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Nashville to Host Gay Softball World Series

It's official! Nashville will host the 1994 Gay Softball World Series of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association.

The proposal from the three-year old Music City Sports Association was accepted over proposals by such cities as Toronto, New York, and San Diego.

The decision was made by the NAGAAA board Aug. 15 in Los Angeles by acclamation.

Apparently MCS was scheduled to make the first presentation and blew away the competition to the point that they withdrew their bids.

About 2000 Gay and Lesbian ath-

letes on more than 100 teams would compete in the 1994 series.

Next year's Gay Softball World Series will be held in Philadelphia.

The reported budget for the series is in the \$90,000 range and efforts will start soon to raise the money. Assistance will also come from softball leagues in St. Louis, Atlanta, and Birmingham.

The Music City Classic Softball Tournament will be held September 18, 19, and 20. In addition to softball, the awards banquet will feature commedi-enne Judy Tenuta. The banquet will be held at the Nashville Convention Center Sept. 19.

Wellness Conference for PLWAs Set for Sept. 18-19

A conference for HIV patients and their caregivers is scheduled for Sept. 18-19 at the Brownstone Hotel in Memphis.

Sponsored by the Red Cross State-wide HIV/AIDS Network, the conference will feature workshops in holistics, massage, anxiety therapy, fitness and exercise, meditation, and financial and insurance planning.

According to Gracia Steele, Red Cross HIV/AIDS Education coordinator, the conference is designed to "offer HIV patients and their caregivers, as well as educators, the information, skills, and education to increase the ability to obtain optimum quality of life by promoting wellness and preventive health."

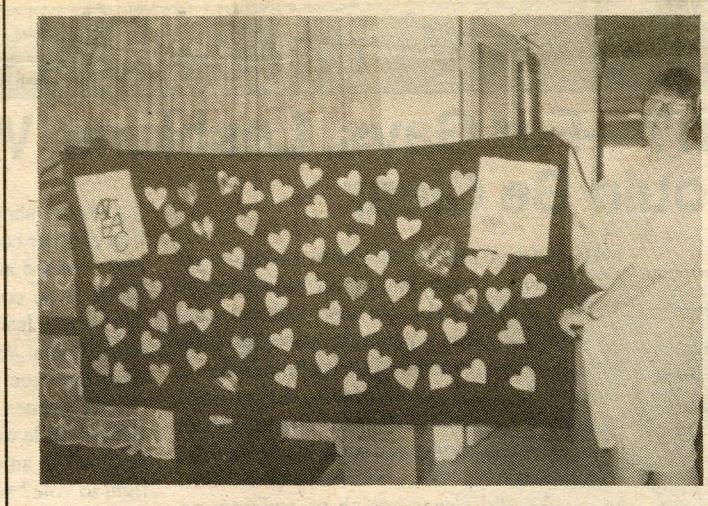
Guest speaker will be Lark Landis, Ph.D., who is the author of *Positively Well: AIDS as a Chronic, Manageable, Survivable Disease*. She holds doctorate in nutrition as well as a masters in psychology. She has done extensive research in the area of immune system enhancement and has given her Positively Well seminar to thousands of people nationwide. She is a health educator and consultant to the Carl Vogel Foundation.

Registration for the conference is \$35 per person (not including hotel). A limited number of scholarships are available for people living with AIDS. For more information, call the American Red Cross chapter in Memphis at (901) 726-1690.

And Now Some Words From the Editors...

With this issue, the *Triangle Journal News* completes its second year of publication and inaugurates its Nashville edition.

We have been publishing Gay and Lesbian newspapers in the Memphis area for over 10 years and we believe in the community newspaper concept. In order for that concept to work, communication must flow both ways. We challenge Nashvillians to contribute to the information flow and encourage your submissions. The amount of coverage devoted to Nashville will be directly proportional to your involvement. Send us your newsletters, pictures, letters, opinions, and gripes. Get your business or group listed in our free resource directory. Get your special events listed in the calendar. We're here to serve, but don't call us during the daytime; we both have day jobs and are not expecting this newspaper to let us retire to California. Give us a try and enjoy.



Quilt panel containing the names of clients of Friends for Life (ATEAC) who have died. This panel will appear in the display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, DC October 9-11.

Pentagon Policy on Gays Predicted To Fall by '95

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians in uniform are more confident than ever that the prohibition will fall.

It's just a matter of time, they say, pointing to a confluence of signs, including:

—The introduction of legislation to kill the policy;

—Release of a congressional study showing the high cost of drumming Gays out of the military;

—A promise by Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton to repeal the ban if he is elected;

—The scandal surrounding the Tailhook Association's 1991 convention.

"We've never been at this juncture before," said Tanya Domi, legislative director for the National Organization of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans. "We have a presidential nominee who has said he would repeal the policy, a bill in the House, a bill in the Senate. ... It is really, really remarkable in terms of the history of the issue just how far we have come."

The change could happen in several ways: An act of Congress, the opinion of a high court or an executive order signed by the president. And while opponents don't agree on how or when, they do concur that the change is coming — even if Clinton loses.

"The momentum is increasing as every Gay service member and every Lesbian soldier comes forward, and we believe more members of Congress are personally moved by their stories," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "It is imminent that this policy will fall."

The Defense Department policy, which began during World War II, states simply that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service" because it undermines the armed forces' ability to maintain good order and morale. The Pentagon offers no studies or research to support the policy.

Soldiers and sailors can be dismissed not only for homosexual conduct but also if they "demonstrate a

propensity to engage in homosexual conduct," according to Pentagon policy.

Some have fought their discharges in court, arguing that the policy is unconstitutional, but only one soldier, Army Sgt. Perry Watkins, has ever won.

The appeals court in Watkins' case reasoned that he had been candid about his homosexuality from the start of his career and the Army had continued to re-enlist him. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the Army's appeal and Watkins subsequently agreed to retire.

The Supreme Court has never accepted a homosexual discharge case for review.

A recent study by the General Accounting Office found that the federal government spent almost half a billion dollars between 1980 and 1990 to kick homosexuals out of the service. The costs included recruiting, training and replacing personnel.

Approximately 1,500 soldiers and sailors are discharged annually for homosexuality, the GAO found. Some 10 percent of the population is believed to be homosexual and the military, despite its anti-Gay policy, is probably no different, the report said.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., introduced a bill in May that would overturn the ban. In July, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, introduced it in the Senate.

With only a few weeks remaining in the 102nd Congress, Schroeder, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, said she doubts there will be hearings on the bill in 1992. The measure has 72 House co-sponsors and seven in the Senate, but has virtually no chance of passing in an election year.

The measure's strongest advocates say the bill's mere existence constitutes one more weapon in a growing arsenal that will be used to topple the ban.

"What it does is it serves as a very real club," said Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., a longtime Gay-rights supporter. "It tells the Defense Department that if you don't do it (overturn the ban), there is the strong possibility that Congress will mandate it. I don't think any agency likes to be

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Alison Gertz, Aids Activist, Dies At 26

NEW YORK (AP) — Alison Gertz, who said she contracted the AIDS virus during her first sexual encounter at age 16 — and who publicized her misfortune to show that anyone can be at risk — died Aug. 8. She was 26.

Miss Gertz, whose story was told in the television movie *Something To Live For*, died at her parents' home in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, according to friends of the family.

She said she was exposed to the HIV the first time she had sex and that she only had sex once with the partner who infected her. She was not diagnosed until she was 22, long after her health began to decline.

She blamed the delay on what she said was doctors' assumptions that an affluent heterosexual woman wasn't at great risk of acquiring HIV.

Her father, Jerrold Gertz, is the grandson of a founder of the Gertz department stores. His mother, Carol, co-founded a national chain of fashion stores called Tennis Lady.

Miss Gertz founded the New York-City based AIDS activist group Love Heals, and, when her health permitted, lectured on AIDS to students.

Miss Gertz graduated from Horace Mann High School and the New York Tutorial School. She attended the Parsons School of Design and had worked as an artist doing illustrations and architectural renderings.

Clinton or Bush?—For Gays, Lesbians, Women, The Choice Should Be Clear

By John Stilwell, Co-Editor

As the battle heats up between the candidates on the road to November elections, the most sensitive topic of discussion is the abortion issue. It's the most emotional issue that divides the candidates and even divides the Republican party itself. But the issue of abortion is only the most sensitive of many women's issues at stake in this election. I'm sure that the Republicans who have come out pro-choice hoped that if this single position could be changed in the Republican party, there wouldn't be such a negative backlash in November. If women could be appeased on this single issue, maybe they wouldn't see how the Republicans are trying to erode the rights women have achieved over the years. Maybe they wouldn't be driven to the voting booths to vote against the Republicans.

But abortion is only the foremost of many women's issues at stake in this race.

Bush has said in his political advertisements that the Democrats interfere in personal matters. They use the government and laws to interfere in private lives. The only real difference between the parties in this matter, is that the Democrats use government and the law to insure personal freedom of choice, the Republicans use the government and the laws to dictate acceptable personal behavior and take away freedom of choice.

Bush is constantly promoting traditional family values. I watched *Father Knows Best*, *The Ozzie and Harriet Show*, *Leave It To Beaver*, and *The Donna Reed Show*. Those are traditional families. In an ideal world, that's how life should be. But we don't live in an ideal world. *My Three Sons* dared to ask the question, "What happens when a man is left alone to raise his family without a mother?" It was okay though, because his wife died. Other shows—*Julia* and *The Courtship of Eddie's Father*—again dealt with single parents. Again, these single parents were okay because their spouses had died.

Women's rights are an important issue in this campaign but the Republicans refuse to address the real issues that trouble women.

For instance, what are some of the reasons that would make a woman chose not to have a baby? If women could earn the same wages as a man in the same job. If successful women did not threaten men and had the same opportunities for advancement. If women were treated as equal to men in firings or lay offs (and not based on—"Well, he has a family to support. If she doesn't have a man to support her, she should."). If women didn't have to face the disrespect of being a single or unmarried parent. (Thank you Dan Quayle!) If all these things were different, would more women chose to keep their unborn child? Would more women be able to keep their unborn child?

All of these problems could be addressed by the Republican party but have not been. In fact, Barbara Bush said women should feel good about putting their own careers on hold to promote the careers of their husbands or for the sake of their family. That's the traditional family values the Republicans are talking about.

What about women or men in abusive situations? Knowing that this kind of abuse, if tolerated and accepted, is passed on from generation to generation, should the abused remain in this situation simply because it is a traditional family? Why is it, according to statistics, that the difference between men and women who murder their spouses is so disparate? Men, in the

heat of passion can kill unfaithful wives and get off. Abused wives, in fear for their lives, can be driven to kill their abusive husbands and wind up in jail. What is a person to do when their very lives and the lives of their children are in danger? The law is prohibited from helping them because "it's a domestic dispute." In a traditional family, the man works and supports the family; the woman stays home, takes care of the kids, and cooks and cleans. With no training, no marketable skills, how can she possibly leave her abusive husband and take care of herself and her children?

It's the same old patriarchal society that women are so opposed to. I have to admit that I resent women who dislike me just because I am a man, but I'm beginning to understand their resentment. Women have traditionally been trained to trust men to take care of them. Men cannot be trusted to do that. Men have the most to gain and the least to lose. Typically, they are quickly and easily satisfied, and they can "pull up their pants and go home." Men typically won't take responsibility for birth control. They won't take responsibility for providing for a child. They won't take responsibility for taking care of a woman they no longer want. So why should they have an equal say in a woman's decision about keeping an unborn child? Why should parents or grandparents who have no legal responsibility to provide for that child have the right to make that decision?

As I say, this is just one of many very personal issues that have thrust themselves to the forefront.

George Bush's solution to unemployment is simple—if women would just stay home, make babies and keep house, as they were "traditionally" taught to do, there would be plenty of jobs for men. Don't ask how that man is supposed to provide for more and more children. If he has to work two or three jobs to provide for his family, that's noble and traditional. But that is not the woman's problem. All she has to do is keep pumping them out and be there when her man gets home.

The traditional family is no longer a reality. The reality is single parent families, sometimes produced by death, sometimes produced by divorce, and sometimes produced by choice. There are inter-racial families. There are Gay and Lesbian families who can boast that their relationships have lasted longer than the average of non-Gay/Lesbian relationships. But Gay and Lesbian relationships, according to the Republicans should not be "elevated" to the level of traditional families?! Anything less than "traditional families" are not worthy of consideration.

During the Republican reign, we have seen civil rights erode away. Homosexuals have been told they have no right to privacy. Whatever happens between consenting adults in the privacy of their own homes is not protected by the law. These decisions don't affect or concern most people. But when a history-making decision like *Roe vs. Wade*, a landmark decision that seemed to guarantee a woman's right to choice, is suddenly challenged, people—women—suddenly realize how dangerous the Republicans are.

Democrats are at least willing to listen to their Gay and Lesbian constituents. Bill Clinton has apologized for his lack of better response to the Gay and Lesbian community by saying that: "No one told me this." "No one brought this to my attention." "No one asked me to address this issue." This says to me that he is open to these issues. He is willing to address the problems if they are brought to his attention. He is not say-

ing that we shouldn't be "elevated" to the position of other constituents. He is saying that our concerns are as important as everyone else's. There is no condemnation or put down from this faction. Just an open—tell me what the problem is, what you want or need, and we'll address the issue.

Are women willing to go back? If *Roe vs. Wade* is able to be reversed is the next step to reverse the amendment that gave women the right to vote? After all, if we can drive women back to their homes, shouldn't men, who are doing the providing, be the only ones who decide who should be running the country? After all, it's a man thing—women shouldn't be bothered with these things. All they are capable of is keeping house and making babies.

