

# Triangle Journal

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### Admiral Praises Lesbians, Wants Them Out

The commander of the Navy's Atlantic fleet has characterized Lesbian sailors as "among the command's top performers" but told his officers that homosexual women must be vigorously rooted out of the service, according to the New York Times News Service.

The instructions came in a message from Vice Adm. Joseph Donnell to the officers of nearly 200 ships and 40 shore installations in the Eastern half of the nation. They offer a rare look at the reasoning behind the Pentagon policy that prohibits Gay men and women from the armed forces.

Donnell says rooting out female homosexuals is particularly difficult because Lesbians are "more aggressive than their male counterparts" and thus "intimidating" to those who might turn them in.

In addition, the message says, investigations may be "pursued halfheartedly" by officers because Lesbian sailors are generally "hard-working, career-oriented, willing to put in long hours on the job and among the command's top performers."

Gay rights activists have said the message pointed up hypocrisy. "With a document like this, the Navy almost caricatures itself," said Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) who made the message available.

"Dear God, if it is the Navy's policy to root out top performers, what is going on here? When any remotely fair-minded person thinks about this for two minutes, it collapses under its own weight. This is a telling example, and in and of itself a repudiation, of a bankrupt policy."

The message was sent to Studds and to several feminist organizations and Gay rights advocacy groups, by Lesbian sailors on the East Coast.

The message ends with instructions to officers: "Demonstrate

equality in the treatment of male and female homosexuals. The problem won't just go away, so we must deal with it sensibly, and fairly, with due regard for the privacy interests of all."

The Department of Defense policy, which has been upheld by the courts, states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," and that "separation is mandatory" if a member of the Armed Forces is found to be Gay.

About 1,400 Gay men and women are forcibly discharged each year, with three times as many Lesbians let go as Gay men.

Donnell's message went beyond the Pentagon policy, stating that Lesbians had an "adverse impact" on those "who must live and work in close proximity" to them.

Specifically, the admiral warned of a "predator-type environment," in which "more senior

and aggressive female sailors" exert "subtle coercion" or "outright sexual advances" on their "young, often vulnerable" female colleagues.

Gay rights advocates were angered at the description of Lesbians as predators.

"I liken that to the myth that male homosexuals are child molesters," said Sandra Lowe, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York.

Lowe said that the admiral's characterization of Lesbians as "aggressive" and "intimidating" was a subtle attack on all women in non-traditional jobs, whether they be homosexual or heterosexual.

"There is a gender component to this," Lowe said. "Women are always suspect who are competent. They don't want any of us, and here is one group they can get rid of."

### AIDS Quilt Mutilated

For the first time in hundreds of public displays, a portion of the AIDS Memorial quilt has been vandalized.

Two teddy bears were cut from two of the four 144 square foot panels of the Quilt on display in Miami at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The panels were on display as part of the national conference of the Council of Foundations.

Scott Lago of the NAMES Project, said sections of the Quilt have been displayed around the world 257 times this year, but this is the first incident of vandalism.

The Quilt panels were scheduled to be taken down Sept. 15 after the conference, but on Sept. 14 another group meeting at the hotel asked that the Quilt sections be removed. Jurgen Dinger, the hotel's manager, said the group

complained that the display was "ugly". An employee removed the display without consulting hotel management and it was later found wadded up in a closet. It was then discovered that two teddy bears had been cut.

"It's not just a teddy bear," said Shelly Rappaport who made one of the panels. "It's the only memorial I have. That's why it hurts so much."

The other teddy bear, wearing surgical gloves, had been cut from the panel dedicated to Jerry Suarez's father, a doctor. Suarez, chairman of the South Florida NAMES Project, said it was apparent that the teddy bears were removed purposely. "You could tell someone took scissors to it," he said.

Both panels will be restored, Ms. Rappaport said.

### Normal Heart Adds Performance Oct. 7

Due to popular demand, there will be an additional performance of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart* on Sunday Oct. 7 at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$6 and may be obtained through a cast member. Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the ATEAC Patient Assistance Fund.



Bernie Gwyn and Dennis Massey rehearse a scene from *The Normal Heart*. See page 4.

### ATEAC to Stage AIDS Walk

The Aid to End AIDS Committee will hold an AIDS walkathon honoring the late Peter Barrosse on Oct. 28 at Overton Park.

According to Mark Whitehead, ATEAC board member, the walk will be in "celebration of Peter's life."

Barrosse served as a board member of ATEAC for two years after his diagnosis of AIDS and was the first Memphian with AIDS to publicly speak out about his illness. "Peter's life was an extraordinary one," said Allen Cook, another ATEAC board member. "He truly epitomized the concept of 'living with AIDS,' as opposed to 'dying from AIDS.'"

Individuals and teams of walkers are encouraged to obtain pledges for their participation and present them on Oct. 28.

The walk is scheduled to begin early Sunday morning at the Overton Park pavilion. It will be

preceded by a number of speakers including Mary Barrosse, Peter's mother. Since her son's death, Mrs. Barrosse has become involved with an AIDS service organization in her home town of Cincinnati.

Overton Park was the site of Memphis' first AIDS walk, "Steps in the Right Direction," in 1987. That walk was sponsored by the Memphis AIDS Coalition and ATEAC was one of the beneficiaries.

Individuals can obtain pledge forms from ATEAC after Oct. 8 at the offices at 689 Melrose. Organizers say that forms will also be available throughout the Gay community.

"We are encouraging group participation on the walk," Whitehead said. "We hope that we will be able to get a healthy competition among groups, companies, or other organizations."

ATEAC is a non-profit organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

# The New Activism

by Vincent Astor

I have observed over the past year or so the emergence of new activism in Memphis and all over the country (GLAAD, ACT-UP). It is like a tonic, it truly is. It takes me back to 1987 when I spent all day one Friday in the carpetless halls of congressional offices lobbying for Gay and Lesbian rights. I remember the tremendous feeling of accomplishment when, in the shadow of the Capitol at twilight, I realized I had actually participated in the democratic process—a fundamental right of each citizen of this country.

It takes me back to 1981 to a protest march in front of Broadway Baptist church in Whitehaven at which Jerry Falwell was the featured speaker. I remember the spirit of unity among those marchers and the fact that we wouldn't go away, even when all the lights illuminating the exterior of the church were darkened to chase us off. That too was a rush for me and my companion at the time—a close Lesbian friend.

It takes me back further to 1980 to being "born again" at the South-eastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men during the historic weekend when Gay and Lesbian Memphis took over the Holiday Inn Rivermont. These Memphians suddenly had to be noticed; there were too many of us to be ignored.

So where did all the radicals go, long time passing?

For too long, other matters have involved myself and some others who had been in the thick of human rights. These matters were important too. There were services which we founded, or inherited, to be maintained and our agendas changed. When a Political Action Committee was formed (M-PAC), I was there with a lot of others, primarily due to new leadership. New leadership that wasn't busy with other things. Participation dropped off after a surprisingly short time. The leader was transferred out of town and Memphis was left with the status quo.

Is the status quo important? There are benefit shows being done now for other charities besides ATEAC. What does this mean? Are Gays and Lesbians broadening their scope? Fine, but will the PWA's still be taken care of as they need to be? Established organizations such as *Gaze*, ATEAC, and the Memphis Gay Coalition are being questioned and taken to task for flaws which individuals perceive. Fine, but if these are imperfect or flawed organizations, what is to take their place? What if they had died long ago like M-PAC?

There seems to be nothing a queen likes better than a good argument. Stirring up discord appears to be a

favorite practice of bored Gay people. Anger, however, *can* be productive. It was anger which spawned the Stonewall Riots, and that anger began the Gay rights movement as we know it. It was anger which inspired the founding of the Coalition—anger that Memphis was not reaching its potential among Gays and Lesbians which the talent in this city could achieve. This anger was directed toward improvement, but was untempered. Bill Johnson made a career out of not caring what he said about whom. He became a pariah to all but his supporters. His sense of conviction was clear to me, even when I got the rough side of his tongue, and his personal agenda was synonymous with his dreams of a new Gay Memphis. But, did he accomplish everything he could have? Would he still be here and active if he had

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sought more support instead of being belligerent about *his* way of doing things? Yet, the Coalition survived and is surviving.

It is anger at the issue of racism and its lack of address that is bringing people back to the battle lines of activism. Why is it necessary to have a witch hunt? Why is it necessary to take it personally or direct it personally?

That's the rub. Personal feelings and personality conflicts which interfere with goals have no place in activism. Ask Larry Kramer what conviction can do to individuals—read *The Normal Heart*. Beware of vendettas clothed in principle. Beware of spiteful individuals who are out merely to destroy other people because of a personal gripe, no mat-

ter what the consequences to groups, organizations, or community.

I dropped someone off at a *Gaze*

The fervor of those who are willing to risk disapproval and criticism on behalf of principle is invigorat-

*"Beware of vendettas clothed in principle."*

meeting the other night and counted 20 or better interested parties who attended. Some I knew, some not. If that number of people will maintain their interest and give new life and meaning to *Gaze*, fine. If it is time to completely renew the leadership of the Memphis Gay Coalition, change its perception by the community, and make it more of the organization it was founded to be, fine. At least, the trouble of founding a brand new organization has been saved. The venue exists.

ing. Leave personalities out of it. Get on with business and look in front of you. If you can't work with someone, figure out how, or step aside.

When somebody does research on the summer of 1990 in the history of Gay and Lesbian people in Memphis, I hope that he/she will discover that at least an ember was still burning when the next leaders came for the torch.

## 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.*

### Huckabee Responds to Stewart

*The following letter was sent to Tom Stewart whose letter appeared in the September issue of Gaze.*

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center responds to your letter addressed to the President, MGLCC. In it, you demanded the President's resignation and threatened to withdraw your support from MGLCC. Further, you published your letter of demand in an open forum, *Gaze* newspaper. We will offer this letter of response in kind.

The MGLCC Executive Board of Directors is elected by members of the Gay and Lesbian community of Memphis. The chief executive officer serves at the convenience of the board of directors and our community. The board has the authority to remove the president from office at its discretion. Indeed, it has the responsibility to remove any officer acting outside of the best interests of MGLCC or acting in a personally malicious fashion in behalf of the board.

Mr. Huckabee's letter of resignation will not be forthcoming. He

will remain in office as long as we have complete confidence in his ability to carry out the duties of the position to which he has been duly elected.

We also submit that we believe healthy criticism to be important; providing honest answers to honest questions is important. If the Gay and Lesbian Community of Memphis is to grow and experience healing, proffering questions is imperative as the catalyst to change and maturity.

It is a time in our community when many questions are being asked of various groups and people. This is all part of the process of constructive criticism. In the future, we hope that you will become part of this by participating in positive dialogue with the community. It is the way to attract positive attention to yourself and to be taken seriously.

Sincerely,  
Bill Huckabee, Jr.  
President, MGLCC

### You're Invited

Dear Friends:

You are cordially invited to attend the **First Annual National Coming Out Day Riverboat Cruise and Pink Pyramid Awards** on Friday, Oct. 12, 1990.

This event is sponsored by the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Your attendance is very important. This is not just another fund raiser or boat ride. Although there will be festivities for all, this event will be so much more.

This event will represent the coming out of a regenerated and renewed community willing to come out of the apathy, unconcern, and involvement that has hindered us from growing closer and moving forward.

