With a book, it gives a tremendous sense of expression. It's a great release."

Turcotte binds the books he writes and gives them to friends. Although he would like to have had his journal published, he never wanted to face what he calls that "monolith of publishing."

But thanks to the work of David Waggoner and the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, Turcotte's work is making it to print — in a new AIDS journal.

*Arts and Understanding* is Waggoner's brainchild. Last summer, Waggoner began talking to writers and AIDS advocates about publishing a journal devoted to AIDS. Unlike other AIDS publications, the content would highlight and preserve the volume of AIDS literature coming out of the Gay and arts communities instead of focusing on medical or social issues.

Initially, the impetus behind Waggoner's project was to preserve the core of work of those who have died from AIDS and HIV-infection. But as word got out and the project matured, Waggoner saw an opportunity to use the journal as a more subtle means of educating the public about AIDS issues.

"There is a usefulness for someone like Robert Mapplethorpe to get people's attention," said David Bergman, 41, a poet and a professor of English at Towson St. University in Maryland. "But once you get their ear, you have to provide the kinds of things that allow them to listen. You can't teach until people are ready to learn."

Education is what tempted the AIDS Council into backing the project. Linda Glassman, the council's executive director, said the educational aspect of the journal accomplishes one of the organization's two missions.

"If people get to know somebody with HIV disease, their attitudes are completely changed," she said. "The way I learned about people most of my life was through reading. So, I figured that was a way for the general public to as well."

The journal is set to debut at the

end of June. But its introduction could be delayed until later this summer depending on fundraising efforts.

The first issue will be published in part as an insert to a weekly alternative newspaper in Albany called *Metroland*. Marshall C. Lucier, the newspaper's associate publisher, agreed to publish *Arts and Understanding* as proof of the organization's strong feeling for the AIDS cause.

Waggoner says the journal is a first. And, in a sense, that's true. There have been various AIDS anthologies including *Poets for Life*, *High Risk* and *The Purple Plume*, which have focused on AIDS and featured contributors who are HIV-infected. But no one, before now, has attempted to launch a periodical wholly devoted to AIDS writing, Waggoner said.

Even though the institutions behind the project are regional, writers from across the country have mailed in close to 600 submissions. The artists are published and unpublished, HIV-infected and healthy, Gay and heterosexual, male and female, famous and not-so-famous.

Bergman, who has written a study of Gay-American literature to be published by the University of Wisconsin later this year, does not have AIDS. But he does write about the disease and says he feels a kind of survivor's guilt.

"I feel the responsibility to make sure that the work doesn't get lost because there's no one there to make sure it continues," Bergman said.

Mark O'Donnell also sent some poems to Waggoner to include in the first issue of "Arts and Understanding." Asked if he was afraid people would think he had AIDS if he was included in the journal, O'Donnell said "no."

"You can't help people's short-sightedness," he said. "I don't really care."

O'Donnell writes plays and "weird short fiction," which has been published by *The Atlantic* and *The New Yorker*, in addition to poems like the one he wrote after hearing a friend had been diagnosed with AIDS. It's called *Pandora Then Heard a Small Voice*.

It reads:

I'm too frail to join  
on their flight to colonize all  
shores.

I will recline glinting, hinting,  
while history

spins caterwauling over the hills.

"You want to do whatever you can to be useful," O'Donnell said of his submissions. "If I were a doctor I would be doing work in a clinic. I'm a writer and this is my pro bono."

Wheelchair-bound since he was 9 years old, poet Chris Hewitt says he can't really participate in rallies or join ACT-UP, so his poems mark his activism. Hewitt, 45, suffers from a weakened bone condition called osteogenesis imperfecta.

His submission, which is so far untitled, is set in a church on Easter Sunday. A man in a wheelchair, who could be Hewitt, spies a hollow face sitting in a pew across the aisle — a man dying of AIDS. The poem explores how each perceives the other.

"All disabilities are the same," said Hewitt, who does not have AIDS. "It limits your freedom. It's all relative."

Waggoner said 30,000 copies of the first issue would be distributed nationwide with the help of AIDS and literary organizations. For the journal's third issue, Waggoner is hoping to go international, focusing on AIDS in the Soviet Union.

AIDS activists, including members of ACT-UP and the Gay Men's Health Crisis, say there is room for a project like Waggoner's in the fight for AIDS understanding.

"I don't think the journal is a less effective way of doing it," said David Eng, a spokesman for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, one of the oldest and largest AIDS organizations. "Everything is a kind of support. Everything is part of the whole pie."

Robin Haueter, a member of ACT-UP, was equally enthusiastic about the idea.

"It would be my hope that this journal helps people to understand that AIDS is something that affects everyone," Haueter said. "And if it hasn't yet, it probably will."

Finally, Glassman characterized the periodical as a kind of gift.

"All too often people with HIV disease are seen as victims or seen as people who take from society," said Glassman. "They have such a tremendous amount to give ... It's a way to give back whatever wisdom they've gleaned." ▼

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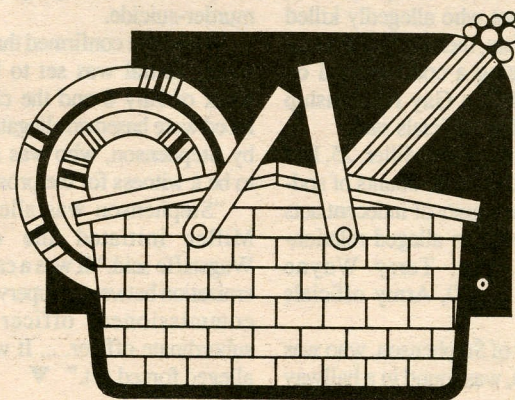
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# Civil Service A Mixed Bag For Gays & Lesbians

By Kim I. Mills  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barrett Brick says being openly Gay has never hurt his career at the Federal Communications Commission.

"In fact, when I was arrested once at a demonstration protesting United States' anti-Gay and anti-HIV immigration policies, when I got back to the office, I was rather roundly cheered," he said.

And three years ago, Brick — an attorney in the cable TV division — was tapped to be an in-house counselor mediating discrimination cases, expressly because he's Gay.

Brick's experience is not unique; many Gay people are happily and gainfully employed by Uncle Sam. But for every Barrett Brick, there are uncounted federal employees who won't or can't admit to being Gay.

One Lesbian who works at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said she believes that to be openly Gay at work would make further advancement impossible.

"NASA is very much a male, military kind of place," she said, speaking on condition that her name not be used. "After all, we only send 'real' men into space, and 'real' women."

Many Gay civil servants fear that if their orientation were known, they would be ostracized, harassed, passed over for promotion or denied a security clearance. Many federal workers need a security clearance — permission to see government secrets — to do their jobs.

Evan Wolfson, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, a Gay-rights organization, pointed to the military, the FBI and the CIA as the agencies most inhospitable to Gay people.

"But we also know that there are Gay men and Lesbians there," he said.

Wolfson cited the case of Frank Buttino, a San Francisco FBI agent with 20 years' experience who was fired last year after admitting he was Gay. The agency revoked Buttino's security clearance on the grounds that his homosexuality made him a risk. He is suing the agency.

Just last week, military investigators detained and questioned an Air Force captain who carried the lead banner in Washington's Gay pride parade. Greg Greeley, of Arlington, Va., was supposed to be discharged Monday. But the Air Force delayed his separation by one day while it questioned him about his personal life and suggested that being Gay made him more likely to have breached government security. He was honorably discharged Tuesday.

The military has an uncompromising ban against homosexuals in uniform — although that prohibition is being challenged with increasing frequency. But the civilian federal government does not view homosexuality as grounds for firing workers or rejecting job applicants, according to Mary Ann Maloney, spokeswoman for the Office of Personnel Management, the government's personnel

department.

However, that was not always the case, says Frank Kameny who in 1957 was fired from a civilian job with the then-Army Map Service for being Gay.

"I took my dismissal as a declaration of war against me," he said.

Kameny sued the Civil Service Commission (now the Office of Personnel Management), and lost. But he wouldn't quit. Kameny, an acknowledged father of modern Gay activism, organized pickets at the Civil Service Commission. He became a paralegal and helped launch court cases in the 1960s aimed at overturning the commission's anti Gay policy.

"We used every possible method that we could against them," he said. "Ultimately, on July 3, 1975, the commission issued a news release saying in effect — obviously not in these words — that they were changing their policy to suit me, and the blanket disqualification of Gay people as such was ended."

But problems persist for Gay people who need access to classified information to do their jobs, says Kameny, who has advised numerous Gay people seeking security clearances.

Earlier this month, the CIA agreed to settle a 6-year-old discrimination suit filed by a Gay technical illustrator in California who was refused a security clearance because of her sexual orientation.

The CIA denies that it discriminates against homosexuals and maintains it considers 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."

But Kameny says that argument is bunk.

"In the entire 50-year history of our security clearance programs, there has not been one single case in this country of Gay-related blackmail for espionage," he said. "Gays as a class or group have the best record as security risks of any identifiable minority in the American population. Nevertheless, they keep on going hammer and tongs after all of this."

The American Bar Association recently distributed a set of uniform guidelines on security clearances which it is recommending for adoption throughout the government. The standards propose that security clearances be processed without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.

Security clearances aside, some openly Gay federal employees describe very relaxed workplaces.

"I have been completely 'out' for several years and I have had no trouble at all," said Rick Rosendall, a computer worker at the Department of Labor. "My co-workers have been very supportive. We do a lot of kidding back and forth and I give as good as I get."

Bob Dardano, who works in foreign acquisitions at the Library of Congress, said he feels free enough to sit at his desk reading the local Gay newspaper, although his fellow Gay workers are very closemouthed about their personal lives.

"There are a lot of Gay people here but I wouldn't say it's real open," he said. "I'd say most of the people here are pretty much at the left, liberal end

of the spectrum."

Capitol Hill is generally viewed as a risky workplace for open Gays, primarily because many worker-protection laws do not apply there.

"Congress is a very big closet," said Sam P., a Gay staffer in a Senate office, who asked that his last name — and the name of his boss — not be used.

Almost a year ago, Sam founded

a Gay lunch group on the Hill, which meets every Friday and has about 40 members. Sam said he's disappointed that the group hasn't been able to attract more members, but understands why.

