

# Triangle Journal

## NEWS

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## New Leadership in Place at Community Center

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center acquired a new president, two new board members, and a new director this past month. Donna Riley was elevated to president, Gary Bodell and Debbie Clarkson were elected to fill vacant at-large positions. One position remains to be filled at the February board meeting. Nominations and election will take place then. Donna stated, "We are becoming a new community center; all opinions are welcome. We are starting from scratch."

The impending rent crisis was offset by the landlord crediting part of the MGLCC's original deposit toward the January rent. Numerous donations from individuals and the Coalition put the treasury on a firmer footing. A major topic of discussion at next month's meeting will be the space requirements for the center. The present lease will expire in the fall, and discussions are beginning on improving the facility and the best way to do so.

The membership that was present voted to create a new position of Director for the MGLCC and accept an offer from a volunteer to fill the new post. The responsibilities consist of: coordinating volunteers to staff the center, maintenance and housekeeping duties, organizing fundraising activities, and following up on the tax-exempt status with the IRS.

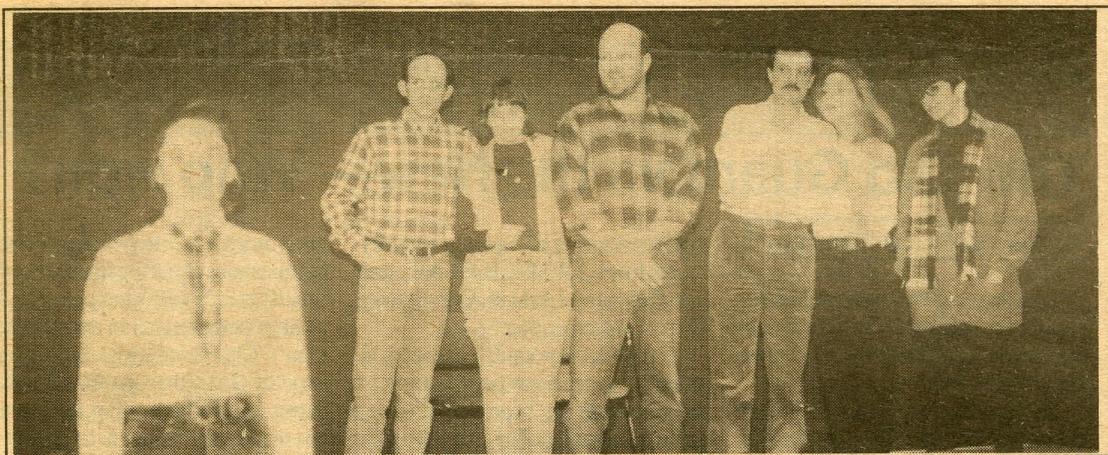
Barclay, a very active volunteer in the early days of the MGLCC and before that with Heart Strings, offered to take the position. His goal, in his own words, is "increasing our cred-

ibility in the Gay and also the larger Memphis community." He tells a story of a tussle with the phone company about listing his phone using only one name. After many tos and fros which included a court order, Ma Bell gave in. So many people used only his first name that he had it legally changed and is known as Barclay.

"Admittedly, some important considerations have been neglected during the past six months, but the Center has always remained busy and available for use. We are now stabilizing and looking for broader support. There will be new information on our tax exempt status at the next monthly meeting," says Barclay.

The volunteers and their new director have already begun cleaning and sprucing up the center. Thursday video nights have begun again. "We need your help—your own profession, your mind, your opinion. We plan to do a community survey of what we are and what we should become."

There will be an open house at the Center on Feb. 24 from noon to 7 PM. Snacks and punch will be served at 3 pm and there will be music from the Center's Doug Bryson Memorial Tape Library. They have promised a new look for the Center and a forum for questions and answers. Following the open house will be a benefit sponsored by Aphrodite to benefit the center at WKRK. A second benefit, an all-male revue, to be shared by the Center and the Switchboard will take place at G. Bellington Rumples on Tuesday, Feb. 26.



The cast of *The Way We Live Now*, from left to right, Patti Wendt, Erny Phipps, JoLynne Palmer, Barclay Roberts, Randall Hatzog, Mary Margaret Guth, Irene Crist Foster. The play will run weekends Feb. 14-24 at the Little Theatre of Theatre Memphis. A preview performance Feb. 13 will benefit ATEAC.

## ACT UP Stages Civil Disobedience Protests

Several hundred AIDS protesters from the group ACT UP staged protests Jan. 22 and 23 as part of two days of civil disobedience. Over 200 demonstrators were arrested.

The demonstrators called for more spending to fight the AIDS epidemic. They blocked commuters' access to trains at Grand Central Terminal, marched past the New York Stock Exchange, and interrupted two network newscasts.

Three people were arrested attempting to enter a New York Health Dept. office to deliver dirty needles in protest of the end of a needle exchange program there.

On Jan. 22, protesters interrupted the *CBS Evening News* and the *MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour* shouting slogans like "Fight AIDS, Not Arabs."

Seven protesters at PBS carried a sign which read "Act up, fight back, fight AIDS, not Iraq." Since

that program is produced from both New York and Washington, a switch was made to the Washington studio where Jim Lehrer explained that a demonstration was underway. Three of the protesters attempted to chain themselves to anchor Robert MacNeil. After the incident, MacNeil explained that the *MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour* had covered the AIDS issue extensively and would continue to do so.

ACT-UP spokespeople said the network protests were not officially part of their demonstrations, but they applauded the actions.

At CBS, viewers saw one of three protesters who shouted immediately following the program's opening. Dan Rather apologized to viewers and indicated that some "rude" people had been ejected from the studios.

Both networks indicated that heightened security would prevent such occurrences in the future.

## AIDS Deadly Milestones

Atlanta—The federal Centers for Disease Control has announced that the AIDS epidemic has reached a grim milestone—100,000 people have died from the disease in nearly a decade. According to CDC, the death rate is accelerating.

CDC projects that as many as 215,000 Americans will die of AIDS in the next three years.

Ninety percent of American people with AIDS are male and nearly three quarters of them are between 25 and 44. Gay or bisexual men and IV drug users continue to be at highest risk accounting for more than 86% of AIDS-related deaths.

By 1989, AIDS was listed as the second leading cause of death among men 25-44 second only to accidents. Estimates say that by the end of 1991, it will rank among the top five killers of women in the same age group. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among Black women aged 15-44 in New York state and New Jersey.

In Tennessee, 1393 cases of AIDS have been reported as of the end of 1990 with 382 new cases reported last year. Of all cases since 1982, 95% have been male and 69.7% were among Gay men. An additional 8.3% were both Gay and IV drug users. Tennessee ranks 29th of the 50 reporting states and the District of Columbia.

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and more!

## Transsexual Convicted of Slaying Lover

On Jan. 9, a jury convicted Neil Bruce Farmer of shooting his lover, John "Sarge" Slack on Mar. 8, 1990. Farmer, 41, claimed that he shot Slack in self-defense during an altercation at their apartment at 1292 Jefferson. Farmer is a pre-operative transsexual.

Farmer had been charged with second-degree murder, but was convicted of voluntary manslaughter. The jury deliberated about three hours.

In 1975, Farmer pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting of Sandee Gullely. He was sentenced to 20 years, but was paroled in 1984. The jury was not told of the previous killing because of its potentially prejudicial effect.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

# The Old Guard vs the New— Who won?

by Allen Cook and John Stilwell

Last summer the organized Memphis Gay community was rocked with dissension—and the baby was thrown out with the bath water.

Apparently some people were concerned that the Gay community was being “controlled” by a handful of what they alternately termed the “Old Guard” or the “Gay, white, male power structure”—a half dozen or so people who perennially ran and were elected to offices in the Memphis Gay Coalition. We were among them.

In September, after being trashed unmercifully during two GayRap sessions on racism for its lack of sensitivity to the issue of race relations in the Gay community, the Old Guard was tired. The trashing and attacks continued unabated in the BWMT newsletter for months. It seemed to us

that a new group of leaders, primarily based from BWMT, B-GLAD, and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center was emerging.

A little background: Years ago, in an effort to increase participation in the Coalition, its board of directors authorized a new policy—anyone who was a member of an organized Gay group could become a member of the Coalition simply by virtue of their other membership. At the time, this proposed policy was being discussed, someone suggested that we were just setting ourselves up for a hostile takeover. Well, that hostile takeover was being planned in September. But before the “Old Guard” could be voted out *en masse*, four of us, reading the writing on the wall, resigned *en masse*. This move, of course, has been variously misinterpreted.

Our resignations came at about the

same time Don Griesheimer was raising questions about the finances of the Coalition in his effort to punish it for what he perceived as an anti-Lambda Men’s Chorus editorial in the June issue of *Gaze*, the Coalition’s newspaper. (As of this writing, he has still not made any formal accusations of wrongdoing on the part of any Coalition board member who resigned.)

It was also about this time that Tommy Stewart began being attacked publicly for alleged anti-Black admission practices at his bars. Nasty letters were circulated, rejected, re-written, resubmitted, and re-rejected by most Gay and Lesbian organizations in the city. Stewart has since suffered the distribution of a hateful leaflet which some people attempted to distribute in the parking lots of area Gay and Lesbian bars.

As for us, we’ve been accused of

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mismanagement of MGC funds, ripping off the Coalition, income tax evasion, racial and gender insensitivity, incompetence, and a host of other alleged inadequacies. People we have never even met were calling us racist, sexist, and power hungry to the detriment of the Gay community.

We’ve tried very hard not to infuse the *Triangle Journal News* with personal issues, although we’ve not shied away from reporting on the controversy. Addressing things like this is kind of like explaining why you don’t beat your lover anymore. The more you try to defend yourself, the deeper you get into the hole. It’s a hole we’d rather not wallow in, but the time has come to say something.

By October, the Old Guard was suddenly out and a new regime firmly implanted.