As a Gay man, I am outraged at the idea that I am not even considered as an issue in this campaign, as far as the Republicans are concerned. My 16-year relationship is an affront to traditional families and values. It amounts to nothing. My relationship should not be "elevated" to a point of consideration. It would be less offensive if I were not even mentioned at all, but to be mentioned as some sort of sub-species is personally unforgivable.

Just like the Roman Catholic Church, the

Republican party is seeing people leaving their ranks in droves because their policies are out of touch with reality. And they refuse to acknowledge reality.

We've waited for the "trickle down theory" to work. We all know what trickles down. Big business doesn't share with us when profits are up but when they get hit with a tax increase they sure "trickle" that down to us. We've waited for a "kinder, gentler" world and have seen Gay bashing on the increase. Sure, we've seen cuts in spending. But they are cuts in programs that help the elderly or the poor. The Republicans immerse us in international affairs and all the countries where people are starving and human rights are being violated. But they don't address the problem of the increasing number of homeless and starving in our own cities? What about the human rights violations in our own country? The Republicans talk about Democratic spending. But what about the millions of dollars the Republicans have spent searching out and discharging Gays and Lesbians in the military. Couldn't this money be better spent?

Bush keeps saying that he and his programs have been sabotaged by being a Republican President dealing with a Democratic Congress. I think that the handwriting is on the wall. A Democratic President won't have that problem!

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Bush Says He Would Not Turn Away If His Child Was Gay

By Terence Hunt
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says he would not turn away from a child who was a homosexual but would urge the child not to become an advocate "for a lifestyle that in my view is not normal."

Bush also said he would encourage any member of his family not to have an abortion but "I'd stand by my child" if she went ahead and had the procedure anyway.

The president made his comments in an interview televised Aug. 11 on NBC-TV in which he also expressed fresh support for Vice President Dan Quayle, who had been urged by some Republicans to drop off the GOP presidential ticket.

"He has my full confidence. And I stand by people, I don't peel off," Bush said. He said he was sure Quayle would offer to step aside if he thought it would help but that "I'm not even considering that."

In the interview, Bush was questioned by correspondent Stone Phillips for the program *Dateline NBC*. Bush angrily refused to respond to questions about whether he ever had had an extramarital affair.

"I'm not going to take any sleaze questions," Bush said.

"You're perpetuating the sleaze by even asking the question, to say nothing of asking it in the Oval Office. And I don't think you ought to do that and I'm not going to answer the question."

On another subject, Bush was asked what he would do if a boy or girl in his family were a homosexual. Bush said, "I'd love that child. I would put my arm around him and I would hope he wouldn't go out and try to ... convince people that this was the normal life style, that this was an appropriate lifestyle, that this was the way it ought to be."

Bush said the Bible "teaches com-

passion and love. But I would say I hope you wouldn't become an advocate for a lifestyle that is not normal, and propose marriages, same-sex marriages, as a normal way of life."

The president said "there's a difference between approving every step of the way and loving and treating with compassion."

He also was asked what he would do if one of his granddaughters told him she planned to have an abortion.

"I would talk her out of it, try to," Bush replied. Offering a hypothetical case, Bush said, "If my granddaughter said I've done something terrible, I've robbed, I've stolen something, I'd stand by her. I think that's what the vice president was saying, didn't mean he condoned the act but he said he'd stand by his child."

"Of course I'd do that," Bush said.

"Would I support my child?" Bush said. "I'd put my arm around her ... encourage her to not do that, but of course I'd stand by my child. I'd love her and help her, lift her up, wipe the tears away and we'd get back in the game."

Asked if the ultimate decision would be hers, Bush said, "Who else's could it be? ... If she went ahead and did it, what would I do? ... I'd love her or I'd hold out my hand to her, put my arm around her."

Quayle answered a similar question the same way in an interview recently.

Democratic challenger Bill Clinton said Bush's response "just proves why the pro-choice position is right."

"He acted like a grandfather. He had a human, not a political, response," Clinton said, arriving in Pittsburgh after a late-night flight. "Tomorrow, they'll have to figure out what the political response is."

Chatting with reporters this morning, Clinton did add that in the case of both Bush and Quayle, their responses to the abortion question were "different from their stated position."

Subtle — Very Subtle

HOUSTON (AP) — "Hail to the Chief," it wasn't.

When President Bush took the podium at the Republican National Convention on Aug. 19, the song that filled the Astrodome was "The Best of Times" from the hit Broadway musical *La Cage aux Folles*.

That play, in case you forgot, celebrates the relationship of two aging Gay men. The producer in charge of the convention said it was merely a coincidence — not a statement of policy.

"We wanted something upbeat. It seemed appropriate," David Nash said. Asked if it could signal some approval of homosexuality, he said, "Actually, the musical director thought of it and I never even thought of it in those terms."

The Republican platform includes a clause opposing Gay marriages or allowing Gay couples to adopt children or provide foster care.

The song was played when Bush was on the podium with his wife, Barbara, and their family.

Gay, Lesbian Couples To Get Benefits

By James O Clifford
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Bay Area Rapid Transit District Director Michael Bernick has finally gained health benefits for the domestic partners of the system's Gay and Lesbian workers. Straight couples, he reasoned, can always get married.

The fight he started in 1989 came to a climax Aug. 6 when the BART board of directors voted 5-4 to extend coverage to lovers of homosexuals. It followed a 4-4-1 tally that rejected a plan that would take in all unmarried couples.

The initial plan, fashioned after San Francisco's domestic partner law, was proposed by board president Wilfred Ussery, who voted for the Gay and Lesbian measure after being told it would not meet union opposition.

Almost 30 people spoke for Bernick's proposal. Only one speaker opposed the plan.

Bernick said his legislation was based on "equality and fairness."

"I am not prepared to weaken, confuse or dilute it," he said. "My legislation is to recognize the value of Lesbian-Gay partnerships."

In a brief interview after the vote, he said the directors could work with unions to extend benefits to unmarried couples.

"Gays and Lesbians can't legally marry" while heterosexuals have the option to do so, said Bernick, whose plan was defeated in 1989.

He said a fellow director once told him that if Gay and Lesbian couples want the benefits of marriage, "they should get married and be miserable like the rest of us."

"That's the point," said Bernick. "Lesbian-Gay partners are not able to have marriages recognized by the state, at this time."

The tie-breaking vote was cast by Ussery, who earlier in the session said he opposed it because it discriminated against unmarried heterosexuals among the line's 2,600 workers.

"You should open the door for a whole class, not just part of it," he said.

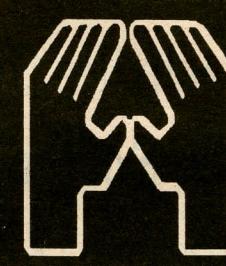
The lone opposition speaker, Mark Zapalik of the Traditional Values Coalition, drew shouts of "You're Not Welcome Here" and "You're Afraid" when he finished his address.

"You were elected to run trains, not to be agents for social change," Zapalik told the directors.

Several speakers described those opposing the measure as "intolerant religious bigots."

Bernick's plan was initially worded to include the term "ineligible to marry" but a staff attorney pointed out that could include "blood relations." The term was changed to domestic partners "of the same gender."

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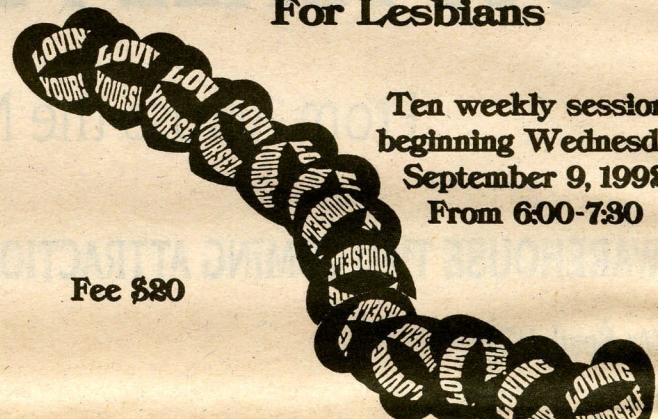
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unmarried partners and dependents would probably have cost \$800,000 a year, according to a BART staff report. Providing the same benefits only to Gay and Lesbian couples would cost \$300,000.

Ussery said he had earlier sought union opinion on both plans and was told "the broader proposal was

favored."

However, Jim McGrath, spokesman for Local 1555 of the Amalgamated Transit Union told the meeting that the union "would happily accept benefits" for those who cannot marry, although it preferred that all unmarried couples be covered.

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in that kind of position. I think that they will be reviewing the policy."

But Schroeder disagreed.

"I think the Pentagon's pretty locked in," she said. "I don't think they're going to do anything unless the legislation passes."

She pointed to the case of Vice Adm. Jack Fetterman, who was removed last month as the Navy's chief of naval education and training for allegedly protecting an enlisted staffer accused of homosexual activity.

"Obviously, he thought this was pretty stupid policy," Schroeder said. "But they so overreacted. They've done more to him than they've done to people in Tailhook. So it kind of gives you a little window into how passionately they feel about this."

Fetterman had developed the Navy ethics training program prompted by the scandal surrounding the September 1991 convention of the Tailhook Association. At that meeting, naval aviators fondled and stripped clothing from at least 26 women, many of them fellow flyers.

The Navy came under attack for its handling of the investigation, which only identified two suspects because officers would not cooperate. The Defense Department's independent inspector is conducting a more extensive investigation.

Gay rights advocates say the Tailhook scandal has actually worked to their advantage, by pointing up the fact that sexual misconduct, not sexual orientation, should be the issue.

"Tailhook is about conduct and the cover up of bad heterosexual conduct," said Tim McFeeley, executive

director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a Gay lobby. "We're trying to change a policy that rejects people on the basis of who they are, not on what they do. And Tailhook underscores that essential difference, which is if people misbehave in the military, whether they are homosexual or whether they are heterosexual, they should face the consequences."

Lawrence Korb, former assistant defense secretary for manpower in the Reagan administration who is now a scholar at the Brookings Institution, said while the public favors repealing the ban, he thinks Congress will resist doing the job.

"Congress doesn't want to mandate it because that's really kind of an executive function," he said. "They would much prefer the executive branch to recognize it themselves."

However, if Clinton is not elected president, the ban will fall by 1995 at the latest, Korb predicted.

"It'll either be Congress, the courts or a combination," he said. "What Congress might do if nothing else happens is they'll take the old commission route. Have them examine it and report back."

Gay activists are already looking ahead to that day.

Domi, of the veterans association, said her group is looking at how the records of discharged service members might be corrected.

"Our phones are ringing off the hook with people who want to come out," Domi said. "It's rolling. People have hope."

NPR Apologizes After Schorr Calls Wrong Man Gay

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Public Radio has apologized after correspondent Daniel Schorr said the chief of the Secret Service detail that still guards former President Ford was a homosexual.

Schorr in a broadcast last April mixed up the Secret Service's Larry Buendorf with Oliver Sipple, a San Francisco resident who thwarted an assassination attempt against Ford in 1975. News stories soon after the 1975 incident disclosed Sipple's homosexuality.

Buendorf has filed a libel suit seeking \$1.1 million because of Schorr's comment, which was made during an off-the-cuff exchange with another reporter during the broadcast last April 11. The lawsuit prompted an apology from NPR, which said it "regrets and wishes to correct the error."

Buendorf in an assassination attempt Sept. 5, 1975 — 17 days before the incident involving Sipple — had stopped Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme from shooting Ford in Sacramento, Calif.

Schorr's comment on NPR's *Weekend Edition* mistakenly named Buendorf instead of Sipple as the man

whose sexual orientation was revealed.

Buendorf's lawyer, Jim Davis, said he will pursue the suit filed in U.S. District Court.

Two Suspended Over AIDS Apology

BOSTON (AP) — Two newsmen were suspended by the Christian Science Church's radio service for refusing to air an apology for a frank report on AIDS. The report described how AIDS prevention workers in Thailand use cucumbers to demonstrate how to put on condoms. It also mentioned a Bangkok Gay bar where dancers wore gold lame jockstraps.

It was broadcast nationally July 24 on Monitor Radio's "Early Edition" program.

Monitor Radio executives said they received many calls from offended church members and a call from a member of the church's board. They produced an apology that ran two days later.

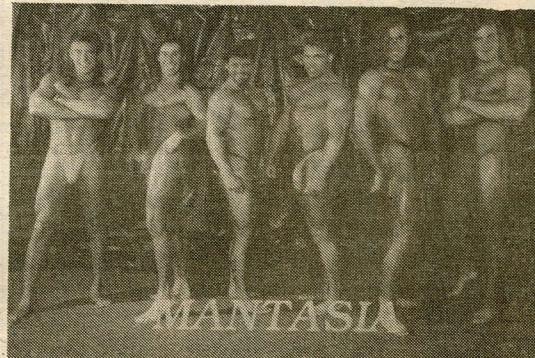
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Edition," and Dale Willman, its host, refused to edit and deliver the apology.

"Any 5-year-old knows what a jockstrap is, and any 12-year-old knows what

a condom is," Willman said. "Given the time the piece aired, these terms are not offensive."

Editor David Cook said Bader and

Willman, neither Christian Scientists, were suspended for insubordination.

Gay Leaders Decry Animosity In GOP Platform

By Kim I Mills
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Gay Republicans have expressed outrage at anti-homosexual provisions of the GOP's national platform, saying the document is a "tragic mistake" that caters to the homophobia of the far right.

"To be Gay, conservative and Republican is not a contradiction," said Marvin Liebman on Aug. 17. "I am proud to be all three; less proud this year to be a Republican."

Liebman, a founder of the modern conservative movement, held a news conference in Houston with other Gay leaders and Rep. Bill Green, R-N.Y., to reproach the GOP for targeting Gays.

