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## Gays Protest Alleged Discrimination At Local Cracker Barrel

West Tennessee Gay rights activists demonstrated Oct. 13 and 20 at a restaurant that is part of a chain they charge has fired homosexual employees and vowed not to hire non-heterosexuals. The demonstrations were among several at Cracker Barrel restaurants around the country.

Cracker Barrel Country Store Inc., based in Tennessee, operates 110 restaurants mainly along interstates in the South. Cracker Barrel's Sycamore View location, the target of the protests, is one of several in the Memphis area.

On Oct. 13 about 30 demonstrators took up 18 of 81 tables by sitting at as many tables as possible and ordering only coffee or tea. The demonstration was organized by the newly-formed organization, LEGAL, but demonstrators came from several groups.

LEGAL spokesperson Bret Taylor said, "When we were asked to leave, we know that we were successful by the management's own admission that we were disrupting their business." A local restaurateur estimated that Cracker Barrel lost close to \$1,100 because of the occupied tables.

The Oct. 20 demonstration, organized by Memphis State's Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness (GALA)

had fewer people, but took the more traditional approach of picketing. At least two network television stations carried stories of the GALA protest featuring Michael LaBonte of GALA.

In a January memo, Cracker Barrel executives wrote that employing people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values" was against the chain's traditional family image and should be discontinued.

Critics say the memo also triggered the firing of at least 12 Gay workers.

"They say that they want to uphold traditional values, and they're not upholding traditional values by discriminating against people for any reason whatsoever," said George Frisbie, who said he was fired from a Florida restaurant. "Your ability to do a job (should be) the only reason that you're hired or fired."

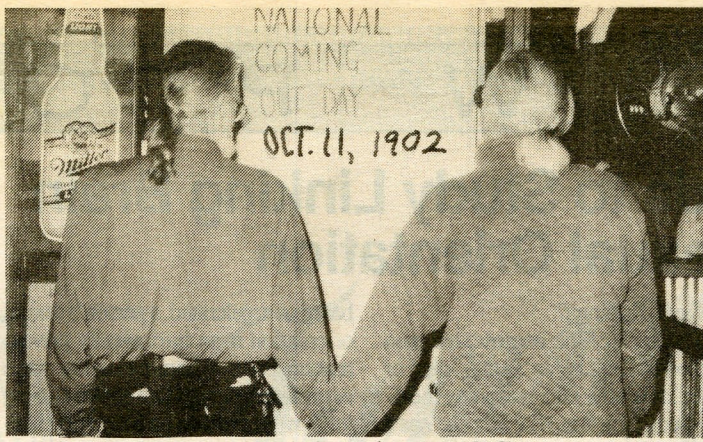
LaBonte complained that Cracker Barrel is even concerned with the "perception" of being Gay or Lesbian. He indicated that the company policy would allow the firing of an employee who was perceived as being Gay.

Protesters demanded the rehiring of the employees and enactment of a nondiscrimination policy.

Company executives, as usual, have declined to discuss the issue.



Protesters sit on the front porch of the Memphis Cracker Barrel on Sycamore View Oct 13. Demonstrators sat-in and picketed for several hours on Oct. 13 and 20 disrupting the Sunday lunch crowd.



Phyllis and Jack remember their coming out (1992)

## FDA Approves 2nd AIDS Drug

By Deborah Mescce  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved a second AIDS-fighting drug Oct. 9 despite lingering questions about its safety and effectiveness.

AIDS activists hailed the approval of didanosine, or ddi, as a milestone in the effort to get new drugs from the laboratory to patients. But some scientists said the FDA had set a dangerous precedent in its drug-approval process.

The approval was based on less scientific data than normally required, but FDA Commissioner David Kessler said that had to be balanced against the needs of dying PLWAs. "It is the victims of this dreaded disease who are uppermost on our minds," Kessler said.

Didanosine was approved to treat AIDS patients who don't respond to or can't tolerate AZT, the only other fully approved anti-AIDS drug. Both drugs act to slow progression of AIDS, but neither cures the disease and each can have serious side effects.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said studies testing ddi's long-term safety and effectiveness were continuing. "There are still many unanswered questions," he said.

The drug was developed by the National Cancer Institute and has been licensed to Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which will market it as Videx. Bristol-Myers said it had two programs to help people with limited resources get the drug.

The AIDS Action Council said the FDA had "sensitively balanced a strict scientific standard against the needs of people with no treatments for a life-threatening illness."

But Dr. Deborah Cotton, a researcher at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital and a member of the FDA's advisory committee that recommended approval of ddi in July, said the benefit of making the drug available "is not balanced by the real loss we've created in credibility by peeking into clinical trials not yet concluded."

"The precedent we've set is a bad one," said Cotton, who voted against the recommendation to approve ddi. "We will see more drugs approved on the basis of very little data and we will have less ability to know how to choose among them or how to use them in combination."

In clinical trials where ddi was

tested on AIDS patients who didn't respond to or could not take AZT, ddi was shown to increase the number of white blood cells, called CD-4 cells. Those cells have been shown to be important to immune system function, which is weakened by AIDS.

"We know this drug, ddi, affects CD-4 counts, and we know survival is tied to CD-4 counts," Kessler said. "There is somewhat of a leap there, but patients are dying and we think that extrapolation makes a lot of sense and is in patients' interests."

Kessler said a "sense of urgency" characterized the testing and intensive review of the drug to speed its approval, and he said that would be a model for future reviews of some drugs, though not for all.

"We can't muster for every drug what we mustered for ddi," Kessler said. "It has to be a life-saving drug."

The ddi approval was noteworthy, too, because it applies to adults as well as children, Kessler said. In the past, the FDA has usually approved drugs for adults before allowing their use in children.

The FDA based its decision on early findings of clinical trials involving more than 2,500 AIDS patients and an expanded access program that made the drug available to more than 22,000 people at no charge.

The 8,800 people still in the expanded access program will continue to get the drug at no cost for six to 10 weeks as the program winds down, the company said. For others, the drug will be commercially available within days.

Bristol-Myers said it will help people with limited resources get ddi either through insurance or Medicaid coverage, or by providing it at no cost to those who have no third-party coverage.

The government's licensing agreement requires Bristol-Myers to charge a "reasonable price" for the drug.

Bristol-Myers said its factory price for a year's supply of the most common dose, 400 milligrams per day, will be \$1,745. After markups, the price from retail pharmacies would be \$1,990. Company officials based that on a 14% markup they said was typical for AZT.

A year's course of the most common dose of AZT, 500 milligrams per day, costs \$2,190 wholesale. After a 14% markup, the retail price is close to \$2,500, though some markups drive the cost up to more than \$3,000.

The federal government will get 5% of sales of ddi under the agreement, Bristol-Myers officials said.

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## Agape New Life Church Closes Its Doors

Agape New Life Church, the oldest organized Gay and Lesbian church in Memphis has closed its doors.

The church board voted Oct. 6 to close the church because of a decline in attendance.

The board met on Oct. 20 to vote on dispersing the church's assets. Details were unavailable at press time, but it is believed that some of the assets will be given to local community organizations.

The church's most recent pastor, John Tolley, left this past spring to relocate with his lover in New Jersey. According to Kristie Elrod, until recently interim pastor, the church had been searching for a new minister and had a candidate. Elrod resigned her position as interim pastor in August because of illness in her family.

Tentative plans had also been made to rent space from Prescott Memorial Baptist Church and to move there. However, the board voted to close the church.

Agape New Life Church was founded by John Mark House and Bill Tracer in 1986 after the demise of the local Metropolitan Community Church. In 1988 the church moved to a space at 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3. It remained the city's only Gay and Lesbian church until earlier this year.

## LLDEF Responds to Study Linking Brain Structures to Sexual Orientation

In response to a study released by *Science* magazine suggesting male sexual orientation could be related to brain structure, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund welcomed honest scientific inquiry on issues regarding sexual orientation but cautioned against drawing conclusions about the preliminary findings.

First, as a matter of historical perspective, minority groups have often been the object of studies seeking to locate a biological explanation for difference. Most of these studies have been fully discredited. For example, the first "biology as sociology" research was conducted in the 19th Century on prisoners in Paris. Their head size and facial structures were studied to develop the "prototype" of the biological head of a criminal. Whether this preliminary study of the purported "biology" of homosexuality will eventually be confirmed is completely unclear. It is therefore probably prudent not to draw too many sweeping conclusions from the San Diego study.

Second, there are some methodological questions raised by the study. How is homosexuality or heterosexuality defined by the study? If Kinsey was right in finding that human sexuality is not fixed at the poles, but rather distributed across a broad continuum, does this affect the validity of Dr.

LeVay's findings?

Third, all of the homosexual men studied in Dr. LeVay's study died of AIDS. It is now understood by medical specialists that HIV disease has a profound impact on the brain, although the degree to which we fully understand this impact is limited. Recent evidence suggests that HIV's effect on the brain may be even greater than originally thought. Until we know more about HIV's effect on the brain, it would seem prudent to hesitate before extrapolating to the general population data regarding the neurological characteristics of men with AIDS.

Furthermore, Lesbians were not studied in the survey. Not only does the study's failure to study sexual orientation in women merely reflect the medical and scientific community's historic failure to include women's issues in their work, but it means that Dr. LeVay's study only addressed one component of the concept of sexual orientation. The research thus exhibits the perpetuation of invisibility of women's and Lesbians' sexuality by the scientific community.

Notwithstanding these methodological questions, Dr. LeVay's findings are intriguing, from a purely scientific perspective. But it is important to remember that, regardless of whether homosexuality is biologically

based or accelerated, a person's sexual orientation is an intrinsically private matter. Even if homosexuality were completely the product of free choice, there would still be no basis for criminal, coercive, or discriminatory penalties against same-sex orientation. And regardless of any biological basis for homosexuality, it is difficult to fathom on what moral, ethical, or religious basis one can reasonably discriminate against people who are sexually and emotionally oriented toward their own gender. Homosexuality, since it clearly occurs with a significant frequency and regularity in all cultures, is an orientation that is as "natural" as heterosexuality. This fact remains true whatever the "origins" of homosexuality.

Dr. LeVay's research, and other studies of its kind that may follow, does raise profound ethical issues that ought to be addressed. The history of this century, which has included the racial eugenics movement and Hitler's Germany, should make us wary of the uses to which such preliminary findings might be put by the unenlightened. A key historical and ethical lesson which our culture seems astonishingly hesitant to understand is that diversity is not a problem to be dealt with, but instead is one of the most beautiful characteristics of human existence. If research like Dr.

LeVay's assists in helping society understand the beauty of human difference, then it is to be welcomed. The Lesbian and Gay community, however, has no intention of watching such preliminary research become the putty for biological engineers who want to make homosexuality extinct.

Finally, we have to question why the media is so interested in this study and the origins of sexual orientation. During the past two decades, many more significant data have been available (e.g., statistics of violence against us, our lack of access to health care, the denial of benefits to same-sex partners, the denial of rights to care for and raise children, discrimination in the workplace); almost never has one of these issues reached the front page

of the *New York Times*. We would propose one answer to the question: stories like this one of Dr. LeVay's preliminary findings do not require the media to treat us like subjects, like equal members of a greater community struggling for full participation and inclusion, but rather, they can continue to see us as objects whose deviance is fascinating like that of psychotic murderers or a newly discovered animal. A story of this nature merits space in the science section. The front page placement, the wire service response, the television coverage all suggest a sensational tidbit meant to grab a market share and not a serious interest in the lives and concerns of some members of our community.



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## Hey Health Department! Don't Make HIV Reportable by Name!

The following statement was read into the record of the public hearing held Oct. 17 at the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department. The hearing was one of three being held across the state pursuant to a change in Health Department rules making HIV test results reportable by name and instituting contact tracing for partners of HIV-infected people.

My name is Allen Cook. I am a member of the board of directors of the Aid to End AIDS Committee as well as publisher of the *Triangle Journal News*, a monthly newspaper for the Gay and Lesbian Community of Memphis.

It is with great concern that I view the elimination of anonymous HIV testing in Tennessee and the establishment of a list or "registry" of HIV positive individuals.

