

## Court Tells Navy To Accept Gay Man Ousted By Annapolis Academy

By James Rowley  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a fifth time this year, a court has ordered a homosexual in the military restored to service. Six years after midshipman Joseph Steffan was forced to leave the U.S. Naval Academy, a court ordered him graduated and commissioned as a naval officer.

The decision Nov. 16 suggested that the final word on Gays and Lesbians in the military may be spoken by the courts — very likely the Supreme Court — and not by Congress or President Clinton.

"America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do and not by who they are," Chief Judge Abner Mikva wrote for the three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington. All three were appoin-

tees of President Carter.

The panel said the Navy's ban of declared homosexuals was based on prejudice and served no legitimate purpose.

"It is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct," the court held.

Steffan, whose stellar performance at the Naval Academy won him an appointment as a battalion commander his senior year, was forced to resign in 1987 — six weeks before his scheduled graduation in the top 10% of his class.

Steffan said he looked forward to serving the country as a naval officer and added:

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## If It Stands, Ruling Could Undermine Clinton Policy

By James Rowley  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A court decision against the Pentagon's ban on Gays in the military could undermine the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy that President Clinton is about to sign into law, say legal experts on both sides of the issue.

The recent decision by a federal appeals court panel that the U.S. Naval Academy could not expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his homosexual status was "a pretty resounding loss for the government," said Mary Cheh, a constitutional law scholar at George Washington University.

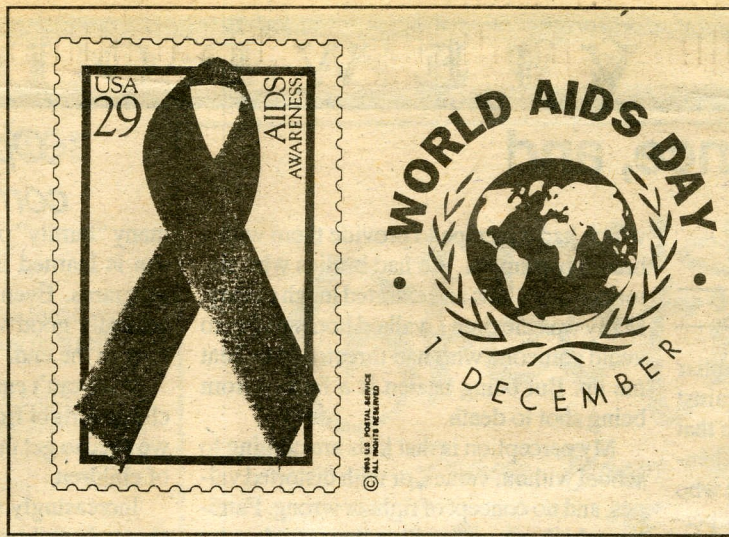
Cheh and other legal experts say that if upheld on further appeal, the decision undermines the compromise that President Clinton struck with the Pentagon and Congress on the sensitive issue.

The experts noted that the Supreme Court would be likely to side with the Clinton administration because it has a long history of refusing to second-guess military policy, even when individual rights are at stake.

But Kathleen Sullivan, a Stanford University law professor, wouldn't rule out an ultimate Supreme Court victory for homosexuals in uniform. "It is just not inconceivable that the Supreme Court would uphold this ruling," she said.

Gay rights "is the major unresolved constitutional social issue of our time," Sullivan said. "The conventional wisdom is that the military is the last place you'd go and start a civil rights revolution."

A defense authorization bill that codifies the policy was passed by Congress and is expected to be signed into law by Clinton.



## Events Commemorate World AIDS Day/Memphis

In recognition of World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, Friends For Life will be assembling a quilt panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt in memory of those people who have died from AIDS in the Memphis area.

The 3' x 6' panel, the second collective panel the agency has produced, will be developed during the day by sewing bits of memorabilia contributed by surviving friends, lovers, and family members. It will then be displayed publicly at the First Congregational Church, 246 South Watkins, during their World AIDS Day evening program *To See the Stars Instead of the Night*. The program will begin at 7:30.

In addition to the Friends For Life panel, several other panels made in memory of local people will be displayed. A group panel including Holly Brown, Billie Jo Casino, Miss Ruby, Eddwina Smith Sable Starr and Renée Williams and a panel dedicated to activist Lanny Phillips will also be displayed. There will also be other commemorative panels. Other commemorative panels may also be displayed. If anyone has Quilt anels which can be part of this World AIDS Day event please call 726-6773 for information.

All the panels will be submitted for inclusion in the massive NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which is based in San Francisco. The number of 3' x 6' quilt panels included in the entire Quilt now numbers nearly 20,000.

"To See the Stars Instead of the Night" will feature the Memphis Civic Orchestra and the First Congregational Handbell Choir and is being sponsored by First Congregational, Friends For Life, Integrity Memphis and the Memphis AIDS Council for Education (MACE).

Featured speakers include Leanne Kleinman (former editor of *Memphis* magazine), Rev. Cheryl Cornish (pastor of First Congregational), and Tim Andrews, a Friends For Life volun-

teer living with AIDS.

"This is a time to gather in a spirit of compassion and hope to support those who live with this disease and to prevent the spread of HIV. AIDS affects all of us. On World AIDS Day, we will join millions of people around the world as we come together, united by our love and concern," said Rev. Cornish.

World AIDS Day began on Dec. 1, 1988. It is organized by the World Health Organization to encourage governments, communities and individuals to talk about AIDS. The theme of World AIDS Day 1993 is "Time to Act."

In conjunction with World AIDS Day, the U.S. Postal service is issuing an "AIDS Awareness" commemorative stamp.

The stamp features the now familiar red ribbon loop against a white background.

Versions of this emblem will figure prominently in Wednesday's commemoration.

## Tricks Of Lobbying Not Lost With New Head Of NGLTF

By Kim I. Mills  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Per Jude Radevic isn't intimidated by the heavy doors, marble hallways or fast pace on Capitol Hill. They've been part of her life for years.

As the new head of one of America's largest Gay rights group, her mission now is to demystify Congress for those less familiar with its ways in hopes of encouraging Gays to be their own lobbyists.

"I really try to walk people through those moments when it's going to feel most intimidating, from hearing your heels click walking down the hall to having to push open those big, heavy doors, to being totally lost in these huge buildings," the veteran lobbyist

## Task Force Hopes To Get Sodomy Law Repealed

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A group hoping to increase activism among homosexuals in Arkansas says it will focus on getting the state's sodomy law repealed.

The seven-year-old Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force also plans to form chapters statewide in 1994, a spokesman said.

Members of the task force held a conference in Little Rock Nov. 6 and 7. More than 55 people attended the meetings at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School, Jennifer Chilcoat, the task force's new president, said.

The organization has a goal of forming chapters in Jonesboro, Fort Smith, Eureka Springs and Russellville.

The group set the goal because of increased interest from people throughout Arkansas who said they wanted to become involved in Gay and Lesbian issues, rding to Chilcoat.

"We're just making efforts to reach out to people in Arkansas — more so than in the past," Chilcoat said.

The group heard a representative of Nevadans for Constitutional Equality discuss how that state's sodomy law was killed.

Chilcoat said the task force will continue trying to get rid of Arkansas' law, which makes it a misdemeanor for people of the same gender to have sex.

State Sen. Vic Snyder, D-Little Rock, told task force members that he tried unsuccessfully to get the measure repealed during legislation sessions in 1991 and 1993.

The task force also held a seminar on fund-raising, met with reporters and discussed "coming out" issues.

said.

"Then making you feel like you've got two minutes to talk to somebody that you didn't even come to talk to."

Radevic (pronounced RAD-uh-sic) took over Nov. 1 as executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, one of the nation's largest Gay lobbying and educational organizations with 32,000 members.

She replaced Torie Osborn, who quit after less than a year saying she could not handle both the public organizing and day-to-day management of the group.

Radevic had been acting executive director while the group searched for a new leader and was chosen as Osborn's replacement with little fanfare.

She assumes leadership during a

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## Children, Violence, and Gun Control

by John Stilwell

As Gays and Lesbians, we are familiar with stories of violence directed against members of our community. Although that violence is not acceptable, it is comprehensible. That violence comes from people who are prejudiced against us because they perceive us as a threat to their way of life. No matter how irrational and unfounded that fear is, some people will react violently, striking out against the thing they fear. It's much like protecting your home against intrusion. But it is much more personal and fraught with emotion. This violence, no matter how unwarranted, can at least be explained.

But the stories of the violence among children in our schools are just mind-boggling. Children have always been hurtful towards one another. This was true even when I was in school. Sometimes it's out of meanness, but more often it's because they haven't yet learned about thinking before they speak. We had cliques (rather than gangs). We had kids from wealthy families going to school with kids from families

which had to scrape to provide them with a brown bag lunch. We had bullies who terrorized other kids and extorted lunch money. Many was the time I walked home trying to avoid someone who had threatened to beat me up. But being beaten is a far cry from being shot to death.

My perception is that kids are coming to school without values, or with distorted values, and no concept of right or wrong. Families which can be spoiling their children by giving them all those expensive clothes. This creates the visible disparity between the haves and the have nots much greater. All that notwithstanding, that should evoke envy or jealousy, but where do these kids get the notion that it's all right to take what someone else has? I know schools are supposed to train our children — teach them to think things through and make informed decisions; weigh factors before making decisions and such — but that presupposes that they have some basic concepts of right and wrong, good and evil. That does not appear to be the case.

Parents abdicate responsibility for this failing. They claim it's too many Twinkies or too much violence on TV. It's not their fault. I watch a lot of TV and I see at least as

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many "family" programs where a value lesson is learned in each episode as violent programs. Even the violent programs are basically good versus evil with good winning in the end.

If we can't ensure that parents teach their children right from wrong, at the very least we need to get the weapons out of the hands of children.

Increasingly we hear stories of children shooting children, family members shooting one another, and armed robberies where tellers or cashiers are shot. Personally I have no use for guns. I wouldn't have one. Even if we assume there are people out there who get a charge out of tromping through the woods, killing animals, and taking them home to eat... Even understanding that this hunting is necessary to keep wildlife under control... there have got to be stricter controls over who gets weapons and what kind of weapon they can get.

I think the people who are at greatest risk for being shot ought to be the people controlling weapons—the police. I don't think you should be able to go to a gun shop or pawn shop and purchase a weapon. They ought to be bought directly from the police. The police have the resources to do an in-depth investigation of an individual before determining whether or not that individual should be sold a weapon. People who purchase weapons should be fingerprinted and should be made legally responsible for harm that comes from that weapon. They are legally responsible for that weapon until it is returned to the police. The police should determine what weapons can be used for hunting and all other weapons should be outlawed. And I don't see what the big debate is over the so-called "police killer" hollow point bullets. What possible legitimate reason can there be for having this kind of ammunition? These bullets, automatic weapons, and any other weapons and ammunition the police determine should be banned. Possession of these items should be an automatic jail sentence (perhaps

coupled with community service at the police station or a hospital emergency room), and the weapons or ammunition should be seized and destroyed. I think it is fitting that the police should benefit from the sale of any weapons.

