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Landmark AIDS Policy Passed

Los Angeles— The Los Angeles City Council has passed an extensive AIDS policy which may establish a national model. The policy includes distribution of condoms and hypodermic needle sterilization kits.

"It is a reaffirmation of our city's unwavering commitment to stand by people with AIDS," said Councilman Joel Wachs. "It is fair to say that AIDS is nothing less than a national crisis."

The policy calls for increased spending on AIDS at all levels of government. City departments have six months to plan implementation and determine costs. The community development department was ordered to estimate the policy's long-term fiscal implication.

The document outlines new problems, such as training for city employees and distribution of AIDS prevention kits to newly

released prisoners.

According to an Associated Press story, the county runs the jail system and the county Board of Supervisors has gone on record twice against public distribution of condoms and bleach kits.

The policy also reinforced the city's stand against discrimination and include the position that PWA's have a right not to disclose their condition and that casual contact doesn't spread AIDS. It gives city employees the right to withhold information on whether they have the disease.

Mayor Tom Bradley urged cities nationwide to follow the lead of Los Angeles.

Councilman Ermani Bernardi was the sole dissenting vote. He said the only way to battle the AIDS epidemic is to identify those with the disease.

Dennis Massey Felled by Heart Attack

by Vincent Astor

Dennis Massey, perennial Master/Mistress of ceremonies at Gay benefits, died Oct. 14 of a heart attack. His most recent endeavor was the successful production of Larry Kramer's Normal Heart for ATEAC's PWA Assistance Fund. The Friday before, he had received a special Pink Pyramid award from the Memphis National Coming Out Day Committee for his years of service to the Memphis Gay/Lesbian community.

He was a founding member of the very first Gay social club in Memphis, The Queen's Men; a founder of Apollo—Memphis and an honorary member of GOPS (Gays on Poplar Street) the third prominent social club of that time (Apollo was founded in the mid 70's). The Queen's Men were an early example of Gay Pride in that the club's events were large and open for those years, later becoming publicly acknowledged.

One of the earliest issues of *Gaiety* Newspaper in 1975 shows Dennis presenting a check to the acting director of the Suicide and Crisis Intervention Center. The article states that the benefit, held in June of that year, was the fourth annual of that show. His career as emcee spanned three decades, and he was involved in many major fundraisers: for Muscular Dystrophy, for AIDS (beginning with the first benefit in 1983), later for ATEAC and the NAMES Project, and, most recently, for the MGLCC.

He had participated in numerous theatrical productions, outside the cabaret circuit, both as director and as actor, the latest being the Spring 1989 production of *The Boys in the Band* and the recent production of *The Normal Heart*. He also participated for three years in Living Reflections at Circuit Playhouse—also a benefit, of course.

It may be said of Dennis that he had one vote less than the



Dennis Massey
1935-1990

MGLCC for recipient of the Stonewall Award, given for promoting unity within the community. It may be said of the Memphis community that those gathered at The Med at the last were not kin by blood but kin by common bond—service and Gayness. See also p. 19

Gay PAC Drops \$400 K on Elections

Washington, DC—The political action committee (PAC) of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization, has contributed \$400,000 to candidates running for Congress with only one month remaining in the election year. The Campaign Fund's goal is \$525,000 to pro-Lesbian and Gay candidates running for U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, nearly a 30% increase over 1988.

"Our effectiveness on Capitol Hill is due not only to our lobbying and constituent field work, but also to the impact that Lesbian and Gay Americans have in Congressional elections all over the country," said Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley. "Candidates running for office from the hills of Carolina to the mountains of Oregon look for support from the Campaign Fund and from Lesbian and Gay Americans in their local communities."

Former Charlotte, North Carolina Mayor Harvey Gantt, who is running neck and neck in his race against Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has received the maximum \$15,000 allowed by law from the Campaign Fund's PAC. Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), chief sponsor of the Hate-Crimes Statistics Act which earlier this year became the first federal law in history to include Lesbi-

ans and Gays received \$10,000 in his race against GOP Congresswoman Lynn Martin. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI), who chairs the committee with jurisdiction over the National Endowment for the Arts, and Rep. John Miller (R-WA), who worked to defeat the Helms-Chapman food handlers amendment on the Americans with Disabilities Act, also received \$10,000. Both openly Gay members of Congress, Representatives Barney Frank (D-MA) and Gerry Studds (D-MA) also received \$10,000 contributions for their campaigns.

In one of the nation's most closely watched races, the Campaign Fund is supporting Washington Congresswoman Jolene Unsoeld, the first-term supporter of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. Alexandria, Virginia, Mayor Jim Moran and former Oregon state legislator Mike Kopetski, who are strong contenders to win seats in the House against homophobic incumbents, have also received major contributions.

Republicans have received 16.15% of Campaign Fund contributions so far, 18.65% have gone to women and 17.59% to people of color, well above their percentages in Congress.

The Campaign Fund PAC is one of the largest political action committees in the country and the only national political action committee representing the interests of the Lesbian and Gay community. Members of the Campaign Fund contribute funds to its PAC which in turn are given to the campaigns of incumbents and candidates for Congress. One hundred percent of Campaign Fund PAC money is turned over to campaigns.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the largest legislative and political organization representing Lesbian and Gay Americans. In addition to the PAC, the Campaign Fund also lobbies on Capitol Hill and organizes people around the country to contact members of Congress on Lesbian and Gay civil rights, freedom of choice, and AIDS issues through "Speak Out" and other programs.

South African Gays Stage Protest March For Equal Rights

Johannesburg, South Africa — Gay men and Lesbians bearing signs marched through the city on Oct. 13 to demand equal rights in what is being termed Africa's first Gay protest march.

About 200 men and women chanting "Gay rights now" marched for more than an hour in the rain as incredulous Saturday shoppers watched on.

According to Associated Press reports, most of the marchers were white men, but women and Blacks also marched. A few marchers wore paper bags over their heads to hide their identities.

A statement by the marchers read in part: "With this march, South Africa's Gays and Lesbians will actively join the struggle for human rights in South Africa. They will also finally take their place in a venerable tradition of worldwide defiance and celebration — the Gay liberation movement."

Dozens of police officers reportedly followed the march which ended with the picnic in a Johannesburg park. Homosexuality is illegal in South Africa.

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Candidates & Gay Issues: Vote with Clear Conscience

by Rex Rivers for the
Gay Community Magazine

Very soon it will be time to vote again. Do you know how the candidates on your ballot stand on issues important to Gay men and Lesbians?

If you don't, it's really not very hard to find out. Call the local Elections Commission and ask them for the telephone numbers of the campaign offices for the candidates on your bal-

lot. You may be asked which district you live in, so find this out before you call. If there are many candidates, the Election Commission may want to mail you the addresses and phone numbers rather than reading them all to you on the telephone.

Now pick the offices you are interested in (I would suggest checking up on the gubernatorial and senatorial candidates at a minimum) and call those candidates. Ask them the following

questions:

1. Would you support a Gay rights bill (similar to the civil rights act) if you were asked to vote on one?

2. Would you support stiffer penalties for those convicted of hate crimes against Gay men and/or Lesbians?

3. Would you support a domestic partners bill to give the same rights to Lesbian and Gay couples that married partners enjoy?

You may want to add some other questions of your own to the list. You may also wish to ask some questions concerning the candidates' views on AIDS education and prevention.

Don't be surprised if some (or all) of the candidates do not have this information for you at first. Some have no experience at Gay and Lesbian issues and many have never been asked before to express their views of these issues. If you do not wish

to give you name and telephone number for a return call, assure them that you WILL call back again if they will give some serious thought to these issues.

While it is probably foolish to vote for a candidate based on their views of Gay/Lesbian issues alone, these views are definitely worth considering when making your overall decision. It will help you vote with a clear conscience.

T R I A N G L E L E T T E R S

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Pipettes Explain Choice

Why are benefits being done for other organizations besides ATEAC? What is going on in the community to create this phenomena? These questions have been raised in the last month by quite a number of people, and we would like to explain our reasons for choosing St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital as our beneficiary.

St. Jude's is a major research institution for pediatric AIDS. That being the case, we thought it was about time that the Memphis Gay Community become aware of the existence of an AIDS research facility in our own front yard. Even though St. Jude's is not a "Gay" organization, and, to my knowledge, they are not treating any "Gay" patients, what better place to make contributions to than a "Research" facility. Whatever they find out about pediatric AIDS and how to deal with it or hopefully cure it, directly affects all of us, and I do mean all of us! Let me expand that thought, people of every nationality, race, creed, sexual preference, and yes, even religion are affected by the research that is done for "childhood" diseases. It is time to make a difference in the world as a whole and not just in one segment of society.

As for ATEAC, we are not, and

let me reiterate not, discounting the organization nor the wonderful work that they do. ATEAC is a very necessary organization to the City of Memphis as well as the Gay Community. There will be other efforts coming forth for ATEAC and other organizations in the future, and we hope that we can be a part of all of it.

In closing, let me reiterate something. Research into AIDS and the causes of AIDS has brought us to where we are today in our knowledge of this dreaded disease. Therefore, why not support research into hopefully, someday, finding a cure, a vaccine, or at the very least be able to add another healthy year to a PWA's life! It is time to make a difference and to let people outside of our community know that we do care and we don't discriminate because of sexual orientation. Gay or Straight, Young or Old, we are all in this together!

Jere K. Douglas, Head Pipette
Dennis Kijowski/Stam Perry,
Owners—The Pipeline

A newspaper is meant to be a source of information. I appreciate being informed when I need to be. Thank you.

—V. Astor

MGC Slate Clarified

First, congratulations on the publication of the premier issue of the *Triangle Journal News*.