According to the "final plan" distributed to HIV/AIDS community-based organizations on August 16, 1991, the purpose for making HIV reportable is "to help individuals and to promote disease intervention measures in a caring, sensitive manner." I submit that the elimination of anonymous testing will not accomplish this. Making HIV infection a reportable condition will only serve to keep people away from the testing process.

If helping individuals and promoting disease intervention measures is in fact the rationale for making HIV reportable, I would submit that this is already being done through anonymous testing. I further submit that there are very few individuals who, upon learning they have a life-threatening disease, would not take it upon themselves to seek early intervention medical measures. And if they do not so choose, is it the intention of the Health Department to force people into treatment? I think not.

Given the suspicion that many people have about governmental incompetency and their fear of an accidental, if not purposeful, disclosure of this "list" at some point in the future, I submit it is far more "sensitive and caring" to maintain anonymous testing.

A second rationale in the "final plan" is that the Health Department believes that making HIV reportable will allow "more effective targeting of preventive educational resources." An analysis of the trends in new cases can tell us that already. The answer seems to us to target everyone. Create specific educational campaigns to all ages, sexes, and cultures. To do less, is to accept the notion that a) some people aren't worth worrying about or b) that some people are immune. In any case, this can be done without a "registry."

The final plan also calls for contact tracing. While contact tracing may be fine for diseases with short incubation periods, there is no practical evidence that it will be beneficial in dealing with a disease like AIDS which may take 7-10 years to show symptoms.

Studies of systems which have attempted contact tracing for AIDS have found virtually NO useful information — only a tremendous waste of money. Contact tracing only works well when a cure is easily obtained and the spread stopped. I would also question the efficacy of contact tracing — at least in the Memphis area. If it's so good and works so well, why does Memphis have some of the highest numbers of syphilis and gonorrhea cases in the country? Why are the numbers not coming down? Years of contact tracing apparently have done little good.

Finally, in the absence of any legislative safeguards for the employment, housing, or other discrimination surrounding this condition, I urge the Health Department NOT to implement these new rules. Over the years, Health Department officials have repeatedly tried to tell local AIDS service organizations that they are the good guys and that we should get our constituencies to trust them. Just when we have begun changing people's attitudes about getting tested at all, they

are changing the rules. Now they can't be granted anonymity to avoid the possibility of discrimination. Now they will have to give their names to get tested and if they're positive, it will end up in a registry.

We recognize that the rules now

guarantee confidentiality of that information, but once that list is started, there are no guarantees that the rules might not once again change. Once a list is created, people will want access to it... and eventually they'll get it.

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# Demonstrators March On California Capitol To Protest Gay-Rights Veto

By Kathleen Grubb  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Thousands of Gay-rights protesters loudly sought political revenge with a Capitol demonstration against Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of an anti-discrimination bill.

Demonstrators blew whistles, waved anti-Wilson placards, burned flags, blocked traffic, threw paint balls, staged a kiss-in and chanted "Recall Pete" and "We won't go away." Late into the evening Oct. 11, hundreds milled in Capitol Park, some holding lighted candles.

Activists said the rally wasn't meant to change Wilson's mind, but make him regret his veto. The rally was held on National Coming Out Day, which is organized by pro-Gay groups that want to encourage homosexuals to make themselves known in their communities.

On Sept. 29, Wilson vetoed a bill that would have outlawed job discrimination based on sexual orientation, saying the measure would unduly burden employers with litigation. Gay rights activists have held protests almost daily since.

"It's the object, the goal of this community to try to make the governor pay the political price for what he's done to us," said San Francisco County Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg.

Police said about 4,000 people attended the protest on the Capitol steps. Rally organizers said there were 10,000 to 12,000 protesters, including many who traveled from Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Several shouting and shouting matches marred an otherwise nonviolent protest. Police said three people were arrested after some protesters threw dye-filled eggs, paint balls, glass soda bottles and Christmas ornaments on the Capitol steps and at officers. No injuries were reported.

More than 200 police officers ringed the Capitol. Police helicopters circled overhead.

Kurt Brown, 20, drove seven hours from West Hollywood for the demonstration. "This is something I really believe in," Brown said. "I don't believe in the violence, but I believe we should stand up for our rights."

"I haven't been to a demonstration in a long time, but with the way things are going in this country, I think it's important," said Patricia Byrne, 42, of Long Beach.

Demonstrators wore buttons with pink triangles and T-shirts with a circle and a slash over Wilson's name. Some men wore dresses, wigs, pancake makeup and mesh stockings.

A giant rainbow flag, a symbol of the Gay movement, was draped over the Capitol's west entrance.

Wilson worked in his office, un-

only to fill out a form, sign it under oath and pay a \$30 registration fee. Nonresidents must register in person. The new law offers people who don't work for the city domestic partners status but doesn't guarantee benefits.

In Southern California, two actors disclosed their homosexuality. Dick Sargent, 61, who played Darrin Stephens on *Bewitched* from 1969-72, and Sheila James Kuehl, 50, who portrayed Zelda Gilroy on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis* from 1959-63.

"It's important that people know that other people all around them are Gay," said Sargent, who was "outed" by a tabloid earlier this year. "We're not seeking to convert people because we know what a painful life it will be. We are just human beings."

disturbed by the protest, said spokesman James Lee. "Obviously, we're not going to dignify any of those personal attacks with a response," Lee said.

In another development related to National Coming Out Day, Berkeley, Calif., began accepting applications Friday under a law that recognizes non-married couples — both homosexual and heterosexual — nationwide. The city pioneered a domestic partners law for city employees.

Couples wishing to register need

## Majority Wanted Wilson To Sign Gay Rights Bill

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As Gay rights activists continue protests over Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of Gay rights legislation, a statewide survey showed strong support for the bill.

Californians favored the signing of the bill by a margin of more than two-to-one, according to the California Poll. Results showed respondents were 62% to 29% in favor of the bill, which would have barred job discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians, extending the current ban on discrimination based on race, religion, gender, or national origin.

The survey, released Sept. 30, showed some partisan differences. Democrats favored the bill becoming law by a 72% to 21% margin. Republicans also supported the bill, but by 53% to 36%.

The poll found strong feelings on both sides of the issue, but the stronger sentiment lay with the minority seeking a veto.

Almost half of those favoring a gubernatorial veto said they would be "very upset" if Wilson signed the bill. Among those who wanted Wilson to sign the bill, less than a third said they would be "very upset" if he vetoed the measure.

But because there were more pros than cons, the actual totals meant more Californians said they would be very upset if Wilson vetoed the bill

than if he signed it.

The poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 19-25 among a cross-section sample of 998 California adults. It has a 3.2% margin of error.

## Vetoed Bill's Author Condemns Violence, 'Outing'

By Lynn Elber  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The assemblyman whose Gay rights bill was vetoed by Gov. Pete Wilson called on activists to reject violent protest or the vengeful act of "outing" any of Wilson's staff who might be homosexual.

Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Los Angeles, vowed to introduce a new version of the vetoed AB101 in January to outlaw job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Friedman said he understood the rage the bill's supporters felt after the veto, but he urged them to "heed the voice of reason."

They must avoid violence and the "despicable practice of outing, the public disclosure of homosexuality as has been threatened against members of the governor's staff," Friedman told a news conference.

"That is a repugnant invasion of privacy and I deplore it," he said.

"Now is not the time for smashing windows, or blocking doors, or spilling blood or violence. Now is the time for calm and reason and abiding the law," Friedman said. "Ultimately, in our democracy, victory comes through the process of law. And it will come on this issue as well."

The veto "crystallized" the rage building in the community because of the AIDS crisis and attacks on homosexuals, said Michael Weinstein, president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles.

"We have yet to see the tip of the iceberg of anger that exists after 10 years of losses to AIDS and after 10 years of being bashed by religious fundamentalists," Weinstein said in an interview.

A Nov. 3 AIDS fundraiser previously planned for downtown Los Angeles is expected to turn into a major march against discrimination.


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# ACLU Sues Georgia Attorney General Over Lesbian Marriage Case

By Dick Pettys  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a sex- and religious-discrimination suit against Georgia's attorney general Oct. 3 for revoking a job offer to a female attorney who married another woman.

ACLU lawyers charged Attorney General Michael Bowers illegally withdrew an employment offer to Robin Joy Shahar, 28, after learning she planned to participate in a Jewish marriage ceremony with another woman.

William B. Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said the action threatens religious liberty in Georgia.

"If Michael Bowers can fire Robin today because he doesn't like the marriage she engaged in, will he fire someone tomorrow because they don't sing loud enough or kneel deep enough in their particular religious practices?" he asked in a news conference.

Bowers responded later:

"The only issue is whether the state of Georgia recognizes homosexual marriages, and it doesn't. And I'm not going to hire someone who holds themselves out to the public by their own admission as being engaged in a homosexual marriage."

Ms. Shahar is a 1991 graduate of Emory University Law School. Bowers and his staff have been banned from recruiting at the school because of the incident.

State law does not expressly prohibit homosexual marriage, but it officially acknowledges only heterosexual marriages. State law also prohibits sexual relations, generally called "sodomy," between members of the same sex.

Bowers defended the state's sodomy law in a case that led to a 1986 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding it.

The suit contends Ms. Shahar worked for Bowers as a summer law clerk in 1990 between her second and third years of law school, and was given a written offer of employment that fall, contingent upon her completion of school and success with bar examinations.

She graduated sixth in a class of over 200 in June, and was told to report for work Sept. 23, according to the suit. Bowers withdrew the offer of employment in a letter dated July 9, citing "information ... (of) a purported marriage between you and another woman."

According to the suit, Ms. Shahar and her partner of nearly five years undertook a Jewish marriage ceremony July 28.

Ms. Shahar told reporters, "Fran and I chose to get married for the same reasons that any two people do ... we fell in love, we wanted to spend our lives together. ... We wanted to celebrate our love and our commitment

to each other surrounded by the people that we love and in accordance with our Jewish traditions."

She said she viewed the ceremony as a purely religious one with no significance under civil law.

Bowers said he doesn't ask prospective employees their sexual orientation, but discovered Ms. Shahar's when she "told us on her employment application that she was going to get married to a female."

The attorney general said he feared employing Ms. Shahar would indicate his tacit approval of homosexual marriages.

"If we are to have so significant a societal change ... we're not going to do it on the basis of an employment application as to which it might be said, 'Well, the Attorney General has tacitly approved this because here it is in his office.'"

The ACLU's Rubenstein agreed state law "does not ... recognize Lesbian and Gay marriages." But he added, "That does not mean that Robin is not entitled to engage in this religious ceremony, nor does it make

## Atlanta Police Chief Denies Discriminating

ATLANTA (AP) — Police Chief Eldrin Bell said Oct. 2 his department is moving to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians on the Atlanta police force and in the community.

Bell commented at a City Council Public Safety Committee hearing. He denied charges that the police department has been sloppy in reporting hate crimes and has done nothing to recruit Gay and Lesbian officer candidates.

"We do not now today nor have we ever discriminated against anyone," Bell said to derisive laughter from an audience that included many Gay and Lesbian activists at the meeting.

"It was absolute and total garbage. I'm so mad," Cathy Woolard of the ACLU Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Board, said after the hearing ended. "The issue is, we've got concerns and he won't answer them."

Bell said he had not addressed the Gay community's concerns about recruitment, "because we are not doing any recruiting. Before we recruit we will consider that policy."

On the hate crimes issue, Bell said he now requires officers in the intelligence and records sections to hold "a face-to-face meeting" in developing the department's semiannual bias crimes report, which Gays say was replete with omissions and inaccuracies.

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— Centurion

what she did illegal in any way."

Bowers countered, "This wasn't represented to me as a religious thing. This was represented to me as a homosexual marriage — by her."

That, he said, is against the law, even if performed as a religious and not a civil rite.

The dean of Emory's law school disagreed.

"As far as I can determine, the laws of the state of Georgia don't say one way or another anything about homosexual marriages," said Dean Howard O. Hunter. "I think the laws are silent on that."

The attorney general's office joined the U.S. military as the only agencies refused admission to the law school for recruiting purposes, said law school spokeswoman Nancy Seideman. The military has a policy of denying admission to anyone who is homosexual.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court, contends Bowers violated Ms. Shahar's rights to religious freedom, freedom of association and equal protection under the U.S. Constitution.