If it is your desire to make a

difference and be a part of the restoration to wholeness that this community so desperately needs, please come and join in on this new beginning and help celebrate with us the healing of the community. See new faces and familiar faces. Make a new friend, or renew an old friendship as

we join in a toast to the coming out of a unified Gay and Lesbian community in Memphis.

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## Helms Capitalizing on Gantt's Gay Support

Raleigh, N.C. — Some election observers say Gay activists trying to help Democratic Senate nominee Harvey Gantt may be doing more harm than good with their opposition to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Helms is a target of Gays and Lesbians because of his opposition to federal financing for AIDS research, art that he considers obscene or offensive, and other programs supported by Gays.

But the editor of the North Carolina newsletter *Inside Politics: N.C.*, should take a lower profile in their campaign against Helms if their real objective is to see Gantt win.

Helms' supporters want homosexuals "in the streets, they want them marching because they know how it plays with the voters in North Carolina," says Fetzer Mills Jr.

Such activism frightens middle-class working people, the voters Gantt needs to attract, he said.

The Helms campaign has tried to link Gantt to Gay-rights groups with radio ads warning that "Gay and Lesbian political groups, the Civil Liberties Union, all the extreme liberal special interests" are coming to North Carolina to aid Gantt's campaign.

The Helms campaign also is challenging a boycott of Philip Morris products (Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes) by Gay-rights

groups, maintaining the boycott violates campaign finance laws. The boycott was organized by Gay activists angered by the company's contributions to the Helms campaign.

Gays are pouring money into the Gantt campaign because "we're fully aware that six more years in the Senate for Helms will only mean further Gay bashing and more people dying of AIDS," said Michael Petrelis, a spokesman for ACT UP. "We could not survive six more years of Helms in the Senate."

Thad Beyle, a political science professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, agrees that it is Helms' strategy to provoke homosexuals into supporting Gantt.

"It's clear that he's very pleased with this because he's able to use it," Beyle said. "It will be used and used and used. You could almost say it was a setup."

Polls show that Gantt is running even with Helms and the Helms campaign denies it has provoked homosexuals in order to hurt Gantt.

Joe Herzenberg, a Gay member of the Chapel Hill Town Council, said that publicizing Helms' voting record on issues such as AIDS research may help Gantt.

"I think that calling attention to some of Helms' more extreme activity might scare the typical voter," Herzenberg said.

## Bishops Postpone Action On Women's Concerns Letter

The fate of a controversial pastoral letter about women's concerns is now uncertain after U.S. Roman Catholic bishops officially postponed any final decision.

In its tentative form released last March, the nearly 100 page letter said men and women were "equal in dignity" and "women should have more equitable roles in "leadership, ministry, teaching and policy-making" in the church.

Titled "One in Jesus Christ—A Pastoral Response to the Concerns of Women for Church and Society," the letter, if approved, would reiterate the church's ban against ordaining women. The Catholic church traditionally defends the ban, claiming to follow the practice of Jesus, himself, who chose only male apostles.

According to the Associated Press, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincin-

nati said that the letter would only be discussed as an "information item" and would not be considered for action at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in November.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious vocalized its opposition to the letter and asked that it be dropped from the Fall conference agenda. The LCWR, comprised of 800 heads of women's religious orders, views the proposed letter as "intrinsically contradictory."

Critics, such as liberal Catholic theologian Rosemary Radford Reuther, claim that the pastoral letter "reaffirms every aspect of the patriarchal system that is the basis of sexism."

Pastoral letters are non-binding documents which guide parochial education, preaching, and training of seminarians.

## Campus Violence Project Releases Newsletter

Washington, DC — The Campus Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released a new edition of its newsletter which includes a questionnaire on campus policies, the 1990 hate crimes reporting form, and the updated Film Resource Guide.

The Campus Policies Questionnaire will provide NGLTF information on anti-discrimination policies for sexual orientation and HIV status. Included in the newsletter is a list of colleges and universities that have policies barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The hate crimes reporting form produced by the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project helps students document incidents of violence and harassment against Lesbians and Gay men on their campuses and in their communities.

The updated Film Resource Guide contains guidelines for selecting, ordering and showing educational and entertaining films and videos, and features a partial list of movies and documentaries for Gay men and Lesbian women.

The newsletter, authored by NGLTF Campus Project Director Kevin Berrill and intern Bryce Avery, may be ordered by sending \$1.00 to NGLTF Campus Project, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; Phone 202-332-6483.



## Campaign Fund Endorses Miller and Marlboro Boycott

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund has endorsed the national boycott of Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarettes. The Philip Morris Co., which produces both products, contributes funds to right wing Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). The endorsement of the boycott came at a meeting of the Campaign Fund's Board of Directors in Portland, Oregon, in August.

The Board unanimously approved a resolution calling for support of the boycott, urging "members, supporters, Gay and Lesbian Americans and all fair minded people to boycott" the Philip Morris products. In addition, the board voted to eliminate the products at Campaign Fund events.

"We believe the boycott can play an important role in educating the public about the role Philip Morris has played in undermining the struggle for an effective strategy against AIDS and full civil rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans," said Tim

McFeeley, the Campaign Fund's executive director.

"For too long, our community has allowed our funds to flow into the coffers of organizations and corporations who give aid and comfort to our enemies. The Miller and Marlboro boycott sends a clear and compelling message that we will no longer sit by silently, but will work to insure that the rights of Lesbian and Gay Americans are taken into account when corporations determine where to place their financial support," McFeeley noted.

The Board approved resolution states that the Campaign Fund's support of the boycott will continue "until such time as a satisfactory resolution of the issues, as articulated by the principal proponents of the boycott, has been achieved or until otherwise terminated or modified by action of this Board."

The Campaign Fund's action gives added support to the boycott, organized in April by ACT UP DC. The boycott has been endorsed by Lesbian and Gay organizations throughout the country, by the United States Student Association, and the Los Angeles chapter of the 100,000 member United Farm Workers Association.

## Memphis Gay Coalition to Hold Annual Elections October 1

The annual meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition will be held Oct. 1 in Meeting Room B at the Memphis Public Library at Peabody and McLean at 7 PM. At that time, two elections will be held. One election will fill the vacancies left by recent resignations, for the remainder of 1990. The other election will be for officers for 1991.

A slate of nominees for both elections was sent with the September '90 *Gaze* mailing and was also posted in most of the bars. Nominated for the interim period are: for president, Bill Huckabee and Vincent Astor; for vice-president, Ed Miller; for secretary, Bret Taylor; for treasurer, Don Griesheimer; and for two at large board positions, Perry Stevens, Pat Patterson, Martin Hurley, and Matthew Presley. Nominated for the the 1990 term are: for president, Bill Huckabee and Vincent Astor; for vice-president, Ed Miller; for secretary, Bret Taylor and John Stilwell; for treasurer, Don Griesheimer and Cecil McLeod; and for three at large board positions, Steven Solomon, Allen Cook, Matthew Presley, Perry Stevens, and Pat Patterson.

Astor, Cook, Stilwell and McLeod, the four board members who resigned at the Sept. 4

Coalition meeting were asked about their names appearing in nomination for these positions. Each person indicated that they were not consulted about the ballot and were not interested in the positions.

According to John Stilwell, who was on the original nominating committee, "it was probably the most expeditious way of handling things. Those nominations were made by the committee, but of course, that was before our resignations. The other option they had would have been to go back to committee and start the nomination process over, which meant they would have been another month without a board. It would have been nice, under the circumstances, if they had consulted us about this decision," Stilwell said.

Astor, Cook, Stilwell, and McLeod had been under attack most of the summer from various groups and individuals who accused them of being non-responsive to the needs of the community and representing an "old-line white male power structure" that was no longer in-step with current community politics. The four jointly decided to step aside and presented their resignations at the monthly meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition Tuesday, Sept. 4.

## Normal Heart to Have Five Performance Run

Larry Kramer's AIDS drama *The Normal Heart* will run for five performances, Oct. 4, 5, 6, at 8 PM and Oct. 7 at 2:30 and 7:00 PM. It will be at Theatre Works, 414 S Main at Huling, admission will be \$6.00. All expenses are being underwritten by donations and program ad sales, therefore, all admissions will be donated to the PWA services fund of ATEAC.

Andrew Holleran says in his introduction to the script, "*The Normal Heart* is, after all, a history play—of the past five years (1981—1984) in which thousands died. It is a hunk of reality which has been depicted for us, so current that, to paraphrase a film critic, the sirens you hear on stage are the sirens you hear when you walk out of the theatre."

Larry Kramer was a co-founder of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York and there is a large amount of autobiography in the script. He has used many actual stories and characters from his experiences to write a drama which is honest to the point of brutality. He was the author of *Faggots* in 1978 which asked pointed

questions about what the Gay lifestyle meant, and how we thought about one another. He asks these same questions again in the play. If nothing else, AIDS forced many Gay and Lesbian people to think of others like themselves as more than just bodies, sex objects and made us take a hard look at the free and easy lifestyles we had developed.

Dennis Massey directs and plays Ned Weeks, the Larry Kramer character, who begins as the angry activist and ends as the sorrowing hero as he also is touched too closely by the reality of the epidemic. John Epps plays Felix, the mild mannered reporter who comes into Ned's life and changes it. Others in the cast are Richard Johnson, Kevin Palmer, Vincent Astor, Bernie Gwyn, Leonard Bracken, Wally Dreesen, John Denney, and Jimmy Gray.

The play is a realistic depiction of how AIDS has affected each individual, and is an unrelenting, highly emotional drama, both to perform and to watch.

## MGLCC Stays Neutral, Sets Date for Fall Riverboat Ride

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center held two special meetings in the interim of its normally scheduled monthly meetings. It is the policy of MGLCC, and a part of its constitutional mandate to make public the results of such meetings.

At issue in the first meeting is the letter addressed to Tommy Stewart from Concerned Gay & Lesbian Community Leaders. Stewart is targeted for his alleged differential treatment of blacks in his bars. MGLCC was solicited by the group of concerned leaders to endorse the letter. It was only after much debate that a consensus emerged to remain officially neutral on such a sensitive issue.

The Executive Board of MGLCC affirmed in

its decision to forego attaching its endorsement to the letter, a strong commitment to the Gay and Lesbian Community of Memphis to continue providing a forum where such controversial issues may be addressed. The MGLCC is the vehicle for inviting change, not directing it. This is the prevailing opinion of the board.

In further action during the month, it was approved that MGLCC shall share in the celebration of National Coming Out Day by holding a fund-raiser—The First Annual NCOD Riverboat Cruise. The riverboat ride will be held Oct. 12, following an open house at MGLCC the preceding day. Boarding will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the boat leaving at 9:00 for three-hour cruise.

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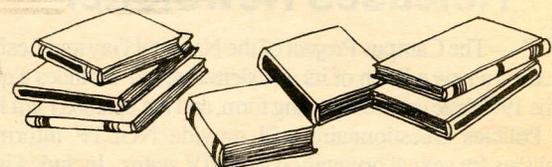
The September GayRap, sponsored by the Memphis Gay Coalition, provided timely information and open discussion about Health and disability insurance for the Gay and Lesbian community. Much of the discussion was focused on the importance of planning for a possible disability. Charles Butler provided information about the most common causes of disabilities, statistics about the chances of becoming disabled, and what you can expect to receive from Social Security and employee benefits.