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## Steve Endean in Memphis

A small but attentive crowd gathered for the talk by Steve Endean of Human Rights Campaign Fund on July 2. Co-sponsors were Black Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B-GLAD) and Black and White Men Together (BWMT). Endean, an activist with 20 years experience in political activism also has very strong ties with BWMT.

His primary points were connecting the national and local efforts for human rights, the Speak Out program of HRCF, and working to better local conditions and situations. "It's not about who's right, it's about who chooses to use power," he said. This was exemplified by the mail campaigns of right-wing organizations as compared to Speak Out. Speak Out is a service of HRCF which provides a bulk of mailgrams from constituents to legislators addressing Gay/Lesbian issues. The constituent signs up for and pays in advance for a certain number of these mailgrams sent in their name which can be used to blitz legislators with favorable opinions from their constituents about certain key votes in Congress.

He also discussed direct mail to legislators and the plan to create a national endorsement campaign through letters to local community leaders who endorse Gay/Lesbian issues, and using these combined endorsements at local, state and national legislative levels to influence legislation. He also encouraged Gays and Lesbians to volunteer in local political campaigns citing that as something that lawmakers remember, or can be reminded of.

"The fights and climate are here, not in Washington," he said. He strongly urged Memphians to write to Congressman Harold

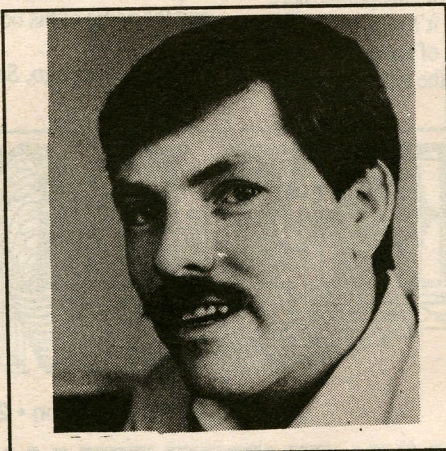
## Complaint About Officer Still Unresolved

According to David Bulliner, owner of Chaps, the complaint filed against Officer Wiley Taylor has left MPD Internal Affairs and he hopes to hear soon about disciplinary action.

Taylor, when called to the bar on an unrelated incident, instigated a search when he reportedly smelled marijuana. The incident ended by forcing a bar patron to crawl out to a patrol car on his hands and knees, at gunpoint, through the crowded bar. No evidence was ever found and the charges against the patron were dropped. A complaint was later filed by Bill Goodman of the Hut and by the Chaps owners. ▼

## Correction

The article "Gay Zinefest Signals New Movement" in the July issue incorrectly identified Bruce La Bruce and G.B. Jones as editors of *Bimbox*. They are the editors of *JD's*, another Toronto zine. Johnny Noxzema and Rex Boy are the editors of *Bimbox*. The *Triangle Journal News* regrets the errors.



Steve Endean

Ford acknowledging his sponsorship of Gay/Lesbian Anti-Discrimination. He emphasized the fact that if this type of support is not at least acknowledged, a legislator may decide it isn't important to any of his/her constituents. ▼

## ATEAC Set To Distribute "Explicit" Material to G/L Community

ATEAC is frustrated with what many consider the "namby-pamby" safer sex brochures generally available. To combat that frustration, the Aid to End AIDS Committee has purchased a series of relatively sexually explicit brochures which take a "sex-positive" approach to safer sex.

According to Anette Chaney, Education Director of ATEAC, four brochures for men and one for women had to be purchased with money outside of ATEAC's state grant for education. She noted that all materials purchased with state money have to be approved by a committee in Nashville and that these had not been approved.

The four for men form a series and include the titles *Oral Sex*, *Anal Sex*, *Sex Options* and *Leather/SM*. They were produced by the Tuscon AIDS Project last year.



A brochure titled *Women Loving Women* was produced by the Gay Men's Health Crisis. Among other things, it addresses the issue of oral/anal and oral/vaginal safer sex by providing instructions on the proper use of dental dams.

All five of the brochures will be available through ATEAC volunteers at AIDS Awareness nights beginning this month. For more information, contact ATEAC at 458-AIDS. ▼

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**Q) Should I obtain the advice of an attorney or CPA prior to participating in the American Life Resources Program?**

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## The Director's Chair

by Gary Bodell  
Director, MGLCC



Another hot month gone by and you still don't have enough to do? Well, I'm sure we can fix that real quick. To start the month off right, the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite is having a Bar-B-Que at the MGLCC on Sunday, the 4th.

In case you missed the excitement, by the end of July, we will have had two milestones. The first event was the first meeting of the YLGA (Young Lesbian & Gay Alliance) here at the center Wednesday July 17th. The turnout was small but it showed that there are in fact some who feel that the group is necessary. The second event will be the wedding of Vic J. McAlister and Joyce A. Russell also here at the center on July 27th.

Also, every Wednesday the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department has free confidential HIV/AIDS testing from 5 to 7 pm.

For more information and/or to set up an appointment call 576-7714. Also, every Wednesday, the YLGA will meet from 7:30 to whenever. The requested ages for the group are 18 to 25. Every Thursday is Video Night at the Community Center. This month Divine makes appearances in "Lust In The Dust," "Polyester," "Female Trouble," "Pink Flamingoes," and "Hairspray."

Don't forget the 3rd Friday Coffeehouse on the 16th and the MGLCC's monthly Potluck on the 17th (\$3 with dish or \$5 without). ▼

## Unity I Set for Labor Day Weekend

Wings and Women of Leather will hold a joint indoor run and anniversary, titled *Unity I, Labor Day* weekend in Memphis. The run marks the seventh anniversary of Wings and the fourth for Women of Leather.

Among the activities planned are bike, people, and veranda events, bike and buddy events, a talent show, as well as the usual variety of cocktail parties. The 1991 Mr. Southern Leather Contest, and the Leathermen's Ball are also included in the run.

This marks the first time leather men and women have teamed on

organizing a joint run, hence the name of the run, *Unity I*.

Registration will begin on Friday August 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the River Place, 100 N. Front St. at Adams in downtown Memphis. The run fee is \$70 without accommodations and range from \$95-\$150 with accommodations (depending on the number in a room). A \$10 late fee will be charged on reservations made after Aug. 15.

For more information, contact Carolyn Kelly (901-274-7723), David Bulliner (901-458-8342) or Chaps (901-726-4767). ▼

## Rhythm Fest: Women's Music, Art, and Politics

The second annual Rhythm Fest will take place atop Lookout Mountain in Georgia on Labor Day weekend. The event will take place from noon Thursday, August 29, through 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 2, on 700 acres of private land overlooking Tennessee and Alabama.

Rhythm Fest will include music, comedy, theatre, dance, crafts, sports, concessions, workshops, camping, swimming, square dancing, and speakers. Space is limited to 1500 women. Boys 8 and under are welcome, but the festival is a women-only space.

Performers will include Faith Noland, Monica Grant, June

Millington, Sue Fink, Joyce and Jacque, 2 Nice Girls, and Alix Dobkin.

Speakers will include Suzanne Fharr, Nancy Burmeyer, Jona Olsson, Mandy Carter, and Leota Lone Dog.

Producers indicate that there are only about 125 cabin spaces available, but there is plenty of room for RV's (without hook-ups). Showers and portable toilets will be provided.

For more information, pick up a festival flier at Meristem, 930 S. Cooper, or send a stamped, self-addressed, legal-size envelope to Rhythm Fest, P.O. Box 807, Durham, NC 27702-0807. ▼



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## Two Groups

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Attendees of the first meeting seemed to feel that the Coalition has out-lived its usefulness. Its focus had always been on outreach and education but the primary political activism in Memphis has always been associated with the Coalition. *Gaze* newspaper contained many stories and editorials with political topics.

A second meeting, held Monday, July 22, at the MGLCC, was attended by a core group of six. A short term goal proposed is to identify non-homophobic politicians within local government. The main thrust will be political awareness of Gays and Lesbians in Memphis, both within and without the Gay/Lesbian community. "We are inviting and desire representation from all segments of the Gay/Lesbian community so as to be representative of the community as a whole," said Russell Armstrong, one of the organizers. Another or-

ganizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29.

At GayRaps held in July and August of last year, the Memphis Gay Coalition came under attack from members of BWMT and BGLAD who accused the organization of being a white male power structure that was racist and sexist. As a result of this criticism, long-time board members and officers Vincent Astor, Allen Cook, Cecil McLeod, and John Stilwell resigned their positions.

The new board that was elected had a history of non-attendance at meetings and a failure to follow through even when the membership voted that they take action on certain things. The resignations of both the president and vice president were accepted by the general membership for their lack of attendance and inaction on several fronts.

In the course of a year, *Gaze*, the monthly publication of the Memphis Gay Coalition, ceased to exist altogether. The Gay Switch-

board became less frequently connected to volunteers, which angered and alienated many of them, and was allegedly abused by those in charge. Reorganized by Don Griesheimer and other supporters, the Gay Switchboard is again being answered regularly by volunteers.

An effort to create a political organization has been tried before. M-PAC (Memphis Political Action Committee) an organization that was designed to be a political PAC was unsuccessful due to the departure of its leadership and faltering local support. ▼





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### The Rumour Round

The Lambda Men's Chorus is planning a concert at the Church on the River for Sunday, Aug. 25 at 3 PM. It will also hold the second of its wonderful Spaghetti Suppers to benefit the MGLCC later this summer.

Congratulations to Sweet Thang, the first Miss You Ain't Right (well maybe not the first, but the first to be crowned for it anyhow). These same dedicated so-and-sos staged another benefit for a friend in need and raised a tidy sum. Generosity attains a new high even as production attains a new depth.

The St. Jude benefit at the Pipeline netted a total of \$1,744 for pediatric AIDS research. 46 advertisers bought ads in the program and hefty crowds attended Ruby Wilson's show, the drag-stravaganza and Joyce Cobb's show. Numerous strangely-clad people performed on Saturday night (two sister acts, no less) including, in the less-strangely-clad category, Joan Sparks of Aphrodite, Melina, ourselves and a drag who shall remain nameless.

It astonished moi that this—person—would take such inordinate trouble to criticize our visage (plain though it be) when we at least shaved *something* before presuming to do a drag number and taking a little more time than the time it takes to smear some black smudge all over ourselves to prepare something ever-so-slightly-feminine-appearing. Black smudge and nasty talk are not necessarily associated with talent, but doing live patter does take some nerve. Yes, *some nerve* seems to be a correct comment on the entire debacle.