Secondly, I wish to respond to an article that appeared in the first issue, entitled "Memphis Gay Coalition to Hold Annual Elections Oct. 1." In the article which discussed the nominations of the board members who resigned Sept. 6, 1990 to the next board of the Memphis Gay Coalition, Inc., John Stilwell was quoted as saying "it was probably the most expeditious way of handling things. Those nominations were

made by the committee, but of course, that was before our resignation. 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." To clarify matters for both the general public and Mr. Stilwell, the Memphis Gay Coalition, Inc. was not expeditious, nor was it careless or thoughtless in the process of electing the members of the board. First, the nominating committee, which was chaired by Mr. Stilwell, was informed by Mr. Stilwell that Vincent Astor, John Stilwell, Allen Cook, and Cecil McLeod were willing to serve for the term for which Mr. Stilwell presented their names. Secondly, the resignations presented on September 6, 1990 to the Coalition by Mr. Astor, Mr. Stilwell, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Cook did not include resignation from membership in the Coalition nor did they include the declination from nominations by the nominating committee. Thus, all four were properly informed of their nominations, properly placed into nomination, properly placed into the official minutes, and properly posted and announced. The official record of the Memphis Gay Coalition is now open for public inspection and examination. Should Mr. Stilwell wish to comment or editorialize on the official record of the Coalition, I suggest that he, as co-editor of the *Triangle Journal News*, either confine his statements to the inside editorial page or research his topic to insure truth in journalism.

Don Griesheimer

Just to Provoke Some Thought

Let me state first that my purpose in writing this letter is not to take sides in the current controversy that

is dividing the Gay community, but to provoke some thought as to what is best for the Gay community.

During the past few months, I have heard many charges made against Allen Cook and John Stilwell, none of which can be proven. I think those people making these charges should examine their motives and ask themselves are they really concerned with the good of the Gay community or are they out to settle some personal vendetta?

Allen has served as one of the most effective public spokesman and role models for the Gay community for many years. He commands the respect and cooperation of the straight community. Allen and John have shown the straight world that Gays can be responsible and productive

citizens.

We need to ask ourselves do we want to destroy one of the most valuable assets the Gay community has by destroying these men's reputation and their potential for continued leadership just because we didn't agree with some of the opinions they have expressed.

I am asking that my name not be printed with this letter, not because I am ashamed to openly stand up for John and Allen, but because I am one of those people who is not yet willing to step out and proclaim to all the world that I am Gay as John and Allen would want. I do thank God that we have men like them who are willing to provide that leadership.

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Navy Man Forced to Resign, Repay

New York, NY—Continuing its challenges to the military's anti-Gay policies, the American Civil Liberties Union is assisting a Gay man who was forced to resign from the U.S. Navy and is now being asked to repay the \$22,000 cost of his Annapolis training.

In June 1989, Orlando Gotay, a 1987 graduate of the Naval Academy, was aboard the battleship Belknap in the Mediterranean when he was told officers were investigating him because they suspected he was Gay. Although the investigation found no evidence that Gotay was Gay, his commanding officer issued a mild letter of warning after investigators charged him with fraternization with enlisted men.

The incident appeared over, but Naval officials in Washington later threatened to reopen the investigation into Gotay's sexuality and offered to let him resign with an honorable discharge. Gotay, then a lieutenant, accepted the offer, but then received a letter from the military demanding he repay his education costs.

"By pressuring Gotay to resign, the Navy succeeded in depriving itself of the services of a capable officer," said Matthew Coles, the managing attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, which is assisting Gotay. "The Navy should not make him pay for an education it squandered by getting rid of him."

Gotay, a 26-year-old native of Puerto Rico who lives in San Francisco, said the Navy's request for repayment added "insult to injury."

"They discriminate against you," he said. "Then they want you to pay them for it."

In a September letter to H. Lawrence Garrett III, the Secretary of the Navy, the ACLU said the Navy was mistaken in its belief that Gotay resigned voluntarily. Gotay "resigned at the insistence of the Dept. of the Navy, which made it relatively clear that it wanted him to resign because it suspected that he was Gay," the letter said.

William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said the Gotay case "is another example of the military acting against its own interests."

"The military's blatant discrimination against Lesbians and

Gay men cannot be allowed to continue," Rubenstein said. "We will challenge it at every opportunity."

Illinois Man Guilty of Transmitting HIV

Marion, IL—A person with AIDS was convicted of exposing an 8-year-old boy to the virus in a sexual assault case. It was the first test of the state's new AIDS exposure law.

Randall Lee Dempsey, 34, was found guilty Oct. 17 of criminal transmission of HIV.

Jurors deliberated more that

11 hours before convicting Dempsey of forcing the boy to perform oral sex.

Dempsey could face up to 30 years in prison on the assault charge and a 7-year term on the AIDS exposure count.

The Illinois AIDS exposure law, which took effect last fall, requires that offenders know if or whether they are infected when they engage in activities which could transmit the virus to others.

Conviction does not require that the victim develop AIDS.

According to the Associated Press, Dempsey has tested positively twice for HIV; the boy, now 9 has not been tested. He was attacked in May, and his mother said ultimately he will be tested.

Dempsey moved back to Illi-

nois from California after learning he was an HIV carrier. He has categorically denied that the incident took place and claims the boy fabricated the tale with his mother's help.

Supremacists Plotted Gay Bar Bombing

Boise, ID—A federal jury Oct. 18 convicted three white supremacists of conspiring to firebomb a Gay bar in Seattle.

The jury convicted Stephen Nelson, 35, Robert A Winslow, 29, and Procter James Baker, 58 after deliberating a day and a half.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Howen played about 100 hours of secret recordings and video-

tapes of the defendants as they said the back alley of the nightclub would resemble a "meat grinder" when the bombs exploded.

The recorded conversations also included talk of blowing up a synagogue and killing and maiming minorities in the Puget Sound region.

"This is not just some fantasy," Howen said in his closing argument. "This is real."

Two of the men were arrested May 12 as they accompanied an undercover FBI agent in his van containing hidden microphones.

Inside the van, FBI agents found the making of a firebomb as well as a loaded shotgun and revolver belonging to Nelson.

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GMHC Limits New Clients

New York— The Gay Men's Health Crisis, the nation's largest and oldest AIDS service organization, is limiting access to new clients, according to the Washington Post.

Health officials nationwide see the GMHC's action as an ominous sign of hard times that will become even tougher for the rising number of people with AIDS. Overwhelmed with new cases, officials at clinics in Washington, DC, Boston, Los Angeles and other cities said they also may limit services.

Founded in 1981 to care for approximately 100 Gay men dying of a new "Gay cancer", GMHC has grown steadily into an agency with an annual budget of \$15 million, and 3,000 regular clients. Like most AIDS service agencies, most of the organization's funds come from private donations, state and city sources.

"Believe me, this is not a choice we wanted to make," said Joy Tommchin, president of the GMHC board. "We don't want to see our quality damaged by handling more than we are capable of,

and we certainly don't want to turn people away."

Beginning Dec. 1, GMHC plans to accept only the first 100 new patients each month, about one-third of the demand.

Earlier this year, Congress authorized more than \$875 million for a package of AIDS treatment, counseling and education services such as those that GMHC offers. But after unanimous agreement that such spending, expensive as it is, would save money in the long run by preventing many new cases of HIV infection, the Senate cut the figure to \$49 million.

"The federal budget-makers are acting as if the epidemic is over," said Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), chairman of the House subcommittee on health and the environment. "Someone will have to pay for the cost of treating tens of thousands of poor Americans with AIDS... the epidemic is just too big for voluntary groups to manage it all."

Gays & Lesbians Dance at Disneyland Again

Anaheim, CA — Lesbians and Gay men danced with partners of the same sex on Sept. 15, ten years after two Gay men were ejected from Disneyland for dancing together.

Andrew Exler, 20, of Palm Springs, said the same sex dancing was in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Disneyland ejecting him and a male dance partner from the Tomorrowland Terrace on Sept. 13, 1980, after disco dancing together. The two men sued the park and in 1984 won a lawsuit which effectively reversed Disneyland's 1957 policy barring same-sex dancing.

On Sept. 14, Exler says twelve male couples and two female couples danced for 20 minutes at the Tomorrowland Terrace to the live band Discovery, which played top-40 music. The couples participated in both fast and touch dancing without any confrontations from guests or park security. However, while the couples were dancing, a Disneyland security officer ("Charyl", Badge Number 69) was overheard telling park guests: "There was a lawsuit 10 years ago; I hope they all die from AIDS— they are going to die from AIDS anyway."

Exler says that the comment from the on-duty officer was totally inexcusable and should not be tolerated by Disneyland officials. "Her comments were clearly homophobic and in very poor taste, especially since persons with AIDS were dancing that evening," he said. Exler has demanded in writing that Disneyland publicly apologize for the officer's offensive and derogatory comment, but

Disney officials refuse to return his telephone calls.

People traveled to the park from as far as Seattle, WA to attend the 10-year reunion.

Protesters Stop Helms

Atlanta— Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) canceled a speech at a Baptist church Oct. 12 to avoid a mob of demonstrators gathered to protest his stands on AIDS, Lesbian and Gay rights, abortion, and the arts.

Helms was scheduled to address a conference sponsored by Family Concerns, Inc. where hundreds of members of the "Stop Helms Coalition" had assembled to picket.

A spokesperson for the senator, said it was not clear why Helms didn't make it to the event. Helms was still in Washington when the speech was scheduled.

Chanting protesters let out a cheer when it was announced by police that Helms would not appear.

Officials of Family Concerns, Inc. could not be reached for comment.

The protest was organized by Jack Pelham, news editor of *Et Cetera*, a Gay/Lesbian magazine serving the southeastern U.S.

Stanford to House Gay Couples

Stanford University has adopted a broad policy on college housing, providing benefits to unmarried couples, including Gay men and women involved in long-term relationships.

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The new policy was announced Oct. 10 and took effect immediately. The policy was negotiated by a group of Lesbian and Gay graduate students in May 1989. They argued that granting unmarried students the same benefits as married ones was consistent with Stanford's pledge not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Non-student "domestic partners" of Stanford students will also have access to university libraries, athletic facilities, and campus events usually open only to students, staff, and faculty members. The partners will also be able to purchase medical care at a campus health center.

Previously, Stanford extended such benefits only on a case-by-case basis.

Cruising Closes Parking Area

Isle of Wight, VA— In hopes of curbing overtly Gay cruising at the Ragged Island Wildlife Management Area, the Virginia game warden has recommended the main parking area be closed temporarily.

Col. Gerald Simmons of Virginia's state Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, visited the area recently and said he'd recommend a temporary closing.

"I think it's the only wise and reasonable decision to make," said Simmons. "It's either that or turn it over to those

people forever."

If the area is closed, anyone found inside would be arrested and charged with trespassing on state property.

In recent months, the refuge has gained a reputation for being a Gay male cruising area. It has been the site of intense and expensive undercover investigations and sting operations. Officials have reported making dozens of arrests ranging from sodomy to indecent exposure.