As I write, the National Rifle Association is lobbying for our Constitutional "right to bear arms." The Brady Bill is being filibustered in the Senate. Violent crimes involving firearms are on the rise. More and more private citizens are arming themselves for protection because there are so many weapons on the streets of our cities.

Our "right to bear arms" needs to be controlled by someone—my suggestion is the police. I think of people like Martin Luther King and John and Robert Kennedy who were killed. I think about the good they could have possibly done if their lives hadn't been cut short. Who knows how many others fall into this category. I think if they were polled, the majority of people would be willing to have this right controlled if it meant fewer senseless killings.

There's a scare tactic bumper sticker that says, "When firearms are outlawed, only outlaws will have firearms." If all weapons had to be purchased and registered through the police departments and unregistered firearms could be outlawed, coupled with mandatory jail sentences for possession of unregistered weapons, wouldn't that make the job of the police easier and safer? More important, wouldn't it make our streets and schools safer? To that end, I would be more than willing to have my "right to bear arms" controlled. How about you?

After reading this, there are those of you asking "But what the hell has this got to do with Gay and Lesbian issues?"

Well, in the first place we are people first and Gays or Lesbians second.

Secondly, as an increasingly vocal minority against which more and more violence is aimed, gun control becomes our issue, too.



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### Lady Rae to Lady A

My Dear Lady A:

I want to thank you again for remembering me in your article last month, titled "Thanks for the Memories".

This also gives me the opportunity to let my friends and acquaintances know I have enjoyed entertaining them for almost 25 years; also, to let them know I'm still around.

Because of the death of my brother two and a half years ago, then later, the break-up of my 23 year relationship with my darling David—and then living on my own for the first time in 23 years—I haven't been out

and about very much.

I want all of you to know that my physical health is great. I do suffer from agoraphobia and panic attacks, but am so much better, due to the help of Margie, my counselor, at the Anxiety and Agoraphobia Clinic and, of course, my family with their strong support. I hope to be back in circulation soon. Overall I am happier than I have been in years.

So, remember this, girls and boys, there's lots of life left in the old girl yet!

To all of you—please have the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year. May God hold you in the palm of his hands and keep you safe and well.

All my love,

Danny Moon

(Lady Rae')

P.S. Happy (25th) Birthday, Vincent.

Danny Menard and David J.

## Action Against AIDS Researcher Dr. Robert Gallo Is Dropped

By Paul Recer  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government was forced to drop charges of misconduct against famed AIDS researcher Robert Gallo because there was not enough evidence to prove the case, a lawyer says.

Joseph Onek, an attorney representing Gallo, said Nov. 12 that the Public Health Service's Office of Research Integrity (ORI) knew it would be unable to substantiate charges of misconduct in a proceeding where witnesses and evidence would be subject to close, public examination.

"The reason that they didn't pursue the case is that the ORI knew that it couldn't prove its false charges before a fair and independent tribunal," Onek said.

Gallo, in a statement released by Onek, said he is "completely vindicated." The 56-year-old scientist is the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus and head of the laboratory of tumor cell biology at the National Cancer Institute.

In announcing that the charges against Gallo were being dropped, ORI chief Dr. Lyle W. Bivens said the action was taken because "a new definition of scientific misconduct" was being used by a Health and Human Services departmental review board that was to hear the case.

The review board recently ruled that the ORI had failed to prove misconduct in a related case against Dr. Mikulas Popovic, a senior scientist in Gallo's lab.

Bivens said that based on the Popovic decision, "It is clear that the panel now applies different standards from those applied by the ORI to review findings of scientific misconduct."

Recent decisions by the review panel, said Bivens, "make it extraordinarily difficult for ORI to defend its legal determination of scientific misconduct regarding Dr. Gallo."

Onek called Bivens' statement "outrageous" and hinted at future legal action for his client.

"He never got his day in court," said the lawyer. "But that may happen yet."

Onek said Gallo was not available for comment, but in a statement welcoming the action the scientist said, "I will now be able to redouble my efforts in the fight against AIDS and

cancer."

Both Popovic and Gallo were found guilty of misconduct by an ORI decision returned last December. Both appealed.

Gallo had been found guilty of failing to give proper credit to other researchers, for making a misstatement in a science publication regarding culturing of an AIDS virus, and for restricting distribution of a cell culture.

Onek said that the misstatement involved a single sentence that could be interpreted in different ways. He said he had strong evidence to contradict the other allegations.

Some in the scientific community said the murky conclusion of the long investigation leaves a cloud over Gallo's reputation.

Nobel prize winner Howard Temin of the University of Wisconsin said the whole investigation of Gallo was "a witchhunt" that uncovered only trivial charges.

None of the charges, said Temin, had anything to do with the basic validity of the scientific findings of the Gallo laboratory.

The controversy began in 1984 after Gallo and his colleagues published a series of articles that identified and proved that a specific virus was the cause of AIDS.

French researchers shortly afterward claimed that the virus Gallo identified had actually been isolated earlier at the Pasteur Institute and that the Americans were falsely claiming credit for the discovery.

After negotiations, the issue was settled in 1987 with both the French and Americans agreeing to recognize Gallo and Pasteur researcher Dr. Luc Montagnier as co-discoverers of the AIDS virus. They also agreed to share royalties from the patent of an AIDS blood test developed in Gallo's lab.

The controversy was revived in 1989 after new charges were leveled against Gallo and Popovic. The ORI and its predecessor agencies at the NIH investigated, and the result was the December ruling that both Gallo and Popovic were guilty of misconduct in the 1984 AIDS research publications.

Additionally, the Pasteur Institute has hired a New York law firm to attempt to revise the 1987 agreement. That renewed issue is still unsettled.

## Case Against Nebraska Gay Guardsman Is Closed

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Army National Guard sergeant who publicly declared his homosexuality at a Gay pride rally in Washington, D.C., in April is no longer facing a forced discharge, a Guard spokesman said.

"The case of Sgt. Jeff Gorder is effectively closed," Lt. Col. Joe Johnson told the Omaha *World-Herald* in a story published in Nov. 16 editions.

The planned proceedings against Gorder, of Lincoln, were dropped after National Guard officials in Lincoln received a clarification and an update from the courts and the U.S. Department of Defense about the military's policy on homosexuals, Johnson said.

Gorder, a part-time clerk in the 105th Army Guard Personnel Services Company in Lincoln, has served since 1984. He had been informed by Guard officials a week after returning from the Washington rally that they were beginning discharge proceedings against him.

The new policy — informally known as "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" — states

that when members disclose their homosexuality the information will not be used to deny enlistment or re-enlistment or take other adverse action, Johnson told the *World-Herald*.

"The distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual acts is quite clear," Johnson said. "While we may take action in the case of homosexual acts, we take no action on the basis of disclosure of orientation."

The previous policy prohibited homosexuals from serving in the military and allowed them to be discharged because of their sexual orientation.

The review board scheduled to consider Gorder's case in November never was convened after the policy changes were announced, Johnson said.

"Further, no action is contemplated since Gorder has simply disclosed orientation," Johnson said. "This would change if new procedures are directed, for example, by the Congress or the courts."

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"The opinion underlies a very important reality ... that no court decision, no action by Congress or the president or anyone, is going to change the fundamental reality that Gay people have always served in the military, and we always will serve in the military."

Steffan was among 10 outstanding students who had been chosen to be battalion commanders. He had sung the national anthem as a soloist at two Army-Navy football games and had been cited for "constant dedication to superior performance."

But the day after he said he was Gay, academy officials lowered his military performance grade from an A-minus to an F, according to his lawyer, Marc Wolinsky.

Steffan, 29, is now a third-year law student at the University of Connecticut.

The decision did not deal with Clinton's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in the military. But under the president's compromise policy, Steffan could have been discharged for having told a friend he was Gay.

Clinton ran for office pledging to lift the 50-year-old ban against homosexuals in the military. But when he took office he ran into stiff resistance from the military and its supporters in Congress, who argued that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, especially in war. They said it could destroy unit cohesion.

The result was Clinton's policy under which homosexuals would have to keep secret their orientation if they did not want to risk discharge, but the military would not initiate investigations on the subject.

Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said the Defense Department "will follow the order." She said officials have not yet decided whether to appeal.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers

said the case could have "some implications" for Clinton's policy, although she noted that the suit was filed against the old standard. "The Justice Department and the White House (lawyers) are reviewing it now."

The decision was the fifth court ruling this year favoring the rights of homosexuals to serve openly in the military.

"What you see in the last year is a real concentrated set of cases where courts have said it's likely that this policy is unconstitutional," said William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

In separate cases, four U.S. district judges have enjoined the military from discharging Gay servicemen on the basis of their homosexuality. Three of these judges were appointed by Carter and the fourth by President Reagan.

In two California cases, the judges have declared the Pentagon's policy unconstitutional. Two federal judges in Washington issued preliminary injunctions barring the discharge of a Navy petty officer and a Marine while their lawsuits challenging the policy were heard.

The most celebrated case involves Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who was discharged last year after saying he was Gay. A federal judge in Los Angeles declared the Gay ban unconstitutional and ordered Meinhold reinstated.

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the latest ruling "establishes the proposition that other people's prejudice against us should not be the basis ... for government policy."

The appeals court said that the Navy could not justify its policy on the grounds that declared homosexuals hurt military morale.

"The government cannot discriminate against a certain class in order to give effect to the prejudice of others," Mikva wrote. "Such discrimination plays directly into the hands of the bigots; it ratifies and encourages their prejudice."

## Court Refuses To Let Colorado Enforce Anti-Gay Law

By Laurie Asseo  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colorado cannot enforce its anti-Gay-rights amendment as state courts decide whether it is legal, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Nov. 1. Without comment, the court up-

held a Denver judge's injunction blocking Amendment 2 from taking effect until a court challenge is settled and rejected the state of Colorado's appeal of the injunction.

The Supreme Court rejected the state's argument that Colorado court rulings set a too-high legal standard for judging whether the amendment

violates homosexuals' rights.

Amendment 2, which was approved by the state's voters in November 1992, would bar any law or ordinance aimed at protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

It would have cancelled ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen that outlaw discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Those cities and a group of people sued in state court, contending the amendment violates homosexuals' constitutional rights of equal protection and free speech and the right to petition the government.