In those four months, what has the New Guard accomplished?

•*Gaze* newspaper, an eleven-year institution, suspended publication as a newspaper after two issues under the new regime. Starting out with a host of new volunteers and touting a whole new direction, they decided to suspend publication when that number fell to two or three committed individuals. With the demise of *Gaze* as a newspaper goes a revenue source for Coalition activities as well as a major voice for the Coalition’s stances and policies, and publicity for their activities.

•The Gay Switchboard, which pre-dates the Coalition itself, has not been

answered consistently for two or three months. Former volunteers report that connecting and disconnecting them became irregular.

•Memphis, deserved or not, has been trashed in virtually every regional Gay newspaper around. For the New Guard, it apparently was not enough that the Old Guard was gone; they had to attempt to destroy the Old Guard’s reputation as well.

•The Memphis Gay Coalition’s treasury is at its lowest point in the past six or seven years. The Coalition itself will have to mount fundraisers just to keep its services (minimal as they are now) operating.

•The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center’s image as a neutral, non-political Gay and Lesbian space has been severely tarnished by the actions of some of its board members who recklessly used their association to gain credibility for their actions. MGLCC had a near brush with bankruptcy. A fall boatride, a tried-before fundraiser, failed dismally.

•Finally, the racism issue which seems to have started the whole mess is still unresolved. The confrontational tactics used to dictate bar admission policies have been ineffective so far.

If you think we’re gloating, you’re wrong. Certainly there is some satisfaction in watching a group of revolutionaries totally screw up its New Order.

But, bottom line here—we all lost.

## 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.

### Dee Dee Speaks

I would like to take this time to say thank you for including me in the things that you would like to see happen in 1991. Plans are now working for “Ms. Dee Dee Whitaker” - (a former Miss Marshall Street) to arise from the ashes.”

The plans currently working are for me to be co-show director at a new bar coming soon... “Follow the Yellow Brick Road”... When the bar opens, I would like to say that most of the Sunday shows will be very similar to those that were featured down on Marshall Street with Dee Dee, her children, and special guests.

Once again, thank you for remembering me. I hope I’ve helped make someone forget his/her troubles through benefits or just 3 or 4 minutes per night, whether in a song, spoken words, or a skit.

Thanks to all of the people who have supported me in the last four years, for the many memories, great times, but most of all many new and great friendships.

May God Bless.

Dee Dee Whitaker  
Memphis

### Prison Needs

Well, I have now been down at the county jail for six months and have seen quite a few people come and go. Unfortunately, several have come back again. One wonders why people from our community end up in jail and a lot of times come back again and again.

But let us look at the facts. Where does a single person go for help and understanding in Memphis. If you are a woman, there are several women’s programs and support groups. Women do give help to each other and show kindness and compassion for people with problems other than AIDS. If you are a single man, you have no where to turn. There are no agencies or organizations in Memphis or in the Gay community that care or will help you. I wonder at times whether a lot of the crimes committed are not out of desperation. One cannot even turn to the churches for help. The biggest excuse is, “We don’t have enough money to help people,” or “We only have enough money to help certain people.” If you aren’t one of those certain people, you’re out in the cold. Rather than be in the cold, you commit a crime just to survive. Not many people in our community care whether you are in jail or not. They only care whether you are in bed with them or not. Or, whether you are doing something for them or not. They don’t have the time to do anything for you and they aren’t even interested in you.

I am not trying to pat myself on the back, but I am disappointed that there is only one person who cares enough to go down to the jail to show caring and support to those who are on the inside. These people have been forgotten by their mates, family, and

friends on the outside. They get no visits, no mail, no nothing for weeks and months and years. Their friends spend money on cars, clothing, food, and drinking but they are too cheap to bring inmates a couple packs of cigarettes or to just visit and say, “Hi.” In the six months that I have been at the jail, I have brought cigarettes, writing paper, envelopes, stamps, pens, magazines, paperback books, and newspapers to those in the Gay Tier. All this comes out of my pocket. There is no financial help to assist inmates. I still get asked quite often why there is no one, except me, who will help. I still have to answer, “what did you do to help while you were on the outside?” It’s too bad that we have become a community that can only give love and support to those that have AIDS and ignore the rest of the people that hurt either physically or emotionally. All I can say is, “Have faith. At least God and I love you. Peace be with you. Try to love your brothers and sisters, and not just in the bedroom or barroom.”

To those on the inside, please be patient. I make minimum wage and have to live myself, or at least survive. I share my paycheck with you all, so if I don’t have enough to buy three packs of cigarettes a visit or bring more pens and paper, it’s not that I don’t care, it’s simply the fact that I don’t have enough money. But I still care. Thanks for the Christmas Card. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

John Prowett  
Memphis

### Wings 'Massacre'

On the night of Nov. 19, 1990, we had a massacre in Memphis’ Gay community the likes of which have

not been seen since the National Socialist (Nazi) Party of Germany crushed the Jewish business of Nazi Germany thus becoming known to the rest of the world as “The Night of Broken Glass.”

This massacre will be forever

known as the massacre of the Wings Six. It seems two charter members of Wings Inc. did not like the way the fraternal group was moving toward a better and larger organization. So, these two charter members and four

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## Soviet Gays Coming Out

Perestroika or no, homosexuality remains illegal in the Soviet Union and attempts to start a Gay liberation movement there have been met with denouncements from the press. While once unthinkable things such as political freethinking, religion, and pornography are now flourishing under Gorbachev, homosexuality has remained in the closet as one of the last taboos.

In the past year, a few dozen Soviet Gay men and women have begun a campaign to legalize homosexuality and increase social tolerance.

While they have achieved some successes, Soviet Gays are experiencing the phenomenon of Gay bashing and are often forced to undergo blood tests for AIDS.

Technically Soviet law prohibits only male homosexuality according to an Associated Press report, but Lesbians are active in the Gay rights movement there.

The movement's leading organization, formed in 1989, is the Association of Sexual Minorities, which publishes *Tema* or *Theme*, the first Soviet Lesbian and Gay newspaper.

Like many early American Gay organizations, the group keeps no formal membership roll. Activists said it has only 20-25 regular members, but many more supporters.

In what appeared to be a disinformation campaign designed to discredit the group, the Tass news agency accused the group of harboring not only "primitive" homosexuals, but "necrophiliacs, pedophiles, and zoophiles," according to AP.

"Where can you find a fresh corpse to excite a necrophiliac? How much does it cost to have sex with a baby? Why doesn't Moscow have official places for men to entertain themselves with little boys, and girls with girls? For only two rubles, *Tema* provides its readers with the answers to these and other nasty questions," Tass said.

The editor of *Tema* denied the paper had ever published such information.

Activists said Western Gay and Lesbian groups have contributed typewriters, a small amount of money, and 7,000 condoms to the association.

## Immigration Law Changed

Washington— Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services removed infection with HIV from the list of medical conditions for which immigrants can be excluded from the U.S. effective June 1, 1991.

The decision came two months after Congress passed a law requiring Sullivan to revise the list of such conditions. It came as a welcome surprise to AIDS activists and public health experts who have decried the U.S. policy since its inception in 1987.

Dr. June Osborn, chairman of the National Commission on AIDS said "It's long overdue. [The policy which excludes people with AIDS] has been an embarrassment internationally and a source of potentially very painful discrimination for people with HIV and AIDS."

Sullivan has also proposed removing several other diseases from this list leaving active tuberculosis as the only disease for which immigration

officials can refuse an immigrant or traveler entry to the U.S. Among those diseases no longer included are leprosy, syphilis, gonorrhea and three other sexually transmitted diseases.

The proposed changes have been presented to officials at the State and Justice departments and will be published in the *Federal Register*.

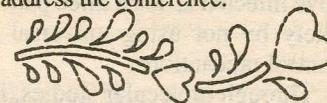
The policy excluding people with HIV infection was instituted in 1987 when Sen. Jesse Helms added HIV

infection to the government's list of "dangerous, contagious diseases" for which an immigrant or visitor could be excluded.

Public Health experts have long contended that such restrictions are medically unnecessary and discriminatory. Among the organizations urging a change in the policy were the National Commission on AIDS, the American Bar Association, the World Health Organizations, and the Inter-

national AIDS Society.

Public criticism surfaced last June during the Sixth International AIDS Conference in San Francisco when dozens of AIDS groups and medical organizations boycotted the conference. Sullivan was drowned out by demonstrators when he attempted to address the conference.



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Talk About AIDS

## Do You Talk About AIDS On The First Date?

*Phillip: I sure do.*

That surprises me. A lot of people don't like to talk about AIDS.

*Phillip: Nobody talks about it. But everybody's afraid of getting it.*

Are you afraid?

*Phillip: Of AIDS—yes. Of talking about it—no.*

What sort of reaction do you get when you mention AIDS?

*Phillip: It certainly gets their attention.*

TENNESSEE RESPONDS TO AIDS

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## GayRap

**Monday, February 18**  
**Gay Switchboard Training**

The Memphis Gay Switchboard needs volunteer operators to staff its information, referral and counseling line. Operators work from their own homes through a call-forwarding system.

For more information attend this workshop.

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## AIDS Investigators Say Dentist Infected Patients

Federal health investigators believe a Florida dentist who died of AIDS may have infected at least three patients, most likely by not using universal infection control precautions.

Through molecular studies, investigators have determined that three patients of Dr. David Icer of Stuart, Florida are infected with a strain of HIV similar to the one which infected the dentist. They contend that the strain is unlike other strains found in the community, indicating that the patients were probably infected in Acer's office.

The case could lead to tighter health precautions being instituted and has resulted in a call for HIV infected health care professionals to identify themselves.

This is the first case in which a health care professional has been implicated in the spread of HIV to a patient. "While this is an extremely rare occurrence, we now know it is possible," said Dr. Gary Swinger, Tennessee state epidemiologist.