General concerns were raised by GayRap participants about whether insurance companies "red-line" Lesbians and Gay in the underwriting process. Also, participants were quick

to note that the ten most common causes of disability between men and women differed by the types of accidents they are involved in. It was suggested that this was attributable to past and present job discrimination against women, particularly in physically demanding careers.

Additionally, information about the Tennessee Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool was provided. This health insurance program is provided for people who are otherwise unable to obtain coverage. While the program falls short in many respects, it does provide for basic medical services at a reasonable cost.

Charles Butler, CFP of IDS/American Express, facilitated the discussion. Charles has specialized in financial and tax planning for the Gay and Lesbian community since 1984. The co-facilitator was Paula Platt, CFP.



## Fun-Raising Booksale Slated

Holy Trinity Community Church will sponsor a Fun/Fund Raiser Booksale at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center parking lot October 19-21. The sale will be held during Center hours on Friday and Saturday, but on Sunday will be from 2-7 pm.

The church requests the donation of any book or magazine. Donors may leave them at the MGLCC and requests that they be marked for the Holy Trinity book sale.

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- Send flowers to someone special and don't use initials on the card
- Write a letter to your Senator or Congressman in support of Gay rights
- Take a straight friend to a Gay party
- Tell three people you are Gay
- Put a Gay bumper sticker on your car
- Confront your co-workers about a bigoted joke or comment
- Read this newspaper on the bus or in a restaurant
- Consider leaving the *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* in your bookcase when mom visits
- Wear an openly Gay button or symbol for an entire week
- Hold hands publicly

**1990**

**Pink Pyramid Awards**

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INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE VOTE ON ONE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION UNDER EACH CATEGORY. THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD REFLECT EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE MEMPHIS GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY, AND SHOULD HAVE RENDERED SERVICE IN THE CATEGORY SELECTED. [ONE BALLOT PER VOTER, PLEASE!]

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5. OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_
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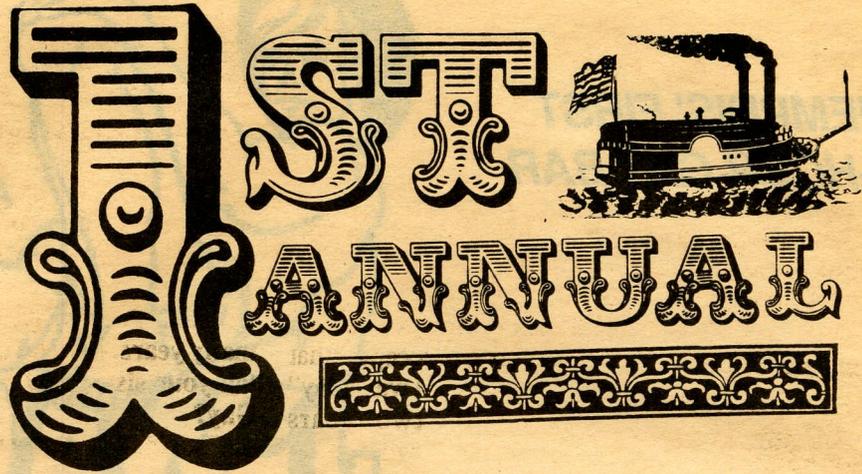
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a call to action, a campaign about truth, power, and liberation that culminates each year on Oct.11, the day designated for each of us, and our organizations, to take our next step in the coming out process.

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# Letting Go of Fear After 46 Years in the Closet

For 46 years, Jim (who requested the use of his first name only) lived deeply in the closet. The door was shut. The light was off. No one was allowed in, and Jim had no intentions of coming out.

When Jim moved to Memphis, seven years ago, from rural Tennessee, he had admitted his homosexuality to no one—not even himself. In 1988, however, things began to change. Jim discovered a community of Gays and Lesbians in the city.

Since then, Jim has slowly begun to emerge from his self-imposed prison. Three weeks ago he came out to his sister—an unimaginable concept such a short time ago.

By Bryan Feuerhelm

**BRF: When did this process of "coming out" begin for you?**

**JIM:** I had always known I was different, but I accepted that I was "Gay" two years ago.

**BRF: What was life like before you acknowledged your homosexuality to yourself?**

**JIM:** Lonely, to say the least.

**BRF: Then why wait 46 years?**

**JIM:** Well, I had "family responsibilities."

**BRF: Did you feel any responsibility to yourself?**

**JIM:** At that time, I begrudged the fact that I wasn't getting the

most out of my life. I was giving to other people more than I was getting. I realize now that was my choice. I felt an obligation, but I also felt comfortable. It's difficult for me to change.

**BRF: Then why, after so many years, did you decide to tell your sister that you were Gay?**

**JIM:** I didn't call her that night with "coming out" on my mind. I was depressed and hinted at the real reason. She kept pressing. I felt so alone in the world. So, I told her.

**BRF: What was her reaction?**

**JIM:** I couldn't have asked for a better reaction. She was very supportive, and admitted that she had suspected for quite some time. She said, 'I still love you. You are always welcome in my home, and if you have a lover, you can bring him, too.'

**BRF: How did "coming out" make you feel?**

**JIM:** I felt a tremendous amount of freedom. For once in my life, I could really be myself with my sister. I had nothing to hide.

**BRF: What kept you from doing this years ago?**

**JIM:** I was afraid and scared of people's reactions, if they knew I was Gay.

**BRF: What would you say to other Gays and Lesbians who can't let go of their own fears?**

**JIM:** I'd say take a chance. Don't assume anyone's reaction. People can be understanding, especially the ones that are your friends and the ones that love you. The others...well, to Hell with them.

**BRF: You say all that, yet you asked me only to print your first name? Is there some "fear" left inside you?**

**JIM:** I view telling your family and friends differently than putting yourself in a situation at work that might create problems. [pause] It's a continuing process, coming out. I'm still on that road, and I haven't reached the end yet.

**BRF: If coming out is a process of letting go of fear and reclaiming your self, what's the next step for Jim in this process?**

**JIM:** [pause] I almost told my boss last week. [smile] Some time ago I wouldn't have told anyone. Now, I've even thought about telling some people at church. I have an urge to tell people.

**BRF: Where do you think that urge comes from?**

**JIM:** From the fact that I'm becoming more comfortable with myself.

**BRF: Is that what "coming out" is really about—liking yourself?**

**JIM:** Yeah, I suppose it is.

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## Friends & Foes in the Media

### Is Darkman a Gay Basher?

So who is Darkman? I'll tell you. He's a man who goes around killing Gay criminals.

Universal Pictures has just released a new movie, *Darkman*, that contains subtle, but dangerous anti-Gay stereotyping. In the movie, actor Larry Drake plays a crime boss, Robert Durant, who, it is implied, is Gay. Durant chops off his victim's fingers by day and sips martinis with his boyfriend flunky by night. It's a radical departure from Drake's role as mild-mannered Benny on *L.A. Law*. Like many Gay characters in Hollywood, he's dead by the end of the movie.

We wouldn't object to seeing a Gay villain here or there, if Hollywood also represented Gays and Lesbians as ordinary people and as heroes. But the fact is that the good guys are very rarely Gay or Lesbian. The film industry's anti-Gay bias perpetuates the negative stereotype of Gay people as unbalanced and evil. *Darkman*, in particular, adds to the false notion that Gay people are menacing.

As writer Vito Russo has chronicled in his book, *The Celluloid Closet*, Hollywood has had a bloodfest killing off its evil, or simply maladjusted Gay film characters. *Darkman* is no exception. This trend has probably played a part in some people's belief that the lives of all Gay people are inherently tragic.

Let Universal Pictures know that they owe us some depictions of Gay and Lesbian heroes. Write:

Sally Van Slyke, Senior Vice President of Marketing, Universal Pictures, 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608.

### AT&T Violates Law & Policy by Discriminating

The truth of the matter is that the vast majority of Gays and Lesbians lead relatively ordinary lives. One of the things that does set Gays and Lesbians apart from heterosexuals is the discrimination we face.

Take, for example, AT&T's repeated attempts to discrimi-

nate against its Gay and Lesbian workers. Earlier this year, the *Philadelphia Gay News* reported that AT&T was being sued for its refusal to relocate two men, who were lovers, the way they do heterosexual families. AT&T reportedly told one of the Gay men that they couldn't be moved together because it wouldn't look good for the company.

AT&T also joined Western Union in challenging the constitutionality of San Francisco's Gay rights law. Like AT&T, Western Union was sued for anti-Gay discrimination. Rather than answer the charges, Western Union attempted — and failed — to overturn San Francisco's human rights law, with AT&T's help.

Now, the surviving Lesbian partner of a deceased AT&T employee is charging the company with discrimination for refusing to provide her with employment benefits routinely given to surviving family members.

Sandra Rovira, the surviving partner, and her lover, Marjorie Forlini had been in a committed relationship for twelve years. They shared a home together and had formalized their relationship with a ceremony. Together, they raised Rovira's two children from a former marriage, sharing expenses. When Forlini became ill with cancer, Rovira took time off from work to care for her until she died. They were in all senses of the word a family.

Rovira, who is represented by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, is claiming that AT&T's refusal to give her benefits violates a federal law which requires employers to honor promises they make regarding benefits. AT&T's actions also violate their own company policy which protects against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status, as well as New York City and State laws that do the same.

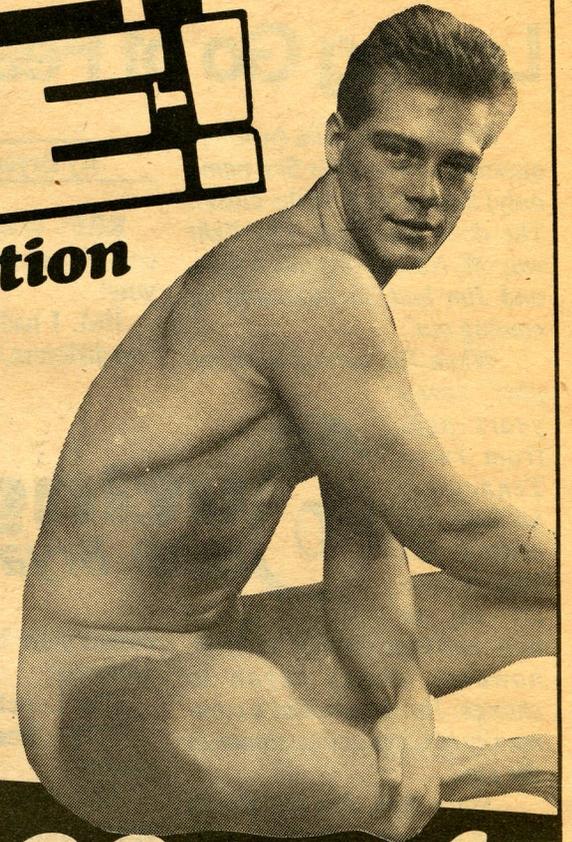
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### Oprah Improves

Oprah Winfrey has changed ... for the better. And I'm not talking about the results of that liquid diet she went on.

"What is the impact of Gay parents ... on children? Of the 35 studies that have been done on homosexual parents, none have found adverse effects on children." This quote comes from the introductory remarks of a recent Oprah show about the adoption of children by Lesbians and Gay men.

