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Operation Rescue To Stage Anti-Gay Campaign

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The national anti-abortion group Operation Rescue is now attacking Gays because it is losing the fight against abortion rights, a pro-choice Methodist minister said Dec. 11

"The only way they can maintain their crusade is to get another scapegoat," said the Rev. George T. Garner, senior minister at College Hill United Methodist Church.

On Dec. 11, leaders of Operation Rescue and the Christian Defense Council, a spin-off group, said they were starting a campaign against the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military. They said the effort, which may include events in Wichita, also would oppose the Gay lifestyle in general.

On Jan. 8, they hope to organize conservative Christians in Wichita and dozens of other cities to demonstrate against President-elect Clinton's promise to allow openly Gay men and women to serve in uniform. The group will also urge business leaders not to hire Gays.

"On this particular day, we're going to have clergy saying they don't want people to hire homosexuals, they don't want people to tolerate that lifestyle, they want people to oppose it every step of the way," said Bob Jewitt, Operation Rescue's national media coordinator.

The anti-Gay demonstrations are being organized by the Christian Defense Coalition, a group founded by Operation Rescue's Randall Terry, and led by many of the same officials. At a news conference in Washington on Dec. 11, Terry said the group was battling "the advance of paganism and anti-Christian behavior."

While no cities were formally identified as being among 75 demonstration sites, Jewitt explained that demonstrations would be held where there's an active network. "Wichita is one of those," he said. Jewitt said his group is reluctant to fully reveal its plan for fear of tipping off militant Gay groups like ACT-UP and Queer Nation, which he said have been abusive.

"Obviously those people would like to see everyone in America get AIDS so they could spend more

money for research," Jewitt said.

The Rev. James Woolard is pastor of Wichita's Metropolitan Community Church, a denomination whose ministry is primarily directed to Gays and Lesbians.

"Evidently they have never had a loved one — straight or Gay — die of AIDS," Woolard said. "It's a horrible death. We in the Gay population would wish that on no one, straight or Gay."

He also noted that worldwide, AIDS is primarily a heterosexual disease. As for the impact of the demonstration, Woolard said he was concerned how it would be interpreted among Wichita's Gays and Lesbians.

"They've lived with fear a lot of their lives, and this will just add more fear and encourage them to go back in the closet," he said.

Methodist minister Gardner, one of the founders of Religious Leaders for Choice, said the United Methodist denominations accept homosexuals as "children of God."

"If we're going to make the practice of sex such an issue, then it would seem to me we should ask every person who comes into a Christian church: 'How do you practice sex?' Churches aren't going to do that," Gardner said.

Dick Kelsey of the Wichita Alliance of Evangelical Churches, a group whose 150 congregations generally offered strong support for Operation Rescue during its 1991 summer protests in Wichita, said he hadn't been contacted by the Christian Defense Council.

"It will be quite interesting to see if the pro-life groups hook into that issue," and whether they do will "depend on how it's framed," Kelsey said.

"If you're saying support the military leaders who don't want to have Gays in the military, yeah, they'd support this," Kelsey said. "If you're saying ban homosexuals from any kind of job, no, they wouldn't support this."

"This is not an easy issue," he added. "I don't think we ought to be bashing them, persecuting them or anything else, but I don't think their lifestyle ought to be protected with special laws."



Disney's Gay Employees To Seek Spousal Benefits

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — A new organization for Gays and Lesbians among employees of Walt Disney World will provide information, raise funds and lobby for insurance benefits for their partners.

"One thing this group isn't going to be is a group with parades and banners, and march down Orlando streets," said Charlie Irwin, 30, one of about 50 people who founded The Alliance on Wednesday.

"We also don't want to attack Disney. We want to show Disney and the community that we're not someone to be threatened by," he said.

The Alliance is similar to one set up at Disney movie studios in California.

The company is supportive of their rights, organizers say, and the group wants to expand that cooperation and seek benefits such as those available for employees' spouses.

"I would like to see the group lobby for that," said Keith Peterson, 32, an entertainment supervisor at the Magic Kingdom. "I think Disney can continue to be a corporation in the forefront on these issues."

Ron Parsell, a business agent for two unions at Disney, said labor groups have asked Disney before to provide insurance coverage for Gay partners, but the company has declined because of "financial considerations."

However, Disney remains "kind of out in front" in its fair treatment of Gays and Lesbians, Parsell said.

Those who attended the meeting at a Disney employee recreation center said they also wanted to help raise money for AIDS support groups, provide information of interest to Gays and counsel employees who have been victims of discrimination.

Disney spokesman Rod Madden said the company views the group like any of about two dozen other employee clubs with different interests.

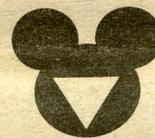
"There's no reason to handle them any differently," Madden said. "Our stated corporate policies are such that we don't discriminate against any group."

In November 1991, the Walt Disney Co. established a written policy that employees may not be discriminated against because of sexual orientation. Early this year, Disney employees founded Lesbian and Gay United Employees, or LEAGUE, in California.

"There have been some individuals at different levels who have some problems with this," said Kate Bernstein, one of that group's leaders. "But as far as upper management is concerned, (Disney Chairman) Michael Eisner and human resources, they've been supportive."

Activists estimate that the giant entertainment company employs thousands of homosexuals at its theme parks, hotels and resorts. Other large corporations have employee groups that lobby for equal treatment and benefits.

Among them are Hewlett-Packard Co., Apple Computer Inc., Chevron Corp., Pacific Bell and At&T, said George Kronenberger of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force Work Place Initiative in San Francisco.



Vanderbilt Will Test AIDS Vaccine On Pregnant Mothers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are preparing to test an AIDS vaccine on expectant mothers who are HIV-positive.

The hope is to protect unborn babies against the fatal disease. Vanderbilt is one of five research centers in the country testing AIDS vaccines.

"Those infants are the people at highest risk for HIV infections," said Dr. Peter Wright, a member of the AIDS research team at Vanderbilt.

HIV is the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which attacks the body's immune system.

The first vaccine tests on pregnant women who have the virus will probably be done by Yale University because that state has passed legislation to cover the cost of any related lawsuits.

"It's a project that will get started, I think it's safe to say, in the next three or four months," Wright said.

Vanderbilt worked on the test design and will do some of the lab work, Wright said. Future tests are expected to be done in Nashville.

Liability issues have not been resolved in Tennessee, and Wright did

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not know whether protective legislation would be needed here.

Vanderbilt and other research centers already have tested several AIDS vaccines on healthy volunteers and on HIV patients.

But the tests on expectant mothers and their unborn babies will give researchers a rare opportunity to see if the vaccines can block transmission of the disease.

"There is no question that it would be an ideal setting to test a vaccine," Wright said.

Twenty percent to 30% of babies born to AIDS mothers contract the virus, Wright said. Doctors do not know whether the disease is transmitted to the child at birth or earlier.

Wright said he has no idea whether the vaccines will protect fetuses from becoming AIDS babies.

"We don't have any evidence one way or the other which would make me really optimistic or pessimistic about it," he said.

The test vaccines need final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration before they can be given to pregnant women, he said.

Testing is being done on lab animals to see whether the vaccines may cause birth defects.

The Battle Ahead to Win Our Rights

By Allen Cook
TJN Co-Editor

After twelve years of what seemed to have been an escalating encroachment of our civil rights as Gay men and Lesbians, we have elected a new administration. It is the first administration ever to have publicly supported the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians. It is the first administration ever to have broached the subject of allowing Gays and Lesbians in the military. We hope it will be the first administration to make good on the promise to make AIDS a national priority health issue.

If you read these pages with any regularity, you have seen city after city pass ordinances protecting the civil rights of homosexuals. You have seen states make positive steps in granting spousal rights to state employees.

Now is the time for optimism, but now is not the time for complacency. We have also seen the backlash — in the form of the voter referendum. Certainly some referendums have been defeated, but enough have been passed to make us worried. Oregon's Measure 8 anti-Gay law was overturned by the courts, and Measure 9 was defeated in a voter referendum. Colorado's constitutional amendment passed. Unless repealed, that state will suffer the economic consequences.

Anti-Gay activists promise that more and more referendums will be brought to the public to prevent or overturn the passage of laws protecting our rights. We are under siege. Much of the good will we have created over the past ten to twenty years will be wiped out by the child-molesting-pervert depictions of us by our enemies.

Ironically the AIDS issue has

brought more of us into the open and has let people see us as caring, sensitive individuals—neither the flaming stereotype, nor the pervert.

It remains that we are the last minority that it is all right to persecute.

Human rights are not something that necessitates a referendum. I dare say African-Americans would not have their civil rights today if a referendum were held in the South on the issue.

I'm old enough to have seen the pendulum of social mores swing — from the free love days of the sixties and seventies to the puritanical conservatism of the eighties and early nineties. We must continue to be out and obvious and to continue spreading the message that we are not as the right wing says we are.

With luck and a rational national leadership not so allied with the radical religious right, we will prevail. But



No time for complacency.

it won't be done without a lot of grief, or a lot of work, and no small amount of courage. While the ACT-UP and Queer Nation tactics aren't my style, it often takes extremes to change status quo to a reasonable position.

Make a New Year's resolution to become more active in securing your

own rights next year. There will be a group of every imaginable type at the April March on Washington—all sharing the experience of being Gay or Lesbian and all demanding to be heard with the same loud, insistent voice.

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Reader Says Clinton Has Done Nothing For Gays

I was reading your November issue of the Triangle Journal News and I was very disappointed by the article by your guest commentator. Like our body part, we each have our opinions and must respect those of others whether we agree or disagree. I had the opportunity to be in Houston for the Republican Convention. It is true that there was a lot of Gay bashing being done, but at least the people were up front with it.

I wonder if Mr. Burton has ever been across the Mississippi River. I really seriously doubt it, or he would have known a little bit about our good Governor and President-elect. During the past twelve years, our governor has done nothing for the Gay community or the people of my home state. One must judge a person by his past actions and not by his words.

[The June edition of Triangle Rising has a] front-page story by Eric Camp headlined "Clinton Endorses Sodomy Law Repeal, Betsy Wright Urges Community to Speak Up." The fact of the matter was that when the good legislator from Northern Arkansas proposed it, the governor, Mr. Clinton, was opposed at that time in fear of the results it would have on his reelection bid for governor. But in running for President, he had many promises to several groups to woo them away from more friendly candidates to the causes.

But that is politics, with many promises made, but few, if any, kept. Mr. Burton needs to learn more about the people and what they have actually done and not just listen to their words. But if he wants to listen to a few words, I've got some ocean front property in Arizona for sale, but at a reasonable price, of course.

With Mr. Clinton, Arkansas has no real problem on AIDS, whether it be educational or any

other type. AIDS in Arkansas, like every other state, is continuing to grow, not just in major towns, but even in the rural areas. Our Human Services (budget) is being cut day by day because of the lack of money even though Mr. Clinton has raised taxes and fees within our state 127 times. Thus many of the medical programs here in Arkansas are being cut. Mr. Clinton has refused to do anything for the Gay community here in Arkansas whether it be proclaiming a coming out day or anything else. With politics, we should not just listen to what is being said, but to look at what the person has done on the level that he has served. The people in our country must be educated on many aspects of life. I believe that this is one area in which the Gay community needs to be more educated. We must not only listen to what is being said, but to look also.

Gay bashing doesn't happen under a Republican president only, but under a Democratic governor. We, as a community, must work together and not become divided, because divided, we can do nothing, but hurt ourselves.

Douglas Traywick
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Hear My Plea!

Our [Memphis] community is estimated to be 112,000 strong; yet it has become a monumental task to raise \$50 in this town. When a cast of male strippers parades into town, we come out of our own private closets with fists full of dollars that we shove into loaded pairs of BVDs, never to be seen or heard from again.

The fact that two people die of AIDS every week in Shelby County, and two people become infected with HIV every day in Memphis doesn't seem to make people aware of the much larger problem at hand. We are involved in the largest civil war this city has ever seen. I beg of local bar owners and patrons as well to help me put an end to this friction within OUR community!

There will be some type of benefit every month in 1993. I give my solemn promise that all proceeds will be split up according to need between MGLCC, Friends For Life, and the Adult Special Care Unit at The Med. Enough with this status quo. Please come together and do what has to be done in OUR community.



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I shouldn't have to beg my neighbors to take responsibility for the care of our dying resources, namely Persons Living With AIDS.

Michael Einspanjer
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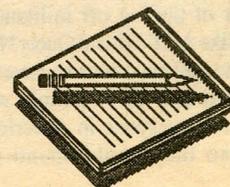
Bar Owners Urged to "Grow Up"

It is really getting sad when certain bar owners threaten their employees that they would be fired if they were caught in other bars.

We, as a Gay community, should work to-

gether and unite together as one. We, as Gay men and women, have enough to deal with without having bar owners acting like 2-year-olds. Instead of trying to compete with each other, try working together. Let's make our Gay community strong and proud.

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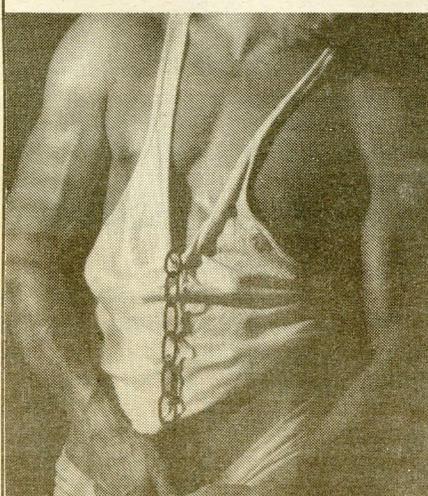
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High Court To Rule On 'Hate Crimes' Laws

By Laurie Asseo
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today re-entered the debate over "hate crimes" laws, agreeing to decide whether states — including New York — violate free-speech rights by imposing longer prison terms for bias-motivated crimes.