## Donna Summer Files Libel Suit Against Magazine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Donna Summer filed a \$30 million libel lawsuit Oct. 1 against *New York* magazine. She said it falsely quoted her as once saying AIDS was a "divine ruling" against homosexuals.

"That is completely false. I did not say it. I do not believe it," Miss Summer said at a news conference to announce the Superior Court lawsuit.

*New York* magazine's Aug. 5 issue said Miss Summer, 42, a born-again Christian for several years, once described homosexuals as "sinners" and said AIDS was "a divine ruling." The three-paragraph article gave no specifics on when or where she allegedly made the remarks.

The article, quoting a "music-industry insider" it didn't name, said Miss Summer decided against including on her new album a song that would serve as an apology to Gays for the comments.

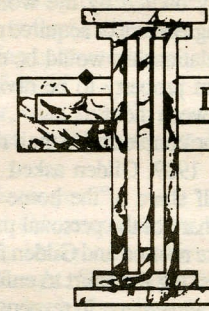
The lawsuit also says the report about the song is false.

"The article in *New York* magazine hurts me deeply. It also hurts those people who read the article and believe it to be true," Miss Summer said.

Fran Kessler, assistant to the editor of the magazine, wouldn't comment and said the magazine had not been served with the lawsuit.

Attorney Elizabeth Mann, who represents the singer, said the article damaged prospects for Miss Summer's new Atlantic Records album, *Mistaken Identity*. The lawyer said some disc jockeys and clubs refuse to play the record because of the statements attributed to her.

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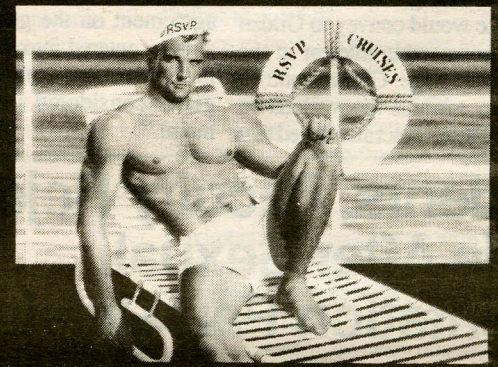
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## Lesbian Couples Property Contract Questioned

ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court has heard oral arguments on whether the joint property agreement of a Lesbian couple is legally enforceable under state law. The case, *Crooke v. Gilden*, is the first of its kind to be decided by the Georgia high court, and is one of only a handful of cases involving the enforceability of contract entered into by Lesbian and Gay couples.

The two women, Patricia Gagne Gilden and Florence Crooke, began their relationship in 1982. Shortly after Gilden moved into Crooke's home, they retained a lawyer to draft for them a joint ownership agreement setting forth terms of their ownership of the house and other personal property. The written agreement stipulated that Crooke would convey to Gilden a one-half-ownership interest in the house. In exchange, Gilden contributed money towards renovations on the house. The contract also stated that

all property owned by the women before the agreement or acquired during their relationship would be considered joint property to be divided equally between them.

When the couple ended their relationship in 1989, Gilden asked for her one-half share of the home and her equal share of the personal property. Crooke refused and Gilden filed an action asking the court to enforce the written agreement. In response to Gilden's lawsuit, Crooke, as a Lesbian, took the inexplicable position that the contract was unenforceable because of their Lesbian relationship, which violates the state's public policy and criminal laws.

The trial court accepted Crooke's arguments and refused to enforce the agreement on the grounds that the women entered into the contract "to facilitate a relationship which in Georgia is considered illegal and immoral."

"It's, absurd that the trial court would impute some immoral purpose into this garden variety legal contract simply because the parties involved were Lesbians," stated Paula Ettelbrick, Legal Director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Since the law does not protect our relationships, it is absolutely imperative that we fight for the right to enforce our valid agreements."

Traditionally, courts have been reluctant to enforce "relationship agreements" between two unmarried people who live together on the theory that allowing unmarried couples to designate their own rights would denigrate the institution of marriage. The Georgia case is thought to be the first Lesbian couple contract enforcement case to go to a state's highest court.

"Despite the growing practice of drafting cohabitation or property agreements for Lesbian and Gay couples, there are many unanswered questions about whether the contracts are enforceable if one of the partners refuses to comply," said attorney Maria Gil de Lamadrid.

## Students, Faculty Reject Code After Sexual Orientation Part Deleted

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — The student and faculty governing bodies at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne have withdrawn their support for part of a new student code of rights after the words "sexual orientation" were deleted from a section dealing with discrimination and harassment.

The 18-member Student Government Association voted unanimously on Sept. 4 against the new wording, noting that it "strongly objects" to the change.

On Sept. 16, the Faculty Senate also voted to "reject the substance of the amendment and the manner in which it was made."

The IPFW Student Code of Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct includes paragraphs on discrimination and harassment and offering protection from such practices.

The IPFW code mentions race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, ethnicity, handicap and status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. Before approval, it also included the words "sexual orientation."

The Purdue board of trustees and President Steven Beering deleted the words on advice from their attorney, according to the student government resolution.

The resolution said an individual's sexual orientation should not be allowed to stand in the way of admission to the school or employment.

"Even though 'sexual orientation' is not a protected class under state law," the resolution reads, "Indiana University (including all of its regional campuses except Fort Wayne) does allow 'sexual orientation' to be regarded as a protected class."

In a letter dated May 21 to the

school's two governing bodies, IPFW Chancellor Joanne B. Lantz said, "This change does not mean that discrimination and harassment on the basis of sexual orientation will be tolerated at IPFW."

## About 20 Attend Gay Kiss-In At University

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — About 20 Gays and Lesbians smooched their partners Oct. 10 as part of a Gay rights demonstration at the University of Oklahoma president's office.

The demonstrators hoped their "kiss-in" would help convince the university to recognize Gay and Lesbian alumni groups as part of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, said spokesman Michael Split.

"I don't think it's been done before in Oklahoma, but I'm not sure," Split said.

Participants stood by while a brief statement requesting recognition of their organization was read. Then they kissed their partners.

Van Horn was not in his office to see the demonstration. An office worker said the president was attending meetings in Dallas.

## Network Wants Quantum Leap To Pay If Sponsors Pull Out

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — NBC wants the producer of the hit series *Quantum Leap* to accept financial responsibility if an episode about a Gay teen-ager scares off advertisers.

The network asked Universal

Television to make changes in the episode or face some financial responsibility for what one executive said could be a \$1 million loss in ads. The request was reported in the Sept. 28 editions of the *Los Angeles Times*.

The networks have lost advertisers' money before with controversial shows on abortion and nuclear war. The recession and a continuing decline in viewership also has affected the networks' financial condition.

However, NBC's request to Universal Television is believed to be the first of its kind.

The issue was raised at a meeting with NBC Entertainment executives in Burbank, said Don Bellisario, executive producer of *Quantum Leap*.

"We said you can go ahead and shoot this, but NBC is not prepared to accept any financial responsibility for this episode," said Sue Binford, a spokeswoman for NBC Entertainment.

The executives were concerned about a scene in the yet-to-be-produced episode involving the suicide of a Gay teen-age cadet at a military school. Sam Beckett, played by Scott Bakula, goes back in time to try to save the teen-ager.

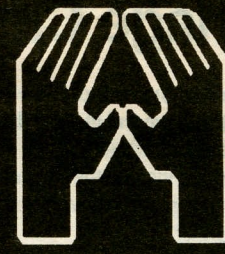
Bellisario said he was asked what could be done "to reduce the liability," but that the network didn't demand direct compensation.

The *Times* quoted an unidentified NBC source as saying it was suggested that Universal make up for lost advertising with commercials for its upcoming films.

Bellisario said that he slightly revised the script and hopes the episode will air this season.

The network request was condemned by a Gay leader.

"NBC is sending a message that Gay characters, even Gay teen-agers who exist in our society and are persecuted, are not wanted on NBC," said Richard Jennings, executive director of the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.



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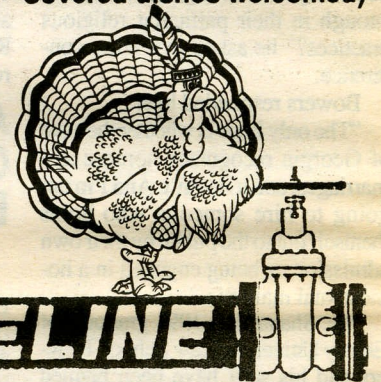
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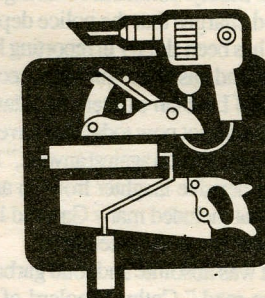
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# Taken From Life—A Fiction

By Vincent Astor  
TJN Columnist

Second of three parts

*Our heroine, Cecil (Ceil) McDermott invited a casual acquaintance over to spend the day and has just discovered he has been rolled—but good—car, wallet, everything. On Christmas Eve.*

The police finally came. Ceil was dressed, holding off panic and determined to leave as planned. No dice, when the policeman left, it was too late to try.

Like a lost child, Ceil sat and wondered. Do you lay this on your friends on Christmas Eve? God, his parents, having located and financed the first decent car he had had in years, were going to grind him into ravioli stuffing. He felt like a mongoloid, asking a slight acquaintance over to spend the afternoon and falling for the old shower trick. He hadn't even gotten so much as a warm squeeze or a titty tweak. Ugh. Brrr.

When the phone rang, it was with mixed emotions that Ceil answered. Fortunately it was Sister Mary Theresa.

"Merry Christmas, Cecil, we missed you."  
"Merry Christmas, Sister, I'm sorry. I was having my car stolen."

"Oh my, just the car?"  
"No, wallet, cash, credit cards, nothing really irreplaceable."

"Gee, I wish I could help, but...."  
"I know, it's ok Sister, just sandwich a little prayer in for me somewhere."

Who can I quote, what do I say, thought Sister Theresa. Of course, nothing and nobody came to mind—oh bother! "I'll be thinking about you. Just try to hang in there, ok?"

"Sure, Sister, thanks a lot. You have a good Christmas. Really."

"God bless you Cecil."  
"Thanks, Sister, good bye."

After some quick calculations, with Midnight Mass and all, she had fifteen minutes to spare. She reached for a conveniently placed Rosary and began, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son...."

Tracie was just finishing the last touches on her eye makeup when the phone rang. Unh, unh. She was taking the night off—well profession-

ally, anyway. She was going to a party and was going to treat herself to something gorgeous of her own choosing and tease him to distraction. She liked that part and loved even more the extreme lengthening of the entire process; a rare event in a quick turnover profession like hers.

"Yeah?" she said picking up the receiver.  
"Oh, damn. Were you busy?"  
"Oh my way out, sugar, what gives?"

"Oh...I just called to wish you Merry Christmas and...."

"Thanks, Ceil, and how are you?"  
That did it. The whole sordid mess came tumbling out. The bitch really brought home the bacon this time, Tracie thought. She couldn't bring herself to give Ceil another lecture, though. His troubles would be long forgotten by the time she hung up the phone but she never would forget how good Ceil had been to her little brother.

He had been cute but vulnerable, took a lot of chances and was accosted by a bunch of rednecks. Fortunately, he had also met Ceil who was the person she found at the hospital when she arrived. Unfortunately, the meeting was far from pleasant. An undiscovered physical problem resulted in an unexpected parting. As she went to pieces over her brother's body (there was nobody else to care) Ceil quietly left the

room. It took every cop and telephone operator she'd ever laid to find Ceil again. When she did he cried for a long, long while and she realized for the first time how close they had been. She wasn't the type to be gushy but she would stick by this one, and God did he need some proximity to a little common sense.

"Listen, that's awful. I hope they catch the son-of-a-bitch."

"I doo too, but he may be across the bridge and sold the car by now."

"Well, have you cancelled your credit cards?"

"Why, no."  
"Well, get busy, lamebrain! I've gotta go!"

"Thanks Tracie, Merry Christmas."  
"You too."

What a dizzella. Oh, God, am I done? Da, da, da, ok.  
And she be-bopped quickly out the door.

Ceil called and cancelled the main credit card, hoping it wasn't too late. Suddenly the phone rang again.

"Hello."  
"What happened?"