Gay Flag Flies in CA

Sacramento, CA — Gov. George Deukmejian ordered a multicolored "Gay flag" removed from the state Capitol, saying the banner had been mistakenly flown.

The banner with Greek symbols flew next to the American flag and the California state flag for about three hours on National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11).

A spokesperson for the governor said "flags are not to be flown over the Capitol that represent any kind of special interest group, lifestyle, or issue.

Flags commemorating Earth Day, prisoners of war, Black History week, and other causes have routinely flown over the Capitol, said Bob Forsyth, a spokesperson for David Roberti, Deomcratic leader of the state senate.

The California legislature's Joint Rules Committee staff had approved the flag to mark National Coming Out Day.

Female AIDS Cases Rise Worldwide

Washington, DC—Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD) says that by the end of 1991 women will comprise 40% of the world's people with AIDS.

"I think the government has a responsibility to make sure that there are some adequate studies, clinical studies, that include women," she said.

"Heretofore, they've been excluded from it. We've thought of AIDS and HIV infections as solely male diseases, but at the rate we're going, by the end of next year, 40% of the cases of AIDS — HIV, are going to be women, in the world"

The Maryland Congresswoman appeared on the "Fox Morning News," along with Dr. Mary Young, in charge of the HIV Women's Program at Georgetown University Hospital.

Dr. Young said many women don't see themselves at risk when it comes to AIDS.

The following is a partial transcript of the interview, as provided by Federal News Service:

Q. Dr. Young, first, to you, taking the Washington area just as an example — why is there an explosion of reported AIDS cases and HIV-positive cases among women?

A. I think it's a complicated picture, and that what we're seeing is just the tip of an invisible iceberg — that what's happening is that women who had become infected earlier in this decade are now just becoming reported.

Q. And what can we learn from the women who are being diagnosed as HIV-positive? Are we learning something about lifestyles? I mean, there's more to that than just the numbers.

A. Part of the problem is, I think, is that women don't see themselves at risk, and often healthcare physicians — healthcare personnel don't see women at risk, so they often come to disease late.

There is a problem with lack of good studies to tell us about the natural history of both what happens to women who are infected with AIDS, and also how women contract AIDS.

Q. Which leads us directly to Rep. Morella's concern. What can and should the government be doing to correct some of the attitudinal problems about who is HIV-positive and who may become?

Rep. Morella: I think the government has a responsibility to make sure that there are some adequate studies, clinical studies, that include women. Heretofore, they've been excluded from it. We've thought of AIDS and HIV infections as solely

male diseases, but at the rate we're going, by the end of next year, 40% of the cases of AIDS — HIV, are going to be women, in the world.

And here in the Washington area, there's been a dramatic increase of deaths of women during childbearing years — the Washington area, New York, and we believe that most of it has to do with AIDS. The government should set up research, make sure that women are included in the clinical studies, and also outreach, to reach those women at risk, to educate them, to give them the services they need, and to have them in the studies.

Q. And you have a couple of bills in the House now?

A. Yes.

Q. Doctor, some people might wonder why women who are HIV-positive wouldn't benefit from the same kinds of programs that have been addressing male HIV issues all along. Why is there a difference here?

A. Well, I think they do benefit. And obviously, the drugs that are available to treat men are also available to treat women. The questions are, we really don't have good information about whether the disease presents differently in women than it does in men, whether there are other infections, particularly gynecologic infections, that may not have yet been seen, because of dealing with a primarily male cohort.

One of the other problems is, I think we don't have enough information about how some of the drugs we're using affect women's bodies or interact with other medications that may be specific to women.

Q. What does your legislation propose to do, Congresswoman — make NIH and other research facilities more sensitive to the needs of women, or just to make sure that there are women included in the numbers?

A. Two different bills, and they address all of that. One would be to address particularly the research ... and also to have community-based clinics, too, which also would supply some resources for women to be pulled into the studies.

By that, I mean, if they need day care, if they need transportation — these at-risk women (are) remote from government, from that.

The other one is outreach, and it would affect the Washington area, which is a high-risk area, with setting up family planning clinics to try to assist these women.

Q. And you are going to be pushing these in the next session, we assume?

A. Yes, indeed.



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NCOD Cruise Honors Lesbian & Gay Memphians

The Memphis Chapter of the National Coming Out Day Committee sponsored the First Annual Riverboat Cruise, Friday, Oct. 12 as a fundraising benefit for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. A highlight of the evening was the First Annual Pink Pyramid Awards for outstanding community service.

Outstanding Business Owner was presented to Sharon Wray, owner of WKRB in Memphis. Service to P.W.A.'s was presented to ATEAC. The Political Activist dubbed "Mouth-of-the-South" was presented to Rick Bray. Outstanding Fundraiser and Outstanding Social Organization went to Aphrodite. The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center received the Outstanding Service Organization Award. The Visibility Award, described as excellence in community awareness, was presented to Dee Dee Whitaker aka Jimmy Gray.

The most coveted awards were the Harvey Milk and the Stonewall Awards.

The Harvey Milk Award, presented to the individual or organization that carries on the spirit of the late Harvey Milk in advancing Gay rights and fostering Gay and Lesbian Pride, went to Vincent Astor. The Stonewall Award, presented to an individual or organization which has worked to "promote unity within the Memphis Lesbian and Gay community, moving us forward in the pursuit of healing and wholeness," went to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Fun awards were presented to the NCOD King Sharon Wray, and NCOD Queen Vincent Astor. Vincent also received the most unique NCOD outfit.

Special awards were presented to Dennis Massey, director of the "Normal Heart," and Bill Huckabee.

Attended by 125 people, the event was less successful than organizers had hoped. The break-even point was estimated at 150 people. One Community

Center member indicated that almost twice that number had been expected to attend. He feared that the article appearing in *The Commercial Appeal* on Oct. 11 kept many people away. The article interviewed Bill Huckabee about National Coming Out Day and the events that were planned to celebrate the occasion.

The National Coming Out Day Committee was: Martin Hurley, Bill Huckabee, Debbie Ashby, Shelia Tankersley and Rochelle, Holly Holland, and Donna Riley

MGC Elects New Board, Officers

The annual meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition was held on Monday, Oct. 1 with approximately 45-50 people attending. At the meeting, elections were held to fill positions for the remainder of 1990 left vacant by the resignations of 6 members of the board, as well as to fill positions for the 1991 term.

Elected to both the interim and 1991 positions were: Bill Huckabee, president; Ed Miller, vice-president; Bret Taylor, secretary; Don Griesheimer, treasurer. Martin Hurley and Perry Stevens were elected to serve as two at-large members. Steve Solomon was re-elected to serve as at-large board member for 1991.

One of the first orders of business was endorsement of a letter to Tommy Stewart addressing his alleged differential treatment of Black customers. Presented by Tony Home, representing B-GLAD, the letter was a softer version of a letter rejected by the former board of the Memphis Gay Coalition. Discussion about endorsing the letter followed, during which a member moved to table the motion. Of the 45 or 50 members present, 11 members voted to table the motion and 11 voted against. There were no abstentions. The tie was broken by newly-elected president Bill Huckabee who voted not to table the motion. A positive voice vote with 5 abstentions resulted in the letter being endorsed.

In other business of note:

- Don Griesheimer clarified that an internal audit was being conducted, not an "independent" audit of the Coalition's 1990 finances. Griesheimer will be conducting the audit. It was widely re-

ported in other area Gay newspapers that the audit would be "independent."

- A letter was requested to be sent to Printers Ink inquiring about costs of previous issues of *Gaze*. Printers Ink, owned by former *Gaze* editors John Stilwell and Allen Cook, served as an intermediary in the publication of *Gaze*, providing typesetting and layout, and jobbing the printing services.

- A three-member committee was appointed to oversee *Gaze*, including production of the November issue. It will have authority to recommend ad rates, recommend selection of editors and staff, recommend purchase of equipment, and develop additional fundraising opportunities. Don Greisheimer volunteered to serve; Roger Smith and Russell Armstrong were also appointed. Griesheimer noted that the committee might see fit to recommend one or more of its members as the new editor or co-editors.

Moderator to Visit Holy Trinity Church

The Rev. Fred Wright, moderator of Holy Trinity Community Churches, will be in Memphis on Nov. 11 to visit the organization's local church—Holy Trinity Community Church.

Rev. Wright of Dallas has been senior pastor of Holy Trinity Dallas as well as a charter member for the past 8 years. He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL and was a teacher with the Dallas public school system teaching secondary education for 26 years before retiring to become full-time pastor of the Dallas church. The 62 year-old minister has been moderator of the organization for the past 4 years. The organization which was founded June 19, 1977, is also a member of the International Council of Community Churches which has 500,000 members nation-wide.

Rev. Wright will be preaching the sermon on that day. Rev. Richard Johnson, pastor of the local church invites all to attend as well as stay for a pot luck lunch that will follow the morning worship hour.

The services are held each Sunday at 11:00 am at the MGLCC, 1291 Madison.



Halloween Events

Friday Oct. 26th

Black Out Flash Light Night

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Saturday Oct. 27th

Costume-up and Party night
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Saturday Oct. 28th

The Big Day

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-Anna and Emily

Companion Wins Right to Be Buried Next to Lover

On Sept. 13, 1990 Steve won the right to have the body of his long-time companion, Gerry, moved from a gravesite at Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis to a cemetery in Michigan where adjoining plots have been purchased. The settlement of the lawsuit filed on behalf of Gerry by the law firm of Ross & MacKenzie included a confidentiality clause. For the purposes of this article, only first names will be used.

Gerry had a dog show with the circus, and Steve had a monkey show. Gerry's act was part of the 1989 Ice Capades Christmas Holiday Show which aired on national television. Steve's act appeared with such well known shows as Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice, and Disney on Ice. The men were lovers for 16 years until Steve's death. During that time, Steve told Gerry and others that he expected Gerry to have him buried in one of two adjoining plots in Michigan.

Steve's health began to fail in 1981 when he experienced kidney problems. A kidney trans-

plant was done in 1983, but was rejected. A second transplant was done in 1987 but that also was rejected. After the second transplant, Steve spent the remainder of his life on dialysis. Steve died on Nov. 2, 1988 following surgery to correct the drainage from his ambulatory peritoneal dialysis system (CAPD).