The court said it will review rulings that struck down such a law in Wisconsin.

At least 20 other state laws call for longer prison terms for so-called hate crimes. Nearly every state has some type of hate crime law.

The Supreme Court last June unanimously struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that banned cross-burnings, swastika displays and other expressions of racial bias. The ordinance violated the Constitution's free-speech protection because it sought to ban some viewpoints, the court ruled.

But that decision did not address the question of requiring extra punishment for defendants who act because of racial bias or some other discriminatory motive.

The Wisconsin law authorized longer prison terms if defendants chose their victim because of race, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

In the case before the court, Todd Mitchell's prison term was

doubled to four years under the law after he was convicted of aggravated battery in the October 1989 beating of a 14-year-old white youth in Kenosha, Wis.

Mitchell, then 19, had asked a group of Black youths, "Do you all feel hyped up to move on some white people?" The youths spotted Gregory Riddick walking nearby and Mitchell said, "There goes a white boy; go get him."

Mitchell challenged the enhanced-sentence law, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck it down earlier this year. The law violated the First Amendment by punishing thought and chilling free speech, the court said.

The highest courts in Oregon, New York, Michigan and Vermont have upheld longer sentences for bias-motivated crimes.

Lawyers for Wisconsin said their state's law is constitutional because it seeks to punish conduct, not thought.

"Nothing in the Constitution requires governmental apathy toward the special harms of bias-motivated action," Wisconsin's lawyers said, adding that judges routinely consider motive in handing out sentences in criminal cases.

But Mitchell, the defendant in the Wisconsin case, responded that the hate-crimes law in his state unconstitutionally punishes bigoted speech and association.

Rights Ordinance Attacked By KC Conservatives

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The city may be forced to repeal a civil rights ordinance that opponents say could lead to protections for homosexuals.

FIRE UP, a conservative religious group, gathered the necessary petition signatures to force the City Council either to repeal the ordinance or put it to a public vote, Clay County officials said Dec. 9.

Part of the ordinance creates a city Human Rights Commission and several task forces, including one on Gay and Lesbian issues.

Connie Cierpiot, a member of FIRE UP's executive committee, said the commission is a "vehicle" that will be used to grant civil rights protections to homosexuals.

The petition angered Gay activists. "Kansas City should be ashamed and embarrassed that we actually might have to vote on civil rights for its citizens," said activist Jon Barnett.

One City Council member said

she was sure the council will not repeal the ordinance.

"The radical right has learned that it can't win other elections, so their new agenda is the horrible, terrible Gays and what they will do with society," said Kathryn Shields.

Shields and others accused fundamentalist religious groups with misrepresenting the ordinance while gathering the 9,436 signatures they needed. Some petition gatherers have told people the ordinance would require churches to hire homosexual pastors, Shields said.

The ordinance makes the city's laws similar to fair housing laws and the Americans With Disabilities Act, a necessary step for the city to receive some federal funding.

If the council allows the issue to go before voters, it would have had to call a special election that could cost Kansas City at least \$200,000. The deadline for putting issues on the February election ballot passed on Dec. 8.

Denver Agency Adopts Gay Protection Policy

DENVER (AP) — The Regional Transportation District may have set the stage for a challenge to Amendment 2 by adopting a policy to protect employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"The simple fact is that we have Gays and Lesbians at every level of this organization," RTD Director Roger Sherman said. "As elected officials, we have an obligation to stand up for what is morally right."

Amendment 2, approved by voters Nov. 3, prohibits the state government or any of its subdivisions from adopting or enforcing Gay-protection laws. RTD was created by the state Legislature and has a board of directors elected by the general public.

RTD attorney Jack Kennedy said Amendment 2 does not explicitly prohibit the policy, adopted by the board of directors Dec. 8.

"It's not clear if the intent of Amendment 2 is to control the internal workings of an organization" or just the rules it might set up for those on the outside, he said.

Will Perkins, chairman of Colorado for Family Values, the group that sponsored Amendment 2, said the state attorney general will have to decide whether the RTD policy is legal.

Miss America Faces Criticism For Paid AIDS Appearance

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — When Miss America Leanza Cornett came to the New York State Museum to draw attention to AIDS, some people were more interested in her \$1,200 speaking fee.

Cornett spoke at the museum's exhibit of 800 panels of The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which commemorates victims of the disease.

Cornett, 21, has a close friend with AIDS and has dedicated her year as Miss America to educating the public about the disease.

"We are losing sight of this disease and who it is affecting," Cornett said. "It is claiming the lives of our friends, our wives and husbands and lovers. These people need our compassion."

The museum and community agencies invited Cornett, hoping she would draw attention to the quilt, said Randy Roberts, head of the museum's public programs.

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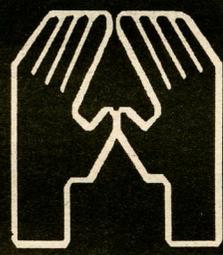
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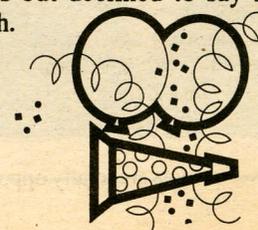
The speaking fee was paid by private donors, he said.

But AIDS activists said the money would be better spent on housing, food and other services for people with AIDS.

"Does she need \$1,200 to do that when people are struggling and lacking decent, affordable housing?" asked Steve Baratta, an

AIDS activist.

Cornett said she would donate some of the fee to help AIDS patients but declined to say how much.



Controversy Over New York's 'Children Of Rainbow' Guidelines

By Dana Kennedy Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez gave a Queens school board an ultimatum to meet with him and his staff about a controversial Gay curriculum plan — or else.

Fernandez and School Board 24 have been battling over whether first-graders should be taught to respect Gay people.

At issue in the 443-page curriculum, called "Children of the Rainbow," is a section that teaches tolerance of Gay and Lesbian parents to students as young as 6 years old.

Fernandez suspended the board for refusing to accept "Children of the Rainbow" last week. The Board of Education dealt Fernandez a blow Dec. 16 night when members voted to reinstate the board. But members voted to allow Fernandez to supersede if the two parties fail to come to an agreement.

Fernandez said Dec. 17 he would appoint three trustees to handle all multi-cultural curriculum issues in the district if the board refuses to meet with him.

"Children of the Rainbow" includes a suggested teachers' bibliography of hundreds of books including two that local conservatives and parents who oppose the curriculum have angrily singled out: *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies*.

In a strongly worded letter sent last month to Joseph Fernandez, the president of Board 24 in Queens, Mary Cummins, vowed to repel his efforts to convince the board to "promote acceptance of sodomy and cover up its dangers."

It's the latest controversy involving Fernandez, whose name has recently surfaced as a potential candidate for secretary of education in the Clinton administration.

In his upcoming autobiography, *Tales Out of School: Joseph Fernandez' Crusade To Rescue American Education*, Fernandez revealed he used heroin as a high school dropout and almost overdosed several times. He also criticized Gov. Mario Cuomo and Mayor David Dinkins.

Fernandez led the way for AIDS education nationally and for condom distribution in schools. But the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum has also been controversial.

Parents meeting to discuss the issue have nearly come to blows. Fernandez received two recent death threats last week about the issue.

Thousands of letters were mailed to parents warning that "Children of the Rainbow" meant first-graders would be taught about the "homosexual lifestyle, including oral and anal sex."

Some parents are totally opposed

to the Gay education part of the curriculum; others are willing to consider it for older students.

"I'll be the first one to pull my kids out of the school" if the curriculum is implemented, said Anna Saez, a parent association head at P.S. 89.

Betty LoCicero, another P.S. 89 parent, said "I wish it wasn't in the school at all. If it's going to have to be, let it be in the junior high school."

Fernandez suspended the board of District 24 when it rejected the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum. He said he acted because the board refused to develop an alternative curriculum that would involve lessons of tolerance toward homosexuals and would not allow its school superintendent to talk to the chancellor's office.

"Tonight's action is disappointing," Fernandez said after the vote reinstating the board. "The facts clearly dictated a different result."

All 32 school districts in New York City were given the option of either accepting "Children of the Rainbow" or coming up with an alternative. The alternative had to include tenets of a multi-cultural curriculum policy adopted by the Board of Education in 1989. The "Rainbow" curriculum is designed to introduce children to positive images of women, Blacks, Hispanics and other groups.

All but three districts either accepted the plan or submitted alternatives that Fernandez accepted, said his spokesman, Frank Sobrino. Fernandez's staff is working with two of the districts on devising ac-

ceptable plans.

District 24 was the lone holdout, claiming the curriculum's homosexual references promote ideals opposed by parents in the largely working and middle-class, Roman Catholic area. The district governs 25 schools.

In voting to reinstate District 24, the Board of Education urged both parties to use a mediator to help settle their differences.

"I don't want anybody to look at this vote as a declaration of winners and losers," said board President H. Carl McCall. "It's an attempt to bring all the parties together and find a solution."

At the same time, the board affirmed Fernandez's authority to supersede the nine-member local board if the two sides cannot come to terms on implementing the curriculum.

Ellen B. McGuinn, president of a conservative school board in Brooklyn, District 20, said her board was the first district to examine the Rainbow curriculum.

In the plan McGuinn's board presented to Fernandez, it deleted certain reference books and decided to postpone education about homosexual lifestyles at least until the fifth grade.

But though McGuinn's board's plan was deemed acceptable to Fernandez, she and the other district board members wrote a note of protest to Fernandez when he suspended School Board 24.

"We felt he overstepped his bounds," said McGuinn. "It's a shame it's all gone this far."

Excerpts From "Children Of The Rainbow" Curriculum

NEW YORK (AP) — The following excerpts are from "Children of the Rainbow," a 443-page multicultural curriculum guide:

— Children of Lesbian-Gay parents may have limited experience with male-female parental situations; if there is no representation of their lives in the classroom, they may suddenly be made to feel different.

— Children growing up in heterosexually headed families may be experiencing contact with Lesbians-Gays for the first time.

— Teachers of first graders have an opportunity to give children a healthy sense of identity at an early age. Classes should include references to Lesbians and Gays in all curricular areas and should avoid exclusionary practices by presuming a person's sexual orientation, reinforcing stereotypes, or speaking of Lesbians-Gays as "they" or the "other."

— The issues surrounding family may be very sensitive for children. Teachers should be aware of varied family structures, including two-parent or single-parent households, Gay or Lesbian parents, divorced parents, adoptive parents and guardians or adoptive parents.

— Children must be taught to acknowledge the positive aspects of each type of household and the importance of love and care in family living.

Firm Wanted Software Returned After Anti-Gay Rights Bill Passed

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — The city's recent anti-Gay rights charter amendment prompted a California software company to ask for the return of a \$7,500 computer program.

Orbit Software USA Inc. of Danville, Calif., refunded the money to the Springfield Utility Board in a September letter from company vice president David Merit that asked for the immediate return of the program, said utility spokeswoman Mary Ann Rhodes.

"Basically, the letter from Orbit said, 'We don't want to do business with a company in a town that passes laws like the one you have,'" Rhodes said.

The utility returned the check and tried to convince Orbit to drop the demand for its software, she said.

The utility also asked a Springfield computer company owner, Jesse Maine, to intercede with Orbit.

"I told Merit the community was divided on the measure, that the business community was basically against it, and that he would be punishing the whole community when not everyone was responsible for passing it," said Maine, the owner of PICO Information Systems.

Orbit eventually decided to wait

until after the Nov. 3 election to see whether a more sweeping anti-Gay rights initiative on the statewide ballot was defeated, Rhodes said.

Measure 9 went down to defeat by a wide margin in the most heavily populated areas of the state but many small towns, including Springfield, supported it.

Rhodes said she did not know whether Orbit would renew its demand to return the software. Merit was unavailable for comment.

The Springfield city charter amendment, passed in the May 19 primary election, remains in force. It lumps homosexuality into the same category as masochism, sadism and pedophilia, and prohibits the city from promoting any of those practices.

Maine tried unsuccessfully to overturn the charter amendment last summer. He won a seat on the City Council in the Nov. 3 general election.

Details about the Orbit request were not made public until recently, about a week after the Atlanta City Council and the Fulton County Commission in Georgia banned any government-sponsored travel to Springfield because of the anti-Gay rights ordinance.

Court Refuses To Block Enforcement Of Anti-Gay Laws Against Church

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A New Jersey church has lost its battle to gain exemption from the state's anti-discrimination laws but its attorney found some solace in the court decision.

The 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 15 denied the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's request for preliminary injunction barring the state from enforcing Gay and Lesbian civil rights law against them.

But the court's opinion drew praise from the church's attorney because it includes a declaration by a New Jersey civil-rights official that the state did not intend to prosecute Gay and Lesbian discrimination cases against churches.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church — a conservative denomination that believes and teaches that homosexuality, bisexuality and heterosexual sex outside marriage are "grievous" sins — said the employment laws violated First Amendment freedoms of religious worship.

Under 1992 amendments to New Jersey anti-discrimination laws, employers cannot discriminate against Gays and Lesbians in hiring or other employment practices.

The three-judge panel agreed with a U.S. District Court's assessment that the church would not suffer any immediate "irreparable

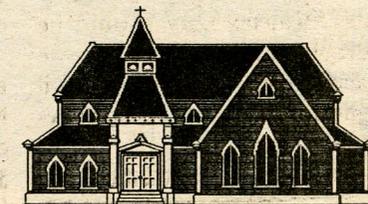
harm" without the injunction, since the church had not been sued and because the state Division of Civil Rights had said it did not intend to enforce the laws against the church.