Good luck to Jere and the Pippettes on future endeavors.

ATEAC realized a nice donation from J-Wag's Wild... Wet...Fun Weekend. The favourite sport of the afternoon was "Drench Your Favorite Bartender" and the contestants consisted of three hunks, a drag queen, a tycoon and an asshole. We will leave you, gentle reader, to decide from among these participants who was whom: Bobby Beesinger, Greg Brantley, Bill Durkee, Larry Malone, Jason Starr, Tommy Stewart and the members of Alliance.

The party girls at Alley-Ants are taking off with a vengeance, talk-

ing about mascots of the entomological variety and hooty club nights. They are espousing a lot of community service which we truly applaud.

By the way, we haven't heard a

Lady A's  
Pounds

squeek out of GHOUN (Germantown Housewives of Uniform Naugahyde) in ever so long. Have they become so exclusive as to become extinct or are they just too stuck-up to call anybody who lives west of the Omni? Maybe their foundress has just gotten stuck in her advanced dotage, or has she fallen and can't get up?

We enjoyed lunch with one of the finer role models for Gays and Lesbians everywhere, Steve Endean, founder of Human Rights Campaign Fund. As difficult as it can be to be active, and energize Gay/Lesbian people to be active, and do it for an extended period, this man ranks very high on the honor roll for continuing to do all three. He ain't bad lookin' either.

Congratulations to Darius Bell, Mr. Esquire and Prince Denado, Mr. Apartment Club. The new Miss River City is Toni Cambers. First runner-up is Shekeetra Carrington and second runner-up is Trixie Thunderpussy. Congrats all.

Used to be, when we mentioned The Hut to someone who hadn't been there, their first impression was, how you say, sprinkled with trepidation. One had to convince them that a good time is usually had by all. No more! Someone has put a new coat of paint on the old joint and its scheme of white and tasteful powder blue makes it look positively cottage-like. We are looking for great things from GOCS so don't just sit and wait for us to happen by, Fancy, call sometime and let us in on the tea.

Oh yes, oh yes, we mustn't forget one of the newest shining lights in community cervix. BOHD (Bartenders of Hebrew Descent) fell out of the sky and instigated a pleasant little happy hour fundraiser for the MGLCC. The Center made a few shekels, and everybody had fun. Those are the best kind of fundraisers.

### The Runaround

Chaps has begun regular country/western dance lessons and three nights a week country/western music format. Coming up is a salute to John Poole—Mr. Southern Leather 1991—recently moved to Memphis, and Unity I. This new run is co-sponsored by Wings and Women of Leather and will be held over Labor Day weekend.

The Pipeline is planning a Flashlight Night Aug. 9 and a Cowboy Night Aug. 15. Alliance will host another Club Night at the Pipeline Aug. 24

Miss Black Tennessee is scheduled for Aug 28 at the Apartment Club.

Aphrodite will stage a Bar-B-Que at the MGLCC on Aug. 4. Remember, if there's no alcohol involved, the Center is a good place for group functions. We are also trebling the size of our bulletin board for business cards, flyers and event announcements of all kinds. By September, there will be all kinds of mini-happenings whenever the Center is open.

Do catch Dianne Davidson in concert at the New Daisy Theatre on Aug. 11, co-sponsored by Meristem.

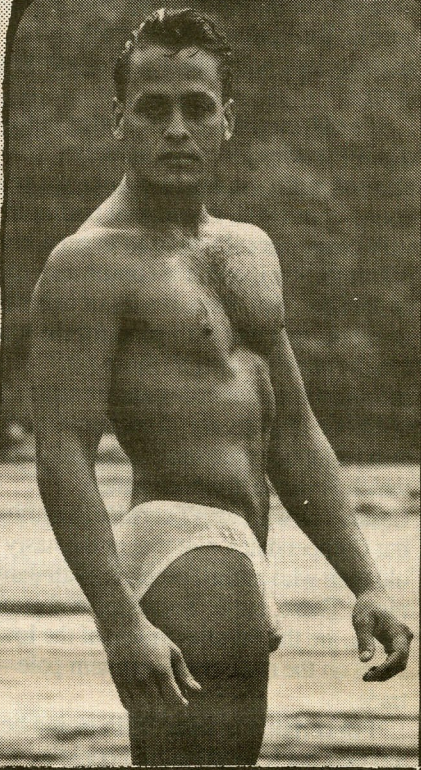
### Final Round

Dear Miss Casino, goodness! In the heat of the moment, something just blurts right out. We know you have had nights like this. We hope our presence and ever-so-slight contribution to the cause makes the occasional verbal faux-pas a little easier to excuse.

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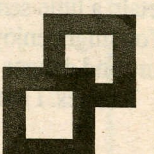
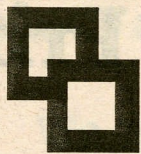
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# Dear Bruce – A Fairy Story

Dear Bruce,  
You sure bring back a lot of memories. I can remember very well my first fact-finding expedition to the adult book store. How long were you able to hide that magazine before you finally got rid of the evidence? Living at home does have its little drawbacks, even living with good people. I'm glad you didn't trick with anybody, it's not really the best way to get started.

It's sad, men do to one another at the quarter movies just what feminists have accused men of doing to women for years, gonad-controlled, impersonal rutting. It is very convenient if you need to get a load off, as they say, and it is consensual, most of the time. But, there is a lot of rejection going on, and that isn't good for the soul. I really wonder what all those self-proclaimed centerfold studs are so stuck up about; objectively taken, they could stand a lot of improvement. I don't know which is worse, the beer-gutted Casanovas who won't consider anything but Chippendales' material or the nasty old men who rattle their change all damn night. These, public restrooms and public parks, are the favorite haunts of the lowest beast on the male bonding totem pole – trade.

I'm certain Gertrude Stein would be amused but it seems these people's philosophy is, "A hole is a hole is a hole is a hole..." These guys have no respect or heart left when they are in this mode. Any hole to deposit their stuff in will do (though sometimes trade is more stuck up than quarter movie queens). The only reason they are there is that there is not a convenient, or inexpensive, female available. They will go right home to wife or girlfriend with not a second thought about you. Take them for what they are and beware, if trade gets the guilties it sometimes gets corporal. Trade and hustlers often prey on lonely Gay men, and it can lead to nastiness which spoils any goodie you may have gotten by default. I don't advise it, but if you must, just remember where you are. And protect yourself always, physically and mentally.

I know what whoring around is like, it's a phase everyone goes through. Try to retain a little sense, control, and dignity. You might enjoy it more, though adventure and danger are powerful narcotics! Ah, yes. I remember it well.

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# Gay Movement Looks For Strength In Numbers Via Census, Surveys

By Howard Goldberg  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)— The Gay community, which has long complained that the media distorts its image, is hoping to get a more rounded view of itself with the help of market researchers and the U.S. Census Bureau.

For two decades, Gay men and Lesbians have turned out at parades and festivals at the end of June. But these Gay-pride celebrations have presented a confusing picture to the public, especially when cameras focus on the flamboyant or those sick with AIDS.

"Everytime I see the TV coverage after a Gay and Lesbian pride event, I'm always dissatisfied," said Lynn Shepodd, an activist in Santa Fe, N.M. "It casts us in this sort of bizarre/pitiful light."

Few statistics have been available to fill out the picture, but that may be changing soon.

"For the first time in history, the census will provide information to count the number of unmarried same-sex partners," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

And a Chicago company, Overlooked Opinions Inc., is putting together results of an ongoing national survey of a panel of about 20,000 homosexuals.

"Our goal is to get the information to open up the Gay market so that corporate America can develop a relationship with the Gay community, and so the Gay community can learn more about itself," said company president Jeffrey J. Vitale.

While Vitale is selling a service to the business establishment, his marketing research fits in with calls by Gay political groups for more recognition.

"Developing a relationship with the Gay and Lesbian community means acknowledging we are here," said Shepodd, executive director of National Coming Out Day. Her group urges Gay people to make themselves visible each Oct. 11 to commemorate a 1987 Gay march on Washington.

In 1948, Kinsey Institute research established figures on the occurrence of homosexuality. The data is still relied upon. But many statistics remain blank when it comes to homosexual living arrangements, child-rearing, sex habits and consumer interests.

Public officials sometimes rely on speculation, as the French premier did in an interview that set off international repercussions this

month with claims that 25 percent of British, American and German men are homosexual.

"I look forward to polling data that gives shading and texture to the varieties of Gay and Lesbian communities," Bray said.

The Census Bureau does not ask about sexual orientation, but has promised to calculate same-sex couples showing up in what Bray called "the lavender question" — in which Gay couples can designate one another an "unmarried part-

ner" not a "housemate-roommate."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force could use the results to influence policy-making in corporate health benefits, probate, adoption law and AIDS prevention.

Polls taken for the media often ask about issues related to homosexuals' roles in society, but the respondent's sexual orientation is considered too sensitive a question.

Overlooked Opinions tried an alternative survey method, recruiting people around the country in

person and through advertisements to answer regular mail surveys. While some are closeted and use phony names, the surveys provide enough information that representative national samples can be extracted from the pool of about 20,000 people, Vitale said.

The results will be based on an assumption that 10 percent of American men and 3.33 percent of women are Gay — based on Kinsey's estimates for those predominantly or exclusively homosexual for at least three years of their adult lives.

Vitale estimates the total Gay-Lesbian population over 16 years

of age is just over 12 million. The average household size is 1.67 and the total number of households is 7.26 million. The national average percent of population that is Gay or Lesbian is estimated at 6.53 percent.

This not-so-round figure may disappoint Gay activists who boast of speaking for 10 percent of the population. Even in California and New York state, Overlooked Opinions figures the Gay population is a little under 8 percent.

"Market research is a technique and it gives you better than a gut feeling, but it is an approximation," Vitale said. ▼

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# Making It: A Woman's Guide To Sex In The Age Of AIDS

by Cindy Patton and Janis Kelly

Review by Gary Coughlan

(Womanly, yes, but I like it too!) *Making It* is geared to Lesbians but also to women whose sexual partners are men. Hence, it is useful for Gay males as well. This informative booklet spells out in both English and Spanish (for a total of 50 pages, including cartoons) no-nonsense capsule advice on such topics as: "What Is AIDS?", "What Causes AIDS?", "How AIDS Is Spread," "If I'm Infected With HIV, How Sick Will I Get?," and "How Can I Tell If I'm Sick?"