Oprah obviously did her homework. She knows that scientific studies support the fact that there is nothing wrong with Gay adoption — that we pose no threat to children. When, in an attempt to balance the viewpoints expressed on her show, she presented a contrary (anti-Gay) view, she indicated through her body language — an incredulous shaking of the head and an artificially deep voice — that she thought it was baloney. It's nice to have her on

our side.

Oprah hasn't always been so enlightened. It wasn't too long ago that GLAAD criticized her for a program she did on Lesbians (specifically, Lesbian separatism) that let stand several negative stereotypes.

drop Oprah a note of thanks for her relatively new sensitivity to our perspectives.

Write to Ms. Debra Di Maio, Executive Producer, Oprah Winfrey Show, P.O. Box 909715, Chicago, IL, 60609. Or call her at 312-633-1000.

*"On the Gay adoption program... Oprah either countered it herself or turned to someone else who did." — GLAAD's Homophobia Alert*

Oprah's distaste for the women and their politics was apparent from her opening remarks, the questions she asked, and her tolerance for bigoted comments from the audience.

On the Gay adoption program, however, whenever an audience member made a bigoted remark, Oprah either countered it herself or turned to someone else who did. When one of the panelists whose birth mother was a Lesbian complained about the way she was raised, Oprah immediately cut in with a reminder about the many bad things that can happen in heterosexual families.

The Oprah Winfrey Show probably has a tremendous impact on the attitudes of the people who watch it. Why not

Speaking of Gays as home makers, Metropolitan Home is one of those very posh shelter magazines with photo layouts of gorgeous homes, interspersed with equally beautiful ads. In the September issue, there's a full page ad for the Orchis home furnishing catalog that features a photo of a sparsely but elegantly furnished room occupied by two handsome young men, one, with his shoes off, seated at the feet of the other. They are obviously two lovers relaxing at home while discussing their next furniture buy.

Give Orchis a call thanking them for running a Gay positive ad and asking if they have any plans to do another one — this one featuring two women. Call 215-543-5985.

## Holy Trinity Fellowship Set

The patio of Chaps, 111 N. Claybrook, will be the site of an open-air worship service of the Holy Trinity Community Church Oct. 7. Church officials invite the community "to come and enjoy singing, a sense of family, caring, and a sermon to open your heart and mind." There will be a pot-luck party following the service on the patio and the church invites everyone to enjoy the meal.

Following the pot-luck, Chaps will host a beer bust with proceeds benefitting Holy Trinity. Revs. Richard Johnson and John Prowett, the staff, and members of Holy Trinity will serve as waiters and waitresses.

For further information, or if you want to help or bring something to the pot-luck, call the church office at 726-9443 or Rev. Prowett at 276-5567.

The usual Holy Trinity services are held at 11:00 am Sundays at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison.

## Episcopalians Sidestep Gay Priests

Washington, DC—The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church acknowledged Sept. 20 that a decision on whether Gays and Lesbians should be eligible for the Episcopal priesthood is "beyond our ken." The body called for further dialogue on the issue throughout the church.

A formal statement approved by more than 150 bishops at the conclusion of their annual meeting read, in part, "We are not of a single mind in our understanding of the demands of Holy Scripture, of faithful obedience to tradition, or informed awareness of the actual lives and choices faced by homosexual men and women."

The issue had sparked sharp debate when the bishops approved a reprimand, 78-74, of Bishop John Sprong for having ordained Rev. Robin Williams, an acknowledged Gay man.

Sprong accused his colleagues of hypocrisy during the debate, declaring that many of those in the room were, in fact, homosexuals. He is planning a public campaign on behalf of full church privileges for homosexuals.

Presiding Bishop Edmund L. Browning's reprimand of Sprong took the form of a declaration that other Episcopal bishops "disassociate" themselves from Sprong's decision to ordain Williams. Sprong later suspended

Williams after he made public remarks disparaging monogamy and the celibacy of Mother Teresa, according to Associated Press.

The ordination of an "avowed practicing homosexual" was declared unacceptable by the Epis-

copal church in 1979. Under church law "past or unavowed homosexuals" may be ordained, but are expected to be celibate thereafter.

"We recognize that it would not be faithful to the Gospel to

ignore the anguished cries of homosexual men and women who feel hurt, rejected, and angry by what they see about them. At the same time, we recognize that it would not be faithful to the Gos-

pel to ignore, or simply label as homophobic, the anguished cries of men and women who feel hurt, rejected and angry that what they see as sin is not being reaffirmed as such," the statement said.



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# G. BELLINGTON RUMPLES IS THE BEST TRICK IN TOWN

Well! We have settled into our new venue and are putting the finishing touches on the accessories. Don't you just love it? We hope that we will be seeing our all of our faithful followers (ahem) readers ovah heah with us. We will, as usual, endeavour to pour nothing but fresh, tasty, tea each month and keep y'all abreast (D-cup) of doings about town.

No, dear, bar wars do not interest us. No, honey, what happened between you and whosit on the patio at wher-ever is *not* news. Em-phatically no, dahlin', we cannot be every-where at once (particularly at pageants, leather or lace) or in sequence. We finally have bought some comfortable shoes.

## Lady A's Rounds

### New Doin's Around Town

The long awaited new venue to be called G. Bellington Rumples will open some-time in October, hopefully in the next couple of weeks. More news as it happens. Wasn't it kind of them to open it right around the corner from moi! It is also cat-a-corner from the building which housed the original George's.

We ran into at least fifty people we knew at the Cooper-Young neighborhood festival because we dashed by to see Meristem, Memphis' new feminist bookstore and women's space. Sparkling new and refreshingly simple, white and unfinished wood, we felt very welcome and at home, surrounded by a large variety of books, periodicals and cassettes. We also heard fresh retellings of the tales of Lilith and Scherezade courtesy of Delta Rising, our storytellers were two women well versed in this ancient art. The term "gentling" came to mind while we were there and we wish Audrey and Vickie luck, longevity and prosperity.

In our rounds (we aren't actually everywhere, you just think so) we zipped through the Lambda Center where a very large number of our brothers and sisters are frequently found. They do not go in for a lot of publicity, but we feel compelled to compliment the great amount of work that has been done to spruce up this space and make it clean, neat and usable for a variety of functions. This center serves so many and quietly has a very strong impact on a lot of us.

Welcome to Reverend John Tolley, new pastor of AGAPE Church. He is a colleague of ours at Playhouse on the Square and we were more than delighted to witness his installation and partake of a good ole fashioned church pot-luck afterwards.

### Backaround

Billie Jo Casino's benefit became a real gathering of friends. We hope we find we have so many friends if we ever need to call upon them collectively. \$1,800 in cash, \$350 in pledges, endless performances and representation from just about every group, club and organization (including the new newspaper) made it truly an evening to remember. We did finally get to tell Miss Casino to her face exactly what we think of her. We were delighted to be a part of her show.

Congratulations to John Poole, this year's Mr. Southern Leather. The Wings Flight 6 run was the largest to date having over 100 participants and over 20 clubs represented. The food at the banquet was actually delicious this year. And we had a ball.....

Before AIDA began last weekend we were given to understand by one of our many nephews that roughing it was no longer stylish. The term he used was "motor home city." We imagine that it was lovely, we somehow never make it there. Tsarus did complete their new bunkhouse after many months of concentrated effort, all the comforts of home in the wild! Wild? Depends on how late it is.

### Ring Around the Rumours

Rumour has it that a Bartlett Patio of the Year will be featured in the October issue of Southern Living. Of course it is Gay people, at least that's what we were told, do you think we care about anything else that would happen in Bartlett!?!?!?!?

Peaches, one of Memphis' most durable and elegant performers had a birthday in September. We are duly happy for her, though no one would quote which one it was.

"Who else can make me feel that I'm handsome and tall?"

Who else can make me feel I'm on top of it all?"

Guess.

### This Month's Runaround

The Community Center is reviving the autumn Gay River Ride as a fundraiser and a celebration of National Coming Out Day. They also plan to give out the first Pink Pyramid Awards for Gay/Lesbian community service. The write-in ballot is printed elsewhere in this paper. Fill it out. Drop it in the MGLCC mail slot (in the front door, dimwit). Don't just bitch about it—vote!

Miss Valencia won the Miss Jr. Miss title at the Apartment in August, sorry so late to wish you well. Mr. Drum Major is being selected on Sept. 27, results next month. Miss Southern States will be held on Oct. 7. It is being advertised as a major regional pageant with attendees from all over the country with \$1000 in prizes available.

Chaps has begun 24 hour operation on weekends and Oops has scaled down to 24 hour operation *only* on weekends.

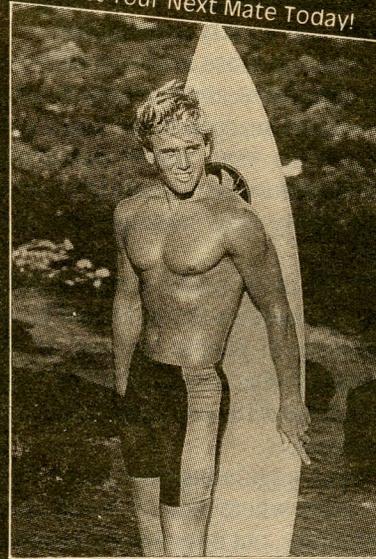
The Wagettes will host a replay of the Tribute to George Wilson benefit for St. Jude Children's Hospital on Oct. 27 at Chaps. The Pipettes will perform as will many other shining lights of Memphis' Gay performing community.

The Pipeline will host a Tsarus Club Night on Oct. 6 and Blackout Night (son of Flashlight Night) Halloween weekend and their annual benefit, this time for St. Jude, on Sunday the 28th. Featured performers and an auction will be the highlights. Congratulations to Tsarus new officers Dennis K., President; Paul B., Vice-President; Mike R., Secretary; Don G., Treasurer; and Doug R., Road Captain.

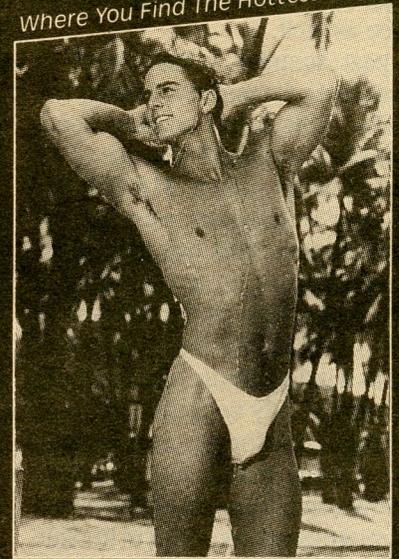
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That same weekend, Oct. 4, 5, 6, and 7, are the performances of *The Normal Heart* at Theatre Works, downtown. Tickets are \$6.00 and all proceeds go to the PWA services fund of ATEAC.

Women of Leather will celebrate their 2nd anniversary on Oct. 13 with another gathering of friends. In't nat nice!

GALA at Memphis State will be holding its meetings every Thursday. Their election of officers

will be held in two weeks, nominations were being taken while we were being distributed.

Divas has changed its name to Catch 2. We were unable to discover the results of the pageant.

### Final Round

When somebody does research on the summer of 1990, and its place in the history of Gay and Lesbian Memphis, I hope that he/shewill discover that at least an ember was still burning when the next leaders came for the torch.