The opinion includes remarks by Division of Civil Rights director C. Gregory Stewart from his testimony at district court hearings, saying the state "does not now, has not in the past and does not in the future intend to treat or subject to (anti-discrimination laws) any place of religious worship."

The court also noted that an injunction would not bar organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union or the Lambda Legal Defense Fund from suing the church.

Church attorney Thomas S. Neuberger said he was pleased with the decision, saying the church has "some protection in writing."

He characterized the church's exemption as "narrow," saying the law "does not harm 99.9% of the labor market."



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Supreme Court Keeps Alive Suit By Lesbian Expelled From Army

By Richard Carelli
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Dec. 7 refused to kill a lawsuit against the Pentagon by a lesbian kicked out of the Army Reserves.

The court let stand a ruling that had revived Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt's challenge of the military's policy of ousting people who "engage in or ... demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct."

The court's action was taken without comment.

The Los Angeles woman's lawyers had told the justices that the dispute "is likely to have a political resolution, due to the recent presidential election."

President-elect Clinton has said he will rescind the military's ban on service by homosexuals.

Pruitt served in the Army from 1971 until 1976, mostly as a military recruiter. She rose to the rank of captain before leaving active duty to become a Methodist minister. She then served in the Army Reserve for 10 years.

After learning of Pruitt's homosexuality through a newspaper article, the Army gave her an honorable but involuntary discharge in 1986.

U.S. District Judge William

Gray threw out Pruitt's lawsuit, ruling that the Army's decision to exclude homosexuals merited substantial deference.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year reinstated the suit, ruling that Gray must decide "whether the Army's discrimination is rationally related to a permissible governmental purpose."

Government lawyers had argued that the regulation banning homosexuals adequately states the government's purpose — that homosexual conduct "seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission" by adversely affecting "discipline, good order and morale."

About 14,000 men and women have been discharged from the armed services during the past 10 years because they were Gay.

In the appeal acted on Dec. 7, Bush administration lawyers told the justices that no further inquiry into Pruitt's case is needed.

The government lawyers noted that the Supreme Court in 1986 ruled that Georgia may outlaw sodomy. "If states may criminalize homosexual conduct based on society's moral view that such conduct is unacceptable," they said, "then the military may consider that moral view."

Pruitt's lawyers urged the court to reject the government's appeal.

AIDS Groups Urge Walgreens Boycott

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — An AIDS activist group says customers should boycott Walgreens drugstores in Albuquerque because it won't sell syringes and needles without a prescription.

The group, ACT UP Albuquerque, circulated about 1,000 flyers last week contending the stores' policy encourages spread of the AIDS virus. Activists say the policy makes it difficult for intravenous drug users to get clean, sterile needles.

IV drug users are among the groups with the highest risk of contracting the HIV virus because they tend to share and reuse needles.

Walgreens spokesman Ed King in Deerfield, Ill., said the corporation is sensitive to the AIDS issue but has a longtime corporate policy "not to sell syringes to anyone that doesn't have a prescription for them or is not receiving insulin."

New Mexico is not among the

states and cities that impose such restrictions by law, so pharmacies adopt their own.

"There are other drug stores in Albuquerque that do sell needles and syringes to people without prescription," said an ACT UP member who identified himself only as "Jay." "We're saying because of their policies that they're promoting the spread of HIV infection."

King said this is the first time Walgreens has been targeted in the debate over providing needles to intravenous drug users.

"As intravenous drug use became common over the years, we've felt that it was putting our pharmacists in a very difficult professional situation in dealing with the person who is an addict and using IV drugs," King said. "And we also didn't feel that a pharmacy was an appropriate place to deal with that kind of patient."

Stroh's Is Runner-up For Chicago NOW's Turkey Of Year

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan was named Turkey of the Year for 1992 by a local chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Buchanan was selected for his "opposition to justice for women and homosexuals and his representation of the far right, especially his speech at the Republican convention ... vilifying Hillary Clinton," Dana Pearl, president of the Evanston/North Shore chapter of NOW, said Sunday.

Recipients of the awards, which the chapter has given out for eight years, are chosen for "particularly sexist statements or actions detrimental to women."

Runners-up for the award included former Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett, a symbol of the Tailhook sexual assault scandal.

The Stroh Brewing Co. in St. Paul, Minn. also was included for advertisements featuring the "Swedish Bikini Team." Female employees sued the brewery, saying the advertisements reinforced an atmosphere of sexual harassment there.

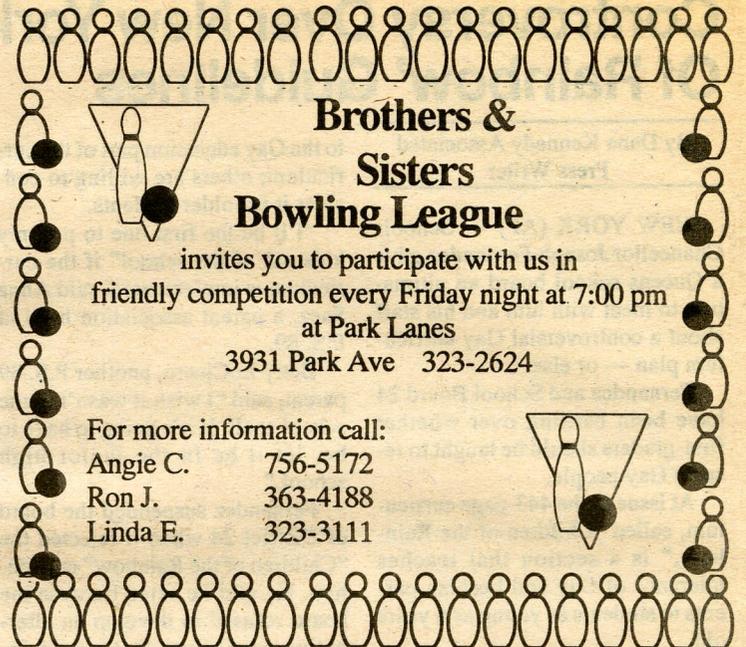
For the second consecutive year, the group also named "Courage" award winners. They included Dr. Frances Conley, who protested sexual harassment at Stanford University Medical Center; the U.S. Navy's Lt. Paula Coughlin, for speaking out about Tailhook harassment; and Cook County Board President Richard Phelan for restoring abortion services at the county's largest public hospital.

Navratilova's Former Lover Sells Items

DALLAS (AP) — Judy Nelson, former lover of Martina Navratilova, has sold jewelry, furniture and art work from her years with the tennis superstar.

An auction in late November raised more than \$200,000 for Ms. Nelson, 47, who left her doctor husband in 1984 to live with Navratilova. The pair ended their relationship in a bitter court battle in Fort Worth last year.

A \$46,000 dining set brought \$6,500, a necklace with heart-shaped diamonds that retailed for \$12,000 fetched \$3,250, and a pair of pearl and gold earrings originally bought for \$37,000 got



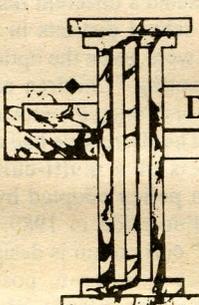
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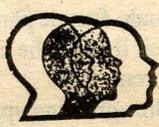
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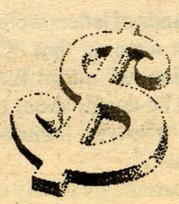
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"I would say if there was any area of the auction that went for less than expected, it was the jewelry," said Nelson Garrett, owner of the Dallas gallery where the auction occurred. "There were some good bargains."

Ms. Nelson had described the sale as a way to "trim the fat" from her years with Ms. Navratilova.

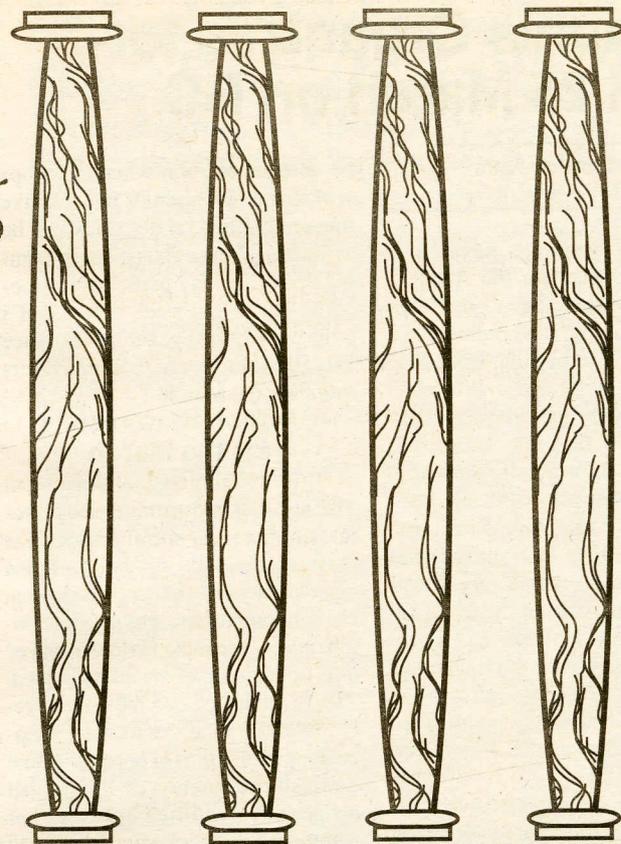
Most details of the separation agreement between the two women have remained secret. However, Ms. Nelson received a home they shared in Aspen, Colo., and later sold it for \$1.1 million.



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Memphis Organizes for April 25 March on DC

By Vincent Astor
TJN Staff Writer

Monthly meetings have been scheduled to plan for the April 25 March on Washington. Committees have been formed to coordinate disseminating information, obtaining transportation, raising funds to assist those with limited resources, and sharing accommodations. Interested people will join in a unified effort to represent Memphis and the Mid-South at this nationwide event. The meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in a downstairs meeting room at the Main Library, Peabody at McLean, at 7 p.m. Other necessary committee meetings will be scheduled then. Information about local efforts may be obtained at Meristem Books, Mid-Town Hair, and the MGLCC.

The Memphis chapter of the National Organization for Women has pledged its support toward transportation to Washington the weekend of the March. A bus will be leaving from the Memphis area and persons wishing to ride may sign up at the January meeting, or at one of the three locations mentioned above. Buses from other areas will also be going. It will

be announced soon whether groups will spend one night or just take the trip up. Limited scholarships will be available. Those interested in coming up earlier may participate in lobbying during the week before and a large variety of events taking place Friday, Saturday and Sunday surrounding the March.

Action Statement for the March

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice links us fundamentally to the struggles against racism, sexism, class bias, economic injustice, and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed, we are all oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age and/or class.

activities already scheduled for January are a coming-out group on Saturday afternoons at 5:00, an additional potluck on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00, and a Hot Dog Social on the second Sunday on the month at 2:00. The regular activities are going strong: Third Saturday Potluck, Friday Night Videos, HIV testing, the Youth Group, and the Phone Corps. See the *Triangle Journal's* Calendar (Memphis Edition only) for all the details, or call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard provided by the Center.

The New Year's goal for the Center is growth in four ways: 1) fuller use of the Center by more of the Gay and Lesbian community; 2) greater awareness of the Center's services; 3) an increase in revenue; and 4) greater involvement of members in the Center's organizational structure. As shown by the new members and activities, the Center is on its way to reaching these goals already.

Of course, the community can also look forward to the events traditionally sponsored by the Center, the annual boat ride during Gay Pride Week, and a Winter Gala like the Mardi Gras Reunion Ball. —Submitted by MGLCC

Nice Boys Raise Money from Art

The opening night of "Adult Contemporary Fiction—Personal Ads/Artists' Responses," produced by the art group *Nice Boys from Good Families*, brought out almost 500 people to view the exhibit Dec. 4.

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New Things at MGLCC

The new year brings new people, new activities, and a new direction to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. At its December meeting, the executive board nominated six new members: Paula Womack (secretary) Ethan Pruett (vice-president), Susan Johns, John Prowett, Miki Zulewski, and Charlie Friedman (at-large members). The board also nominated Michael Schiefelbein, vice-president since June, as president. Womack and Schiefelbein replace the resigning secretary, David Jeffers, and president, Bill Hanley.

The new members will expand the board from five to nine members and change the composition from all-male to three women and six men. The election will take place at the Center on Friday, Jan. 8 at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome.

A newly created board of directors will also lead the Center, including a Director of Fundraising Bill Johns, Director of Membership Charlie Friedman, Director of the Newsletter Charles Butler, Director of Switchboard Michael Einspanjer, and Director of Volunteers John Prowett. Directorships still to be filled are Director of Activities, Director of Public Relations, Director of Maintenance, and Librarian. Anyone interested in a directorship or committee membership should contact Michael Schiefelbein, 278-7690.

A new program plan includes recitals, high teas, poetry and story readings, an art showing, a Las Vegas Night, and a smoke-free dance. New

spiration was derived from a random drawing of personal classifieds from such publications as *The Memphis Flyer*, *The Advocate*, *Drummer*, *Straight To Hell*, and *Big Apple Dyke News*, were displayed in the Warehouse Studio on Tennessee Street. The invitational exhibit featured works produced by 27 designers, architects, writers, and studio artists.

The reception, a benefit for Friends For Life, raised \$1600 for the organization. L.D. Begthol and Larry Buxbaum organized the affair.