*Making It* stresses that AIDS is everyone's problem and to think oth-

erwise is "wrong—and dangerous." Practical steps to getting tested for HIV privately are given. You can generally find out if you have been infected with HIV within 2 to 3 months after that one time of unsafe sex. It could be up to 15 years before HIV may lead to AIDS or not.

*Making It* also makes safe sex fun by introducing the reader to new ways to use condoms, dildoes, goggles, gloves, and even Saran Wrap (it's not just for food anymore). Details from previous readers' sex lives pepper the pages in explicit language which gets right to the point.

This booklet also discusses the very latest in safe sex: dental dams, which are "pieces of latex about 5 inches square" used primarily for cun-

nilingus. These devices are available at Meristem and the L & A Dental Supply Company, both on South Cooper. They are also available for the asking through ATEAC. Virtually no one I've talked to in the straight or Gay worlds has heard of dental dams. I learned about them and much more from *Making It*.

The booklet concludes with explicit lists of what is considered risky sex, what to avoid, and what is ultra safe. A detailed list of AIDS information services across North America includes both addresses and telephone numbers for further answers to your questions, making a handy reference in one place in concise form.

*Making It* is available locally for \$4.95 from Meristem, 930 South Cooper, 2 miles south of the intersection of Cooper and Union. Meristem is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm. This reference should be on everyone's bookshelf. ▼

## Video Review

# Fun Down There (A Week In The Life)

By Gary Coughlan

The bright lights of New York City are the magnets drawing a small-town, 21-year-old, closeted Gay, Buddy Fields, to the city and its promise of fulfillment. Up to now, Buddy's Gay sex life has consisted only of masturbation and poring over his sister's *Playgirl* magazines.

*Fun Down There (A Week In The Life)* shows Buddy's metamorphosis from frustrated Gay loner to a full coming out with two boyfriends by week's end. As a day-by-day progression of Buddy's experiences, it sometimes becomes tedious (but that's why God created the fast forward button). This 1988 video is available locally from Star Search Video at 1411 Avenue, open 11 AM-11 PM daily.

Barely into New York, Buddy is picked up by a photographer named Joe—"Hi, do you have a cigarette? Want one? Joe shows Buddy the joys of mutual masturbation on a rooftop. He takes Buddy to breakfast the next morning, sets him up in a hotel, and escorts him to a party that evening at Greta's.

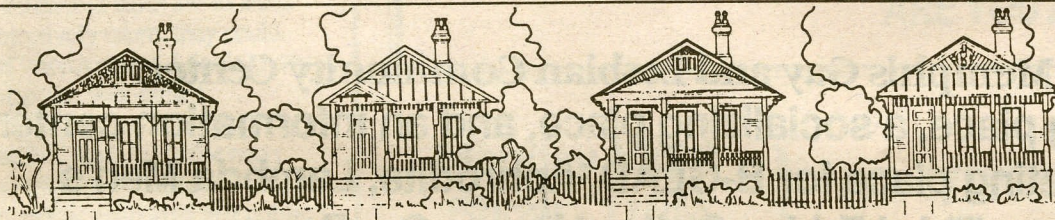
Greta, who owns a restaurant where Buddy becomes a dishwasher, is the social center of a mixed band of Gays, Lesbians, and straights, many of whom are her employees. Simon, the cook, does hilarious impersonations of Bette Davis, Mae

West, Thelma Ritter, Marilyn Monroe, and Susan Hayward. He even does a Ruth Gordon (*Harold & Maude, Maxie*), instead of Vivien Leigh, as Blanch Dubois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which alone was worth the video for me. Buddy doesn't know who Blanche Dubois is.

At the restaurant, Buddy meets his second boyfriend, Angelo, the waiter. They cautiously fall in love, beginning with a chaste kiss in the food storeroom and continuing later in Angelo's room. "When are we going to get some good-looking straight guys around here?" pines Kathy, the waitress, whose crush on Buddy is in vain.

Buddy still sees Joe too, and even moves in with him. Joe teaches him the rules of safe sex—"Nothing we did tonight was dangerous." This includes: masturbation, kissing, using a rubber every time you have anal sex, and no blow jobs. When asked about Angelo, Buddy replied, "He knows all the rules."

*Fun Down There* also touches on drug use, Gay harassment, a children's version (!) of *Macbeth* with a frog (!), drag queens, unenlightened parents, the possibility of changing Gays into straights, and a gigantic sculpture of a human head on Mars discovered by NASA space probes. Michael Waite, who plays Buddy, also co-wrote *Fun Down There*. ▼



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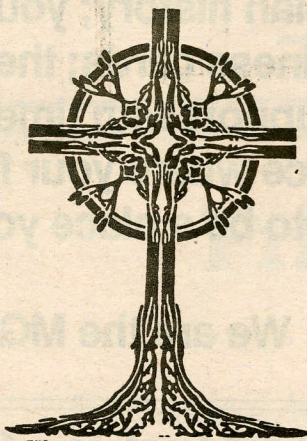
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## Top 20 Video Rentals

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2. *Kindergarten Cop* (Universal-MCA)
3. *Edward Scissorhands* (Fox)
4. *Green Card* (Touchstone)
5. *Reversal of Fortune* (Warner)
6. *The Grifters* (Miramax-HBO)
7. *Postcards From The Edge* (RCA-Columbia)
8. *Mermaids* (Orion)
9. *The Rookie* (Warner)
10. *Predator 2* (Fox)
11. *Look Who's Talking Too* (RCA-Columbia)
12. *Jacob's Ladder* (Live)
13. *Three Men and a Little Lady* (Touchstone)
14. *Ghost* (Paramount)
15. *The Long Walk Home* (Live)
16. *White Fang* (Disney)
17. *Quigley Down Under* (MGM-UA)
18. *Mr. Destiny* (Touchstone)
19. *Avalon* (RCA-Columbia)
20. *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (Warner)

All videos listed are available at Star Search Video, 1411 Poplar Ave. Star Search also has a wide selection of Lesbian/Gay-themed videotapes in their "Special Interest" section.

Tapes may be reserved in advance by calling 272-STAR. All reservations are subject to the return by the previous renter.



## Hooked On A Feeling

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

Are you so high on "love" that you live in a fantasy land and ignore daily responsibilities?

Can you "hang in there" much past the point of sanity, accept blame and fault for anything that goes wrong with your relationship, and ignore aspects of the other person you don't like or trust?

Are you able to enter into someone else's world completely, take on his feelings and make him feel alive?

Are you mysteriously drawn to "cosmic mates" with whom you immediately share your deepest secrets—and your body?

These are just a few signs that characterize sex, romance, and relationship addiction, all of which result in pseudo relationships that appear to be attempts at intimacy, but which are actually escapes from it.

With all three of these addictions, the addict establishes a relationship not with a person but with a mood-altering "experience" that becomes central to your life, much like a drug. As the disease progresses the obsession takes more control of your life, and you must spend more and more time and energy in the activity to get the same high. Addictions, you say? These emotions sound as familiar as the boy next door. Unfortunately, they are. We live in an addictive society which is so uncomfortable with real intimacy that it presents pseudo love as the real McCoy. Look at what passes for true love in movies, popular music, and best sellers: Girl meets boy. Although they have nothing in common and barely exchange three sentences, they instinctively "know" they are meant for each other. They fall passionately in love, then into bed. The plot thickens and by mid-movie

they're miserable, which is Hollywood's way of telling us that they're very in love. What they really are is hooked on a feeling—whether it's sex, romance or the feeling of having a relationship with someone. As a culture, we've been bombarded with this scenario so often that we not only accept it as valid, we go home and repeat it in our lives.

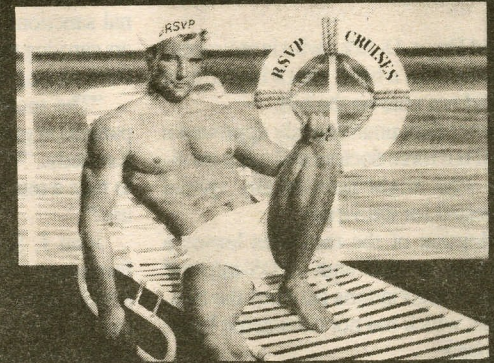
Because we live in a society where addictive relationships have become the norm, it can be difficult to establish the reality: People who are enmeshed in addictive relationships are both destroying those around them and are themselves being destroyed, in much the same way as alcoholics.

These addicts experience a progressive loss of spirituality and morality, and movement away from truth and reality. They are in deep personal pain, and become increasingly controlling, dishonest, self-centered, perfectionistic and isolated. Their thinking process becomes so impaired that they have based their reality not on truth but on faulty beliefs, confu-

sion, distortion, justification, and illusion.

Sex, romance, and relationship addictions are separate addictions which are often mistaken for each other, we can better distinguish one from the other and see that all three share traits that lead not to love or even friendship, but to pseudo relationships that act as drugs.

In the next three columns, we will look at sexual addiction, romance addiction, and relationship addiction. You will also have an opportunity to take a quiz to see whether or not you really are addicted to a person or a relationship. Last, I will talk about the ways to overcome these addictions. See you next month. ▼



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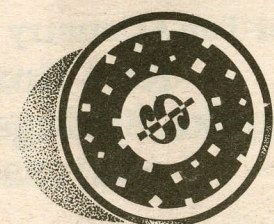
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## Bumpers Votes For AIDS Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., voted with the majority July 17 when the Senate approved, 81-18, a measure requiring prison terms and fines for health-care workers with AIDS who perform risky treatments on patients without telling the patients of their disease.

Bumpers was among 45 Democrats and 36 Republicans voting for the measure.

Voting "no" were 11 Democrats and 7 Republicans.

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., who is recuperating in Arkansas from a heart attack he suffered last spring, did not vote on the bill.

The chamber then unanimously approved a measure to all but force doctors and other medical workers who might accidentally spread AIDS to be tested for the virus.

Senate adoption of the measures leaves a decision on how to deal with AIDS-infected workers to later negotiations between the Senate and House, which has not considered legislation on the issue.

The sentencing provision, proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., was approved 81-18. The testing provision, agreed to by the Bush administration and Democratic and Republican leaders, was adopted 99-0.