Ceil, used to this, knew it was Morgaine.  
"Oh, hi. Panic vibes, huh."

"Yes. Tell me what happened."  
Ceil did, Morgaine digested it.

"Let me see if I can find out anything."  
"You're a peach. Have a good Yule."

"Mother watches out after us. Blessed be."

Having nothing really to do with Christians or Christmas, Morgaine was not too involved with this particular night. She began to concentrate. She was fond of Ceil, there was something about a past he was unaware of that attracted her to him. She hadn't quite figured what, maybe they had been attached a century or two ago. Certainly not now, and she was expecting a lithe little vixen over shortly, but she could work on this. She sat, several candles burning, the air flavored with fragrance, and sought Ceil's erstwhile prince—and the goods.

Ceil sat, slightly comforted by his three best female friends, and wondered. Of course, nothing male was about to appear, which would have been so very soothing. How to completely ruin Christmas, step one. There were unhung decorations, cold candles, unfinished preparations and darkness. So he just sat. Christmas was supposed to be this very powerful thing, so he would just find out.

On Christmas Eve.  
*to be continued.*

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**A) Yes!** American Life Resources recommends that all of its clients consult with an attorney and a CPA prior to participating in the American Life Resources Program.

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Although still five and a half months away, the office will serve as the hub of volunteer activities, corporate solicitations, and program ad sales. Twelve committees comprise the local steering committee. Over 230 volunteers have signed up to work on the Event in some capacity. HEART STRINGS is tentatively scheduled to play The Orpheum April 1-2, 1992. A portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed for 3 days on the following weekend.

Anyone interested in volunteering on the project can call the office anytime at 726-1708. The office will be staffed during normal business hours and a voice mail system takes messages after hours.

# Hooked On A Feeling—Part IV Relationship Addiction

by Becky Caperton, M.S.

*"Do me wrong, do me right. Tell me lies but hold me tight..." Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight*

—James Taylor.

Sexual addicts "come on" and romance addicts "move on." Relationship addicts just keep hanging and holding on.

There are two types of relationship addiction: being hooked on the idea of a relationship and being hooked on the person.

Either way, relationship addicts don't have relationships, they have hostages. The reality of the other person is irrelevant; all that matters is that the addict must be part of a couple.

Both types of relationship addicts have highly developed "relationships" skills which make them look as if they genuinely care: They are good listeners, share feelings; they're there when you need them and hang on every word. Both are also very controlling, believing they can make relationships happen and make someone love them through sheer force of will and tenacity. To perfect their techniques, they devour how-to books and develop a smooth openness "con."

Scratch the surface and you'll find individuals who because they have no strong sense of their own identities, cling to relationships for dear life even when they know it's destructive. In fact, they're so terrified of being alone that if someone leaves them they'll move immediately on to another relationship without taking any time to grieve.

Relationship addicts spend so much time and energy trying to maintain a relationship, they neglect personal growth and development and become progressively burned out and deadened.

While relationship addicts appear to do all the right things, they are actually terrified of intimacy, and much more comfortable with a pseudo relationship than a real one.

### ARE YOU OR AREN'T YOU?

Are you hooked on a person or a relationship? Trapped in a false friendship that offers nothing but a phony sense of belonging? Because it's often hard to tell, we've designed a quiz to help you determine whether you're avoiding intimacy through pseudo relationships. Only by realizing that you're caught in an empty, "user" relationship can you get the help you need to build real and inti-

mate relationships. Answer each question true or false; see scoring directions below.

1. I find that I'm often able to establish instant intimacy with a stranger.
2. I have no trouble listening to others even when I'm not interested or involved in what they're saying.
3. I can consistently lay aside my own needs to make a relationship work.
4. I know how to take care of the other person and quickly move in to meet his or her needs.
5. I know how to attach myself to someone else to foster dependency.
6. Nothing is more important to me than my relationship, and I'll compromise my own personal needs, values, and ethics to make it work.
7. I have a special talent for recognizing a cosmic mate.
8. I get close to others very quickly and find I can share secrets and my life story without feeling silly.
9. I often experience instant physical and sexual attraction.
10. When I'm in love I'm so high that it tends to interfere with the normal course of my life.
11. My lover/husband/wife and I are so close it's hard for me to know where I start and s/he stops.
12. I'm an incurable romantic and always fantasizing about someone.
13. I make other people feel alive.

14. I'm very loyal and will hang in there to make a relationship work even if it really hurts.

15. I'm very empathetic and can take on other people's feelings.

16. I interpret jealousy as a sign of true love.

17. I find that I'm usually the one who takes the initiative to attach myself to people I like.

18. People tell me I'm a real flirt.

19. I can enter into someone's world completely, and with no regard for my personal self.

20. I'm willing to accept the blame and fault for just about anything that

goes wrong with a relationship for the sake of making it work or last.

Scoring: If you scored three to five trues, it's time to take a closer look at your relationships. If you scored between five and ten trues, it's very possible you're engaged in an addictive relationship and would greatly benefit from a support group. If you scored more than ten trues, we suggest you join a support group immediately.

(Becky Caperton is a licensed psychological examiner and counselor in practice with Simmons, Kelman and Associates.)

### In Memory

Carolyn Marbury

October 17, 1991

Friends request that memorials be sent to H.O.P.P. (Humane Organization of People with Pets), an organization which assists in the care of stray, abandoned, or injured animals that need help.

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# No Gossip—Just Dirt

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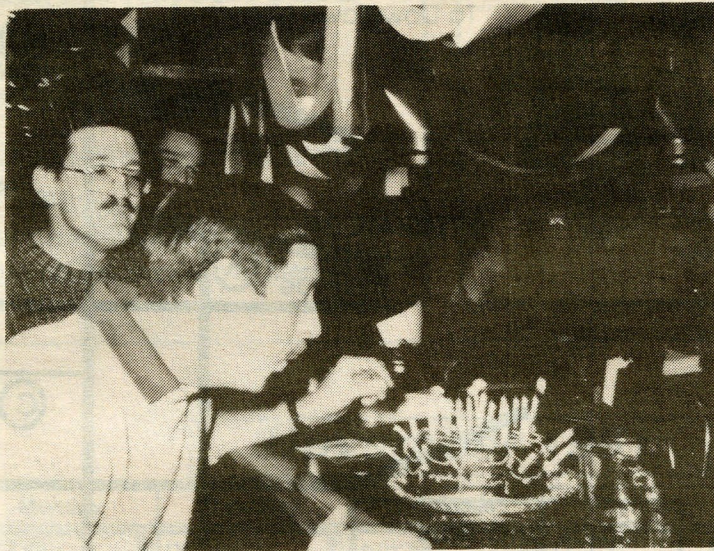
## Statistics

Passed on—Agape New Life Church, Memphis Gay Coalition, YLGA.

New Arrivals—LEGAL, GLDSM, Young and Proud.

Hanging in there—MGLCC, Gay-Rap, Widow McCain at 45, count 'em, 45 years of age.

Liebe Fräulein Heiße Scheiß, du bist nächst über das Berg aufgekommen!



The Widow McCain at her favorite occupation on her 45th birthday

## Lady A's Handy Hallowe'en Guide to Mayhem

October 25-31, open house at the Pipeline (no hassles, no dress code, costumes welcome).

October 25, Dee Dee Whitaker and family, Music by Dead People, WKR.B.

October 30th, Octoberfest Benefit for Med Adult Special Care Clinic, the Flower Market, starring Joyce Cobb.

October 31, THE BIG DAY! Open House continues at the Pipeline. Vanessa Vogue show at WKR.B. Something wild and crazy at the Hut. Costume ball at the Apartment Club. Miss Mess Pageant, G. Bellington Rumples. Turnabout Night, Reflections. If your favorite hangout is missing, it's because they didn't tell us. Nyah.

## Stuff and Such

Be sure to stop by the Lambda Men's Chorus Bake Sale and Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 10, at the MGLCC. It lasts from 6 to 8 and will benefit the center. Red beans and rice with salad and dessert will be available.

After a bite, the same evening, you can swing down Union to A World of Passion at the Flower Market. Dabbles Hair Salon and the Flower Market are co-sponsoring this benefit of fashion and fantasy for ATEAC. Headliners are our dear, dear sister, Henna Rintz (Mark Chambers), and Project Motion. We, type cast once again, have a small role. It is a take-off on the *Wizard of Oz* (and that will be quite enough, Miss!).

Congratulations to Tenisha Cassidine, Miss Reflections 1992. She now holds more titles than Vance Reger (four, at least!).

The Activist of the Month Award goes to the Pipeline for being the one and only entity in Memphis to acknowledge National Coming Out Day. We had a good time signing the closet door and made some hooty

photos. And special congratulations to Scott who not only constructed the door, but proved that blondes are capable of rational thought patterns and do get legitimate ideas.

Speaking of the Pipeline, our own

Dennis Kijowski

won the award for

Most Socially

Active from the

Knights

d'Orleans dur-

ing their run in

New Orleans. It

seems that he at-

tended a

Swimwear Fest at

Jewel's (a bastion of class and elegance in the French Quarter), somehow mislaid his towel and was seen wandering the streets and alleys of the Quarter seeking it for some time (kind of like Molly Malone or something).

The Hut will host a benefit for the Community Center on Friday, Nov. 8.

There is no end to the variety of events at Meristem. An art show opening, a Wicca workshop, a live concert and a book signing all in one month.

BWMT and B-GLAD will have their own chance at culture at a reading from *The Road Before Us—100 Black Poets*, Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Main Library. Three contributors will autograph copies and a reception will follow.

Barbara's is currently featuring the Rocktones, performing live each Thursday night.

The Pipeline will host a Tsarus club night on Nov. 16 and a Turkey Jerk (you figure it out) club night courtesy of Alliance on Nov. 23. Check their ad about Thanksgiving.

It was a real pleasure to perform in the benefit for Jamie Gwyn last month at WKR.B. Over \$400 was raised to help make her school days more pleasant. We have not yet heard the reaction after she showed the video to all her college friends.

Another \$800 dollars was raised the following week by about 25 different performers to help out expenses for Billie Jo Casino and Big Don Miller.

The Tenth Anniversary of *That's Entertainment*, Aphrodite's annual food basket fundraiser, will be on Nov. 17 at WKR.B. They will be spending the spook days of October resurrecting their infamous rendition of *Thriller* for this show.

## Anything to Get Attention

You know, Bob Dumais is one of our quiet contributors—efficient, unseen, modest. Behind the counter he is prompt, courteous and cheerful (kinda like a Boy Scout). Well, sometimes, life can be too full of order and it is time to digress. All it took was a suggestion from Bonnie Bitch.

Some people will volunteer for anything. Wouldn't you know, good ole Bob consented to help her in her levitation act. What he didn't realize that he was levitating only one very important portion of his anatomy. We have not heard Frank's reaction to these repeated levitations, in public no less. But, trouper that he is, Bob did not back down.

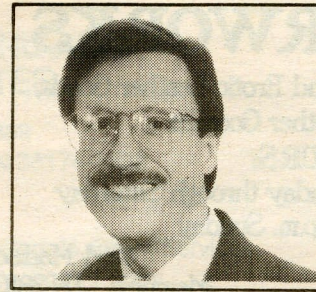
Sometimes, our fantasy lives bubble to the surface, but mostly behind closed doors (like Doatsy Mae). Not so Bob Dumae! He was persuaded to return to the stage for a Tina Turner look-a-like contest (doing "Rollin' on the River"). You know, he makes a passable blonde, in looks anyway, we haven't seen his dumb act.

## Final Round

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Lady A.



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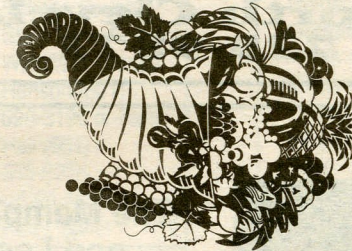
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## Young & Proud

by Gary Bodell

In the beginning, there was the YLGA or Young Lesbian & Gay Alliance. It was a group of people aged 18 to 25 gathering together one night a week to discuss the problems and concerns of Gay & Lesbian youth. Some topics that the YLGA discussed were AIDS awareness, adoption, coming out of the closet, and what rights we, as Gays and Lesbians, have. Our symbol to the public was the conventional pink triangle and rainbow.