Eight states and 75 cities and counties provide some sort of civil rights protection for homosexuals, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. But in some communities, opponents of such measures have mobilized to repeal them.

Idaho has no laws providing any preferential treatment for homosexuals, but the Idaho Citizens Alliance is circulating an anti-Gay initiative it says would prohibit such laws in the future. Critics, including nearly all ranking state officials, maintain the proposition could deny some basic rights to homosexuals. And the attorney general has raised a number of questions about the initiative's legality.

In January, Denver District Judge H. Jeffrey Bayless barred enforcement of the Colorado amendment

until the case is decided.

He said the amendment likely is unconstitutional because it affects homosexuals' fundamental right "not to have the state endorse and give effect to private biases."

"Obviously, we're disappointed," deputy Colorado attorney general Paul Farley said of the high court's decision. "We thought we had a pretty good shot."

"The odds are rather long. The (Supreme) Court gets 5,000 to 6,000 requests for review a year and takes about 100. This does not speak in any way [about] how they will rule on the merits of the case."

Patrick Steadman, attorney for Colorado Legal Initiatives which is one of the groups seeking to have the amendment ruled unconstitutional, called the Supreme Court's ruling "really sort of a non-event."

"There is no significance to the denial," Steadman said. "Our position is that the Supreme Court lacked jurisdiction at this point. The case really was not ripe for Supreme Court review."

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton said any decision by Bayless is likely to be appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court and then to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The fact that they didn't review a preliminary injunction just doesn't give any clue how they will treat a final ruling on the whole case,"

Norton said.

The state must show the amendment is justified by a compelling government interest, Bayless said. He rejected a more lenient standard that would require the state to show merely that the amendment is rational.

The Colorado Supreme Court upheld Bayless' ruling, saying the amendment "expressly fences out an independently identifiable group" from equal participation in the political process.

"They, and they alone, must amend the state constitution in order to seek legislation which is beneficial to them," the state Supreme Court said. Thus, the case must be decided under a standard of strict legal scrutiny, the state court said.

In the appeal acted on Nov. 1, lawyers for the state said the legal standard set by the state courts applies to challenges brought by certain groups, such as racial minorities, but not to homosexuals.

Amendment 2 does not infringe on fundamental rights such as the right to vote, the state lawyers said. "All (it) does is limit state and local governments' ability to act with respect to a certain issue," they added.

The amendment's opponents urged the Supreme Court to reject the appeal because state courts have not yet issued a final ruling in the case.

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## Dinkins Announces Health Benefits For Gay Partners

NEW YORK (AP) — The domestic partners of Gay city employees will receive full health benefits under a new agreement announced Oct. 30 by Mayor David Dinkins.

The deal was worked out with the Municipal Labor Council and with the Gay Teachers Association, which had sued the city in 1988 over health benefits. The group charged the city with discrimination because heterosexual spouses automatically received benefits.

The suit was resolved as part of the deal, said Dinkins.

"What I am announcing today is nothing short of historic — a milestone that we have worked long and hard together to achieve," Dinkins told a Gracie Mansion news conference.

In January, the city had implemented a Domestic Partnership Registration plan that allowed Gay city employees to officially declare their relationship.

Registering provided visitation rights at city hospitals and jails, succession rights to city housing, and bereavement and child-care leave for

Gay workers and their partners.

The \$25 million to \$40 million needed to fund the plan will come from existing city funds. Partners will have to meet certain standards — like a joint bank account — to prevent abuse of the benefits.

Evan Wolfson, the senior attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, called the agreement an historic victory. Attorneys for Lambda, a national Gay rights organization, represented the teachers.

"It means a powerful recognition of Lesbian and Gay families and a beginning toward equal treatment of those families," Wolfson said.

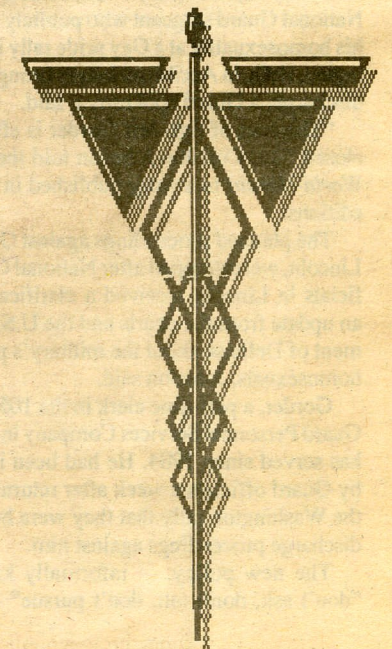
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## Councilman Won't Revive Alternative Lifestyles Measure

MACON, Ga. (AP) — The city councilman who drafted a resolution condemning homosexuality and other "alternative lifestyles" said he will not try to revive the measure, which was tabled by a council committee.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman W.M. Dickey, was set aside Nov. 15 on a 5-3 committee vote.

"There is too much hate in the world now, and I don't think we should do anything to breed more hate and contempt," said Councilman Theron Ussery, who voted in favor of tabling the measure.

"This resolution serves no purpose," he said. "No one on this council and very, very few in the community have led such an exemplary life that they can cast stones at others."

The committee's action prevented any council member from putting the matter on the agenda for the council meeting. But if the committee does not take further action within 30 days, a member could ask the full council to consider it.

Dickey said he does not plan to do so, however.

"I'm disappointed, but not really surprised," he said. "I still believe in the points I've made. ... I'm not trying to tell anyone how to live or what lifestyle to adopt."

Dickey's resolution supported "traditional lifestyles" and said the council would not support "alternative lifestyles" because they are "incompatible with the standards to

which this community subscribes."

The resolution also requested no funding for "those activities which seek to contravene these existing community standards."

Although Dickey never defined "alternative lifestyles" in the resolution, he said Monday that such lifestyles included homosexuality, people living together out of wedlock and adultery.

About three months ago, the Cobb County Commission approved a similar resolution condemning homosexuality. The commission also voted to cut all county funding to the arts.

About 40 people packed a small conference room and spilled out into the hallway to listen to debate on the Macon resolution.

Dr. Harold Katner, who treats AIDS patients, said the disease is being spread to women by bisexual males. "If you push more people back into the closet, more women are going to catch this horrible disease," he said.

Andrea Stolz said she and her family — her female partner and 17-year-old son — would move out of Macon if the resolution were approved.

The Rev. Charlie Chase of Vineville Presbyterian Church urged the committee to pass the resolution.

"You have to find a way to say things are wrong," he said.

Johnny Fambro, executive director of the Central City AIDS Network, said he was disappointed by the vote.

"It was a coward's way out, or a political out, maybe," he said.

## Study Finds Different Brain Waves In Gay Men

DENVER (AP) — In a study that may explain the popularity of disco among Gay men, scientists have found that brains of Gay men are stimulated by sound differently than those of heterosexual men. The differences may indicate a genetic and biological difference, a psychiatrist said Nov. 11.

Dr. Martin Reite, professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, said the findings are based upon a study of 17 adult males.

An earlier study by a group of National Cancer Institute researchers announced on July 16 found evidence supporting the theory that the tendency to be Gay may be inherited.

Dean Hamer, principal author of the earlier study, said his research does not prove that sexual orientation is compelled genetically, but it does indicate that sexual orientation is powerfully influenced by inherited genes.

Reite reported his findings to an annual meeting of the Society for Neurosciences in Washington, D.C.

The 17 men were divided into groups of nine heterosexuals and eight homosexuals.

Brain function was mapped through magnetoencephalography, a non-invasive method of recording magnetic fields of brain activity while tones were delivered through an earphone.

Reite said brain waves of the heterosexuals was asymmetrical, with processing sites in the right hemisphere being further anterior than those in the left hemisphere.

Past studies had shown that heterosexual women process such stimulation symmetrically in both the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

Brains of homosexual males processed the sound stimulations somewhere between heterosexual males and heterosexual females, the study determined.

"This indicates that there are genetic and biological differences in the brain that correlate to sexual orientation," Reite said.

Reite said he hopes to continue the research in Denver to include homosexual women in the future.

Hamer's research found a common genetic pattern for homosexuality in a part of the X chromosome in 33 of 40 Gay brothers.

Three other experiments in recent years have found possible biological explanations for sexual orientation.

In these studies, a California researcher found in 1991 that a specific brain structure was smaller in homosexual males than in heterosexual males.

Studies in 1991 and 1993 at the Boston University School of Medicine of separated identical twins found a commonality of sexual orientation that suggested a genetic origin of homosexuality in both men and women.

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## Radical Gay Leader Vows More Disruptions

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A founder of a Gay activists group that interrupted a Sunday morning church service by throwing condoms into the congregation says there will be more such disruptions.

But other Gay leaders say such activities are counter-productive.

Chris Baka, who helped found "Savage Homos Into Truth," said the group was envisioned as an organization that would dramatically draw attention to Gay rights issues.

So, as a debut, the month-old, 12-man group joined forces with the Lesbian Avengers, another small group of Gay activists and interrupted the service at Village Seven Presbyterian Church. The church says homosexuality is morally wrong.

Baka views the group's debut effort as a success.

But the three-minute disruption has set off a debate among those concerned about Gay rights issues centering on whether militant tactics help or hurt the Gay cause.

"People are certainly buzzing about this," said Franklin Whitworth, a spokesman for the Gay-rights group Ground Zero.

He said Ground Zero will continue promoting Gay rights through public

education, community outreach and coalition with other minority communities. "We decided that a militant stance is not one we want to take."

Peter Joseph, who chairs Ground Zero's information committee, believes disruption merely plays into the very stereotypes Gay groups hope to dispel. "I think the chance of turning people off is greater than the chance of converting them to your cause, especially when you do something like disrupt a church service," he said.

Mike Shaver, a spokesman for Citizen's Project and a board member of the Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center, said the demonstration shows how embattled some members of the local Gay community feel.

As far as the Savage Homos go, the debate will have little effect on its mission of confrontational change, Baka said. Many of its members have already tried the conservative approach, but Baka said it did not provide the kind of outlet for activism they desired.

"The Gay community here is, for the most part, conservative," Baka said. "But there have to be those of us who push the envelope."

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## FBI's Policy On Gay Agent Trial Postponed Again

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A U.S. District judge has postponed a trial over the FBI's policies on Gay agents and applicants at the government's request.

The trial was to start Nov. 15. But U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong plans to start the long-delayed trial sometime between Nov.

29 and Jan. 3, lawyers for fired FBI agent Frank Buttino said.

Buttino originally filed suit to protest his firing from the FBI's San Diego bureau in 1990 after 20 years of service. He said he was fired because he disclosed his homosexuality during an investigation that was prompted by an anonymous letter; the

FBI said Buttino was dismissed because he lied during the investigation.