Ta, ta,  
Lady A.

To-

Sharon Wray & The Staff of WKRB  
and  
Bill Goodman & The Staff at The Hut

I LOVE YOU!

-Miss Billie Jo Casino

# Leather—A Lesson in Brotherhood

By Vance Reger

By the time this goes to print, I will have participated in the International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco, held Sept. 20 and 21. According to my Drummer title, I represent the leather community in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. I do live in Memphis and to all intents and purposes will represent the state of Tennessee as well.

This past summer I have been to Nashville (there's a real-live leather bar there, folks...), St. Louis on three occasions, Omaha (at which I was one of 42 title-holders who raised \$16,000 for charity), and a dungeon party in the cornfields of Iowa. This was topped off by my participating in a very limited way at the Wing's Flight Six run here in Memphis, as emcee for the gala on Friday, and as a judge for the Mr. Southern Leather contest. My congratulations to all the Wings crew for a great weekend.

About a week before my departure for San Francisco, something happened which strengthened my belief in the true spirit of unspoken brotherhood of people of leather. As you may or may not know, I do live on a rather limited income, and the prospect of a trip to the West Coast loomed budgetarily doubtful, due to a lack of connection with my Drummer sponsor. If I could do this sort of thing for a living, so much the better—especially to promote the education about people of leather and to promote the unity we so desperately need among the Gay community as a whole.

Unbeknownst to me, some friends of mine in Atlanta were even then having a fund-raising evening at the Eagle bar to help Mr. Northwest Drummer, and myself with travel expenses. After hearing from them, I was suddenly and com-

pletely humbled by their concern and generosity. This is the true spirit of brotherhood, in my opinion. One region completely forgetting about competition and ego in order to help brothers of two other regions in difficulty—without being asked. This kind of selfless behavior is a lesson I'll never forget.

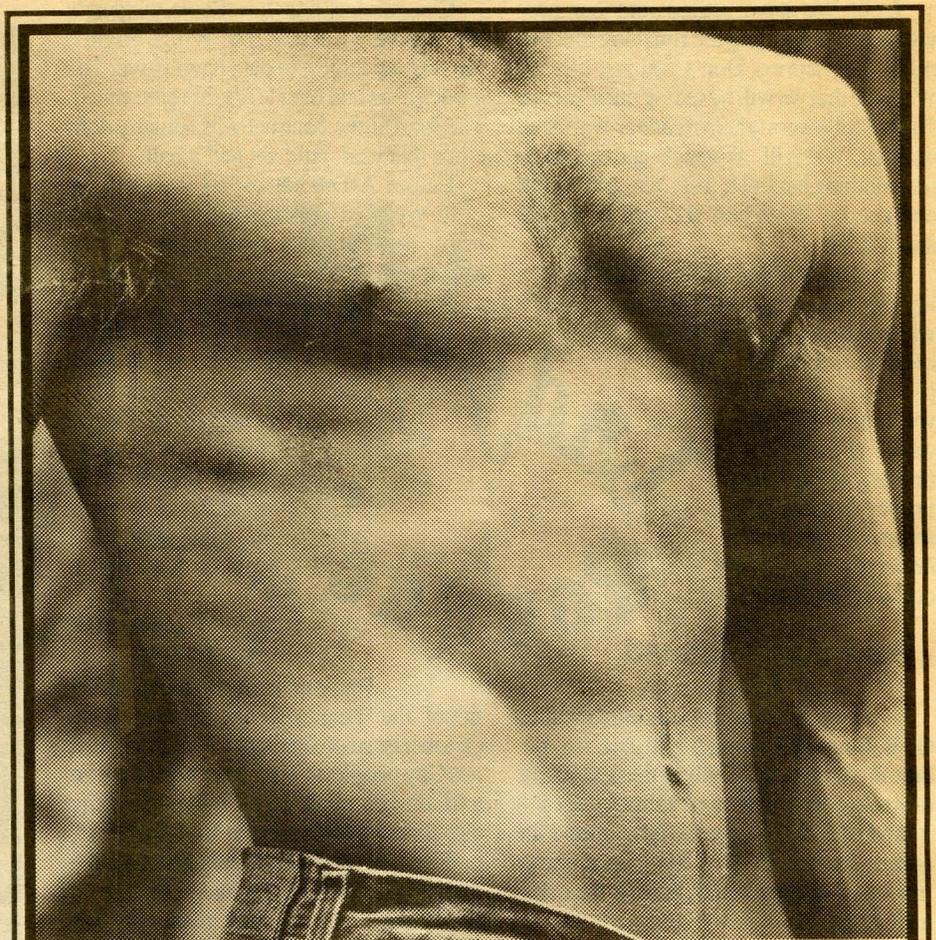
A word of thanks to all who have given me such positive feedback from the earlier articles. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

I'd like to close with a brief excerpt from the most recent *Drummer* magazine (for whom I am soon to become a poster child). This says rather succinctly a problem that exists not only in Memphis, but in many Gay communities of this area.

"In an ideal world, dress codes for public gatherings (bars) should be self-regulating. If people feel out of place because of what they're wearing, they'll either dress differently next time, or not come back...

"A self-regulating dress code can and does work where there is an established community, but only where the attitude of the bar patrons and management encourages it to work. If drag queens are invited to entertain and encouraged to bring their friends, they will. If a leather bar lets itself become a pink-shirt tourism stop, guys in pink shirts will keep coming, even from the local vanilla (*referring to other than leather S/M sexual practice, not ice cream*) community. And if the bar places the selling of drinks above the role the bar plays in the community, that order of priorities will determine the crowd and the prevailing clothing."

Just a thought for this time, my friends, and remember to be safe, be united—try leather.



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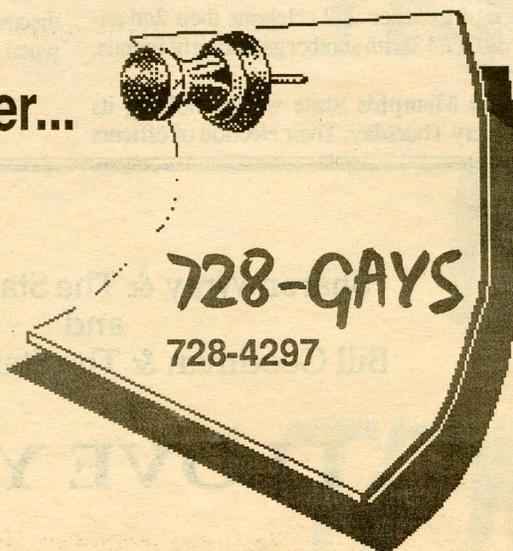
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**Chaplain's  
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by Chaplain John Prowett  
Shelby County Jail

Three months ago I was approached by Novella Smith-Arnold to come down to visit the Shelby County Jail and see what she was doing. I have been involved since 1980 with working with Gay, Lesbian, and Transperson prisoners throughout the United States. From 1980-1985, I worked with the Illinois Prison System and Chicago-area jails. I worked from 1985-1988 with the Arkansas Prison System before moving to Memphis.

I was interested in getting involved with the Shelby County Jail system and do whatever I could as a Gay/Lesbian rights activist and minister. I accepted a position as one of the three staff chaplains, and, although my major focus is the 6th floor Gay Tier, as of last month I can be seen anywhere and everywhere in the jail system. I have been able to get one person paroled and am working on helping two others get early parole.

Each time I go to jail, I must take cigarettes, magazines, paperback books, so those in the 6-E pod will have something.

Last week one of the queens was asking me why no one from the outside is interested in visiting or writing those on the inside, sending cigarettes or financially helping the prison ministry (everything I get for those in 6-E comes out of my own pocket). But my answer to her was very simple and honest. When she was on the outside, she was busy thinking only of herself or who she was drinking with or sleeping with, but didn't think about all those behind bars. It is only after she was arrested and imprisoned on the 6th floor did she start thinking of herself and the others housed there. But she is not alone, for far too many Gay, Lesbian, and Queens in Memphis care only about themselves, or who they are sleeping with, or who they are drinking with to care for anyone else. Oh true, some of us work on AIDS projects and fund raisers and many of us donate money at fund raisers for AIDS patients and support, but we have lost track of the fact that there are other people in our community who have problems and need our support. We fight the AIDS battle, but ignore the other battles that are still present. We totally ignore those in jail and/or prison. Which is good publicity to the heterosexual community to show that the Memphis Gay/Lesbian & Queens community cares only for those with AIDS and it is up to the Heterosexual community to care for other Gays, Lesbians, and Queens in Memphis.

So if you ever find yourself arrested for anything and in jail, just don't complain about no one writing to you or visiting you, or that no one cares about you, because you are right, you didn't and they don't.

But we do need more interested people to visit and write prisoners; we

need financial help to continue bringing paperback books, magazines, hair conditioners, cigarettes, playing cards, stationery, envelopes, and stamps to those inside.

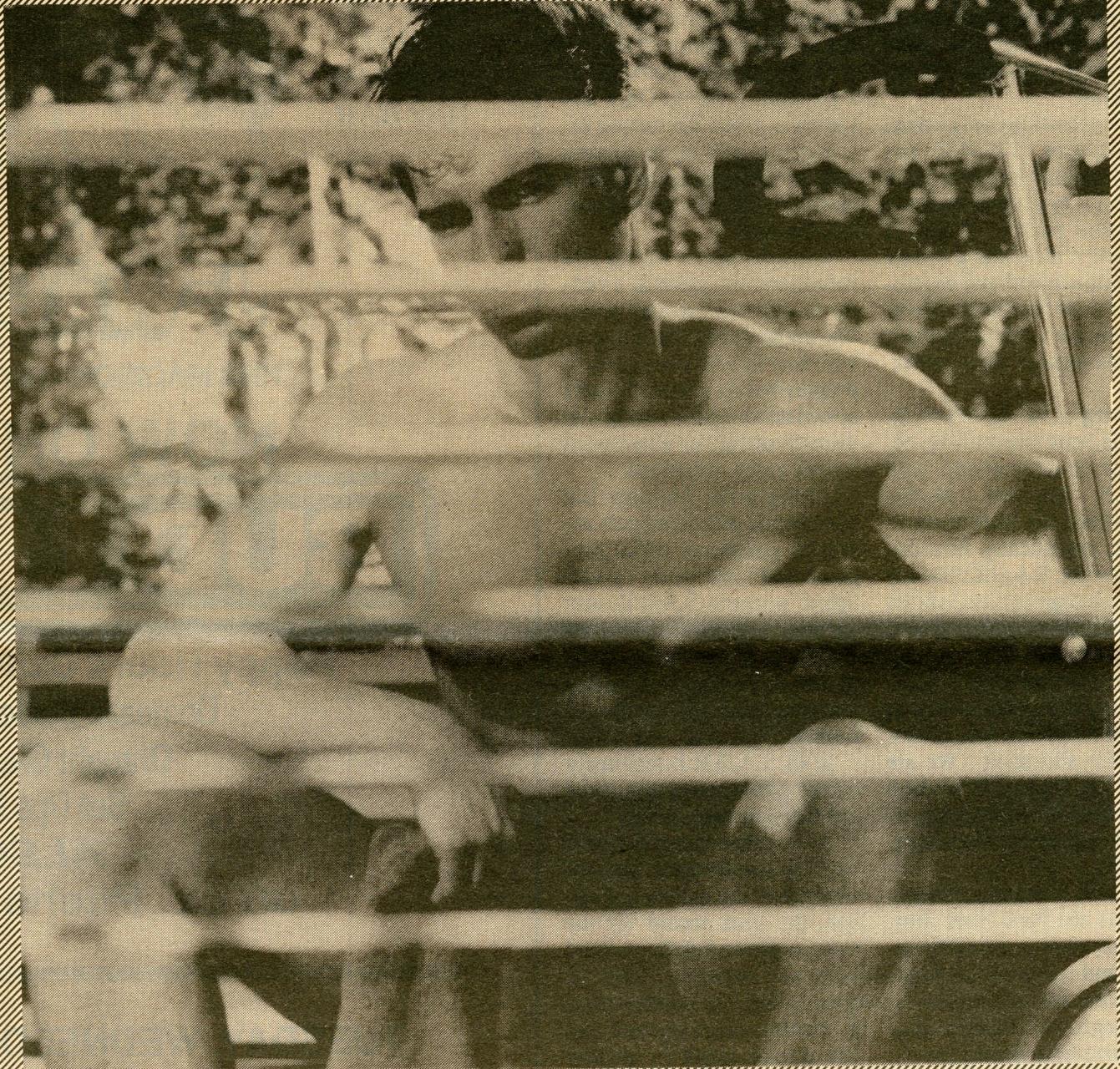
For those interested in thinking of others except themselves, and have the Love of God for other people, drop me a line: Chaplain John Prowett, Shelby County Jail Ministry, 1526

Court St. #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2403, or call (901) 276-5567.