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Vets To Meet

The Memphis chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America will begin meeting twice a month starting with the January meeting. The afternoon meetings will continue at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of the month. A second meeting for those working during the day or unable to come to the center will be held at 7:00 pm at 1517 Court, Suite #4.

The group is drafting a letter to President-elect Bill Clinton reminding him of his promise to support Gays/Lesbians/Bisexuals in the Military and offering support and help with this task. They are also forming a group to participate in the National March on Washington in April and to be a part of the Memphis '93 Pride Week events.

John Prowett was on a WHRK (K-97) talk show several weeks ago speaking on the topic of Gays and Lesbians in the Military. Although some calls were negative, most calls were supportive, he said.

For more information, call the Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 726-1547 or write GLBVA, c/o John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2402.

—Submitted by GLBVA

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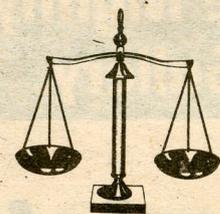
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MGLCC To Stage Gay & Lesbian Pride Week '93

At the December meeting of the Memphis Gay/Lesbian Community Center, there was a discussion of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week events. John Prowett and Rusty Slesinger are co-chairing the 1993 Pride Week Committee.

Eight days of events are planned including the annual River Ride and picnic, but with lots of extras.

Volunteers are needed for the various committees. If you would like to get involved, please attend the next meeting of the committee at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. Memphis will be working with Oxford, Miss.; Nashville, Knoxville, and Little Rock on co-ordinating and supporting each others' Pride Month events.

For more information on helping with the celebration of 24 years of liberation and pride, unity, and diversity, call Rusty at 274-1273 or John at 726-1547

—Submitted MGLCC

Integrity Memphis Third Largest in Country

Recently, Kim Byham, Director of the National Chapter of Integrity, sent a letter of congratulations to Integrity/Memphis for becoming the third largest Integrity Chapter. Mr. Byham is also a past president of Integrity

Integrity/Memphis has just celebrated its first anniversary. Integrity is a Gay and Lesbian support organization for Episcopalians. The Memphis chapter is based at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Integrity has co-sponsored a Symposium on Human Sexuality, has provided a Christian setting for Gays and Lesbians to meet, and is in the process of establishing a visitation ministry to those who suffer from AIDS. Integrity has also been a social ministry which has given many people an opportunity to make new friendships and to come together with those friends in social activities and in worship.

Chorus' Christmas Treat

Reviewed By BobDumais

The Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus presented its third annual Christmas concert, La Fête de Noël, Dec. 20 in the sanctuary of Calvary Episcopal Church before an audience of 125.

The Sunday afternoon event began with moving opening remarks by Chorus President Tom Roden dedicating the concert to his deceased partner Lanny Phillips and all people who have died of AIDS. The Chorus then opened its festival of Christmas music with the lively "Rejoice & Sing Noel!"

A complex and beautiful arrangement of Franz Beibl's "Ave Maria" followed featuring the trio of

Pride Committee Announces Logo Contest

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee has announced plans for a contest for the design of the 1993 Pride logo.

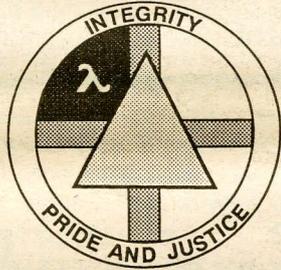
The deadline for the contest is the March meeting of the Committee.

Send or drop off ideas for the '93 logo at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

An independent panel of judges will select the winning logo, the theme for which is "Together in Unity." The logo will be used on T-shirts, kerchiefs, and buttons.

The winner will receive a T-shirt which will also entitle the bearer to reduced prices at all Pride events. The winner will also be presented at the Awards Banquet.

—Submitted by the Gay & Lesbian Pride '93 Committee



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Prime-Timers

Prime-Timers, Memphis: a social and support group for Gay men over 45 and their friends is having its fourth meeting on Saturday, Jan. 16th at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

According to organizer John Prowett, the membership is growing and he encourages interested people to attend. The group meets on the third Saturday of each month at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center for about an hour and a half beginning at 2:00 pm.

Prime-Timers is planning several socials and discussions on its participation in the National March on Washington and the Memphis 1993 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week.

Newcomers can join Prime-Timers by calling the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 276-4651 or John Prowett at 726-1547.

—Submitted by Prime-Timers

Southern Country Moving

Southern Country, the country-western dance club, is moving its base of operations from Chaps to Reflections (92 N. Avalon) beginning in January. Another change is that the Wednesday dance night at WKRK has been temporarily cancelled.

Each Tuesday and Friday at 8:00 pm, the club will be holding its country-western dance lessons for anyone interested in participating. Organizers invite both men and women to come out and dance.

—Submitted by Southern Country

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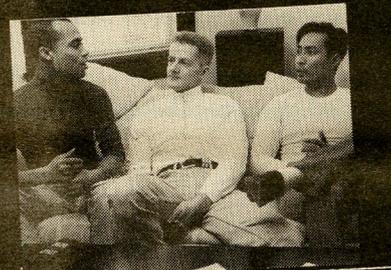
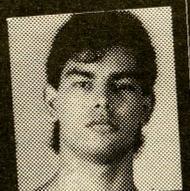
The Chorus is conducted by Don Greisheimer and was accompanied in concert by Dr. J. Kienzle.

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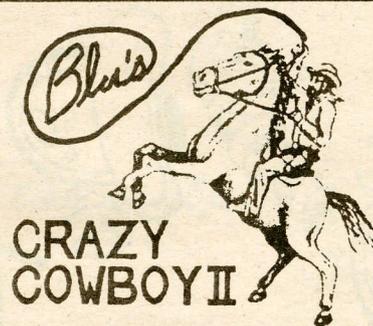
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support from the Gay and Lesbian community of Memphis. Be sure to watch for the next performance and make plans to attend. You won't be disappointed!

'HIV Concentration Camp' Remains Despite Complaints

By Richard Cole
Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — What critics call the world's first HIV concentration camp has grown up despite complaints from federal health officials, military officers, and advocates of the Haitians refugees confined behind rolls of concertina wire.

Unlike tens of thousands of Haitians sent back to their homeland, the 277 men, women and children kept at Guantanamo Naval Base's Camp Bulkeley have recognized claims to political asylum. Many were government officials or political supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But they also have something that leaves them in legal limbo — tests showing they are HIV positive and thus "excludable" from the U.S.

At a cost to the United States of \$55 million, they have lived up to a year or more jammed in crowded huts with only hanging sheets to give them privacy, and nothing but screens between their beds and the rain.

"We have done nothing wrong, but every morning we wake up to look at this," says Rosenick Jean, 23, sitting in the shade of a hut and gesturing toward barbed wire fences and guard

towers. "This is no way for Christians to live."

Her captors seem to agree.

The Haitians have a strong attachment to the outgoing base commander, Col. Stephen Kinder, who closed a punishment stockade used for discipline, cleaned up the site and even put cable television in one center.

Surrounded by women and children during a news media tour, Kinder learned recently that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had refused his plea to send four Haitians with full-blown AIDS to the United States. Military doctors here say they have no facilities to treat advanced cases.

"I don't understand why they denied it, but INS denied the four," Kinder said, holding a sleeping 2-year-old in his arms. If it were up to him, the commander said, the camp would be shut down.

INS spokesman Duke Austin in Washington said he knew nothing of the denials. But, obviously irritated, he added there was no reason Guantanamo couldn't keep AIDS sufferers.

"We have no policy allowing people with AIDS to come enter the United States for treatment," Austin snapped. "They're going to die anyway, aren't they?"

Many will, doctors agree. But even the U.S. Public Health Service has expressed worries that the existence of Camp Bulkeley is damaging the health both of the ill Haitians and non-HIV family members confined with them.

"Housing so many immunosuppressed individuals in close proximity to one another in a camp environment presents substantial risks for infection and potential for uncontrolled sustained transmission of infectious disease," said a March 25 letter from Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary for health, to INS Commissioner Gene McNary.

Mason's staff said that as far as they can determine, the INS never replied to the letter.

Dr. Paul Effler of the National Centers for Disease Control issued the same warning, calling the concentration of infected people "a potential public health disaster."

Dr. Hal Hill, Camp Bulkeley's infectious disease specialist, echoed the civilian officials' concern.

"Is it a good idea in general? No," said Hill.

Doctors and aides have aggressively medicated and counseled camp residents to keep infections to a minimum, he noted. But the doctor acknowledges that well under half of

those prescribed AZT and other AIDS-fighting drugs are actually taking them — and condom supplies don't seem to be dwindling rapidly.

In New York, attorneys for the Haitians are fighting at various levels — including the U.S. Supreme Court — to have the Haitians treated as if they were on American soil. Their attorney, Michael Ratner of the Center for Constitutional Rights, said a broader issue is involved, however.

"The United States should never set up a camp for HIV-positive people," he said. "It's illegal, inhumane and immoral. There should never be a camp in which people are behind barbed wire simply because they have a health problem."

Camp President Michel Vilsaint, 28, walking down a dusty road past the concertina wire, says the Haitians are being confined not because of their own actions, but because of U.S. policy to exclude HIV-positive refugees.

"We are political prisoners," he says. "We are being treated like we are prisoners of war. We need to get out of here."

The HIV exclusion embitters and frustrates the Haitians. A month ago, two men attempted suicide in a single day, one by slicing his throat, then attempting to hang himself.

President-elect Clinton's softer policy toward Haitian immigrants is a glimmer of hope, says Munir Coulanges, 25. But the prospect of ending another year at Camp Bulkeley has darkened the residents' spirits.

"We feel sad. We would usually be with our families and friends for Christmas," he says. "But here we are in prison — an HIV prison."

Norway Proposes Marriage-like Contract For Gays

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The government proposed a law Dec. 17 that would allow Gays and Lesbians to cement their relationships with a contract similar to the one that legalizes marriage.

The minister of children and families, Grete Berget, said she hoped Parliament would adopt the law next year.

It would allow homosexuals to register their partnerships with a notary public, in much the same way that heterosexual couples do in a civil ceremony.

The Gay couples would have the rights and obligations of a married couple, except for adopting children and being married in a church.

Homosexuality was illegal in Norway just 20 years ago. Other Scandinavian countries already recognize Gay relationships. In 1989, Denmark was the first country in the world to allow homosexuals to marry. Danish homosexuals marry in civil ceremonies, but may not adopt children.

Cohabiting Gays in Sweden fall under the same rules as heterosexuals who live together. Unmarried couples may not adopt children in Sweden.

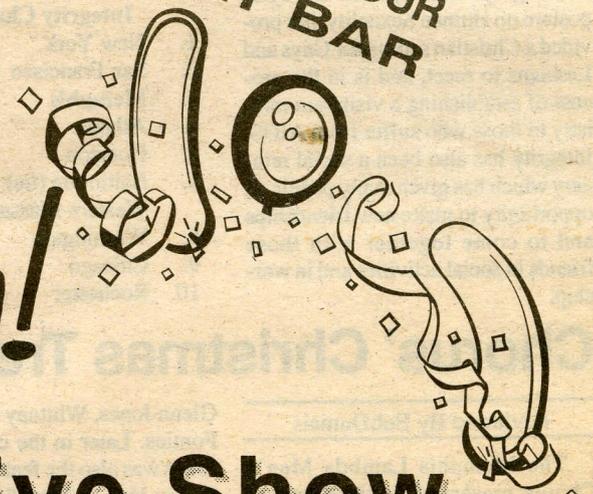
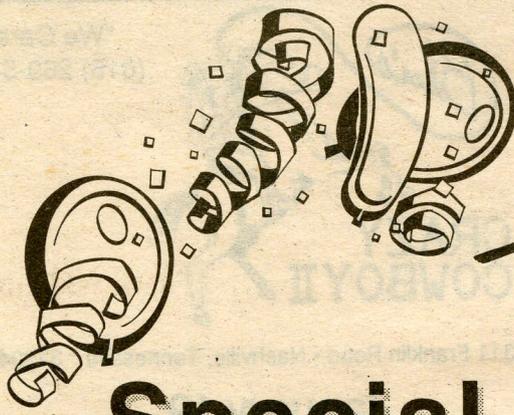
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Yes, we went to the prevue of Amnesia. We are watching the improvements with great pleasure. It is much brighter outside than in most other secluded locations. There is a handy traffic light for exiting on the Poplar Ave. side but the bar is also accessible from the Walnut Grove side (look for the Ramsey's Florist sign). Which street the sign-to-be will face is yet to be determined. Sign? Sign? So they say. The dance room is enormous, the ceiling is high enough for spaciousness and the little video room has fascinating wallcovering. We are promised that the Gallery Bar will be sound-proof and music kept to a conversational level. This area, just to the right of the pleasant and brightly lit foyer, has a view of the future patio and wet area (did someone say Dancing Waters?). Miss Kincaid has already wrecked one home after a tete-a-tete in the parking lot; this one loses no time nor gathers any moss. Their prevue raised \$500 for Friends For Life. And they opened despite all the hassles. Do invest in some mirrors.

Thanks to all the Nice Boys From Good Families for the \$1,600 donation to Friends For Life and to all those millions of performers who raised over \$1,100 to go toward Living Rooms. We had not been in such a successful Drag-A-Thon in a long time. It was also a pleasure to share the stage with Lorretta Williams and Fancy Goodman who are willing to come out of retirement for a good cause. Not to forget everyone else, not we, but there were just too damn many to remember. It was also poignant to once again see some familiar faces in *The Electric Blanket* at Brooks Museum but, as with the Quilt, we left them in good company.