But, as the saying goes, "That was then, this is now."

Effective at the beginning of November the YLGA will undergo many different changes. The first of which will be a new name: Young and Proud. The reason for the new name is because of all the changes we're doing. The meeting place will also change. We will be meeting every week at the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library (Main Branch). The age of membership will also change. Instead of the restrictive 18 to 25, the ages for exclusive membership are under the age of 25 (this means that people under the age of 18 may now attend).

The current fundraising plans are: Astrological calendars will be available for \$5.00 each. They will have different astrological symbols and events. Also, at an unscheduled date there will be a dance contest for ALL applicants. There will be a small application fee and a nice prize for the winner.

Also, on Wednesday, October 16th representatives of YLGA/YAP were asked to appear as guest speakers at a counseling class at Memphis State University. It went well and there were lots of things for us to talk about.

We are also going to try and apply for tax-free status and also to get a Youth Hotline for the MidSouth area. This is still a long way from being completed.

Young & Proud would also like to thank the following for their help and support: The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, The Gay Switchboard, the *Triangle Journal News*, Meristem, Black & White Men Together, B-GLAD (Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity), Memphis State University Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness (GALA), Leatherworks, Bob Hughes, Susan Mackenzie, ATEAC, Zot's, *Query*, and everyone else who helped us get in gear. Thanks all.

Young & Proud is non-discriminatory on the basis of sexual orientation. We invite Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and Gay-sympathetic heterosexual youth to attend. As always, on nights on which there is a guest speaker, anyone (even if you're over 25) can come and listen.

If you have any questions, are interested in attending, or need a ride to the meetings, call the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 276-4651 or the Memphis Gay Switchboard at 728-GAYS.

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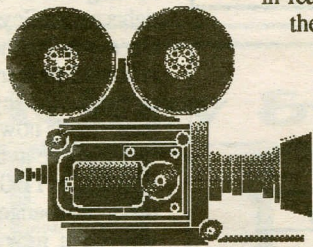
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| <b>OCT 27</b><br>• Worship Services: Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am<br>• Miss Southern States Pageant, The Apartment  | <b>OCT 28</b><br>• Leather/SM Discussion Group, Leatherworks, 7:30pm<br>• First Class Male Revue, J-Wags, 11pm   | <b>OCT 29</b><br>• Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7pm      | <b>OCT 30</b><br>• Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm<br>• Octoberfest Party to Benefit the Med's Adult Special Care Clinic, The Flower Market, 7:30-10:30pm<br>• Political Letter Writing Session (See Ad page 5) | <b>OCT 31</b><br>• Halloween Costume Ball, The Apartment<br>• Miss Mess Memphis Pageant, Rumples<br>• Turnabout Night, Reflections                         | • Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Park Lanes, 6:45pm<br>• Video Night, MGLCC<br>• Opening "Guardian Spirits", sculpture by Denise Fortney, Meristem, 6pm  | • Mississippi Lesbian Conference, Holmes County State Park. Contact Wanda or Brenda Henson (601) 896-3196 or Pam Hall (601) 355-8256.<br>• B-GLAD Fall Party, 8pm |
| • Worship Services: Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am<br>• B-GLAD/BWMT afternoon of poetry & book signing, "The Road Before Us," Main Library, 2pm-5pm                             | • LEGAL Business Meeting, Main Library, MTG Rm A, 7pm  | • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7pm<br>• BWMT C/R, 7:30pm | • Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm   | • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Bryton Tower Party Room, 7pm   | • Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Park Lanes, 6:45pm<br>• Video Night, MGLCC<br>• MGLCC Benefit, The Hut  | SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER DAY. VISIT OURS AT 1291 MADISON, NOON TIL MIDNIGHT!   |
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| • Worship Services: Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am<br>• B-GLAD Business Meeting, 4pm<br>• Aphrodite "That's Entertainment X," WKRB, 7:00pm                                      | • Healing Service for Persons w/HIV & AIDS, Families & Friends, Calvary Episcopal Church, 5:30pm<br>• Integrity Memphis, Calvary Episcopal Church, Dinner 6:30pm, \$3, Meeting 7pm<br>• GayRap/GLDSM Meeting, MGLCC, 7pm | • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7pm<br>• BWMT C/R, 7:30pm | • Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm<br>• Women of Leather, Regualr Mtg., WKRB side II, 8pm  | • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Bryton Tower Party Room, 7pm<br>• Forum on Lesbian/Gay Spirituality sponsored by MSU GALA, contact Michael LaBonte 324-3126, 7pm | • December '91 TJN Due Out<br>• Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Park Lanes, 6:45pm<br>• Video Night, MGLCC<br>• BWMT Game Night, 8pm<br>• Kenny & Tziporah, Meristem<br>• Pro-Choice Rally at MSU, U.C. Mall, 3:30-6:30pm | • Alliance Club Night "Turkey Jerk," Pipeline, 11-1<br>• Kenny & Tziporah, Meristem   |
| 17   | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22   | 23  |
| • Worship Services: Holy Trinity Community Church, 11am  | • Leather/SM Discussion Group, Leatherworks, 7:30pm  | • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7pm                       | • Anonymous HIV Testing, MGLCC, 5-7pm   | <b>THANKSGIVING</b> (Dinners at several locations. See listings in the December '91 Issue of TJN.)   | • Brothers & Sisters Bowling League, Park Lanes, 6:45pm<br>• Video Night, MGLCC  | • Book signing and reading, Midge Stocker, editor & writer, Third Side Press, will discuss her book <i>Cancer As a Women's Issue</i> , Meristem, 2-4 pm           |
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Video Review

**Parting Glances**

Review by Gary Coughlan

Michael and Robert have been together for six years and are about to be split up for two years while Robert goes to Africa for his international health organization. What unfolds in the 24 hours that *Parting Glances* covers is that Robert has engineered this separation because he feels his relationship with Michael has become "too settled, predictable."



*Parting Glances* examines the New York of these two attractive men, along with their friends and ex-lovers, both straight and Gay, as Michael and Robert cope with their impending separation. All is not a fairy-tale too good to be true. Michael, a writer, is a care-giver to his ex-lover Nick (Steve Buscemi of *Mystery Train*), a rock singer with AIDS. Robert can't deal with illness and Michael accuses him of running away to Africa until it's over. When their cab driver mutters "faggots," Michael tells him to mind his own business and "just drive the cab, asshole" and Robert tells Michael that he was rude. Michael is extremely witty while Robert is more placid and not considered quick-witted (Nick refers to him as "Ken Doll" and "Dildo Head"). Michael is a good housekeeper and Robert, pretty much a slob. The Africa separation highlights these irritants in the relationship, many of which are faced by all Gay couples.

The supporting characters also color in the broad range of Gay life. Peter, a record store sales clerk, is interested in Michael whom he follows to Robert's going away party given by Joan, a free-lance artist. There he is ogled by older Gays who consider him an untouchable pretty boy when in reality Peter wants to be the chaser not the pursued. He has a stairway talk with Nick while both describe the Gay life they have experienced and that the other will never experience because Nick has AIDS and the anything-goes days of the past are not available to Peter. Nick's video living will to his father and friends is hilarious.

*Parting Glances*, directed by Bill Sherwood in 1986, is sad but mostly funny. There is lots of affection shown between Robert and Michael (including a shower scene), a hearing-impaired couple signing at a Gay disco where shirtless men dance, the ghost of the Commandant from Mozart's "Don Giovanni," a dishes breaking scene to relieve tension and a pool-side fantasy sequence. A tattooed lady dances and the viewer even learns a little about "S&M Sci-Fi Porn." The term "politically correct" also appears in this 1986 film whose director died at the age of 37. *Parting Glances* is highly recommended and is available locally at Star Search Video, 1411 Poplar Avenue, open 11 a.m.-11p.m. daily.

Book Review

**Advocate Adviser**

Review by Gary Coughlan  
TJN Entertainment Columnist

In each issue of the biweekly *Advocate*, "the National Gay and Lesbian Newsmagazine," a question-and-answer column called "The Adviser" appears. "The Adviser" has its own Ann Landers/Dear Abby in popular Lesbian author Pat Califia. *Advocate Adviser* is 213 pages of her most provocative, most-frequently-asked-for and most informative columns.

Neither Gays nor Lesbians are slighted in this book which also has an index of many books and publications available to satisfy almost any taste. As Pat Califia put it, "I spent most of my spare time either reading about or talking about sex. I didn't discriminate. Pleasure—mine, other people's, our ancestors', that of future generations, leaders of the New Right, and space aliens—fascinated me."

*Advocate Adviser* covers almost every conceivable topic from coming out, meeting potential lovers to death and wills and everything in between. Do penis enlargers work? Where are

all the chubby men for chubby-chasers who adore them? Should it be the goal of all Lesbians to "build a nest with Ms. Right?" Where do I meet Black lovers in Canada? Can dealing with hustlers ever be considered safe in the age of AIDS? As a Lesbian mother whose lover hates my child, what do I do? Where do I get Gay porn about older men? Is it worth it to come out as a disabled person in a wheelchair? How do I break up with my lover?

*Advocate Adviser* is divided by topics for easy reference. "Solidarity" is about the differences and similarities between Gays and Lesbians. Are Lesbians more welcome in Gay bars than vice versa? Is it true that Gay men are "genitally-oriented" while Lesbians care more about the "whole person"?

On all levels, *Advocate Adviser* is informative and thought-provoking. The book is available locally for \$8.95 from Meristem, 930 South Cooper, one mile south of the intersection of Cooper and Union. Meristem is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m..

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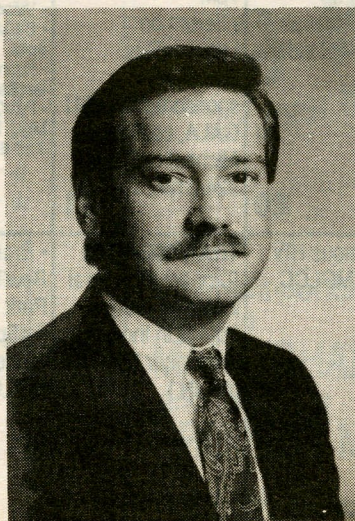
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Three contributors to the new collection *The Road Before Us—100 Black Poets* will read from their works and discuss the book and autograph copies. A reception will follow.

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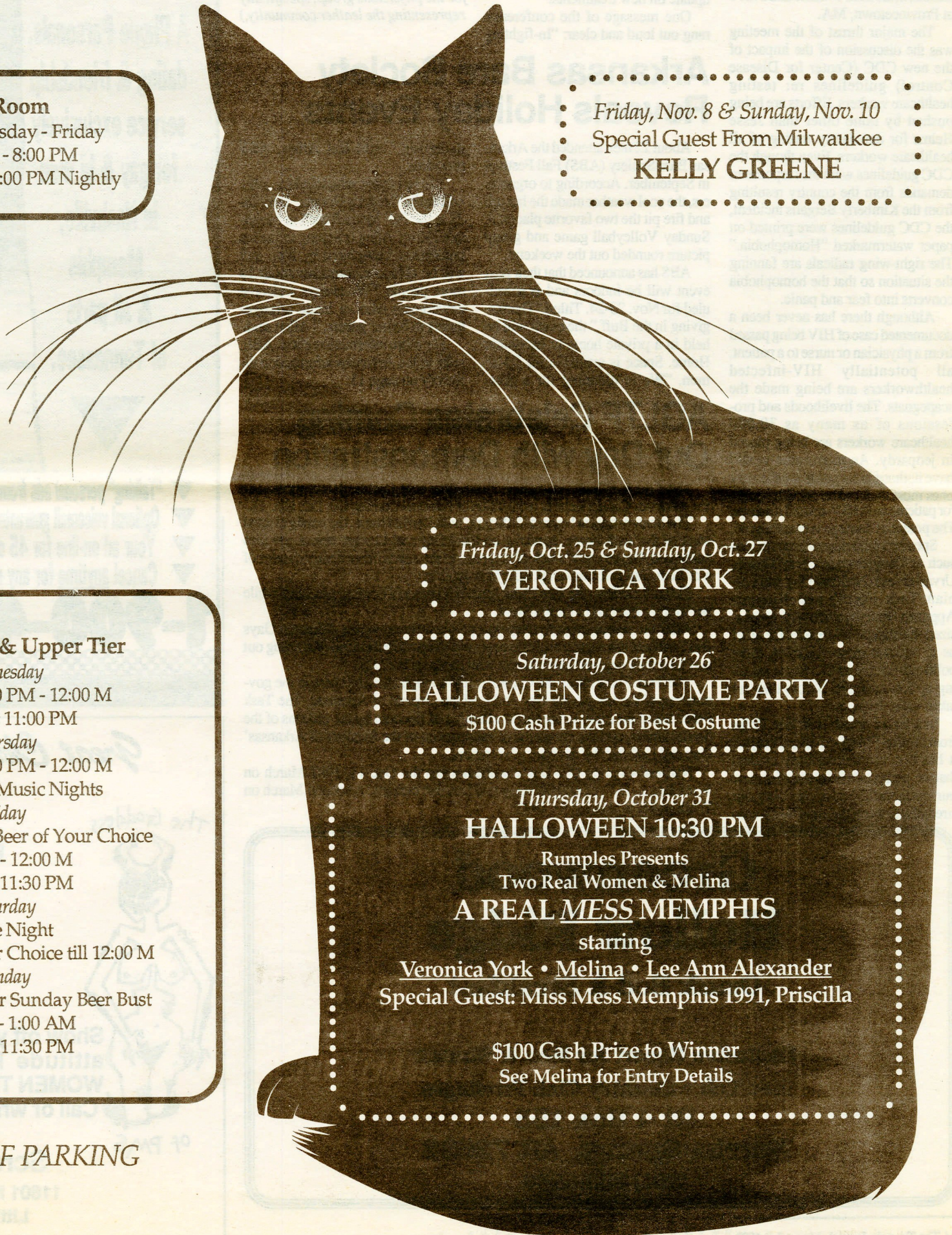
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PLENTY OF PARKING