Armstrong has since broadened the suit into a constitutional challenge of the FBI's policies on behalf of all Gay and Lesbian employees and job applicants. That means the judge must decide whether the policies are constitutional even if she concludes Buttino was not a victim of discrimination, said the former agent's lawyers, Richard Gayer and Michael Fitzgerald.

In court papers, the FBI says homosexual conduct does not automatically disqualify an agent or job applicant, but "makes it significantly more difficult to be hired."

The Clinton administration, which inherited the case from the Bush administration, has maintained the same defenses of the FBI's policy: national security, because Gays are allegedly targeted by foreign intelligence agencies for blackmail, and the existence of laws against sodomy in many states.

Buttino's suit contends both of

those reasons are pretexts for discrimination based entirely on prejudice.

Justice Department lawyers sought the postponement Nov. 10, telling Armstrong they weren't sure their witnesses would be available, Buttino's lawyers said.

They also quoted the government lawyers as saying they had recently discussed the case with Attorney General Janet Reno's top two aides, Phillip Heymann and Webster Hubbell, and were adamant about refusing to reinstate Buttino.

## Jury: PLWA Can Use Marijuana To Ease Symptoms

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A person with AIDS was found innocent of drug charges when a Superior Court jury determined that he cultivated marijuana for medicinal purposes.

With the ruling, Samuel Skipper, 39, of La Mesa, was told by the jury that he can grow the drug at his home to combat AIDS-related symptoms.

The case is thought to be the first in California where a defendant claimed to use marijuana to ease symptoms of AIDS. Defendants in other trials have said they used marijuana to treat medical problems such as glaucoma or cancer.

Skipper admitted in court that he was guilty of growing the more than 70 pot plants seized at his La Mesa home earlier this year.

Skipper said he eats the buds from the green, leafy plant to help him live. He brought four peanut butter balls laced with marijuana to court earlier this week to try to have them introduced as evidence at trial. But they were confiscated by a bailiff and not shown to the jury.

An investigation is under way by the District Attorney's office to determine whether Skipper should be charged criminally with possession because of that incident.

Skipper said he brought the peanut butter balls into the courthouse at the request of his defense attorney Juliana Humphrey.

But despite the ongoing investiga-

tion, Skipper was elated with the verdict.

"They're outstanding citizens," Skipper said of the jurors. "They represent the conscience of the people."

Deputy District Attorney David Williams was disappointed with the jury's decision. Deliberations lasted less than three hours.

"I would like to have had it go the other way," Williams said.

The prosecutor had contended throughout the week-long trial that Skipper did not try legal means to treat his AIDS symptoms before turning to marijuana.

"There were certainly conventional treatments available that effectively dealt with the problems that his doctors knew of, and for every symptom that he described," Williams said.

But the jury apparently believed the defense.

"We felt the fact that he was HIV-positive ... was enough to warrant the defense of (medical) necessity," said jury foreman Robert Lenzi, 39, of La Jolla.

Lenzi said the jury's job was not to send a message to other AIDS patients, but to decide Skinner's case. However, he acknowledged that the trial could lead to other such cases.

"If it's found that cannabis can be used for people with HIV ... more work (should be) done to experiment with it and find out," Lenzi said.

## Gay Bashing Marine Drops Appeal

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — One of three Camp Lejeune Marines involved in a brawl outside a Gay bar in Wilmington has dropped his appeal of an Onslow County assault conviction and has left the Marine Corps.

Lance Cpl. Walter G. Watkins III, 26, was scheduled to go on trial in mid-November in Onslow County Superior Court along with Lance Cpl. Patric G. Cardone. The two Marines were appealing their June conviction of assault on a female in connection with a Jan. 28 brawl at Shooters, a topless bar in Jacksonville.

The brawl took place a day before the two participated in a fight that drew national publicity. Cardone, Watkins and Lance Cpl. Colin C. Hunt were charged with assaulting

four patrons at Mickey Ratz, a Wilmington Gay bar. The incident was initially characterized as a Gay-bashing, although testimony at the trial in April indicated it more closely resembled a bar brawl.

One of the patrons, Crae Pridgen, suffered cuts and bruises in the fight and was taken to the emergency room at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

The three Marines were acquitted in the Mickey Ratz assault case. However, Cardone and Watkins were found guilty in June of assaulting a bartender at Shooters.

Both men and Hunt face a lawsuit filed on behalf of Pridgen by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization in Montgomery, Ala.



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## Counselors: Some Partners Of Those Infected Try To Contract Deadly Virus

SEATTLE (AP) — It is tragic by any standard, but counselors say some men and women have taken to infecting themselves with the AIDS virus rather than continue living after watching a loved one die from the disease.

For some, the desire to die grows out of a profound sense of isolation.

AIDS affects Gay men disproportionately, which has special consequences for those who have avoided the disease.

Some Gay men report seeing 50 or 100 of their friends die in the 12 years since the epidemic started. One friend dies and the grief process is never complete before another dies.

"What an incredible risk to take on new friends, knowing you might lose them," said Mark Alstead, a counselor at King County's AIDS Prevention Project.

AIDS workers say they don't know exactly how many partners of patients with AIDS actually try to infect themselves through unsafe sex or sharing needles. But Carol Dunphy, clinic supervisor at the project, said counselors hear of at least one or two such death wishes among the 400 clients they see each month. An equal number talk about it on the project's AIDS Hotline.

The incidence of people trying to infect themselves appears to be about the same in homosexual and heterosexual couples, counselors said.

For some, not carrying the AIDS virus may foster a sense of survivor guilt, they said.

"They want to be part of the group, so they let it be thought they are HIV-positive," even if they are not, Alstead said. Meanwhile, they take steps to try to become infected.

Dunphy said society's prejudice toward those who are infected, or at risk of infection, contributes greatly to problems of self-esteem and isolation.

"We would like people to know these are real people with difficult problems and they don't have all the answers," she said. "To understand that, that's how you help people.

"People need to realize that you can ... come out of depression."

For other people, the desire to die comes out of a profound sense of loss.

"They think, 'If this person dies, I would die emotionally. Why not get infected?'" said Mark Fleming, who counsels clients at the project.

One client whose husband is dying of the disease is so distraught that she wants to be infected so she can die with him, but she also wants a baby by him.

"She's been through child abuse, drug addiction and finally got her life together only to learn her husband is infected ... To her, it's the cruelest trick the universe could play on her," said Alstead.

Counselors say other clients adamantly refuse even to consider surviving on their own and get angry at the counselors' suggestion of practicing safe sex with their infected partners.

Such clients have underlying problems of self-esteem, the counselors say, and they try to refer clients with this problem to therapists.

Having partners who try to catch the virus is hard on those already infected.

Counselors say the infected partners feel helpless. They don't know what to do with the anger of the uninfected partner when they insist on safe sex. Counselors say that's when it's helpful to come to the clinic.

"Sometimes the partners who are negative (not infected) have a hard time believing (those who have the disease) ... don't want them to be infected," Fleming said.

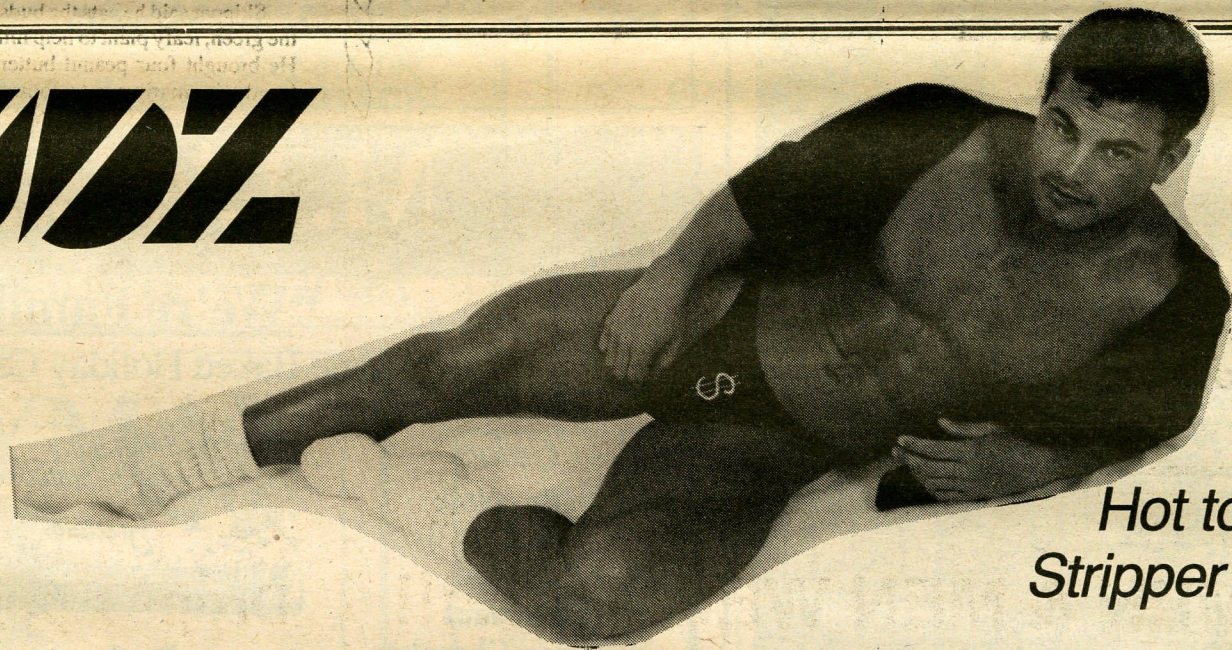
"Sometimes I just tell them, 'If I were your friend, I would be so angry with you. I care about you and you don't care about yourself.'"