The Pipeline will again serve Christmas dinner in the afternoon on Christmas Day. Their New Year's Eve dinner will be prime rib with all the trimmings, with wine. More festivities will follow (it's in the ad). Dennis and Doug are also planning a GDI Leather Fun Night later in January. A donation will be made to charity from this evening. This means, children, that one does not have to belong to a club to join in the organizing

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Not to forget, Chaps will also be serving Christmas dinner and will be open for large screen viewing of the ball games on New Year's Day.

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We did wonder quietly to ourselves about the MGLCC last month. It seems to be taking off like a rocket with more scheduled events than ever before. Many new groups are meeting in the space and one can acquire something to munch an increasing number of times per month. New faces appear with regularity, one can hear in there and see in there. If one prefers to meet people and have conversations removed from alcohol, this is a good place to try.

No Open House this year, you should've come to the Birthday Party.

Check the article about the plans for the April March on Washington. A Remembrance Weekend is being planned for February. We enjoyed the half dozen beloved faces at the last meeting. It was more wonderful to see so many new ones.

Pageant Recap

Miss Grand Diva of Memphis—Sharita Whiteside

Mr. and Miss Newcomer—Dexter St. John and Miss Ashley Golden

In January:

Mr. & Miss Bluff City, Dec. 27, Apartment Club; Miss Tri-State, Jan. 10, Apartment Club.

There isn't much else going on, at least to hear people talk.

Final Round

In the final analysis, who will be remembered most fondly? Those that engaged in bar wars or those that engaged in human rights activism? Those who sought to divide the community by nasty talk and squabbles or those who opened to all?

Who even remembers the bitter rivalries of businesses which were the talk of the town ten years ago? Who really gives a damn whose beer bust was cheaper? Even people who were around then have difficulty remembering who owned which saloon. The saloons too have disappeared.

The performers are remembered because they entertained. The activists are remembered because they wrote. The battles which they fought, won or lost were news and were chronicled.

The charity benefits are remembered because someone cared enough to note them. Fifty years from now they will be on a library shelf or in a microfilm archive.

I promise you, when all the facets finally fall off the mirror ball, the memories will survive from the come together times, not the squabbly separated ones. The past that older Gays and Lesbians mourn was the time when everybody knew everybody and the close-knit community hung together when things got tough. For one individual or everybody. The rest will be at best an aside, and at worst the colossal bore it has become now.

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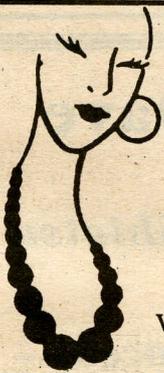
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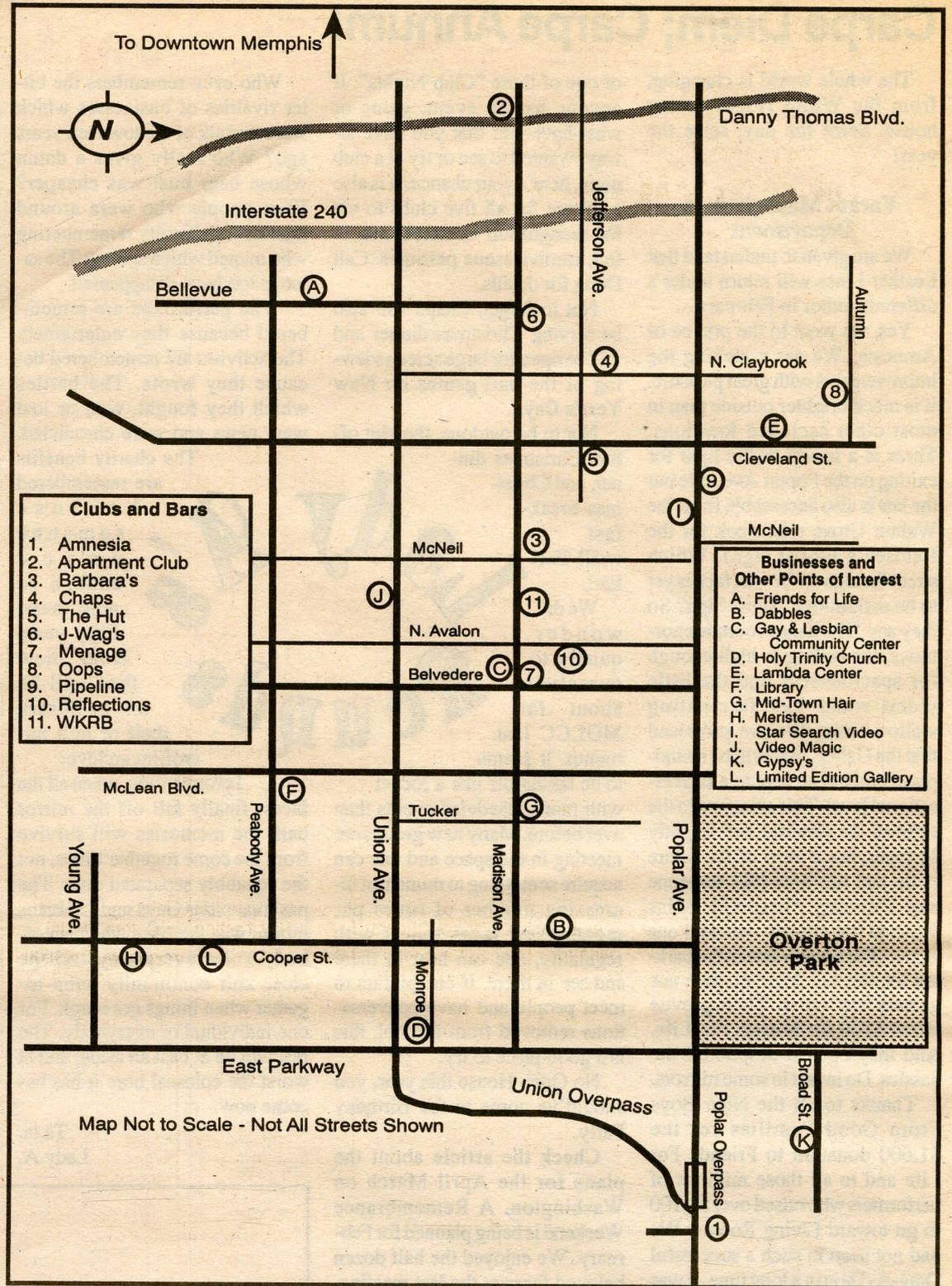
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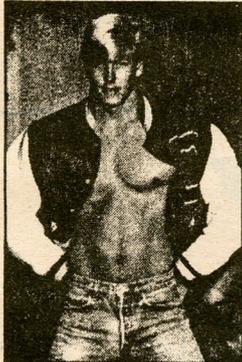
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 27 • Holy Trinity Community Church, Sunday School, 9:45am, Worship Services, 11am, 6:30pm • Mr & Miss Bluff City, Apartment Club	December 28	December 29 • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 8pm	December 30 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm	December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	NEW YEAR'S DAY • Pizza Night, MGLCC, 6pm • Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm, "Mädchen In Uniform" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8pm 1	• Talk Show Hour, MGLCC, 4pm, "Gays & Estranged Parents" • Coming Out Support Group, MGLCC, 5pm • Potluck, MGLCC, 7pm 2
• Holy Trinity Community Church, Sunday School, 9:45am, Worship Services, 11am, 6:30pm • Miss Tri State, Apartment Club 3	• Feast For Friends, Call: 272-0855 for information • March On Washington Meeting, Main Library, Downstairs, 7pm 4	• Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8pm 5	• Free HIV Testing, Call for Info 576-7714 • Youth Group, MGLCC, 7pm • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm 6	• Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Memorial Bapt., 7pm 7	• MGLCC Board Meeting, MGLCC, 6pm • Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm, "Murder By Death" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8pm 8	• Gay Veterans, MGLCC, 2pm • Talk Show Hour, MGLCC, 4pm, "Gays & the Military" • Coming Out Support Group, MGLCC, 5pm 9
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• Holy Trinity Community Church, Sunday School, 9:45am, Worship Services, 11am, 6:30pm 24	25	• Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8pm 26	• Free HIV Testing, Call for Info 576-7714 • Youth Group, MGLCC, 7pm • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30pm 27	• Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Memorial Bapt., 7pm 28	• Feb '93 TJN Due Out • Video Night, MGLCC, 7:30pm, "Law of Desire" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8pm 29	• Talk Show Hour, MGLCC, 4pm, "Fired Cracker Barrel Employees" • Coming Out Support Group, MGLCC, 5pm • Potluck, MGLCC, 7pm 30
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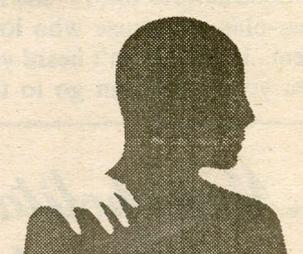
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What's What – And How!

By Miss Geraldine
The Old Tea Bag

Hey, hey, girls! We've got one festive New Year's coming our way, honey! Be sure to make your rounds at all the hot spots you can stand before settling down to ring in the New Year at your favorite club. If you plan on doing some major partying, make any travel arrangements other than driving yourself. We've already heard the police will be at more strategic locations to catch DUI offenders. I guess that means no Krystal's or Perkins when the bars close. Usually on New Year's a taxi company offers free rides home, so ask your favorite bartender about it.

Hats off to the Cabaret for hosting "A Very Special Christmas" PLWA benefit. Various performers including Victoria Diva, Kelly Collins, Raquel Scott, Jazzmyn, Rikki Divine, Tina Louise, Santa Claus and more all performed in hopes of raising as much money as possible to buy rather expensive gifts (TVs, radios, etc.) for Nashville CARES clients who may no longer have them.

Phil Thomas, co-host, began the show with a brief speech on how AIDS has touched all of our lives, giving a personal experience of losing his brother. He also read a list of names of friends and performers who had danced on the stage behind him whose battles have come to an end. They were able to raise \$500 to purchase the gifts.

Good news to 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds and those who love them...if you haven't heard yet, you young uns can go to the

Cabaret on Sundays with a sponsor. Now if you haven't experienced Karaoke, you have to check it out as least once! It's loads of fun and you can get into it every Wednesday night at the Cabaret. If any of you would care to enjoy some free pizza while you play pool free, you need to head over between 8 and midnight.

Now let's talk about what's happening in Fairy Hill, err, B e r r y Hill. With Crazy Cowboy, The Chute, Warehouse 2, The Center, Nashville CARES, Screamin' Pink and The Video Place all right there, they might as well name it after us.

When you go over to Warehouse 2, be sure to ask Steve, the doorman, what he was doing on his knees in front of J.R. The bar was still open too, and they were right there by the exit.

Let us tell you now we have found out that some things that were implied about one of Nashville's favorite female impersonators were completely untrue. She is one who is loved by many and very deserving of the respect she receives. From her stage presence to her compassion with PLWAs, Rita Ross is one of a kind and as much as Tony hates it, he hasn't had any of her. If you don't know Rita, just where have you been? She a former Miss Black America, first runner-up of Miss USA, Miss Tennessee USA, Miss South USA, Miss Alabama USA, Miss Central L. USA, Miss Ohio Valley USA, Miss Tennessee America; and she shows up for benefits. You can enjoy Miss Ross' talents every



Tuesday when she hosts Talent Night at the Warehouse.

Watch out for the stampede when the balloons start dropping at the Warehouse on New Year's Eve. Various balloons will be filled with \$1000 cash and prizes! Don't know about you, but I'll be one balloon-stomping bitch, girl! So watch your toes!

We're sure New Year's at The Chute will be like a sardine can. They also have some other events planned for January including the Hollendales. Give

them a call for more info.

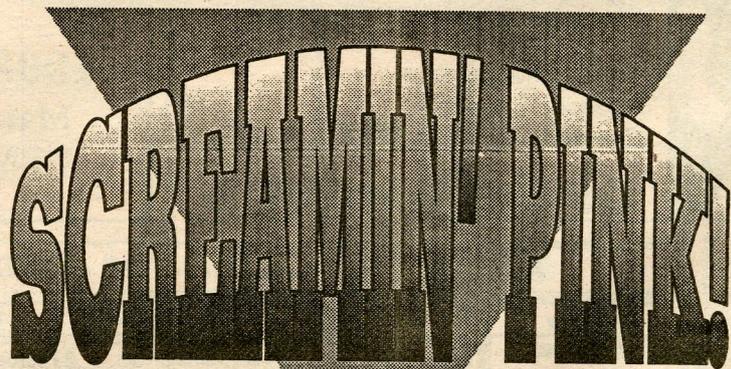
Screamin' Pink sure did increase its movie selection. It's even tougher to decide which one to get, but then again you can get four movies for what it would cost you for one at some other places. Most movies are less than \$20 and some a low as \$9.95. And yes, they're all new movies! If you want to rent a movie, your out of luck at the Pink. Let us recommend Video Inc. on Nolensville Road, Video Place on Franklin Road, or

World News on Fifth Ave.

Well, girls, we hope your Christmas has consisted of more than fruitcakes, smart Clappers and Chia Pets. It's time for me to clap off!

If you have some gossip or events for us to discuss, send them to: Spilled Tea c/o Screamin' Pink, 2535 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 or call (615) 333-0378.

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Books And Authors: Gay And Lesbian Life

By Kim I Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is there a distinct identity among homosexuals everywhere that defies legal restraints, ignores religious taboos and flouts social strictures?

Author Neil Miller wanted to know and set out on a tour of 12 far-flung countries to learn how other homosexuals live. What he found was not so much a Western-style "Gay identity" but a wide variety of homosexual experience — often despite heterosexual marriage and sometimes without society's condemnation.