The Republican platform opposes "any legislation or law which legally recognizes same-sex marriages and allows such couples to adopt children or provide foster care."

"So far as some Republicans are

concerned, we exist not as the law-abiding, taxpaying citizens we are but rather as symbols of unspeakable evil and objects of hatred, bigotry and fear," Liebman said. "To them, we have replaced the communists as the Number One menace to all that they pronounce is good and traditional in American life."

Green, a longtime Gay rights supporter, called the GOP platform "a tragic mistake for the Republican Party."

The Democrats "are competing for the center, and if the Republican Party is competing only for the far right, then we're abandoning the election," Green said.

Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, dated the GOP's "homophobia" to a February meeting between Gay leaders and Robert Mosbacher, chairman of the Bush-Quayle re-election campaign. At that meeting, the Gay leaders asked Mosbacher not to

engage in Gay-bashing during the election, Vaid said.

"The very fact of the meeting unleashed a backlash against Mosbacher and more moderate voices within the Republican Party," Vaid said. "The far right met with President Bush and demanded that he prove his commitment to 'traditional family values.' That's when things started to change this year."

After that, Bush and Vice President Quayle said repeatedly they do not think the "Gay lifestyle" normal, or the moral equivalent of so-called traditional families.

"These attacks mark a dramatic change in campaign strategy by the Republicans," Vaid said. "They highlight their opposition to Gay and Lesbian rights in the belief that this distinction will gain them votes in November. History will prove that this appeal to anti-Gay prejudice will fail."

More Visibility, More Access But A Higher Profile Cuts Both Ways

By Jill Lawrence
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he stapled placards for a Gay and Lesbian procession across the Democratic convention floor, Albert Bell of San Diego reflected on the political season. "We've worked for years to have this kind of a year," he said.

Gays have achieved unprecedented participation and visibility in the 1992 presidential campaign. If the attention has been hostile as often as sympathetic, at least it's never been lacking.

"The political establishment of this country is on the brink of taking our movement seriously," says Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Bashing and backlash inevitably have accompanied the higher profile, and Gay leaders now fear they'll become "demonized" as enemies of family values by Republicans seeking to placate the religious right.

Some evangelicals see opposition to the Gay rights movement as a greater galvanizing force than opposition to abortion. And in the past two months, President Bush and Vice President Quayle have repeatedly said they don't think the Gay lifestyle is normal or morally equivalent to traditional family life.

The clearest gains for Gays and Lesbians have come among Democrats. Nominee Bill Clinton says he would stop discrimination against Gays in government, support a federal civil rights to protect them, step up AIDS spending and research, and crack down on anti-Gay violence.

Clinton arranged for two openly

Gay speakers at the Democratic convention — one of them a campaign adviser who has AIDS. Two months earlier in Los Angeles, he spoke at a large, well-publicized Gay fundraiser that some considered a turning point in Gay politics.

Gregory King, spokesman for the 40,000-member Human Rights Campaign Fund, choked up as he tried to describe the impact of Clinton's speech on the group's 40 employees in Washington. They watched it on videotape the next day in their office.

"When it was over, people were crying," King said. "It's powerful in a way that only Lesbian and Gay people really understand. At one point he says, 'I have a vision of America and you're part of it.' ... He really sees us as being citizens as opposed to being threats to American values."

Gay leaders also look with approval on the odyssey of independent Ross Perot, who started the race saying he'd never met a Gay person and ended it by endorsing Gay civil rights and participation in the military.

But the signals from the Republican side have been decidedly mixed.

The high point from the Gays' perspective was in February when the general chairman of the Bush campaign, Robert Mosbacher, had a cordial meeting with members of the grass roots Gay and Lesbian task force.

Mosbacher has a Gay daughter living in San Francisco, but Bray said he opened the session by stating, "I want you to know I'm not doing this just to satisfy my daughter."

But conservatives in Congress and the evangelical movement immedi-

ately blasted the meeting as an affront to family values and "the White House started backing off, claiming it was a personal favor to his daughter," Bray said.

Gay leaders credit Bush with a number of milestones early in his presidency. He signed bills to identify hate crimes against minorities and to protect disabled Americans, including those with AIDS, from discrimination, and invited openly Gay leaders to both signing ceremonies.

Few if any believe he is personally bigoted. But his campaign, under pressure from conservative challenger Patrick Buchanan and later the demands of a three-way race, has continued on an uneven course.

The president has said he supports the military ban on Gays. He also says he has no litmus test for administration posts. His campaign removed Gay aide Tyler Franz from a job that involved public contact. And Quayle recently said the administration has a non-discrimination policy where Gays are concerned. Gays testified at platform hearings in 1988 but weren't allowed to this year.

"They're politicians and they're being pulled by a very strong current in the party," said Rich Tafel, president of a network of Gay GOP groups called the Log Cabin Federation, trying to explain the pendulum swings.

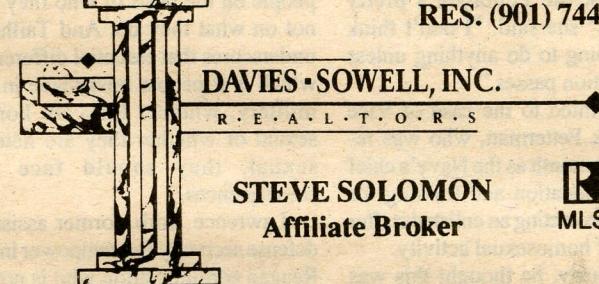
Tafel was angry enough about the Tyler Franz incident to go on television and protest it. But overall he says the intraparty conflict is a positive sign. "The important thing is that for the first time, people are aware that there are Gay Republicans and that they have a voice," he said.

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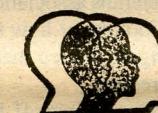
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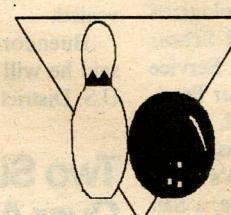
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Does God love me even though I'm Lesbian or Gay? Can my sexuality give me spiritual insights and power? How can I feel more spiritually connected to my partner, to my sisters and brothers in the Lesbian and Gay community? On Thursday, September 17, at 7 PM, a non-sectarian discussion group will form at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center to begin considering questions like these. In monthly meetings the group will explore what contemporary and traditional literature has to say about spirituality for sexual minorities. Readings will be from the works of writers like Alice Walker, Armistead Maupin, Rita Mae Brown, John McNeill, Letha Scanzoni, and Troy Perry, as well as from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. For further information call Michael Schiefelbein at 278-7690.

Some great social events are coming up at the Center. In addition to the usual Potluck on September 19, an Ice cream social is planned for Sept. 13 at 2-4 pm at the Center. Plans

for a pizza party are underway for October. Every Friday at 7pm is movie night. Look over the films listed in the TJN Calendar and grab a friend or come alone to enjoy the shows.

The Center could use some help. Could you supply paint and/or labor to paint the TV room, library, hallway, or kitchen? How about donating much-needed leveler blinds or bulletin boards? What about weeding the azalea bushes in the front yard? And of course more volunteers to staff the Center are always needed. To donate goods or services contact President Bill Hanley at 382-0404 or drop in at the Center and leave your name.

Remember to keep your Piggly Wiggly receipts for the Center. Without cutting the receipts into sections, drop them off at the Center or mail them to PO Box 41074, Memphis, TN 38174. Piggly Wiggly pays the Center 1 percent of receipt totals!

(The Center will provide space for any group meetings. The Center does not endorse any group using its facilities.)

Submitted by MGLCC

Feast For Friends

It started as a good idea with few illusions — Friends For Life and St. John's Methodist Church would stage a bi-weekly dinner for people living with AIDS and their friends, families, and caregivers. It would be a purely social affair, a place where people could gather and share, meet other people with similar experiences, and have a good time.

The result however, has far exceeded expectations. The first dinner, held at St. John's was attended by about 75 people. Since then attendance has been running at about 100. A recent dinner saw entertainment provided by the Lambda Men's Chorus which reprised six numbers from its summer concert.

The original concept was to provide basic foods from the Friends For Life food pantry supplemented by an entree purchased for the event. However, the dinner has been able to take advantage of the Memphis Food

Bank's Round-Up program which diverts excess food from area restaurants and caterers to food programs. Most dinners now offer a selection of five or more entrees and a selection of 6-8 vegetables. Desserts and salads are also part of the meal.

About 15 volunteers offer their services in the kitchen or as servers. Not content with a buffet arrangement which might hinder the guests, many of whom are too ill to wait in line, volunteers take orders from the menu of the day and serve the meals at the table.

A Feast for Friends begins with punch and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30 and entertainment following. Donations to defray expenses are accepted, but no one is required to pay. Dinners for September will be held Sept. 14 and 28.

To volunteer to help, donate, or attend, call Friends For Life at 272-0855 for information.

Visit the Quilt

Plans are underway by many Memphians to visit the International Display of the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, this coming October 9-11. There is, however, no organized bus or large group going together. Anyone wishing to organize such a group should call this newspaper (454-1411), the Community Center 276-4651, Meristem Books (276-0282) and Friends For Life (272-0855) so that we can refer interested persons.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be shown in its entirety (over 20,000 individual panels) near the White House in Washington.

A Time to Remember...

St. Patrick's Catholic Church will soon add a special prayer petition each month during Sunday liturgy for those who have died from HIV/AIDS. If you know of someone who has died from HIV/AIDS and want them remembered in the "Book Of Names," please give the name and date of death to Joe Pfeiffer or a staff member of St. Pat's (527-2542). You can also call Joe at (work) 722-4733 or (home) 272-1207. Anyone in the community can submit a name or name and date of death.



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Plans are underway to stage one of the largest, most lavish Halloween parties in Memphis history, according to Dennie Wade, party organizer and board member of Friends for Life.

"We have an opportunity this year that only comes every seven years — a Saturday night Halloween. We're going to take advantage of that," Wade said.

Mark Whitehead, chairman of Friends For Life's fundraising committee said that some details cannot be released yet because the contracts haven't been signed. He did indicate, however, that the party would likely be held downtown and feature a live band.

Among the other features of the party will be fortune-telling booths, the sale of hand-made masks, special table seating, a table decorating contest, a best costume contest, and a show.

Wade and Whitehead expect a crowd of about 500 people are expected to attend the party which is being staged to fund services at Friends For Life HIV Resources, the city's premier AIDS service organization.

Although about 2000 invitations will go out, the party is by no means an invitation-only event. "This is a fund-raising event that is fun and reasonable," said Allen Cook, Friends For Life board president. "We like to stage fundraising events that are not only fun and profitable, but celebrate life and involve the community," he said.

Tickets for the party will be \$15 per person and a table which seats ten will be available for \$200 each. Organizations are being encouraged to buy tables and decorate them. Party-goers will be able to vote on the best

decorated table by making donations in a fishbowl located at each table.

Tarot card readers, palm readers, and local psychics will also be on hand to provide private readings in

booths surrounding the party.

A volunteer meeting for those interested in working on this project is being held Sunday, Aug. 30 at the RedCross, 1400 Central, 2:00 pm.

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Tutu, Jordan To Accept Awards from National Civil Rights Museum

One of the leading human rights advocates in South Africa and the former Texas Congresswoman who stirred the Democratic Convention in July with her impassioned oratory will be honored in Memphis as the international and national recipients of the National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Awards.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Professor Barbara Jordan will be on hand Sept. 10 to give the closing speeches at the 1992 Conference on Freedom titled "Civil Rights and the Urban Crisis." They will speak at a free public forum at 3:00 pm in the Orpheum Theatre and later accept their awards at a 7:30 pm banquet hosted at The Peabody.

The two events will mark the culmination of the two-day conference,

which begins Sept. 9. "Civil Rights and the Urban Crisis" is being sponsored by the National Civil Rights Museum in association with the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi.

Benjamin Hooks, museum board president, and Juanita Moore, museum executive director, made the announcements of the award winners at a press conference. Carrying \$25,000 stipends made possible by the J.R. Hyde Foundation, the International and National Freedom Awards are being given in recognition of leadership and vision which have inspired generations to continue to quest for human rights.

Tutu was the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his efforts to focus the world's attention on the in-

justices in South Africa.

Ms. Jordan served as the U.S. Representative from the 18th District of Texas from 1972 to 1978. Jordan gave up politics in 1978 after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, but remains a professor of ethics and public policy at the University of Texas in Austin.

Although the conference is free, registration is required. Call (901) 521-9699 for reservations. Tickets for the closing remarks will be available on Tuesday, September 8 at the Orpheum. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person. For further details on all events, call Eric Seymour at the Civil Rights Museum, (901) 521-9699, or Elizabeth Moore at Ole Miss, (601) 232-5993.

Memphis Grants Shelter Funds to Friends for Life

The City of Memphis has announced that Friends for Life has received a grant for emergency shelter in the amount of \$4200. The grants, to be administered by the Division of Housing and Community Development will provide homeless prevention funding for services.

The grant must be matched by Friends for Life. The matching criteria can include volunteer services (determined at the rate of \$5 an hour and documented by time cards), in-kind donations, materials or building space.

"This is the second grant we've received from the City of Memphis," said Allen Cook, Friends For Life president. A \$5000 matching grant for

the current fiscal year was used to hire a case manager for the agency.

"Especially with matching grants, it's critical that we continue our fundraising efforts in the community. For every dollar we raise, we get two."

Friends For Life is currently in the process of hiring a full-time executive director to replace Angie Dagastino who resigned in January. The position was purposely left open to determine in which skills a new director should be strong. The board has since determined that the successful candidate should be strong in fundraising, grant writing, and management of programs. A new executive director should be hired by mid-September.

