

### Homosexual Panic Defense Rejected Florida Man Convicted of Murder

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A Florida man who claimed he was fighting off a homosexual assault has been convicted of first-degree murder in the Jan. 10, 1991, slaying of a Chattanooga man.

Ronald Bradford Waller, 23, of Port Richie, Fla., was sentenced to life in prison by Judge Joe DiRisio after a Hamilton County Criminal Court jury returned the verdict on April 23.

The jury also found Waller guilty of especially aggravated robbery and theft of the victim's car.

Prosecutors said Waller abducted Howard C. Jewell, 51, from an East Ridge, Tenn., motel room, forced him to drive to Jewell's apartment, where he slashed his throat 10-15 times, then stole his money, jewelry and car.

Waller argued that Jewell picked him up as he hitchhiked along Interstate 75, claimed to be traveling to Atlanta and offered to let Waller stay with him at a motel.

Then, Waller said, Jewell pulled a gun him and forced him to go Jewell's apartment, where there was a struggle and he killed the man with a carving knife.

Prosecutor Bill Cox ridiculed that story, saying Jewell was smaller than Waller and in poor health. Cox also said it was unlikely Jewell would have paid for a motel room, then taken Waller to his apartment to assault him.

"There was no struggle in this house," Cox said. "There was an execution in this house. There was a butchering in this house."

### Event in 3 Acts Termed Moderate Success

An Event in 3 Acts: HEART STRINGS, the AIDS Memorial Quilt, and You was termed a "moderate success" according to its local organizers.

An Event in 3 Acts consisted of a free student performance of HEART STRINGS, a Gala fund raising performance on April 1 and 2, and a free display of part of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt April 3-6.

About 2000 students from over fifty high schools, colleges, and universities attended a free performance of HEART STRINGS April 1 which was included as part of the tour. However, the April 2 Gala performance only sold 1010 of the 2375 tickets available at the Orpheum.

Over 4000 people attended the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at Rhodes College.

"Usually a city's first display of the Quilt only draws out the Lesbian and Gay Community," said Marcel Miranda of the NAMES Project who acted as the Memphis Quilt Display Coordinator. "The Memphis display was unusual in that it brought out a broad cross-section of people.

"We saw mothers, fathers, children, school groups, church groups — all sorts of people came," Miranda said.

Allen Cook, EventCo-chair said the performances of HEART STRINGS and display of the Quilt were completely underwritten by corporate sponsorships and donations and that all other revenue would have gone to the beneficiaries.

"We did better than last time (1989) in every revenue category except tickets," Cook said. "We had more corporate sponsorships, more merchandise sales, more ticket sales parties, more general donations, did more advertising, and had a longer time frame to put it together. Unfortunately the \$30 base ticket price proved to be too steep for a lot of people in this economy." A sell-out of the Orpheum had the potential revenue of over \$100,000.

Although a few bills and pledged donations are still out, organizers believe that they will net about \$35,000 to be split equally between Friends For Life (formerly ATEAC) and the HIV/AIDS Education program of the American Red Cross.

Among the top donors and corporate sponsors were the Steven Dunlap Companies, Regency Travel, Craig Simrell, Piggly Wiggly, Autozone, and Caremark.

The number of volunteers working on An Event in 3 Acts totalled over 400.



Over 4000 people attended the 4-day display of a portion of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt April 3-6. Fourteen panels memorializing local people who have died of AIDS were presented to be included in future displays.

### Tennessee Family Physicians Reluctant to Discuss, Treat AIDS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Physicians need more education about the AIDS virus with the number of people becoming infected growing, an AIDS consultant said.

A survey of 961 primary-care doctors by the state Health Department last year showed that 31% try to avoid taking care of patients infected with the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

And of those physicians surveyed, 66% said they didn't feel adequately trained to deal with the complications of AIDS.

Dr. Kerry Gateley, medical consultant to the Tennessee Health Department's AIDS Program, said doctors need to play a stronger part because they have an influence.

"Are we as physicians going to follow, or are we going to lead?" Gateley asked. "I'd like to see our physicians able and willing to speak up instead of letting the community dictate health care."

Many doctors said they worried that treating HIV-infected patients would make it difficult to retain office staff and would drive other patients away.

State health officials say these findings are particularly disturbing in light of the rapid spread of the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) among women, blacks and teen-agers in Tennessee.

More education is needed about the risk factors of HIV infection, said

Gary Swinger, medical epidemiologist for the state AIDS Program.

But about 66% of those surveyed said they did not display or distribute AIDS educational material in their offices, and more than half said they did not routinely discuss AIDS and how to avoid HIV infection with patients.

"The family doctor can have a lot of influence on stuff like this," Gateley said.

Health officials said doctor participation is even more important after new data released Wednesday during a TMA meeting in Nashville.

Nearly half the reports of infection were people under age 20 with infection resulting from heterosexual intercourse in 12% of the cases, said Laurel Wood, AIDS Program director.

Under a law which took effect Jan. 1, doctors are required to report positive HIV tests to the state.

There was concern the law would discourage people from being tested for fear their names would be made public inadvertently and they would suffer discrimination as a result.

Health officials say more people were tested during the first quarter this year than during the same period last year.

For the first time, state officials have been able to contact everyone who tested positive for HIV to counsel them about early treatment and how to avoid transmitting the infection to others.

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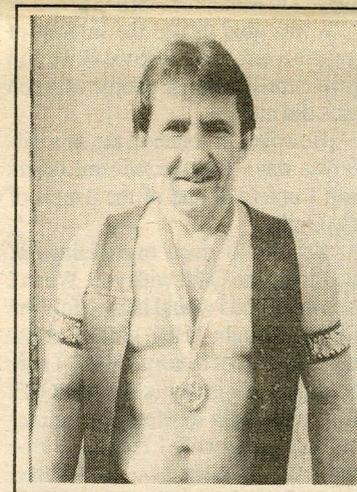
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### Michael La Bonte Honored by MSU Human Relations Committee

Michael LaBonte, student activist and member of MSU GALA, was honored by Memphis State University's Committee on Human Relations April 2. He received a \$500 scholarship, presented by Mayor W. W. Herenton, for his work this past year to include a sexual orientation clause in the university's non-discrimination policy.

"What I really think is important about this honor is that it is a

recognition by this committee that fighting for Gay and Lesbian rights is a necessary part of the struggle for human rights," said La Bonte. He also thanked fellow activist Kevin Lee for his support and Daniel Cody for nominating him.

Each year, the committee presents Human Rights Awards named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to individuals exemplifying non-violent leadership in the tradition of Dr. King in the fight

for human rights.

The award recipients were Jeanne Dreifus, coordinator of the MSU Human Services Coop, Allen Hammond, a long-time MSU employee for his work in the financial aid office, and Dr. Keith Kennedy, a longtime professor in the Speech and Drama department.

LaBonte shared scholarship honors with Evelyn Collier who was recognized for her volunteer work.

# Pride is the Opposite of Shame

by Vincent Astor

The Society for Applied Anthropology met in Memphis this past March. Yes, yes, I can see what you're thinking, the entire Peabody filled with Margaret Meads, Louis Leakeys, dust, old pots and bone fragments. Everybody being very learned, easily excitable over a broken piece of something strange and perhaps just a little eccentric. It may surprise you that Audrey May, Joy Booker and I were asked to be part of a session during this event. Bones, however, had nothing to do with anything.

These anthropologists are men and women who research cultures, civilizations and the ways people live and get along. Applied anthropology uses the techniques of anthropology to gather information and discover why people behave the way they do, and why society has developed the way it has. The word "Applied" means that this information is not merely consigned to some learned paper, left to gather dust deep in some dark university archive, but is used to address problems and provide solutions.

The important thing about this session was—it was a first. The name

was *Building a Lesbian/Gay Agenda in Applied Anthropology*. Dr. William Leap, the organizer, took a chance in organizing this discussion; would it be ignored, criticized, examined, denounced? Lesbians and Gay men have been studied in older civilizations (the Greeks and Native Americans, for instance) and should be just as important a part of study in our own society. The point was that this information could be used to address problems of health, housing, employment, civil rights and homophobia. The session, which included the three of us on a panel, was well attended. I was told that

some very prominent and influential people at the conference attended and commented favorably. I felt that I had been part of something on a national level, perhaps the beginning of some good influence.

One presentation did get me to thinking. It was stated that **it is the types of institutions which exist that determine a culture**. Now I have heard about queer culture from some of the Radical Faeries. Queer Nation is a more middle-ground organization which espouses the same "culture" development among Gay and Lesbian people. So, what is it that makes this culture?

The key word is options. Clubs and organizations are options. Memphis has done very well, so far, in creating a large variety. What I mean is open-to-the-public social institutions. Places where a person doesn't have to wait for the next meeting or event, or wonder if s/he will fit in with the particular group which has formed itself into a club or whether s/he supports the purpose of any given organization. Or whether s/he drinks beer, likes to dance, or wants to socialize only with those who do the above. Meristem has become a focal point in the women's and Lesbian community. We need others. The Community Center can become such a focal point, supporting it, will keep it there as an option. There is nothing wrong with the bars as socializing

venues, they have certainly improved since I first came out, but there need to be options. Is the bar the only place to come out? Is it the one and only avenue to learn what being Gay or Lesbian is about? It shouldn't be. The bar, too should be an option.

If we are to have role models to eliminate the stigma of stereotypes where shall we find them? In proud professionals, for example. Larger cities have ads and listings for many, many professional businesses and services which show our diversity and can be role models for younger people coming out. People new to Memphis call the Switchboard all the time looking for Gay or Lesbian doctors, dentists, realtors, financial advisors, carpenters, movers, what have you. We need to know more of these people and they need to introduce themselves to us. Institutions such as the ones I am suggesting will be places to fill our need for services, our desire to "keep things in the family" and show to people just coming out that there are Gay men and Lesbians who are "just like everybody else".

These role models can be businesses which are openly supportive (no, you don't have to have a pink triangle in your logo but you should not be afraid to give your name, at least, in support of a community effort). More emphasis on quality goods and services and less

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## Touching Their Souls

As everyone knows, I'm sure, the AIDS Memorial Quilt was finally displayed in Memphis April 4-6

I was glad to see the turnout of people who came to see the Quilt. I'm sure it touched those people as much as it did me.

However, it touched me in a different way. You see, several others and I unfolded one of the panels of the Quilt.

I'd like to share my feelings of unfolding the Quilt with you. When I was informed I would help unfold the Quilt, I thought "Hey, great, I'm going to be part of history." Well, I may be a part of history (since the Quilt had never been to Memphis before) but that is not how I feel now. You see, when I touched — just touched — the Quilt, I felt different, as if I was touching those beautiful people's souls. This is a feeling I will carry with me until I join them in heaven. They are a part of me and I am a part of them now. That will never change. Seeing the names on those panels really brought tears to my eyes, especially since some were friends. The new panels were fantastic since they will be a part of the beauty of the [entire] Quilt. Those people will touch someone in the future much better than they touch us in life.

What really makes me mad is the stupidity of some people in society today. For example, I told my employer the Quilt was in Memphis and that he should go to see it. His response was, "It doesn't interest me." It may not now, but what if someone

close to him contracts AIDS? Will it interest him then? And what will the government do? There are so many questions that go unanswered. But the main question is WHY?

I have never been closed-minded to this situation and now with the souls of those people in me, I cannot even think of being closed-minded. This virus in our midst is not a Gay virus or a Leather virus or straight virus. We now know that blood transfusions could cause it. People need to realize that no one is out of reach of AIDS. So let's stop all the fighting among ourselves and do something to stop this.

In October, the Quilt will be in Washington D.C. With an estimated 20,000 panels to display, where will it be? Personally, I think it should be displayed at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Maybe that will make an impact.

As long as I live, those people whose names are so proudly displayed will still be alive.

May God keep them at His side.  
Bobby Biggs  
Memphis

Dear Editor:

**OUT WITH A BANG? JUST A FIZZLE!**

This letter is to answer verbal public attacks made upon me and my companies by Matt Presley on Saturday, Apr. 11, 1992.

Mr. Presley: To go out with a bang, you need to know what you are talking about. Before you attack someone publicly, you should first find out the facts. Never have you approached me to discuss my feelings concerning the leather community. Therefore, since you obviously do not have the time or wish to extend me the courtesy of discussing this issue with me in person, I shall, for your benefit and the benefit of the entire leather community, respond on how I feel.

Some years ago our community was infected with the deadly disease AIDS. Through a lot of hours and hard work by many people in the Gay community, including many of the leather community, we have worked hard to educate our fellow brothers and sisters on the deadly

disease AIDS. We have lost many of our loved ones to this deadly demon, and unfortunately we shall lose many more. I feel that every young person should be made aware of the consequences of not practicing safe sex. We no longer live in the 70s when "group sex" was a somewhat safe practice in our community. Gone are the days of orgies and free love. To continue these practices today is just an open invitation to our graves.