Miller chronicled his discoveries during more than two years of travel in the book *Out in the World: Gay and Lesbian Life From Buenos Aires to Bangkok*. He interviewed a mix of Gay activists and people he met at dinner parties, in coffee houses, even on a park bench in Japan.

"Certainly a modern sense of Gay identity, with kind of long-term relationships and people not getting married and a community based on sexual orientation — I think that's a pretty contemporary Western idea that you didn't even find in the West 100 years ago," Miller said in an interview. "In my travels I was struck that there wasn't much of a sense of Lesbian or Gay identity except what happened to be imported from the West."

Miller also looked at the impact of AIDS on the Gay population in every country he visited. In some, such as Egypt and Japan, the effect was negligible. But in Thailand, which has a reputation as the Asian center of sex tourism, Miller found a dance troupe that tries to educate Gay barboys through its performances. In Australia, the government funds state AIDS councils which distribute some of the most explicit safe-sex materials anywhere, he said.

The other countries he visited were Argentina, South Africa, east Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Uruguay, Denmark and New Zealand.

What he found largely has been uncharted up to now. While there are Gay international travel guides, they tend mostly to be lists of bars, Miller says. A journalist and former editor of the *Gay Community News* in Boston, Miller was after day-to-day Gay life.

In Egypt, Miller found men are free to have homosexual relationships, even if they are married. Few identify themselves as Gay or homosexual, however. (Homosexuals are the passive partners in sex, according to Egyptian men — virtually none of whom would admit to ever playing that role.)

In Japan, male homosexual behavior is common but politely ignored, he found.

In Hong Kong, Miller found a small Gay community that was concerned about reunification with mainland China, slated for 1997. Lesbians were totally separate and virtually invisible; most were married.

"Hong Kong Gays were positively starved for Lesbian and Gay culture — and for Gay life in general. The major Gay male social center seemed to be the public bathrooms," Miller wrote.

In South Africa, he found the formerly all-white Gay community slowly beginning to integrate. For many years, white homosexuals in cities had their own bars, bathhouses and a monthly newspaper while non-white homosexuals had virtually no culture of their own.

Miller attended one party in a black township where blacks, whites, Indians and people of mixed races wore Hawaiian leis and danced to American music.

Miller even interviewed an Australian Aborigine, who said homosexuality was accepted in his community because kinship was more important than sexual orientation. However, he said, his family treated him as though he were a woman.

In choosing countries to visit, Miller tried to get a taste of as many different cultures, political systems and religions as possible. He said he ignored Western Europe because much has been written about it. The one Western country he visited was Denmark, because it's the only country in the world where same-sex marriages are legal.

"I went to eastern Europe because I was interested to see how the fall of communism had affected Lesbians and Gays," Miller said. "It was kind of the same approach in South Africa — how the dismantling of apartheid was affecting homosexuals there."

He also chose Argentina and Uruguay because both countries were emerging from right-wing military rule.

Rather than seeking Ameri-

can-style Gay liberation, Miller said Gay people in the emerging nations he visited seemed more interested in legalizing marriage between homosexuals.

"If you live in a society where marriage is the only legitimate way to do things, then to legitimize Gay relationships you have to get married," he explained.

Almost everywhere he went, Miller found it very difficult to locate Lesbians.

"I think being a man hurt to a

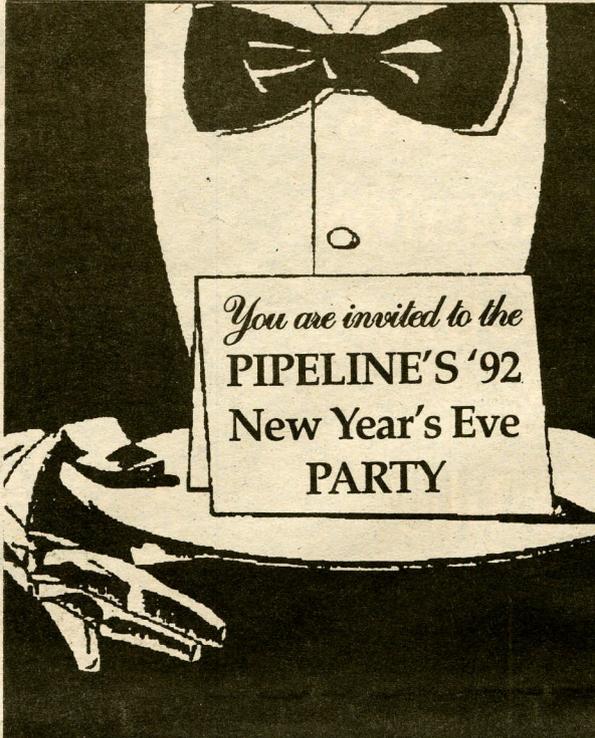
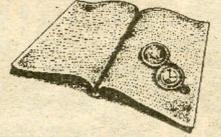
certain extent but I was also dealing in cultures where Lesbians are just so invisible," he said. "I thought that if I had the name of a Gay man or two maybe that would lead to meeting some Lesbians in a place like Thailand or Egypt or Hong Kong. But that was not really the case."

Miller cited economic dependency on husbands and families and cultural pressure to marry as the main reasons Lesbians were so invisible.

"I really found you needed a

women's movement of some sort for some sense of Lesbian identity and community to really emerge," he said.

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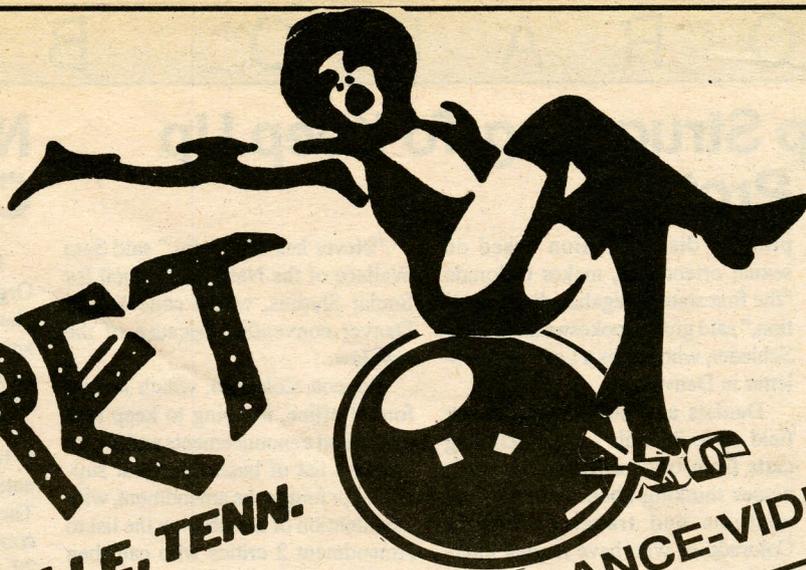
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Boycott Group Struggling To Keep Up With Growing Protest

DENVER (AP) — The founders of a group formed to spearhead a boycott of Colorado to protest Amendment 2 are struggling to keep up with the growth of the campaign, which they say has grown faster and larger than they anticipated.

"Boy, I wish we were as organized as people think we are," said Robert Briggs Daniels, a 24-year-old office clerk in Denver and a spokesman for Boycott Colorado. "We are trying to be an information base about the boycott, but we even have trouble keeping up. It really is bigger than us."

Boycott Colorado is made up of nine people who try to work on the boycott issue between their day jobs. The nine got together soon after the passage of Amendment 2 by voters on Nov. 3 to take action against the anti-Gay protections law.

Amendment 2, which makes unconstitutional any laws or policies that

prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, makes Colorado "the first state to legalize discrimination," said group spokeswoman Terry Schleder, who writes a Lesbian newsletter in Denver.

Daniels and Schleder said they field up to 30 calls a day, including calls from organizations and businesses thinking about holding conventions and travel junkets in Colorado or who have money interests in the state.

While larger, more influential groups such as Equality Colorado and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C. haven't endorsed the boycott, they do sometimes lead callers to the small group.

But Boycott Colorado doesn't claim any trophies. Although the state already has lost an estimated \$16 million in convention, film and tourism business, Boycott Colorado isn't directly responsible.

"Never heard of them," said Sara Wallace of the National Council for Social Studies, which canceled its Denver convention because of the new law.

Boycott Colorado, which has no formal office, is trying to keep tabs on boycott announcements and is preparing a list of businesses that supported or fought the amendment, with the intention of distributing the list to Amendment 2 critics who can then boycott businesses that supported its passage.

The group realizes and respects its newcomer status. Its members say they will keep up the fight until they get the results they want.

"We are going to make mistakes," Schleder said. "But we are getting so much attention right now because we have the right message. Colorado has passed a terrible law and it must suffer until it tears down that law."

Quark Executive To Contribute \$1 Million To Fight Amendment 2

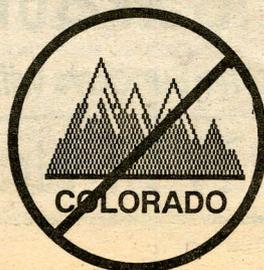
DENVER (AP) — The chairman and founder of Denver-based Quark, Inc. announced Dec. 8 he will contribute \$1 million toward the fight against Amendment 2 in an effort to teach people that discrimination is wrong.

"It's important for me, as an employer, that I create a state where people don't have to feel concerned they will be treated as second-class citizens," Tim Gill said.

Gill said he wants the money to be used in educating people that discrimination is wrong in all forms, not only against homosexuals. He said the money will be divided between several organizations fighting the newly passed anti-Gay protection law, but Gill said he hasn't decided which ones yet.

"If someone lectures about what it means to be Gay, they also should talk about what it means to be Black or Hispanic," Gill said. "America used to be called the 'big melting pot,' meaning we accept these other cultures and their contributions to the whole American culture."

Quark develops and markets software programs for use in news rooms and other publishing ventures. It employs about 400 people worldwide, with about 300 of those based in Denver. It has been in business in Denver for more than 11 years, Gill said.



NOW Cancels February Conference In Denver

DENVER (AP) — The National Organization for Women has canceled plans to gather in Colorado, fearing that animosity reflected by the passage of Amendment 2 would create an atmosphere hostile to their group.

NOW leaders are afraid to come to the state, NOW's Colorado coordinator Connie Anderson said Nov. 22. The group had planned to hold its state coordinators conference here Feb. 21-22, according to a report in the *Rocky Mountain News*.

Passage of the anti-Gay rights amendment did not directly trigger the cancellation, Anderson said. Rather, the atmosphere that promoted the measure and allowed it to prevail was behind the group's decision, she said.

"They told me there was just too much animosity" toward homosexuals, Anderson said.

"NOW is kind of a symbol," she said. NOW board members who met in Washington, D.C., recently concluded that "animosity" could spill over onto organizations perceived as

representing homosexual rights, she said.

NOW's board also adopted a motion to ban future meetings in the state while Amendment 2 stands. The move adds the feminist group to several organizations that have declared boycotts against Colorado.

The latest to boycott are the National Association of Social Workers and the American Association of Law Libraries, which canceled a Denver convention planned for 1998 that likely would have brought 5,000 people to Denver for a week.

Atlanta City Council members have approved a measure prohibiting government-related travel to Colorado and several other cities are reported to be considering similar action.

Colorado Secretary of State Natalie Meyer said a referendum to counter Amendment 2 could go on the election ballot in November 1993 if a valid proposal is presented.

Ground Zero Launches Campaign Against Amendment 2

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Opponents of Amendment 2 launched the formation of Ground Zero, a pro-Gay rights group, during a news conference in which Gays and Lesbians wore paper bags over the heads to hide their identities.

Members of the group said they formed to combat what they say is the hate sparked by the constitutional amendment passed Nov. 3 that bars laws protecting Gays from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Before a crowd of about 300 people in the All Souls Unitarian Church, organizers said the group will identify businesses supporting the amendment and circulate lists of those businesses. It also plans to contact potential convention groups and urge them to stay away from Colorado Springs.

The group's organizers also promised to increase the visibility of the local Gay community to counteract the myths and stereotypes perpetuated by the Colorado Springs-based group Colorado for Family Values, the author of Amendment 2.

Ground Zero officials say the campaign by the Springs group smeared homosexuals as "subhuman" and that its passage has brought increased Gay-bashing.

In Denver, the number of hate crimes has jumped threefold since Nov. 3, a monitoring group has said. Locally, Poor Richards Bookstore and Restaurant, a business with a liberal reputation, has suffered anti-Gay graffiti, a broken window, and threatening phone calls.

Other plans by Ground Zero include coordinating a national Gay-and-Lesbian-rights march in

Colorado Springs next year, having local Gays speak at churches and other community sites about the Gay lifestyle and lobbying minority leaders to speak out against the amendment.

The group has about 400 members, many of whom didn't get involved before the Nov. 3 election. Those who spoke Dec. 17 included a Lesbian woman, Patricia Hewitt, who publicly "outed" herself by declaring her homosexuality.

As a handful of people in the crowd did, she wore a paper bag over her head. But when she rose to speak, she tore it off. The crowd gave her a standing ovation.

"I have been an invisible Lesbian for 20 years. But I cannot remain invisible any longer. Amendment 2 has taken away my basic civil rights," said Hewitt, a 46-year-old software specialist with Digital Equipment Corp.

Another Ground Zero member was "straight, white, Christian-male" Rob Gordon.

"I refuse to remain silent in the face of such falsehood ... such injustice ... such intolerance. And I refuse to give over my Bible and my Gospel to a radical fringe of Christianity that misuses, abuses, and perverts its message into one of condemnation and punishment."