## List Of Clinton Appointees Who Are Openly Gay Or Lesbian

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's list of 22 Clinton administration appointees who are openly Gay or Lesbian:

- Roberta Achtenberg, ass't secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity, HUD.
- Keith Boykin, special ass't to the president for news analysis, White House.
- David Cruise, director of intergovernmental affairs, Commerce Dept..
- Romulo Diaz Jr., deputy ass't secretary for international affairs, Energy Dept..
- Helen Dunlap, deputy ass't secretary for multi-family housing, HUD.
- Bob Hattoy, ass't deputy secretary and White House liaison, Interior Dept..
- Nan Hunter, deputy general counsel, HHS
- Bruce Lehman, ass't secretary and commissioner of patents and trademarks, Commerce.
- David Martin, ass't to the assistant secretary for legislative and intergovernmental affairs, Commerce.
- Ben Merrill, special assistant, White House office of AIDS policy.
- Gregory Mertz, special assistant, office of solid waste and emergency response, EPA.
- Zoon Nguyen, special assistant to the assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity, HUD.
- Patrick Nolen, special assistant to the undersecretary of the International Trade Commission.
- David Peterson, confidential assistant to the general counsel, Commerce.
- Julian Potter, special assistant, interagency council on the homeless, HUD.
- R. Paul Richard, deputy staff secretary to the president, White House.
- Richard Socarides, White House liaison, Labor Dept.
- Cynthia Spires, special assistant, office of the secretary, HUD.
- David Tseng, special assistant to the ass't secretary of labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.
- Carlos Velez, director of the AIDS prevention cluster, White House office of AIDS policy.
- Brian Wheeler, special assistant to the ass't secretary for legislative and intergovernmental affairs, Commerce.
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## The Burning Bush Gays, Lesbians and Christmas

**M**ention the Christmas season to most Gays and Lesbians and many images, feelings and emotions come to mind. However, sugar plums and roasted chestnuts probably don't exactly top the list of most of the people I know. In all likelihood, angst, anger, guilt, and loneliness lurk just below the surface in many lovers' abodes like ticking time-bombs. They wait patiently for just the right comment from an over-imbibed father, mother, aunt, uncle, sister or brother

to ignite the same old arguments at the traditional family dinner or gathering. Dutifully we watch Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* secretly saying to Jimmy Stewart (or Margo Thomas), "I know how you feel!" As the prayers waft heavenward we add a secret one of our own, "Please make it different this year, God! Let there not be a fight. Let them see how much we love each other."

I believe God wants all of us to join in the celebration of the coming of Jesus, Son of God, Prince of Peace, Savior of the World. Any-

thing that keeps us from that is contrary to the true spirit and meaning of the season. Realizing that Jesus was sent into an imperfect world to try to make it a better place by showing others how to live a better life, gives us the behavioral model we need to emulate when we finally ask that dreaded question, "What are we going to do about Christmas?"

Restating the question as "What can I/we do to make this Christmas a better time, a happier time, for those I love?" makes the answer a little more discernible. How can I truly honor and celebrate the birth of the man whose life I should emulate and whose death and resurrection made possible the chance of one day seeing my God face to face? The answer lies in the way Jesus led His life.

Born temporarily homeless, in abject poverty, totally lacking social influence or respect, Jesus grew to adulthood living a simple life, preaching acceptance and love. Towards the end of His too-short life, He was found among the wealthy as well as the poor. He observed all the social protocols as He dined amongst the well-to-do; yet He went out and demonstrated the love He preached by touching the un-touchable and befriending all He met, regardless of their social status, beliefs or lifestyles. No one was excluded from the loving arms of Jesus.

How can I live a life that emulates Jesus? Wouldn't that be the best thing I could do at Christmas?

If going to a Christmas dinner at the folks (or the in-laws) divides rather than unites, I don't think I

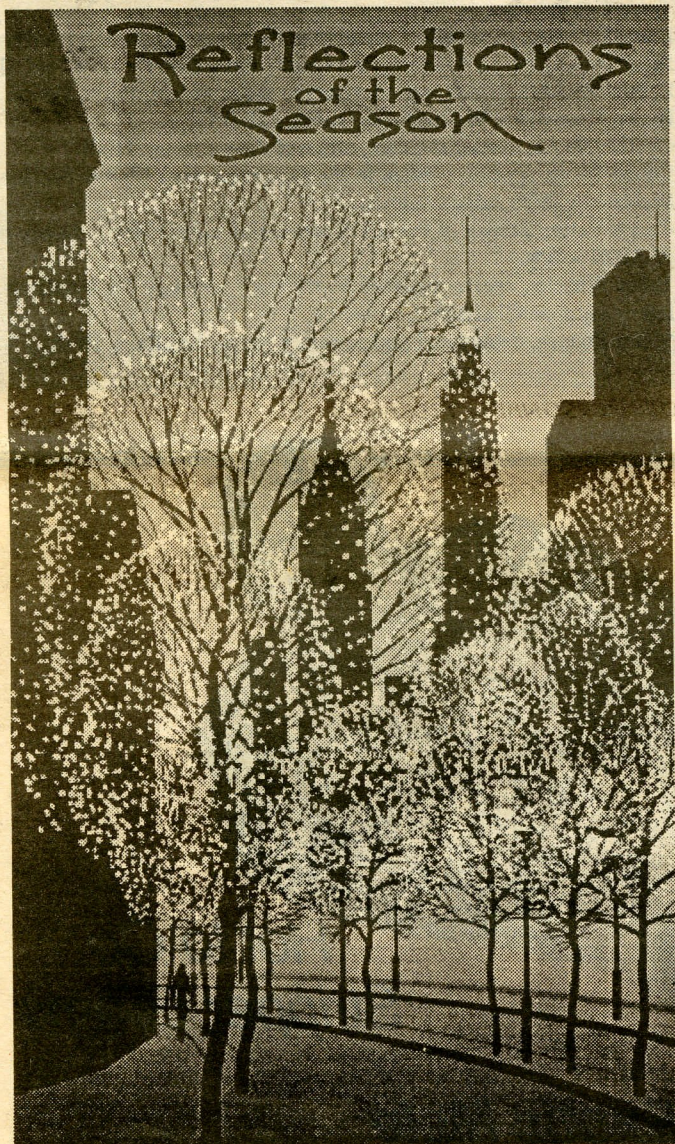
should go. Maybe the day after or before, or maybe they could come celebrate with me (or us). Or maybe it's time to create our own family tradition — perhaps with an extra few moments of thanksgiving prayer for the grace-filled gift of love. Or if left alone, instead of brooding I could volunteer to cook or serve and share Christmas dinner with those less fortunate. Take a close look into the eyes of a homeless woman or man and ask what Jesus would do or say to this child of God. Then follow your heart.

At our Baptism as Christians we were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. In order to receive more, we have to give away what we have. As we give of ourselves, we honor Jesus who gave His all for us. Can you think of a better way to honor someone's birth?

In conclusion, keep centered on what is good and holy and life-affirming. When the kinetic frenzy of the holidays starts to get to you, pause a moment and thank God for the wonderful example of love we are given in the life of Jesus. If you have to refuse an invitation, be honest about why, but be sure and let the other person know you love them and hope that they can celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year.

Until next year, may the Peace and Joy of Christmas fill your hearts, hearths, and souls and those of all your friends.

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Black and White Men Together-Memphis, Inc will sponsor A DAY WITH BWMT at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center on Saturday, December 11. This event will begin with breakfast at 9:00 am featuring a guest speaker.

A three hour film festival will start at 10:30 am. Approximately six videos with gay themes will be shown in two separate rooms. Features like *Paris is Burning* and *Tongues Untied* will be screened and discussed.

Dinner will be available from 1:30 pm until 6:15 pm. The organization's famed Hot, Horny, & Healthy Playshop will be presented from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. This playshop is specifically intended for sexually active gay and bi-sexual men although

all are welcome. The HHH facilitators are knowledgeable about HIV transmission and are equipped to handle most people's common questions about safer sex. We discuss our sexual practices openly and frankly in everyday language, but do not engage in any sex; nor are there any activities in HHH that involve erotic touch.

At 3:30 pm four tables of sixteen card players each game will vie for two fifty dollar prizes for the winning partners of Bid Whist and Spades. Contestants will play two out of three hands with the winning pair receiving a ticket, and the losers changing tables. The two pairs with the most tickets after two hours of play are the winners.

Film encores, networking with old

friends and new faces, and dinner will occupy the time of those not participating in the tournament. The day will conclude with a reception at 6:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded and live entertainment will be enjoyed.

Donations of five dollars are requested for a half day or ten dollars for all day; or ten dollars for the tournament entry and half day;

or fifteen dollars for the tournament entry and all day. BWMT is one of Memphis' older non-profit Gay organizations.

Call us at 948-2387 or 757-5750 and let us know you will spend some time with us December 11, or mail in the registration form found elsewhere in this paper.

— Submitted By BWMT

## Pride Committee Notes

The November meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee was a success with all in favor of changing the parade route for 1994. Although longer than the '93 route, the new route will cover more of our community. The group settled on events for June 11, 12 and 18, but needs ideas and help for the rest of the week.

The annual Gay Pride River Ride will take place on June 11, the Memphis march is scheduled for the 12th and there will be a state-wide march and rally in Nashville on June 18.

On Dec. 3 and 4, the pride committees of Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, and Chat-

tanooga will meet in Nashville to plan the calendar of monthly events for the state. In recent years extensive coordination among the cities' schedules has been attempted.

Also scheduled for the meeting will be a discussion of the Stonewall 25 anniversary in New York and Tennessee's involvement in it.

There will be no December meeting of the Pride Committee in Memphis, but representatives will be meeting with other Pride group representatives in Nashville.

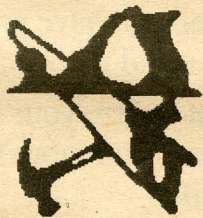
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2:00 pm at the MGLCC.

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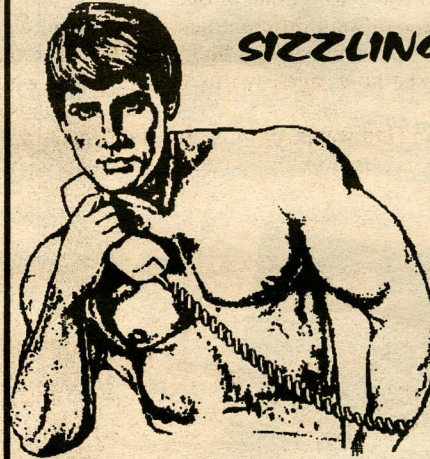
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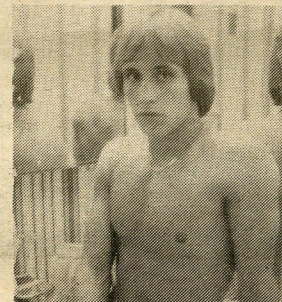
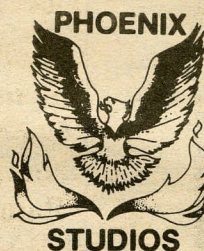
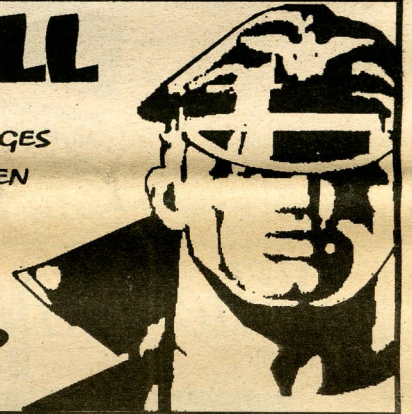
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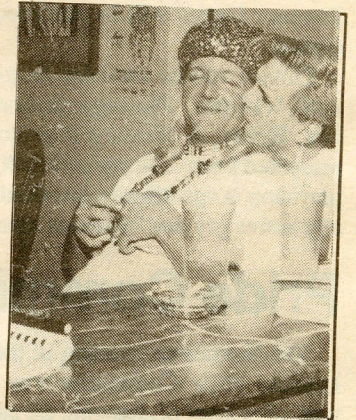
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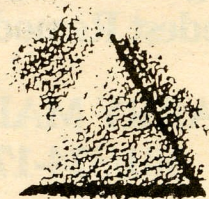
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**Richard Johnson**

Richard Johnson was well-known and active in the Memphis Gay/Lesbian Community for many years. Known both socially and in the religious community, in recent years he presided at numerous funerals either as minister or as consultant and funeral director, particularly with persons who died as a result of AIDS. He never feared even doing the embalming when some others did. He may be remembered performing in the local production of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*.