During his illness, Gerry and his dog act were the sole support of Steve and Gerry who was his primary caregiver. Steve had been estranged from his family for several years. Upon his death Gerry notified the parents who immediately took over. Despite Steve's wishes, his parents shipped the body back to Memphis. They refused to let Gerry even attend the funeral because they were afraid of being embarrassed and humiliated.

The lawsuit was pending for approximately two years. Finally, Gerry won a settlement on Sept. 13, 1990 and was allowed to return Steve's body to Michigan where he will be buried in one of two adjoining plots.

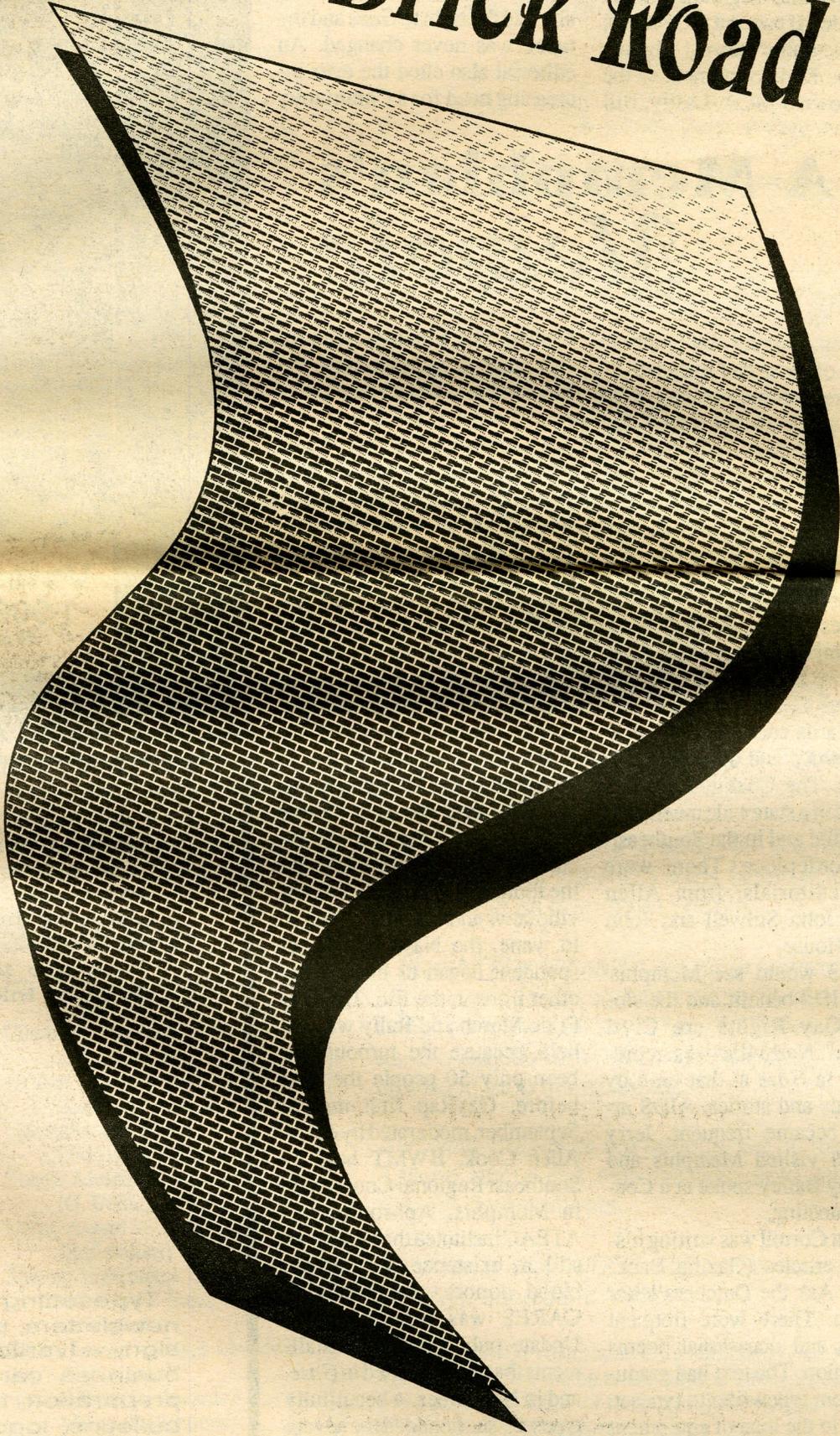
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The Gay Press in Memphis—Continued

by Vincent Astor

Gaze Newspaper—Dateline: November, 1982. The top stories were: Milo Guthrie, openly Gay candidate, was running for the Tennessee state legislature in district 40; Views From 10% (public access cable TV) ran a controversial segment on the Miss Mod II pageant at George's; and Memphis' newest big bar was the Body Shop next to the downtown YMCA. Lastly, Bill

Frequent advertising from the Orpheum Theatre appeared. Local advertising was on the increase and the discovery of the HIV virus was front page news. It was also the year that Bill Johnson claimed the copyright on the name *Gaze* and attempted to withdraw permission for its use. The Coalition actually had the right to *Gaze* and the name was never changed. An editorial also cited the ever-increasing need for a Community

A Memphian's Memoir

Johnson, founder and longtime editor of *Gaze* had resigned.

The new editors had plenty to cover in December. Miss Mod was still being discussed, the Body Shop had suddenly closed and the Coalition announced new goals and directions. The program meeting (now GayRap) was introduced and a budget for the many Coalition activities and services was approved.

Memphis was changing. By April we had Men of Leather, the Club South Baths and Encore Cards and Gifts—all new Gay owned and operated businesses. The Coalition was involved in a statewide meeting in Nashville and in the Southeastern Conference. There were three editorials, from Allen Cook, John Stilwell and John Mark House.

1983 would see Memphis' first AIDS benefit and the slogan "Gay Rights are Civil Rights." Nashville was represented in *Gaze* at that time by both ads and stories. AIDS articles became frequent. Jerry Falwell visited Memphis and D'Army Bailey spoke at a Coalition meeting.

Scott Correll was writing historical articles (*Gazing Back*) and an Ask the Dutchess letter column. There were frequent comics and occasional poems and fiction. The text had graduated from typewriter to typeset, thanks to the loan of equipment from a Coalition member.

1984 began a banner year. The masthead had a fresh look.

Center. The Coalition decided that year to approve new by-laws and a complete new structure. Truman Capote died.

December of 1984 produced a very unique issue. The typestyle changed again, due to new computer equipment purchased by the editors. The very first issue was reprinted as a center spread. Wings had just formed; Michael McAdory had just died in Houston, a hero for fighting AIDS for so long, and a column which would achieve lasting notoriety appeared for the first time—Quick Clips.

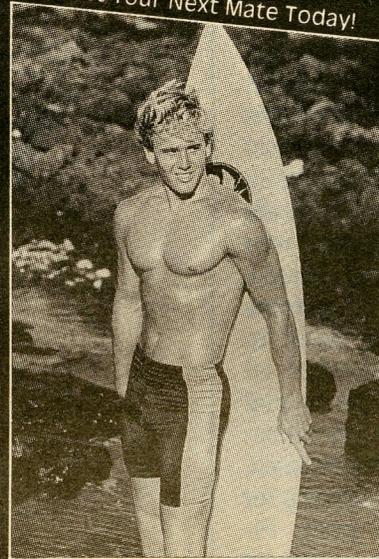
Added to the Memphis scene in 1986 were the first Tsarus Man of the Year awards (to editors Cook and Stilwell) and the founding of ATEAC. Nashville news and advertising began to wane, the Nashville correspondent began to have many other irons in the fire. The Gay Pride March and Rally was not held because the turnout had been only 50 people the year before. GayRap first met in September, moderated by editor Allen Cook. BWMT held its Southeast Regional Conference in Memphis. Aphrodite and ATEAC instituted the blood plan still in existence for Lesbian blood donors, and Nashville CARES was formed. AIDS Update published four installments that year, inserted in *Gaze*, and in November, a beautifully typeset issue heralded the advent of a brand new design and the welcome of Mother Macintosh to the *Gaze* staff.

To be continued—

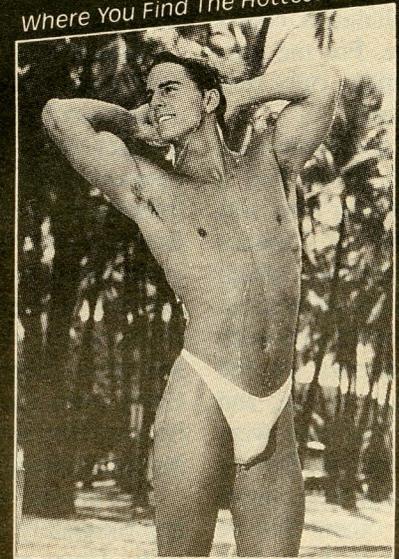
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Southern Baptists Feud is Pathetic

by Dr. Harry E. Moore, Jr.

(The following article originally appeared in the Tri-State Defender September 22, 1990. The article is reprinted here by permission of Dr. Moore. Dr. Moore is Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and received his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.)

Dr. Fred Lofton, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, is president of the predominantly Black Progressive National Baptist Convention. He said recently that the feud between SBC fundamentalists and moderates over Bible inerrancy is "pathetic."

I agree. It is pitiful, distressing, lamentable, miserable, wretched, and deplorable. The feud is symptomatic of pathology, i.e., *sickness*. How so?

President Bush, who is hardly known for risk taking or for being the champion of unpopular causes, recently invited a group of Gay representatives to the White House to witness his signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act. This is the second time for the President to do this. In April, he invited members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to the White House to witness his signing of the anti-hate crime legislation.

Bush's action drew immediate fire from the director of the SBC's Christian Life Commission, Richard Land. In a letter to the President, Land lamented the President's giving recognition

to a lifestyle the SBC find abhorrent because of its belief in Bible "inerrancy." A few Bible texts speak sternly about homosexuality. It seems likely that Bush's action will cost him an opportunity to speak at the SBC convention next June.

Is this the same George Bush who was elected by using racist TV spots? Is this the same candidate who would force daily recitation of the pledge of allegiance by America's school teachers? Is this the same man who favors outlawing abortion and amending the Constitution to prevent burning the flag to express dissent?