## American Association of Physicians for Human Rights

by Chuck Higgins  
Special to the Triangle Journal

The AAPHR (American Association of Physicians for Human Rights) met August 22-24, 1991. From Little Rock, Arkansas, Richard Johnson, M.D. and Chuck Higgins S.O. (Significant Other) joined 250 other physicians, healthcare workers and S.O.'s at Provincetown, MA.

The major thrust of the meeting was the discussion of the impact of the new CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines re: testing healthcare workers. Efforts are being pushed by none other than Jesse Helms for mandatory testing of all healthcare workers. Even though the CDC guidelines were the response to demands from the country resulting from the Kimberly Bergalis incident, the CDC guidelines were printed on paper watermarked "Homophobia." The right-wing radicals are fanning the situation so that the homophobia converts into fear and panic.

Although there has never been a documented case of HIV being passed from a physician or nurse to a patient, all potentially HIV-infected healthworkers are being made the scapegoats. The livelihoods and professions of as many as 30,000 healthcare workers are being placed in jeopardy. As misfortune would have it, those in jeopardy are the very ones most likely to be providing care for patients with HIV-related diseases. The potential damage is catastrophic.

Speakers with national reputations such as Congressman Gerry Studds, Urvashi Vaid (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) and Virginia Appuzzo (longtime activist) emphasized the absolute necessity for all of us to become more involved, more politically active and to begin standing up for our rights before they are taken away from us.

In a larger sense, said Eric Rofes from the San Francisco Shanti Project, it has become increasingly evident that we, as a community must increase our cooperation and combine our strengths to keep the right-wing con-

servatives from taking away those rights we have fought to achieve and maintain.

The wide variety of topics discussed at the conference included such subjects as the ethics of outing, the role of ACT-UP in liberalizing policy regarding new anti-HIV drugs and the future of our culture. AIDS specialists from both coasts gave an update on new treatments.

One message of the conference rang out loud and clear: "In-fighting

gains nothing. In-fighting drains us of our resources. In-fighting plays into the hands of those who would oppress us. We must stop our own self-destructive behavior and look for ways to recognize our diversity as a source of strength."

*(Chuck Higgins has been Arkansas Mr. Leather, Mr. Southeast Leather '90, and co-chair nominee to the National Leather Association. Chuck's personal efforts in coalition building resulted in his being invited to become a National Board member for the physicians group, specifically representing the leather community.)*

## Arkansas Bare Society Reveals Holiday Events

About 22 men attended the Arkansas Bare Society (ABS) Fall Festival in September. According to organizers, the cool weather made the hot tub and fire pit the two favorite places. A Sunday Volleyball game and group picture rounded out the weekend.

ABS has announced that their next event will be indoors and is scheduled for Nov. 23-24. Titled "Thanksgiving in the Buff," the event will be held in a private home in Mountain Home. Space is available for 20-25 men. "We're planning for a great

gathering," said Hal Allen, ABS president.

The last event scheduled for 1991 will be the "Holiday Hoopla" Dec. 28-29 at the Full Moon Ranch in Mountain Home. Allen is hoping to have a bunkhouse completed by then and will be able to accommodate about 10 more people. "We always welcome newcomers who've made arrangements to be our guests," Allen said.

For more information about ABS, refer to the Arkansas information directory on page 15.

## AGLTF Celebrates Coming Out Day with Demonstration

The Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force held a public demonstration on the Arkansas Capitol steps in recognition of National Coming Out Day Oct. 11.

The demonstration began at 5:00 p.m. with David Harris, the newly elected chair of the Task Force, speaking on local Gay and Lesbian issues. He also addressed the governor's lack of response to the needs of the nearly quarter of a million Gay and Lesbian people of Arkansas.

Shana Saunders, the vice-chair, gave her personal coming out story while her mother listened in the audience.

After the demonstration, there was an open forum where Arkansas Gays and Lesbians were encouraged to express their personal stories of coming out and how they enjoyed being at rest with personal honesty.

The Task Force chose the Capitol steps to emphasize the share in the government of the tax-paying Gay and Lesbian citizens of Arkansas. The Task Force noted the irony in the recent claiming of freedom by the citizens of the Soviet Union, and the comparative suppression of the freedom of Arkansas' Gay and Lesbians by the state government.

National Coming Out Day commemorates the Oct. 11, 1987 March on Washington, D.C. of 600,000 Gay and Lesbian citizens. A second March on Washington is planned for 1993.

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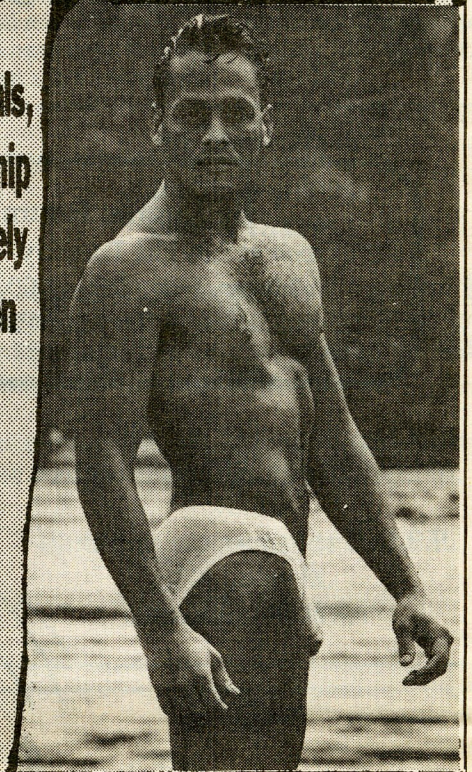
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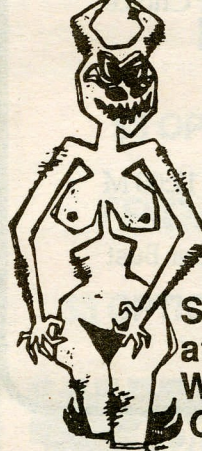
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**ACLU of Arkansas:** 209 West Capitol, Suite 214, Little Rock 72201 ☎ 374-2660.

**ACT-UP Little Rock:** 7 pm, 1st & 3rd Fri. • 1419 S. Taylor, Little Rock 72201 ☎ 661-9408.

**Arkansas Coalition Against Censorship:** ☎ 664-2810.

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

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

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

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

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

**Dignity:** Box 3015, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 758-3512. 7:30 every Thurs., Chapel service 1st Thurs., St. Vincent's Center

for Health Education.

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

**Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. (GLSA):** University of AR, AU 517, Fayetteville 72701.

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

**The League:** Box 56117, Little Rock 72215. Meetings every 3rd Sun.

**Lesbian & Gay Student Alliance:** UCA, c/o 123 West 21st, Little Rock.

**Little Rock Men's Chorus:** Rehearsals 7 pm every Thurs. ☎ 221-9007 (I. J. Routen).

**MCC of the Healing Waters:** Box 664, Berryville 72616 ☎ 623-1049 (Cheri) or 525-8629 (Jon).

**MCC of the Living Springs:** Box 365, Eureka Springs 72632 ☎ 253-9337. Services 7 pm, Bible Study 7 pm, Thurs., Elk Street.

**MCC of the Ozarks:** Box 92, Fayetteville 72702-0092 ☎ 443-4278.

**MCC of the Rock:** Box 1964, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 753-7075. Services 11 am, 2017 Chandler, North Little Rock.

**Northwest Arkansas Gay & Human Rights Coalition (NGHRC):** Box 3177, Fayetteville 72702.

**Officer's Club:** National leather assoc., Box 4392, North Little Rock 72116 ☎ 758-0835.

**Off the Wall:** Gay & Lesbian Bowling League, Mon. nights, 8:30 pm, Pike Lanes, North Little Rock.

**PALS (People of Alternative Lifestyles):** (Lesbian & Gay youth group ages 16-22) Wed., 6:45-8:15 pm, 210 Pulaski Street, Little Rock. Call AGLTF

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays:** Support, action, social group for all interested, Gay or not • 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thurs., Unitarian Church, Minister's office, Little Rock ☎ 821-4865 (Shirley Herndon).

**Phoenix Alcoholics Anonymous/Phoenix Al-Anon:** (Lesbian & Gay Outreach) Little Rock ☎ 224-6769 (Frank) or 821-4255 (Barbara). Meetings Sun., 5 pm & Wed., 8 pm,

Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church. Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, Synod of the Sun: (AR, LA, OK, TX) • Rodger Wilson, 3235 Kinmore, Dallas, TX 75223 ☎ (214) 823-2317.

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

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

**Triangle Book Club:** Monthly discussion 7 pm, 3rd Thurs. ☎ 221-3565 (Bill) or 664-0817 (David) or 664-7565 (Alan).

**Unitarian Universalist Church:** 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock 72207 ☎ 225-1503.

**Women's Project:** 2224 S. Main, Little Rock 72203 ☎ 372-5113.

## COUNSELING / HEALTH SERVICES

**Adult Counseling Services:** Box 2883, Hot Springs 71914 ☎ 623-1089.

**Adult Survivors of Incest:** (Support group sponsored by the Women's Project) ☎ 372-5113.

**American Life Resources:** (Financial Program for the terminally ill.) Gil Gilbreath, Box 1058, Forrest City, AR 72335 ☎ (501) 633-0554.

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

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**Hate/Violence Hotline:** For collection of occurrence statistics only ☎ 1-800-347-HATE.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** ☎ 373-8663.

**National AIDS Hotline:** ☎ 1-800-342-AIDS, 1-800-344-SIDA (Spanish access), 1-800-AIDS- (TTY-Deaf Access).

## LEGAL SERVICES

**Anne Owings Wilson:** Attorney-at-law, 804 N. Ash, Little Rock, 72205 ☎ 664-3537.

## MEDIA

**The Lariat:** monthly newsletter of the diamond State Rodeo Association, Box 806, Little Rock, AR 72203-0806 ☎ (501) 224-6119.

**Lesbian & Gay Directions:** monthly newsletter of the Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Task force, Box 45053, Little Rock, AR 72214.

**News of the Gay & Lesbian Community:** Arkansas Gay & Lesbian Rights of Fayetteville, Box 2897, Fayetteville 72701 ☎ 521-4509 or 443-0661.