He founded the Church of the Blessed Redeemer and co-founded Holy Trinity Community Church. Current pastor Ethan Pruett stated that he was "grateful for his courage and vision." Assistant pastor Ed Hammett credits Richard's efforts to bringing him personally back into the church.

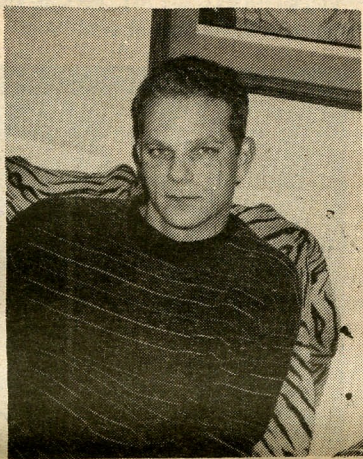
He died in New Orleans as a result of AIDS in October

**Blaine J. Karvelis**

Blaine J. Karvelis, 37, originally from Genoa, Illinois and most recently known as the doorman at Amnesia, died suddenly Saturday, November 13, 1993 after contracting *mennigococcus* in London. Mr. Karvelis is survived by his lover of five years,

Jerry L. Goudy and his two pet Weimaraners, Scarlet and Madison. Funeral services and cremation were in Chicago at his parents' bequest.

Blaine, who had no other health problems, had just returned from London where he had lived for 13 years prior to moving to Memphis with his lover, after they met in Chicago. Blaine, who was best known in his hometown as an award-winning varsity football player and all-around jock, received a B.F.A. from the Minneapolis College of Art and was doing graduate studies in design. Prior to working at Amnesia, Blaine was the assistant manager in the men's clothing department at Graham and Gunn.



Blaine Karvallis

**Stanley Melton**

Stanley Holmes Melton was killed in a freak auto accident in October while tending to a lawn on Cooper Street. During his memorial service, it was noted that his performances and arrangements of "Born Free" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" became standards in their day and are still used. A natural musi-

cian, one of the pivotal experiences of his life was his international tour with the United Nation's Children's Choir, which included his arrangement of "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Rev. Cheryl Cornish of First Congregational Church spoke at his memorial service said, "Musicians, artists, those who love

and care for humanity, those who live their lives with passion and a sense of joy, like Stanley Melton, are people who help us see the stars instead of the night, who help us to hear rhythms of compassion in the world, rather than succumbing to fear."

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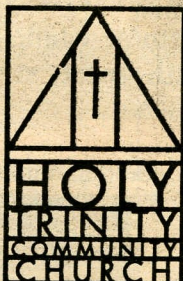
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## Refried Grease *by Rona T!*

Ho! Ho! Ho! girlfriends - I hope you've all been good little dykes and fairies, otherwise Rona T! will just have to tell Miss Santa not to stuff your Christmas stockings. Of course, if you've been real bad or you know someone who has, call my private number 1-800-TALK-DIRTY-TOME, and we'll publish the juiciest tidbits in my special private edition news letter *Greased Up with Rona T.* But seriously now, let's see what I can tell you about this month.

Did you see Lady A. at the ... Oops! Can't say that—I made a New Year's Resolution not to talk about my sister. Do be sure and read her column though.

The other night I was on the patio at Pipeline doing research and just look at what I saw: Isn't that the hottest set of... Oops! Can't show you that. This is a respectable family paper now you know and it wouldn't do to be politically incorrect now, would it? You know, I heard lots of good things about this past Halloween, but many seemed to think it just wasn't quite as exciting as in years past. Why was that? The Friends for Life party

saw close to 1,000 party-goers in costume, and every other club in town seemed to be packed. Perhaps we have become jaded; perhaps we secretly relished being the social misfits so we could use special occasions to claim the night and snub our noses at the "acceptable" crowds. Did you delight in shocking or scandalizing anyone the way we used to? I didn't! Oh well, slowly but surely we gain acceptance. I wonder if most of us are actually aware of the price.



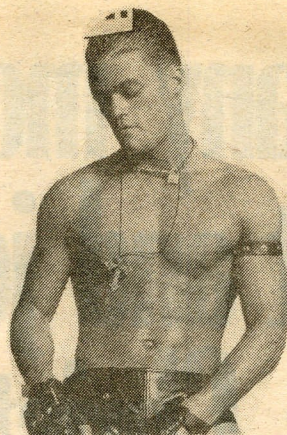
Special Guest at HHH was Amber Starr - reigning Miss Gay Memphis

But lest you get too grim, fear not! Drunken Greg's are still kicking windshields out of ex-lovers' cars, while on-loan to even earlier ex-lov-

ers. But what I can't figure out is how Tommy Stewart entered the picture at 6:00 a.m. - or what Greg Baker was still doing being conscious at that hour - or why Phyllis the Gray (who is obviously preparing to make a Mane & Tail conditioner commercial) got up at that hour to let Greg in. Oh I know, he was just lonely to see Danny Ray's dog again...right? But where is Scott? Has Michelle added another room to Romper Room? Girl, I don't know...I'm too old to get in.

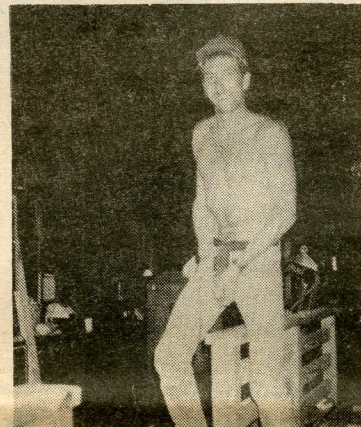
Speaking of Tommy Stewart and her best friend, were you at 'Wags the night Phyllis was throwing wrapped rolls of pennies at the strippers? Larry Malone (briefly of Memphis Packing Co./The Construction Site, et. al.) was. In fact, that very night one of the strippers was fired from the act and left in Memphis. The reason was given that he just didn't have what it took to be a professional. It seems that Larry felt sorry for the man and offered him the hospitality of his home & hearth. (Ain't he sweet?) The young man stayed a few weeks and then left for California to try again. His name was Joey Morgan.

Joey Morgan you say. That wouldn't be the same Joey Morgan featured in the November issue of *Advocate Men Classifieds*, would it? Not the same guy they called "one of the hottest young stars in Catalina Video's corral," would it? Yup! That's the one. While the rest of those guys are probably slinging burgers at Sonic, Joey now makes more for a single personal appearance than they made in a week.



Joey Morgan

By the way, if you like to keep your money in the family when you need something done, congratulations! I always try to spend money with other Gay people— or at the very least those who go out of their way to advertise in Gay publications, letting us know they want our business. My attorney, my bookkeeper, my florist, my yardman (yum-yum), my banker, my hairdresser, travel agent, real-estate agent, and now my handyman/contractor, are all Gay! I just finished having a new deck put up to replace the aging wreck we had and was very pleased with Larry Malone's work. His hard work and attention to detail are rare finds these days. If you need some things done around the old homestead to get ready for Christmas/New Year's give Larry a call at Handyman Services - (901)324-1741. Be sure and tell him Rona T. sent you.



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Would you like the scoop on the big bucks movie Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington just finished about an attorney who is fired when it is discovered he has AIDS? It seems Tri-Star Pictures wants to soft peddle the AIDS theme of *Philadelphia*, in their ads and trailers, hoping the audience will be intrigued with the legal wrangling and plop down the bucks before they realize it's one of "those" movies. *Philadelphia*, due to open during the holidays is the first major studio film about AIDS and is expected

to be one of the most talked about movies of the year. The last significant film re: AIDS was the art-house flick *Longtime Companion*, released in 1990. Directed by Academy Award-winner Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*), the movie also features Jason Robards and Joanne Woodward.

Although Tri-Star is definitely hedging its bets by not mentioning AIDS on the movie poster, and by showing only a healthy Tom Hanks (alone), it does promise to be a "must-see." Now if we can just get Tri-Star to advertise with TJN we'll know they mean business. Remember, you read it here first!



Miss FritoLay, 1993 Miss Mess Memphis appoints the Halloween crowd at Amnesia.

Congrats to Miss Frito Lay for winning the 1993 Miss Mess Memphis pageant at Amnesia. Sorry I missed it, girl, 'cause I hear you walked away with it! By the way, I hope you got a chance to check out Miss C.C. Rae at Reflections. Although her show seemed a little short, she was truly incredible! And the Southern Country dance lessons and hoe-downs continue to grow. Congrats to Tommy for keeping the entertainment coming!

That's about it for now! I'm making gingerbread men and I have to go grease my model before he gets sticky all over! I was going to publish my list of New Year's Resolutions but I thought better of it. It's so depressing when you realize you never keep them I've decided just not to make any this year. Oh Rona, you are so clever! Until next year, like the cable lady says, "Be Sweet!"

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## Court Upholds Lesbian Student's Claim of Military Discrimination

By David Germain  
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—A judge has ordered the University of Buffalo to bar visits by military recruiters because of Pentagon discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians.

State Supreme Court Justice Diane Lebedeff in New York City on Nov. 18 ruled in favor of a former law student at the university, Terri Mayo, a Lesbian who claimed she could not apply to the military because of her sexual orientation.

"She was deprived of a genuine career opportunity simply because she's a Lesbian," said Evan Wolfson, an attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which filed a lawsuit on her behalf. "She was interested in applying, but she was blocked from square one."

Military recruitment at the law school, which is part of the State University of New York, violated an anti-discrimination order issued by Gov. Mario Cuomo, Lebedeff said.

"There is no dispute the military currently engages in sexual orientation discrimination in its employment practices, not welcoming within its

active ranks Gay men, Lesbians and bisexuals," Lebedeff wrote.