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# Spicing Up The Not So Golden Years

Organized in 1978 as a social service organization geared toward the Gay or Lesbian homebound senior citizen, Senior Action in a Gay Environment, or S.A.G.E. has grown to become a model organization in serving a wide range of needs for the elderly Gay and Lesbian population.

Unlike most Gay and Lesbian organizations, S.A.G.E. has placed obvious importance on gender parity as well as inter-generation parity. S.A.G.E. maintains a male and a female co-directors board and according to Arlene Kochman, one of the co-directors, this parity effort exists throughout the organization.

Serving as the second co-director is Scott Borden who began his co-directorship with S.A.G.E. this year. Borden concentrates his focus upon finances, specifically financial management. S.A.G.E.; like any non-profit organization, is faced with budget limitations and must rely upon fundraising and grant monies to maintain operations.

"We have a good balance in terms of donations, fundraisers, and grant allocation. We are part of the United Way which also helps a lot in receiving financial assistance," Borden explained.

S.A.G.E. maintains a primary focus on the New York area, however, various outreach programs and technical assistance endeavors, not to mention an appearance on the Phil Donohue talk show, have helped present S.A.G.E. as a national Gay and Lesbian organization.

Kochman, who focuses her efforts on the programs aspect of S.A.G.E., shared some of the actions the group provides to the senior Gay and Lesbian population.

"The Golden Years," Kochman began, "are not often really that golden." People need to begin planning for their senior years when they are 30, 40 or 50, not wait until they suddenly are not able to get out and do some of the things they once did. This is part of what we do; helping the homebound person as well as the fully functional senior to maintain an activeness in their life."

"We also try to show the younger Gay or Lesbian that old does not mean ugly, as well as attempt to integrate the senior Gay and Lesbian population with the mainstream senior populus. We want to be a part of the overall segment of elderly America, yet show ourselves as a powerful voice as Gays and Lesbians within the overall senior group. We try to educate mainstream senior organizations on the need for attention to the Gay issues."

S.A.G.E. reports having 300 volunteers who assist in a variety of different program ways. The organization states that its volunteer force is comprised of people who take on specific tasks as well as individuals who devote themselves and their time toward overall group operations.

Along with helping the homebound individual gain access to assistance, social programs and home visits by volunteer workers; S.A.G.E. also operates a successful national Pen Pal program which allows anyone to develop a friendship via letters with a senior Gay or Lesbian.

In all, S.A.G.E. is reportedly reaching and serving as many as 1,500 people each month.

As America looks at its record on care, involvement, and acceptance of our elderly population, the track record for the most part shows indifference and even our societies, "fear of growing old," as Borden stated it. Borden also suggested that this attitude might be slightly worse in the Gay and Lesbian community specifically.

"If you look at Gay ads and their focus audience in Gay publications, you see no difference than that of mainstream America in that the models are always very young. The crowds in most bars are young and even the political action groups have little if any representation from the older population. I think getting the younger Gay and Lesbian person involved in some way with the senior Gay or Lesbian, will only serve to educate and show the benefits of interaction between the different generations. This is part of the effort of S.A.G.E. To bring together these differ-

ences." Borden added.

"Any group that is wanting to start a local program to assist or include their senior Gay and Lesbian population, can write to me for advice and experiences of an organization that has been doing this for several years now,"

Kochman offered.

S.A.G.E. also has implemented a program on AIDS Among the Elderly.

If you or your organization is interested in providing a community program for the senior Gay and Lesbian population; or,

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## The Gay Press in Memphis— 12th Printing and Counting

Twelfth printing? That is correct. Memphis' first Gay news journal was first published in 1975, July to be exact. When I want to have my memory stimulated, I go to the periodicals of times past. For America in general, *Life* magazine is a good source. My high school had a wonderful set of black and white *Life* magazines which told in beautiful photographs about a time and a world I

never knew. *Life* was missed as a chronicle during the years it was

not published and eventually returned to the newsstands.

Memphis too had an early chronicle. It was named *GAIETY* and its purpose was, in the words of editor Gary Poe, "...*GAIETY* can raise the consciousness of the Memphis and Mid-South Gay. *GAIETY* offers a source of information...a forum for expression...an awareness of what we are...it's a newspaper that accepts; it doesn't criticise or belittle us for being homosexual." It also cost 35¢.

It was significant that the front page of *GAIETY*, Vol. 1 No. 1, contained an ad about National Gay Pride Week, 1975. It also contained the usual; personal ads, horoscopes, news, bar ads, health advice, and a list of Mid-South night spots. This alone quickens memories older than mine and can bring history to life through a long-neglected anecdote.

News followed, month after month: a Gay bashing incident on Engineer's beach, a drag benefit for the new Suicide and Crisis Intervention Center, harassment and arrest of drag queens and the later dropping of the charges. The Rain Check lounge was destroyed by arson and the story was followed up to the point that the defendants skipped town. The Mystic Krewe of Apollo was formed and Memphis held its first Gay Pride celebration in Overton Park. One issue announced the formation of the Memphis Gay Switchboard by the Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force of NOW. Several issues contained a well-researched History of Gay Memphis.

Then *GAIETY* disappeared.

A plaintive little allegory by Gary Poe accounted lack of support and apathy as the reasons for its demise. *GAIETY* was seen as a light in the darkness. "The brightness hurts my eyes...The tower is ugly, decorate it...It takes too much time." It was too progressive for its time; it made people, who came out to forget, think instead. So, it went away.

A small newsletter, which a few people remember but nobody kept, appeared for an issue or two but no major replacement appeared for several years.

In 1979, co-editors Bill Johnson and Rick Sullivan began a new paper called

*GAZE*. It was all business. The lead story was an account of the 1979 Gay March on Washington, it was radically activist. Bill Johnson's first editorial was entitled "Why Rock The Boat?" which was exactly what he, *GAZE* and the new Coalition intended to do.

"Oppressive hatred...grows and festers when left unchallenged. We can no longer live under a sense of false contentment... We are not safe, inside the closet or out." Strong words

which would define the stand that *GAZE* would take for his entire time as editor.

In 1980 the paper covered such important events as the Southeastern Conference at the Holiday Inn Rivermont, the community protest and subsequent firing of DJ Ron Jordan of FM-100 for anti-Gay remarks, the stand of presidential candidate John Anderson, and Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" on display at Memphis State.

There were two Gay River Rides that year, one in June and one in October. The Gay Alternative radio program was three years old and so was Tsarus. The size of the paper stayed from 12 to 16 pages most months, with an occasional larger issue.

In 1981 the paper grew. More amenities were added, even an advice column and history features. Political and human rights issues were given primary importance but the large spectrum of Gay life was not ignored. Memphis State recognized its Gay Student Union. The advent of Views from 10%, a cable video show, and the picketing of the Barracks by a Black organization called the Memphis Committee were front page stories.

The formation of Phoenix and the organization of the Memphis Chapter of BWMT were major news stories in 1982. A major film company had bought a full page ad for "Making Love." And there appeared the first article about Kaposi's Sarcoma—Gay cancer.

Then, Bill Johnson resigned as editor.

His final editorial in the November issue was called "For All the Lonely People." "Being a Gay activist has been very rewarding for me...I have been rewarded by having the vast majority of Lesbians and Gay men tell me that I am nothing more than a self-seeking troublemaker...I am tired of guarding my every step (and rather unsuccessfully) in order to please those who are intent upon publicly criticizing and sabotaging my work... I guess I am just tired...I realized recently that I have never felt more alone." He had apologized for the short, informal issue in October along with a plea for help.

It was a time for change, the Coalition was re-evaluating itself and would decide to become more formally structured. *Gaze* already had a new masthead and would now get two new co-editors, Allen Cook and John Stilwell.

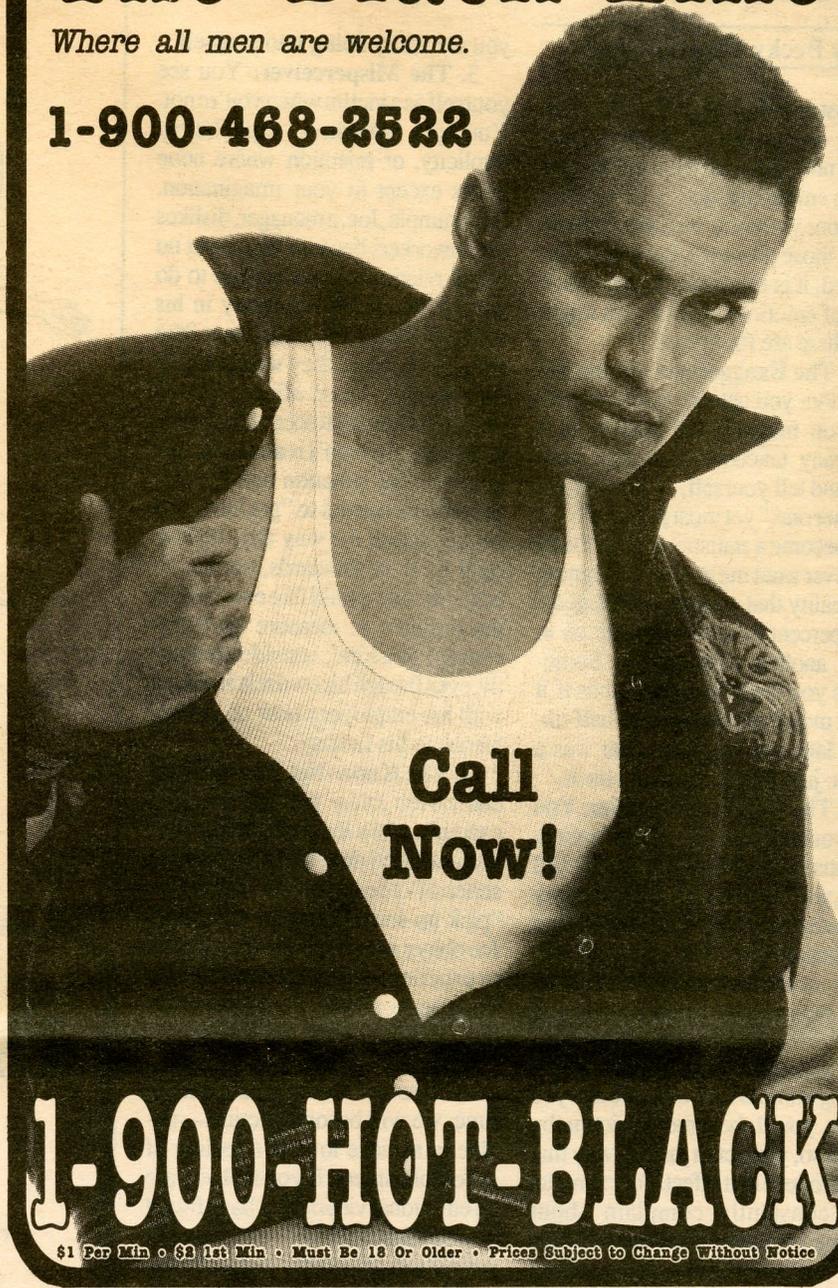
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## Dentist Doubted He Spread AIDS

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David J. Acer, a dentist in Stuart, FL, died of AIDS-related cancer on Sept. 3, three days after he wrote his former patients to tell them he was dying of AIDS.