Ira Sachs Jr.'s Vaudeville Plays to Capacity Crowd at Brooks

Reviewed by Vincent Astor

The Aug. 23 screening of *Vaudeville* played to an audience of over 250 at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. Directed by former Memphian Ira Sachs Jr. it was featured in the Cinemasterpieces series 1992 Invitational Film and Video Showcase at Brooks. According to film coordinator Preston Johnson, it was the first film frankly dealing with Gay and Lesbian relationships ever to be shown at the museum.

It is a tale (patterned on actual experiences, according to Sachs) of a shabby, third rate troupe of contemporary vaudevillians. We see a rocky rehearsal, a miserable performance to a house of 12 in a sagging showboat and a beer-soaked after-the-show party. This tale could have taken place anytime, anywhere in the last 75 years.

What was different was the relationships—the harried producer and the bumbling stage manager are a Gay couple; the hot-cha chanteuse and her plain-but-loyal sidekick are a Lesbian couple; the funny but lonely

comic is a Gay man and the womanizing asshole has a sweet, delicate girlfriend, who is the lead singer, and he tries to make it with everybody else as his gonads demand.

In the words of the filmmaker, "The film emphasizes the ways in which a theatrical ensemble mirrors the world of the family—as well as the world of the marginalized Gay community."

It is a play about stereotypes. Each one is perfectly portrayed in a beautifully shot black and white format. The acts are bad, but not quite bad enough to be camp. As starving performers tend to be, especially bad ones, every moment in life is under a spotlight. Weighty matters are discussed over beer and off in corners and the emotional problems of each and every one are clear by halfway through the picture. The realism is astonishing.

There are the archetypal rude remarks in the bar, the obligatory off-hand reference to AIDS. The expected drunken adventure is a break into the local public swimming pool at midnight which loosens up even the most stodgy of the troupe members. The

On Aug. 8 at 2:00 pm, several men got together to discuss the formation of a local support/social group for men and women over 45. We had visitors from Nashville and Oxford and, although the group was small, a lot of discussion and plans were made. We have moved our meetings to the third Saturday of the month starting in September and are planning a social at the end of the month. Our first social will be a kick-off wine & cheese party that is being discussed at the next meeting. We have received several calls and had more people sign up since the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Call the Center at 276-4651 or John Prowett at 272-3640.

Submitted by John Prowett

failed seduction (twice) of bumbling stage manager by stumbling stud puppy is no surprise and spouses getting ticked off at one another but going along anyway seems only natural. As a slice of life it was very interesting.

Its weakest point was the end—it didn't. After the explosion (also not unexpected) at the rest of the troupe by Lily (yes, that's her name), the sweet, quiet ingenue, the action just fizzles and the film ends. The characters don't even decide to go home or do anything, the film closes with everyone still in the pool. No resolution, no hope, no despair. Not even a clear message that everything will go on the same way tomorrow. Otherwise it was certainly worth an hour's viewing, if only for the Gay/Lesbian perspective.

Ira Sachs Jr. was assistant to the director of the American Playhouse film *Longtime Companion*. He currently lives in Brooklyn and is reading and developing new work for Martin Scorsese. He is presently writing a new script about covert adolescent sexuality in Memphis, TN.

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The service itself will take place on Sunday, October 18 at 5:30 pm at Calvary. St. John's United Methodist and First Congregational are also involved in the planning sessions.

Gay Vets Comes to Memphis

John Prowett, a Vietnam Veteran, and several others are holding a meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 2:00 pm at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1665 Madison. This group is open to all discharged and current armed forces personnel that are Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual.

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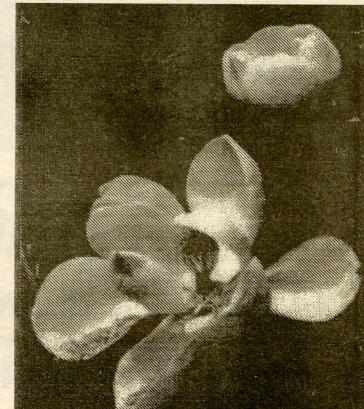


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ACT UP Nashville Protests Baptist Hospital

NASHVILLE — Approximately 20 members of the direct action group ACT-UP demonstrated Aug. 14 at Baptist Hospital. The protesters picketed until dark, then held a candlelight vigil on the sidewalk in front of the hospital's emergency room. ACT-UP called the demonstration to protest Dr. John Peters' alleged refusal to treat PLWA Anthony McLendon on June 16.

According to McLendon's sister, Anna Green, McLendon went to the Baptist emergency room complaining of slurred speech and lack of coordination on one side of his body. He voluntarily told members of the hospital staff that he is HIV positive. After Peters examined McLendon briefly, a nurse told McLendon he was being released. He protested, saying that he was sure there was something wrong with him. Peters told McLendon that he had AIDS, then told a nurse to call security if McLendon did not leave. Later that night, doctors at Vanderbilt Hospital discovered a mass on McLendon's brain.

McLendon and Green have demanded a public apology and \$25,000 compensation from Baptist and Dr. Peters. Hospital officials have yet to comment publicly on the incident.

Because the hospital receives federal funds, investigators are looking into the incident to see if Peters violated federal regulations. Also, in response to a letter from Green, Gov. Ned McWherter promised to bring the incident to the attention of state authorities.

ACT-UP's protest on the 14th was the second at Baptist on McLendon's behalf. Green organized a demonstration Aug. 3 which drew about 50 people. The protest was ACT-UP/Nashville's first. The group formed on Aug. 5 to protest McLendon's treatment at Baptist and to offer the community a resource in combating other instances of HIV or AIDS-related discrimination. Anyone with information about such discrimination should contact ACT-UP/Nashville at (615) 2948-1704.

ACT-UP is an acronym for AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. The group was founded in New York City in the mid-1980s and now has chapters across the country. ACT-UP/Nashville meets on Monday nights at the Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 703 Barry Road. The group encourages everyone to attend.

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HIV Declining Among Gay Men in Tennessee, Minority Heterosexuals See Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The virus that causes AIDS is spreading more rapidly in Tennessee among women, minorities and heterosexuals, state Department of Health statistics show.

The department says there were 420 cases of HIV infections reported in the state in the first six months of the year. State law was changed, effective Jan. 1, to require physicians to report cases of HIV infection.

The department said there were 248 new cases of AIDS, the end stage of HIV infection, reported during the same period.

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And 71% of Tennessee's AIDS sufferers have been white, compared to only 47% of the new HIV cases.

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"Our trends are showing greater infection in women and minorities, in people who are infected through IV (intravenous) drug use or through heterosexual transmission," said Laurel Wood, director of the state's AIDS program. "Typically, people have felt AIDS was found among Gay white males. We're trying to get people to understand that, given certain risk behaviors, anyone is at risk. You're not immune if you're young or a woman or a minority."

The 420 HIV positive results were from people who were voluntarily tested for the virus. Wood could not estimate how many people may have been tested, or how many people may carry the virus who have not been tested.

Of the 2,069 AIDS cases reported since 1982 in Tennessee, 1,274 of the people are dead. Those numbers do not reflect the number of people infected with HIV.

Strikes Abound In Music City Bowling Tourny

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League was well represented in Nashville over the weekend of August 7-9. Bowlers from the Memphis league attended the Music City Invitational Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Music City Rollers League under the auspices of the International Gay Bowling Organization.

Mike Reed led the Memphis contingency (as well as the tournament's 125+ participants) by winning 1st place scratch series in his division. He placed 2nd in the Singles event; then, to his and everyone's astonishment, he won the 1st place cash raffle of \$250!

Ron Shelton, his teammate, won 1st place in the All Events category. "The Memphis Tailgunners" consisted of Mike, Ron, Andy Cain, and Terry Cobb.

Jeff H. and Angie Cabrera placed 7th (of 32 pairs) in the Doubles event. Jeff won 3rd place scratch series in his division. "The Memphis Misfits" consisted of Jeff, Angie, Terry Harris and Ron Johnson.

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By Zinie Chen
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND (AP) — Now open: a store where customers can browse through an array of condoms, ranging from heavy-duty to chocolate-flavored to those that glow in the dark.

Vince Faulkner, owner of Gotcha Covered Condoms, is attempting to reach a market concerned about AIDS by specializing in prophylactics, which can block transmission of the disease.

Faulkner started his business to offer one-stop shopping for people who feel stressed or embarrassed buying condoms at drugstores and supermarkets.

"Customers know they can walk in and ask questions and get what they need. Younger buyers and first-time buyers can feel more comfortable. They're not going to ask a pharmacist when a group of people is standing nearby."

"They know that anyone else here is buying the same thing," said Faulkner, 32.

In addition to the thousands of condoms, the store, which opened in mid-July, also displays a stand full of pamphlets supplied by the state Department of Health.

AIDS Patients Barter Insurance For Money To Live Comfortably

ATLANTA (AP) — Companies that purchase life insurance policies at cut rates are getting a welcome reception from many AIDS patients.

Steve Dearduff, 40, a former bank employee, is among those who have decided to sell their insurance policies. He has come to grips with dying, but of primary concern now is financing the cost of living with AIDS.

"You can only do so much crying," he said. "You may think the government will take care of you if you become disabled. But it won't."

Glenn Pomeroy, North Dakota Securities Commissioner, said two companies who buy the life insurances from AIDS patients — National Insurance Marketing Inc. of Panama City, Fla., and Life Partners Inc. of Waco, Texas — may be selling securities illegally to lure third-party investors to buy the policies.

But the president of Life Partners said insurance policies are being sold, not securities.

Typically, companies offering the so-called "viatical settlements" pay 60% to 80% of the face value of a policy to terminally ill patients, primarily those with AIDS. In return, the companies become the beneficiaries and receive 100% of a policy's value when the person dies.

"The percentage of condom users is so low — it needs to be increased," he said. "The number of those infected with the HIV virus is alarming in the heterosexual community."

"People need to be able to say condom without fear. We need to make it more acceptable," said Faulkner, who has ordered a personalized license plate: CONDM 4U.

The store is one of several condom shops springing up around the country, including Condomania in New York and San Francisco, Condomrageous in Washington, D.C., and Condom Knowledge in Chicago.

"The whole point of these stores is that you should try to provide a clinical aspect" of safe sex, said Marc Hoffman, manager of Condom Knowledge. "We're pretty serious about our condoms."

Like its counterparts, Gotcha Covered offers a large selection of protection, including Gold Circle, made in Colonial Heights. A hot item among women is the Japanese-made Okamoto "Beyond 7," packaged in a discreet carrying case. Faulkner said he sells out of those regularly.

There are also novelties, including Rubber Ducky and ice cream-flavored prophylactics, and condom-related T-

shirts — things that probably "sell even more than my straight-line condoms. If we can put a little bit of a lighthearted mood into the purchase it makes it easier."

And the store's customers are as diverse as its wares.

"I've had them from 15 to mid-60s, a real cross section of people. There are people who 20 years ago never thought about it, but are now back into the dating game ... AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is a genuine concern among many people."

About 60% of his customers are female, he said.

"Women want to be prepared ahead of time. When they have female condoms approved, we'll have those also," he said.

Hope Jones, a rising sophomore at Longwood College, recently bought some Dick and Jane condoms and a safe sex T-shirt. She said most of her friends carry condoms with them when they go out.

"You don't have sex without a condom," Ms. Jones, 21, said.

Faulkner said he plans to offer bicycle delivery service.

"They leave the money and we make the drop-off. That's what people are trying to avoid at midnight — going to the 7-Eleven. We'll leave here on the half-hour between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m."

Faulkner got the idea for Gotcha Covered "during a dinner conversation with a friend. I started researching suppliers and found out what the market was like."

He said he doesn't think condom stores encourage people to have more sex or become promiscuous.

"The people that come to the store have their minds made up. We tell people that abstinence is the only way to prevent AIDS. We're not trying to peddle our wares on the street."

"It's a good idea," said Robert Rygor, a member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power — or ACT-UP — in New York City. He said such stores destigmatize the purchase of condoms.

Still, many young people who are knowledgeable about AIDS do not

"The health care system is tied to jobs. That's great if you are a little sick, but not if you're really sick. Any of us, faced with homelessness or selling an asset that can bring us money, would sell."

Dearduff has been out of work since March. His Social Security disability payments barely cover his rent and the \$300 a month he must spend to keep up his health insurance coverage. When that policy lapses, he'll have to find some other way to pay for \$600 a month in prescription drugs.

That's why he wants to sell off his life insurance policy.

"You die a lot quicker when you don't have the medicines to keep you from getting sick," he said.

Viatical settlement companies will buy a life insurance policy from an AIDS patient with a life expectancy of two years or less. Buying a policy to provide a viatical settlement makes financial sense for a company because AIDS is invariably fatal.

Tom Paniccia, a 28-year-old maintenance unit training manager assigned to the 355th Logistic Support Squadron, said his hearing is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

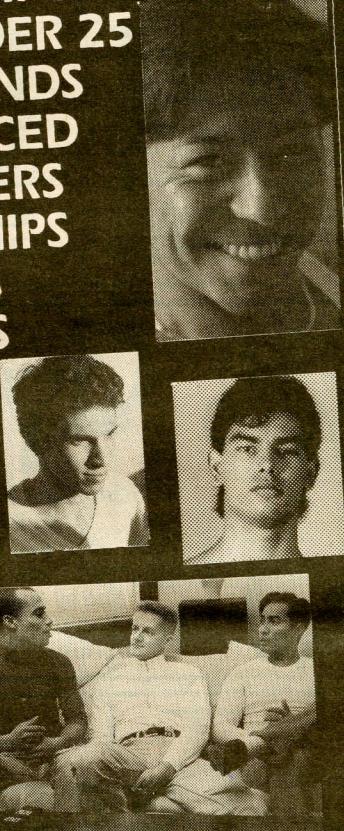
Paniccia appeared July 23 on ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* program and announced he is Gay. He also used the forum to criticize the military's ban on homosexuals.