Our wily President has struck again! Would he have done this if there were not some political mileage here? *I do not know nor care!* My hat is off to you, President Bush. What you did may not be popular, but it is right.

The Americans With Disabilities Act aims at helping Gays among others who have AIDS. The anti-hate crime legislation aims at those who take delight in hurting people, *Gays and others*.

What this means quite plainly is that there is some compassion in both the Congress and the White House.

What SBC's Christian Life Director probably does not know is that about 10% of the population is Gay and is going to be Gay regardless. He is also probably unaware of the *fact* that Gays are born with a preference for the Gay lifestyle.

This says to me that God himself in his permissive will is

the author of homosexuality. Being Gay is genetic. Not every sensitive and compassionate person I know agrees with me on this one, but they are not Gay bashers. They believe that Gays have feelings and rights like everyone else and that they should not be singled out for condemnation and abuse.

An SBC President, Dr. Adrian Rogers, said that AIDS is God's judgement on Gays for their "ungodly" lifestyle. *Gays are not the only people who have AIDS*, Dr. Rogers. Even if they were, straight Christians should not withhold compassion from them. What do you say, Dr. Rogers, to the fact that God made Gays the way they are? What do you say about the Christian admonition to love one's brothers and sisters? This is precisely what Gays are—our brothers and sisters. Christian love demands that Christians treat all people with love and compassion. The Bible says something about the letter of the Bible and the spirit of the Bible. A literal use of the Bible can be a killer, but the spirit of the Bible which is love is a healer.

SBC brothers and sisters, let us stop beating people over the head with an inerrant Bible. This kind of "rightness" defeats what we are supposed to be about. In fact, bashing people in the name of God is *sick and ungodly!*

I think what Lofton meant is that it does not matter how right we are about inerrancy, if we do not have love for our brothers and sisters, we are of all people on earth most "pathetic."

Trixie Thunderpussy Bestows Kudos

There was no shortage of awards programs in the Gay community this fall. In the last month we've seen the Pink Pyramid Awards from the Gay & Lesbian Community Center and Lady Vic's awards at Chaps. On Oct. 11, Trixie Thunderpussy presented her annual TTP Awards for Excellence in the Gay community at Reflections.

Trixie obviously made an effort to spread the awards around, citing competing bars for such things as "Bar of the Year," "Bartender of the Year," and "Best New Bar."

The following awards were bestowed with their bar affiliations, if any.

Group of the Year — Aphrodite (WKRB)

Reflections Award — Bob Sission (Reflections)
 Mouth of the South — Reneé Greene (J-Wag's)
 Absent-minded Award — Hettie McDaniel (Reflections)
 Patio of the Year — Oops
 The Gold Award — Summer Holiday (Reflections)
 DJ of the Year — Wolfy (Reflections)
 Bar of the Year — Pipeline
 Comedian of the Year — Sofonda L. Peters (Reflections)
 Best Dressed Performer — Michelle Marie
 Silver Spoon Award — Kirby Kincaid (J-Wag's)
 Most Versatile Performer — Simply Vonna (Reflections)
 Bartender of the Year — Mike Williams (Barbara's)
 Performer of the Year — Sofonda L. Peters (Reflections)

Pig in the Park Award — Tim Azlin
 Community Service — Allen Cook & John Stilwell
 Helium Heels Award — Bobby Beesinger (Reflections)
 Humanitarian Award — Aid to End AIDS Committee
 Token Award — Fred Beilstein (G. Bellington Rumples)
 Gofer Award — Billy McEwen (Reflections)
 Stewart Enterprises Employee of the Year — Steve Caldwell (J-Wag's)
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 New Bar Award — G. Bellington Rumples

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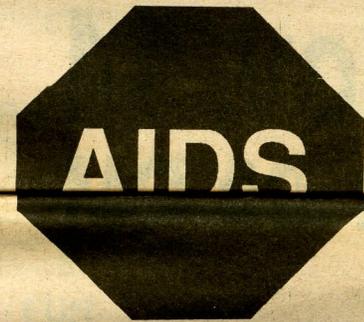
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So when a Stop AIDS volunteer invites you to a meeting, consider it and go.

The Stop AIDS Project is an educational service of the Aid to End AIDS Committee and is funded through grants from the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment and the Memphis AIDS Coalition.

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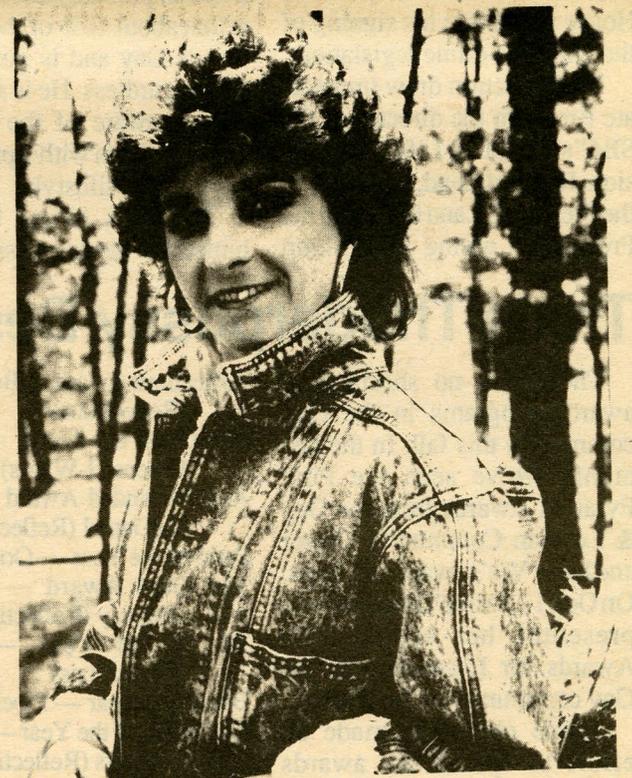
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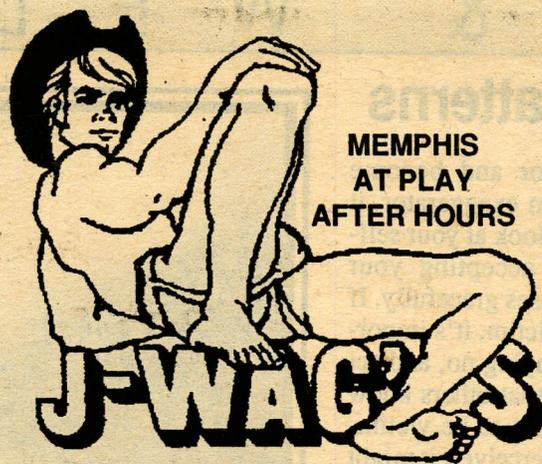
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Changing Emotional Victim Patterns

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

Last month we talked about the types of emotional victims, and gave examples so that you could diagnose yourself. Let's talk about behavioral change and the key to setting your emotional victimization free.

Our incorrect ways of thinking about things combined with the actions we take, set our victim feelings in motion and maintain our victim psychology. The key to change seems simple: change our behavior and thoughts, and we will disrupt our victim pattern. This is done in a variety of ways. Behavior therapy enables the person to deliberately change automatic patterns of thoughts and actions without probing in their past. Another way is through psychoanalytical therapy where a person learns to understand their unconscious needs, conflicts, drives, and memories. These are both two good ways to block the emotional victimization.

There are some other ways to stop this type of behavior. Quit punishing yourself and start realizing that you can

change your behavior and become healthier. If you are an exaggerator, it might be important to look at your self-esteem realistically, accepting your strengths and weaknesses gracefully. If you are a "kick me" victim, it's important to learn to start saying no, and set limits for yourself so that others know you aren't an individual to be victimized. If you are a misperceiver, it might be important to check your thoughts and actions out with a friend. Getting someone else's feedback often helps you realize that you may have misunderstood an event, comment, or even a nonverbal cue.

Most important of all, if you believe you are an emotional victim, it would be beneficial for you to seek some counseling. These types of behavioral problems lead to increasingly lower self-esteem, depression, and a general feeling of being "stuck" in your life. No one wants to live their lives in this unhealthy manner. You and your therapists can cover together the patterns of your emotional victimization, and find strategies for eliminating them in your everyday life.

Gallup Survey: 83% Ignorant of Hepatitis B Vaccine

Eighty-three percent of the American people know little or nothing about hepatitis B—an infection endemic among Gay men, according to a Gallup survey made public Oct. 8.

Furthermore, according to Dr. David H. Hoff, medical director of the Akron, Ohio City Health System, 69% of adults from 18-55 do not know a vaccine to prevent hepatitis infection exists.

One thousand people were surveyed by telephone between Sept. 10-17 as part of a patient and physician education program. Of the adults questioned, nearly two-thirds were married, 40% had graduated from high school and 40% had taken college courses or had college degrees.

Officials estimate that about 300,000 people are afflicted annually by hepatitis B in the U.S. and about 5,000 people, including 300 health care workers, die of

the disease or its complications.

The virus which causes hepatitis B is spread by blood and other body fluids. It is estimated to be 40 times more contagious than HIV, the cause of AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control warn that persons with multiple sex partners and people who use injectable illicit drugs are at risk of contracting the virus and should get the vaccine.

Hepatitis is a liver disorder caused by a virus. Symptoms include eye and skin yellowing and overwhelming fatigue.

A campaign run in the Gay community several years ago encouraging people to become vaccinated did not fare well. Some estimates indicate that as many as 80% of sexually active Gay men have had hepatitis B. Its symptoms may range from the very mild to life-threatening. Many infected people are never aware they have contracted the disease.

DNA "Switch" Discovery Holds Promise

Stanford, CA—The Associated Press reports that scientists have found a chemical "off switch" that stops DNA from reproducing—a discovery would have implications in the treatment of AIDS.