I do not disapprove of the leather community or their functions, but I do disapprove of certain activities that have transpired at most, if not all, of the leather runs. How can you, as a leader in the Gay community, and the leather clubs in the community, condone and permit or provide facilities for group sex to occur by providing slings and turning down the lights in the hospital-ity rooms following after-hours cocktail parties. I refer to the article on the Alliance Run in the last edition of *Triangle Journal News*. Mr. Presley, you and the leather clubs should wake up. Group sex and bath houses are out...these are the 90s.

The entire leather community is more than welcome to any and all of my businesses. However, I do not condone the activities that transpire at your club functions, and therefore do not wish for any of your meetings and/or activities to be held in any of my businesses. As individuals, you are welcome. Club functions will not be allowed.

Do you think that the leather community projects a quality public image by their members entering or leaving various clubs, many of which are located next to other public businesses, with their bare bottoms hanging out? Leather attire is welcome in my businesses, but I insist that it comply with the rest of the acceptable public attire. You wouldn't walk into other public facilities with your bare bottoms hanging out - or would you? Is this the image you want to project to the public of the leather community?

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# Debate Spotlights Gay Political Network

by Pat Kossan  
The Phoenix Gazette

PHOENIX (AP) — The battle to persuade Phoenix City Council members to extend civil rights protection to Gays and Lesbians has put the spotlight on what some people call the city's Gay political power.

It's really not a power at all. It's more like a well-connected neighborhood homeowners association.

It can produce a crowd, recruit impressive speakers, round up campaign volunteers and votes, and lobby politicians. It is working with the city on the civil rights issue and with legislators who favor abolishing the state's sodomy law.

This year, for example, it has targeted three legislators for defeat in November.

Former Councilwoman Linda Nadolski believes the Gay community is quickly becoming a powerful political force. That's because it is driven by basic democratic principles, not an issue that will be here today and gone tomorrow, she says.

Nadolski, who is working with the Gay community on its political agenda, expects state legislation protecting the civil rights of Lesbians and Gays to be passed within five years.

"They are making a determined, concentrated, professional effort," she says.

The political activists within the Gay community have been aggressively pursuing candidates to support for more than a decade.

David Blais, a member of the Arizona Committee for Progress, says his organization seeks candidates with viability. "We've never supported anyone because of their sexual orientation," Blais says.

When it comes to political muscle, Blais is a realist.

"We can give you 2 or 3 percentage points and push you over," he says. "We can't give you 50 percent plus 1."

Those 2 or 3 percentage points are enough to make a round of visits to the Gay bars a regular part of campaigning for some Phoenix candidates.

"You can get elected in District 25 without it, but it helps," state Sen. Chuck Blanchard says about the Gay community's support. The central Phoenix Democratic took his campaign inside Gay clubs and says he was shocked at what he found.

"I met members of my church, members of my law firm. I met my neighbors. I learned the Gay community was not a group off by themselves, but very much a part of the whole," he says. "I learned I can no longer make assumptions about people."

City Councilman Craig Tribken was surprised when owners of the Gay bars turned off the music long

enough for him to make short campaign speeches.

"It's hard to measure their strength unless you have sophisticated polling, which I don't," he says. "But you'll have a lot of people stop and listen to you and talk to you."

Since 1983, the battle against AIDS has drained Phoenix's fledgling Gay political organizations of money, time, energy and talent. With little help coming from federal or state government, a mostly volunteer force abandoned politics and went to work establishing a series of health-care organizations and facilities. The care system was built with an estimated \$2 million donated by the Phoenix-area Lesbian and Gay community in the past decade.

But the effort to have Gays added to the list of protected minorities in Phoenix has revitalized political activity.

Lesbians and Gays are specifically protected by citywide anti-discrimination policies in 90 cities around the nation, including Tucson for the past 12 years.

When the same proposal last came before the Phoenix City Council in December, members struck a compromise. They agreed to establish a policy not to discriminate against Lesbians and Gays in the city of Phoenix hiring and employment policies, but refused to extend it to prohibit discrimination in businesses and services citywide.

"Their case was extraordinarily well presented," Tribken says. Tribken supports the citywide proposal, which is back on the city agenda.

A crowd estimated at 1,000 2-to-1 in favor of the proposal appeared at the Human Relations Commission hearing March 26. The commission members passed the proposal last year and are expected to do the same this year.

Before the proposal returns for a council vote in July, it is expected to be brought before the City Council's family and youth subcommittee, which gave it unanimous approval last year.

While admitting there is no evidence a similar ordinance has hurt businesses in Tucson, Johnson says he is against the proposal because he's against placing more regulations on Phoenix businesses.

"It's not that one regulation, or any one regulation. But collectively they (regulations) have caused tremendous problems," Johnson says.

The new-found enthusiasm for the Gay civil rights struggle is spilling over to lobbying efforts in the Legislature.

Those efforts paid off last session when lawmakers passed a bill requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data on hate crimes committed against minorities, including Lesbians and Gays. It's the first time the Legislature has recognized Gay people as a minority.

This year Gay activists are helping legislators who want to abolish the state law prohibiting "crimes against nature" usually referred to as the sodomy law as part of a criminal code reform package. More than half the states have abolished similar laws.

Blais says his group's efforts also will heat up this summer as it works to replace three state representatives in November.

"A lot of legislators don't vote our way, but these legislators actively go out of their way to attack Gays," Blais says.

## Effort to Ban Protection for Gays Borders on Discrimination

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Efforts by a local group to implement a statewide ban on protection for homosexuals is a thinly disguised attempt at legalized discrimination and jeopardizes civil and voting rights, according to members of a civil rights campaign.

Volunteers for EPOColorado, The Equal Protection Campaign, spoke to students at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs on Apr. 8. The volunteers urged students to vote against a November ballot issue that would change the state Constitution to forbid laws that would make it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals in housing, employment and public access.

"Laws should be made to protect people, not endanger them," said EPOC volunteer Julie Cooper. "If this issue passes, intolerance and prejudice would actually be written into our Constitution based on the views of a small group."

EPOC is fighting a measure sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, a Colorado Springs-based group that gathered more than 85,000 petition signatures to have the issue placed on the November ballot. Secretary of State Natalie Meyer has yet to rule on the validity of the signatures.

EPOC spokeswoman Nancy McCallum said the group will announce a broad-based coalition in opposition to the Family Values initiative in the next few weeks. She said EPOC will spend upwards of \$300,000 on its campaign, dedicating most of its resources to clarifying the issue for voters.

Colorado for Family Values founder Tony Marco said laws that protect homosexuals give them a minority status they don't deserve.

"As an entire class, homosexuals do not meet the established criteria (for minority status) laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court. They're too affluent and too educationally and culturally advantaged," Marco said. "Their claim to this status is based solely on sexual behavior."

Marco said his group's initiative involves no moral judgments and no other criteria except fairness for all people.

But EPOC, a Denver-based politi-



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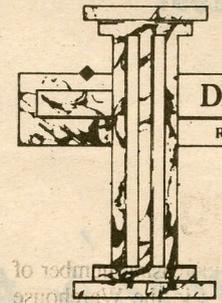
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cal campaign formed solely to combat the initiative, said Colorado for Family Values has waged an emotional and bigoted campaign against homosexuals.

Passage of the Family Values' initiative would make it almost impossible to protect the civil rights of homosexuals, McCallum said.

The measure also would remove

the authority of local governments to provide additional protection. That means ordinances passed in Denver, Aspen and Boulder would be overturned.

"It's an assault on local control and the civil rights of all people to decide what's best for their community," said Betty Lynn Mahaffy, a Colorado Springs volunteer.

## Bush Against Laws to Protect Gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told prominent evangelicals last month that he is against passing special laws to protect the rights of Gays and Lesbians, a member of the visiting group said.

Robert Dugan, one of the participants, said Bush volunteered his position when the subject was broached but did not elaborate.

"We are against codification of homosexual relationships in the laws of this country," Dugan said. "That's an anti-family convention as far as we are concerned. It is in violation of our biblical standard."

Dugan said homosexuals "should have the same rights as anybody else in this society," but "we don't want to see our society codify that and put it into the laws and recognize those relationships under the law as having the same value as the traditional family structure does."

During his presidency, Bush has pushed and signed disability rights and immigration bills that bar dis-

crimination against AIDS patients — largely homosexuals — and bars people from being denied admittance to the United States on the basis of sexual orientation.

However, he supports the military's traditional ban on accepting known homosexuals into its ranks.

Dugan was one of a dozen evangelicals meeting with the president in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. The others included Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals; Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University, and Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, president of Concerned Women of America.

Dugan said the matter of abortion was brought up briefly at their meeting.

Bush restated his anti-abortion position, Dugan said, adding that "while he's president we are not going to have a Freedom of Choice Act in this country."

## Gay Republicans Plan National Convention

HOUSTON (AP) — A national group of Gay Republicans plans to hold its convention near Houston just before the GOP's national gathering this August.

The Log Cabin Republicans will hold their meeting Aug. 14-16 in The Woodlands, a suburb of Houston. The Republican national convention is Aug. 17-20 at the Astrodome.

The group says it'll use the convention to plan a strategy for influencing elections nationwide.

"We're trying to point out there are diverse views within the party," said Paul von Wupperfeld, president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas. "People tend to look at the party as monolithic, leaning toward the right."

Some of the issues the group plans to tackle are funding for AIDS research and the military's ban on ho-

mosexuals. Log Cabin leaders also want to improve the image of Gays.

"We have to educate people that we are not left-wing, earring-wearing liberals," said Andy Smith, president of the Austin Log Cabin chapter and secretary of the national group.

Roger Parton, the Houston Log Cabin president, said the chapter has been encouraged by newly elected Harris County GOP Chairwoman Betsy Lake.

But Parton, a former executive director to the Harris County Republican chairman Ray Barnhardt in the mid 1970s, said Gays often are not accepted by both the GOP and other homosexuals.

The group is named in honor of Abraham Lincoln, who was raised in a log cabin in Illinois.

## Austin Police Begin Undercover Patrols Against Gay Bashing

AUSTIN (AP) — Gay leaders say an undercover operation will help prevent attacks and might improve police relations with Austin's Gay community.

"An undercover operation can really catch some people in the act," said Rick Antoine, interim chairman of the Austin Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Coalition.

Two police officers recently posed as a Gay couple in a downtown entertainment district in a new effort to halt crimes against Gays.

No arrests resulted from last weekend's work. But Austin police Lt. Gerald Raines said the undercover operation will continue intermittently

because of an increasing number of attacks on Gays in the Warehouse District.

"A lot of time it is hit-or-miss. Two people could be holding hands for hours and be left alone while two people walking out of a bar, who might not even be Gay, might be attacked," Antoine said. "I think it's going to give the police officers a different perspective on what it's like to be out there."

The Police Department last summer recorded eight aggravated assaults and 41 simple assaults in the same area.

So far this year, the Police Department has recorded three aggravated

assaults and 22 simple assaults in the Warehouse District. An aggravated assault is a felony crime that causes serious bodily injury. A simple assault is a misdemeanor.

In the undercover operation, other officers waited near those who posed as the Gay couple. They filmed and monitored the situation, ready to make arrests if the couple was attacked.



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the July 4 killing of Paul Broussard, a Gay banker who was attacked along with two companions as the three left a Montrose-area nightclub. During the operation, which was later discontinued, officers were beaten with a bat, sprayed with Mace, punched and pelted with beer cans.

That operation was in response to

## Traditionalists Clash with Gays over Rights Bill

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Homosexual activists have clashed with self-proclaimed traditionalists over a bill that would ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations.

The measure being considered by the Senate Finance Committee would make it illegal to deny someone a job, a home, a loan or a hotel room based on sexual orientation.

Several of the bill's proponents April 9 told stories of verbal and physical abuse they had suffered because of their homosexuality.

"At age 19, two men made an attempt on my life... In order to escape from their grasp, I had no other option but to run into traffic and came within inches of being run over," said Terry Sapp of the Rhode Island Network of Gay Student Alliances.

"We are not criminals, perverts, or mentally ill as some opponents of this bill wish to have you

believe," Sapp said.

Opponents, some of whom quoted The Bible, said passage of the measure would lead to a deterioration of family values.

"If the state must legalize all private sexual acts between consenting adults, it would have to legalize polygamy, incest, marriage between parents and adult children or between adult siblings as well as prostitution, adultery and sodomy," said Judith Ryder, president of Eagle Forum of Rhode Island, a group that claims to protect traditional values.

"Does it make sense to elevate habitual lawbreakers to a protected minority?," Ryder said.

A vote was not expected before April 10's committee deadline, but bill sponsor Sen. Rhoda E. Perry, D-Providence, said the measure could get called to the full Senate at a later date.

The House Judiciary Committee approved a similar bill April 8.

## Stonewall News Prints First Edition

SPOKANE (AP)—The *Stonewall News*, a newspaper for Gay men and Lesbians in the Inland Northwest, has published its first edition.

The 12-page tabloid with news, features and very little advertising has been distributed this month in bookstores and bars in Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla; Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho; and Missoula, Mont.

"I'm not in this to make money," said the publisher, a Spokane businessman who asked not to be identified. "I think the advertising is going to turn around but if it doesn't, I'm committed to losing money on this for at least a year."

For a city of its size, Spokane has one of the most closeted homosexual communities in the country, Gay men and women say. The publisher said he tried to make sure his name wouldn't be disclosed in the paper's incorporation documents.