Gordon advised people to read the last clause of Amendment 2 which bars homosexuals from claiming discrimination if they lose their job or are kicked out of a rental residence because of their sexual orientation.

Family Values official Will Perkins described that as a special right. "I don't have a special right to keep my job as a heterosexual. Why should they if they are homosexual?" he asked.

Social Studies Group Cancels Denver Convention

DENVER (AP) — The National Council for Social Studies has canceled its 1994 convention here, yanking a potential \$4 million from the local economy and expanding a fast-growing list of boycott groups over Amendment 2.

The council had booked space for 4,000 visitors for Nov. 10-14, 1994. Each conventioneer was expected to spend \$1,000 during the five-day conference, said Rich Grant, spokesman for the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The council, which includes social studies teachers at all school levels, is one of many convention groups to cancel plans because of Amendment 2.

"They've lost money by canceling, but they're making a strong statement. That's what we're encouraging everyone to do," said Terry Schleder, spokeswoman for Boycott Colorado.

Denver Groups Pull Together To Fight Impact Of Amendment 2 Boycott

DENVER (AP) — Representatives of 50 business, religious, civic and political organizations are banding together to stem damage from protests of the anti-Gay protection measure, Amendment 2.

The ad hoc group met Dec. 13 at the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce to discuss damage-control strategies.

"I think progress was made," said Richard C.D. Fleming, the chamber's executive director.

Passage of the measure has threatened the state's tourism industry and

The Denver-based boycott group is encouraging all conventions and individual visitors to cancel travel plans to the state because of the amendment.

The American Law Library Association and the Coalition of Labor Union Women have canceled planned conventions in Denver.

Most of the groups that have canceled visits here have said they will reconsider only if Amendment 2 is thrown out by the courts or repealed by popular vote.

Grant said Mayor Wellington Webb's office is moving quickly to stem the tide of boycott sentiment.

"We're working with the mayor on a letter to all convention groups, booked and tentative, explaining the situation from Denver's point of view," he said.

Analysts estimate cancellations have cost the Denver area more than \$10 million.

caused the business community to grow concerned.

Several celebrities have joined the boycott and pledged not to travel to Colorado, including singer-actress Barbra Streisand, actress Whoopi Goldberg and comedian Joan Rivers.

The Denver coalition will consider possible goals of any combined effort by business, religious and other community groups, said Ken Parks, the Greater Denver Chamber's vice president for communications.

Background of Colorado's Amendment 2 Anti-Gay Rights Law Triggers Firestorm

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — It began as an obtusely worded proposal aimed at preventing "special rights" for Gays. But three weeks after it was approved, Colorado's new anti-Gay rights law is the target of a firestorm of protest.

It has led to the beginnings of an economic boycott, an informal celebrity movement to repeal it, a lawsuit challenging it and confusion among many residents who aren't exactly sure why it passed.

And, the city of Aspen has vowed to defy it by continuing to protect the civil rights of homosexuals even after the new law goes into effect in January.

"It took awhile for the shock to sink in about what this really means. The meaning goes beyond a Gay-and-Lesbian issue to a civil rights issue," said Aspen City Manager Amy Margerum. "What's next? (Discrimination against) political affiliation? Ancestry? Age?"

"The city feels very strongly that it is a terrible thing to allow this kind of discrimination. We are a home-rule city ... and we should be allowed to enact our laws and ordinances."

Amendment 2 was approved Nov. 3 by a vote of 812,763, or 53%, in favor to 709,560, or 47%, opposed. It will prohibit state and local governments from enacting laws that grant civil rights to homosexuals. It also will repeal such laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

The day after the election, the backlash began to build. Tourism and government offices took more than 2,200 calls from outraged people in several states who said they were canceling trips here. That was just the beginning.

Several groups have canceled conventions and meetings, including the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the American Association of Law Libraries, the National Organization for Women and the National Council for Social Studies. The lost business could cost the state more than \$10 million in economic benefits, officials said.

As Gay-rights supporters bash the referendum and economic-sanction threats continue without letup, the Colorado Springs-based Colorado for Family Values, which sponsored Amendment 2, has kept a low profile.

But on Nov. 25, spokesman Kevin Tebedo vowed to keep the group's doors open until the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 is

settled or the current boycott movement loses momentum.

Tebedo said it is homosexual groups, not his own, that are "fanning the flames of hatred" in Colorado with calls for a boycott and attacks on the religious right.

"If this thing (boycott) was allowed to take its natural course, I believe it would die," Tebedo said.

The Atlanta City Council banned official travel and spending in Colorado, and other cities, including San Francisco, are taking steps to follow suit.

A coalition called Boycott Colorado was formed to encourage tourists, corporations and associations to stay away until the law is rescinded.

Several celebrities, including tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, who live in Aspen; and entertainers Cher and Barbra Streisand have urged the public to help efforts to overturn the amendment.

Streisand, who earlier urged performers to boycott Colorado because of the amendment, backed off in a statement issued after she learned the cities which would be harmed the most by a boycott would be those that already have laws protecting homosexuals.

"I believe that one should speak out when the civil rights of any group, whether based on gender, religion, race or lifestyle, are being threatened," she said.

Navratilova has joined several Coloradans, Aspen, Boulder and Denver in a lawsuit that challenges the legality of the amendment.

On the economic front, more than 50 government and business leaders have formed a coalition to counter ill-effects of the amendment with an aggressive public relations campaign from Hollywood to New York.

Ken Parks, Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce vice president, said Colorado officials are planning to discuss the amendment on nationally televised programs such as *Entertainment Tonight*, and *The Arsenio Hall Show*. They also plan to meet with executives at major news media outlets in New York next month.

"The issue is not dollars; the issue is human rights. We don't care if we're going to be a rich state dollar-wise. If we're ethnically not there, then there's a real concern," he said.

Although it is too early to assess the economic effect of the cancellations, University of Denver professor Bill Burford said it likely will be significant.

"There is a definite steamroller

effect, I think," said Burford, chairman of DU's economics department. "We're the state that did pass something; we are painted, we are branded until the amendment is repealed."

Parks sees the situation in Colo-

rado as the beginning of a nationwide movement to impose anti-Gay rights laws. Conservative groups claim they will put similar amendments before voters in 35 states in two years, he said.

Oregon voters rejected an amendment in November that would have required public schools to teach that homosexuality is abnormal. In Tampa, Fla., voters repealed an or-

dinance that prohibited discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

"Colorado was an example. It was tried here and it worked," Parks said.

"We are not like Arizona," he said, referring to boycotts of that state which occurred after voters initially refused to establish a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. "That was an isolated circumstance."

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Public Split On Gays In Military, Poll Finds

By Howard Goldberg
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Clinton's campaign promise to lift the ban on Gays in the military is not an issue on which the American public has any consensus, according to an Associated Press poll.

Forty-four percent in the national poll say Lesbians and Gay men should be allowed to join the armed forces. But rather than being strongly committed to that view, a third say they might change their minds.

Forty-five percent say the military should forbid homosexuals. Discounting the one in six who say they might change that view, 37% remain as committed opponents to lifting the ban.

Twelve percent said they weren't sure or would not answer the question.

Americans also are split on how to treat those in uniform who are discovered to be homosexual: 44% say the military should continue discharging homosexuals, 46% say that practice should stop.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for the poll of 1,005 adults by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

The poll was taken Nov. 18-22, shortly after some influential senators and military leaders urged Clinton not to lift the ban. Clinton has set no timetable for doing so, but his promise has been kept in the news by court cases in which Gay servicemen are seeking reinstatement.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says he does not consider Gays a security risk, and that they are welcome to work in civilian jobs at the Pentagon.

"But the military's different because you have forced association," Cheney said recently.

He said he endorsed the view of uniformed military chiefs "that to force Gays leading an overt, openly Gay lifestyle into our military units would have a detrimental impact upon the cohesiveness of the units and our combat capabilities."

Some analysts suggest that public opposition to Gays in the military is declining because homosexuals are increasingly open about their sexual orientation, so more people know a Gay friend, relative or co-worker.

In the poll, 47% say they personally know someone who is Gay or Lesbian, or are themselves. Almost all the rest, 52%, deny knowing someone Gay. Hardly anyone said they were uncertain.

Among those who know someone Gay, 55% say the armed forces should allow Gays and Lesbians. But 55% of those without a Gay acquaintance say the armed forces should forbid homosexuals.

In general, 76% think homosexuals should have equal rights in job opportunities, and only 16% oppose such rights.

The United States is one of a shrinking number of industrialized nations to ban Gays from its armed forces. Among those that have dropped such bans recently are Canada and Australia.

Gay rights advocates say the ban is simply job discrimination, and is especially unfair because many Lesbians and Gay men have given honorable service to the military.

Clinton contends it is a waste of time and money for the military to expel homosexuals, but that inappropriate sexual conduct — Gay or straight — should not be tolerated.

Gay Sailor Asks Appeals Court For Reinstatement

By James H Rubin
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court heard arguments Dec. 16 over the government's latest effort to oust from the Navy a Gay sailor who was reinstated last month by a federal judge in Los Angeles.

Government lawyers told a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit it has the power to throw out a temporary injunction reinstating Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, 30, in his old job.

"This court has exclusive jurisdiction" over the case, said Defense Department lawyer E. Roy Hawkens, because Meinhold is seeking back pay of less than \$10,000.

The appeals court here for the federal circuit generally has authority over such relatively minor financial claims against the government.

But Meinhold's lawyer, Harry G. Melkonian, accused the government of "forum shopping" — looking for a friendly set of judges who would, in effect, usurp the authority of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"As long as the case is in the 9th Circuit, other circuit courts should not be judging the 9th Circuit," Melkonian said.

"Not only is (Meinhold) performing well," Melkonian said, "But his commanders are happy with his performance."

Hawkens said the injury to the Navy is having its ban against homosexuals set aside by a federal judge.

The three-judge court here heard arguments for more than two hours and gave no indication when it might rule.

U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr. in Los Angeles ordered the Navy to reinstate Meinhold, a 12-year Navy veteran who was honorably discharged in August after disclosing on national television that he is Gay.



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How AP Poll On Gays In The Military Was Conducted

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press poll on Gays in the military was taken Nov. 18-22 among a random sample of 1,005 adult Americans in all states except Alaska and Hawaii.

Interviewing was done by telephone by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

The results were weighted to represent the population by key demographic factors such as age, sex, region and education.

No more than one time in 20 should chance variations in the sample cause the results to vary by more than 3 percentage points from the answers that would be obtained if all Americans were polled. This margin of sampling error is larger for responses of subgroups, such as age categories.

There are other sources of potential error in polls, including the wording and order of questions. Here are the AP poll questions (because of rounding, sums may not total 100):

1. Should the U.S. armed forces forbid or allow Lesbians and Gay men to join the military? Forbid Lesbians and Gay men: 45%. Allow: 44%. Don't know, no answer: 12%.

2. (Asked of those with an opinion on previous question:) Would you say that you are strongly committed to this view, or is it one that you might

change in the future?

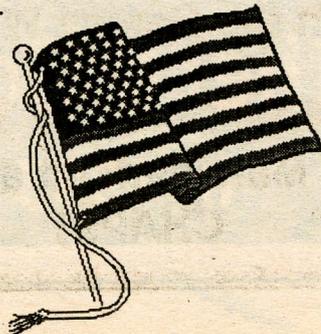
— Of those who would forbid Gays, percentage strongly committed: 83%. Might change: 16%. Don't know: 1%.

— Of those who would allow Gays, percentage strongly committed: 64%. Might change: 34%. Don't know: 1%.

3. Current military policy is to discharge servicemen and women who are discovered to be homosexual. Should the military continue this policy or not? Continue discharging homosexuals: 44%. Stop discharging homosexuals: 46%. DK-NA: 10%.

4. In general, do you think homosexuals in this country should or should not have equal rights in terms of job opportunities? Should have equal rights: 76%. Should not have equal rights: 16%. DK-NA: 8%.

5. Do you happen to personally know someone who is Gay or Lesbian? Yes (or volunteered that they are Gay): 47%. No: 52%. DK-NA: 1%.



APA Finds "No Sound Basis" For Gay Military Ban

By Kim I Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department has provided "no sound rational or scientific basis" for its policy excluding Gay men and Lesbians from military service, and the American Psychological Association (APA) says.

The APA, along with 20 other national organizations, issued a joint statement Dec. 7 supporting President-elect Clinton's plan to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

The statement was issued as part of a daylong meeting of people representing groups offering to help the military cope once the ban is lifted.

"Although [Dept. of Defense] policy states that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, the department has provided no rational or empirical basis for its policy," the two-paragraph statement says. "Our organizations assert that there is no sound rational or scientific basis for this policy."

Groups signing the statement included the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Committee, the American Nurses Association, the National Association of Social

Workers, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the National Organization for Women.

"One of our primary purposes is to offer total support for the president-elect in his intention, as stated consistently, to rescind the ban," Clinton Anderson, the APA's officer for Lesbian and Gay concerns, said. "In addition, we want to make substantial contributions to seeing the policy change implemented in a way that is successful is possible, that minimizes any danger to the national security and that addresses the legitimate needs and concerns of all people affected."

Meanwhile, about 20 members of the activist group Queer Nation staged a "kiss-in" at Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn's office Dec. 7 to protest what they called his "political homophobia."

Queer Nation spokesman Mike Petrelis said the protest was organized in response to reports that Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, dismissed two aides a decade ago after learning they were Gay.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has urged Clinton not to pick Nunn to be secretary of defense because of the Georgia Democrat's opposition to lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military.

Gays In Military Say Life Won't Change If Ban Lifted

By Kim I Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If President-elect Clinton lifts the ban on homosexuals in the military, many Gays and Lesbians already in uniform say they will heave a collective sigh of relief and get back to work.