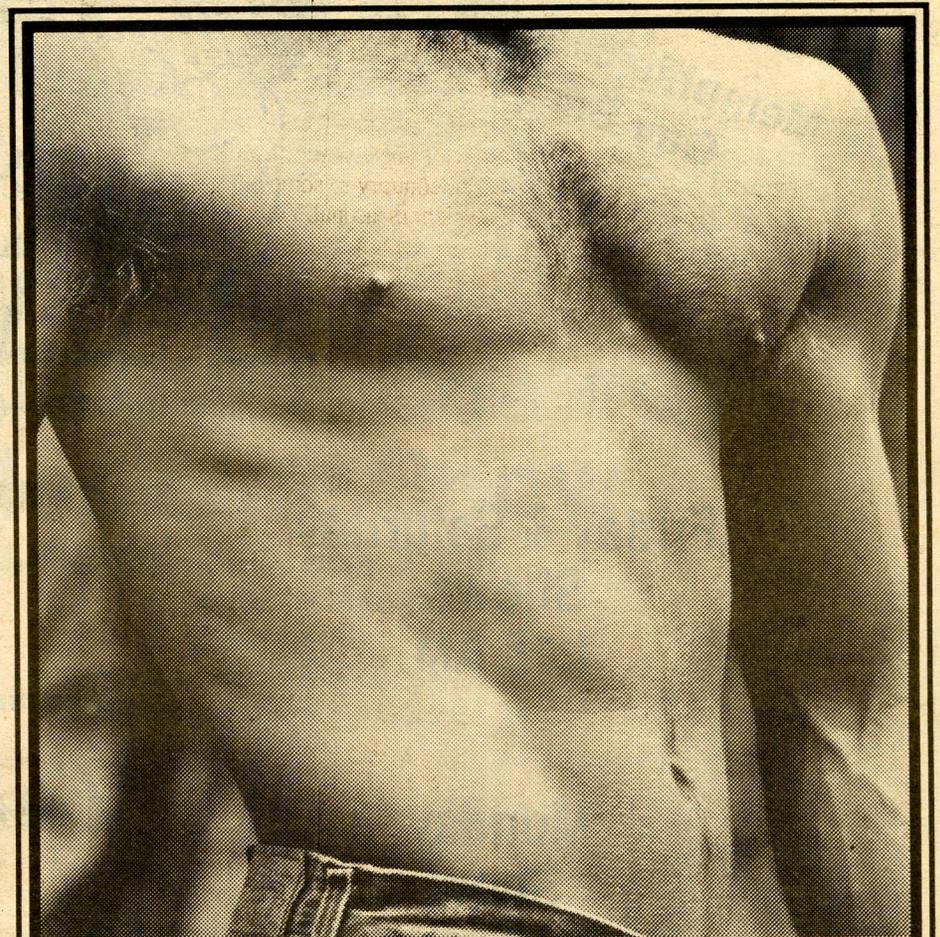
The researchers reported in the October issue of *Cell* that they have identified a protein that inhibits the reproduction of DNA in *E. coli*, a common bacterium.

While the bacterium is a simple organism, DNA works essentially the same

way in bacteria as in plants, animals and humans.

Arthur Kornberg, winner of the 1959 Nobel Prize in medicine for earlier research on DNA, emphasized that the new discovery was only a tool for further research into the code that tells cells when and how to start and stop duplicating.

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KS May Be Caused by Non-HIV Virus

Kaposi's sarcoma, a skin cancer normally associated with HIV/AIDS, may be caused by a sexually transmitted agent separate from the HIV that causes AIDS, according to the Associated Press.

"This agent, probably a virus, seems to be transmitted more efficiently by sexual activity than through blood or blood products," said Dr. Alvin Friedman-Kien, a dermatologist and microbiologist at the New York University Medical Center.

"Kaposi's sarcoma represents a significant piece in the AIDS puzzle, and may help us answer key questions about other cancers," Friedman-Kien said.

At least a dozen Gay men who have been diagnosed with KS show absolutely no evidence of HIV infection, Friedman-Kien said. However, most had histories of other sexually transmitted diseases.

KS is 10 times more common among Gay and bisexual men than among others with AIDS—IV drug users, hemophiliacs and those who have contracted AIDS from blood transfusions.

Early in the epidemic, about half of all people with AIDS in the U.S. had KS, and most of them were Gay men. Since then, there have been more than 13,500 cases of KS, only about 15% of all HIV-infected patients.

Friedman-Kien said 95% of AIDS-related KS cases are still seen among Gay and bisexual men.

Holy Trinity Announces Gay Teen Ministry

Holy Trinity Community Church has announced that an immediate need has arisen to address the issue of Gay Teens. For that reason, a Gay Teens Ministry has been established. Still in the formative stages, game nights, movie nights, and various outings are being planned. For more information, call Rev. Richard Johnson at 726-9443.

Titleholders Represent Gay Communities

by Vance Reger

I was only gone one week in San Francisco and this community seems to have gone berserk. All I have to say about this is that I believe if you're going to start serious controversy, it's only fair to those involved to identify yourself. This person has yet to have their name appear on any of the letters or documents circulating about. Whatever happened to behavior that is complimentary to a community? Instead, there seems to be a great deal of divisiveness being practiced.

I came away from Bay City very aware of just this topic of discussion—**community**. The contestants in this year's Mr. Drummer, all sixteen of us, were treated not as beauty queens, but as representatives of our respective communities. Much time was spent answering questions and giving interviews about our areas, and the people and interest in the SM/leather lifestyle there. Most of the interest was in how supportive the community was of so many divergent preferences. And the contestants' attitudes were unbelievably supportive of each other. Not one instance of snobbery or superiority—we were all there for the same reasons; to try to win for sure, but more to provide the best example of a leader for the SM/leather lifestyle. And the sexual tension backstage was wonderful. A militant bottom from Australia captured everyone's heart, and the Mr. Drummer title for this year. Yours truly placed fifth overall, and I'm enormously proud to have done so well. To those few who gave me so much support, my thanks.

To those who don't realize it, these contests; International Mr. Leather, Mr. and Ms. National Leather Association, and International Mr. Drummer, are no longer simple beauty or popularity contests. We have evolved into regional representatives of our Gay population, making sure that the rights so many have worked long and hard for are practiced and preserved. I learn this every time I travel to any such function, be it contest or fundraiser. Brian Dawson, Mr. Drummer last year, told me he spent over \$12,000 alone in travel expenses, and that every penny used and every second spent working for the community was more than worth the time invested. Ditto from me.

This is what a title-holder is, my friends. No longer just a sash queen, we have become regional representatives partly of our particular lifestyle preference and partly of our Gay communities as a whole. We also try to get our respective communities comfortable—or aware—of the fact that there are people in the Gay lifestyle who practice SM and/or like

to wear leather. While I'm on this subject, contrary to some opinions, leather is not seasonal. You can wear it any time you want, and I want to encourage those of you with an interest or hidden desire in leather to stop procrastinating and screw public opinion—put on those skins and join me in celebrating what makes us happy.

Yes, and one can say leather is a fetish; some of us wear chaps and vests, however some of us wear dresses and wigs, and some others of us wear a lot of cologne with sport shirts and designer tennies. So what—we're all unified by one truth—we're all Gay. I wish this divisive attitude so prevalent in this town would cease, and a bit of reality seep in. See what I included about bar attitude last month.

Oh, yeah. Someone inquired why my column appears in this paper rather than in others. The answer is simple... they asked me.

Congratulations to those shy bunch of ladies, Women of Leather on their anniversary. You've always given me cause to smile.

Also to Tsarus, on their past AIDA Run. I was in S.F. at the time, but I understand that in spite of some personality skirmishes, a good time was had by those there. (What's this story about a midnight revival in the woods...)

I hope to be at the upcoming AIDS walk. I will be wearing some sort of leather, and would encourage club members and people of leather to join me. It's time we get honest about ourselves and become visible.

Speaking of Safe Sex, I'd like to mention the latest way we leather folk are urging one another to play. Safe, Sane, and Consensual. To explain: **Safe** can mean the protection you use; condoms, saran-wrap, gloves, hats, etc., **Sane** can mean with a clear brain; not drunk out of your mind or drug-cluttered, or a situation; i.e. not while driving down the highway at seventy-five miles an hour. **Consensual** can mean you've both talked and agreed on something of mutual interest ahead of time. Try this, my friends, this type of sexual communication really works.

This month's thought comes from two sources: Quentin Crisp and Harvey Fierstein...

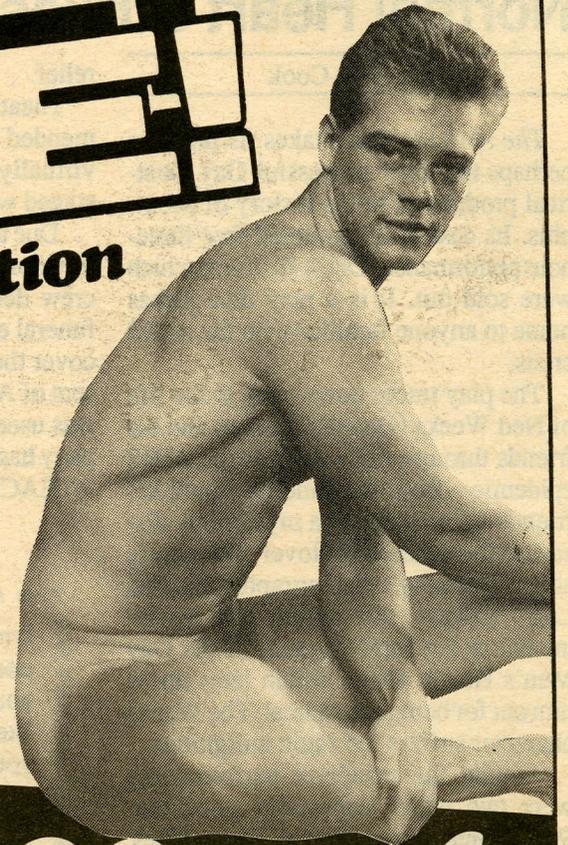
"There are many aspects of the contemporary Gay sub-culture that I find ridiculous... I do not embrace every twitty Gay fad that comes along. I think that a lifetime of listening to disco music is a high price to pay for one's sexual preference... Gay liberation should not be a license to be a perpetual adolescent. If you deny yourself commitment, then what can you do with your life."