He fears harassment and loss of business if his homosexuality were widely known, he said.

Advertisers nationally have started to recognize the Gay market for products, said Carl Daen, a New York ad consultant.

"But don't expect the same attitude in Spokane," Daen said. "The corner barber thinks he's going to look Gay himself if he advertises in a Gay publication. Even with a good market and a good publication, you're going to have a stigma."

## Baptist Convention 'Fears Dangerous Precedent'

GREENSBORO (AP)—Leaders of the state Baptist Convention have rejected a proposal that would expel churches that support homosexuality, but they said that doesn't mean they support recent controversial actions within the denomination.

The executive committee of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, meeting Apr. 7 in closed session at Wake Forest University, voted 9-8 to reject the proposal, issued in March by the convention's top six leaders. Five of the votes cast in favor of the proposal came from those leaders.

It was the first official vote on the issue, which has dominated debate among Baptist leaders for more than a month.

"I thought this was setting a precedent that puts us on a slippery slope," said the Rev. Lamar King of High Point's First Baptist Church, who voted against endorsing the proposal.

"If we exclude one church for one reason, then we open the door for excluding any church for any reason," he told the News & Record of Greensboro. "I am so afraid that if we begin excluding groups based on what we perceive their sins to be ... let's face

it, there'll be no end to it."

King and other committee members stressed, however, that their opposition to the proposal does not mean they endorse stands on homosexuality taken in recent weeks by two member churches.

Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill voted Sunday to give a Gay divinity student a license to preach. Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh voted in March to let their minister bless the union of two Gay men, one of them a church member.

The Rev. Lamar Brooks, president of the convention's General Board, said the leaders still plan to take the issue to the full board when it meets May 19 in Asheboro.

"Today's vote will not serve as a clue as to what the General Board will do when it meets," Brooks said. "My guess is the General Board will approve the statement, but we don't know that for sure."

If the General Board does approve the proposal, it would go into effect immediately, Brooks said. That means Pullen and Binkley would be expelled.

## Ann Landers Hears From Gays

Almost 76,000 Gays responded to Ann Landers' question: Are you glad you are Gay or would you rather be straight. In a column appearing recently in area newspapers (April 26 *Commercial Appeal*) she reported that her responses were 30 to 1 in the affirmative. Among some responses:

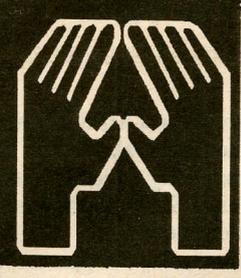
• "Are there any studies on what causes heterosexuality? Are

people born straight or do they choose it?"—Upland, California

• "My life would be easier, but I am not sure easier is always the best life."—San Francisco

• "Am I glad I'm Gay? My response is an unqualified YES... it's great to be viewed as an outcast by one's own family."

• "I... ask only that people not persecute me for who I am."



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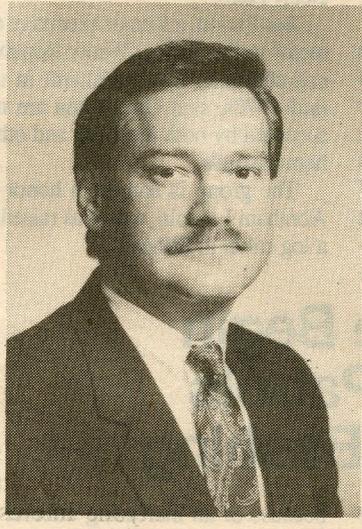
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ers Lauper, Eartha Kitt and Taylor Dayne; EMI Records general manager Daniel Glass, whose company has donated office space, and Bob Caviano, an AIDS patient who has managed various celebrities including singer Grace Jones.

## Oxford Miss. To Hold 1st Pride Celebration

On Saturday, June 6, Oxford Mississippi will hold its first Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual pride celebration. Events scheduled include a series of workshops from 12:30 until 4 PM on various topics including community

building, student activism, HIV/AIDS, media profiles and other subjects. A dance is scheduled from 8 until midnight. A more detailed schedule will appear in the next issue of the TJN.

## MGLCC To Elect New Board

At the last Community Center meeting, a nominating committee consisting of Gene Urich, Bill Hanley and Michael Einspringer was appointed to seek out new board members to operate the MGLCC for the upcoming year. This committee will present a proposed slate of board members at the next meeting, Monday evening, May 18, at 7pm. Nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting only. Elections are scheduled for the meeting in June during which board members will be elected. The board selects its own officers.

It should be noted that, as well as the normal duties of President, Vice-President, Secretary and

Treasurer; officers and at-large board members are responsible for dividing up the shifts during which the MGLCC is open to the public (Friday evenings, all day Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons). If there are no volunteers available, the board member responsible must staff the Center.

The MGLCC is dedicated to being available to diverse groups and interests within the Gay/Lesbian community. No one is excluded. This neutrality and openness can make our Center the focal point of our entire community. Become involved! Staff once in a while; invite your own friends; create your own event! Show your support by attending the next meeting.

## Gay/Lesbian Pride Events Taking Shape for June

The two major events celebrating Gay/Lesbian Pride in Memphis are being sponsored by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The annual River Ride will take place Saturday, June 13, with boarding at 9:00 p.m. and departure at 9:30 p.m.. The entire night will be a DJ dance night including disco dancing, Square dancing, Country/Western dancing and some surprises. There will be a return to Lady Astor's Waltz, a lapsed tradition from previous years.

This year, the Center has booked the Island Queen. Though smaller than the Memphis Showboat the Island Queen has the advantage of two open decks, one covered, one rooftop, which should make for cooler sailing.

Next day, three events are being combined. Pride Fest will in-

clude the monthly pot luck, a cook-out, and the Expo. The Expo is the fastest growing event during Pride week during which all Gay and Lesbian community-oriented organizations, clubs and businesses are invited to distribute information, display merchandise or just socialize. This event filled the Center's former quarters to capacity last year. This year, the back lot will be included to give Pride Fest more space and a picnic atmosphere. There is sun and shade and cooler regions will be available inside. Parking is available in many areas close by, primarily the Piggly Wiggly lot.

Anyone wishing to schedule another Pride event at the Center should call 276-4651 during weekend hours or come to the May meeting, Monday evening, May 18, at 7 p.m.

## Out and About Begins Anew

by Gene Urich

Out and About, a special interest group of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, held its first outing of the season on Saturday, April 18th. At mid-morning, members gathered at the Center and carpoled to Shelby Forest State Park. Don Wylie led the spirited group on a pleasant and not-too-strenuous hike over the park's trails through the tranquil beauty of the spring flora. Following the hike, the Out and Abouters rewarded themselves with a picnic lunch and swapped stories of great hiking adventures, etc. Everybody was back at the Center safe and sound by mid-afternoon. A slight sunburn was the

most severe misfortune sustained by any participant and everybody agreed they wanted to "do it again soon."

Out and About is planning more outdoor adventures in the future and invites anyone interested, MGLCC members particularly, to come along, enjoy the outdoors and have fun.

The next scheduled event is another hike and picnic in Shelby Forest on Sunday, May 17. The group will meet at the Center at 10 a.m. and carpool to the park. Out and Abouters are well advised to wear sunscreen and good walking shoes and to bring a picnic lunch. If a non-hiker would care to join for just the picnic and fellowship, s/he would certainly be most welcome. For further information, contact Don Wylie at 274-3490.

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Twenty-two area artists are combining their talents in group exhibition called "Stop Look & Listen." The show will be on view at Working Space Gallery at 2541 Broad St.

The \$2 admission charge and the artist and gallery commissions will be donated to Friends For Life (formerly the Aid to End AIDS Committee).

Among the artists to exhibit are Tim Andrews, Laurie Bartholomew, Tootsie Bell, Karen Blockman-Carriger, Karen Caps, Carol DeForest, Wayne Edge, Ben Fink, Anne

Gaines, Lee Gillespie, Marilyn Lee, Mary Norman, Phillip Paul, Mollie Riggs, Carol Robinson, Alison Smith, Bob Shatzer, Garen Shrader, Benjamin Trimmier, Suwannas, Jim Wines and Richard Zuchinni.

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Congratulations to Mike Reed, Mr. Leather Tennessee, 1992.

### Potpourri

What a nice surprise! We received a call from Betty King of King's Cleaning Service that some admirer was treating us to a housecleaning. We very seldom do anything as complicated as dusting and a truly tidy domicile would be a very novel experience. It is very nice indeed to open the door to a fresh smelling faerie castle and just might be a nice present for someone you care about. Several cleaning services list with the newspaper, why don't you give Betty or one of the others a try. Calling in advance for references and rates is not only wise, it is expected.

This seemed to be another month for fundraisers great and small. Women of Leather had a fun little auction, Tsarus had their annual SM auction, Aphrodite had its first show of the year to benefit Holy Trinity Community Church and there were two surprises. The good leatherfolk emceeding the Mr. Leather Tennessee contest had produced some unusual souvenirs from other parts of the country. Two Auction-ettes were held which raised nice donations for the Community Center and for Friends For Life. One never knows when generosity will arise.

Part of the MGLCC donation was used to purchase 20 azalea bushes (pink ruffled, of course) to beautify the front yard of the Community Center. And who showed up with the truck, shovel and brawn to assist (you know, we are pretty much ornamental)? Ron from Southern Country. It warms the cockles of our slightly tarnished heart to find such support from all over. This will be a memory garden, and anyone may sponsor a bush.

Of course, thanks to all 400 volunteers and all 1000 people who attended *An Event in 3 Acts*. It took an extraordinary amount of work to stage this colossal event, and it not only raised funds, it promoted awareness in some new areas. It also brought the Quilt.

The Quilt is a very unusual experience. For those who visit, it is bittersweet in its brightly colored solemnity. For those who unfold it (because the unique ambiance of a Quilt display is created during this ceremony) it becomes

something hallowed. For those who handle its sections and become aware of its many secrets and private messages, it is a friendly, soft, scooshy, wonderful creature. And for those who have made it, it is both farewell and immortality. I am going to Washington to volunteer again in October—to see it in its gargantuan entirety. I will look for the names of friends I have known and I will recognize those whom I got to know when the Quilt came to town. Some 400 or so.

See the adjacent article about plans to participate in the 9th annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial, later this month.

Now Hear This, Now Hear This! If you wish to bitch, get your hands dirty! There are two notices concerning upcoming Board elections in this month's paper. Assert Yourself!

### Good Egg of the Month

This month's Good Egg Award goes to Sharon Wray who holds very little back for a good cause. Her celebrity item at the Mr. Leather TN Auction-ette was a real crowd pleaser (Kelly seems to be very fond of it also) and the highest accolade we have to bestow is Quintessential Good Sport.

### More of the Same

We missed AIDA this time but we understood it was the largest turnout to date, over 90 participants and 16 clubs represented. The cold did very little to dampen the excitement and, we imagine, made some pretty good excuses for cuddling.

We had the rare pleasure of meeting Paul J. Donnelly, Jr. who is the wrote the play *Twentieth Century Love* recently produced at Theatre Works. The play addresses relationships in three acts, the third being the struggle of a Gay man to enter into a new relationship following his lover's difficult death resulting from AIDS. He is a very interesting and likable person and an AIDS activist in his own right, having chained himself to the White House fence last September and gotten himself arrested and photographed for his trouble.

GALA at MSU has elected new officers: Alessandra-Maria Zarate, President; Sean Campbell, Vice-President; Elyse LePage, Secretary; Cliften Sanders, Treasurer.

Meetings will be irregular through the summer, but information can be obtained through their PO box at MSU.

Alliance will hold its very first run May 15-17. The entertainment they are planning defies description.

One of the newest clubs to assert itself is GOCS (Gays on Cleveland St., not to be confused with GOPS, Gays on Poplar St.).

Headquartered at The

Hut, this jovial group has been organized for about a year or so and takes a big club trip once each year. Details are elsewhere.

Stop, Look and Listen is an art exhibition premiering May 8 at the Working Space Gallery at 2541 Broad St. 22 area artists are involved and the \$2 admission; any artist and gallery commissions will benefit Friends For Life.

Congratulations to the new Miss Memphis at Large, Tiara Mason. Alternates were Miss Octavia and Francine from Jackson. Congratualtions to Miss Balck Ebony Vogue, Mickey Matt.

Out and About, a local hiking/picnic/outdoors group had a very successful walk through Shelby Forest. This group will meet at the Community Center again on May 17 for a replay. Everyone is welcome.

The boat ride is coming! It will take place on Saturday, June 13, boarding at 9 PM, ride lasts until midnight. Next day, the monthly Pot Luck, annual Cook Out and Gay Expo will be combined at the Community Center. Oxford MS will have their celebration June 6 (a first), Nashville the weekend following ours.

### The Runaround

Bonnie Bitch and the Hurricane Summer Show will return to Reflections on May 31.

The Pipeline will hold a Flashlight Night May 30 and an Underwear Night May 9. See their ad for details.

WKRB in Memphis: May 3—Lisa, Jazzy and B.J. from Little Rock, May 10—Betty Wray Mother's Day Show 9 PM, May 24, Connie, Willie, and Denise. There is talk of an appearance by the legendary Billie Jo Casino.