**Triangle Journal News:** Monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485 ☎ (901) 454-1411.

**Up & Coming:** Women's newsletter • Box 718, Fayetteville 72702.

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## Oral Sex and the Risk of HIV Infection

By Anette Chaney, R.N.  
ATEAC Education Coordinator

*Decisions in the age of HIV/AIDS concerning sex are not easy. It is important to make an informed decision based on the facts.*

Performing oral sex has greater risk for getting HIV infection than receiving oral sex. In fact, receiving oral sex is very unlikely to transmit HIV.

There are many studies which believe that there is no connection between oral sex and getting HIV and other studies which believe the possibilities are small. It has been believed that cuts or sores would have to be present for transmission to occur. HIV must have a way to get into the blood stream.

But, according to a study at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, dendritic cells may be a source of HIV infection. Dendritic cells are present on the surface of the mucous membranes that

line the mouth, anus, and vagina. In the test tube, dendritic cells are easily infected. In the body, it is believed these cells carry the virus to other tissues and to the T-cells in blood. If this study proves to be accurate, a cut or sore does not have to be present for HIV transmission to occur in oral sex.

If you want to make oral sex safer, use a latex non-lubricated condom. Condoms also protect you against getting other sexually transmitted diseases like syphilis or gonorrhea.

If you choose not to use condoms, don't brush your teeth or floss before having oral sex. If you have cuts or sores or recently had dental work done, do not have oral sex.

Decisions in the age of HIV/AIDS concerning sex are not easy. It is important to make an informed decision based on the facts. For articles on oral sex or other safe sex information, for information on testing and for free condoms, call ATEAC at 272-0855 or 458-AIDS.

## Lab Workers Accused Of Revealing AIDS Test Results

LENEXA, Kan. (AP) — A laboratory that conducts AIDS tests has assailed a magazine report accusing lab employees of revealing test results of Hollywood celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Tom Cruise.

An article in the November edition of *Details* magazine said workers at Home Office Reference Laboratory Inc. often gossiped about results of celebrities' tests, including AIDS tests.

"I can't say it never happens," said Gregg Sadler, Home Office executive vice president. "But it's against company policy, and the company would discipline any employee who did that."

Home Office conducts blood and urine tests for insurance companies, which use the results to determine the risk of potential policyholders. The company employs about 550 workers in laboratories in Lenexa and Overland Park.

The *Details* article was written by Jared Goldstein, a freelance writer who is working on his master's degree in economics at the University of Kansas.

*Details* is a men's monthly magazine that focuses on fashion, music and pop culture.

Goldstein said he was hired by Home Office through a temporary employment agency and worked there in April and May. He said he did not intend to write an article when he was hired at Home Office.

Goldstein said employees made photocopies of celebrity consent forms and accessed test results from computers.

He said a former Home Office employee gave him a computer print-

out of Tom Cruise's test results.

"A celebrity's test isn't considered a secret," the article said. "It's a status symbol."

Sadler said Goldstein, not Home Office, was "the one who disclosed celebrity names and test results."

Home Office had "very strict" policies and procedures about the confidentiality of the results, and supervisors and managers monitor employees, Sadler said.

"Very few people in the company have access to confidential results," he said.

## State Assured Access To Records Of HIV-Positive Workers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A panel of Alabama public health officials has approved a rule giving the state access to records of health care workers who test positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

But there's no penalty for refusing to cooperate.

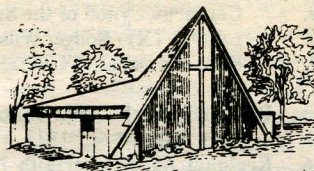
The State Committee of Public Health Oct. 16 agreed without dissent to make permanent an emergency measure the panel approved in August.

The measure also gives state health officials access to medical records of health care workers who test positive for hepatitis B.

The new policy does not require that health care workers be tested for the AIDS virus.

Laboratories and physicians are already required to report cases of HIV virus to state health officials.

"That reporting is across the board," said Dr. Don Williamson, state director of disease control. "If



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reported by that system and it looks like a (health care worker) situation we ought to investigate." The rule provides access to the records needed to trace contacts with co-workers and patients.

"There will not be a circumstance where we would just randomly go in and ask for records," Williamson said.

He said the rule guarantees "that we do have access" to records. He said there is no penalty provision for anyone who refuses to cooperate.

Health officials estimate that 10,000 people in Alabama are HIV-positive and don't know it. There are more than 1,100 known cases of AIDS in Alabama and about 2,700 people are known to have the HIV virus.

Health officials said the rule does not compromise confidentiality.

State Health Officer Earl Fox has said health officials must be able to investigate cases of possible transmission of the HIV virus from health workers to patients.

The rule is in response to a federal Centers for Disease Control recommendation that states take steps to better track possible risks of transmitting HIV and hepatitis B during procedures involving infected health care workers.

A spokeswoman for the AIDS Action Council in Washington said in August that five patients nationwide have been shown to have gotten the deadly virus from a health care worker.

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## AIDS Research Finds Two Drugs Better Than One

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (AP) — Combination drug therapy is used to treat diseases such as cancer and tuberculosis, and researchers at Burroughs Wellcome Co. say it should be used for AIDS, too.

"The bottom line is, this says combination therapy is clearly the way we should move to handle HIV-infected individuals," said Sandra Nusinoff-Lehrman, head of the department of infectious diseases at Burroughs Wellcome.

Research by the Burroughs Wellcome scientists concluded that the AIDS virus was less resistant to AZT when it was used in combination with another AIDS drug.

The research was published in the journal *Science*.

The pharmaceutical company makes AZT, until recently the only drug federally approved for the treatment of HIV.

AZT, sold under the brand name

Retrovir, is not a cure for the HIV infection, but has been found to delay progression of the illness. After prolonged treatment, some patients seem to derive less benefit, possibly because the virus has become resistant to the drug.

In the study, scientists analyzed strains of HIV isolated from five patients with advanced HIV disease. The patients had undergone treatment with AZT and then, when the drug appeared to be failing, were taken off AZT and put on ddi, or didanosine, a drug developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. which the FDA recently approved (see story on page 1).

Doing test tube experiments, the scientists found that the virus samples quickly became resistant to ddi but became more sensitive to AZT.

The theory behind combining drugs is that two agents can increase effectiveness, delay or overcome possible drug resistance, and reduce side effects.



## Funeral For a Friend

"Memphis Gay Coalition to Dis-burial", "New Groups to Take Up Political Issues", "Switchboard to Become Autonomous"

Headlines.

After the swift turnover of officers and board in 1990 the Memphis Gay Coalition was headed in a new direction. It would become the activist, grass-roots, vocal organization that it was at its founding. New leaders, new blood, new interest had arisen. Or so it seemed.

During the course of 1990-91 the roomful of people who came to that

September meeting, armed with righteous indignation, lists of proxy votes and grievances dwindled steadily. Officers and board members disappeared. By spring, the active board members dropped to two. Strangers discussed in public forums what should be done about this unwell institution. Four members met to finally dissolve. Only three members cared enough to see that the treasury and assets were disbursed properly. And only one person went to Shoney's afterwards.

It's not that I would change the final result. Many entities have specific lifespans and should not last longer than their productivity—plays, for example. The Coalition left more. It had endangered numerous groups and touched many individuals. And left memories.

The Coalition was formed to make statements. It was the first homosexual gathering to meet, unafraid, at a public library. It met there on the first Monday of each month for nearly twelve years. It also adjourned to a restaurant afterwards for socializing and continued discussion. We had numbers. We would be ourselves—in public.

The Coalition was there when ad hoc groups raised funds, but had no bank accounts of their own. It managed funds for AIDS education and research, it kept the account for the Community Center funds until they were needed. There were always people who questioned individuals leading the Coalition, but the money always counted up correctly.

Being involved with activism has its memorable episodes. "They're not calling it Gay cancer anymore; it's now called AIDS."—I heard that acronym for the first time at a Coalition meeting. In 1983, it was the Coalition who purchased the first AIDS-related brochures to be distributed in bars and bookstores. I marched with Coalition members to protest Jerry Falwell's visit to Broadway Baptist Church in Whitehaven. Of course, there was the 1980 Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men which not only took over the Holiday Inn Rivermont but made a loud statement to the city not seen before or

since. Coalition members nurtured Bread and Roses, founded the Gay Alternative radio program, produced *Views from 10%* on Cablevision, and were on the first board of the Aid to End AIDS Committee. Members of the Coalition founded the Memphis Committee (an early African-American activist group) and Black and White Men Together. And, of course, the Community Center was founded by the Coalition.

If you really want to know, the reason I became involved with the Coalition in the first place is because there I met people in real life.

Face it, many people one meets or sees at the bar are in "bar mode," "party mode," or in some sort of altered chemical state. In our community, this may border on schizophrenia. Just how many people have you met at the bar who wouldn't speak to you on the street the next day? This was different. I figured, if these people could meet me in a business state then they would become friends on whom I could count. I was right.

David Wiley, Jeff Padgett, and I did many a benefit show together. I met author Carole Taylor, attorney Susan MacKenzie, activist Audrey May, feminist extraordinaire Rick Bray, activists Joe Calhoun and Ed Dillard, Carol Molder, founder of Gay Women's Social Group, and Agape Church founders John Mark House and Bill Tracer—all at Coalition meetings. We marched together, floated down the Mississippi together, hosted the 1980 Southeastern Conference together, staffed the Switchboard together and rocked the boat a lot. We all did things (not only a decade ago but things we still do) which were new to Memphis. We learned not to be afraid of being ourselves.

Bill Johnson and Ric Sullivan, the founders, came home to Memphis to start something we could be proud of. Cecil McLeod kept books for eleven years (and no one yet has found anything wrong or missing) and was the silent consistency in the Coalition's administration. Perhaps my greatest friends, John Cook and Allen Stilwell (who cares which is which) regularly have kept Gay journalism present in Memphis. Eleven years is a long time to remember everyone but my heart is full.

As I left Shoney's on October 7, I wrote a thank you note to the management. They had been nice to us for a very long time and I thought they deserved it. All the hostesses, waiters, and waitresses who served us on Avalon St. are gone. The folks on Union expected us each month but never really understood our history. Some traditions carry on, and some are put to rest. But I will miss it, just the same.



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### Lesbian Couple, Gay Man Settle Child Custody Battle

WOODLAND, Calif. (AP)—A child custody battle between a Gay sperm donor and a Lesbian woman ended in an out-of-court settlement just as the matter was to go to trial.

Under the agreement, the mother, Davis resident Andra Northrup, will retain full legal and physical custody of the 19-month-old boy. Her partner of seven years, Mary Northrup, will be recognized as a psychological or "de facto" parent.

The sperm donor, Sacramento resident Steve Witmann, will have his visitations with the boy extended. The issue of Witmann's legal custody will be submitted to a mediator for a recommendation.

"I love my child very much, and I'm pleased we have a resolution," said Witmann. "I hope we can get back to our normal lives now."

"Basically, we feel a sense of relief at not having the public spectacle," said Northrup. "It gives us more of a sense of having our lives to ourselves."

The legal battle began after the women asked Witmann, a friend, to donate sperm, which Mary used to inseminate Andra.

The women said they believed Witmann had no interest in fatherhood, but six months after the birth of the child, Witmann sought legal recognition as the father.

### Dack Rambo Tests Positive For HIV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dack Rambo, who played Jack Ewing on *Dallas*, has quit the NBC soap opera *Another World* after testing positive for the AIDS virus, a spokesman said Oct. 1.

The 49-year-old Rambo gave his last performance as Congressman Grant Harrison in mid-September, said Steve Rosenblum, vice president of the actor's management company.

"He wants to devote his time to AIDS Project Los Angeles," a nonprofit organization that helps those infected with the virus, Rosenblum said. "He also wants to encourage people to get tested."

Rambo and his twin brother, Dirk, played twins on *The New Loretta Young Show* in 1962-63. Dirk was killed in a traffic accident in 1967.

caution, said she asked Masman last May to invite the group to perform. "It was scheduled," Johnson said. "They were just planning to firm up the date."

John Schmacker, a spokesman for the Des Moines Men's Choir, said the chorus has been planning on the appearance for several months.

"I don't think there was any contract, but there was certainly correspondence between the chorus and the college," Schmacker said.