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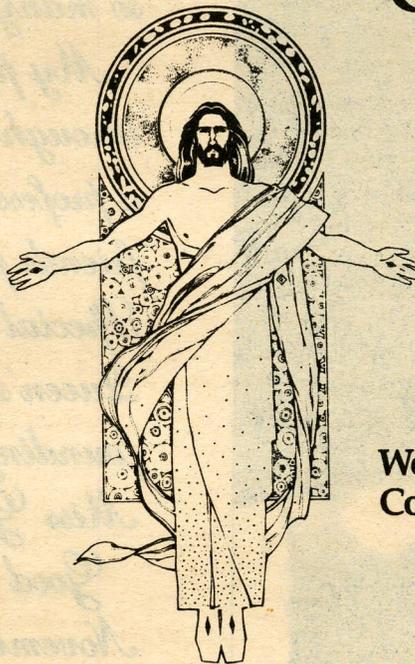
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Normal Heart Strikes Chord

by Allen Cook

The Normal Heart takes its place as perhaps the most successful Gay theatrical production in the history of Memphis. Its cast of 15 mounted five three-hour performances Oct. 4-6, four of which were sold out. It is a play that strikes home to anyone familiar with the AIDS crisis.

The play traces three years in the life of Ned Weeks (Dennis Massey) and his friends through early days of the AIDS epidemic—from the time he found his friends were dying of a mysterious disease to the death of his lover. The play is at least partially autobiographical in that Larry Kramer, the author, was instrumental in the establishment of the Gay Men's Health Crisis which later threw him out for being too radical. The Weeks character suffers the same indignities.

Among the excellent performances were two which especially stood out. Wally Dreesen excelled as Bruce Niles, the conservative A-Gay who was unwillingly thrust into the fray as head of the new AIDS organization. Leonard Bracken as the transplanted Georgia peach-turned-New Yorker AIDS volunteer offered some welcomed comic

relief.

Theatre Works is again to be commended for providing a space where virtually any theatrical effort can be staged with a minimum of expense.

Due to the sudden death on Oct. 14 of director Dennis Massey, the cast and crew decided to contribute toward his funeral expenses. In order to adequately cover these expenses, and with the consent of ATEAC, \$1,000 from the benefit was used for Dennis' funeral. The company has pledged to restore the money to ATEAC as soon as possible.

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Gay/Lesbian Alcoholism Rate Soars

Boston—The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation reports that the rate of alcoholism and drug abuse among Gay men and women may be three times as high as for others.

The foundation reports that 30% of homosexuals have a drinking or drug abuse problem, compared to 10% of the mainstream population.

Lesbians are at even greater risk of substance abuse than Gay men because they also must deal with sexism in a society that devalues women, said Fraelean Curtis, a Boston social workers and president of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals. Researchers indicated that the rate among Gay men and women was not unlike the rates of "other marginalized groups" like native Americans, Blacks and Hispanics. Don Wert, executive director of the Pride Institute in Minnesota, an in-patient substance abuse center especially for Gays, said, "You tend to see the

same overrepresentation of addiction."

Wert says finding cures for substance abuse among Gays can be more difficult. "You're taking away their anesthesia, and they are feeling more strongly than ever their sense of... being alien in their own communities, schools, churches and homes.

"The difference in treatment for Gay people is that part of their recovery means understanding, affirming, and ultimately celebrating their sexuality also," Wert said.

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Being crowned Miss Gay Memphis was a dream come true for me. It has enabled me to grow as an entertainer and to travel and meet so many new people.

My purpose has been to raise money through benefits and to represent Memphis in a professional manner. Thanks to my close friends for everything they have done for me. Special thanks to Melina, Belles Ltd., The Queen's Men and Tommy Stewart for founding and carrying on the tradition of the Miss Gay Memphis Pageant.

Good luck to all the contestants on November 14.

Vanessa Vogue

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Not only was it, in the end, a great experience to have been a part of *The Normal Heart*, not only was it fulfilling to have raised over \$2,000 for ATEAC; it was most moving to have witnessed "family" in a very moving and sincere manner attending the death of Dennis Massey. Whoever said that Gay people make their own families was right. I can only hope that I have that many people care about me in time of trouble.

Even through the criticism, I will still miss Dennis. Men like him are irreplaceable. "Whether you know it or not...you're a hero."

First Round

We were thrilled to distraction to be invited to the opening party at G. Bellington Rumples last week. We were duly impressed. Frank Cooper and David DaPonte have always said they wanted a nice bar. So, they built one.

The layout of the bar reminded us of the Rain Check II which was located in the old synagogue on Jackson near the interstate downtown (in the Pinch district). This bar is a two story dance bar, in an L shape, with a kitchen, full liquor bar, and small patio. The Bellington Room is an intimate restaurant space adjacent to the dance bar. The upper tier is a terraced balcony (from the building's days as a cinema/theatre/music hall) with its own bar. The atmosphere reminded us of the short-lived Buddy's over on Young Ave. and the attendees at the party reminded us of that crowd as well.

Frank says, "This is an adult dance bar. I want this to be a place where anybody can come and where nobody will be intimidated. I also expect everyone to behave accordingly." Appropriate dress is required, we understand that this limits *mode* of attire a lot less than *class* of attire. Check for specifics, that's what the phone is for, Myrtle. But do go by, it's real nice.

Once again, Calvary Episcopal Church held a moving Interfaith Healing Service on October 21. We could not attend but we commend Calvary, the Episcopal Diocese of West

Tennessee (and Bishop Dickson) and those involved for their fine efforts. We were told that twenty different ministers from numerous churches and denominations were involved.

Lady A's Pounds

If you follow the Yellow Brick Road, where do you end up?

More details as they arrive.

Surrounded by Pageants

Congratulations to:
Miss Cunt'ry—Kirby Kincaid
Miss Southern States—LaToya St. James
Ms Drum Major—Rena White

Backaround

Three different sets of awards were bestowed this month by Trixie Thunderpussy, Lady Vic, and the National Coming Out Day Committee. Congratulations to those who wish to be. We were only present at one of these affairs so we will prudently assume nothing.

We enjoyed the very relaxed atmosphere of the NCOD boat ride, it's a pity that more people didn't enjoy it. If they stayed away out of fear, well, they missed out. If the turnout is greater next year, then NCOD and this year's committee will have accomplished what it set out to do.

To be honored so highly by one's peers causes words to fail, even from such a normally verbose source. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We understand that Women of Leather had a wonderful anniversary banquet, two years old now! We looked forward to attending the Tsarus party in their honor, but it escaped from the

bar we were in to an unperceived location. We really must get either a compass, a secretary, or ESP.

The Runaround

Wednesday, October 31, **Hallow'een** night, will find most of the bars having festivities and costume contests. Most of their major events will be on the preceding weekend.

The exception to this will be the annual **Miss Mess Memphis** Pageant to be held at **G. Bellington Rumples** on Hallow'een night. The ad refers to Melina, "the Greek goddess",

but we have occasionally seen her looking a bit more like Melina the Green Goddess. Wednesday night Talent Night will return in November, but regular weekend shows are not presently on the calendar.

Reflections will be hosting the **Bonnie Bitch Comedy and Medicine Show** on Nov. 7. We hear that she has had a lot of TV (as in television) coverage. **Miss Gay Memphis** will continue its long tradition on Nov. 14. **Dena Kaye** will perform there in December.

The **Hut** is having a Hallow'een show on Oct. 27th and a birthday party for Jeanette

Edwards (former owner of the Butterfly, oops, we just dated ourselves) later in the month. This makes an even ten saloons on our list.

Mr. Black Memphis will be held at the **Apartment** on Nov. 4, the **Miss Memphis at Large** has been move to the 11th, and **Tammika St. John** will have her birthday party on the 23rd. She informed us of the dates (Nov. 24 and 25) of the **Mr. and Miss Bluff City** contests but the location has not been confirmed. She also did not inform us of her age upon this birthday.

The **Wagettes** will replay the **George Wilson Tribute** benefit at **Chaps** on Oct. 27th, beneficiary **St. Jude**. The bar's free buffets are on Monday nights during Monday night football. A free show follows at 10:30. They are already planning an all weekend slumber vigil anticipating the earthquake, and loads of other things.

The **Pipeline** will have its annual **AIDS fundraiser** on Oct. 28th with a show, auction and other madness in tune with the season. Beneficiary is also **St. Jude**. They sent us a very nice letter about this and they also bought a nice ad. Yes, **Poopsie**, you have to turn the page.

Also on Oct. 28 is a **Walk for AIDS** in memory of **Peter Barrosse** at **Overton Park** with registration beginning at 8 AM.

That afternoon the **Lambda Men's Chorus** will hold their first concert at the Church on the River at 3:30 PM.

WKRB will host **Exposed to Love**, with a new cast, on Oct. 28th, **Aphrodite's That's Entertainment** benefit on Nov. 18, and a benefit for the **MGLCC** Nov. 11. That's Entertainment will benefit this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas basket drives for **Aphrodite**.

J-Wag's is cornering the stripper market again these days with several shows coming up. A benefit honoring **Dennis Massey** will take place on Nov. 21.

MGLCC has discontinued its Video Nights but will continue to be open Thursday through Sunday nights and open all day and evenings on Saturday. Congratulations to new board member **Donna Riley**. A new **Personal Growth Group** will begin meeting each Wednesday starting in November.

Final Round

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May, Scarborough Caretakers of Meristem Dream

by Bryan R. Feuerhelm

Audrey May and Vickie Scarborough have been making contributions to the Gay and Lesbian community in one form or another for many years. Recently, they opened Memphis' first feminist bookstore—Meristem, "a place for women and their friends."

The two women, both business partners and life partners, bring different backgrounds to the project.

May, a native Memphian, bought her first copy of *Our Bodies, Our Selves* for 25 cents while attending college in New England. She cites this as her official introduction to feminism. She discovered her Lesbian identity during that same time. In 1982 she served as coordinator of the NOW (National Organization for Women) Lesbian task force in New York City.

Scarborough, who knew she was a Lesbian since she was "knee high to a grasshopper," came to Memphis in 1975. A Virginian from a very conservative family, Scarborough earned her Ph.D. in bio-chemistry and now works for a major corporation. Twice she has served as president of the local NOW chapter.

We had the following conversation on a rainy Sunday afternoon on the stage at Meristem.

BF: Audrey, what prompted your return to Memphis after living in New York City?

AM: The idea of doing meaningful work has always been very important to me. In NYC there are probably five or six groups to join for every interest. Participating in the Lesbian and Gay Pride March in NYC was quite an experience, but it made me realize how important political work is in a smaller community, like Memphis. I came back for a couple of reasons: 1) I was ready to get out of debt and 2) I was ready to go to graduate school. Fortunately, the time was right.