The Miss Dreamgirl Pageant is coming up soon at the Apartment Club.

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**J-Wag's** will host Male Order on May 18 and First Class Male on May 25.

The Starr Queen Look-A-Like contest will be held at **Rumples** on May 20 and Melissa Mason will return to Memphis on May 29 & 31.

### Final Round

One person's opinion is only as powerful as you make it. One person's feelings are not to be trifled with in a fit of pique. People like us tend to have long memories.

Ta, ta.  
Lady A.



Out and About Memphis on their recent hike.

## Friends for Life Seeks Board Members

At the last Friends For Life (formerly ATEAC) board meeting, the nominating committee consisting of Rick Bray, Mark Whitehead and Kerrel Ard was commissioned to seek out new board members to fill several vacancies. This committee will report at the next meeting, Monday evening, May 11, at 6pm,

at the Red Cross Chapter, 1400 Central Ave. Elections are scheduled for the following meeting in June which will be open to the public. Anyone interested in serving should contact a member of this committee or call the Friends For Life office at 272-0855 or 458-AIDS and a board member will return the call.

## Annual Candlelight Memorial May 17

Memphis will once again join in the International AIDS Memorial and Mobilization, Sunday, May 17. This year, rather than one large gathering in Overton Park, a non-denominational memorial will be held at Martyrs Park, by the river, starting at 6:30 PM. Various worshipping communities are being asked to hold a prayer service in their own places of worship beginning at the same time. A memorial will be held in Desoto Park by Gay and Lesbian Native Americans, there will be prayer services at St. John's United

Methodist, and Holy Trinity Community Church. Other churches and worshipping communities are being contacted to include as many as possible. The Gay and Lesbian bars are being asked to observe a silent time at 6:30 when the memorial begins. Candles will be lit in the windows of the MGLCC.

Martyrs Park is just off Channel 3 Drive. Take Riverside Dr. to just south of the Rivermark condominiums. The park is adjacent to the Channel 3 studios and the Church on the River.

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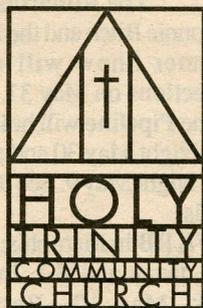
Consider this: The minerals, such as copper and magnesium, and other materials that make up a human being don't amount to much. In scientific terms, your physical worth is probably around ten or fifteen dollars.

And your possessions add nothing to that value.

If you will, however, we'd like to ask you to think in these terms: your spiritual being is priceless. One man thought so much of us that he gave his life, so we could be free.

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## Leather Lines

by Vance Reger  
TJN Leather Columnist

There's a great page in this paper which usually answers any confusion about time or place in relation to most any event happening in this or nearby areas- the calendar page. Everything doesn't happen at night.

Thanks to all who attended the third annual Mr. Leather Tennessee event, and double thanks to the myriad staff and helpers without whom the whole thing could not have taken place. Thanks again to Ms. Wray and her good-sportspersonship. Congratulations to Mike Reed and his new life.

Events coming up soon: Spring in the South with the Atlanta S/M Solidarity Group. Florida Dummer in Orlando, the Alliance Run here in town, a March on Washington meeting in Dallas, and International Mr. Leather in Chicago. Events begin the penultimate week in April and follow in order every weekend through May 21-25. St. Louis Drummer will be the first weekend in June.

Answer to gossip: No, I don't know when or where I'm going to move. Yes, I'd rather aspersions weren't thrown at the Leather Community, but that person is bordering on the hysterical irrational. I told someone not to burn their bridges, but youth must have its

## A Few Words From Mr. Leather Tennessee

by Mike Reed  
Mr. Leather Tennessee 1992

Being Mr. Leather Tennessee 1992, I promise to serve my community the best I know how. First, let it be known that I am here not for me but for our community. Memphis has made tremendous strides these last few years and we must continue on. No looking back, no more spilled milk, but a fresh start. Let's work together and solve the concerns and problems that hit our community.

Bar owners with their wonderful potential can turn this city in the direction it needs. Forward. Each owner has been in out city a long time and knows all the ins and outs. That's why they are where they are. We can work together. Why not give it a try? Use your energy in a positive way, not negative.

As a titleholder, I hope I can help our city learn from past errors. First, let's help educate our community. AIDS is still out there. We have already lost six brothers and

fling. Damn the torpedoes and three giant steps backward. Yes, I think rollerblades are proper attire for the streetwear category. Yes, I'll do anything and so will someone else to keep our community center open.

This column will be mercifully short. (You're welcome, Mr. Astor). What happens to the Leather Discussion Group depends upon those who think it's important. One of its leaders travels a great deal gathering information, and doing his damndest to connect us with the rest of the world, and the other leader is suffering from disillusionment, frustration, and burnout. Where the rest of the interest lies, who can say.

The whole thing began as a place to dispense information and learn from one another, not, I understood, to be a sex party. It needs bodies to stay alive, and the future is up to you. Thanks to those with enough dedication to stick with it when the going got tough.

Thought for the month:  
Words die quickly,  
People don't.

The most difficult thing in the world is to teach yourself to live with something you hate in order to keep the thing you love.

Stay well, play safe.

## Alliance Schedules First Run

The Memphis Levi-Leather club Alliance will stage its first run May 15-17, 1992. Organizers have dubbed the run "Summit 1992" and promise a weekend full of fun and activities.

Run applications can be obtained from various Gay businesses in the city or can be obtained by calling Bobby or Dutch at 386-8625.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Coach House Inn on Union Avenue. It then moves to The Pipeline on Poplar. at 9:00 p.m. Most activities and cocktail parties will be at The Coach House Inn, The Pipeline, and Chaps.

Summit 1992 is being dedicated to John Thornton, an Alliance member who recently passed away.



### In Memory John Thornton

1947-1992

Charter Member  
Memphis Leather Levi  
Alliance

Brother, Farewell  
until we meet again.

it's only the fifth month of 1992.

Second, let's practice safe sex. This is extremely vital for our community. Safe sex kits are available in every bar or you can stop by the Community Center and pick up a few. Pamphlets and brochures are available free. Don't be shy or afraid. We're all here to help. But it's got to start with you.

We, as a community, can grow in stature and stand as tall and proud as anybody. But it's got to begin now. We have many fine individuals here, so use their knowledge and experience to the utmost.

I, Mike Reed, will always be myself because this title means a lot, but I won't let it change me. The friendly smile and the handshakes will always be there. My door is always open.

Please, if I can be of any assistance to the leather clubs, the bar owners, social clubs, churches, anyone, please don't hesitate, call. I'll be there.

Mr. Leather Tennessee  
Michael Reed

## Mike Reed Captures Mr. Leather Tennessee Title

Mike Reed became Mr. Leather Tennessee 1992 at the 3rd annual contest held on March 11 at G. Bellington Rumples. Chuck Harris of Nashville placed first alternate, other contestants were Robert "Pace" Spicer and Kelly Abraham. Emcees Kay Hallinger (International Ms Leather 1991) and Bryan Smith (Mr. Midwest Leather 1992) brought a great deal of humor and sparkle to the event and succeeded in warming up a crowd of somewhere around 100 spectators.

International Mr. Drummer, Woody Bebout, spoke at some length about activism and the threats here and now to our rights to privacy and choice. He cited one instance in which a friend of his was told that she had to turn in her license plate reading "DYKE" after having it for nine years

because it had recently been decided that it was "offensive".

The categories for the contest were Cruise wear, Jock, and Formal. Between the categories, organizers surprised everyone with an impromptu auction to benefit the Community Center. Close to \$300 was raised. A later mini-auction (including a celebrity item donated by Sharon Wray) raised over \$100 for Friends For Life.

Four fantasies were performed, two of them very humorous. The steamiest one was performed by Bebout, Hallinger and Dino Rossi portraying a bisexual ménage et trois. It was at the same time erotic and spoke a message for inclusion of bisexuals in leather agendas.

Chuck Higgins of Little Rock, current co-chair of the National Leather Organization, spoke of his efforts as a regional organizer for

the 1993 march on Washington.

Matt Presley, Mr. Leather Tennessee 1991, gave a no-holds-barred farewell speech focusing on individuals who detract others.

The weekend was rounded out by the Tsarus S/M Auction, a large dinner after the contest and several cocktail parties both on Friday and Saturday nights.

Other celebrities included, Bill Costamaris (Mr. Southeast Leather), Amy Meek and Emerson Briney (Mr. and Ms. Leather Nebraska), David Yoder of Timberfell Lodge, Dennis Spann from Conductors, and an appearance by Walt Peters, Mr. Southern Leather 1992.

Mike will represent Tennessee at the annual International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago Memorial Day weekend.

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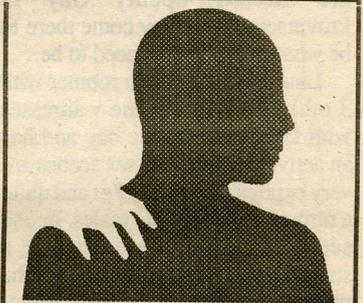
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## Book Review *Just Say Yes*

by Gary Coughlan  
TJN Entertainment Editor

*Just Say Yes* is an entertaining "love and lust in the sand" novel, so much so that it is hard to believe it tackles so many issues facing the Gay and Lesbian world in its brief 172 pages in a totally non-preachy way. Homophobia, racism, safe sex, fag and dyke bashing, drugs, one-night stands, and whether AIDS is a problem for Lesbians are some of the themes woven into this novel. And a murder mystery is another facet fully explored.

The place is Provincetown in the northeast USA in the summer and much of the action is filtered through the viewpoint of 26-year-old Lindsey Carter, a grad student on the rebound from a serious relationship gone bad. As her Gay friend Danny says people are already openly Gay in Provincetown so they come there to be whatever else they need to be.

Lindsey is a summer roomer with 3 other women and she waitresses with Danny during the day and has an active sex life. The sex scenes are very explicit in *Just Say Yes* and quite a turn-on even for Gay males. In one scene the women are reading a straight romance novel and change the pronouns to all she's and her's, some-

thing I suggest Gay male readers do using he's and him's. For instance, Angie tells Lindsey: "They say, well, she's a woman just like you are and so you know what would please her, right? ...[But]... women are so various." If you're a Gay man saying this about another man and you'll see this novel can be very sexy.

Lindsey has intense sex both inside and outside on a pier with Ra, an older woman who totally dominates Lindsey with her "expert hands on her body." Later Lindsey is the pursuer of Carol, a woman her own age who is considering leaving the convent. And not every woman is attractive to Lindsey who doesn't want to explore "mutual sexual vibrations" with one such.

While all this sex is going on, a young Gay male is murdered on a beach with the word "FAG" carved into his chest with a knife. And it just so happens that Lindsey had slept alone that very night on that very beach at the time of the murder, a thought which chills her.

*Just Say Yes* shows the great organizational skills of the Gay and Lesbian community as they come together to hold a ceremony for the murder victims and is altogether a positive look at our world while raising thought-provoking questions for all of us to ponder while we enjoy a stimulating book.

*Just Say Yes* is available locally for \$8.95 from Meristem, 930 S. Cooper.

## Video Review

### *The Best of Howard and Dave*

by Gary Coughlan TJN  
Entertainment Editor

The full name of this month's video is *The Best of Howard and Dave, Man to Man...and Sisters Too!* If you want Gay TV, this is the wave of the future and it comes from California's cable access station in Los Angeles courtesy of two lovers, Howard and Dave, who explore in a talk show format mixed with on-site location shooting, the full range of Gay and Lesbian life today.

The show has its own theme song and it is sponsored by Gay commercials which appear within the video. Two of the 976-BOYS telephone boys also appear as guests talking about their lives. Villa Mykonos, a vacation club for Gays, advertises its villas. The whole world is Gay and Lesbian on this TV show.

International Miss Leather 1988, Sharon Carr, shows she is also a great stand-up comic. Two leather men, master and slave, describe leather etiquette and viewers see excerpts of a leather show which include Mr. Drummer 1989, Brian Dodson.

Singers appear, among them LA Disco Diva Jessica Williams, Geoffrey Toeser and even Helen Reddy. LA's 1991 Gay Pride Festival and Parade shows drag queens, Lesbian bikers, the West Hollywood Cheerleaders and the Gay Pride Flag in the shape of colorful helium bal-

loons carried by shirtless men. Hunky men in the crowd are featured too.

ACT UP protesters are shown at the Academy ceremonies. The fury aroused by California Governor Pete Wilson's veto of the Gay Civil Rights Bill is wonderfully expressed by several activists and large crowds.

*The Best of Howard and Dave* covers frivolous subjects as well as the serious ones. The guys do their laundry in a laundromat where Howard also shows off Dave's chest to the camera. Howard laughs as Dave tries to open a car hood unsuccessfully and tries to find the oil dip stick. We even see their apartment. They go to a Hawaii fair and get various guys to shout "I want my Gay TV!" Howard's mustache keeps appearing and disappearing in the various segments. Viewers write in telling Dave to "butch it up."