Helms said the two proposals complemented each other and dismissed critics' claims that some senators supported his plan because they feared a backlash from voters.

"The apprehension was among those who are liberal by nature, and that's fine," Helms said.

But Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Labor and Education Committee, said Helms' amendment "is an unfortunate setback in the battle against AIDS. I'm just hoping it doesn't become law."

AIDS activists reacted angrily, particularly to the Helms provision.

"It's an absolute outrage," said Christopher Babick, executive of the People With AIDS Coalition in New York. "The Senate can implement as many laws as they wish, but until they provide comprehensive AIDS education and adequate health care, this epidemic will never end."

The compromise on testing would let states threaten the licenses of medical workers carrying the virus if they perform treatments in which the disease could be spread. Such procedures would include surgery and extracting teeth.

Infected doctors, dentists and nurses could give such treatments only if a panel of experts

approves and patients agree.

Helms' proposal would sentence workers who carry the virus and who perform risky procedures without telling patients to prison terms of at least 10 years and fines of at least \$10,000.

"Some people say, 'Ten years, that's pretty stiff,'" Helms said. "Well, let the punishment fit the crime. ... This is a criminal offense if there ever was one."

Opponents complained that Helms' criminal sanctions could discourage medical workers carrying the HIV virus, which triggers AIDS, from having the test for the disease.

"The most predictable effect is to put our patients at greater risk than they are today," said Kennedy. "What health professional will want to take a test if jail is at the end of the test failure?"

John J. Sweeney, president of the Service Employees International Union, said the sentencing provision "is wrongheaded, an incentive for HIV-infected workers to go underground and to avoid testing. And it is a fraud, a simplistic measure that gives the appearance of doing a lot while actually doing nothing."

Supporters of the compromise noted that the federal Centers for Disease Control knows of only five patients who have contracted the HIV virus from a health-care worker. He was a Florida dentist who died of AIDS.

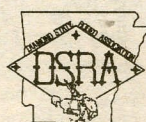
One of those patients, Kimberly Bergalis, 23, is close to death from the disease in Fort Pierce, Fla. Her case has attracted national attention from a public that, according to polls, overwhelmingly believes health-care workers should be tested for AIDS.

"The American people understand this issue," Helms said before the vote on his measure. "And if this amendment goes down, a lot of questions are going to be asked when senators go home."

According to the CDC, however, the greater risk is faced by medical workers, not patients. The agency knows of 40 health-care workers who have gotten the disease at work. Kennedy said he hoped to reach agreement soon with administration officials on provisions to better protect doctors from AIDS infections.

The testing measure requires states to adopt guidelines for health professionals that the CDC announced Monday. States that don't enact them within a year could lose their federal Public Health Service aid, which totals hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

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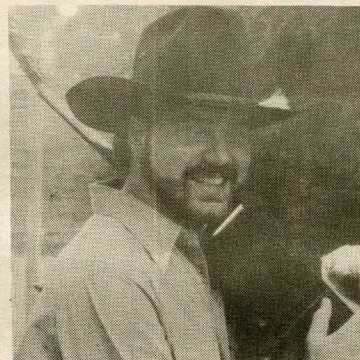
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## Gay Rodeo Circuit Plans Kansas Stop For First Time

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Organizers said the rodeo is similar to most other rodeos. Contestants, male and female, vie for cash prizes in 13 events.

"The difference is that women can compete in all the events, including steer riding and bull riding," said R.J. Newby, the association's executive secretary. "In the straight rodeo they're only allowed to ride horses."

The IGRA is a decade-old organization with about 7,000 members in 22 states. About 1,000 of its members compete.

Joe Boyd, president of the Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, said that although the rodeo site, PKD Arena, is in nearby Butler County, his organization helped line up Wichita hotel rooms for the group.

In the past year, IGRA rodeos have been held in Houston, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Albuquerque,

Oklahoma City and Denver. The 1991 IGRA finals will be Sept. 21 to 22 in Colorado Springs and Sept. 28 to 29 in San Diego.

Organizers estimate that about \$20,000 in gate receipts from the Andover rodeo will be donated to AIDS research.

"We want the rodeo to be held in an area where we feel there will be support for it," said Lynn Copeland, a Wichita IGRA member.

Copeland said there generally is not a lot of controversy associated with Gay rodeos.

"However, in Wichita, Kansas, it wouldn't surprise me," she said. ▼

### DSRA Calendar Notes

Sunday, July 28 — DSRA rodeo Ad Hoc Group (RHAG) will stage a dance at Miss Feb's from 6-10pm. \$2 cover will go to the Rodeo Fund. Mr. and Ms. DSRA will do a short show.

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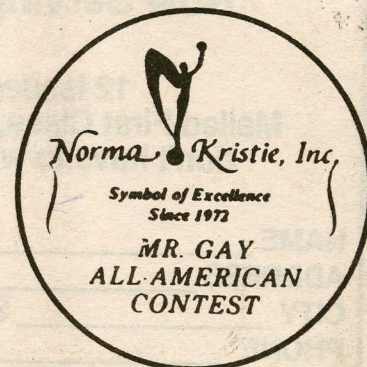
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**ACLU of Arkansas:** 209 West Capitol, Suite 214, Little Rock 72201 ☎ 374-2660.

**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).

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**Pulaski County N.O.W.:** Box 662, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 663-1333.

**Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN):** ☎ 375-5908.

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**Arkansas AIDS Foundation:** 5911 H. Street, Box 250007, Little Rock 72205 ☎ 663-7833. Board meeting 4th Thurs.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Arkansas Coalition Against Violence to Women & Children:** ☎ 276-1872.  
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**Narcotics Anonymous:** ☎ 373-8663.

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**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.

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Besides limiting the procedures infected health-care workers could perform, the CDC urged that equipment be disinfected and sterilized. And it barred workers with obvious sores from performing procedures in which the worker would treat a patient's body cavities.

But the American Medical Association and other health-care groups lobbied against the compromise, even though they considered it far less onerous than Helms' amendment.

Health workers' lobbyists said they favored the compromise's call for caution, but opposed linking the steps to a doctor's license. Such linkage, they said, would all but make the measure's provisions mandatory.

The AMA and the American Dental Association already urge their AIDS-infected members to not perform invasive procedures unless their patients are told and approve.

The CDC says that as of March 31, there were 6,436 health-care workers in the country known to have AIDS, including 171 dentists and dental hygienists, 703 physicians, 47 surgeons and 1,358 nurses.

The CDC estimated in January that in addition, about 300 surgeons and 1,200 dentists have the HIV virus.

The AIDS amendments were part of a bill allocating \$19.5 billion for operating the Treasury, the Postal service and other government agencies in fiscal 1992, which begins Oct. 1. The overall bill was approved 91 to 8. ▼

### Police Cite Male Performers At Gay Fundraiser

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A tavern operator protested the arrests of two male dancers while performing in skimpy costumes during a fundraiser for victims of hate crimes against Gay and Lesbians.

"Gay people are being beaten, mugged and injured," Al Thomas said, questioning police priorities. "I'd like to know why nothing is being done about that."

Police Sgt. James Cleveland said that a 23-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were charged July 18 with violating a municipal costume

ordinance while dancing at Thomas' south-side tavern.

"This has nothing to do with this being a Gay bar," Cleveland said. "This is part of (police) normal duties, to check violations in taverns."

The dancers, members of a troupe called Boys Next Door, wore string garments, Thomas said.

Four other performers were not arrested, he said.

Cleveland said the tavern owner might also be charged because his license does not allow performances. ▼

### Gays Outraged By Slaying Attributed To Gay Bashing

HOUSTON (AP) — News of the fatal beating and stabbing death of a young Houston banker has outraged the city's Gay population, which called for strict discipline for "Gay bashing" incidents.

The 27-year-old banker was beaten and stabbed to death in the Montrose area of Houston early July 4 when he and two friends were jumped by two car loads of young men wielding two-by-fours and at least one knife.

"The report did not include loss of property so I guess it's safe to say it's a case of Gay-bashing," said homicide Sgt. Ken Vachris, who is

investigating the slaying.

Charles Armstrong, owner of Heaven, a nightclub the men had just left before the attack, urged community support to thwart such attacks.

"Unless our political friends go out and publicly state that they will not accept this behavior from adults or teen-agers ... I find it frightening that this kind of behavior could repeat itself," Armstrong said.

Police said the man and two friends had left Heaven and were walking down a street about 3 a.m. July 4 when a car full of young men drove up and its occupants asked directions to the local Gay nightclub. After the trio said the bar was closed, a second car drove up and the nearly 10 men from both vehicles got out and began beating the pedestrians.

"It's scary enough in Houston when you have acts of random violence. To feel that you're a target, that there may be people out there stalking you, is worse, much worse," said Annise Parker, a Gay activist and City Council candidate. "It makes you vulnerable." ▼



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One of the man's companions escaped, but both the banker and a second man were assailed. The banker died later at St. Joseph's Hospital of a stab wound to the abdomen, Vachris said.

Vachris said the assailants were in their late teens or early 20s, and appeared to be from a middle-class background.

"As far as I know, they didn't say anything. They just got out and started to whip him," Vachris said.

Patrolman Amerigo Hernandez, who has worked in the Montrose-area station since 1986, said the station receives reports of assaults against Gays two or three times a week.

"Mainly during the summer when a lot of kids are out of school," Hernandez said. "It would always be, whenever we did catch them, they would be from somewhere else. They just come down here for kicks."

The Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said anti-Gay violence and harassment jumped by 42 percent between 1989 and 1990 in six major cities. Texas was second in the nation in the number of 1989 incidents with six homicides, 38 assaults and 795 cases of verbal harassment.

Statistics for 1990 are not yet available.

"These people could strike again. I'm terrified for members of

the community and their safety," said Robert Bridges, vice president of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. ▼



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# Traveling With Your Leather Man,

by Vance Reger

Well now, it has been a while since I last wrote of my meanderings and on our leather brethren's multitudinous activities, so take a deep breath and fasten your seat belt.

I understand that the International Mr. Leather Contest weekend was hectic, fascinating, and a wonderful experience (as told by our representative Matthew Presley). Having attended two years ago myself, I can attest to it. Please seek out Matthew on this and other subjects relating, as he can be enormously helpful.