How the virus was transmitted is still unclear, but investigators report that sloppy infection control practices were used including re-use of surgical gloves, poor sterilization of equipment, and possible reuse of disposable equipment. None of the three patients had other recognized risk factors for HIV infection. One of the patients was a married older woman who had never had a blood transfusion and whose husband tested negative. Two of

the infected patients visited Acer on the same day, making cross-infection from instruments a possibility.

Kimberly Bergalis, one of the infected patients, said the findings could silence skeptics who questioned her assertion that she caught HIV-disease from her dentist. Ms. Bergalis has developed AIDS, but other patients have not. Bergalis has won a \$1 million settlement from the dentist's malpractice insurance company.

The release of the CDC report was followed by a major policy shift on the part of the AMA and the American Dental Association Jan. 18. Both organizations called on health care workers carrying HIV to inform patients that they are infected or stop performing risky surgical procedures.

"The recent cases of possible dentist-to-patient transmission have caused some uncertainty about the risk of transmission from physicians to patients under certain circumstances," an AMA statement said.

The move is a reversal in policy for both groups, which had recommended only that their HIV-infected members consult with peers about the ethics and safety of conducting certain kinds of "invasive" medical procedures.

The statements drew immediate criticism from AIDS activists who say that the two groups are over-reacting and that CDC findings do not justify such sweeping restrictions.

## Roanoke Law Targets Gays

Roanoke, VA — The American Civil Liberties Union has called a local anti-solicitation law passed to fight prostitution "abominable" because it is being used to target Gay men. It is still not satisfied with a revision.

Over 80% of the new law's applications have been used to prosecute Gay men who solicited undercover police officers for sex.

The law first came under fire in December when a Roanoke judge threw one case out of court because it seemed to him that the statute was being used to unfairly target homosexuals. The same judge has since thrown out an additional case.

According to Roanoke Gay activist Sam Garrison, the undercover officer was more aggressive than the suspect in both cases. According to a United Press International report, Garrison said the officer initiated the conversation and was the one who first suggested oral sex.

Garrison said every person so far has been a consenting man who went to a park or some other place to find a sex partner.

The new law no longer required a discussion of payment and an overt act

before an arrest could be made, but a revision was made Jan. 7 to eliminate language that technically made it illegal to simply discuss sexual acts in places such as parks, bars, and malls.

Under the new provisions, solicitation must include discussion of a price and must happen in a place open to the public to be illegal.

Garrison says Gay men who meet in parks are little different from heterosexual men who go to nightclubs. Heterosexual sex outside of marriage is illegal in Virginia, but police are not staking out bars, Garrison said in the UPI report.

## A Crack in the Door...

Federal workers who win major awards can now take a spouse or other individual "related by blood or affinity" to attend an awards ceremony with them at government expense.

The policy was approved last summer by the Office of Personnel Management which said that it is all right for agencies to pay the transportation costs for a spouse, relative, or close friend to accompany the winner to important awards events.

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Prior to the change in policy, only individuals traveling with a disabled award winner would be reimbursed.

According to a *Washington Post* report, the new rules give agencies authority to approve paid travel for one person who "can be an individual related by blood or affinity, whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship..." Officials say the new rules could allow agencies to reimburse the travel of a Gay companion, or simply a friend, to accompany a government award winner.

## White Supremacists Sentenced

Boise, ID— Three white supremacists convicted of plotting to bomb a Gay nightclub in Seattle have been sentenced to prison.

U.S. District Court Judge Harold Ryan ordered John Winslow, 29, to nine years and a \$3,500 fine; Steve Nelson, 35, to eight years and 150 hours of community service; and Proctor James Baker, 58, to two years, 150 hours of community service, and a \$7,500 fine.

All three had been linked to the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations.

A jury in Boise found the three guilty in October of conspiracy and manufacturing and possessing pipe bombs according to an Associated Press report.



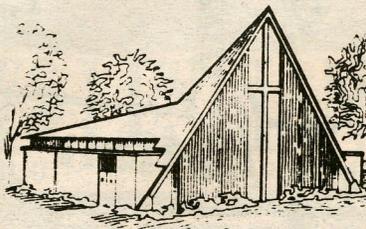
## Holy Trinity Moves to New Church Home

Holy Trinity Community Church will hold its first services in new facilities at 2323 Monroe at East Parkway on Feb. 3. The church building formerly housed Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

According to HTCC Pastor Richard Johnson, the church building became available when its congregation moved to the Whitehaven area. "This is the church (building) I grew up in," said Johnson noting that his mother is deaf and attended church there.

The facilities include a sanctuary which will accommodate 130-150 worshippers and has a church organ. An attached Fellowship Hall has a fully-equipped kitchen, large meeting rooms, and space for offices. The building has two small parking lots.

"We are going to lease the building for six months," Johnson said, "but have an option to purchase the property." Johnson said his congregation



would have to grow considerably before a purchase decision could be made. "This is the first Gay church in Memphis that has actually had a church to call its own. While any space can be made into a worship center, there's something special about having a building that was designed as a church with the stained glass windows and everything," he said.

Regular services will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings with a Bible study group meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

## ATEAC Announces 5th Annual Auction for AIDS

The Fifth Annual Auction for AIDS benefitting the Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC) will be held at the Memphis Hilton Inn on April 6. Auction chairs are Mark Whitehead, Beverly Green, and Allen Cook.

Businesses will be solicited to donate items and services to be auctioned in both a silent and live auction. Last year about 250 items were auctioned during the four-hour auction. The auction is one of ATEAC's two major in-house fundraising events each year. Additional fund-raising is conducted by other organizations to benefit ATEAC.

"We've made a real effort to

streamline the auction process," said Allen Cook, "and we're looking for new twists to keep the Auction fresh." Among the new twists will be events with "entertainment value" said Cook. "We'll have special 'quickie' items which we'll move very fast and perhaps some contests to add an element of skill in the bidding," Cook said.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should plan to attend a meeting at the Red Cross, 1400 Central Ave. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3. Donors may contact one of the Auction chairs through the ATEAC office at 272-0855 during normal business hours.

## Coalition Aids MGLCC

As the new Memphis Gay Coalition board officially began its term, several important actions were taken at the January meeting.

The IRS has given the MGC an extension in filing its past-due tax returns for the past four years. The membership also voted to again sponsor the annual Gay Pride River Ride on June 22. The \$750 deposit was to be paid in January. Joy Booker was nominated for the open board position vacated by Perry Stevens and will run unopposed in next month's interim election.

The membership discussed the need to revamp the Memphis Gay Switchboard. To this end, Vincent Astor and Bob Dumais will hold a Switchboard Training session as the February GayRap.

A long discussion concerning the financial situation of the Community Center resulted in a donation of \$100 toward their January rent. One private

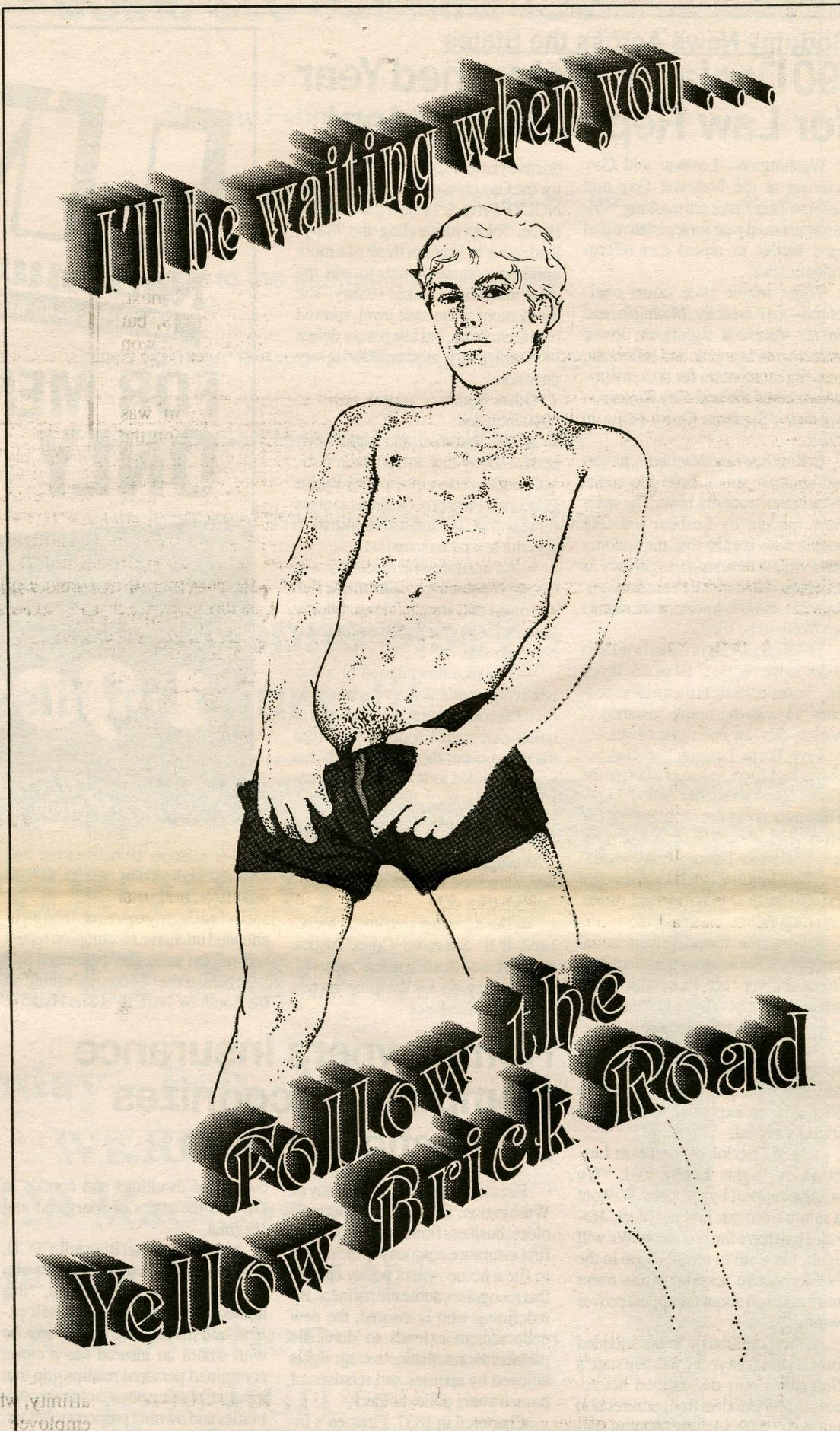
donation was also received which was the first of many more.