*The Best of Howard and Dave, Man to Man...and Sisters Too!* is like regular TV, both good and bad. One good point made, especially during this election year, is that if 90% of the heterosexuals don't vote but 100% of Gays and Lesbians do vote, we would get the full benefits due us as members of the society. This video is available from Star Search Video.

(*Urinal*, reviewed last month, is now available locally at Star Search Video, 1411 Poplar Ave., open 11 AM - 11 PM every day. Videos may be reserved.)

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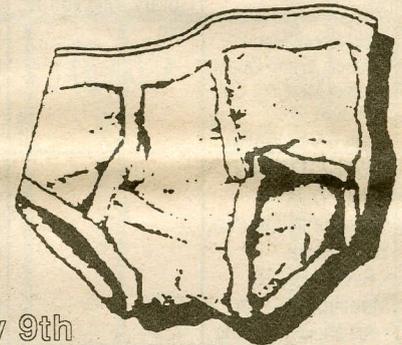
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Three thousand women are expected to attend the 18th annual National Women's Music Festival, the longest-running of all women's festivals, scheduled for May 28-31, 1992 on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University.

Mainstage performers include women's music legends Cris Williamson and Margie Adams; the Afro-American dance troupe, Urban Bush Women; women's music favorites Heather Bishop, Lucie Blue Tremblay, and Dianne Davidson; comedian Marilyn Pittman; and the velvet-voiced vocalist Melanie DeMore. Percussionist Nurudafina Pili Abena will lead drumming workshops along with performing on Mainstage.

More than just a music festival, the Bloomington festival includes a Spirituality Conference, this year featuring Diane Stein, Amylee, Hallie Iglehart Austen, and Nana Korantemaa Ayebofo. The Writers Conference hosts the feminist writer, autobiographer and artist Kate Millet, the prolific Sarah Aldridge, and publisher Claudia Lamperti of New Victoria Press.

Sunday morning, a panel discussion on "Oppression: The effects of the white male system on society and individuals" will discuss the mutual causes of racism, ableism, sexism, and homophobia, among others. Panelists are Mary Francis Platt, Karen Thompson, Ellie Galapy, and Mary Morgan.

Film and video screenings will be shown every day of the festival, and hundreds of workshops will focus on performing; classical and acoustic music; Women of Color; women's health, fitness and sports; aging and older women; drama and theater; women, money and prosperity; and women's legal issues. A new series of workshops for women with disabilities begins this year. This year's theater presentation, *8 X 10 Glossy*, by Sarah Dreher, will be presented twice. The highly successful 5K run and 2K walk that was begun last year will again be on Saturday morning.

Almost 100 merchants, craftswomen and artists from across the United States will have booths in the Crafts Area of the festival. Both a juried and non-juried art exhibit will display women's art as well.

The Thursday and Sunday evening Dances feature the high-energy dance band Amethyst and the country line-dance duo of Maile Klein and Marina Hodgini. Afternoon Performer Showcases will introduce local and regional performing artists to a national audience. Showcase performers include Jamie Anderson as emcee, Barbara Ann Humphrey, Marcia Wilkie, Diane Lindsay, the Sugar Hill Duo, Laura Berkson, and Seraiah Carol.

Sometimes referred to as the "easy" festival, to distinguish it from the women's outdoor event held in Michigan each August, the National Women's Music Festival is held indoors in campus buildings and concert halls. Dorm space and meal tickets are available, as are easy ac-

cess to local stores, restaurants and hotels.

A 24-hour support service is available for women in recovery, and all events are wheelchair accessible, with special headsets, seating and interpreters for the hearing-impaired. Free childcare is offered to those who pre-register.

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## Filmmaker Defends *Basic Instinct*

By Bob Thomas  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Basic Instinct* has aroused controversy from its beginnings as a \$3 million script, and the film's director, Paul Verhoeven, appears to be relishing the hullabaloo.

The TriStar Pictures release has incited homosexual activists to protest because of the depiction of Lesbians. Michael Douglas' reported salary of \$14 million and his sex scenes with Sharon Stone have also drawn much notice.

Verhoeven had to make cuts to earn an R rating instead of the NC-17, meaning no one under 17 is admitted.

Reviews have been decidedly mixed, with many critics citing the improbable, convoluted script. The opening weekend take was impressive though not record-breaking: \$15 million from 1,567 screens. A year ago, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II* collected \$20 million.

After Verhoeven's films in Holland were criticized for explicit sex, he shifted his operations to the United States. But the Dutch director denied that's why he left Holland. He explained that the committee that dispensed subsidies "felt that my films did not reflect society in the nicest way, so they were refusing me money for my projects."

In an extensive interview, Verhoeven responded to questions raised by *Basic Instinct*. Excerpts:

Q. Is all that sex necessary?

A. Yes, it's necessary for this movie. It's a thriller, but it's a thriller about a female who kills during sex. To be more precise: during orgasm. That was a strong plot point. ... The threat of a violent act during the sexual act, I thought, was the basic threat of the movie. I thought it was important during the sex between Michael and Sharon, there would also be the threat of murder.

Q. You had to do some editing to get an R?

A. Yes, but we shot it in so many different ways. I knew beforehand I wouldn't be able to get away with everything. I discussed it on the set with Michael and Sharon: "Well, this is probably too much to get an R." We welcomed an R. We felt it was a mainstream movie, that it was not pornographic.

pants to hundreds of workshops, concerts, films and dances costs \$125 before April 30, and \$145 afterward. Passes for only one or two days of the festival along with individual Mainstage concerts are available at lesser rates.

The deadline for mail pre-registration is May 15, or individuals can register on-site. For further information and a registration form, please write to: National Women's Music Festival, P. O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or call (317) 636-7382.

Q. Were all of the cuts in the sex scenes?

A. No, also in the violence. In the murder scenes at the end of the movie, they felt that what I had done was too strong for an R, not acceptable to a normal audience.

Q. Without an R, *Basic Instinct* would not be commercially viable?

A. That's right. It could have been different if the NC-17 had a position between the R and the X. What happened is that the NC-17 replaced the X. Now, I think, NC-17 is identical to pornographic. Major theaters and chains and video chains will not accept an NC-17. So the fight that directors set up to get a category for adult movies is lost.

Q. How much did you eliminate?

A. Forty-two seconds. I made it more elliptic and changed the shots so that it would be less specific. A lot of people who see both versions would have difficulty seeing what changes I made.

Q. What is your answer to those who say that the depiction of Lesbians is defamatory?

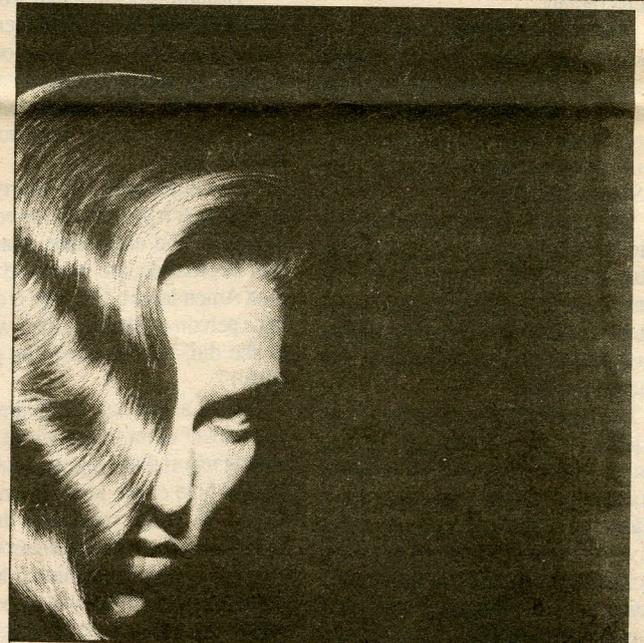
A. That their statement is incorrect. The movie is not portraying Lesbians in any negative way. I think the Gay character, the bisexual character (Stone), is wonderful. She is a strong female character, beautiful, intelligent, wealthy; she is in control, she is not a victim of man or anybody else. She's bisexual and she's perfect.

Q. Why did the protests begin even before you started shooting?

A. Because they read the script, and they read it in the wrong way. If you don't know how to read notes and you look at a score, you can't read music. That's how it is when you read a script. It is difficult. You're not looking at a movie, you're looking at a sort of blueprint printout.

Q. Some reviewers have found similarities between *Fatal Attraction* and *Basic Instinct*. Are there any?

A. I have never felt that way. If you want to see similarities, you can certainly find them. This is a thriller. *Fatal Attraction* is not a thriller situation per se, it's not a murder mystery. We know exactly what the woman is aiming at. In *Basic Instinct*, there are three women, and we don't know who is the killer.



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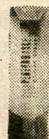
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## Hate Crimes Laws Challenged; Issue is Free Speech

by Mitchell Landsberg  
Associated Press Writer

Over the past decade, nearly every state has passed a new kind of law that metes out special punishment for racists and bigots who commit crimes. But many of these laws are being challenged, with courts reviewing cases in Minnesota and other states.

Those doing the challenging — civil libertarians and defense lawyers — say the laws amount to thought control, well-intentioned but dangerously flawed efforts to punish people because they hold unpopular views.

"The basic argument ... is that it creates a 'thought crime'" said Kevin O'Neill, Ohio legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is challenging the law in that state.

The Ohio Supreme Court is scheduled to review challenges of the law next month in three cases involving whites who allegedly taunted and threatened Blacks. In one case, a Black man on a camping trip said he fled in terror after white campers on either side of him began making loud, racist threats.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court is considering a case in which a Black man was convicted in the racially motivated beating of a white teenager. And a cross-burning case in St. Paul, Minn., is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Those who support laws against hate crimes say they are not only constitutional, but are vitally needed to control an upsurge of crimes motivated by prejudice against Blacks, Jews, Asians, Gays and Lesbians, and other minorities.

The laws that aim to punish such incidents — known variously as hate crimes, ethnic intimidation, or racial harassment — are supported by a wide range of civil rights groups. Over the past decade, in large measure through the efforts of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, they have been enacted in nearly every state.

According to the ADL, only Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Alaska lack some form of hate crime law.

The laws have been challenged in many states, and in some cases have been overturned and rewritten. But their supporters say they aren't worried about the latest spate of attacks on the laws and remain convinced that they are constitutional.

"I don't view it as a backlash," said Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher, who wrote his state's ethnic intimidation law when he was a legislator and now is about to defend it in court.

"It is not unusual for laws like these to be tested in the courts," Fisher added. "I welcome the challenges, because I believe they will ultimately strengthen these statutes."

Steven Freeman, legal director of the Anti-Defamation League, agreed. "If I was a defense lawyer, I'd be doing the same thing," he said.

Even within the ACLU, there is anything but unanimity about the laws. Many civil libertarians believe they are constitutional.

"You can't make racial insults alone a crime," said Stevie Remington, legal director of the Oregon ACLU. But if bigotry is the motivation behind a crime — Gay-bashing, for instance — it deserves extra punishment, she said.

The Oregon ACLU is one of several state affiliates of the civil liberties union that have taken positions in favor of hate crime statutes. The ACLU's national board is due to consider a proposal to take a stand against the laws.

The proposal was drafted by an ACLU free speech committee that was itself split on the issue. The majority came out against hate crime laws, saying they violate First Amendment rights to free speech. The group submitted a report that encapsulates the argument against the laws.

"Assume a beating that would ordinarily result in imprisonment for a year," the report said. "Now, on proof that the assailant was motivated by racial or other additional prejudice the punishment becomes imprisonment for two years."

"The deprivation of liberty for a second year is the direct consequence of beliefs and expression that, however deplorable, are protected by the First Amendment. The state is depriving a person of liberty not for what he or she did, but for what that person thinks."

Gara LaMarche, the chairman of the ACLU committee, wrote a dissenting report that supported carefully drafted hate crime laws. In an interview, LaMarche compared them to laws that outlaw discrimination.

"If it can be determined that the target of a violent act was chosen on the basis of their race or religion or sexual orientation, is that an enhanced crime?" he asked. "I would say it is."

Supporters of hate crimes laws say they are no different from, say, laws that make premeditated murder a more serious crime than murder committed in the heat of passion.

O'Neill, the Ohio ACLU lawyer, insisted there's a difference. Murder laws, he said, simply recognize that it's not as bad to explode in anger than to plan out a killing with cold calculation.

In the case of hate crime laws, he said, "This is an effort by the government to punish someone for having the wrong views."

O'Neill's fear is that the laws could someday be turned against people for whom they were not intended. For instance, he said, what if they're used against critics of the government?

At the heart of the justification for

hate crimes laws is the assumption that the acts are more damaging to their victims — and the rest of society — than more garden-variety crimes.

Hate crimes, O'Neill says, "have an especially harmful effect. I agree with that. And I think that these thugs ... should be punished severely within the bounds of the law."

But, he argues, they should be punished only for what they did, not for why they did it.

There seems to be widespread agreement that hate crime laws can go too far, and sometimes do. For instance, even the ADL has distanced itself somewhat from the St. Paul measure, which goes beyond enhancing the punishment for other crimes and makes the display of prejudice itself a crime.