Eight days later, Paniccia said he was given a letter from the Air Force

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use protection, Rygor said.

"They don't take the risk as seriously as they should," he said. "I guess people feel that's something somebody else gets, like they can't get it."

Though abstinence is the only sure way to prevent the spread of AIDS, it is unrealistic to think people will stop having sex, Rygor said.

"Abstinence is not dealing with reality," he said.

Sergeant Recommended For Discharge Over Homosexuality Gets Hearing

notifying him that admitted homosexuals are subject to discharge.

The Defense Department says homosexuality is incompatible with military service, contending it undermines morale and discipline.

"The human cost of the military's homosexual ban is staggering, not to mention the economic impact to our country and the American people," Paniccia said at a Washington news conference last month. "By coming out now, I hope to add momentum to the growing campaign to reconsider this ban."

"Nothing in the Constitution allows the government to discriminate against me because of my sexual orientation," Paniccia added. "I have done nothing wrong. Just because a

policy is a regulation doesn't make it right."

Paniccia, who has been in the Air Force since 1981 and stationed at Davis-Monthan for the past year, said he expected to be forced out of the military after announcing his sexual preference.

He returned to the base four days after the television program aired and continued working without harassment from any other enlisted personnel.

"So far, it's been business as usual. I have retained all of my duties and responsibilities with the Air Force," Paniccia said. "I try to do my job and I'm proud to serve my country."

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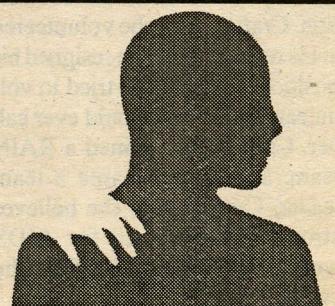
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• Holy Trinity Community Church, Sunday School, 9:45am, Worship Services 11am, 6:30pm • BWMT Summer Blues Party, 4pm, 452-5894	LABOR DAY • Wings Anniversary Cocktail Party, Chaps, 6pm	• Southern Country Dance Lessons, Chaps, 8pm	• HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • Young & Proud, MGLCC, 7pm • Brothers & Sisters Bowling League Pre-Registration, Park Lanes, 7-9pm • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	• Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Memorial Bapt., 7pm • Brothers & Sisters Bowling League Pre-Registration, Park Lanes, 7-9pm	• Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm "All About Eve" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Chaps, 8pm	• We Care AIDS Support Ministry, HTCC, 10am • N.O.W. celebrates Women Candidates, Legislative Plaza, Nashville, 1pm • Mid South Men's Council Men's Sweat Lodge, 6pm • Meristem Music Cafe, 8pm • Southern Country Hoedown, Chaps, 9pm
• Holy Trinity Community Church, Sunday School, 9:45am; Worship Services 11am, 6:30pm; We Care Ministry, 7:30pm • BWMT Board Meeting, 1:30pm, 452-5894 • MGLCC Ice Cream Social, MGLCC, 2pm • MGLCC Board Meeting, MGLCC, 6pm	• Feast For Friends, Call: 272-0855 for information	• Copy & Ad Deadline for October '92 TJN • Healing Serv.- Persons w/HIV & AIDS, Families & Friends, Calvary Episcopal, 5:30pm • Integrity Mphs, Calvary Episcopal, Din. 6:30pm, \$3; Mtg, 7pm • BWMT CR, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Chaps, 8pm	• HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm • Young & Proud, MGLCC, 7pm • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	• Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Memorial Bapt., 7pm	• Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm "Long, Long Trailer" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Chaps, 8pm • Alliance Club Night, WKRB, 9-11pm • Mid South Men's Council Retreat	• We Care AIDS Support Ministry, HTCC, 10am • We Care Ministry Cook Out, HTCC, 5pm, \$5 • Meristem 2nd Aniv Celebration • Pot Luck, MGLCC, \$3 w/dish, \$5 w/o dish, 7pm • Mid So Men's Council Retreat • A Gathering of Women, 10am-5pm, 362-3941 or 753-5612
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LITTLE ROCK / ARKANSAS

Arkansas AIDS Foundation Names Crafton Director

By Eric Camp
TJN Arkansas Correspondent

Janet Crafton, a 35-year-old Little Rock native, was recently named executive director of the Arkansas AIDS Foundation. Crafton is officially a volunteer executive director while she recuperates from an injury she received after being assaulted by a student while working with high school drop-outs in the Little Rock School District.

Crafton lost her half-brother and several friends to AIDS, and says, "I'm HIV negative not because I'm smarter, brighter, or more moral; but because I'm lucky."

While her friend Chip Montgomery was head of the foundation, Crafton says she volunteered at his request. After he resigned his position, she said she tried to volunteer, but no one would ever call her. Crafton then joined a RAIN team, and soon became a team leader. Crafton says she believes strongly in the need for AIDS work, and is committed to the cause.

Earlier this year, AAF Board president Brenda Bell reported the organization was having difficult budget problems, but Crafton now says they are financially solvent, in the black, and saving money. She hopes eventually the money raised during one year will go toward the next, in order to stay a year ahead. She says the fact that she's not being paid right now has been helpful in paying bills, and there's been a strong effort to get better prices from vendors. A new policy of not handing out cash has been implemented to prevent abuse. Even their long distance has changed to save money. "And I'm trained in the art of begging," Crafton says. "A lot of people will donate time, money, items, or services if they're only asked."

Other Crafton goals include developing client support systems which focus on living with HIV instead of dying with HIV, edu-

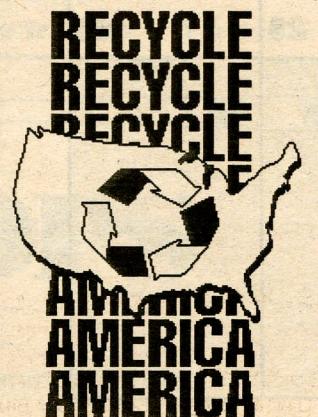
cating on a personal level every person in the state, forming an aggressive approach to case management, and expand the hours of their toll-free hotline.

The foundation's anonymous testing program has grown from about 30 tests a month as of a year ago, to 175 tests a month today. The program recently expanded from twice a month to every Tuesday.

Crafton says the foundation is capable and willing to lobby the state legislature for progressive AIDS legislation and funding where necessary. She is hopeful a needle exchange program will receive the support of state lawmakers, and that the legislative body will put state dollars into AIDS education and prevention. "And we've got a sodomy law to repeal for God's sake," she says. She believes her political experience in working with the Young Democrats organization will prove helpful in pulling the necessary strings in Arkansas. She would not comment when asked if legislative efforts are underway.

Crafton says she's unaware of allegations of homophobia levied against the foundation board in the past, "but we don't need to be consumed with them. A lot of people are still angry with us for a variety of reasons. We're going to make mistakes, but we're doing better. I think we have a good board now, and Dr. Gary Woods will join us this fall. He's been great with our clients."

Crafton has great respect for foundation volunteers. "I have worked with volunteers in non-profits, in politics, and in the school district; I have never found a group of volunteers so committed and reliable." She says dozens of volunteers will soon be trained as pre- and post-test counselors and office workers, but encourages those interested in joining their effort to call the foundation at (501) 663-7833.



KTVN Thinks It has AIDS Answer

By Eric Camp
TJN Arkansas Correspondent

The final segment of *The AIDS Answer*, which was produced and televised recently by KTVN-TV, focused on changing the sexual preference of Gays and Lesbians as a solution. KTVN is owned and operated by the Agape Church of Little Rock. The program was promoted by the *Democrat-Gazette* as a highlight of the night's programming.

Following remarkably balanced reports and interviews defining AIDS and its many controversies, KTVN's president and Agape Church pastor Happy Caldwell said "the homosexual community is probably the largest spreader of the AIDS virus."

The World Health Organization reports that 75% of all AIDS cases were transmitted through heterosexual means. Recent surveys also show that while new cases among homosexuals are dropping, cases among heterosexuals are increasing rapidly.

Caldwell then interviewed Michael Camacho who claims God "saved" him from being Gay, and therefore from AIDS.

Camacho described the homosexual community as a bunch of selfish backbiters and gossips. He said he found himself at the age of 22 having nothing to show after "living that lifestyle" for seven years. He said all they cared about were sex and drugs.

Camacho said he was born and raised in Miami, and was a straight-A student. He said at the age of 14 or

15, he informed his family that God had made him Gay. His father asked him to leave his home at the age of 16. Camacho said for the next six years he waited tables in the evenings and spent the rest of his nights in bars.

Camacho said he was in a depressive state of mind at the age of 22 when he attended a "Maximize Your Manhood" seminar and got "saved." He now claims to have overcome his homosexuality, and boasts of his approaching fatherhood. He says he handles temptation by asking himself what Jesus would have done.

Caldwell urged viewers to call a toll-free "HIV-AIDS counseling" number. TJN phoned that number to object to the notion that *The AIDS Answer* was related to converting

Gays and Lesbians.

The Living Hope Institute, a religious-based psychological counseling service in Little Rock, was asked to handle the phone lines. After hearing a description of the last segment of the program, an LHI representative said he was unaware of the information that would be presented and offered an apology. He said he understood that homosexuality is caused by both genetic and environmental factors, and suggested that some Gays and Lesbians could escape their lifestyle.

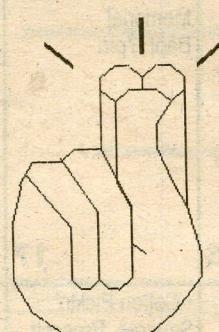
The representative also admitted that most of those handling the phone lines had no HIV/AIDS counseling training.

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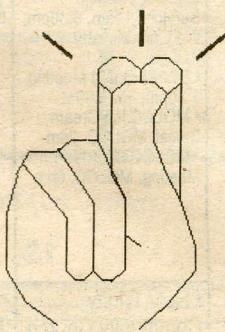
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Preacher Protests Clinton at Little Rock Church

By Eric Camp
TJN Arkansas Correspondent

Rev. W.N. Otwell of Nacodoches, Texas, is trying to bring the wrath of Southern Baptists down on Democratic Presidential nominee Bill Clinton for his support of "sodomites, militant feminists, and baby killers."

Otwell and up to fifty followers have staged several protests in front of Clinton's home church, Immanuel Baptist of Little Rock, which belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wearing a "Bill Clinton and Al Gore are lying — They are not Christians" button on his lapel, Otwell called on Immanuel's pastor, Dr. Rex Horne, to "counsel" Clinton and cancel his member-

ship if the Arkansas governor does not change his views. Otwell also has called on all Southern Baptist Churches to deny fellowship with Clinton and fellow Southern Baptist Al Gore. If Horne doesn't counsel or discipline Clinton, Otwell says he will ask that Horne be banished from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Otwell says his church and Clinton's are different. He says his church takes more of a fundamentalist approach, similar to the beliefs of Jerry Falwell.

Horne says the ultimate decision on how a person stands on political or moral issues is "between the person and the Lord." He says his church doesn't choose to tell anyone how they should

believe, nor have they ever considered canceling anyone's membership.

After ignoring the protestors while entering and leaving the church August 2, Clinton would only say that they had the right to express their opinions.

According to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Otwell evaded Texas authorities on a contempt-of-court citation after he refused to get a Texas license for a boys' home operated by his church. At the time, Otwell refused to turn himself in until he was instructed to do so by God. The Texas preacher believed his mission from God was to show people the political and judicial systems were attacking the church.

Otwell claims to run an organization called "God Said Ministries," which he has claimed is an outreach of Heritage Baptist

Church in Nacodoches, Texas. There is no listing in the telephone directories for either "God Said Ministries" or Heritage Baptist Church. There also is no listing for the church in Sherman, Texas, where Otwell claimed he was ordained to preach.

Despite the sign on his lapel, Otwell says he can't and won't

judge Clinton as not being a Christian, but adds that according to the Bible, Clinton cannot say he's a Christian while embracing the "sodomite community."

Otwell says he and his followers plan to protest each Sunday at various locations between now and November.

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Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task Force: Box 45053, Little Rock 72214 • 666-3340. Board/membership meeting 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4th Thurs. Call to confirm.

Arkansas Women's Political Caucus: Box 2494, Little Rock 72203.

The Body of Christ: Box 1364, Little Rock 72203 • 374-1693, Rev. Ron Burchman, Sun. Service 10:45, 318 Main, North Little Rock.

Concerned Citizens for Lesbian & Gay Rights: Political action, contact Mark Burnett • 663-8609.

Diamond State Rodeo Assoc.: Box 806, Little Rock 72203-0806 • 224-6119. Meetings 7 pm, every 2nd Sun.

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Gay & Lesbian Action Delegation: Box 2897, Fayetteville 72701 • 521-4509.

Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. (GLSA): U of AR, AU517, Fayetteville 72701.

Gays, Lesbians, & Straights Together: 6:30 pm, 3rd Thurs., U.U. Church • 225-1676 (DeAnn) or 376-4316 (Tom).

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Twin Lakes Gay/Lesbian Support Services (GLSS): P.O. Box 1852, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

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Study Shows Technology Widespread Enough To Allow AIDS Redefinition

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The government says tests are already being used in many hospitals that would allow federal health officials to broaden the definition of AIDS to include another 160,000 people.

A study released Aug. 20 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found that 90 of 94 U.S. hospitals that treated HIV patients in 1990 monitored the white blood cells called CD4s.

That is the latest year for which statistics were available from the National Public Health and Hospital Institute.

Federal health officials want to expand the AIDS definition to include people with the HIV virus who have very low levels of CD4s. Currently, patients are told they have full-blown AIDS when they get certain infections, such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia.