BF: When did the seeds for Meristem begin to grow? Where did the idea come from from?

VS: There used to be a deli called Bread and Roses that, on certain evenings, served as a women's coffee house. It was a women's gathering place. After it closed, I thought surely it would be neat to have something to fill its place. Then, over a year ago, we visited a bookstore in Gulf Port, Mississippi—Southern Wild Sisters. We were totally taken with this place. We just kept thinking we could do this in Memphis. That was Labor Day weekend, and we were on our way to Pensacola beach to relax. Instead, we spent the entire weekend cogitating about this imaginary bookstore.

BF: And the name 'Meristem'?

VS: I had the name 'Meristem' in mind for some time. It's a scientific, botanical term I discovered while thumbing through old text books. I tucked it away in the back of my mind. It just seemed so fitting.

An Outing with Bryan

['Meristem' cells carry a plant's 'memory'—it's ability to grow into a full plant after a cutting is made.]

AM: Once we decided to open a bookstore, we started making plans. First we had to learn how to do it! The advice we got from bookstores in other cities helped us. When we told our friends about the idea, they were jumping up and down.

VS: It was amazing how many people offered to help. At first we were overwhelmed. We encourage people to volunteer their time instead of just their money. In the process of building bookshelves, we were building a community.

BF: In what other ways is Meristem more than a bookstore?

AM: I'm a social worker by training, so I'm pleased with the other roles the store plays. We can connect people who need help with a phone number, or a support group, or a book, or even a new sense of self.

VS: We've already begun doing things like signing up escorts for the reproductive health center, selling tickets for the community center, and having women in concert. After the first of the year we are planning workshops and seminars.

AM: We are very open to providing a meeting place for groups addressing women's concerns. We want to be a gathering place for women and the Gay community.

BF: Doesn't that put you in competition with the MGLCC?

VS: We are not in competition with the community center. We are augmenting that role. It feels really good for me to create a space that sets an example—that shows people other possibilities for their lives. Show women and Lesbians and Gays that we DO have a culture—our own history, our own music...

AM: We want Meristem to be an inviting place for 'women and their friends' by offering alternatives; (for example) sections on health and healing, women of color, kids, expanding our men's section... We've realized that the vision of Meristem is not just our vision. A lot of people have this dream. At first it was a surprise to me, then it was a little scary. I mean, that's a lot of responsibility to live up to. Then I realized that we didn't have to do it by ourselves. Meristem is very much a

collective effort. It's a trust. It's a dream of many, and we're in the special position of being caretakers of the dream.

BF: In *My Life As a Woman*, Rosanne Barr gives much of the credit for her personal growth in spirit, which led to her career in comedy, to a feminist bookstore in Denver. She credits feminism—yet accuses it of becoming "populist—perverted—becoming a part of a world where women's voices are absent because they sound just like men's." Has the feminist movement raised a voice without also reaching back to the women needing help who are not in the movement?

AM: I'm not certain what you mean, becoming 'populist'?

BF: Let me try again. Women in the movement are confident and bring issues to the forefront; but

women still suffering from low self-esteem, still afraid to be without a man, where is their role in the movement? Are they helped by loud voices alone?

AM: There's that danger in any political movement. Certainly there are strands of feminism that have been co-opted. You know, what gives me hope in a funny way—*Ms.* magazine. *Ms.* started as a real vanguard then became a real *Redbook*.

VS: And now they have found their roots again.

BF: If feminism can become distorted, isn't the same danger present with the bookstore? Couldn't Meristem become "populist"—never reaching the women who desperately need the information on these bookshelves?

AM: [pause] It's hard to find a balance between what's accessible and what's challenging. I don't think that this will ever be a bookstore that's for everybody, but we do TRY

to make it open and inviting to people not typically readers of feminist theory—through newspapers, music, gifts... It's a challenging question. It will continue to be a challenge for us.

BF: Again let me borrow from *My Life As a Woman*: "I didn't believe that the sixties were over, I believed they had mutated into feminism, and could not go on without it. I now feel that feminism has gone as far as it could go, and that it has mutated into Women's Spirituality, and cannot go on without that." I feel it in Meristem, but I would like you to put it into words. What IS women's spirituality?

VS: Part of it is feeling a connection and a responsibility to the Earth, keeping her safe. It's also feeling connected to people. We are all connected. You are not separate. That's the bottom line of women's spirituality—feeling that connection with the world around you.



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HALLOWEEN GREETINGS

Billy: Happy Halloween. You make my pot boil. I've got an extra large cauldron on the fire. Want to see what we can cook

up? Love and Kisses (wet, sloppy ones), Sammy.

"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes." You know who you are and you know what I mean. T.R. Congratulations to the National Coming Out Day King, Sharon Wray, and the National Coming Out Day Queen, Vincent Astor. Happy Halloween.

D.A.: When is a teddy bear not a teddy bear? When he turns into a Werewolf and makes me howl with delight. I can't wait till the next full moon! Halloween Greetings. Love ya, H.W.

Dear Power On High: I've caught you in one lie, remember three is the magic number. Look out before someone drops a house on you! V.E.O.M.

Don: You must be possessed by the Halloween Spirit. Your performance is mystical and magic. I've never seen a ventriloquist manipulate so many dummies simultaneously. The effect is eerie. Halloween is definitely your day. B.T.

I.R.: Hope your Halloween is full of Spooks. Love, D.G.

J.R.: In the words of Glenda: "Are you a good witch? Or a bad witch?" I guess only time will tell. Happy Halloween. B.R.

"Let the dream begin, let your darker side give in, to the power that you know you cannot fight—The power of the music of the night." Erik.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the meanest one of all?" It's got to be Lady Vic and her poison apple awards. If Snow White had run into you, she'd still be sleeping. And God only knows what you would have done with those cute little dwarfs.

Sally, Baby: I don't know anything about "the Great Pumpkin" but I'm ready to patch it up. Please say we still can. Love, Ruthie.

To my sweet angel. Only you can help me remove the curse I've placed on my self. Life is just too spooky without you. I will always love you. The New Thrust.

Trixie Thunderpussy: If you're the "Angel of the Morning," it musta been a helluva night. Great show. Keep 'em comin'. While other people talk about bringing the community together, you do something to make it happen.

Tweedle Dee: The last thirteen years have been good and I'm looking forward to the next thirteen. However—I hope you will forgive me if I wish that the next thirteen be a little less eventful. Happy Halloween. Tweedle Dum.

Wanted: Compatriot of at least as much wit and bitchiness as myself. Broom is running hot from traveling all over Hell and half over Shelby County once a month. The bag in my dustbuster is filling up fast. Oh no! Not another pageant! AAAAAAagggggggghhhhh.....

November Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Services: See above Memorial Walk for AIDS, Overton Park Pavilion, 8-11 AM. St. Jude AIDS Benefit, Pipeline "Exposed to Love", WKRB Lambda Men's Chorus, Church On the River, 3:30 <p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC <p>30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HALLOWEEN Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC Worship Service, Agape, 7pm Miss Mess Memphis, Rumples <p>31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday <p>1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Services: 11 am, Agape New Life Church or Holy Trinity Community Church (MGLCC) Mr. Black Memphis, The Apartment B-GLAD Gay & Lesbian Parenting C/R, 4pm <p>4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGC Business Meeting, Main Library, Mtg. Rm A, 7pm <p>5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC <p>6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service, Agape, 7pm Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC "A Course in Miracles" Personal Growth Group, 8pm, MGLCC Bonnie Bitch Comedy & Medicine Show, Reflections <p>7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday <p>8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm <p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Services: 11 am, Agape New Life Church or Holy Trinity Community Church (MGLCC) B-GLAD Organizational Mtg., 4pm, MGLCC "That's Entertainment", 8 pm, WKRB <p>18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GayRap Discussion, 7pm, MGLCC Texas Headliners, J-Wag's <p>19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC <p>20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service, Agape, 7pm Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC December Issue of The Triangle Journal News Due Out "A Course in Miracles" Personal Growth Group, 8pm, MGLCC <p>21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THANKSGIVING MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday <p>22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm Tammika St. John's Birthday Party, The Apartment <p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Services: 11 am, Agape New Life Church or Holy Trinity Community Church (MGLCC) <p>25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWMT Open Forum, Main Library, Peabody & McLean, Meeting Room A <p>26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC <p>27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service, Agape, 7pm Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC "A Course in Miracles" Personal Growth Group, 8pm, MGLCC <p>28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday <p>29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm <p>30</p>	<p>30</p>

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Agape New Life Church: Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis 38104 - 327-4145.

American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.

Black & White Men Together (BWMT): 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.
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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 - 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, 1526 Court Street, Memphis 38104.

Mystic Krewe 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.

Transsexuals 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

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

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

LINC: 725-8895.

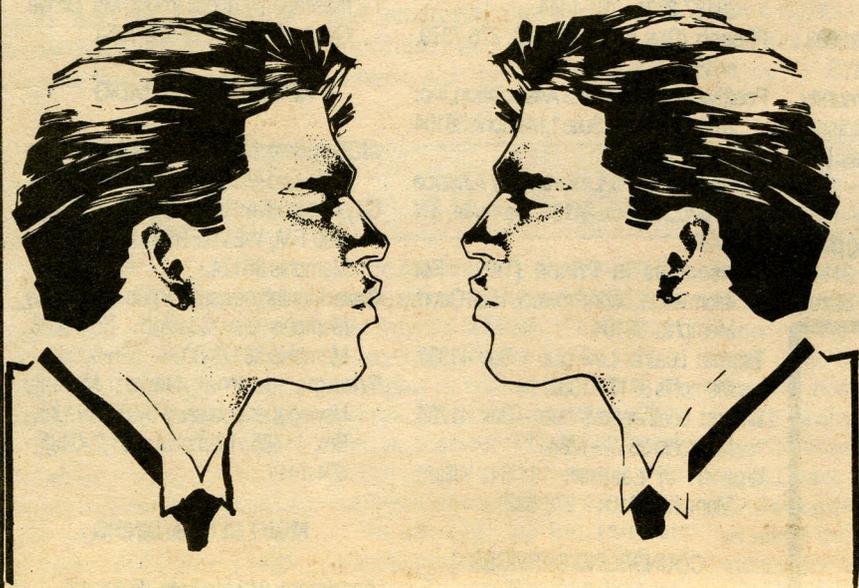
Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.

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