Ed Miller, vice president, chaired the meeting as president Bill Huckabee was unavailable. He was completing a month-long program in the Veteran's Administration Hospital's alcohol/drug treatment facility.

## Theatre Memphis Preview to Benefit ATEAC

*The Way We Live Now*, directed by Brian Mott, will run Feb. 14-24 (weekends in the Little Theatre of Theatre Memphis. Originally a short story by Susan Sontag, it was adapted to play form by Edward Parone and will feature Irene Crist Foster, Mary Margaret Guth, Randy Hartzog, Jo Lynne Palmer, Barclay Roberts, and Pati Wendt.

The story involves 26 characters, a



group of urbanites as they respond to a colleague with AIDS. Their story is told completely in the third person, and this device is retained in the script. Their jealousies and frustrations are filtered through layers of helplessness and suspicion—"More or less friends with one another"...."Stuck in the same glue."

Much of the dialogue takes place over the phone. Ironically, the man never appears, is never named. The

characters (named alphabetically from Aileen, Betsy and Clarice to Xavier, Yvonne and Zack) frequently refer to other people in conversation—"We're learning how to die, Hilda said."...."I'm not ready to learn, Aileen said." The man's illness ranges from his first sickness and two stays in the hospital to a homecoming toward the end. The final line is, "He's still alive," but never once through the entire play has anyone uttered

the word AIDS.  
The prevue on Feb. 13 will be a benefit performance for the Aid To End AIDS Committee. Ticket information for this performance is available at ATEAC (272-0855). A portion of all proceeds will also go to ATEAC. For general ticket information call 682-8323.

## Sodomy News Across the States '90 Declared Watershed Year for Law Repeal Movement

Washington—Lesbian and Gay activists at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force are marking 1990 as a watershed year for legislative and legal battles to repeal and reform sodomy laws.

Three major state court challenges—in Kentucky, Michigan, and Texas—received significant lower court boosts last year and reflect the growing momentum for sodomy law reform since the anti-Gay *Bowers v. Hardwick* Supreme Court ruling in 1986.

In Kentucky and Michigan, judges last summer struck down the books those states' sodomy laws. The cases were brought by Lesbian and Gay people who argued that the sodomy laws violate their rights to privacy as recognized under state constitutions. Appeals of both lower court rulings are likely to be filed.

In Texas, a Travis County district court judge on Dec. 10 struck down the Texas homosexual-specific sodomy law with the simple sentence, "I declare this law unconstitutional."

Five Texas Lesbian and Gay activists had filed suit to challenge the Texas law, commonly called 21.06. The lower court decision in the case, *Morales et al.*, may be appealed by the newly elected Texas Attorney General, Dan Morales. Morales is thought to be friendly to the Gay and Lesbian community.

During the recent gubernatorial campaign, Texas governor-elect Ann Richards won her race with overwhelming support from Lesbians and Gay men. Richards repeatedly called for repeal of 21.06 in her campaign speeches. Attorney General-elect Morales, having been less direct than Richards, is expected to mount a friendly appeal.

Laurie Eiserloh of the Texas Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby said, "We want an appeal by the state. Without a ruling from our highest court, *Morales* will have limited value. We will again file a bill to repeal 21.06 in the '91 legislative session, in the event our optimism about the appeal proves wrong."

A more ominous note was sounded in Maryland last year when that state's Supreme Court disqualified heterosexual Marylanders from prosecution under the state's felony sodomy statute. The ruling left in place "sodomy and perverted practices" as it applies to sex in private between consenting homosexual adults. The ruling, however, provoked cries of outrage and protest from Maryland's strong and well-organized Lesbian and Gay community, who have vowed a renewed legislative repeal campaign.

"Overall, 1990 was the most pro-

ductive year of repeal and reform work for the Gay community," said former NGLTF Privacy Project director Sue Hyde. "Notwithstanding the Maryland setback, I cannot think of a more uplifting note on which to end the year than with a Texas victory. The momentum at the state level, spurred by the crushing, but temporary defeat of *Hardwick*, is now solidly in our direction."

Other sodomy repeal news in 1990 included:

—The first-ever and highly successful lobby day in Jefferson City, MO, organized by the Privacy Rights Education Project of St. Louis to press for repeal of that state's homosexual-specific sexual misconduct law.

—An unsuccessful repeal drive in Georgia following a court ruling that narrowed that state's felony sodomy statute to unmarried heterosexuals and homosexuals.

—The recommendation of a legislatively mandated criminal code revision commission in Oklahoma to delete that state's sodomy law from the penal code; the recommendation was scheduled to go to the state legislature in January 1991.

—Renewed lobbying in Tennessee to seek full repeal of the Tennessee crimes against nature law that in 1989 was narrowed to criminalize same-sex behavior only.

—The stunning revelation by retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell that he made a "mistake" and now regrets his deciding vote in *Bowers v. Hardwick*.

## Homeowners Insurance Company Recognizes Domestic Partners

Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, DC, one of America's oldest business firms, has become the first insurance company in the nation to file a homeowners policy change that recognizes domestic partners. By redefining who is insured, the new endorsement extends to domestic partners the automatic coverage rights enjoyed by spouses and relatives of homeowners policyholders.

Chartered in 1837, Firemen's Insurance Company is the only property and casualty insurance company headquartered in the District of Columbia. A+ rated year after year by A.M. Best, the company has grown and prospered by serving the community and today insures more dwellings in Washington than any other insurance carrier.

Firemen's offers homeowners coverage to apartment renters and the

owners of dwellings and condos in DC and the states of Maryland and Virginia.

According to Carl Blundell, CPCU, a company underwriting manager who created the new endorsement, "this homeowners policy change will extend automatic coverage to anyone with whom an insured has a close, committed personal relationship that involves sharing household responsibilities and owning property together. Automatic coverage applies after an insured has established such a relationship and lived with their domestic partner continuously for at least 6 months."

"The public will no longer confuse us with Firemans Fund or any other insurance company," says Firemen's new president, Dick Andrews. "We will have the first homeowners policy in the insurance industry that will

—A massive demonstration and civil disobedience in Atlanta, GA, to protest the sodomy law.

—Two highly successful and well-attended intensive meetings on repeal and reform strategies organized and held behind the "Sodomy Curtain" in the South by NGLTF's Sue Hyde.

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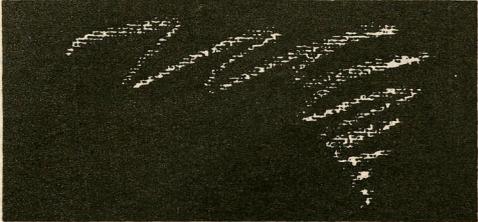
Mr. Andrews advises that Firemen's, unlike other insurance companies, will no longer require that the name of an insured's domestic partner be disclosed and appear on the homeowners policy in order for the partner to be included for coverage. "Because our new endorsement eliminates the need for such notification, unmarried insureds and their domestic partners will have the pri-

vacancy choices and coverage rights enjoyed by married couples."

In addition, Mr. Andrews emphasizes that "everyone who rents or owns a home should consider purchasing Firemen's revised homeowners policy even if they are currently married or living alone since coverage will extend automatically to any future resident of their household who fits the definition of domestic partner."

Firemen's Insurance Company plans to begin attaching the new endorsement to all homeowners policies it issues beginning in early 1991.

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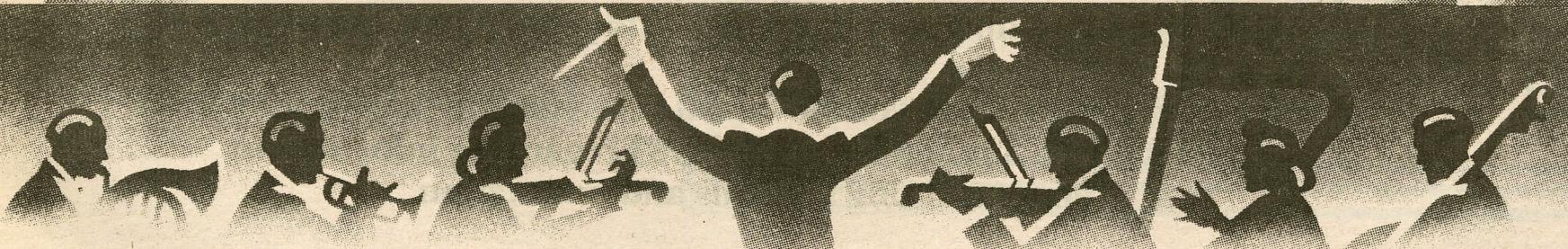
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## Getting Rid of Unhealthy Guilt

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

"Despite years of academic achievement, a curriculum resume full of research papers, and a thriving business, nothing I did ever seemed quite good enough. After years of meditation, therapy, and inner discovery, I still felt insecure. I was forever apologizing for myself and hoping I wouldn't do anything to make anyone angry."

These words were spoken to me by a client who seemed to be suffering from unhealthy guilt feelings. Her belief that she had to be perfect made it hard for her to take risks and therefore stifled her creativity. It made her competitive, tight-lipped, defensive, and awfully serious about herself. She constantly compared herself to others and worried about being one up or one down. She was hypersensitive to criticism which she heard even when it wasn't intended. She was like a fortress prepared for attack.