The letter was written after the CDC said a dentist had passed the virus to a woman while pulling two of her teeth. The CDC did not reveal the name of the dentist or the patient.

In the letter, Acer said he had followed the universal precautions of wearing mask and gloves, and doubted that he had transmitted the disease. However, he urged former patients to be tested.

Steve Konicki, a spokesman for the state Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services, said 364 of Acer's former patients have been tested with results back on 354. The three were the only ones to

test positive, he said.

Dr. Andrew Hirschl, president of the Miami Beach Dental Society, reacted with concern about the announcement. "There has been tremendous hysteria on the public's part in hearing these released stories with premature conclusions," he said. "The stories are not thoroughly researched yet."

Health officials acknowledge that Florida has the third highest number of people with AIDS in the U.S. and that other potential risk factors, including sexual and drug use behaviors among the infected patients, have not been determined.

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## Are You an Emotional Victim?

By Becky Caperton, M.S.

Last month I started a series on being an emotional victim. Hopefully, now, you can tell whether you are an emotional victim, or whether someone you know has this problem. Once those questions have been answered, it is important to see which type of emotional victim you might be. There are four types.

**1. The Exaggerator:** In the life situation, you actually are a victim, but you magnify the reality. In a company takeover, you lose your job, and tell yourself, "I'll never get another one," yet most people do. Or you become a statistic, feel "nobody will ever want me again," and ignore the reality that an estimated eighty-five percent of individuals go on to have another relationship. Sometimes you react to the trivial as if it were major. A date arrives half-an-hour late and you turn what was a traffic jam into a personal attack.

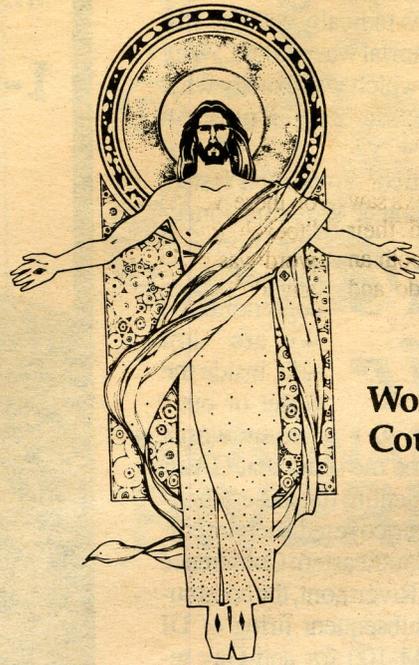
**2. The "Kick Me" Victim:** You set yourself up for victimization. Because you so crave approval and love, you fail to do what is necessary to protect yourself. You sport a sign that announces, "take-me, hurt me, make me the nothing I believe I am." You may choose friends or lovers who will take advantage of you. You may trust the wrong people with the wrong thing. Often, even though you know you'll become a victim by doing so, you act in just the way that will produce that effect. For example, you constantly complain about feeling hurt and when your friends beg, "stop—you've told me that a million times," you're upset. You think others are victimizing you, but

you are really doing it to yourself.

**3. The Misperceiver:** You see yourself as a victim when you're not. You spot unfairness, exploitation, duplicity, or rejection where none exists except in your imagination. For example, Joe, a manager, dislikes his coworkers because they want no social relationship and refuse to do any of the chores necessary in his office building. He calls them "the stingies" because they won't chip in on company social affairs. So Joe buys the cakes, and other office perks, and sulks. He won't realize that this is a business situation and his employees are not out to "get him," but simply acting the way they believe right by their standards, not his. In actuality, Joe would like everyone in the business to measure up to his concept of a kind, considerate family, even though his own relationships with his employees bear no resemblance to his fantasy.

**4. The Know-Not Victim:** You don't even know you are one. For example, when Joe comes home after a stress-filled day, his lover issues a series of orders: "do the laundry" ... "pick up some coffee at the store." Joe obeys, not allowing himself even to experience his own resentments. To do so, he thinks, would show him how "selfish" he is.

If we think of ourselves as victims, we will act the victim's part, and, in time, we will become victims—unable to achieve love or a feeling of accomplishment. If you feel you are an emotional victim, and have found yourself described above, next month we will talk about behavioral change and the key to setting our emotional victimization free.



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## VD Rates Up Alarmingly

Chicago—The U.S. Syphilis rate has risen 34% since 1981 to the highest level in 40 years. Experts believe precautions begun during the AIDS epidemic have not been sustained.

A separate study in the Sept. 19 edition of the the American Medical Association said that the most common, inexpensive methods of treating gonorrhea should be replaced because of the increase in both the penicillin and tetracycline-resistant strains of the disease.

Centers for Disease Control researchers said the biggest increase in syphilis was among Blacks, among whom the rate doubled between 1985 and 1989. In contrast, syphilis rates among white males have dropped 69% since 1982.

Scientists said the higher rate among Blacks may be tied to a higher incidence of drug abuse, poverty, and homelessness. "This is one more

problem that can be attached to that disenfranchised group," said Allyn K. Nakashima of the CDC's division of sexually transmitted diseases. "Obviously the message has not gotten out to certain groups."

## NC Stops Rest Stop Activity

Hendersonville, N.C. — Police say they plan to continue raids like the one they carried out to try to stop homosexual rest stop activity on Interstate 26 in rural Henderson County.

According to Henderson County Sheriff's Detective Bill Becker, five men were arrested on charges of homosexual solicitation and assault during the mid-September raid.

Becker said the operation will not be the last. "We will be out here in the future," he said. "We're not picking on any one group. What we

are saying is that the rest area is for the public, for people to get out and use the restroom and stretch their legs, and not for these sex acts.

"A lot of people are afraid of using rest areas because of these activities," Becker said.

Officers using night vision equipment observed homosexual activity in parking lots, restrooms and behind the eastbound rest stop on the interstate, the detective said.

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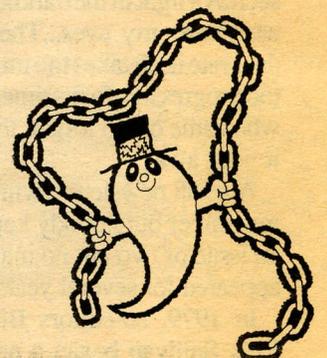
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## Law of the Old Covenant, not the present one Leviticus Disarmed

by Bill M. Tracer

As we consider a study of those few very specific Bible passages which have been traditionally used by homophobic people unjustly to condemn homosexuals, we will turn our attention to Leviticus and look at the verses used there in light of three basic categories. With a complete study of all of the few questionable passages, we will find that they all fall into one or more of these categories:

- A. Mistranslation
- B. Misinterpretation, and
- C. Take out of historic and/or cultural context

Taken at face value, the Levitical Edicts on the topic of homosexual actions seem to be the Bible's strongest statements against male homosexuals.

"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination." Leviticus 18:22

"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them." Leviticus 20:13

However strong these statements may seem, it is important to realize that historic and cultural aspects of Levitical laws in general, and how these particular laws fit into the overall picture, in order to truly understand their relevance and/or lack of relevance in our present society.

In his book *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality*, John Boswell reveals, as a result of his scholarly research that the laws of Leviticus can be differentiated into separate types. These subdivisions fall into two mostly disjunctive groups, which are further subdivided according to their areas of focus. An understanding of these subdivisions may help us in gaining a proper perspective of these Levitical conduct codes.

The two major subdivisions can best be characterized as laws which were to give the Hebrew people

"ethnic distinctiveness," and ethical codes that reveal those things of life we might see as, "intrinsically right and/or wrong." Although some laws seem to overlap between these two groups, really the only precepts which are included under both umbrellas are those relating to loving God and avoiding the worship of other gods. It would seem that the Hebrews saw their devotion to God and their avoidance of idolatry to be both an intrinsically right thing to do and part of their distinct ethnic heritage.

However, strange as it may seem to us today, while idol worship itself was seen as intrinsically wrong, the avoidance of certain practices associated with idolatry was seen as only part of the Hebrew ethnic distinctiveness. The ancient Hebrews, to carry out any "unclean" Gentile practice made the person ceremonially or ritually, unclean and thus disassociated from their particular ethnic way of life.

The following chart may reveal a clearer picture of the subdivisions of the Hebrew law and how each subdivision is segregated:

- I. Intrinsic Right/Wrong
  - a. Devotion to God, (Avoidance of Idolatry)
  - b. Caretaking of the needy
  - c. Non-idolatrous Sexual Prohibitions
  - d. Do's and Don't's of Human Interactions.
- II. Ethnic Distinctiveness
  - a. Devotion to God, (Avoidance of Idolatry)
  - b. Ceremonial Cleanliness
  - c. Ceremonial Uncleanliness
  - d. Avoidance of Practices Associated to Idolatry
  - e. Idolatrous Sexual Prohibitions
  - f. Dietary Restrictions
  - g. Fashion conventions
  - h. Hygienic Regulations

Clearly some of these secondary subdivisions do overlap. While this chart does not attempt to cover all of the laws of the old covenant, it does however, give the reader an idea of

the kind of differentiations there is within this code of laws. Seeing the significance of these divisions in the law is key to have a proper understanding of the two quoted Levitical laws above.

The laws which are grouped together in both chapters 18 and 20 of Leviticus are of the "ethnic distinctiveness" type. This interpretation can be further backed up by the writer's choice of words. With each of these verses, the Hebrew word "toevah" (abomination) is used. This word was particularly indicative of any idolatrous practice. This means that, in the minds of the ancient Hebrews, the actions described in these laws were directly tied to practices associated with idolatry. The connection to idolatry found here is with male temple prostitution, which was common to other nations surrounding the ancient Hebrews,

When the Levitical writers saw

something to be both intrinsically wrong and ethnically wrong, then prohibitive laws regarding it were repeated with wording to indicate both legal subdivisions. This does not occur with these two laws in question. In no form are they repeated under the connection to "intrinsically right/wrong" subdivision. Our relationship to the laws of Leviticus is greatly changed today under the new covenant of Christ.