Under the expanded definition, another 160,000 people with the hu-

man immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS would be added to the 230,180 already diagnosed in the United States.

"This is a relatively new technology and it's fairly expensive, but it's very important in monitoring the progression of the disease so you can institute the appropriate treatment at the right time," said Dr. John Ward of the CDC's AIDS division.

The CDC plans to meet Sept. 2 with AIDS experts and activists to discuss expanding the definition of AIDS to include any patient whose blood shows less than 200 CD4 cells per cubic millimeter — about one-fifth the count in a healthy person.

CD4s are the primary target of AIDS. As the HIV virus destroys these cells, the patient's immune system rapidly deteriorates. The CD4 cells are counted by a machine that separates the various immune cells in the blood.

Of the four hospitals that didn't monitor CD4 levels, one said it had no access to the necessary equipment, and three said doctors didn't order

CD4 monitoring.

Ward said costs have kept the CD4 testing from spreading faster. The hospitals in the study said it cost \$20 to \$297 to do the tests depending on where they were done and how extensive they were. Those hospitals charged patients from \$46 to \$570 for the tests.

Some are opposed to an expanded definition. The treasurer of the National Association of People with AIDS, Peter Uitdenbosch, said it would create more of a battle for AIDS treatment dollars.

10-minute AIDS Test Released

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A 10-minute AIDS test unveiled Aug. 18 could encourage more people to be tested, said its manufacturer and AIDS activists.

"We see this as an important tool," said Craig Covey, president of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project in Ferndale. "We may see more people providing testing. We may see more people getting tested."

Safewaste Inc. of Troy is marketing the test in Michigan. It is being marketed in 40 other states by different companies and has been in use in Europe and Canada for more than a year, company spokesman Bruce Babiarz said.

Covey said the AIDS testing process now can take several weeks.

Many people don't follow through to obtain their results and the counse-

ing that should come with them, he said.

Patients should pay about \$50 per test, Babiarz said.

Dr. Frances Downes, virology section chief for the state Department of Public Health, said she was concerned the new test could lead to shortcuts in counseling that is mandatory in Michigan.

Physicians are required to provide pre- and post-test counseling. Positive tests must be confirmed before patients can be told they tested positive.

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Research Volunteers Say Trials Are Worth It

SEATTLE (AP) — Volunteers in AIDS vaccine research endure lengthy examinations, repeated needle jabs and the warnings and sometimes the ridicule of family and friends.

The cause is worth it, they say.

"When you have a crisis, I can't imagine not doing something about it. I can't imagine why someone would not volunteer," social worker John Pastor said.

Pastor is one of 120 Seattle-area residents who have been participating in the tests at the University of Washington since 1988. Six of the eight AIDS vaccines under study in the U.S. are being tested in Seattle.

The research at Washington and four other medical centers around the nation is determining how well vaccines can stimulate production of cells and antibodies capable of killing the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Seattle researchers say early results are promising, and the trials are being expanded.

That's heartening for study participants, many of whom volunteered after losing close friends to the disease and who have made sacrifices in their own lives to take part.

"Some people are just horrified that I'm doing this," said Sandy Herald, 31, a University of Washington history and technical-writing student. "They refuse to believe I wasn't taking a risk of getting AIDS, that doctors aren't lying about the risk."

Researchers say the vaccines cannot cause AIDS because they use only a tiny portion of the virus' outer envelope.

But injection with vaccines has caused volunteer Ellen Rider, 51, to show positive on HIV tests, and she said that has prompted some concern.

"When I tell some people I test positive, they just go nuts," she said. "With some, you see a wall go up. They close down before they get the facts."

Mrs. Rider said a dentist for whom she worked did not want her to appear on a TV promotion as a vaccine volunteer because he worried that it would frighten patients.

Her husband, Jon Rider, was first

in the family to volunteer. The 52-year-old retired Marine Corps Colonel, now executive director of the University of Washington Alumni Association, said it seemed like "the right thing to do. AIDS is a threat to the entire world community."

Most of the participants in the study are Gay men, and Rider said volunteering has helped change his attitudes about the Gay and Lesbian community, including the military's ban on homosexuals.

Gale Kennedy, 38, a hotel desk clerk who has lost seven friends to the disease, wanted to help but said he didn't have the emotional strength to work directly with AIDS patients.

"I wanted to do something but, I had to be realistic about it," he said.

Bill Doran, 37, said he has lost four close friends and known more than 20 others who died from AIDS.

"I was looking for something to do," he said. "This was perfect for me."

Volunteers must meet certain qualifications: They must be between ages 18 and 60, not infected with HIV and at low risk for acquiring the virus, as determined by a detailed sexual and lifestyle history. That generally means they are in a monogamous relationship and not using drugs.

Volunteers must be generally healthy, and women cannot be using contraceptives, be pregnant or beyond childbearing years.

Researchers report preliminary success with the vaccines. Three of the five tested at the University of Washington have stimulated production of antibodies to the virus. The best results have come from boosting the vaccine HIVAC-le with another, VaxSyn.

HIVAC-le is made by Bristol-Meyers Squibb researchers in Seattle and uses a genetically engineered version of the vaccine used to combat smallpox. VaxSyn uses a piece of the outer HIV envelope.

UW professor of medicine and principal researcher Dr. Larry Corey declined to predict when a vaccine would be perfected. He said the task is complicated by the different forms of HIV emerging. But he did say results thus far have been gratifying.

Twenty-five Atlantans To Test AIDS Vaccine

ATLANTA (AP) — Twenty-five Atlantans have been selected to be part of a national AIDS vaccine trial, a newspaper reported Aug. 6.

The vaccine is designed to prevent people with the virus from developing the disease.

The 25 represent the demographics of the AIDS epidemic here — eight are African-American, 17 are white, and five are women. Their ages range from 18 to 58. All test positive for the AIDS virus but are still healthy and free of AIDS symptoms, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* said.

More than 300 people in the Atlanta area indicated an interest in the vaccine study.

Eighty showed up for interviews and 62 were qualified. The 25 were selected by lottery. The vaccine trial involves 600 people in 10 sites nationwide.

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Lowndes' AIDS Prevention Program Honored

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) — A program to prevent the spread of AIDS by advocating sexual abstinence among teen-agers was selected as a model program by the National Association of Black County Officials.

Project Longlife, developed by Lowndes County's HIV/AIDS Awareness Education Team, is directed at youth ages 9 and up. The group's presentations are tailored to the age of the audience.

County supervisor Leroy Brooks said promoting abstinence will not only reduce the transmission of the HIV virus, but will also reduce teen-

age pregnancies.

An estimated 110 teen-age pregnancies were reported in the county last year, according to Brooks, with the youngest mother only 10 years old.

Since forming in February, the 22-member team has presented 15 programs, including a July seminar at the Mississippi Association of Supervisors annual conference in Biloxi.

Nine of the team members are certified as instructors by the State Department of Health. The certification classes prepare instructors in prevention methods — including safe sex — and in helping people respond reason-

African-American Community Could Be Devastated By AIDS

GREENSBORO (AP) — New AIDS cases among homosexuals appear to have leveled off. But in Southern cities, AIDS activists believe heterosexuals — especially Blacks — are facing a second-wave epidemic.

"Part of that is because in North Carolina we may be prone to the attitude that we're good people, we're God-fearing people and it can't get us here," said John de Lashmet of Triad Health Project.

"I still hear doctors say, 'Well, I don't really think it's much of a problem.'"

The first signal that the prevention message had failed among heterosexuals was the increase in cases of syphilis. Guilford County's syphilis rate today is five times what it was in 1987.

"That tells you right there how many people are having safe sex," said Pat Candler, a nurse at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital's adult outpatient clinic. "Nothing's changed."

In the first quarter of 1992, 81% of the people who tested positive for the AIDS virus at the Guilford County health department were Black.

ably to HIV infection.

Jackie Evans, team chairman, said prevention efforts are needed in Lowndes County as the AIDS epidemic hits home.

"The epidemic is growing. More women and youth are becoming infected. Information needs to be put out in the county," Evans said. "People say an ounce of prevention equals a pound of cure. In this case, an ounce of prevention saves a life."

Statistics from the Department of Health show 980 reported AIDS cases in Mississippi through July 9.

The number of carriers of the HIV virus, however, is estimated to be between 4,000 and 10,000 statewide. There are 2,134 Mississippians known to be infected with the HIV virus.

Americans. The word rarely appears on death certificates. Relatives often don't get the truth and are told instead that a young person "took to her bed and died." Or had cancer. Or just moved away.

Some wondered why Black churches largely have been silent. "Where are all the ministers?" asked Dianne Bellamy-Small, noting that only one Black clergyman attended the meeting. "They have the largest audience every Sunday morning. It's OK to talk about Samson and Delilah. But you can't talk about your son or your daughter over here who might have HIV."



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Book Review

Embracing the Dark

Reviewed by Gary Coughlan TJN
Entertainment Editor

When darkness falls, when the moon is full, when the fog creeps in and things go bump in the night, our imaginations can run wild. The great and continuing popularity of horrors shows like *Tales From the Crypt*, *Friday the 13th*, *Halloween*, and *Nightmare On Elm Street* prove this wide appeal among all ages. People enjoy being frightened—in the 1930's by Dracula and the Werewolf and in the 1990's by *Aliens*, *Fright Night*, and *The Stepfather*.

Mainly though, our monsters and demons are straight. But if you'd like to see Dracula going after pretty boys or the Bride of Frankenstein desiring women instead of that male doctor, a book for your collection is *Embracing the Direct*, an anthology of 11 short stories all written in a Gay or Lesbian theme.

Embracing the Dark is edited by

Television

A Stirring Film Helps Lift 'Cohn' Of Silence

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — You could call Roy Cohn ruthless. A bully. A cheat.

You could call him an anti-Semite, even though he was a Jew. A homophobe who was a closet homosexual. A twisted powerbroker who twisted politics and law for sport.

You could call Roy Cohn almost anything but a nice guy, and a cab.

James Woods, who plays Cohn in a new HBO film, calls him "the rotting underbelly of American politics for 40 years."

So hold your nose open your eyes. *Citizen Cohn*, which premiered at 8 p.m. EDT, is a cautionary tale for the nation, particularly in an election year. Based on the acclaimed 1988 biography by Nicholas von Hoffman, it's a chilling and often enraging look into the dark side of democracy.

Roy Cohn got his start as chief counsel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy's communist witch hunt. In the name of patriotism, Cohn helped destroy careers and ruin lives while, in his own immoderate words, he "owned Washington."

Before the 1950s were out, so was the disgraced McCarthy.

But Cohn prevailed for another three decades as a feared and despised force who collected clients, enemies and top-drawer friends ranging from religious leaders to mafiosa to Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

At Cohn's 59th birthday party—as TV viewers saw for themselves in a 1986 *60 Minutes* profile—his well-wishers included Lee Iacocca, Donald Trump, Helen Gurley Brown and

Eric Garber who reviews science fiction novels in *Lambda Book Review* magazine and has also written *Uranian Worlds: A Guide to Alternative Sexuality in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror*. The 11 authors have capsule biographies in a separate index listing their other works for readers who want more. One of the authors was a Gay rights pioneer in Germany in the 1860s, Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, which gives a European flavor to one of the short stories.

Along with the "traditional" horrors, many of the stories also incorporate modern terror like racism, rape, child abuse, and AIDS. The longest story is 23 pages, the shortest is 7 pages and the others average 10-15 pages for an easy read. The shortness of the stories almost prohibits giving out many details but *The Strawberry Man* will forever change the way you look at this particular fruit.

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tude of the American public"—he says it with a sneer—"I think that's the true villain of the piece.

"People are scared, and it's easier to fight than to look for solutions. Nobody wants to compromise. But you just can't be in the kind of trouble this country is in and have this kind of rigidity. Somebody has to give somewhere, a little bit."

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Video Review Wonderland

Reviewed by Gary Coughlan
TJN Entertainment Editor

Two Gay British teenagers, one white and one Black, on the run from their families, the law, and a hideous British gangster is the focus of *Wonderland*. The boys are friends, not lovers, but the rule of opposites attract seems to apply to their friendship as they are very different from one another.

Michael, the white teenager, has run away from the Detention Center where his stepmother committed him because he was "different," meaning Gay. He is streetwise and works as a "rent-boy," British slang for a hustler but he denies this fact to others as well as himself.

Eddie has a Black father and a white mother but, curiously, race is never an issue in this British movie. Eddie is very innocent, loves opera and enjoys watching old movies with his mother Jean. Eddie delights in getting Jean to tell, once again, how she auditioned for director John Schlesinger's movie *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*. Eddie's father is ashamed of his Gay son and after a confrontation, Eddie decides to run

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away with Michael who has to avoid the Detention Center, a place for juvenile delinquents.

Michael gets them admitted to a Gay bar, the Fruit Machine, run by Annabelle (Robbie Coltrane of *Nuns On The Run* fame) the drag queen owner. Michael enters the contest there for best dancer and strips to his underwear, ala Tom Cruise in *Risky Business* and wins. Eddie has a recurring dream of a beautiful, speechless man and thinks he sees him in the club. Both boys go looking for this dream man.

In the meantime, outside the club, gangsters are waiting for the club to close so they can get even with Annabelle who earlier routed their money shakedown attempt. This time the hideous Echo and his knife will deal with Annabelle. Michael and Eddie witness Echo's actions and

spend the remainder of the film on the run from this relentless pursuer.

The boys crash a buffet for a popular Gay opera singer, Vincent, whose manager Eve catches Michael stealing money from the guests' coats. Michael is sexually blackmailed by Vincent and Eve while naive Eddie goes along with them to Brighton where there is an aquarium named Wonderland that Eddie visited as a boy.