Worse, because of her unhealthy guilt, she was angry much of the time. Unable to forgive herself or anyone else, she was a prisoner of guilt and resentment. Although she did her best to hide all of this under a smile, she was ultimately betrayed by her body, which became a breeding ground for stress-related illness.

Is guilt your middle name although you would deny it to the death? Is it hard for you to admit that you have committed yourself to do too much too fast? As you confront these questions, they may help you to see your priorities more clearly. It is important to realize that unhealthy guilt has probably already robbed you of too many happy moments. It is time to start learning to accept and love yourself.

It is not easy to strip away years of protective self-deceit. The age-old advice "know thyself" is hard to follow when guilt gets in the way of self-honesty. But it can be done.

Unlike healthy guilt which sounds an alarm when you've done something you know is wrong, the unhealthy variety takes on a life of its own and bears no relation to genuine remorse. It distorts your thoughts, emotions, and behavior.

To combat unhealthy guilt, you must understand from whence it comes. Its basis is black-and-white thinking, a habit that stems from childhood. We split our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors into two mutually exclusive camps: good and bad, safe and unsafe. Unless we unlearn this mind-set, we go through life viewing ourself and others as saints or sinners.



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#### **Women's Mysteries: Beyond the Blood**

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Sunday Feb. 10, 6pm, \$10-15 sliding scale  
**Drumming and Chanting**

Be prepared to "let loose" in this workshop led by Tziporah and her husband Kenny on the various styles and purposes of drumming and chanting. Participants may bring drums, rattles, or chants to share though previous experience is not necessary. Kenny will also lead a workshop on men's spirituality on Sat., Feb. 9, and they will both present two concerts on that weekend. Kenny and Tziporah sponsored by Women's Action Coalition at MSU.

*For more information on any events, call Meristem at 276-0282. We look forward to seeing you.*

Saturday, Feb. 16, 7 PM-Midnight, \$3  
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#### **Sisters in Struggle: Black Women and Apartheid at Home and Abroad**

Speakers include Rita Harris of the South African Task Force and Mid-South Peace & Justice Center. In addition, the photo exhibit "Black Women Under Apartheid" will be shown at Meristem throughout February. Both programs are in honor of Black History Month.

Sunday, March 3, 6pm, \$5

**Building Bridges to Ourselves: Women & Self Esteem**  
Workshop to be led by Nicki Golden, doctoral candidate in psychology at the University of Mississippi. Come prepared to learn to feel better about yourself.

When you overcome the tyranny of black-and-white thinking, and accept the range of grays that makes us human, you'll begin to let go of unhealthy guilt.

Another step is to quit people-pleasing and be true to your own feelings. For instance, instead of repressing anger to appear virtuous and kind, express your feelings in an un hurtful way. Instead

of doing things you don't want to do in an effort to win others' approval, stop being a martyr and learn to say no when it is appropriate.

The first step in ridding yourself of unhealthy guilt is to recognize the symptoms. To help you do this, I will be compiling a list of twenty-one symptomatic thoughts, emotions, and types

of behavior in the next two months to help you identify unhealthy guilt. Be gentle with yourself as you pinpoint those that apply to you. Don't punish yourself with the information; view it as a learning tool. Understanding what motivates your unhealthy guilt will help you let go of it and start replacing it with self-acceptance and love.

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# Going Down in the South (for Vacation)

by Vance Reger

I began this column the night the new war started. Please join me in praying that aggression for the wrong reasons be it in world-wide conflict or here in our own community will cease, and send hope to our brothers and sisters defending the peace for us in the Middle East.

Last month was vacation time for me—hope all you had some fun as well. I managed to get away for a couple of weeks, going to Atlanta for Christmas and all over Florida before and during New Year's.

In Atlanta, Wes Decker was host at the Eagle for a Leather Christmas Party. I managed to spend some time with my dear friend and sister in leather, Linda Vickery, Ms. NLA Arkansas 1991, who sent her love and good thoughts to Memphis. I believe a bunch of you do remember her. Larry Dooley of Warlord's Leather gave an excessive Christmas Eve Day buffet, and we were treated to a fantasy given by Mr. S.E. Drummer, Bernhard Zinkgraf. Christmas Day was spent at the home of David Armstrong, Mr. S.E. Leather 1989, and leather folk from all over the south were there, including Bill Costomiris, Mr. Leather Charlotte 1990 and instigator of the almost victorious beat Jesse Campaign, and some mem-

bers of the Tarheel Leather Club from Greensboro, North Carolina. Bill and I were able to schmooze for a few hours in the kitchen (where else?), and we may cook up something for later this year wherein we plan to involve the clubs and leather men and women of the south—more about that later.

Contests—yes, my leather buddies, it's contest season, and things are happening fast. Mr. Leather Tennessee will be here (in Memphis) on April 19-21. That's all I have right now—but look for bulletins. I promise a wild weekend.

Mr. and Ms. Southern Leather will be in Atlanta on March 7-10. Men and women will be competing, and many activities are being planned. Try to make it down if you are able.

Meanwhile, our travelers got into their trusty steed, and began their journey to the wilds of Florida. Our first stop was in St. Petersburg. We saw quite an amazing amount of male flesh on the white sandy beach there, and feasted on fruit we picked ourselves. From trees, I mean.

On to Ft. Lauderdale for a stay at the Marlin Beach Hotel, and we managed to be asked to judge a Daddy's Boy Contest being given during a run of the Fall Festival Association. We (Dave A. and I) were also asked to do a fantasy presentation with the aid of Chuck Higgins, Mr. S.E. Leather 1990, and of

course we happily obliged. The club also asked us to join them in a dungeon party given in the hotel basement following the contest, and a truly imaginative set-up it was. There was a well-padded sawhorse, a St. Andrew's Cross, a spider-web rope sculpture, slings (no waiting), and a weight bench to fulfill anyone's slightest fantasy or need. I had a memorable few hours playtime there.

Next afternoon and evening (under the light of the approaching blue full moon), we made our merry way to Key West, and experienced New Year's Eve among the terminally excessive. Yes, there was leather among the crowds. Should you happen to visit, I direct you to the One Saloon. Midnight passed, the craziness began, and I met men from as far away as Seattle. This was also special for me; the first of many holidays (I hope) spent clean and sober. It was a treat to wake up without a hangover. The next evening, on a fairly unpopulated pier, I saw a sunset the likes of which I lack the language to describe. If any of you ever get the chance, go experience this event there, and you will be a changed person.

On the trip back, we stopped once again in Ft. Lauderdale and for an overnight in Orlando at the infamous Parliament House. This place is truly the Disney World for Gay men. I saw my buddy Dennis McCormack, Mr.

Florida Drummer 1990, bartending at the Full Moon Saloon in the hotel complex. The next morning, while taking the sun one last time before winter, I had a visit with one of the proprietors of the place, Mr. Robert Graves, who issued an open invitation for people of Tennessee to come down and soothe their bones in the sunshine.

Later that day, we reluctantly climbed back into the trusty steed, and it was back home the next day (Gasp!). Thanks David.

I've heard that those in town for the holidays offered many superlatives about the Pipeline bashes, and in particular about the wonderful spread graciously donated by a benefactor and prepared taste-fully by our own Jere "thank-you-sir" Douglas. Congratulations to Dennis and all the boys.

In preparation for the upcoming Leather Tennessee weekend, I've been asked to go over some basic ideas about things leather in general. I recommend for your reading *The Leatherman's Handbook* and *Urban Aboriginals*. These two books cover just about everything you would ever imagine about leather and delve into the SM aspect, many relationship variances and possibilities, and a good deal of philosophy.

I'll reiterate some of my basic thoughts, the first of which is that the wearing of leather is truly for everyone, and doesn't necessarily mean the person wearing it is into SM. This is a difficult hurdle for most of Gay society to breach, but

attitudes are better than they were in this regard. I hope I've had something to do with the change.

Another basic idea, and a healthy one at that: When you are attracted to a person of leather, go talk to them. You might be pleasantly surprised. Most people of leather are thinkers, generally together upstairs, and love to talk about it.

A big trend in leather relationships these days is the daddy/boy arrangement. I can't tell you how many times in any Gay gathering I have heard people mutter "daddy" under their breath as some hunk goes by. Basically, in a relationship, the daddy is truly a father-type figure; the dominant half in decisions and, to some degree, an instructor. The boy is the submissive, generally in everything, and somewhat of a student. Of course, every relationship has its variances of this, but this type of arrangement seems to be less severe than master/slave and more equal in a communicative sort of way. I myself have begun to train a boy, and it seems to work for me. In the early stages, it can mean a friendship, and commitment can come later if you wish.

Public demonstrations of sexual fantasies and SM techniques are also popular these days. When you see them, please keep in mind that they are just demonstrations and suggestions. Ask and read before you try anything the first time, please. And remember, in any of these ideas and situations, you are only limited by your imagination.

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# The Chronicles of G. Bellington Rumples

My name is G. Bellington Rumples, and this is my story.

It was not long past the birth of this century that I reached what the English consider maturity, and upon achieving that milestone those of my class are expected to have a life plan. To that end, it was decided jointly by my parents and myself that I should further my education in preparation for a life of service to the Crown, a path that my father had trod faithfully and, I might add, successfully, for thirty years.

And so it was that I was enrolled at my father's alma mater, King's College at Cambridge, and I left my parents and India, the only home I knew, for England. Although we were En-

glish, Britain felt foreign to me as I had spent very little time there as a child, and the memories of my native land were of holidays there, and not of real life.

But as I approached the gates of Cambridge, I felt an almost overwhelming sense of belonging, of familiarity descending over me, and I realized that my years here would be good ones. I was, alas, mistaken.