The first week of June found me in St. Louis for the St. Louis Drummer weekend and preliminary to the Mr. Great Plains Drummer title. I was wine and dine and entertained excessively by the Gateway M.C. who did a great job on the whole event. A man by the name of Woody won the contest, stunning the audience by performing a hot wax scene on himself. You could see the steam rise, my friends, not only from the audience, but from off his body as well!!!

Next was Mr. S.E. Drummer contest weekend in Atlanta, followed by their Gay Pride celebration. It seems as if I'm to continue my visibility, as I won that title, and will represent our own region at the International Mr. Drummer celebration in San Francisco in September of this year.

My reasons for competing again are simple. Our leather community seems to be beginning to peek out of our collective closet, and I couldn't be happier for us. In fact, the whole community seems to be more curious about us, and maybe even a bit interested. If there are any questions out there, you are invited to the Leather Discussion Group, currently being held at the Leatherworks store, thanks to the kindness of Jerry Moffit, the proprietor. Please don't be shy; it helps to talk and we always manage to dig up some great advice.

Gay Pride Week in Atlanta was balm to the soul. Over 30,000 Gay people were involved and visible. There was no cloud of fear over the queens, my friends, and a real good time was had by all. Following the parade, several speakers and entertainers shared their thoughts and talents at a bash at Piedmont Park, lasting from about 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 that night. There was a new cheer from Queer Nation: "We're Here. We're Queer! We Want to go Shopping!" right behind our leather contingent in the parade. Now that's what I call sharing.

Fourth of July week here went well, I hear. I understand the Pipette Weekend and show went well. Congratulations to all involved. I have promised a student of mine many years ago that if she ever got married, I would play at her wedding, and as luck would have it, she picked July 4th. So I went, had two days in New

York, complete with neighborhood street fireworks, followed by the first run by the Tarheel Leather Club in Greensboro, North Carolina.

These folks are something, my friends. A club of about 41 (!) full members; men AND women, two pledges and 18 affiliates. This was a run with education and unity in mind, and did we ever eat that up. There were the usual late-night cocktail parties, but the days were spent in seminars and discussion groups pertaining to the interests of leather and SM. A bit of a reunion for me as well, as I used to live in Winston-Salem, not fifteen miles from Greensboro. We all had a lot of catching up to do, and there was time to do a lot of renewal. The show was a fantasy contest, and included performances by two leather drag queens (or drag queens in leather — whatever). After the awards banquet Sunday morning (at which a surprised me won long distance), we joined hands (about 95 of us) and shared some good energy. These were the people responsible for the beat Jesse (Helms) campaign of last year, which almost resulted in his defeat. By a bunch of leather men and women — imagine that. What organization, not to mention brotherhood.

Then it was back home for another leather discussion group here in Memphis held on alternate Monday nights at Leatherworks. The next weekend was spent in Little Rock for the second Lock-Up Run Weekend by the Officer's Club/NLA Arkansas. Yours truly emceed a fun contest with Febe, a local person of drag, and had a great time. I also had the incredible good fortune to participate in a whipping demonstration and lecture by Guy Baldwin, IML 1989. Ask Matt Presley, Ron, and Bob of their impressions of the demo, and watch their eyes explode.

My next trip will include attending the Southern California Regional Mr. Drummer Contest and Bash, followed by a much-needed vacation (the whereabouts of which only Lady Astor knows).

Some important things coming up for me: The Tsarus SM Auction of the 27th of July - Please go in leather, folks. Visibility is what will make it easier for all of us (and no, it isn't seasonal, contrary to some). The Hotlanta Expo is the first weekend in August, and Fantasy '91 will be August 16-18 in Omaha, Nebraska. Matthew Presley and I will be going to Omaha, as we have been invited (along with 52 other title-holders) to perform a fantasy and speak on behalf of our community. The proceeds go to AIDS

organizations, and last year's total exceeded \$7,000.

There, you have some of what I've been up to, my friends. I promised to do some traveling and representation of our community when I began, and I'm holding up my end of the bargain. I hope our leather community begins to be a great deal more visible in the future, and I look forward to attending the upcoming Unity run in September, given by Wings and Women of Leather.

Unity is a precious thing to have, I think, and it necessitates a bit of exertion to happen. I am committed to bringing about this elusive concept in any way my devious little brain will come up with, for the result is always an improvement. Spreading rumors, holding grudges, and practicing separating is such a waste of energy. This feeling of leather being a common bond (sic) among distant people is a lesson I'm learning to recognize and see. And feel. I wish it for all of us.

Thoughts for the month are from John Adams and Voltaire.

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"Prejudice is the reason of fools." — Voltaire

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## AIDS Ad Prompts Lawsuit

ST. PAUL (AP) — A Fridley man who ran classified ads publicizing a telephone number to call “to see if your doctor or dentist has AIDS” has been accused of consumer fraud.

In a lawsuit filed July 16 in Hennepin County District Court, Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III also accused Theodore Burandt of violating the Minnesota Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and false advertising statutes.

The court issued a preliminary injunction preventing Burandt from continuing to run the ads.

According to the attorney general's office, people who called the number advertised by Burandt heard a pre-recorded sales pitch for “legally prepared,” “lifesaving” forms for \$22.95.

Humphrey alleged that the forms are “nothing more than a sham and

have no significance whatsoever.”

The lawsuit also alleges that the promotion contains false and misleading statements about AIDS and the risk of AIDS transmission from doctors to patients.

“This is fraud in its darkest form,” Humphrey said in a statement. “It is nothing more than a shameless effort to prey on the public's fear and anxiety over AIDS and doctors.”

A telephone number for Burandt was not available.

Jim Jacobson, a special assistant attorney general, said the attorney general's office filed suit against Burandt in 1975 for turning back odometers on automobiles. Burandt was prohibited from using fraud in the sale of cars and was required to provide records to the attorney general's office of all automobiles he sold, Jacobson said. ▼

## Dentists' AIDS Advertisement Angers Activists

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Gay-rights activists protested outside the offices of two dentists, saying they fueled hysteria by placing a newspaper ad announcing they tested negative for the AIDS virus.

Protesters chanted, “Fill teeth not pockets,” and carried signs reading, “Stop Novocaining Common Sense,” outside the offices of dental partners Stephen Voyné and Patricia Walker.

The ad read: “Although the possibility of transmitting AIDS in a dental office is very remote, wouldn't it be reassuring to know that your dentist has tested negative? If you would like the peace of mind, Dr. Voyné and Dr. Walker have tested negative to the AIDS virus.”

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith wrote to the dentists, saying the ad could mislead the public.

“There is no means available by

which a patient can be assured that his or her health provider is free of infection,” Smith said in a letter to the dentists.

Voyné, who wrote the ad that ran in the June 27 editions of the San Francisco *Chronicle* and the San Francisco *Examiner* and in the June 28 issue of the weekly *Montclairion*, said he had “no intention of running it again.” But he said he does not plan to run an apology, as protesters demanded.

“The promotion was geared to those that were neglecting their dental care because of a fear of contracting AIDS, so they would feel comfortable coming into the office,” he said.

Voyné said he has lost more patients than he has gained as a result of the ad. ▼

## Neighbors Complain Of New And Used Condoms In Park

TALENT, Ore. (AP) — Homosexual activity in a park has prompted a local agency to distribute free condoms and AIDS literature, but neighborhood residents say that only encourages Gay sex in public.

Bill Templeman, who directs the AIDS-information program for OnTrack Inc., said the agency has been tacking pamphlets and packages of condoms to trees just off a path that runs through Lynn Newbry Park.

Carole Green, who lives across Bear Creek from the wooded area where most of the encounters apparently have taken place, said she became aware of the problem on a recent weekend when her son and a couple of visiting nephews encountered two men having sex in a clearing off the path.

The next day, Green, another son and a neighbor found dozens of new

and used condoms scattered about, as well as rubber gloves and underwear.

They also found the literature OnTrack had tacked to several trees. The literature includes pamphlets about condom use and AIDS prevention and testing, as well as a small flier publicizing a Gay men's support group.

When told that OnTrack distributed the condoms and literature in the park, Green said she was ambivalent about the project. “I realize they're trying to prevent AIDS, but I feel like this is encouraging” Gay sex, she said. “I don't know; what do you do?”

Templeman said OnTrack counselors try to tell local Gays to take their sexual activity indoors. But, he said, sexual encounters in public places probably are inevitable, so it's important to get the word out about AIDS. “We don't condone that kind of activity going on.

## Medical Professionals Trying to Set Up Voluntary AIDS Rules

ST. PAUL (AP) — Minnesota doctors and dentists are devising voluntary AIDS regulations for health care workers in hopes of forestalling what could be more onerous state laws.

“It is much better to have the people responsible for health care develop policies than to have policies that don't make sense foisted upon them,” said Victory Ellison, a spokesman for the Council of Hospital Corporations.

The council, made up of the chief executive officers of Twin Cities hospitals, announced Tuesday that it'll create a task force of health professionals to recommend infectious-disease policies.

A task force appointed by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry held its first meeting and public hearing July 16 on policy changes. Also, both the Minnesota Medical Association and the Hennepin County Medical Society have AIDS and HIV study groups.

But this intense self-evaluation probably won't stop legislators from trying to mandate periodic AIDS testing of at least some medical professionals.

“We would hope that anything that

happens is done rationally,” said Dr. Paul Sanders, chief executive officer of the MMA. “If legislation is done as a knee-jerk reaction to public hysteria, it would be bad.

“We would hope that the Legislature would not respond with a universal mandate to test every health care worker.”

At least one such bill already has been proposed.

State Rep. David Bishop from Rochester said his bill calls for mandatory HIV testing every six months of certain health workers who perform invasive procedures, such as surgery or dentistry.

The bill also protects medical workers from infection by patients, he said.

“I can't understand why people are so reluctant to have a simple blood test to determine if they have a fatal infection that is obviously communicable,” Bishop said.

Health professionals say public concern has bordered on hysteria since it was disclosed recently that three Minnesota doctors had AIDS and a Florida dentist transmitted AIDS to five of his patients.

As a result, public officials in Min-

nesota and other states have called for laws requiring that health care workers be regularly tested and that those who are infected be prohibited from performing certain procedures when AIDS-infected blood can be exposed.

One problem is that rules governing health care workers with AIDS or the AIDS virus are as varied as the number of hospitals and clinics imposing them.

“There are current policies by individual hospitals all over the board,” Ellison said. “Local hospitals want to assure the public that when people are treated by them they are not at risk. We are working to come up with standardized definitions.”

The federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., recommended Monday that infected doctors and dentists refrain from invasive procedures involving blood exposure unless an expert panel concurs and patients are informed.

The federal agency also recommended voluntary AIDS testing by doctors who could easily cut themselves during operations and bleed into open wounds of patients. But it stopped short of calling for mandatory tests. ▼

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# Community College Pioneers Department Of Gay And Lesbian Studies

By Catalina Ortiz  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Collins still remembers a college literature class 20 years ago where the instructor wouldn't talk about a famous writer's homoerotic poems.

Collins, who is Gay, didn't think he could, either.

"The professor said, 'These are obscure — let's move on.' I thought, 'If I say what I think is going on, A, everyone is going to think I'm Gay, and B, the professor is going to say I'm wrong,'" Collins recalled.

"It was typical of my education." Collins, hoping to end such "great silences," now heads the nation's first college or university department devoted to Gay and Lesbian studies.

The program at City College of San Francisco, the biggest two-year institution in the nation, is attracting growing numbers of Gay and straight students with classes in anthropology, film, literature and other subjects — all exploring cultural and social aspects of homosexuality.

And it is drawing the interest of scholars throughout the nation who hope the Department of Gay and Lesbian Studies will set an example for other schools.

"I'm really excited by it," said Wayne Dynes, a professor of art history at Hunter College in New York and editor of *The Encyclopedia of Homosexuality*.

"Someone has to try it to see how it works. ... If this becomes the model for future development it becomes a landmark," he said.

Although an American first, City College's 2-year-old program is part of a growing movement to reach out to Gay and straight students and end decades of indifferent or hostile academic silence. More and more colleges and universities are offering similar classes.

But Collins, other Gay scholars and students believe a separate department is even better. They say the status gives Gay studies a strong identity, helps it influence other departments and makes Gay men and women the initiators of discussion rather than its object.

"This is about empowerment, sharing ideas with other queer people," said Kevin Davis, 25, who has taken several classes in the department.

"For me, it's about what I was denied in all the literature I read in high school and college up until now. It's being denied our experiences."

Davis was delighted when, in a department literature course, he finally heard discussion about the homosexual element in Melville's *Billy Budd*.

"I was so glad because I could say,

'Oh wow — a homosexual in the last century.' Nobody would tell me that before."

The program grew from the popularity of courses dealing with homosexuality, starting with a literature class offered every term since 1972. The course on homosexuality in film attracted 120 applicants the first time it was presented in 1988.

"At that point I think the college realized there was the interest in Gay and Lesbian issues they hadn't reached before," Collins said.

Collins, however, was surprised by the response to the department, which drew 250 students in 1989-90, the first year of its existence. It now boasts 500, and the number of courses is growing each term with ten being offered next fall.

"From the first, every single class was filled. They had overflow. So we asked for more classes and they gave us more," said Kitaka Gara, 23, former president of the college's Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Homosexual students — an estimated 11 percent of City College's 72,000 enrollment — are the majority in most classes, but many are straight. Half the students in the film course are heterosexual.

"Which is what we want. We hope the courses will have appeal to everybody," Collins said. "We're not ghettoized at all, and we don't want to be."

Department classes meet the school's three-unit minority studies requirement for an associate degree.

Collins, 42, who has degrees in comparative literature from Stanford and medieval studies from Columbia, hopes to offer as many as 20 classes. Courses are now offered in anthropology, English, film, history, health, drama and interdepartmental studies. Collins envisions others in religion, sociology, psychology, broadcasting and humanities.

San Francisco's large Gay population and tolerant atmosphere may be an important reason for the department's success, but Collins also credits the college's administration.

"I met with nothing but enthusiasm and good vibes," Collins said. "It's incredible. I was expecting support, but I have enthusiastic support. They've been very happy about it." City College's board is elected, making members sensitive to public demand, he added.

San Francisco's setting an example is appropriate given not only the number of homosexual students but the overall racial and ethnic diversity of the student body, said Chancellor Evan Dobbelle.

"It is a very good feeling for us when students tell us City College is the first time in an academic setting they feel they were understood and respected — that they were accepted for what they were," he said.

The department is part of a "mod-

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est groundswell" of societal acceptance of homosexuality and academic recognition of its legitimacy as a topic of study, said Dynes, 56, who remembers when Gay scholars feared they could lose their jobs because of their work.

As a two-year school, City College is less likely to influence other institutions than prestigious universities, cautioned David Halprin, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor of literature spending the winter and spring terms at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

"Without wanting to sound elitist...I think it's going to make a big difference when one of the major public or private institutions comes up with a program," he said. "But City College is a start and shows which direction the wind is blowing." ▼

## Aloe Vera Compound May Assist AIDS Drugs

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A compound derived from the aloe vera plant, the summer home remedy for sunburn and insect bites, may greatly reduce the side effects of anti-AIDS drugs and allow doctors to reduce the dosage by 90 percent, researchers say.

Researchers at Texas A&M University, which is studying the plant, said the discovery will not be a "magic bullet" against AIDS, but could be used along with other existing therapies.

The complex carbohydrate compound derived from the tropical aloe vera plant, called acemannan, might allow doctors to reduce the amount of anti-HIV drugs they prescribe for AIDS patients, including azidothymidine, or AZT.

Reducing the dosage would cut down on the drug's side effects, as well as reduce the cost of taking AZT, one of the few known treatments that slows down the progress of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In tests, acemannan also interfered with the ability of the human immunodeficiency virus to reproduce in infected cells, the school said.

The findings are to be published in upcoming issues of the journal *Molecular Biotherapy*.

Maurice Kemp of Texas A&M

declined to discuss his research, saying that Carrington Laboratories of Irving had asked him not to discuss it yet. The findings were released by Texas A&M.

"It's not going to be a magic bullet against AIDS," Kemp said in a press release. "There aren't many magic bullets out there. But as an adjunctive therapy, it looks like it can be used in combination with a lot of other therapies."

Carrington is testing acemannan before seeking federal approval to market the compound as a treatment for AIDS.

Kemp said the findings suggest that doctors could administer only one-tenth the current AZT dose if used with acemannan.

"At those levels, toxicity associated with AZT is eliminated," he said. Kemp also is studying how acemannan affects viruses that cause herpes simplex, and several other animal and human diseases. ▼

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## Scientist: Dentist's Drill Handpiece May Have Spread AIDS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Florida dentist may have passed the AIDS virus to five patients by using a dirty drill handpiece, but scientists can't say for sure, a federal epidemiologist said.

"We consider the dental handpiece as a piece of equipment that could have been contaminated with blood," said Dr. Harold Jaffe of the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

But he emphasized that method of transmission "is only a theoretical possibility."

Jaffe's comments came in response to a study showing a drill

handpiece can easily spread germs from patient to patient.

According to the study by University of Georgia microbiologist David L. Lewis, internal parts of the multi-purpose dental handpiece can be coated with blood, saliva and tooth fragments.

The device is a cigar-sized cylinder that holds drill bits, polishing brushes and other tools.

"I don't think there is a lot of question as to the culprit," said Lewis, whose study will be published in September by the American Society of Microbiology's *ASM News*. "If you want to clear a roomful of dentists,

all you have to do is ask them what they are doing with their handpieces."

Lewis said the pieces should be heat-sterilized between patients, but he said most dentists don't do it because it's inconvenient.

The American Dental Association recommends autoclaving, or heat sterilizing, of dental equipment between patients. But the association says when autoclaving is impossible, disinfectant should be used.

Lewis, however, said disinfectant is insufficient.

The findings could explain how five patients of Dr. David Acer — including Kimberly Bergalis, the first reported patient to contract AIDS from a dentist — were infected in the only known cases of dentist-to-patient transmission of the AIDS virus. Acer died of AIDS in September. ▼

## Report: Researcher Tested AIDS Vaccine on African Children

CHICAGO (AP) — A French researcher injected an experimental AIDS vaccine into 22 children in Zaire, a newspaper reported July 17. However, the researcher said he did it "in full accordance with French and Zairian ethical regulations."

The experiments were outlined in a 21-page report — obtained by the *Chicago Tribune* — by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, which summarized a 10-month investigation into efforts to develop an AIDS vaccine.

In July 1986, Dr. Daniel Zagury of Paris obtained from NIH researcher Bernard Moss a recombinant virus developed for preliminary tests involv-

ing animals but never before used on humans, the newspaper said.

Moss gave Zagury the virus only after being assured it would be used for tests on monkeys, it said.

Zagury used the vaccine on 22 African children in November and December of 1986, the newspaper said, citing the report and other records.

The NIH report said the agency was trying through diplomatic channels "to provide for independent review of medical and research records that may establish the nature and degree of any harm experienced by human subjects in this research."

Zagury said in a statement that the investigation was a "witch hunt." "It is true that we immunized children," the statement said. "This was done at the request of their parents who signed informed declarations of consent in full accordance with French and Zairian ethical regulations."

Zagury said none of the children developed complications and all remained in good health.

In March, the *Tribune* reported that Zagury had secretly used the vaccine on 10 children. It cited an unpublished NIH report. ▼

## Panel Recommends Approval Of ddI

By Harry F Rosenthal  
Associated Press Writer

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — An advisory committee recommends that the Food and Drug Administration approve didanosine, or ddI, for treating AIDS at advanced stages of infection.

It would join the drug AZT as therapy against the disease. AZT now is the only approved treatment for infection with the AIDS virus.

After two days of hearing witnesses, the committee on July 19 voted 5-2 to recommend use of the drug both for adults and children. Asked by an FDA representative whether approval should be limited to those who cannot tolerate AZT, six voted yes for adults and five voted yes for children.

Recommendations by the FDA's advisory committees of non-government experts are not binding on the agency, but they customarily carry great weight.

The committee has 10 members — nine physicians and one Ph.D. — under chairman Masur Henry, chief of the critical care medicine department of the National Institutes of Health.

maker of ddI, submitted its application for approval only three months ago, prompting FDA Commissioner Dr. David A. Kessler to call the hearing a milestone. Most drugs take much longer to win a decision.

Representatives of the pharmaceutical firm told the panel that clinical tests and the experience of limited numbers of AIDS sufferers who received the drug show it to be safe and effective.

Despite the lopsided vote, committee members were clearly uncomfortable with their decision to speed up the normally lengthy evaluation process for a new drug.