## Florida Judges Rules Against State Hate Crimes Law

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A judge has tossed out charges against a man accused of shouting slurs at a Jewish lawyer, ruling Florida's Hate Crimes Act is unconstitutionally vague.

Circuit Judge J. Leonard Fleet on Monday struck down the 1989 law in cases assigned to his Broward County court after hearing attorneys argue the case of Richard Stalder, charged with battery and shouting derogatory anti-Jewish names at attorney Herb Cohen.

"I'm not unfamiliar with hate crimes," the judge said. "This kind of crime stirs extreme anger in me. But the law is too broad."

"If you're angry and call someone a nigger, a kike, a spic or a wop, is that a hate crime? Or is that something that's said in the heat of the moment?" he asked.

Although Fleet's ruling is limited to his court, he said he wanted to prompt the state Supreme Court to consider the law.

In Tallahassee, state Attorney General Bob Butterworth said Tuesday he had complete confidence the law would be upheld. He predicted the case would go directly to the state Supreme Court because of its importance.

The law increased the penalties for crimes motivated by bigotry. Violators can be charged with a hate crime only in connection with another crime.

The law says a hate crime is committed when a reasonable person could infer evidence of prejudice.

According to court records, Cohen went to Stalder's home April 14, looking for a friend's earrings, and Stalder screamed at him: "Hey Jew boy, what do you want? Jew boy, you fat Jewish lawyer, get off my property Jewish boy or I'm going to kill you, Jewish kike." Stalder then pushed Cohen in the face.

Stalder was charged with battery, a misdemeanor. The state attorney's office later cited him with a hate crime, which increased the charge to a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

## Ohio Hate Crimes on the Rise

by Rodd Aubrey  
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A rise in "hate crimes" puts a bigger spotlight on Ohio's Supreme Court, which is considering whether to call the state's legislative answer to the problem unconstitutional.

Attorney General Lee Fisher, who wrote the 1987 ethnic intimidation law and argued for it in front of the high court, said that over the past three years, ethnic-related problems in Ohio have nearly doubled.

Anti-semitic problems rose by 33% in 1991 over the year before, he said.

Nationally, groups such as the Anti-Defamation League report at least 300 white supremacist, neo-Nazi groups in the United States, with membership of more than 30,000.

Ohio's ethnic intimidation law increases penalties for crimes committed because of race, color, religion or national origin.

The high court heard arguments in three related cases, each questioning whether the state's law violates the First Amendment right to free speech.

One case involved a Black couple who left a campground in fear after overhearing racial comments. A Black man in a second case accused his white landlord of making racial slurs. In the third, a group of white Columbus men were accused of talking about hunting as they chased a group of Blacks.

Ohio's legislation is not unique. The Anti-Defamation League says

Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Alaska are the only ones without some kind of "hate laws."

And some of the laws are coming under judicial attack. The Wisconsin Supreme Court is considering the case of a black man convicted in a racial beating of a white teen-ager, and the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing a cross-burning case from St. Paul, Minn.

Alan Katchen, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League for the states of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, supports the legislation.

"The law is much more accessible as a valuable weapon in combatting an obvious rise in hate crimes," he said.

"Although prejudice and hatred cannot be legislated out of existence, there is a growing awareness that government can do more to deter violence motivated by bigotry," he said.

Susan Gellman, a Columbus public defender who argued in the Supreme Court against the law, said it's not doing anything to stop bigotry.

"If they can come up with a constitutional way to skin the same cat I think that's great," she said. "But criminal penalties for bigotry are not the only way for the state to communicate that bigotry is bad."

She suggested more public education.

"I think we've come a long way and I think we're going to keep heading in the same direction," she said. "I don't see any criminal penalties as helping us along that way."

## Gay Rights Battle Moves to Higher Court in Texas

by Scott Rothschild  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — An attorney for Gay and Lesbian rights advocates said the state is in a no-win situation in its appeal of Texas' 113-year-old sodomy statute.

"With other issues that need to be resolved, why should the state be expending tax dollars to fight over an issue that everyone concedes is an outdated statute?" Patrick Wiseman, an attorney for plaintiffs in the lawsuit, asked April 8.

The Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals has denied the state a chance for rehearing in the case. In March, the court upheld a district judge's ruling that declared the sodomy law unconstitutional.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he would appeal to "a court of statewide jurisdiction" — either the Texas Supreme Court or the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The law makes sodomy a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a \$200 fine. [Editor's note: Under Tennessee law sodomy is also classified as a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$50 fine.] It defines sodomy as "deviant sexual intercourse" between

people of the same sex.

State officials say the law has never been enforced, but opponents contend that having it on the books encourages discrimination and hate crimes.

Wiseman said that because the law is not enforced, whether the state succeeds or fails in its appeal will have no meaning. "It's a no-win situation for them no matter what they do," he said.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales, said a final appeal should settle the question once and for all. "If we don't use this opportunity ... then somewhere along the line it will be challenged. So why not just do it now and get it over with?" Dusek said.

Dusek said Morales was researching to determine to which court the appeal will go.

In the lower court's opinion, Chief Judge Jimmy Carroll wrote: "It cannot be constitutional to prohibit Lesbians and Gay men from engaging in the same conduct in which heterosexuals may legally engage."

In December 1990, State District Judge Paul Davis ruled the law was unconstitutional.

# Tennis Great Arthur Ashe Forced to Acknowledge He Has AIDS

by Hal Block  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis great Arthur Ashe has had many causes: human rights, Black awareness, education. AIDS was not among them.

On April 8, Ashe reluctantly acknowledged that he has had AIDS since 1988 and said he became infected with the virus five years earlier from a blood transfusion. He disclosed his condition after *USA Today* called him on Tuesday.

"Someone just called and ratted on me and they felt journalistically they had to follow it up," Ashe said at a news conference Wednesday. "It put me in the unenviable position of having to lie if I wanted to protect our privacy."

"No one should have to make that choice."

The 48-year-old Ashe, the first Black man to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, said he shouldn't be compared to basketball superstar Magic Johnson, who announced days after getting his test results that he is infected with the AIDS virus.

"Magic was an active athlete, much more in the day-to-day public eye than I am. He had to come forward," Ashe said.

Johnson, who said he was infected through heterosexual sex, retired from the Los Angeles Lakers in November and devotes much of his time to AIDS education. Ashe said he would join that cause.

"I'm sure Arthur will ... become a leading voice in the fight to educate, raise funds and increase awareness to all, especially our youth," Johnson said.

Ashe, who had heart-bypass surgery in 1979 and 1983, said he believes he was infected during a transfusion a few days after the second operation, which was performed at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in Manhattan.

There was no test to screen blood for AIDS until 1985, the hospital

noted. Screening has made blood products extremely safe; only 20 transfusion-associated AIDS cases have been reported since 1985, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

In 1988, Ashe's right hand went numb. A brain scan showed an infection, and a biopsy revealed toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection considered a marker for AIDS. More tests made the diagnosis official.

On Wednesday, Ashe was composed as he read from a statement, except when he spoke of explaining the situation to his daughter, Camera, who is 5. At that point, his wife, Jeanne, took over until he could continue.

Ashe said his wife and daughter have tested negative for the AIDS virus, and his own health is good most of the time. He is taking AZT and antibiotics.

"The quality of one's life changes irrevocably when something like this becomes public," he said.

Ashe was tennis' first Black man on a U.S. Davis Cup team (1963); the first — and only — Black man to win U.S. National and U.S. Open titles (1968); and the first — and only — Black man to win the Australian Open (1970). His biggest win came in 1975, when he upset Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon, becoming the first and only Black man to win that British tournament.

He ranked No. 1 in the world in 1968 and 1975 and has earned millions from tournaments, endorsements, consulting contracts and as a TV tennis commentator.

In 1970, he helped get South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's policy of apartheid. He promoted civil rights and developed tennis programs for inner-city Blacks but stressed education as the best way out of the ghetto.

He wrote the three-volume *A Hard Road to Glory: A History of the African-American Athlete*.

He retired from tennis after his first heart operation, but his political and

civic activism continues.

"I plan to continue being active in those things I've been doing all along — if the public will let me," he said.

Ashe said many people in the sports and medical community had kept his secret — and he thanked them for it.

When called by *USA Today* on Tuesday, Ashe refused to confirm or deny that he has AIDS, and he asked

for more time.

Gene Policinski, managing editor for sports at *USA Today*, said the newspaper did not go to press with the story in Wednesday morning editions because "we didn't have the story confirmed sufficiently."

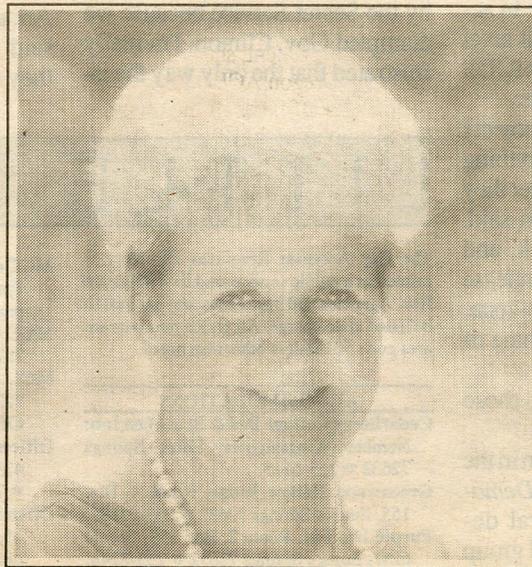
Policinski said the newspaper was right to pursue the story. "For any news organization, when any public figure becomes ill ... there's no ques-

tion that it's news," he said.

Others in the industry agreed. "What's the choice? To ignore it? That's not an acceptable choice for a newspaper," said Louis A. Ureneck, managing editor of the *Portland Press Herald* in Maine.

Some 4,770 AIDS cases in the United States are blamed on blood transfusions, about 2 percent of total cases.

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# Drew Toon Quits, ACT-UP Arkansas Dissolves

By Eric Camp  
Chief Staff Writer  
*Triangle Rising*

ACT-UP Arkansas coordinator Drew Toon resigned at a March 30 meeting of the group and called for the formation of a new activist group with a different focus.

The action came in the wake of a disagreement with the national ACT-UP Presidential Project over an "action" in Little Rock in conjunction with the Arkansas primary elections.

Original plans called for an action coordinated at the local level to focus the country on how AIDS is affecting rural Americans.

"They [the Presidential Project] promised not to release anything official to the media until after they met with us locally," Toon said. "I was out of town a week, and came back to find a press release had been given to the Demo-zette. Frankly, I disagreed with some of their demands.

"I'm majorly pissed at these people."

An article about the action in the Sunday, Mar. 29 Arkansas *Democrat-Gazette* listed several demands made by the national group that Toon said were unrealistic.

The ACT-UP Presidential Project announced they would march in Little Rock on the eve of the Arkansas primaries in May to call attention to Gov. Bill Clinton's record on AIDS.

The group blamed Clinton personally for every AIDS-related death in Arkansas and demanded that Clinton call a special session of the legislature to repeal three laws: the sodomy law, the law which makes knowing transmission of HIV a felony, and the law permitting HIV testing without consent.

The group also called for Clinton to provide "free and ready access to condoms and a statewide, legalized needle exchange," along with free anonymous HIV testing and counseling.

Presidential Project members were to be present at the March 30 planning meeting, but did not show. Toon said they promised to be there, although they wanted the meeting time changed; they told him they wanted to watch the Academy Awards, which AIDS and Gay activists had vowed to disrupt to protest Hollywood's portrayals of Gays.

In an interview with *Triangle Rising* from Seattle, ACT-UP Presidential Project member Steve Michael explained that they

wanted to force AIDS issues into the campaign.

"Bill Clinton's record on AIDS is pathetic and shameful," Michael says. We can't wait another four years. We've lost 137,000 people already. If we let this campaign pass us by, we're going to have four years of an administration - no matter who wins - who will ignore AIDS because he got through the campaign ignoring it.

"... My lover and I were hauled out of a high school in Michigan by the Secret Service because we disrupted Gov. Clinton. I'm really frustrated that the only way the is-

sue is brought up is when someone from ACT-UP shouts at them [the candidates]. Clinton called me asking what the problem was. I told him what the people in Arkansas say their situation is. . . and asked why that is the case. He blamed everything on the state legislature."

Michael is hoping for 1,000 AIDS activists to participate in the Little Rock action.

"We're expecting people from Shreveport, Kansas City, St. Louis, Dallas and even Chicago and Miami to show up and be heard," he said.

The Presidential Project members "don't care about AIDS in Arkansas or rural America," Toon said at the meeting, adding that they seemed to prefer hurting the

Clinton campaign and getting arrested. "I'm upset because this makes me look conservative."

Some Arkansas AIDS service organizations had expressed concerns about rumors of a major protest, believing such an event would damage their efforts. Toon said efforts would be made to distance local AIDS organizations from the actions of the ACT-UP Presidential Project.

While he invited anyone to lead ACT-UP Arkansas if they wished, Toon said he believes ACT-UP's radical tactics will not work in Arkansas.

Toon instead has formed a new group named the Arkansas AIDS Brigade. The name was taken from a phrase shouted by hecklers at the AGLTF marchers in the Martin

Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

The Brigade's plans include distributing condoms and safer sex information where the need is not being met.