Animal rights activists are picketing Wonderland to free the dolphins, one of whom, Suttee, has been there for 23 years. The fate of Eddie, Michael, and Echo all become bound up with that Suttee and Eddie's recurring dream.

Wonderland is sad, humorous, poignant and a very entertaining story. The video is available locally at Video Magic.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Vatican Rebuked for Anti-Gay Suggestions

The recent Vatican document directing American bishops to actively oppose legislation that would protect the civil rights of Gay men and Lesbians is another example of how the Vatican is so out of touch with the real church. Let's not forget it was the same Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith who gave us the "Inquisition." Until those sillily dressed, homophobic men stop projecting and deal with their sexuality not much will change.

The Vatican and its many congregations is not my church nor is it my conscience. The hierarchy in Rome really could care less if I leave the church. The reason I continue to worship at St. Patrick's is that I am accepted as I am. I don't abandon my faith community because it would be a loss to them and me—a loss of shared gifts, creativity, faith and most important support.

The Jesus I experience ministered to everyone. Jesus took a lot of risks and was not afraid. When we remain silent, we perpetuate the insidious violence that is continually projected upon Gays and Lesbians.

The real essence of my faith is to live by Jesus' command, "To love one another as He loved." Most other things are just plain bullshit.

Joseph Pfeiffer
Memphis, TN

An Open Letter to Rev. Robert D. Ponticello and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein:

Dear Rev. Ponticello,

I appreciate your and the archbishop's response to my recent letter. It will please you to know that I have had several such responses—persons acting in a very Christian and concerned manner and obviously interested in my spiritual well-being. However, the printed word contradicts much of their argument.

Your letter used the words "some considerations" and "some observations which 'try to identify some principles and distinctions of a general nature which should be taken into consideration by the conscientious Catholic legislator, voter or Church authority who is confronted with such issues.'" You also reference the *Commercial Appeal* article as "the perspective it presented."

This letter, memo, what-have-you has been pooh-poohed, discounted and minimized by everyone who has spoken to me. If such a document is

so unimportant and has caused so much trouble, why has the Vatican not retracted it formally? The document is not binding, I am told, merely a suggestion. An article in *Common Sense* (July 30, 1992) quotes a second statement (released July 23) saying, in best ambiguous fashion, "homosexual persons, as human persons, have the same rights as all persons including the right of not being treated in a manner which offends their personal dignity," and later, "there is no right to homosexuality, which therefore should not form the basis of judicial claims." It goes on to say, here and as quoted in the *Advocate*, that for individuals "who do not want their sexual orientation to become public knowledge" discrimination in areas like housing and employment "does not usually arise."

Number one, reverend fathers and good friends, it is not the *proclamation* of one's orientation but the *discovery* which is the most danger. Many of us who do look and act "just like everyone else" are subject to the same prejudices when discovered to be "that way" without regard for the manner in which our lives have been led or the quality of our performance in career or ministry (case in point, the armed services of most countries).

Number two, it does not matter that some piqued clerk or acolyte or security guard or closeted prelate penned this unsigned letter. Two days after my letter was published in the *Triangle Journal News* a Protestant friend said to me, "Did you hear what the pope said?" It doesn't matter that the document didn't even have "from the desk of" printed at the top—the damage is done. Even to Catholics the fact must be clarified that the word "Vatican" on the postmark isn't equal to "ex cathedra" from the pope.

Number three, the bishop of Hawaii used this document as an impetus to reaffirm his commitment to Gay and Lesbian civil rights. The archbishop of Seattle used this as an impetus to reaffirm his commitment. The archbishop of Louisville used it as an impetus to come out against the Fairness campaign in Louisville. Our supporters will ignore it, our detractors will use it as ammunition. What of those who still wrestle with their consciences?

Number four, Rev. Ponticello, the tone of your letter suggests that this is an impulse judgment on my part. I have long fought this battle within myself saying, "maybe the next bishop, maybe the next pope will change this, the church has changed its mind before." I have longed twenty years for some support from the church I have loved and served.

Which brings up the most important point.

I have been taught all my life that religion should influence every part of our lives. All of the arguments regarding this document which I have heard consist of one technique—separation. This document is called policy; not dogma, not doctrine, not worship. So I am being counselled to go to church, participate in programs, give of my time and talents, ignore this unimportant document, ignore all the damage it has already done. I am to bear with humility the veiled disapproval of my choirmistress, the stoic tolerance of my fellow ministers and pray for the fortitude to practice chastity without any of the graces of holy orders, from which I may be excluded because my past may be as seamy as that of one Francis of Assisi or Augustine of Hippo.

Consistent with these very arguments, I may worship among Catholics. I shall believe in the same truths contained in the Creed I know so well. But I will not participate, I will not support any organized form of the Roman Catholic church. I am certain that persons like the archbishop of Louisville would give me Communion at 9 am and speak out against everything that pertains to the rest of my life as a human being at 10. I do not believe this is right. Therefore I do not acknowledge the authority of this church over any other.

I will say again that those who argue with me have obviously done it for all the right reasons, which makes me want to return that love as well as I can.

What we Gay and Lesbian people ask is only to be included. We only ask to worship and participate without fear. When proud parents drone on and on about their lives and families we wish to drone for a while about our partners, our friends and our accomplishments. We wish to receive the Eucharist side by side with our fellow Catholics without judgment.

If not following all the rules makes me not Catholic, "it is you who say that I am." If belief in the summary of this faith "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again," and "Love one another as I have loved you," makes me a Catholic in good standing I will leave the judgment to God, not to humankind.

Vincent C. Astor
Memphis

Pierce Responds

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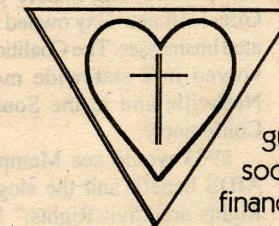


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The Gay Press in Tennessee—14th Printing

by Vincent Astor

In honor of the TJN's journey into Nashville I have decided to reprint some of my research into the regional Gay/Lesbian press. I believe that these periodicals may have been the first in Tennessee but any enlightenment will be welcome.

Fourteenth printing? That is correct. Memphis' first Gay news journal was first published in 1975, July to be exact. It was named **GAIETY** and its purpose was, in the words of editor Gary Poe, "...**GAIETY** can raise the consciousness of the Memphis and Mid-South Gay. **GAIETY** offers a source of information...a forum for expression...an awareness of what we are...it's a newspaper that accepts; it doesn't criticize or belittle us for being homosexual." It also cost 35¢.

It was significant that the front page of **GAIETY**, Vol. 1 No. 1, contained an ad about National Gay Pride Week, 1975. It also contained the usual; personal ads, horoscopes, news, bar ads, health advice, and a list of Mid-South night spots.

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

Then **GAIETY** disappeared.

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

In 1979, co-editors Bill Johnson and Rick Sullivan began a new paper called **Gaze**. It was all business. The lead story was an account of the 1979 Gay March on Washington; it was radically activist. Bill Johnson's first editorial was entitled "Why Rock The Boat?" which was exactly what he, **Gaze** and the new Nashville-based Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights intended to do.

"Oppressive hatred...grows and festers when left unchallenged. We can no longer live under a sense of false contentment... We are not safe, inside the closet or out." Strong words which would define the stand that **Gaze** would take for his entire time as editor.

In 1980 the paper covered such important events as the Southeastern Conference at the Holiday Inn

Rivermont, the community protest and subsequent firing of DJ Ron Jordan of FM-100 for anti-Gay remarks, the stand of presidential candidate John Anderson, and Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" on display at Memphis State.

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

The formation of Phoenix (a Gay AA group) and the organization of the Memphis Chapter of BWMT were major news stories in 1982. A major film company had bought a full page ad for "Making Love." And there appeared the first article about Kaposi's Sarcoma—Gay cancer. During these years **Gaze** began to be distributed to the four major cities in Tennessee.

Then, Bill Johnson resigned as editor.

His final editorial in the November issue was called "For All the Lonely People." "Being a Gay activist has been very rewarding for me...I have been rewarded by having the vast majority of Lesbians and Gay men tell me that I am nothing more than a self-seeking troublemaker...I guess I am just tired...I realized recently that I have never felt more alone."

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

In 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.

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.

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.

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 Co-

lition member.

1984 began a banner year. The masthead had a fresh look. Frequent advertising from the Orpheum Theatre appeared. Local advertising was on the increase and the discovery of the HIV virus was front page news. An editorial also cited the ever-increasing need for a Community 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 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 Tsar Man of the Year awards (to editors Cook and Stilwell) and the founding of ATEAC, (now Friends For Life). Nashville news and advertising began to wane; the Nashville correspondent began to have many other irons in the fire. 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.

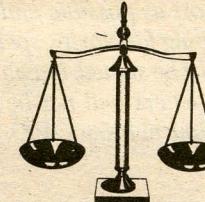
In November, a beautifully typeset issue heralded the advent of a brand new design and the welcome of Mother Macintosh to the *Gaze* staff. The new professional typeset look was the result of "a tiny computer and a very expensive laser printer." The design changed further in November. Regular features included Doing America with Bob Damron and a Nashville column as well. And the Pope, in a very unflattering light, in the lead story. This was the year *As Is* was produced at Circuit Playhouse and Gay-Ho was in the process of raising money for a Community Center yet to be realized.

1987 saw the opening of several new bars. *A Torch Song Trilogy* broke house records at Playhouse on the Square and the 1987 March on Washington was being planned.

September was a very interesting issue, a survey of readers was conducted, ATEAC responded to several very pointed questions from people in the community and a certain Phyllis took a certain Lady A. to task about the selection and quality of the items in Quick Clips. There was a large report on the March in the November issue. Statewide distribution had ended due to lack of correspondents in other cities.

1988 was a banner year for **Gaze**. The designs became varied and interesting and several issues were printed with color. *A Dance Against Darkness* played Theatre Works, Sharon Wray turned 50, and Memphis Memoirs (the predecessor to this column) was begun. National Coming Out Day was recognized in Memphis for the first time. The December issue touted an entire new look for the newspaper to begin its 10th year of publication and contained an ad for the organizational meeting which would result in

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the formation, at last, of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Also, in 1988, *Dare* newspaper was founded in Nashville. They began very shortly to distribute throughout the state and try to set up a network of correspondents in the major areas.

In 1989, *George's* was 20 years old. Stonewall was 20 years ago. Miss Gay Memphis was revived in time to celebrate its beginnings 20 years before. This year's spring controversy was a lengthy debate, in *Gaze*, between Gay Christians and Gay Atheists. In the summer, there was HeartStrings. The first phone sex ad appeared in the July-August issue. The Coalition turned 10. And so did *Gaze*.

The January 1990 issue opened very hopefully with a story about the official dedication of the MGLCC on December 3. There were stories dealing with the tenth anniversary of the Gay River Ride, and the 11th anniversary of Aphrodite. Racism was a front page story. Brooks Museum had acquired a Mappelthorpe. Bar ID's were cussed, discussed and researched. Then *Gaze* changed again.

After a summer of criticism and controversy, the entire staff of *Gaze* resigned. The October issue was very different: new staff, new writers, new design. Alongside came a new Memphis Gay newspaper—the *Triangle Journal News*.

The two papers published side by side for only two months. *Gaze* dis-

appeared. The *TJN* continued with experienced staff, a fresher outlook and community support as its mission. Heritage columns, local and national news, a new support from non-entertainment businesses, one of the very few regular leather community columns in the nation, and regular dishings of the dirt by the columnist who wouldn't go away.

In 1991, interest in Arkansas prompted the *TJN* to become a regional newspaper with current correspondents and distribution in Little Rock. The Map Page was born. The bitching continued but so did the paper. News was published from bars, organizations and businesses. The Community Center swooped, dove and resurged. The Coalition disbanded. And *TJN* was there when Cracker Barrel was challenged in Memphis and in Lebanon.

In Nashville, *Dare* changed its name to *Query* and continued its weekly distribution throughout the state, covering Memphis news and awarding the Community Center a handsome grant.

In 1992, *TJN* co-sponsored a gala Mardi Gras Ball to benefit the Community Center and covered Quilt displays, Oxford news, pageants and leather contests. Its service to business, community and individuals continues. Now, once again a Memphis newspaper journeys to Nashville, by invitation. Good luck to us all.

Oh no! She's Back!!!

What a refreshing vacation. To correct the statement, we have been writing for the *TJN* for nearly two years now; we wrote for *Gaze* for three. Which makes a total of five (our anniversary being June). This may qualify us for TOQ status but we choose not to admit it.

To our new friends in Nashville, How-dee! We're just so proud to be here! We were asked to, you know. We hope to have a counterpart who will do the major dish from there, but, failing that, you can send it to moi.

Mongering Around

ALERT! ALERT! Those of you folks who wish to go to Washington D.C. for the October Quilt display (20,000 panels and related special events) *there is as yet no group transportation!* If any group wants to ride up together in a rental vehicle, someone needs to take charge and make the arrangements. Read the little story elsewhere.

The Riverboat Gamblers' Club Weekend (Pipeline, Aug. 29 & 30) will donate the proceeds from its Sunday Dunk Tank to the Adult Special Care Clinic at the Med.

We applaud the efforts to begin a Memphis Phone Corps. This is designed to supply quick response to tacky or otherwise offensive things seen, heard or dispensed by the mass media. The procedure is simple. Details are available through the Community Center.

By the way, we didn't write him, but major sourpuss Tim Sampson, in the *Memphis Flyer* in July, wrote a scathing commentary about the chainsaw commercial denounced by Rev. what's-his-name in Mississippi. It started at one point to become abrasive and continued to be so funny that it would be difficult to be offended. Gay/Lesbian Memphis has good friends at the *Flyer* and friends with a sense of humor.