Paul Meier, a professor of statistics at the University of Chicago who abstained from the voting, said, "It seems to me the committee wanted conditional approval ... I don't think we have what the committee really wants."

Dr. Deborah Cotton, an assistant professor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School said the vote was "in a sense, a rush to judgment."

The FDA has been under heavy pressure in recent years from patient advocacy groups to speed up its often cumbersome process of approv-

ing drugs.

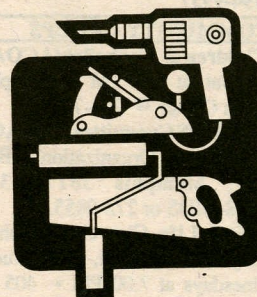
"Our goal is to measure time in months for AIDS drugs," Kessler said at the start of the two-day ddI hearing.

As of May 31, the Centers for Disease Control said 179,136 Americans had been diagnosed with end-stage AIDS.

The manufacturer says ddI appears to increase the body's infection-fighting ability.

In Sept. 1989, the FDA approved a so-called "expanded access" program, under which ddI has been made available to 7,806 patients in the United States.

AIDS activists have sought approval for use of ddI, saying it would benefit sufferers from the disease who fail to respond to AZT or could not tolerate its side effects.



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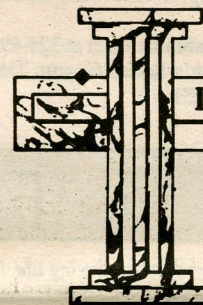
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## Juveniles Linked to Vandalism of Ryan's Tomb

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Two juveniles face charges in connection with vandalism at the grave of Ryan White, a young AIDS victim who gained recognition for fighting discrimination against those with the disease, authorities said.

Anonymous calls led investigators to the pair, said Hamilton County Sheriff's Detective Thomas Anderson. He identified them only as Hamilton County residents.

Anderson said he interviewed the youths July 11 and filed charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass against them Friday.

The youths had no explanation for turning over the 4,000-pound gravestone, Anderson said. "It was not premeditated. It was just spur of the moment."

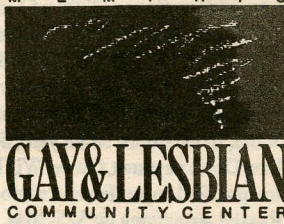
The two will appear in juvenile court next week.

White's family found the 6-foot 2-inch tombstone lying across his grave July 6.

It was the fourth time White's grave had been vandalized. In previous instances, vandals used paint or uprooted flowers.

White, a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS from blood transfusions, fought a legal battle for five years against school officials who barred him from attending classes, saying he posed a risk to other students. He won that fight, which became the basis of a television movie about his life. ▼

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA):** Meets Sat. at 6:30 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 458-AIDS or 272-0855.  
**Agape New Life Church:** Worship: Sundays at 11:00 AM, Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM • 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-1872.  
**Al-Anon (Co-dependency):** Meets Wed. at 6:30 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Alliance:** Leather/Levi club • 4372 Kerwin Drive, Memphis 38128.  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA)** Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.  
**Black & White Men Together (BWMT):** Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 452-5894 or 726-1461.  
**Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B-GLAD):** Box 1921, Memphis 38101 ☎ 327-0521 or 948-2345.  
**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105.  
**Catholic Lesbians:** Faith at 324-6949.  
**Gay Women's Social Group:** Debbie ☎ 458-7431.

**Holy Trinity Community Church:** Worship Service: Sundays at 11:00 AM, Bible study: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM • 2323 Monroe • Mailing address: Box 41648, Memphis, 38174-1648 ☎ 726-9443.

**Into The Light (Women's AA):** Meets Sun. at Noon, Thurs. at 8 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Lambda Men's Chorus: MGLCC,** 1291 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-4045 • Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:30pm, MGLCC.

**Loving Arms (Volunteers who "love" and "hold" babies at the Med):** Shelia Tankersley ☎ 393-0983.

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

**Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 ☎ 728-GAYS.

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 1291 Madison, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 40231, Memphis 38174-0231 ☎ 276-4651.

**Memphis Lambda Center:** Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis ☎ 276-7379.

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

**Minority Prison Project (MPP):** For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis 38104.  
**Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.

**New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics):** Meets Sat. at 6 PM at Memphis Lambda Center.

**Our Meeting (AA):** Meets Tues. & Thurs. at 5:30 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

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

**Phoenix (Gay AA):** Meets Sat.-Wed. at 8 PM, Fri. at 10 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 327-2447, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

**Positive Mental Attitude Association, Inc:** Former incarcerated drug users • 28 N. Claybrook, Suite 1, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-PMAA.

**Seriously Sober (AA):** Meets Fri. at 8 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

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

**TLC:** For family members, significant others, and friends of PWAs • Thursdays at 7:30 PM • 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis 38104 • Call Jenny Baldwin after 5pm: ☎ 353-2832.

**Transsexuals in Prison (TIP):** For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis 38104.

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

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241 N. Cleveland Street

Memphis, TN 38104

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Sunday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Monday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Twelve Step Study
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Big Book Study
Friday	10:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)

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

## Our Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Tuesday	5:30 pm	Discussion (Open)
Thursday	5:30 pm	Discussion (Open)

## Into The Light

### (Alcoholics Anonymous - Women Only)

Thursday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

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

## Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, but participation by other than alcoholics/addicts discouraged.)
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## Al-Anon (Co-dependency meeting)

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Discussion (Open)
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## Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)

Saturday	6:30 pm	Discussion (Open)
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**Gay Switchboard:** ☎ 728-GAYS  
• 7:30-11pm.  
**LINC:** ☎ 725-8895.  
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**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law:**  
100 N. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 ☎ 525-0417.  
**Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law:** 1255 Lynnfield Road ☎ 521-9996.  
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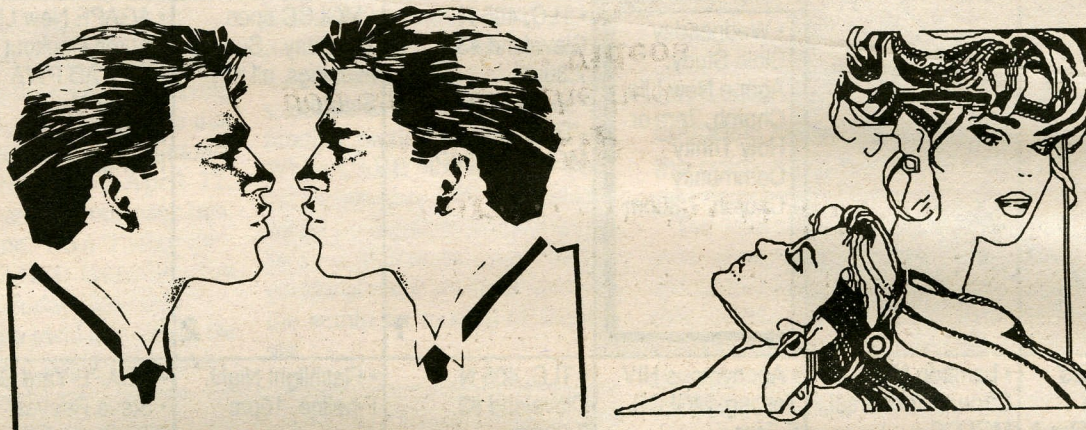
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• Sunday Worship Services: Agape New Life Church or Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am			• Wednesday Bible Study: Agape New Life Church, 7pm or Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night "Divine Festival," MGLCC, 7:30PM	• MGLCC open Thursday - Sunday evenings, all day Saturday	• AGAPE New Life Church Cookout • B-GLAD PWA Benefit "An Afternoon with Friends"
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• Aphrodite Friendship Day / Open House/ Cook Out, MGLCC, 4pm • B-GLAD CR	• MGC Business Meeting, Main Library, MTG Rm A, 7pm • Leather/SM Discussion Group, Leatherworks, 7:30pm	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal,, MGLCC 7:30pm • BWMT C/R "Inter-racial Fantasies: Leather or Lace"	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • YLGA Meeting MGLCC, 7:30pm	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night "Divine Festival," MGLCC, 7:30PM	• Flashlight Night, Pipeline, 10pm	• AGAPE Yard Sale • Steve Reeves Film Seminar, MGLCC, 7 pm
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• BWMT Board Meeting • Dianne Davidson In Concert, New Daisy Theater, 8pm	• MGLCC Board/Business Meeting, 7:30pm • Trixie Thunderpusy Awards, J-Wag's, 10:30 pm	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal,, MGLCC 7:30pm • BWMT C/R	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • YLGA Meeting MGLCC, 7:30pm	• Copy & Ad Deadline for TJN • TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night "Divine Festival," MGLCC, 7:30PM • Cowboy Night, Pipeline	• Third Friday, Coffee House, MGLCC, 8pm	• Hot, Horny, & Healthy Playshop 4:30-8pm • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 7:30 pm, \$3 w/dish, \$5 w/o dish
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• B-GLAD Meeting, MGLCC, 4 pm	• Healing Service for Persons w/HIV & AIDS, Families & Friends, Calvary Episcopal Church, 5:30pm • Leather/SM Discussion Group, Leatherworks, 7:30pm • MGC GayRap Discussion, MGLCC, 7:30pm	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal,, MGLCC 7:30pm • BWMT C/R	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • YLGA Meeting MGLCC, 7:30pm • Women of Leather, Regular Mtg., WKRB, Side II, 8pm	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night "Divine Festival," MGLCC, 7:30PM	• MGLCC open Thursday - Sunday evenings, all day Saturday	• AGAPE Picnic, Adventure River, 11am-7pm • GWSG/Meristem Game Night, Meristem, 7pm • Alliance Club Night, Pipeline
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• Lambda Men's Chorus presents "An Evening of Broadway Tunes," First Unitarian Church of the River, 3pm	• ATEAC Open / House 5-7 pm, Annual Meeting 7 pm, St. John's United Methodist Church	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC 7:30pm	• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC 5-7pm, • BWMT Open Forum, Main Library, Peabody & McLean, Mtg Rm A, 7:30pm • YLGA Meeting, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Miss Black Tennessee, Apartment	• TLC, 405 N Cleveland #3, 7:30pm • Video Night "Divine Festival," MGLCC, 7:30PM • Salute to "Mr Southern Leather 1991," Chaps	• September '91 Triangle Journal News Due Out • Unity I Run, Chaps	• Mr Southern Leather Contest, Chaps



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