My first year passed uneventfully, and I found myself looking forward to returning for the beginning of my second year. Soon after resumption of lectures, I was invited to tea in my Dean's quarters, a normal enough invitation which included several other men from my college. I anticipated a

quiet afternoon discussing various classical ideas, and indeed that is what was planned. However, when I arrived at Dean Halliday's rooms I discovered a new man there, and when we were introduced I learned that his name was Colin and that he was a "fresher"—a first-year man at my college. We shook hands, and he gazed rather shyly at me with the largest and softest brown eyes I had ever seen.

I have always been a bit shy, and I seated myself a little outside the circle of conversation. As the tea was served, I had the distinct impression of being stared at; and indeed every time I lifted my eyes, I found Colin's glance on me. My face grew hot. I carefully studied the pattern on my cup and saucer, but still I felt his heavy gaze.

When the afternoon ended I prepared to return to my own rooms, and as I stepped through the Dean's door,

I found Colin waiting for me. My heart skipped what seemed like several beats and a part of me was horrified, convinced that I was having a heart attack, and there was a dreadful moment when my stomach turned completely over. I stopped and spoke Colin's name. My voice was rather low and scratchy. It seemed to me that Colin visibly shuddered for just a moment, but then he smiled and asked if he could walk with me back to our college. This was the first of many such walks, and soon Colin became an essential part of my life.

Life became an unbearable mixture of happiness and terrible agony. Happy in the presence of Colin, I was plunged into despair by his absence and by the confusion and guilt of my feelings for him.

After several month spent in this way, I attempted to sort out my feel-

ings and make some sense of them, for I knew that I could not continue long without some understanding. I resolved to discuss this with Colin, and just a few weeks before the Christmas break of my second year I did just that.

I invited Colin to my room when I knew that Bonham, my roommate, would not be present. I put Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique" Symphony—Colin's favorite—on the gramophone and tried to tell Colin how I felt about him. He was, to put it mildly, horrified, but you must remember that this was England nearly a hundred years ago and things like this were simply not discussed. Colin jumped to his feet and made haste for the door, but I caught his sleeve just as he was undoing the latch. He stopped and slowly turned to me. On his face was a look of bewilderment and pain,

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# Make a Date for You and your Mate

Join Melina and her all male review featuring "Mike & The Memphis Chippenales" at G. Bellington Rumples Tuesday February 26th, 1991 at 7:30 pm. There will be a five dollar cover for couples and a three dollar cover for singles as well as free treats and surprises.

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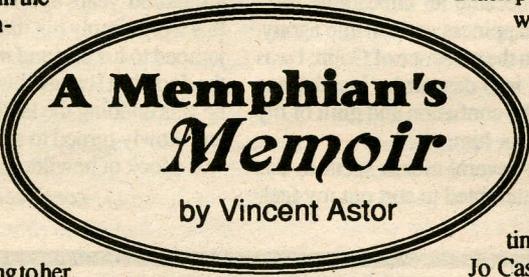
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# Black Gay History in Memphis Peaches' Perspective

by Vincent Astor

When I proposed to do my part for Black History Month, there is not really any personal information I could use. So, I called on an old acquaintance who turned out to be well known in the Black community long before I ever first saw her. She has been described as always a frontrunner and the only one for a long while who was doing anything toward Gay dignity and respect in the Black community. There is only one person who fits this description—Peaches.



successful that the owner returned our money and 1:30 AM on Wednesday night became an institution for a long time." Everybody got along backstage. Each had his/her unique contribution toward a true variety show. She met several stars during that time, among them B. B. King and Tina Turner.

In 1971, a group of strangers knocked at her door. When she was finally persuaded to let them in, they offered her a job to replace Diana, a

Black performer who was leaving town. It was then that Lily Christine, Billie Jo Casino, and

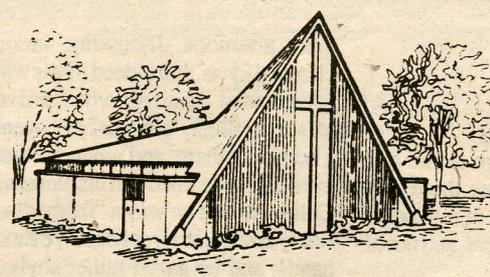
Laura Lee Love welcomed Peaches to the original George's on Madison. It was her first time in a white Gay club, and she was very new and shy. It wasn't until Don Rossignol, partner in the bar, told her what was going on that she even knew to accept tips from all those people coming up to the stage.

1971 was the landmark year when the cross-dressing ordinance was overturned in court, due to the arrest of George Wilson and several of his performers. Peaches had her share of arrests for female impersonation as well. "Judge Ray Churchill said there were many women in his court who didn't look as good as I did in drag and not to bring me back."

Female attire was a very serious concern to Peaches in those days. She had gone through all the examination and preliminaries to become a transsexual and carried a letter from her psychiatrist in her purse for years attesting to that. She never had the surgery, but could still be eligible if she chose. She even adopted and raised a son, as his mother. She even has three grandchildren.

There were no Black Gay clubs for many years. The Blue Stallion had a large Gay following in the 60's, "75% Gay and 25% hustlers," says Peaches. She also performed at the Music Box and the Mirage on Elvis Presley, near South Parkway. At the same time, she was teaching folk and contemporary dancing to young people at community centers and parks. She wrote a letter to Mayor Henry Loeb outlining her qualifications and it resulted in an interview and a job opportunity. Her personal life didn't dissuade her. "I'll take a 50-degree turn to prove a point," she says. She also has taught swing choir and majorettes.

Peaches had left George's for awhile to do some regional touring and become involved in other pursuits. She has been in several businesses, and a good bit of restaurant



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work. Before she left, she recommended another performer to take her place, someone known to George and Don in an entirely different situation. That is when Memphis became acquainted with Jo Ann Badey.

In 1979, when George's moved to Marshall St., Peaches returned for another period of performing at George's. She was interviewed for the brand new Gaze newspaper by reporter Scott Correll, and Don, after reading the interview, asked her if she wanted their help to open her own club. Thus, in the old synagogue building on Jackson in the Pinch, Club Peaches was born. It was the first Black-owned, Black Gay-oriented bar that Memphis had ever known.

Peaches had many heartaches at this new location. She maintains that there should have been no question about finances, loans being paid back, furniture being confiscated, lawyers being brought in, partners writing bad checks—it boiled down to manipulation of percentages, percent of white patrons versus percent of Black patrons at any given location. Club Peaches was opened in the interests of Black people, but keeping the percentage of Black people at George's at a certain level was a factor too.

When the white percentage began to grow at Club Peaches, she says that there were disagreements and rumors, and damaging things were said. She sold the club in order to devote her time to personal matters, but was not yet out of problems. The new owners had financial prob-

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# Letters

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others, who have done very little to help the club, took it upon themselves to get rid of six members of Wings who they believed were causing trouble. These six members were the most active members of the group. They were the ones who did all the work on club night, worked to build brother- and sisterhood in Memphis and the rest of the surrounding areas. They were the ones who helped put on one of the best runs that Wings has ever had since it started. Three of the six made up half of the Executive Committee, and one of the six was awarded "Man of the Year" by the entire club.

So, why the massacre in the first place? The two charter members say it was because of non-payment of annual dues. But over the last two or three years, several other members have failed to pay their annual dues by the start of the fiscal year and nothing was ever said to them. It was also agreed on at the October 1990 regular business meeting that the dues could be paid out, so long as it was done before the start of the regular monthly meetings. So why? Because David Bulliner and Milton Krueger were afraid that the club was going to pull its colors out of Chaps and place them in the Pipeline. And Milton Krueger stated flatly that he would quit before he would let Wings' colors hang in the Pipeline. They also wanted to keep control of the club to benefit themselves. They talk about promoting brotherhood and social harmony, then go and throw out six hard-working members. This is not brotherhood or social harmony. It is called acting like a two-year-old child. If I can't be it (running everything), then I'm taking my toys back (taking over the club), and you can go home. But then when did anybody say anything about them being other than that?

I think it is time that we of the Gay community know just what kind of people that David and Milton are, and that is self-centered, two-year-old children. I call on all other people who feel the same way to boycott the bar called Chaps and Men of Leather, and the bookstore.

Charles Matthews  
Memphis

## Reader Responds

After reading the *Triangle Journals*[sic] article, "Group Distributes Anti-Stewart Leaflet," I was shocked to see there was[sic] only two names mentioned and both of them officers of the MG&LCC. Does this mean that the editors believe these members can not[sic] have private lives or opinions? Does this mean that you think all of the officers or board members should have no private lives or opinions or have you singled out these two for a personel[sic] vendetti[sic]. Do you intend to try and

intimidate[sic] officers and board members to your way of thinking?

I am well aware that at least one of your reporters or editor has first hand knowledge that the MG&LCC board members voted against the community center doing anything closely related to controversial matters. In fact the board has made it explicitly clear that the community center is open to any person or organization[sic] as long as they abide by the regulations set down by the center.

As for the anti-Stewart leaflet, you must surely know that this is not true the leaflet was solely for the purpose of discrimination in the bars and our community. In fact the past President of the Memphis Gay Coalition at rap session said that Mr. Stewart was a very good friend of his, and that he is the most racist person he knows.

It was perceived at this time that J-Wags and Reflections had the most complaints of discrimination. It just so happens that Mr. Stewart owns these bars.

The only thing anti here is anti-discrimination. Don't we get enough of that from the so called—world...

Raymond Patterson  
Memphis

## Chronicles

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and then he was gone.

Notes that I sent to his room were returned unopened, and after a week of agony, I learned that he had left college. My heart was broken and my self-loathing was unbearable. The Christmas holidays were a hell that seemed to never end. Finally I returned to college when I learned that Colin would not be resuming his studies. I would never see him again.