We believe GOCS (Gays on Cleveland St.) headquartered at the Hut, has an anniversary coming up. More next month.

Tennessee Gay/Lesbian March State Chant: Howwww-Dee! Y'all come out now, ya heah?

It heartens us to hear many dyed-in-the-wool Gay and Lesbian Republicans angry at their party. After all, hiding behind a Bush won't shield you from the winds of change, though this Bush is very good at covering up and ignoring winds blowing all around. It's a difficult decision for a loyal Republican, we understand, but for those who cannot change their minds we may not have Memphis Mental Health Institute much longer. Or any of the rights we have now, for that matter.

Congratulations to Walt Peters, Mr. Southern Leather ab aeternam.

Congratulations to Meristem on her second anniversary.

Warm Fuzzy Department

If I have forgotten to thank Tsarus for the patch, well, now I haven't.

This Old Bar Department

Remodeling fever has laid hold of Memphis' bar community. The much-heralded remodeling of the Pipeline seems to be quite successful and not any-the-less "manly." The expanded dance floor area (Dennis says the queens who kept bitching about the postage stamp size had better show up and dahnse now that it's larger) can also accommodate more special events. There are also no more deathtrap ups and downs from area to area. Their patio won an award recently.

The rumour has it that Reflections will open the fallow space to the left of the stairs into a larger food service area. It was pleasant to have a civilized alcoholic beverage there recently. And finally they have covered up that flocked wallpaper that had been up since the 60's! Christine, did you have something to do with this?

Frank and David have dropped a pearl about delicate, clandestine negotiations which may result in a new stage, lighting and more dance floor at Rumples. News as it breaks. Also, we heard a while back that Holly Brown had departed to that great dressing room in the sky. We note the passing of a truly unique performer, artist and individual.

Congratulations to anyone and everyone who won a pageant or title over the last two months. If we have enough brain cells to remember, we will try to call you all by name next month.

Inevitable Comment Department

We could not attend (rehearsals, you know) but understand that the Jerry Halliday show at Reflections was unique and hilarious. We also have heard that the crowd was exhorted to shut up and listen, you might just enjoy yourselves.

Notice the motivation for going out. Is it to get drunk and party with incidental entertainment or the other way around? Perhaps, if really theatrical acts like Jerry had one performance at theatre time (9 pm or so) those who attend shows to listen and then drink might come and those who come to drink first and must be entertained loudly and broadly can be left to shows designed to that end. Memphis could use such entertainment but the acts and the promoters deserve the full attention of the audiences.

Which brings us to another situation which was similar. We made a point to attend the annual Trixie Thunderpussy Awards. Trixie went out of her way to provide a theme, set and opening to tie the whole thing into a unit. I have never seen her in a black wig for so long. Of course, if that attracts slave chickens, er...boys, er...well, you know, we might go back to natural ourselves. Suffice it to say, her standards remain very high, down to the Light Egyptian makeup and sedan chair. Once again, there was this harangue to really pay attention. Come on, people on a beer bust can only be counted upon to do so much

by 11 pm.

Highlights were: Fundraising Group of the Year: The Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite, Bar of the Year: WKRB, Best Dressed Performer: Monique Dushaune, the Gold Award for Professionalism: Tammika St. John, Most Promising New Performer: Dee Dee at Reflections, Lifetime Achievement Award: Peaches, Most Versatile Performer: Summer Holiday, Comedian of the Year: Sofonda L. Peters, Performer of the Year: Vonna Valentino, Dancer of the Year: Amber Starr. Our compliments also to Vonna and Monique who are not too grand to be chorus cuties and give it their all. She presented several Silver Spoon Awards but saved the Golden Shovel (figure it out) for her boss who returned the favor by presenting her with the Bitch of the Year award. It is well known that many of the recipients work for J-Wag's or Reflections but it is less known that many of them live in one of Miss Mona's Rooming Homes for Chicken Chippies.

The Runaround

Alliance will hold its next club night at WKRB on Sept. 18.

The Pipeline will hold a Construction Party on Saturday, Sept. 5. Hard hats (and other things), jock straps and other butch accoutrements (look it up) will be the mode of attire.

Wings, though not having a run this Labor Day weekend, will have an anniversary party at Chaps at 6 pm on Labor Day, Sept. 7.

The Feast For Friends dinner will skip a Monday for Labor Day and reconvene the following week.

There are a lot of cute boys in *Carousel* at Playhouse on the Square (and shapely dames too)—oh, and moi!

Mantasia will perform at J-Wag's on Sept. 31, Victims of Desire on Sept. 21, and the Miss J-Wag's pageant will be held on Sept. 23.

G. Bellington Rumples will have a Bar Tab Reunion show on Sept. 28. There was no date given for the Kirby Kincaid Awards.

WKRB will host a Women of Leather show on Aug. 30.

Final Round

To all of our fans in Memphis and Little Rock: yes, it's nice to be back.

To any of our fans-to-be in Nashville: see first paragraph.

To those who tend to leave off the last syllable of our name: well, we guess you had to read this anyway to keep your bitching up to date, ne c'est pas?

Ta, ta.
Lady A.

Editor's Note: No, it is not true that Lady A was involved in a contract dispute, she was simply on vacation. If anyone in Nashville or Little Rock would like to cover the bar and community scenes in your city and write a similar column, we'd love to hear from you. Write a sample column and send it to Triangle Journal News, P.O. Box 11489, Memphis, TN 38111-0489. Yes, we do pay, if it's good.

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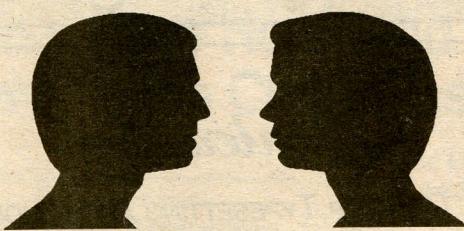
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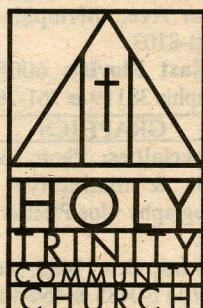
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Tammy's # 1: 2857 Winchester ☎ 794-2997.

Tammy's #2: 2220 East Brooks Road ☎ 396-9050.

Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Road ☎ 744-4513.

Tammy's #4: 5937 Summer Avenue ☎ 373-5670.

BOOKS & GIFTS

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

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

BJ's Cleaning Service: ☎ 726-4211.

King's Kleaning Service: Home or Office ☎ 324-5314.

Lee's Carpet Care: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.

White Glove Services: Home or Office ☎ 743-2139.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

Al-Anon (Co-dependency): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

Alliance: Leather/levi club • 4372 Kerwin Drive, Memphis 38128.

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

Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 452-5894.

Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B-GLAD): Box 1921, Memphis 38101 ☎ 327-0521 or 948-2345.

Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105 ☎ 756-5172.

Catholic Gay Men's Support Group: Information ☎ 278-3000.

Catholic Lesbians: Faith at ☎ 324-6949.

Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/ Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thursdays, 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 4267 Richwood, Memphis 38125 ☎ 387-1567 or 753-1507.

Friends For Life—HIV Resources (Formerly ATEAC): HIV/AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 458-AIDS or 272-0855.

Gay and Lesbian American Indians: Information ☎ 725-4898.

Gay Women's Social Group: Debbie ☎ 458-6558.

Gays On Cleveland Street (GOCS): Social Group • c/o The Hut, 102 N. Cleveland, Memphis 38104 ☎ 725-9872.

Holy Trinity Community Church:

Sunday School: 9:45am; Worship Service: Sundays at 11:00am, 6:30pm; Bible study: Wednesdays at 7:00pm; We Care AIDS Support Ministry: Sat. 10am • 2323 Monroe • Mailing address: Box 41648, Memphis, 38174-1648 ☎ 726-9443.

Integrity Memphis:

Meets the 3rd Tue., Dinner, 6:30pm, \$3, Meeting 7:00pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd, Memphis, TN 38103 ☎ 726-4698 (Doug Deaver) or 272-1207 (Joe Pfeiffer).

Into The Light (Women's AA):

Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

Lambda Men's Chorus:

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 499 Patterson • Mailing address: 2058 Young Ave, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-4045.

Lesbians & Gay Persons Allied for Liberty (LEGAL):

Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 ☎ 728-GAYS.

Loving Arms (Volunteers who "love" and "hold" babies at the Med):

Shelia Tankersley, 8591 Greenbrook Parkway, Southaven, MS 38671 ☎ 393-0983.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health:

1462 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 ☎ 274-3550.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):

1665 Madison, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 276-4651.

Memphis Lambda Center:

Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-7379.

Memphis State University Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness (GALA):

GALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs, MSU 38152.

Mid-South Men's Council:

Box 11042, Memphis 38111-0042.

Minority Prison Project (MPP):

For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson, Memphis 38104-2012 ☎ 272-2609.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite:

Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

National Organization for Women (NOW):

Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.

New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics):

Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG):

Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.

Phoenix (Gay AA):

Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 327-2447, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

Positive Mental Attitude Association, Inc:

Former incarcerated drug users • 28 N. Claybrook, Suite 1, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-PMAA.

Riverboat Gamblers Motorcycle Club:

Box 40404, Memphis, TN 38104 ☎ 276-9939.

Seriously Sober (AA):

Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

Southern Country Memphis:

Country Western Dance Club •

c/o Chaps, 111 N. Claybrook, Memphis, 38104 ☎ 452-2307.

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

Transsexuals in Prison (TIP): For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson, Memphis 38104-2012 ☎ 272-2609.

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

Wings: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

Women of Leather: Box 41322, Memphis 38127-1322.

Young & Proud: Mailing address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 272-2609.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

North American Bulletin Board Operators Assoc. (NABBOA):

☎ 794-0646 (Leave message requesting membership to group 69).

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.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Becky Caperton, MS: Counseling • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Suite 316, Memphis 38118 ☎ 369-6050.

Beth Causey, M.Div.: Pastoral counseling ☎ 278-9554.

Joel Chapman, PhD: 1835 Union, Memphis 38104 ☎ 726-1284.

K. A. Moss, MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Suite 101, Memphis 38104 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.

Northeast Mental Health Center: ☎ 382-3880.

Susan Taranto, MPS: Individual & group therapy • Fully Alive! ☎ 323-2078 • Sliding fee scale.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Charles Butler, CFP: Financial Planner ☎ 767-3661.

Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 3340 Poplar Ave, Suite 305, Memphis 38111 ☎ 458-0152.

Wilma Vandermeer, CPA: Taxes, accounting services ☎ 726-9082.

FLORISTS

Flower Market of Memphis: 1523 Union Ave., Memphis 38104 ☎ 274-8103.

Park East Florist: 6005 Park, Memphis 38119 ☎ 761-2980.

GRAPHICS

JRP Specialties: Photo Business Cards & distinctive nature photography • Joe Pfeiffer ☎ 272-1207.

Printers Ink: Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411.

Ann Taylor: Resumes, ad campaigns, letterhead, etc., Memphis, TN ☎ 761-2980.

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

HELP & INFORMATION LINES

AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 458-AIDS.

Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline:

☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.)

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard:

☎ 728-GAYS • 7:30-11pm.

LINC: ☎ 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention:

☎ 274-7477.

Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline:

☎ (617) 899-2212 (8am-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

LEGAL SERVICES

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

Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 ☎ 525-0417.

Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law: 44 N. Second, Suite 600, Memphis 38103 ☎ 521-9996.

Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law: 1903 Lincoln American Tower, 60 North Mid-America Mall, Memphis 38103 ☎ 684-1332.

MASSAGE SERVICES

Bodycare By Jordan: Deep tissue massage, therapeutic touch and preparation for movement. By appointment only ☎ 527-2273.

Bodyrights: Therapeutic/sports massage by appointment ☎ 377-7701.

Tom Pitman: Rejuvenating full-body massage by appointment ☎ 452-1875 or Beeper 575-1230.

Craig von Graeler: Professional full body massage by appointment. Please call 10am-10pm ☎ 278-9768.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Accent With Flowers: Floral School, 1505 S. Perkins, Memphis 38117 ☎ 683-3007.

Dabbles Hair Co.: 19 N. Cooper, Memphis 38104 ☎ 725-0521.

Kyla J. Dillard, DVM: Housecall Veterinarian, 480 Pruitt Road, Oakland, TN 38060 ☎ (901) 465-2699. For emergency care call ☎ (901) 372-2215.

David Gairhan: A/C & refrigeration repair ☎ 274-7011.

Len Glosque: Carpentry ☎ 276-0135.

Graffiti Graphics: 5709 Mt. Moriah, Memphis, TN 38115 ☎ 795-2609.

Great American Cruises, Inc.: Cruise Travel Agency, Sherman Perkins, 52 N. Second, Memphis 38103 ☎ 525-5302.

Gypsy's Vintage Fashions and Antiques: 2613 Broad Avenue ☎ 454-0386.

Bob Hughes, MS: Yoga and Relaxation Services • ☎ 682-0855.

John In Charge: Household & office cleaning, errands, a personal valet ☎ 272-2316.

Kings Interior Painting: ☎ 324-5314.

Leatherworks: Leather shop, male & female • 1264 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 722-8963.

Mid-Town Hair: 1926 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-2199.

Pet Care Unlimited: Pet sitting and/or house sitting by competent, caring couple ☎ 726-6198.

Richard's Designs: Packaging designs & marketing ☎ 683-6157.

Sanders Facilities, Inc.: Catering & party facility rental • Michael Sanders ☎ 948-3998.

See-S: Portraits & photography ☎ 327-3760.

Star Search Video: 1411 Poplar Ave ☎ 272-STAR.

Tiger Paw Windshield Repair & Replacement: Donna Watson ☎ 363-4629. 24 hr. phone service.