In Matthew 22: 34-30, Jesus tells us that all of the law depends on LOVE. Likewise he says that the commandment for his followers is to love one another as in John 15: 9-17.

When we cross reference these verses with what Jesus said in his Sermon on the Mount, found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew, we can see that Jesus taught that if we have a true heart of love for both God and our fellow humankind, then we will do what is intrinsically right, and

avoid what is intrinsically wrong. Furthermore, when we consider the implications of his words and deeds in the following passages, we can see that Jesus excludes the laws of ethnic distinctiveness from the new covenant. (See Matthew 15: 1-20, Mark 2: 23-28, Mark 3: 1-6, John 4: 1-26, and Luke 7: 11-17).

In each of these passages, either Jesus or his followers violate laws of the "ethnic distinctiveness" subdivision. By this Jesus demonstrates that it is not the letter of the law, but the heart of it which matters.

If you would like to learn more on the topic of the Bible and Homosexuality, I would like to invite you to come to the last of our 7:00 p.m., Wednesday night sessions on this topic during the first three weeks of October at Agape New Life Church, 405 N. Cleveland #3. Phone 276-1872.



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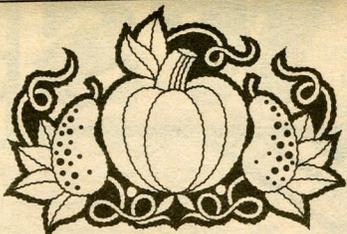
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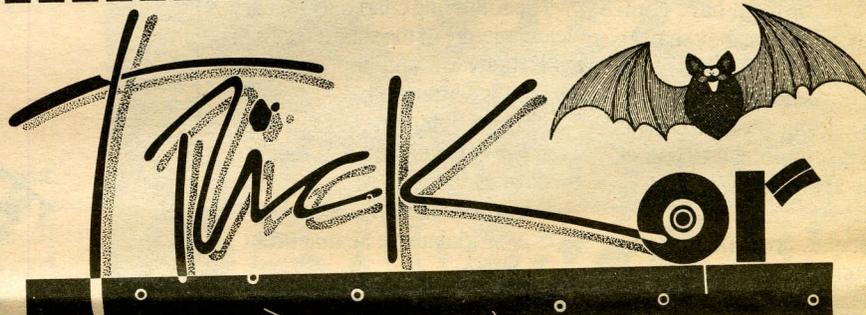
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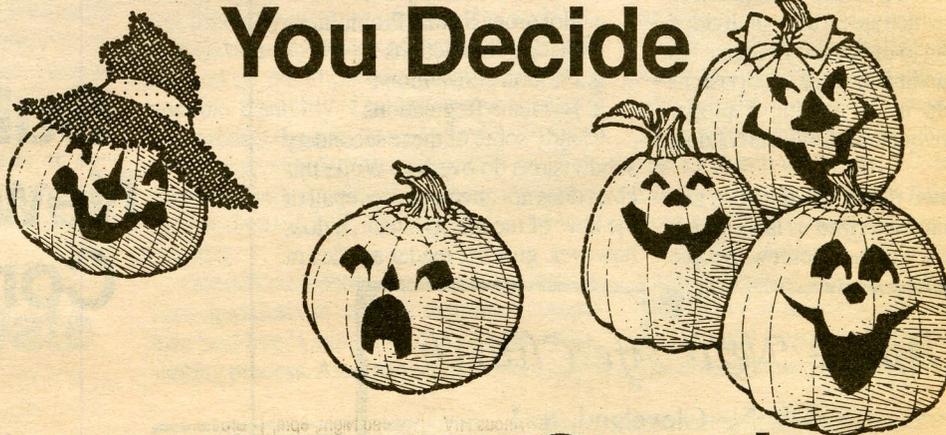
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Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 452-5894, or 726-1461.

**Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B-GLAD):** Box 1921, Memphis 38101 - 327-3943 or 948-2345.

**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105.

**Colors:** Box 1921, Memphis 38101.

**Conference For Catholic Lesbians:** Faith, 324-6949.

**Gay Women's Social Group:** Lee, 327-6165.

**Holy Trinity Community Church:** Box 41648, Memphis, 38174 - 726-9443. Worship Service Sundays at MGLCC, 1291 Madison, 11:00 AM.

**Into The Light (Women's AA):** Meets Sundays at noon, Thursdays at 8 PM at Memphis Lambda Center.

**Kinship:** Seventh Day Adventist Gay religious group - Box 171135, Memphis 38187-1135 - 754-6160.

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

**Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 324-

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, 1526 Court Street, Memphis 38104.

**Mystic Krew of Aphrodite:** Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

**Names Project Memphis:** Box 34576, Memphis 38184-0576 - 725-0371.

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

**Out and About Memphis:** Tom - 274-1847, Dale - 276-0275.

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

**Phoenix (Gay AA):** 272-9549, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

**Positive Mental Attitude Association, Inc:** 28 N. Claybrook, Suite 1, Memphis 38104 - 276-PMAA.

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

**Transexuals in Prison (TIP):** For information: John Prowett, 1526 Court, Memphis 38104.

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

**Wings:** Leather-Levi club - Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

**Women of Leather:** 181 N. Willett, Memphis 38104 - 278-9321

## COUNSELING SERVICES

**Becky Caperton, MS:** Counseling - 327-9758.

**Beth Causey, M.Div.:** Pastoral counseling - 454-0108.

**Bob Hughes, MS:** Counseling, Codependency/ACOA, Wholistic Healthcare Services, 5583 Murray Road, Memphis 38119 - 767-6351.

**Kim A. Moss MS:** Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Suite 101, Memphis 38104 - (901) 726-4586.

**Carole Taylor, MS:** Counseling - 458-7098.

**Northeast Mental Health Center:** 382-3880.

## GRAPHICS

**Wildhare Graphics:** 344 North Watkins, Memphis, TN 38104 - 278-8437.

## HELP & INFORMATION LINES

**AIDS Switchboard:** 458-AIDS - 3:30-11pm.

**Gay Switchboard:** 728-GAYS - 7:30-11pm.

**LINC:** 725-8895.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** 276-LIVE.

**Rape Crisis:** 528-2161.

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

**Transvestite-Transexual National Hotline:** (206) 623-1549 24 hrs.

## LEGAL SERVICES

**Wayne C. Gullledge, Attorney At Law:** 208 S. Heard Street, Senatobia, MS 38668 - (601) 562-8738.

**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law:** 100 N. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 - (901) 525-0417.

**Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law:** 1903 Lincoln America Tower, 60 North Mid-America Mall, Memphis 38103 - (901) 527-3795.

## MASSAGE SERVICES

**"Just the Right Touch":** Non-sexual Swedish/sports massage - 377-7701.

**"A Touch Of Relaxation":** Therapeutic massage by appointment, Ms. Bernie Gwyn - 522-1482 or 522-7054.

## NEWSPAPERS / RADIO

**AIDS Update:** Newspaper published by the Aid to End AIDS Committee - 458-AIDS.

**Gay Alternative:** Radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.

**Gaze:** Monthly newspaper published by the Memphis Gay Coalition - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 526-8006.

**Triangle Journal News:** Monthly Newspaper published by Printers Ink - Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 - 454-1411.

## NIGHT CLUBS / DINING

**Apartment:** 343 Madison - 525-9491.

**Barbara's:** 1474 Madison - 278-4313.

**CatchTwo:** 492 S. Main - 529-9081.

**Chaps:** 111 N. Claybrook - 722-8963.

**J-Wags:** 1268 Madison - 725-1909.

**Oops:** 1349 Autumn - 272-1634.

**Pipeline:** 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.

**Reflections:** 92 North Avalon - 272-1525.

**WKRBin Memphis:** 1528 Madison - 278-9321.

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**Davis-Kidd Booksellers Inc. -** 397 Perkins Rd. Ext. - 683-9801.

**Men of Leather:** Leather shop - 111 N. Claybrook - 722-8963.

**P & H Cafe -** 1532 Madison Ave. - 274-9734.

**StarSearch Video:** 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.

**Tobacco Corner Newsroom:** 669 Mendenhall Rd S. - 682-3326 & 1803 Union - 726-1622.

## October Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Every Sunday: Worship Services at Agape New Life Church (405 S. Cleveland, Suite 3) or Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am MGLCC	• MGC Business Meeting, Main Library, Mtg. Rm A, 7pm  	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  • BWMT C/R, 7:30 pm  	• Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • "Homosexuality & the Bible," Agape, 7pm	• Video Night, 8pm, MGLCC  • The Normal Heart, Theatreworks, 414 S. Main St., 8pm  	• Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm  • The Normal Heart, Theatre Works, 414 S. Main St., 8pm  • Miss C'ntry Pageant, Reflections, 11pm	• Tsarus Club Night, Pipeline  • The Normal Heart, Theatre Works, 414 S. Main St., 8pm  • BWMT Hot, Horny, & Healthy, Play Shop, 7pm	
• Holy Trinity Community Church, Worship service, see story p. 9  • Benefit for Agape AIDS Ministry, WKRB  • The Normal Heart, Theatre Works, 2:30 pm & 7pm  • B-GLAD C/R: "How did you come out?", 4pm, Call for details.	• MGC Community Forum, 7 PM, MGLCC  • Deadline for Pink Pyramid Award ballots  	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  	• Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • Worship Service, Agape, 7pm	NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY • Open House, MGLCC, 10am-12pm  • Video Night, 8pm, MGLCC  • Trixie Thunderpussy Awards, Reflections, 10pm	• Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm  • 1st Annual NCOD Riverboat Cruise, Boarding 8:30pm, Sailing 9-12pm	• Women of Leather Second Anniversary	
• BWMT Board of Director's Meeting, 1:30pm	• GayRap Discussion, "Open Forum," 7pm, MGLCC  • Advertising and Copy Deadline for The Triangle Journal  	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  	• Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • Worship Service, Agape, 7pm	• Video Night, 8pm, MGLCC  	• Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm  • Third Friday Coffee House, MGLCC  • Holy Trinity Fun-Raising Book Sale, MGLCC	• MGLCC Board Meeting, 11:30am  • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 7pm, \$3 w/dish, \$5 w/o dish  • Holy Trinity Fun-Raising Book Sale, MGLCC  • BWMT Pot Luck, 6:30pm	
• Holy Trinity Fun-Raising Book Sale, MGLCC, 2-7pm  • B-GLAD, Organizational Meeting, MGLCC, 4pm	• BWMT Open Forum, Main Library, Peabody & McLean, Meeting Room A  	• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  	• Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • Worship Service, Agape, 7pm	• Video Night, 8pm, MGLCC  • November issue of The Triangle Journal News Due Out  	• Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm  • Blackout Night, Pipeline	• Waggettes replay of George Wilson Tribute, Chaps  • BWMT Halloween Bash, 8pm  • B-GLAD Halloween Party	
• Peter Barrosse Memorial Walk for AIDS, sponsored by ATEAC, Overton Park Pavilion, 8-11 AM.  • St. Jude Benefit, Pipeline		• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  	HALLOWEEN • Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • Worship Service, Agape, 7pm  	If location or time is not specified, call sponsoring organization for details.			

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