I was driven, in my agony, to discuss my story with a chap I met later that year with whom I had much in common and who offered a sympathetic and interested ear. In the telling, he found something irresistible, and he helped me through this terrible ordeal by showing me there were others who felt as I did. It was not the dreadful and shameful thing that society regards it as. This kind and wise man became a very famous and important novelist, and if this story seems vaguely familiar to you, it is because he made it the basis (although with a much happier ending) for one of his novels which was only recently, successfully and sensitively, adapted for the big screen.

I think of those days and of Colin often, and of the despair I felt over these alien feelings that grew only stronger as the months passed, and which have indeed grown stronger over my long life. And also I think of the dread I felt: how absolutely convinced I was that I would never find love again. But I did love again and with one who could return it.

What I want to say to you who read my chronicles is this: if you have not

yet found a lover, do not despair. If you have found love, but that precious love was not returned, do not despair. And if you have found love and that love has left, do not despair. Do not despair, for love will find you, and that love—the greatest gift that we can receive from our maker—will carry you through all the days and nights of your life.

*The Chronicles of G. Bellington Rumples shall continue...*

## Peaches

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lems, and Peaches became involved. After this incident, she stayed out of the white Gay community for 13 years.

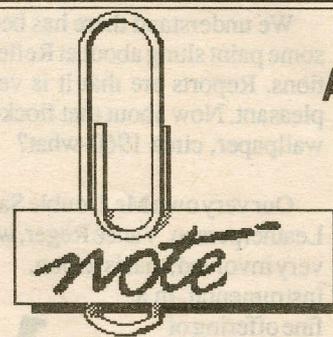
Around this same time, Dave, a photographer at the Family Affair Club on Vance, persuaded the owners that the Gay/Lesbian crowd was an untapped market. Thus began the Sunday night shows at the Family Affair. This was the primary gathering place for Black Gays and Lesbians for a long time, especially with the addition of Thursday nights.

A disagreement with the owners caused Dave to leave, but in 1984, he opened the Apartment Club. The Black community eventually discovered the new bar and have been patronizing it ever since. Format at the Family Affair has fluctuated since then, but recently there has been a large Lesbian presence at that club on Sunday nights. Several other clubs have had brief lives in the last couple of years—the Last Stop (also known as 14KT) on Marshall and Diva's/Catch Two on south Main.

Peaches continued to perform in the Black Gay community, to become involved with two other clubs (the second Club Peaches at the site of the old Hunt and Club Brittany which had a mixed crowd), and to continue her lifelong work among young people. She is now called Mr. Philips by a new generation of young folks to whom she teaches computer. In 1989, she judged the Miss J-Wag's pageant and became prominent in the white Gay community once again. She held the Miss J-Wag's title once and placed second alternate in the 1989 revival of Miss Gay Memphis. She is currently show director at Chaps and is deeply involved in upcoming plans for the bar.

She styles herself "a true believer in high fashion and glamour," and her friends call her "professional. She enjoys her work." She sums up her attitude and her personal philosophy this way: "I respect Peaches, and I demand it in both the Gay and straight communities." She has been fortunate enough to have had a share of respect in both. And she has an important place in the Gay history of Memphis.

∞*Memphis now has three complete collections of Gay newspapers for the region. The Community Center and I are soliciting back issues of Dare*



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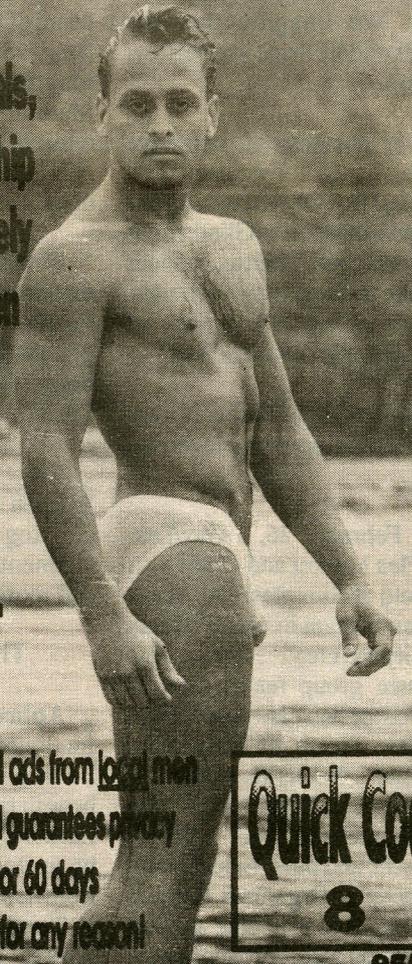
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There is nothing that can restore a Faerie's soul as much as spending several days with a clutch of Faeries. Yes, we went back to Short Mountain. We will regale you with genuine Faerie (and Satyr) tales in person if you really must hear, but we do want you to be jealous. It can be exactly what an old girl needs just to sit and do nothing for a day or two.

Dateline: G. Bellington Rumples. Still no sign of Bill Browder or that can of black paint. We'll let you in on a secret: G. Bellington Rumples was also named Ben in honor of a very eccentric relative whose endless stream of correspondence provided a welcome and humorous diversion during the Rumples' early years in Injah. Now you know. We imagine that his father's middle name was Jeffrey. So there.

It is not easy to cross the Shifting Sands but we have been promised that Oz will turn up in a whirlwind as soon as Glinda finds the correct spell. Then those shoes will take us there in two minutes. We are telling you exactly as much as we know ourselves.

Ditto on About Faces. It's not easy keeping up with eleven saalons.

On February 26, a Gay/Lesbian Flea Market and Crafts Fair was held at Rumples. This is yet another brilliant example of Gay diversity and creative fundraising. The nice group renting spaces included the hair care people from Dabbles, Touch of Relaxation massage, 2 Beans (Lesbian artists), representatives of the Memphis Chess club, BWMT, B-GLAD, and other independent craft people. Organizer Carmen Jones hopes to schedule another event of this type, perhaps in conjunction with the Gay Pride celebration. Oh yes, a donation from the proceeds is earmarked for ATEAC.

We understand there has been some paint slung about at Reflections. Reports are that it is very pleasant. Now about that flocked wallpaper, circa 1960-what?

Our very own Mr. Double Sash Leatherperson, Vance Reger, was very involved, that is to pun, instrumental, in a fine offering of woodwind octet recently that even drew us back to our place of business on our day off. The Symphony Wind Octet presented a very charming little concert—with many Anna Russell-esque jacket notes by Mr. Reger. Which only goes to prove that serious musicians are not all stuffy and that camp has more places than it is given credit for. A replay of this concert will take place very soon at Dixon Gallery & Gardens.

An AIDS play we had not heard of before, *The Way We Live Now*, will have a two weekend run at the Little Theatre at Theatre Memphis. The prevue performance will be a benefit for ATEAC. See story elsewhere for details or call ATEAC.

Congratulations to all those mentioned in *Dare* newspaper's People of the Year. Belated congratulations to Aphrodite's honorary member for 1990, Billie Jo Casino.

Wow! Meristem and Gay Women's Social Group are getting together. Women's entertainments are turning up more and more often.

**The Runaround**

Aphrodite will hold its first fundraiser of 1991 on Sun., Feb 24 at 8 PM at WKRBB. It will benefit the Community Center. Earlier that afternoon there will be an Open House at the Center from noon until 7 PM with nibbles at 3 and music from the collection of the late Doug Bryson. They are touting a brand new look and a new attitude.

Mardi Gras will be celebrated at the Pipeline starting at noon on February 12. Gumbo, jazz and a touch of the Quarter—four years running.

The Hut will hold its Miss Sweetheart Pageant on Feb. 16 at 8 PM. This event will be intimate in the extreme.

Chaps will inaugurate the You Ain't Right Club on Feb. 16. They have amassed (or was it en massed?) an enormous troupe of guaranteed non-professional camp drags which promises to set drag back 20 years. Each course of the sumptuous buffet will be followed by a different antacid or stomach remedy. Commercials will be included to accommodate chronic couch potatoes. Charter memberships are \$1 at the door, or whenever they can get it. Something ain't right about this. They are also planning a 50's costume Sock Hop very soon. We are numb with anticipation.

WKRBB will also once again have Connie and Company on Feb. 17.

B-Glad is celebrating Black History Month with an outing to tour the Beale St. Galleries on Feb. 9 which will include dinner.

Melina and her All-Male Revue will star in another benefit, Feb. 26, at Rumples to benefit both the MGLCC and the Gay Switchboard. Whores and d'ouvezres will be in evidence and the group is billed as Mark and the Chippenales. Chips? Ale? Whores? Do-overs? Anglophilia seems to have invaded the exotic dance business, what?

Rumples has also sprouted a piano bar and jazz on Sundays. Something different, yes?

February is certainly the month for pageants at the Apartment Club—Miss Cover Girl, Feb. 3; the Sweetheart Pageant, Feb. 14; and Miss Apartment, Feb. 24. Special guest Cherrell Ventura will appear Feb. 22.

Women of Leather will hold an auction to benefit the club on Mar. 3 at WKRBB from 8 to 10 PM.

Earlier that day (Sun. Mar. 3), you can treat yourself to Spaghetti dinner and a Bake Sale courtesy of the Lambda



Men's Chorus at the Community Center. Proceeds will go to the Center.

**Final Round**

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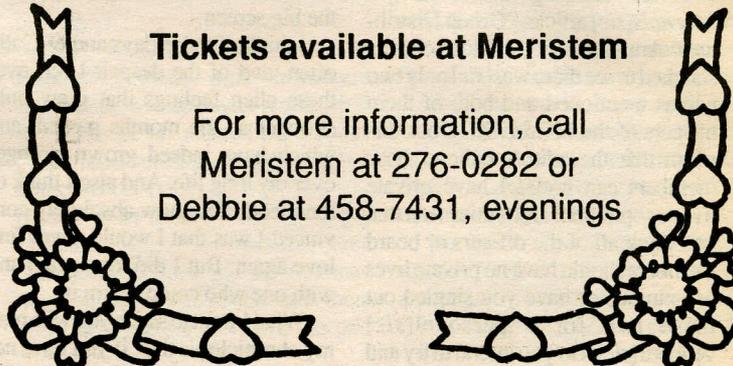


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The conference, sponsored by the AIDS Program of the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment, featured local and national speakers and 18 different workshops.