The group will make its point with a sense of humor rather than anger, Toon said, since he believes anger does not work in Arkansas as a means of changing attitudes.

The group plans to distribute condoms and safer sex information May 1 near Little Rock Central High School.

For more information, contact the Brigade, P.O. Box 250053, Little Rock 72225; 372-7473.

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

**AIDS Brigade:** P.O. Box 250053, Little Rock 72225 ☎ 372-7473.

**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.

**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 Hemdon).

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

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

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

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**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.

**Battered/Formerly Battered Lesbians Support:** Advocates for battered women ☎ 376-3219 or 1-800-332-4443.

**Lee Cowan, LCSW:** General counseling, grief & healing specialization, 1706 Magnolia, Little Rock 72202 ☎ 664-7252.

**Disabled Lesbians Support Group:** 4th Mon. each month, 7:30 pm, ☎ 372-5113.

**Gay Men & Lesbian Support/Therapy Group:** 5-6:30 pm, Tues., 210 Pulaski

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**Helping People With AIDS:** Box 4397, Little Rock 72204 ☎ 666-6900.

**Ralph Hyman, Ed.D.:** Psychologist specializing in Gay & Lesbian counseling • The Psychotherapy Center, 210 Pulaski, Little Rock ☎ 374-3605.

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**Pine Bluff HIV/AIDS Support Group:** 2500 Rike Drive, Box 1019, Pine Bluff 71613 ☎ 541-6000 (contact Carolyn) or 534-1834 (contact Lloyd).

**Psychotherapy Center:** Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group & HIV/ARC/AIDS Support Group, 210 Pulaski, Little Rock ☎ 374-3605.

**Washington County AIDS Task Force:** Direct services & education, Box 4224, Fayetteville, 72702 ☎ 443-AIDS (7 pm • 7 am).

**Dr. Kurt Wilhelm:** Counseling for Gay men/Lesbians/couples 1511 Center, Little Rock ☎ 378-0300.

### HELP & INFORMATION LINES

**AIDS Information Line:** ☎ 666-3340 (Little Rock). 1-800-448-8305 (outside Little Rock), 6:30 - 10:30 pm daily.

**AIDS Hot Line:** ☎ 443-AIDS (7 pm - 7 am). Arkansas Coalition Against Violence to Women & Children: ☎ 276-1872.

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard:** ☎ 666-3340 (Little Rock). 1-800-448-8305 (outside Little Rock), 6:30 - 10:30 pm daily.

**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).

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# Experimental Drug May Block Common HIV Infection

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An experimental drug cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for severe AIDS cases may delay or block a blood infection found in people in advanced stages of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Preliminary results with the drug, rifabutin, were so positive that on March 6 the FDA approved use for AIDS patients with severely impaired immune systems, FDA spokesman Brad Stone said.

The promising drug was reported in the April 8 edition of the Los Angeles Times, which obtained previously confidential data on rifabutin. Adria Laboratories of Dublin, Ohio, makes the drug.

Rifabutin has been effective in delaying or blocking the onset of a blood infection called Mycobacterium avium complex, or MAC, said Beverley Wynne, Adria's rifabutin project leader.

MAC bacteria are related to the tuberculosis germ, and cause severe illness in people with advanced AIDS. About 75,000 people in the United States have AIDS.

A University of California, San Francisco, AIDS expert said an effective drug to fight MAC would be significant.

"Over a quarter of the people in the late stages of human immunodeficiency virus disease are ultimately

developing symptomatic MAC disease," said Dr. Harry Hollander, who was not involved in the Adria research.

A study of 590 AIDS patients that began in February 1990 found rifabutin nearly halved the rate at which patients developed the MAC infection.

As of November, 14.4 percent of the patients receiving a placebo developed MAC infections, while 8.2 percent of the patients given rifabutin developed MAC.

Results of a second study have not been released.

The results were so significant that both studies were stopped and all participants were given rifabutin, Wynne said.

The company, which released the first study's results after the Times inquired about it, said it wanted to avoid prematurely promoting the drug. The company is a division of Erbamont Inc.

Adria officials said more test data will be presented at the federally funded AIDS Clinical Trials Group meeting in Washington, and at the international AIDS meeting in Amsterdam in July.

Physicians interested in enrolling their patients in the rifabutin treatment program can contact Adria Laboratories at 1-800-552-7228.

## Activists Seek to Boost Attention to Women with AIDS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Five women AIDS activists say statistics from the state's western section underscore the need for more prevention and treatment programs for women.

"There is a great deal that is not known, especially about (the) impact (of AIDS) on women," Ellen Koteen, director of the Springfield Infant Mortality and Teenage Pregnancy Coalition, said at a news conference.

State and federal health statistics show that 68 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the past 11 years among women in the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties, which have a combined population of 812,322. A total of 4,829 cases of AIDS, including 617 among women, were reported statewide during that time.

"The numbers are really small," said Dalila Balfour, a social worker with the state Department of Public Health in Northampton. She said that although percentages could be misleading because of the low numbers — one case of a woman with AIDS has been reported in Franklin County — it appears that the incidence of the disease and the virus infection that leads to AIDS is increasing rapidly among women in rural as well as urban areas.

The women said they were publi-

cizing the statistics on the status of the disease in the region in an attempt to persuade the state to spend more money on educational and other programs aimed at women.

But they said they had proposed no dollar figure to state officials currently debating this year's state budget and did not know how much the state was spending on AIDS programs in the region.

"We are not prepared to talk about how much more money is needed," said Diane Palladino, director of AIDS Allies, a Springfield-based service group for people with the virus or the disease. "We need to talk about a commitment first on all levels of government."

Koteen and Palladino also were founders of the New Jersey Women and AIDS Network.

"Our concern is with western Massachusetts, not the state as a whole," said Koteen. But she said that the women were considering approaching a similar group of women activists in Boston.

The women said that, in addition to the single case in Franklin County, 52 cases of women with AIDS have been reported since 1981 in Hampden County, which includes the region's largest cities. Nine cases have been reported in Hampshire County and six in Berkshire County.



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## Administration Says It Has Eased Path for New Drugs

by Richard L. Vernaci  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says new rules should help get experimental drugs to market more quickly, particularly those designed to fight AIDS.

"We want 'breakthrough' drugs to reach the market sooner," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said on Thursday.

The new policy announced by the Food and Drug Administration is targeted mainly at drugs and treatments that show promise in dealing with AIDS, and purportedly will speed up the marketing approval process by 1 to 3 years.

"We eventually want to open it up for all diseases," said Vice President Dan Quayle, whose Competitiveness Council recommended the changes last November.

"We're talking about compassion and we're talking about something that will save lots of lives," said President Bush, posing for pictures in the Oval Office with Quayle, Sullivan and FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

Bush said he disagrees with "those bureaucrats up there from Capitol Hill and some of these special pleaders that are against everything you do ... in trying to move drugs out."

Members of Congress have said that Quayle and the White House had been trying to strong-arm a reluctant FDA into accepting its provisions for changing the methods of drug approval.

"While drug reviews will be accomplished faster, patients can be assured that only drugs that are both safe and effective will be approved," Kessler said in a written statement.

The new policy would widen the availability of experimental therapies for AIDS and HIV-related illnesses,

according to a fact sheet by the Health and Human Services Department. This means these therapies will be available to people who need them and not just to those individuals accepted for tightly controlled clinical trials.

The department released only summaries of what was being put into effect, leaving out details that had raised concerns earlier on Capitol Hill. Detailed regulations are to be published later in the Federal Register.

The experimental drugs would be approved for distribution if the FDA thinks they are "reasonably safe" and show "promising evidence" of effectiveness, the department said. The Public Health Service also is ready to set up a similar program for people with other life-threatening diseases.

Quayle repeated his claim that the actions will save "millions of lives" and "billions of dollars."

But internal FDA documents showed that officials within the

agency could find no basis for that assertion.

Kessler, asked about Quayle's figures at a news conference, would not dispute them, but also would not repeat them.

"The bottom is if we save one life, that's what makes the difference," Kessler said.

The FDA also will be turning over some of its drug reviewing responsibility to outside experts for "certain routine types of applications," the department said.

This will help to deal with a backlog in the agency of dealing with applications of such drugs as allergy medicines and pain killers, the department said.

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., who has chaired hearings investigating the FDA, said he has a problem with that part of the proposal.

"I remain concerned about the White House plans for external review of new drug applications," Weiss said. "This may jeopardize public health if, as originally designed by the Quayle council, FDA would be prevented from scrutinizing safety data."

## Costs of AIDS Tests May Rise

ROLLA, Mo. (AP) — It may be too expensive to improve methods of testing donated blood to completely prevent transmission of the AIDS virus through blood transfusions, an economist says.

Meantime, the current method of testing cheaply and effectively prevents blood infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, from reaching hospitals and blood banks, Greg Gelles said April 9.

Gelles, assistant professor of economics at the University of Missouri-Rolla, is studying AIDS testing costs.

Widely used blood tests fail to detect about one unit of HIV-infected blood for every 61,000 units tested, says Bob Howard, a spokesman for the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Officials at the FDA have said they would approve any test that would cut the spread of AIDS. But a policy requiring new tests should be subject to cost-benefit analysis, Gelles says.

One test, which detects antigens that indicate the AIDS virus, could prevent about four AIDS cases per year caused by transfusions of infected blood, Gelles says. The test would cost about \$48 million per year to implement; the cost would be paid by people who purchase donated blood, he says.

"You're talking \$12 million to save a life," Gelles said. "From an economics perspective, that's probably a little too much to pay."

## Witch Hunt Alert

Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chairperson of the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, posted a message on GLBVA's national computer bulletin board system alerting members to an anti-Gay witch hunt in progress. The affected commands are the USS Independence and the USS Blue Ridge. The Witch Hunt is reported to have spread to the base at Yokuska and to the Yakota Air Force Base. This appears to be an extremely serious witch hunt, involving possibly 50 officers and enlisted.

Ben-Shalom says: "The witch hunt started when 2 men were 'caught' on the Blue Ridge. One of the sailors signed and turned in a list of 3 other names. In addition, that sailor was allowed to continue 'dating' people while he was being processed; he then turned these individuals in (i.e. he was being used as an entrapment tool for the Navy). Two of the 3 turned in remained silent to the interrogators, but the third 'broke' and turned in 15 others."

These reports come from sailors on duty in the affected areas. The latest information available is that the net has expanded to include 3 Naval Commanders (equivalent of Army Majors) and 3 Lieutenants (equivalent of Army Captains). At least some of the affected personnel are reported to have been forced to sign statements admitting homosexuality

without being allowed access to legal council.

Three sailors on the Blue Ridge who refused to cooperate were reportedly sent to Captain's Mast (a non-judicial hearing before the ship's Captain) and found guilty of sodomy and indecent acts solely on the basis of a statement from another witch hunt victim. The three were reportedly sentenced to three days in the brig on bread and water, and are expecting Other Than Honorable discharges upon return to the United States.

The sailor who named 15 names is said to be newly out of the closet and has been placed in "protective custody." It is feared that he may still be naming names.

GLBVA is asking all concerned individuals to express their outrage at these events by writing to the following: Commander of the 7th Fleet: Vice Admiral Stanley Arthur, FPO-AP 96601-6003; Commanding Officer, USS Independence (CV-62), FPO-AP 96618-2760; and Commanding Officer, USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19), FPO-AP 96628-3300.

Letters of support can be sent to "Any Sailor" at the above addresses!

GLBVA also encourages the public to fax their indignation directly to this number: H. Lawrence Garrett, Secretary of the Navy, (703) 614-3477 and to write or call their congressmen in Washington.

## Pen Pals Sought for People With AIDS

FRESNO, CA—A nonprofit club in Central California, claiming to be the first of its kind in most respects, has begun working to bring an additional form of help to those affected by AIDS.

People with AIDS, researchers note, are caught between two destructive forces: First, the physical disease itself, and second, the social isolation—being, in stages, "cut off" from the rest of the world. Therapy groups and other types of friendly companionship are available to persons with AIDS, but only in some locations. Elsewhere, the HIV positive person is "on his or her own."

Hearing these facts, the club's founder, himself disabled by spinal arthritis, says he thought he saw an unfulfilled need. "It happens that I've had 'pen pals' a couple of times," says Jay Eastman, "and I was sometimes amazed at the way a short note from a distant friend could brighten the day. And being able to take an interest in someone

else's life was the most potent form of pain relief I've ever experienced."

When Eastman found there were no comprehensive pen pal clubs for people with AIDS and/or supportive others in existence, he made his decision. With advice and help from friends, he began a nationwide club, now in its early stages of operation, simply called, "PEN PAL."

"We can all join together in this," says Eastman, "no matter what our backgrounds. We can be friends, making each other's lives better with mutual respect, empathy, the feeling that somebody's there."

"And," he concludes, "we may gain one small triumph over AIDS. We can take away its power to make people feel that they are alone. Just one small victory."

Anyone interested in finding out how the club works may write, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope to "PEN PAL," Post Office Box 635, Chowchilla, CA 93610.