What they won't do is declare their homosexuality.

"It will not change my day-to-day life at all," said a Gay Navy lieutenant who recently came off active duty and is a reservist. "However, I'll be completely relieved because I love the Navy... This would be one less hindrance to me just wanting to be able to serve my country."

"The people I want to know already know," said a naval petty officer who also is Gay. "I don't think anyone's really going to come out of the closet."

The lieutenant and the petty officer, like everyone else interviewed for this story, insisted on anonymity.

A Lesbian Army Reservist whose partner is on active duty said she hopes many homosexuals in uniform do come out — even though she said she and her partner won't.

"If the ban is lifted and no one comes out, gee, it's all for nothing," she said.

No one knows how many Gay people are serving in uniform. About 14,000 men and women have been kicked out of the services during the past 10 years for being homosexual.

The Associated Press interviewed a cross-section of Gay and Lesbian soldiers, sailors and airmen to learn how they feel about Clinton's promise and the controversy that has been raging since he made it.

Those who spoke insisted not only on anonymity but that their locations be omitted. Several would talk only on phones away from their base, fearing that their calls could be monitored.

"For most people, myself included, the issue is not whether or not you can come out, whether or not you want to, but whether or not it should be a point of concern," said a Gay Marine aviator. "Just like religion, politics and what your favorite baseball team is, your sexual preference has no place at work."

An Air Force officer who is a Lesbian agreed, adding, "There are other things besides the military that give people reasons not to come out — like family."

Most said they have been watching the debate with a mixture of optimism, worry and anger. They are hopeful that the pressure to lie will disappear if the ban is lifted. But they are disgusted by some of the arguments by some top military brass who support the prohibition.

Gen. Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the Army chief of staff, have said the presence of Gays would interfere with heterosexual troops' right to privacy. Some former military leaders have said it might become necessary to separate troops not only by sex but by sexual orientation.

But Gay members of the military who talked to the AP scoffed at that argument.

"They make a big deal, like there are 20 guys in one shower," the Marine aviator said. "There aren't anymore... On all the ships, except in very extreme circumstances, the bathing arrangements are private."

One Lesbian who spent more

than four years as an Army counselor and is now in the reserves, said the only time she didn't have privacy was during boot camp.

"There were 60 people in a huge room. No one was going to do anything there," she said.

And the Air Force officer, who has served extensively overseas, said she rarely saw communal bathrooms.

"What's the difference between a college dorm of women and a

barracks in the military — and they survive," she said.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who reportedly is on Clinton's list of potential defense secretaries, has argued that open Gays in the military would become targets for harassment or violence.

That may be true, the Gay members of the military said, but the military has the power to stop such behavior.

"The leadership has the capa-

bility to make this either its worst nightmare or a relatively minor bump in the road," the Marine flyer said. "It all comes down to whether the leadership supports it as it should — with a vengeance."

"The military is capable of doing anything it chooses to do," the counselor said. "If they want to correct this issue and enforce it, they can do it. If they choose not to, they won't. And that's the bottom line."

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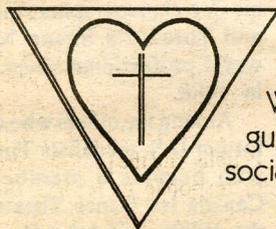
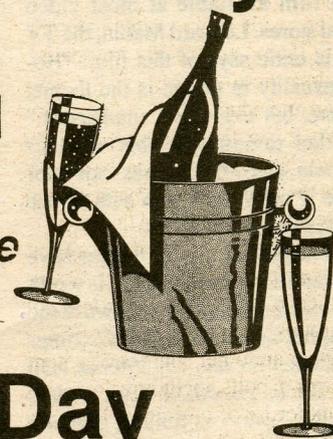
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Book Review The Fires of Bride

Reviewed by Gary Coughlan
TJN Entertainment Editor

If the winter has been cold and miserable, the landscape bleak and gray and you just want to get under the bedcovers with a good book, choose Ellen Galford's *The Fires of Bride*. This book is perfect for the winter novel. It takes you to the cold, windswept, northernmost islands off Scotland's Outer Hebrides, complete with the choppy ocean waves of the Atlantic visible from rooms in a castle. Mix in witchcraft, hints of a Loch Ness-type monster, ouija boards, strange goings on in the night and a Lesbian love story and what more could you ask for?

The Fires of Bride is a British book and it happens in modern times. The people on the remote island of Cailleach have jobs and non-islanders, including an American factory owner and an English archaeologist, visit. But there is always something beyond the surface which constantly tantalizes the casual visitor (and the reader).

Maria Milleny is a young London painter for whom almost everything is going wrong. She's just broken up with her lover, her paintings have yet to take off and she just wants to get away. An offer comes from Catriona MacEochan who has purchased one of Maria's paintings and wants her to

deliver it personally, all expenses paid, and she can bring her painting gear with her to the cold north. Intrigued Maria does so and soon lands in Cailleach and its mysterious past.

This book tackles the traditional religious notion that only men are somehow fit to serve God and that God is a male. In Cailleach there once flourished a cult devoted to the Goddess Bride, a goddess whom the Christian church tried to turn into a saint and then totally eliminate, but were not successful. Rumors of an ancient illustrated book predating the Bible persist, a book which celebrates the original goddess.

The Fires of Bride abounds with interesting characters like Isa the blind weaver who can sense colors with her fingertips and sings Bessie Smith and Billie Holiday songs in Gaelic. Stephanie Stonebridge, the archaeologist, helps solve the mystery of the Goddess Bride and based on Maria's research, the reader is given several glimpses of those who have lived on this remote island in the past and some of their experiences.

Although Lesbian romances predominate, this book will also appeal to Gay males who would, no doubt, like the setting and they can mentally change the gender of the characters.

The Fires of Bride is available in Memphis from Meristem for \$8.95.

Video Review Fortune and Men's Eyes

Reviewed by Gary Coughlan
TJN Entertainment Editor

Picture yourself as a new male inmate going to prison and then think of almost all the horror stories you've heard about prisons and you get *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, a 1971 Canadian film available at most video rental stores. Leonard Maltin, the TV movie critic says of this film: "Homosexuality in prison is the theme; sincere, but exploitive, unpleasant." Another reviewer doubts whether *Fortune and Men's Eyes* can ever make it onto television sets in the home, even in the 1990s.

Nonetheless, this film does have its entertaining moments and is worth your viewing. (It will be shown at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Jan. 15, 1993 at 7:30 pm). Set in pre-AIDS days, it stars Wendall Burton as Smitty, a young guy turned in by his own father for smoking grass, and now he has to serve six months in prison. (Burton was Liza Minelli's boyfriend in *The Sterile Cuckoo*).

He soon finds out that there is a rank and status system at the prison, abetted by the guards, and he has to depend on the protection of more powerful prisoners. Smitty is placed in a cell with three others, Rocky, Queenie, and Jan (called "Mona" by Queenie). Rocky and

Queenie despise each other, but hold a mutual respect. Queenie is the prison drag queen whose campy act masks the real power he wields over the other inmates whom he can supply with almost anything from the outside world.

Rocky has been a male hustler, but considers himself straight. Smitty gets attacked in the recreation room by a group of inmates out to rape him and is saved at the last minute as another inmate is raped instead. Rocky offers to be Smitty's "old man" and Smitty soon finds out that this does not mean just being buddies. He has to make Rocky's bed, roll his smokes, and help him beat up his enemies as well as serve him sexually.

Queenie is preparing for the prison Christmas show and trades cigarettes for aspirins, uppers and a real dye to avoid the "Fanny Skeffington-peroxide" look. Given a pair of shoes, Queenie vows to "fit in the goddamn shoes even if I have to cut my toes off." Queenie encourages Smitty to fight Rocky, telling him he could be head man.

Smitty changes from naive young inmate to a skilled con who can play the prison's political games. This is a graphic film. It doesn't have a happy ending. It does, however, provide a pre-AIDS glimpse of several types of Gays from the early 1970s, and it was a ground-breaking film in Gay cinema history. Enjoy Queenie's never-ending humor such as "Syphilis? Any relation to gonorr-Rita?"

Concert-goers Cancel Tickets For Manhattan Transfer

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — A singing group that announced some proceeds of ticket sales for its concert Dec. 15 would be used in the fight against Amendment 2 played on — despite about 100 cancellations because of the announcement.

About two hours before Manhattan Transfer appeared on stage at the Lincoln Center, ticket holder Dorothy Mossdrop demanded a refund for her ticket.

"I feel pretty strong about the way I voted during the election, and I don't want anyone to change that," said Mossdrop, who supports Amendment 2, which makes unconstitutional laws, ordinances or policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The quartet, during its performance, told the crowd of about 1,100 that some of its earnings from the Fort Collins and Greeley appearances would be used to pay for the legal fight against Amendment 2 — which has sparked calls for a nationwide boycott of Colorado from the entertainment industry, individuals and political interests.

Early in the concert, vocalist Tim Hauser told the audience the group believed that all people should have equal rights. He added that his group understands calls for a boycott from the entertainment industry, but "we don't like other people telling us what to do."

The amendment is a "frightening travesty," said singer Cheryl Bentyne. "I hope it's not a sign of things to come."

"We chose to confront it," she said. "If you sit back and boycott an entire state — what good is that going to do for people who support it and who are still here? We can't just turn away."

Dave Siever, director of the Lincoln Center, said about 180 tickets were returned to the box office for a refund after the group's announcement. He said only about 40 of those weren't resold to other fans.

AIDS Strikes High Number of Male Skaters

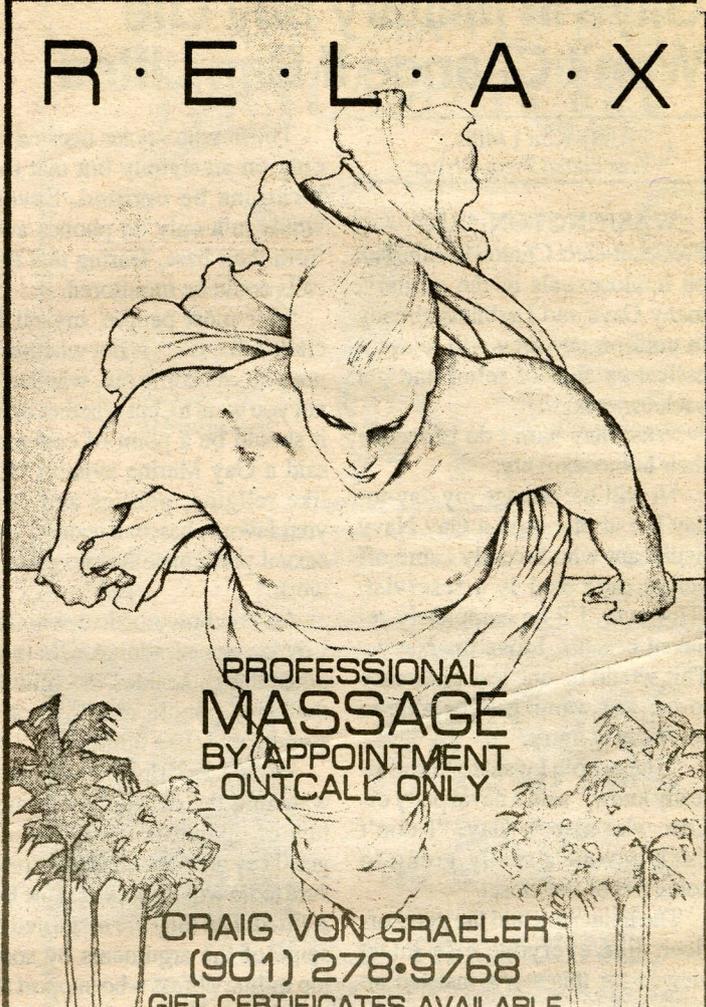
CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — At least 40 male skaters and coaches in the top ranks of North American figure skating have died in recent years of AIDS-related diseases, the *Calgary Herald* says.

And at least a dozen others in Canada and the U.S. have HIV or AIDS and are still alive, the newspaper reported Dec. 13.

"I continue to be surprised at the number of people we're losing," said Peter Dunfield of Ottawa, an Olympic-level coach who has lost five colleagues to AIDS.

"I've always thought that skating should not be singled out for AIDS attention, but it's becoming

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more and more disturbing," six-time Canadian champion Toller Cranston said.

Two months of interviews by the *Herald* — involving some 125 skaters, coaches, judges, officials, people with AIDS and their friends and families — revealed an extraordinarily high incidence of the disease in the professional and top amateur ranks of the sport.

Of about 100 senior male skaters who competed nationally in Canada over a 10-year period during the 1970s, at least nine contracted HIV or AIDS.

That represents about one of 11 skaters. Health and Welfare Canada estimates that one of 670 Canadians may be HIV-positive. But those outside high risk categories have about a one in 10,000 chance of being HIV-positive.

The fatalities include three-time Canadian champion Brian Pockar of Calgary, 1988 Olympic dance bronze medalist Rob McCall, former world junior champion Dennis Coi, choreographer Andre Denis and Toronto's Shaun McGill, a world professional silver medalist in 1988.

Among the others who died were former U.S. medalists Tim Brown, who became a member of the Canada Ice Dance Theatre during the 1970s, and John Carrell, who became a member of the National Ballet of Canada.

Arthur Luiz, co-president of the newly formed International Gay Figure Skating Union, said at least half of North America's top male skaters are Gay.

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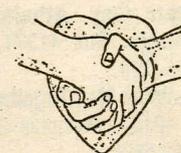
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