The keynote speaker was Stephen Raffanti, M.D., who spoke on the progress and promise for the future. Dr. Raffanti traced the origin of the fight against HIV and other viral diseases from 1906 when the first virus was discovered. Most of the relevant research on retroviruses, he said, has come in the past few years. Raffanti

believes that while HIV disease may never be curable, it is quickly becoming a manageable chronic disease on the order of diabetes.

New interventions and preventatives are allowing PWA's to live longer with a higher quality of life. Many speakers stressed the necessity for early testing so that these early therapies can be started, thereby delaying opportunistic infections and the onset of AIDS.

Many of the workshops were directed to agencies dealing with direct care issues. Nutritional, legal, spiritual, and social service issues were among those offered. Special workshops for dealing with adolescents, minorities, IV drug users, the homeless, Gay and bi-sexual men, and hemophiliacs were also available.

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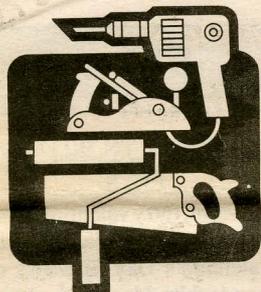
3. It must be for the individual use of patients.

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To contact Project Pentamidine, call or write: Jack Erdmann, Project Pentamidine, 60 Lovell Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Call (415) 388-2105.

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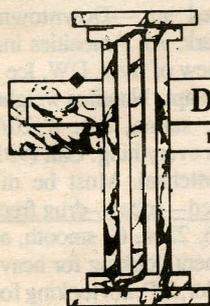
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**Cherokee Adult Book Store:** 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.  
**Getwell Book Mart:** 1275 Getwell - 454-7765.  
**Paris Adult Entertainment Center:** 2432 Summer - 323-2665.

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- Meristem:** Feminist Book Store - 930 South Cooper - 276-0282.

## BULLETIN BOARDS

- The Personals:** Gay computer bulletin board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713. (You must have a computer and modem to access this service.)  
**Two's Company:** Gay computer bulletin board and computer support. "Handles" accepted. 1200/2400 baud. 726-4073.

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** AIDS Service Organization - Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 458-AIDS or 272-0855.  
**Agape New Life Church:** Worship: Sundays at 11:00 AM 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.

- Catholic Lesbians:** Faith at 324-6949.  
**Colors:** Box 1921, Memphis 38101.  
**Gay Women's Social Group:** Lee at 327-6165.  
**Holy Trinity Community Church:** 2323 Monroe - Mailing address: Box 41648, Memphis, 38174 - 726-9443. Worship Service: Sundays, 11:00 AM, Bible study: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM.  
**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.  
**Lambda Men's Chorus: MGLCC,** 1291 Madison, Memphis 38104 - 276-4651 - Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7pm, MGLCC.  
**Loving Arms:** Shelia Tankersley at 393-0983.  
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**Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 728-GAYS.  
**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 1291 Madison,

- Memphis 38104 - Mailing address: Box 40231, Memphis 38174-0231 - 276-4651.  
**Memphis Lambda Center:** Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs - 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis - 276-7379.  
**Memphis State University Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness (GALA):** GALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs, MSU 38152.  
**Minority Prison Project (MPP):** For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis 38104 - 274-2960.  
**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 at 274-1847, Dale at 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, 1308 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis 38104 - 274-2960.  
**Tsarus:** Leather-Levi club - Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.  
**Wings:** Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.  
**Women of Leather:** Box 41322, Memphis 38127-1322.

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- 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 - 726-4586.  
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Covington, TN 38019.  
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 Greg—Not the guy from Provincetown! We met at Reflections 12/25/90. Thanks for a wonderful evening! Drop me a line in Massachusetts sometime—Karl.  
 GWM, 5'9", 163#, br/bl, caring, sincere, discreet, home-oriented. Seeks GWM 21-40 with similar

qualities for movies, travel, dinners, conversation, friendship/1:1 relationship. Reply to: Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.  
 I would like to start off the New Year with Mr. Right. Would you? I am an attractive 35-year-old GWM, 5'7", 130#, non-smoker, br/bl hair, bl/eyes. looking for GWM who enjoys being in groups but also quiet evenings at home. I enjoy many activities and am adaptable to the interests of others. The more masculine you are, the more attracted I will be to you. If this fits you, take a chance and respond. True happiness may be in the near future for the two of us. Photo requested. No drugs! Respond: Dept. H-02, PO Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.  
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 Professional GWM, 35, 5'6", 135#, br/br, looking for GWM, 25-38 for

friendship, dating, or possible relationship. Please no fats, fems, or drugs. Reply with phone and photo to: Dept. J-02, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.  
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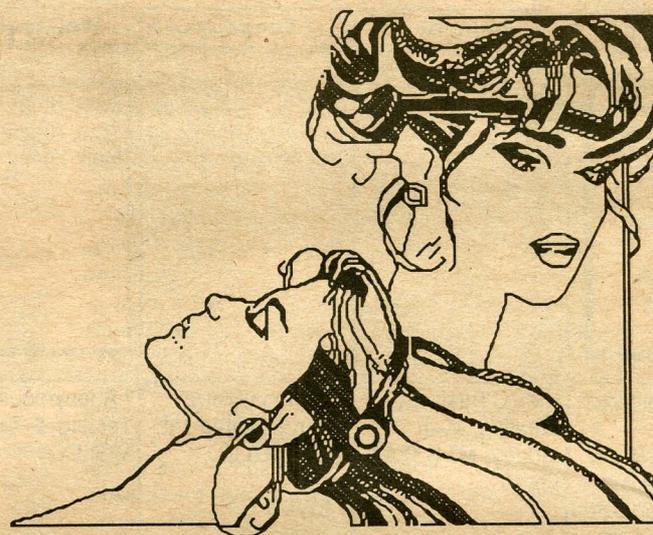
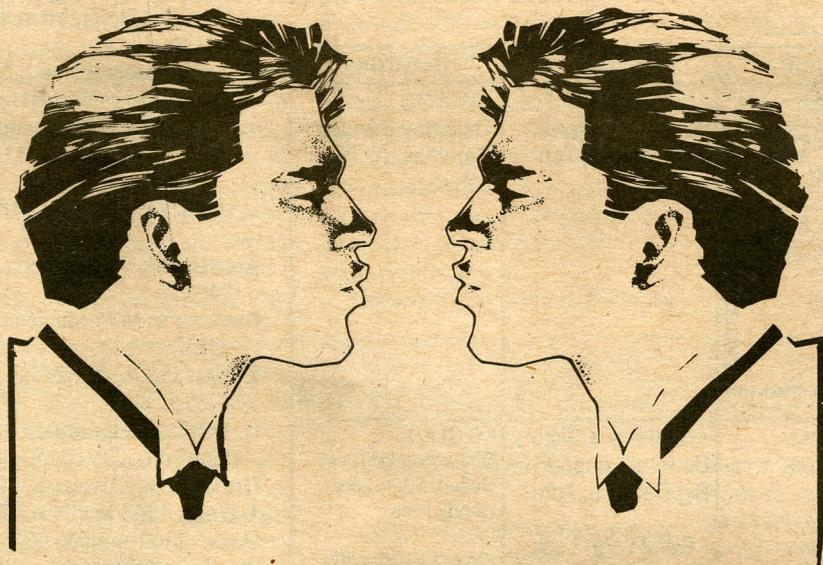
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<p>Sunday Worship Services: 11am Agape New Life Church, 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3 or Holy Trinity Community Church, 2323 Monroe</p>			<p>Bible Study: 7pm, Agape or, Holy Trinity</p>	<p>MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings &amp; All Day Saturday</p>	<p>Brothers &amp; Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm</p>	<p>MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday</p>
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<p>Worship Services: See Above • Women's Mysteries Workshop, 10am, Meristem • B-GLAD Business Meeting • BWMT Board Meeting, 1:30pm • Drumming &amp; Chanting Workshop 6pm, Meristem</p>		<p>MARDI GRAS LINCOLN'S B'DAY • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  • Mardi Gras Celebration, Pipeline, Noon-All Day  • Mardi Gras Show, Reflections</p>	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY  • Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC  • Benefit Performance "The Way We Live Now," Little Theatre at Theatre Memphis</p>	<p>ST. VALENTINE'S DAY  • Video Night, MGLCC, 7pm  • Sweetheart Pageant, Apartment  • Valentine's Show, Reflections</p>	<p>Third Friday, Coffee House, MGLCC  • Brothers &amp; Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm  • Advertising &amp; Copy Deadline for TJN</p>	<p>MGLCC Board Meeting, 11:30am • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 7pm, \$3 w/dish, \$5 w/o dish • GWSG Valentine Dance, 7pm • You Ain't Right Club, Chaps, 8pm • Miss Sweetheart Pageant, The Hut, 8pm</p>
<p>Worship Services: See Above  • Black Women &amp; Apartheid, Guest Speakers, 6pm, Meristem  • Connie &amp; Co., WKRB</p>	<p>PRESIDENTS' DAY  • MGC GayRap Discussion, 7pm, MGLCC, Topic: Gay Switchboard Training</p>	<p>Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7pm, MGLCC  • BWMT C/R, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Anonymous HIV Testing, 5-7pm, MGLCC</p>	<p>Video Night, MGLCC, 7pm</p>	<p>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY  • Brothers &amp; Sisters Bowling League, Big Daddy's, 7pm</p>	<p>MGLCC Open Thursday-Sunday Evenings, All Day Saturday</p>
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