### Police Upset Cracker Barrel Won't Help Pay For Protection

BELLEVILLE, Mich. (AP) — Police departments providing security for a Cracker Barrel restaurant that's been the site of protests say they're unjustly being relied upon to handle the crisis for the restaurant. Dearborn Police Chief Ron Deziel, whose department provided 20 officers at a recent protest, said Cracker Barrel is refusing to talk to the protesters and leaving it up to police to handle.

"I'm very disappointed," Deziel said. "Their position is that law enforcement has an obligation to make sure their business operates. Well, I think Cracker Barrel could be doing more to resolve the problem."

About 200 Gay activists demonstrated Oct. 13 there, calling for the chain to apologize for its alleged bias that resulted in the firing of at least 12 Gay employees. The protest was monitored by 100 police officers at a cost of \$10,000-\$20,000. Deziel told the *Detroit Free Press*. "This is becoming a financial burden," said Deziel, who heads the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Police Pact, through which various municipalities pool resources during a crisis.

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**Getwell Book Mart:** 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.  
**Paris Adult Entertainment Center:** 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.  
**Tammy's # 1:** 2857 Winchester ☎ 794-2997.  
**Tammy's # 2:** 2220 East Brooks Road ☎ 396-9050.  
**Tammy's # 3:** 1617 Getwell Road ☎ 744-4513.  
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA):** Meets Sat. at 6:30 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC):** AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 458-AIDS or 272-0855.  
**Al-Anon (Co-dependency):** Meets Wed. at 6:30 PM at Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Alliance:** Leather/Levi club • 4372 Kerwin Drive, Memphis 38128.  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA)** Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.  
**Black & White Men Together (BWMT):** Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 323-6611.  
**Black Gay & Lesbian Alliance for Dignity (B-GLAD):** Box 1921, Memphis 38101 ☎ 327-0521 or 948-2345.  
**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105.  
**Catholic Lesbians:** Faith at 324-6949.  
**Cotton Pickin' Squares:** Gay Square Dance Club ☎ 387-1567 or 753-1507.

**Gay & Lesbian Diversified Services of Memphis (GLDSM):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 ☎ 728-GAYS.  
**Gay Women's Social Group:** Debbie ☎ 458-7431.

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

**Integrity Memphis:** Meets the 3rd Mon., Dinner, 6:30 PM, \$3, Meeting 7:00 PM • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N 2nd, Memphis, TN 38103 ☎ 726-9750.

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

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

**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 ☎ 393-0983.

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

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 1291 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 ☎ 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 Avenue, Memphis 38104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Riverboat Gamblers Motorcycle Club:** Box 40404, Memphis, TN 38104 ☎ 276-9939.

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

**Southern Country Memphis:** Country Western Dance Club ☎ 726-4767.

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

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

**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 Lesbian & Gay Alliance (YLAGA):** Mailing address: Box 40231, Memphis 38174-0231 ☎ 276-4651.

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## 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 ☎ 454-0108.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gay and Lesbian American Indians who are interested in coming together with others of like heritage for support, call (901) 725-4898.

Ole Miss Gay & Lesbian Support Group meets Thursday evenings. For more information call: (601) 234-8280 or (601) 234-4979 or write: Box 2420, University, MS 38677.

## BED & BREAKFAST

Ozark Bed/Breakfast 5 wooded acres of privacy in a fun vacation area. Exclusive resort for men & women. Hot tub. Country club privileges. Greenwood Hollow Ridge, Rt 4 Box 155, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, (501) 253-5283.

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Experienced carpenter looking for carpenters and other trades people to work with me. Call Len Glosque at 276-0135 between 6-8 in the evening.

It's a dirty job so let me do it for you. I'll clean your house, apartment, or condo. Affordable prices, professional service. References available upon request. I have reliable transportation. Call: 522-9346.

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## PERSONALS

Attention Gay Airline Pilots: Interested in meeting other airline pilots in the area. Respond to: Dept. A-11, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485. Discretion assured.

Attractive GWM, late 20's, professional seeks good-looking models/escorts in the tri-state area for discreet good times. Must be dominant, well-built, & endowed. Respond w/photo & phone number if possible. Let's get together soon. Write: Dept. S-11, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

Bobby B. from Alliance—A speluncher's dream come true! Tours leaving every half-hour from jerk the turkey club night! GWF, looking for same. I'd like to meet fem women for possible relationship. I am very honest and caring. I am not just out for a good time. I want to meet that "special lady!" Reply: Dept. K-11, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

GWM, 23, very cute, very honest, smoker, works very hard for a living. I'm so tired of the air heads in this town just out for fun and to fulfill the need, etc.! I'm looking for that person who knows what life is all about. If interested write me! No games, no put-ons, no lost minded people! Very serious replies, please! I am seriously looking for someone for a long-lasting 1:1 relationship. Reply: Dept. D-09, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

GWM, 36, 6', 170#, blonde/blue, affectionate, shy, quiet, tired of bars and cruising. Looking for GWM, 30-45, for possible relationship/friendship. Beards, hairy chest a plus! Write 322 Morrison, Hot Springs, AR 71901 or call (501) 624-7759.

GWM, 5'9", 165#, br/bl, sincere, caring, discreet, home-oriented. Seeks GWM, 21-40 with similar qualities for dinners, movies, travel conversation, friendship/1:1 relationship. Reply to: Box 38185, Memphis, TN 38183.

GWM, late 20's, 5'10", 145#, dark hair & eyes would like to meet someone in their

30's or 40's. Hobbies include swimming, some sports, camping, & eating out. Write: Dept. C-10, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

HIV positive male, bl/br, hunting for HIV positive male for fun, friendship, possibly more. Not into bars, drugs. Life's too short not to enjoy it. Write: Dept. B-08, Box 11485, Memphis, TN 38111-0485.

Leland D.—So you secretly want to be La Toya, huh? Why the mother-of-pearl nail polish just to watch New Kids videos? You sick, perverted, tired, old piece! Call me a D.Q. you top 40 toilet breath! Love Steve.

Pitin yo te quiero mucho. Feliz aniversario numero tres. ¿Metete en la cama posible? Con todo mi amor. Esteban. Tim—Saw you working your big zoom lens at the Miss Reflections Pageant. Let's get together for some close ups and steam it up.

To Tim—Light "man" at Reflections: We travel 75 miles each weekend to see the Drag Show; but mainly to watch you operate your "hot, round, long" spotlight. You're almost as good as the show!!! Your stance would drive anyone crazy. You're one of the hottest! I hear you love a good B. J. I would love to service you someday... Keep up the good work—we'll all be watching!!—Secret Admirers. W Bi Male needs discreet male companionship. Photo desired, not required. All answered. P.O. Box 1034, Collierville, TN 38027-1034.

WANT TOM CRUISE? So do I, but he hasn't answered my ad yet! His loss can be your gain. I'm seeking GWM, 21-50 for a true friendship and more. I'm a nice-looking GWM, 31, 6'1", br/br with lots of good qualities. TAKE A CHANCE ON ME! Phone SCOTT anytime at (601) 489-8023.

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## Meetings at Memphis Lambda Center, Inc.\*

241 N. Cleveland Street

Memphis, TN 38104

(901) 276-7379

## Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous)

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

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

## Our Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous)

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

## Into The Light

### (Alcoholics Anonymous - Women Only)

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

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

## Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

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

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

|          |         |                   |
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| Saturday | 6:30 pm | Discussion (Open) |
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\*Memphis Lambda Center, Inc. is a private organization formed for the promulgation and enhancement of Twelve-Step meetings with a special outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community.

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# GAY MEMPHIS RESOURCES

Road, Memphis 38119 ☎ 767-6351.  
**K. A. Moss, MS:** Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Suite 101, Memphis 38104 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.  
**Carole Taylor, MS:** Counseling ☎ 458-7098.  
**Northeast Mental Health Center:** ☎ 382-3880.

## FLORIST

**Flower Market of Memphis:** 1523 Union Ave., Memphis 38104 ☎ 274-8103.  
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## FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**HELP & INFORMATION LINES**  
**AIDS Switchboard:** ☎ 458-AIDS.

## Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline:

☎ 1-800-347-TEEN.  
**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 (Daytime Only).

## LEGAL SERVICES

**Wayne C. Gullledge, Attorney At Law:** 208 S. Heard Street, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (601) 562-8738.  
**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law:** 100 N. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis

38103 ☎ 525-0417.

**Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law:** 1255 Lynnfield Road ☎ 521-9996.  
**Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law:** 1903 Lincoln American Tower, 60 North Mid-America Mall, Memphis 38103 ☎ 527-3795.

## MASSAGE SERVICES

**"A Touch Of Relaxation":** Therapeutic massage by appointment, Ms. Dixie Fletcher & Ms. Bernie Gwyn ☎ 522-1482 or 522-7054.  
**"Just the Right Touch":** Therapeutic/ Sports Massage by Appointment ☎ 372-1841 or Beeper 762-3894 (7am-10pm).  
**Tom Pitman:** Therapeutic Full-body

Massage/Rejuvenating Swedish Massage by appointment ☎ 452-1875.  
**Craig von Graeler:** Professional full body massage by appointment. Please call 10am-8pm ☎ 278-9768.

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**Richard N. Carr:** Video productions, 350 N Montgomery, Memphis, TN 38104 ☎ 278-0407.  
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**Jim Goudy:** Landscaping, exterior maintenance, decks, brick & rock work ☎ (601) 429-0061.  
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**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.  
**Jimmy Hancock:** Electronic repair • TVs, stereos, VCRs, etc. ☎ 365-0260 before 10pm.  
**Leatherworks:** Leather shop • 1264 Madison ☎ 722-8963.  
**Mid-Town Hair:** 1926 Madison, Memphis, TN 38104 ☎ 278-2199.  
**Pet Care Unlimited:** Pet sitting and/or house sitting by competent, caring couple ☎ 726-6198.  
**See-S:** Portraits & photography ☎ 327-3760.  
**Star Search Video:** 1411 Poplar Ave. ☎ 272-STAR.

## NEWSPAPERS / RADIO

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

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**Barbara's:** 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.  
**Chaps:** 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 726-4767.  
**G. Bellington Rumples:** 1819 Madison ☎ 725-0415.  
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**WKRB in Memphis:** 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.

## REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**Russell Armstrong, Developer, Looney Developments:** 194 Looney Ave., Memphis 38107 ☎ 525-3044.  
**Bill Malone, Affiliate Broker, Merkle and Associates:** 2298 Germantown Rd. So., Memphis 38138 ☎ 755-2200.  
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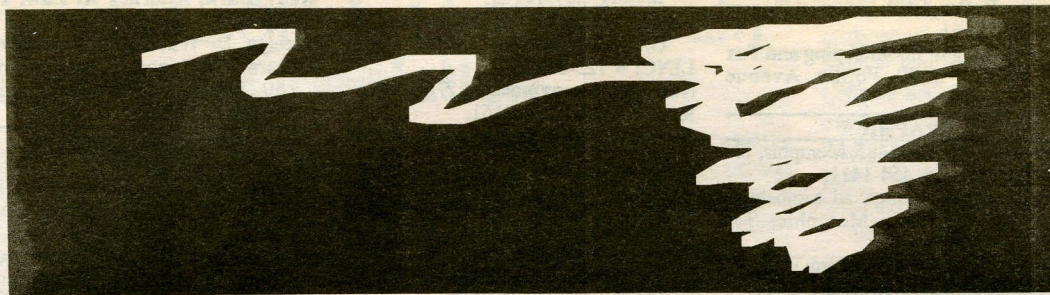
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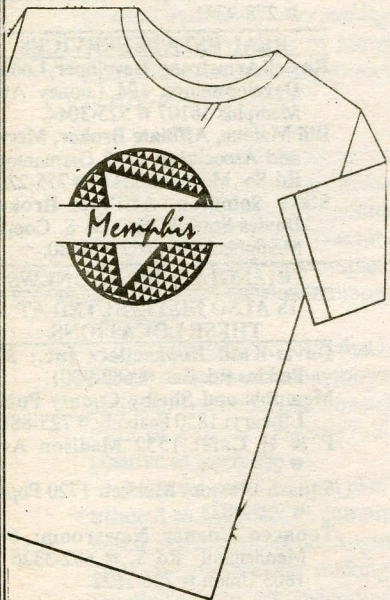
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