Wolfson said Lebedeff's ruling should apply to the entire state university system, which has 400,000 students on 64 campuses.

Ken Goldfarb, a spokesman for the State University of New York, and Ronald Stein, a spokesman for the university, said they could not comment on the decision until their attorneys reviewed it.

Military recruiters continue to visit the University of Buffalo. Stein said the university had not decided if it will follow Lebedeff's ruling and bar their visits.

"New York state has a legitimate interest in prohibiting that kind of discrimination and refusing to be a part of it," Wolfson said.

The case stems from a complaint filed with the New York Division of Human Rights in 1990 when Mayo was a law student in Buffalo.

The Division of Human Rights' Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns ruled in Mayo's favor, but Human Rights Commissioner Margarita Rosa overturned that decision last year after an appeal by

the university. Rosa said state and federal law required the university to allow military recruitment.

Lambda, which handles cases on Gay rights, challenged Rosa's decision in court. Mayo suffered "humiliation and the stigma of second-class citizenship" because of the military's stand on homosexuals, Wolfson said.

Mayo, now a prosecutor with the Linn County District Attorney's office in Albany, Ore., would not comment and referred calls to Lambda.

The university had claimed it might lose Pentagon research grants if it barred military recruiters. Federal law prohibits such grants for schools that forbid military recruitment.

Lebedeff said the risk of losing Pentagon funds was irrelevant. Other New York law schools, including the University of Albany, Columbia University and Syracuse University, prohibit or limit military recruitment, Lebedeff said.

The University of Buffalo received \$2.9 million in Pentagon funds last year.

## Airline Issues Apology for Removing PLWA

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — American Airlines apologized for causing any "inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment" to a passenger with AIDS who was dragged off a flight when he refused to disembark.

Timothy Holless, 33, of San Francisco, violated company policy when he hung an IV bag over his seat and refused to cover his open sores, said American Airlines spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan.

Flight attendants offered to put Holless on a later flight to give them time to discuss how to properly handle his medical condition, Fagan said.

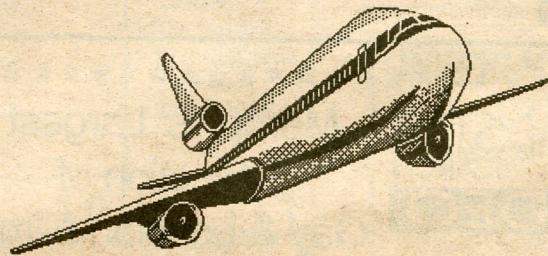
Witnesses said Holless was dragged off the plane screaming on Nov. 14. Chicago police arrested him and released him on his own recognizance.

In its apology to Holless, American said a review of the incident

showed that flight attendants "genuinely felt they were acting in your best interest and in the interest of all passengers on board the flight."

"We recognize that others might disagree with our actions, but our business consists of millions of split second judgment calls ... Nonetheless, we apologize for any inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment that you may have felt." The letter was signed by George Mueller, vice president of customer relations.

Holless had flown from San Francisco to Chicago, on to Columbus, Ohio then halfway back without incident, said Robby Robinson, a board member for the San Mateo AIDS Program who happened to be on all flights with Holless. However, he did not use the IV bag on the earlier portions of the flight.



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		<p><b>5</b> • Handel's Messiah, Calvary, 6 pm</p>		<p><b>6</b> • Feast For Friends, St. John's Methodist Church, 6:30 pm, Call 272-0855 • Book Discussion Group, MGLCC, 7 pm</p>		<p><b>7</b> • Integrity Board Meeting, Claybrook Restuarant, 6:30 pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Calvary, 7:30 pm</p>		<p><b>8</b></p>		<p><b>9</b> HAPPY HANUKKAH</p>		<p><b>10</b> • Southern Country Hoe-Down, Reflections, 9 pm</p>	
<p><b>12</b> • Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus Annual Christmas Concert, Grace - St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2 pm</p>		<p><b>13</b> • Coming Out Group, MGLCC, 7 pm</p>		<p><b>14</b> • Creative Writing Class, MGLCC, 7 pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Calvary, 7:30 pm</p>		<p><b>15</b> AD &amp; COPY DEADLINE FOR JAN. '94 TJN  • Free HIV testing, MGLCC, 5-7 pm, Call 576-7714</p>		<p><b>16</b> • Creative Writing Class, MGLCC, 7 pm</p>		<p><b>17</b></p>		<p><b>18</b> • Transgender Alliance MGLCC, 1 pm for changing, 2 pm mtg. • Doubles Bowling Tournament, Park Bowling Lanes, Registration 1 pm, Bowling 2 pm • MGLCC Potluck, 7 pm • Integrity Holiday Party, 7 pm</p>	
<p><b>19</b></p>		<p><b>20</b> • Feast For Friends Holiday Dinner, St. John's Methodist Church, 6:30 pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Calvary, 7:30 pm</p>		<p><b>21</b> WINTER SOLSTICE • AIDS Healing Service/ Integrity Eucharist, Calvary, 6 pm • Integrity Monthly Meeting, Calvary, 6:30 pm</p>		<p><b>22</b></p>		<p><b>23</b></p>		<p><b>24</b> • TJN DUE OUT</p>		<p><b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS • Dinner served at Chaps, the Hut, Nikita's, Oops, and the Pipeline. Call for times.</p>	
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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday

- Holy Trinity Community Church Services, 9 am & 11 am, 7 pm
- ACT-UP Meeting, Meristem, 5:30 pm, (Except 3rd Sunday, call 722-5456 for location)

#### Monday

- Gay & Lesbian Support Group, MSU Counseling Unit, 3:45 -5:15 pm, Call Dr. Alkekruse 678-2068
- Gay Alternative Hour, WEVL FM 89.9, 6 pm

#### Tuesday

- Southern Country Dance Lessons, Reflections, 8 pm

#### Wednesday

- Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7:30 pm

#### Thursday

- Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 7 pm
- BGALA, University Center 3rd Floor, MSU, 7 pm
- AA Meeting, MGLCC, 7 pm

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## Gov. Richards Will Intervene In Apple Computer Debate If Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Ann Richards hasn't become embroiled in the debate over tax breaks for Apple Computer, but says she'll step in if necessary.

Two Williamson County commissioners have pledged to oppose any tax breaks for Apple because the California-based computer maker provides domestic partner benefits to Gay and Lesbian employees.

The company, which has some 700 employees at three temporary sites in Austin, is planning to build a nearby permanent facility near Round Rock.

While in Washington lobbying on behalf of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Richards said she wasn't aware of the flap.

Asked by a reporter if she would intervene to save tax breaks for a company whose presence she helped lure to Texas, Richards said: "If I need to I will, but no one's called me about that or asked me to do anything."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is planning to enlist the help of Richards, who supports Gay rights and has aggressively sought to attract high-tech industry to Texas.

"We're very pleased," NGLTF spokesman David M. Smith said of Richards' comments. "We understand that Apple Computer coming to Texas is consistent with the governor's effort to woo business to her state, and her state is going to have to be amendable to these companies that are responding to the changing definition of families and are treating their Gay and Lesbian employees equally."

The county commissioners aren't expected to vote on the tax abatements until Apple submits its formal construction proposal late this month. The company hopes to break ground in the spring.

Regardless of the outcome, a spokesman said the company's domestic subsidiary, Apple USA, is not likely to scrap its plans for a nine-

building, 700-employee complex in Williamson County.

For the nearly \$80 million complex, the amount of taxes at issue is \$750,000, spread over seven years, according to documents filed with the county.

Apple will not be giving up its liberal benefits policy, said Bill Keegan, the company spokesman. "We feel it's important," he said. "It's the kind of thing that helps us attract and keep good people."

In October, Austin showed its liberal bent when the city began offering spousal benefits to city employees' unmarried partners and Travis County began allowing couples to register their domestic partnership.

Williamson County Commissioner Greg Boatright said such laws, like Apple's benefits policy, "are going to attract people who are in those kinds of relationships and I don't want to encourage that kind of activity."

"I don't feel like the government should be getting involved in the private sector, yet when they come to government and ask for a benefit, then we can have a say," said Boatright.

because of where you are walking — can get you killed," Soldani said.

## French Quarter Gay Bashings Investigated

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An investigation into the stabbing death of a 23-year-old Mississippi man is moving ahead, New Orleans police say, but they aren't identifying any suspects.

Joe Balog was chased and stabbed by a small gang of Gay bashers in the French Quarter around 5 a.m. Nov. 11. Balog's friend, a 26-year-old Biloxi man, was injured in the attack.

Based upon derogatory remarks aimed at the victims, the attackers apparently believed they were Gay, said Sgt. Marlon Defillo, a New Orleans police spokesman. Neither was Gay, Defillo said.

"We're tracking leads and we're moving ahead with the investigation," Defillo said.

Balog's father, William Balog, of Gulfport, said the assailants "didn't know him or they wouldn't have thought he was Gay ... But it doesn't matter now what they thought."

The attack happened in a residential section of the French Quarter not far from some bars frequented by homosexuals. The victims had been partying all night and were confronted by four or five men, who taunted them and began stabbing them, police said.

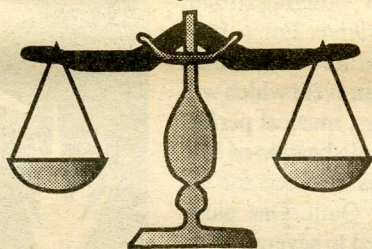
Balog and his friend ran in separate directions. Balog collapsed a short distance away where he died, while the other man flagged down a taxi and was taken to a hospital.

Gay and Lesbian activists held a rally and candlelight march to the intersection where Balog died.

"We don't know their orientation. The people who stabbed them didn't know. And it doesn't matter," said Lin-Todd Soldani, a liaison between French Quarter Gays and Lesbians and New Orleans police.