## Gays On Cleveland Street Plan N.O. Party

by John Prowett

Gays On Cleveland Street is a social club that meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., at The Hut, 102 North Cleveland Street and Jefferson. We have a business/social meeting, and plan social events and fund-raisers. We have a yearly Memorial Day Weekend that the members and their friends enjoy, proceeds coming out of club funds and Weekend Package Sales. The last several years the GOCS club has gone to Reelfoot Lake for a wild, enjoyable four day weekend with friends and lovers. This year GOCS has decided to make New Orleans its sight for the Memorial Day Weekend Party.

You can join GOCS in New Orleans for \$150, which includes bus fare, cocktails down and back, and room (4 to a room). Come join us and show New Orleans how Memphians party. We will be leaving May 22nd at 9 AM on a chartered bus from the Hut parking lot. Come and join us and see what GOCS is all about and then join us in July.

Our membership drive is once a year, at any July meeting. There is a 3 month probation period to see if you really want to become part of GOCS and GOCS wants to be a part of you.

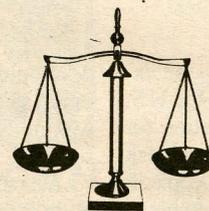
Contact any GOCS member or officer, or The Hut, for more information and join us in New Orleans. There are 5 vacancies left for the trip. Come join us in New Orleans and party in Mardi Gras City and join GOCS in July...you'll be a happy camper, being part of Gays On Cleveland Street.

## Pride Editorial

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or no concern for *potential* stigma. Why does it matter that a business be in the closet if "everyone knows" that 90% of the employees are "that way"?

**Pride is the opposite of shame.** There is no need to be ashamed of being Gay or Lesbian. Now we need to provide options, we need to develop a culture. Maybe those who come out next won't have a reason to need to hide, or have a double life, or retreat into the smoky holes and drink and drug induced forgetfulness we used to know, to try to cope. I don't think anybody will disagree that all of us who are out (to whatever degree) want the next group of people coming out to have an easier time than we had.

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## Alaska Regents Consider Ban on Sex-Orientation Bias

JUNEAU (AP)—The University of Alaska Board of Regents is considering a proposal that would ban discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

At the urging of some student leaders, the board voted April 23 to ask its attorney, William Kauffman, to draft language intended to protect students and employees from discrimination on campus because of sexual orientation.

Similar proposals have been adopted at some other universities around the country.

"This is not an issue that needs debating," said University of Alaska Anchorage student Kimberlee Moore, 28, a Gay and Lesbian Student Association board member.

"It's like saying that by letting women vote or Blacks ride in the front of the bus that you are granting special rights," Moore told the regents.

Moore said Gay and Lesbian students at UAA are harassed while walking between classes, signs put up by Gay groups are routinely torn down and anti-Gay graffiti can be seen on campus.

Homosexuals are easy targets, she said, because few are willing to be identified publicly for fear of ridicule. She said about 500 people participate in Gay and Lesbian Student Association activities.

"There's not a lot of people like

me who are willing to say, 'I'm Lesbian. I'm Gay,'" said Moore, who wore a small button on her lapel that read "Christian Lesbian."

"This measure won't stop harassment, but it will send a message it's not OK to do that."

Board members asked that the proposed rewording of the university's anti-discrimination policy be ready for their Aug. 21-22 meeting in Anchorage.

An aide in the state attorney general's office said Alaska laws prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public services on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical or mental handicaps, sex, marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. Sexual orientation is not specifically mentioned.

Student regent Tim Lamkin, who attends the University of Alaska Fairbanks, said such a measure by the regents would be, "timely, appropriate and should not be ignored."

The proposal was made less than a month after UAA's Union of Students unanimously approved a resolution requesting the board to extend anti-discrimination coverage to homosexuals.

Members of UAA's Gay and Lesbian Student Association have lobbied for several years for the protection.

## Senator Favors Gays in Military

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP)—Sen. Charles S. Robb, D-Va., an ex-Marine and Vietnam War veteran, said Gay men and Lesbians should be allowed to serve in the military.

"Like racial or ethnic origin or gender, sexual preference has no bearing on how great a contribution an individual can make to the United States," Robb said in a letter to Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The military, in my judgment, should not bar individuals from service based on who they are; rather, it should be concerned with what they do," Robb wrote in the March 4 letter published by the *Daily Press* of Newport News.

The newspaper didn't say how it obtained the letter, or whether Powell had replied to it.

Robb was unavailable for comment, though his office confirmed the letter was sent. He is visiting Vietnam as a member a Senate MIA-POW subcommittee. Robb recently retired from the Marine Corps Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

Robb's letter challenged comments Powell made before the House Budget Committee in February, in which Powell said homosexual behavior "is inconsistent with maintaining good order and discipline."

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Leland D.—Cheer up. I'm sure there's a hit of Micro-Dots somewhere in the world. Don't you have enough flash-backs by now? Call me a D.Q. you venerable-warted, flat-titted, Top 40 Queen! Love, Steve.

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Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)

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Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

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**Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, but participation by other than alcoholics/addicts discouraged.)
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Call For Information

**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**

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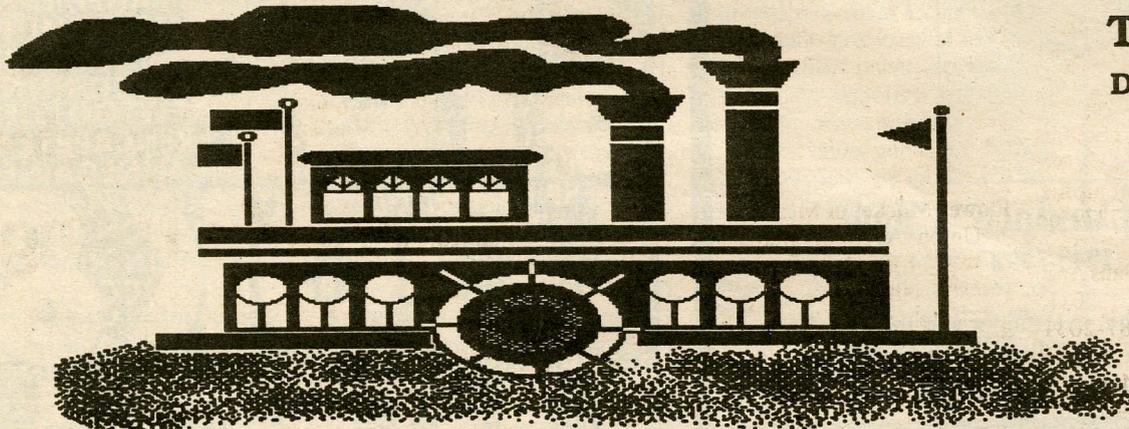
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**Cherokee Adult Book Store:** 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.

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**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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## BOOKS & GIFTS

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

## CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

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

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

**Professional Carpet Systems:** ☎ 794-9937.

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

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

**Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC)—See Friends For Life.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Catholic Gay Men's Support Group:** Information ☎ 458-1530.

**Catholic Lesbians:** Faith at ☎ 324-6949.

**Cotton Pickin' Squares:** Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club Meets Thursdays, 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 499 Patterson ☎ 387-1567 or 753-1507.

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

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

**Gay Women's Social Group:** Debbie ☎ 272-0416.

**Gays On Cleveland Street (GOCS):** Social Group. Call the Hut ☎ 725-9872.

**Holy Trinity Community Church:** Sunday School: 9:45 AM, Worship Service: Sundays at 11:00 AM, 6:30 PM, Bible study: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM • 2323 Monroe • Mailing address: Box 41648, Memphis, 38174-1648 ☎ 726-9443.

**Integrity Memphis:** Meets the 3rd Tue., 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):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Lambda Men's Chorus:** Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 499 Patterson ☎ 276-4045

**Lesbians & Gay Persons Allied for Liberty (LEGAL):** Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 ☎ 728-GAYS.

**Loving Arms (Volunteers who "love" and "hold" babies at the Med):** Shelia Tankersley ☎ 393-0983.

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

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 1665 Madison, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 276-4651.

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

**Memphis State University Students for Gay & Lesbian Awareness (GALA):** GALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs, MSU 38152.

**Mid-South Men's Council:** Box 11042, Memphis 38111-0042.

**Minority Prison Project (MPP):** For information: John Prowett, 1308 Jefferson, Memphis 38104-2012 ☎ 272-2609.

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

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

**New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Our Meeting (AA):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

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

**Phoenix (Gay AA):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 327-2447, 276-7379, or 454-1414.

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

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

**Seriously Sober (AA):** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Southern Country Memphis:** Country Western Dance Club ☎ 452-2307.

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

**Tennessee Valley Rodeo Association:** (Organizing) Information ☎ 274-0454.

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

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

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

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

**Young & Proud:** Mailing address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 276-4651.

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**North American Bulletin Board Operators Assoc. (NABBOA):** ☎ 794-0646 (Leave message requesting membership to group 69).

**The Personals:** Gay computer bulletin board • 300 or 1200 baud ☎ 274-6713. (You must have a computer and modem to access this service.)

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

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

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

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

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

**Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service:** 3340 Poplar Avenue ☎ 458-0152.

**Wilma Vandermeer, CPA:** Taxes, accounting services ☎ 761-2980.

## FLORISTS

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

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

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**AIDS Switchboard:** ☎ 458-AIDS.

**Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline:** ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.)

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard:** ☎ 728-GAYS • 7:30-11pm.

**LINC:** ☎ 725-8895.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** ☎ 276-LIVE.

**Rape Crisis:** ☎ 528-2161.

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

**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline:** (617) 899-2212 (8am-2am, Mon. Sat.).

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**Wayne C. Gullede, 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.

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

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

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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

**Richard N. Carr:** Video productions, 350 N. Montgomery, Memphis, TN 38104 ☎ 278-0407.

**Dabbles Hair Co.:** 19 N. Cooper ☎ 725-0521.

**Len Glosque:** Carpentry ☎ 276-0135.

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

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

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

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

**Kings Interior Painting:** ☎ 324-5314.

**Leatherworks:** Leather shop, male & female • 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.

**Video Magic:** 1529 Union, Memphis 38104 ☎ 726-6344.

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# FOR THE RECORD

WALTER K. PETERS



## RUMOR VS FACT

**RUMOR:** Mr. Southern Leather does nothing with this title.

**FACT:** Since September, Mr. Southern Leather has made 130 appearances in 45 states and 5 provinces.

**RUMOR:** Mr. Southern Leather does nothing to help the Memphis community.

**FACT:** Mr. Southern Leather has planned 3 events to assist Memphis organizations. In each instance, his efforts were undermined by a paranoid, alcoholic bar owner in whose bar you can buy drugs as easily as a cocktail.

**RUMOR:** Mr. Southern Leather never makes appearances in Memphis.

**FACT:** Mr. Southern Leather did appear at Lady Astor's Mardi Gras Ball. I was honored to be there. Vincent was the first person **EVER** to ask me to assist at a Memphis event.

**RUMOR:** Mr. Southern Leather has not raised any money for AIDS organizations or charities.

**FACTS:** 1. Mr. Southern Leather has raised \$184,000 for 62 AIDS organizations in 45 states and 5 provinces.  
2. Mr. Southern Leather founded and is the sole benefactor of the **US AIDS FOUNDATION** which does not accept outside donations and is 100% self-supported.

**RUMOR:** Mr. Southern Leather has made a profit from his reign.

**FACTS:** 1. Mr. Southern Leather does have a \$250 appearance fee. **EVERY** cent of these fees has been donated back to local AIDS charities the same evening as the event at which he appeared.  
2. Mr. Southern Leather has never asked for or received travel expenses and has personally spent over \$11,000 of his own money to keep up with his hectic schedule.

## SOME ENLIGHTENMENT

As Mr. Southern Leather 1992, I have had a lot of fun and shown a lot of pride representing the people of Memphis and the South - **ALWAYS** being friendly and hospitable, **NEVER** being rude or appearing ungrateful. (God knows I have had more than my share of opportunities.)

## THE TRUTH

What have I received from Memphis in return?

- Constant harassment about the contest being fixed
- Useless bartabs
- Useless gift certificates from a local leather shop
- Endless backstabbing and bullshit stories condemning me and my efforts to use my title for the good of everyone.

## A PROMISE

As Mr. Southern Leather 1992, I have vowed to remain myself - outgoing and friendly, available at all times for AIDS benefits and charities. I also promise to never let my title go to my head, forgetting the people who have helped and those who have become my friends in the process.

## SOME UNSOLICITED ADVICE

To other titleholders in Memphis who **ALWAYS** look down at and talk down to and about everyone in the Memphis leather community while they gloat about their titles and go on endlessly about their titleholding friends in New York and the world and do nothing and never have done anything to help Memphis or the Southeast:

### MOVE

To those people whose actions prompted this ad, **GET A LIFE**. Try looking at people for who they are. Give them a chance and cut the shit. If the energy expelled to screw up others' lives was spent in a positive way on your own, you wouldn't need to tear everyone down to your level because you might rise up to theirs.

We are all tired of hearing it.

Thank you for your time.

**Walter K. Peters**  
Mr. Southern Leather 1992