"This has gotten to be a dangerous city, a city where being Gay or where somebody thinking you're Gay

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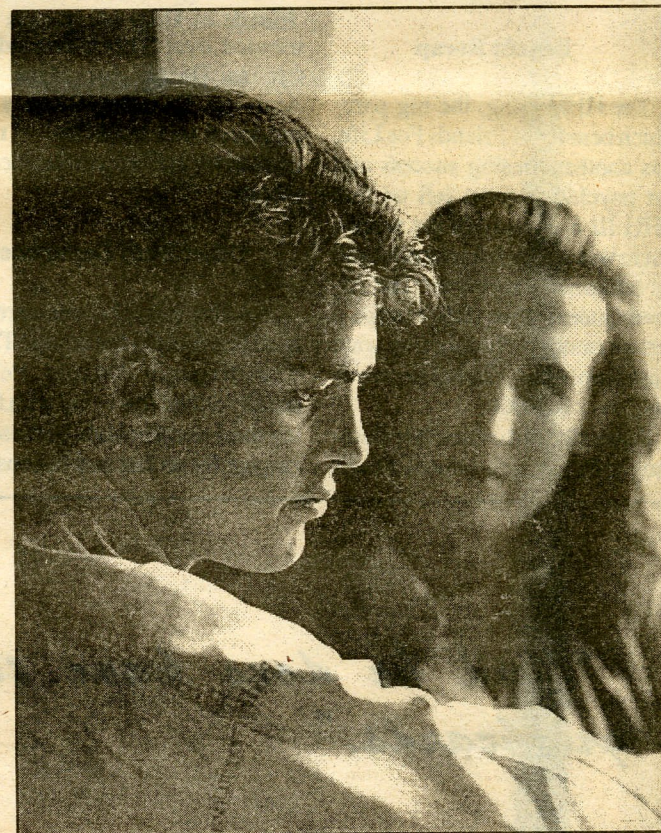
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## Happy Everybody's Sundry Holidays

Ladies, gentlemen and others.

At this season of the year, we feel it only fair to extend our thanks to all of you gentle readers for making us whatever we have become and expressing your enjoyment on many occasions. Also, a special thanks to those who have helped us to mention those many places where it is not possible for us to be (as will be very evident this month). We, as a journalist and dirt dauber, have always had a strong commitment to credit where credit is due (on either side of the fence) and we appreciate all of the elves who help us toward that goal.

We will only mention two individuals by name, our editors Allen Cook and John Stilwell who won the first Man of the Year award ever presented in our community and deserve a second round from a new source. Remember, though we all be good Faeries, it is more than magick that brings y'all disyere paypah each month, every month.

And to those who do not fall into the above categories.... yawn.

### Benefit Recap

The HHH thing, the big party which benefitted Friends For Life, was another rousing success and our psychic sources tell us that HHH III is already in the works. There was a very large turnout and the costume winner was "The African Queens" (we didn't make it and we cannot truly conceive what these were like). The net proceeds were over \$14,000.

Aphrodite put on another slam-bang effort at their annual *That's*

*Entertainment* benefit and raised \$3,001.03 (this amount was just to good for ethnic television of any nationality). A very large turnout was conspicuously generous. The show benefitted their annual Holiday Food Basket fund.

The women of Aphrodite always accept names of any needy individual who may need a food basket for the holidays. Many are distributed to PLWA's but any needful individual may included (an ad with information appears elsewhere).

A World of Passion raised well over \$6,000 at their most unique show which benefitted Loving Arms. Hairstyling and fashion were combined with several themes—both dramatic and "message"—to make up a wild and wacky event. Central to the proceedings was the first appearance in many a moon by our deah sistah Henna Rintz (aka actor Mark Chambers) who was received warmly and contributed a not small amount to the effort herself.

We neglected to mention that friends of Hetti McDaniels contributed over \$1,000 toward her trip to Dallas for Miss Gay America. Summer Holiday has promised us a bucketful of news entitled *Hetti Does Dallas* for next month.

### Other Stuff Department

Another annual event reared its head last month, the annual Trixie Thunderpussy Awards. People usually attend this event with fencing masks and pot lids because the zingers fly so fast and furious that

one must be prepared to shield oneself in case one passes too close. Trixie herself considers this year's the best to date. What can one say about a decorator that transformed J-Wag's into a twinkling winter wonderland? Tommy Stewart even commented he had never seen the place so white.

We were advised of the following highlights: Community Service Award—*Nice Boys from Good Families*; Lifetime Achievement Award—Sabrina; Most Promising Newcomer—Sylvia Dollar; Most Versatile—Hetti McDaniels; Entertainer of the Year—Sofonda L. Peters; Best Dressed Entertainer—Jackée; Stage Manager of the Year—Donna Morgan and the Gold Award for Professionalism—Vonna. There were many others and, of course, Miss TP dumped several on her boss. We guess y'all, like us, will have to attend next time to see it all.

It is interesting to note (as we seldom fail to do) that this is the one and only set of awards in Memphis during which female impersonators are recognized by others in their own venue. Someone really should recognize Miss TP sometime. Sal-ute!

One milestone this month will be the largest commemoration of World AIDS Day Memphis has yet seen. First Congregational Church and Friends For Life—HIV Resources have combined efforts to stage an event which will include speakers, musical performances and the dedication of several new panels destined for the Names Project Quilt. One panel will be dedicated to several of our departed glitter sisters including Renée Williams, Billie Jo Casino,

Sable Starr, Holly Brown and Eddwina Smith. Several other panels will remember individuals and numerous others will be remembered in a new panel from Friends For Life. More details are available elsewhere (don't you

billed under Sofonda Peters?

### Pageant Recap

Miss Mess Memphis—Frito Lay

Miss Southern States—Miss Arlington (a newcomer)

A special congratulations to Hetti McDaniels for her fine representation of Memphis and Tennessee at Miss Gay America.

Yes, dears, we just turned 40.

### Final Round

If I were one of those Faeries with gifts to bestow, my choice would be a sense of wonder which never fades. It is perhaps the most precious gift of all.

May everyone receive just exactly what they deserve this holiday (making no personal judgments, of course.)

Have a good Yule, a Chanukah Tovah and a Merry Christmas.

Ta, ta.  
Lady A.

*Lady A's Pounds*

queens even read the front page?).

By the way, we are positive that the same locations which brought you Thanksgiving dinner will do the same on Christmas Day. Chaps, the Hut, Nikita's, Oops and the Pipeline should be contacted for times. And what heart!

Sofonda Peters and her Turkeys were scheduled for a show at Amnesia on Thanksgiving. Anyone care to admit to being a turkey



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# Naval Investigators Deny Bias in Collins Case

By Mike Morgan  
TJN Correspondent

Some good and some bad has come of Kenneth Collins since his story appeared in last month's TJN as originally reported by *Memphis* magazine in October.

As you may have read, Collins was arrested July 16, 1992 and charged by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service of setting 26 arson fires aboard the USS Enterprise, a ship on which he had been working in Norfolk VA.

Collins was held at Quantico brig until Oct. 2, 1992 when his charges were dropped because there was no evidence to link him to the scene of any of the crimes and only three vague witness accounts of someone fitting his general description being seen in the area of two of the fires.

Collins' months at Quantico sent him down a long dark road of depression from which he has yet to find his way back. He began having anxiety attacks in prison believing that the NCIS would, as they had promised, somehow be able to convict him and that his sentence could be 200 years hard labor or the death penalty. Collins attempted to take his own life following which he was stripped and chained naked in his cell.

During some counseling visits he confided to a Navy chaplain that he was Gay and had had sex with men.

While Collins was being held, there were two more fires set aboard the Enterprise.

After the charges were dropped, the Navy initiated a 'separate admin-

istrative action' which released EM3 Kenneth Collins from service for being a homosexual.

Shortly after Collins was discharged, Petty officer 2nd Class Michael C. Highland confessed to having set two fires aboard the Enterprise. He was not jailed during his trial and his sentence was 65 days in the brig, a pay reduction and a \$1,000 fine.

A list of questions was sent to the NCIS by Tim Sampson when he was gathering material for his article. The NCIS' reply was sluggish at best and was not faxed until well after the October *Memphis* magazine deadline. We obtained a transcript of these questions and answers and there are some interesting discrepancies between statements by the NCIS and statements made by persons questioned by Sampson.

Sampson asked each individual questioned by the NCIS "What did the NCIS say to you or ask you?" Most all of them reported independently of one another being told by NCIS agents that they already had pictures, videotapes, fingerprints and witnesses of Collins committing the crimes. The official NCIS reply was, "There were no pictures of Collins setting fires nor were any witnesses or persons interviewed told that pictures existed. No witnesses or persons interviewed were told that Collins' fingerprints were found at any of the crime scenes."

Persons questioned by Sampson also stated being asked about Collins' homosexuality. One of Sampson's questions to the NCIS reads:

"At the Article 32, NCIS agent

Suchy said that Collins' homosexuality was not a consideration during the investigation, but when FBI agent Joseph Chisolm (who wrote the profile of the suspected arsonist) was questioned, he testified that NCIS agents had indeed discussed homosexuality. How much and what kind of role did this play in the NIS investigation?"

The NCIS reply: "The NCIS did not learn that Collins was a homosexual until after he had been identified as a suspect. No witness was ever questioned about Collins sexual preference. As a matter of policy, consistent with DOD (Dept. of Defense) policy, NCIS does not investigate homosexuality as a lifestyle. NCIS investigates felonies, in this case, arson."

This month's *Memphis* Magazine will include several items in response to the Collins story including a letter sent by Robert J. Finan of the NCIS and a letter from Mark Alexander of Bellevue Baptist Church who was "utterly offended" by Sampson's portrayal of Collins and his now ex-lover as living a "perfectly normal lifestyle," which he said, "is to be hated, abhorred, loathed."

"Perhaps he should take a look in his own choir," said Sampson.

An anonymous *Memphis* Magazine reader gave Collins a car after reading of Collins's isolation since returning to the Memphis area in rural west Tennessee. He has been on medical disability battling with Chron's disease and esophagitis and at this writing has checked himself into Eastwood Mental Health Clinic for further treatment of his depression and Post Traumatic Stress disorder.

Kenneth Collins' story has been forwarded to several news programs including *Day One* and *60 Minutes* by Sampson and TJN is gathering material to send to *The Advocate* and Lambda

Legal Defense Fund. Collins tells us he would be interested in a civil suit if it could get him his mother's money back. (She had to mortgage her home for \$25,000 in order to pay his legal defense fees.)

If you happen to see Kenneth on the

street and recognize him from his pictures in the October issue of *Memphis* magazine, tell him you're proud of him for standing up and telling his story. No one deserves to be treated as he has been by our very own government.  
—Mike Morgan

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By Gary Salles

With Christmas upon us, the florists start just after Halloween with their open house parties, so that their favorite customers can see what's hot for the holidays. Jeff Bradshaw, Memphis Floral Association's 1993 Designer of the Year, and recently elected vice-President, put together a true wonderland of exquisitely decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces and accessories.

Owner of The Flower Store in Covington, Jeff is the exclusive supplier in West Tennessee for the handcrafted "Santas by Gran," which feature faces of clay, all hand-sewn garments and real fur accessories, as well as porcelain and handcarved wooden appointments.

These Santas run from \$150 - \$1,000 and are the hottest thing going this year, thanks to first lady Hillary Clinton's request for one for the White House.



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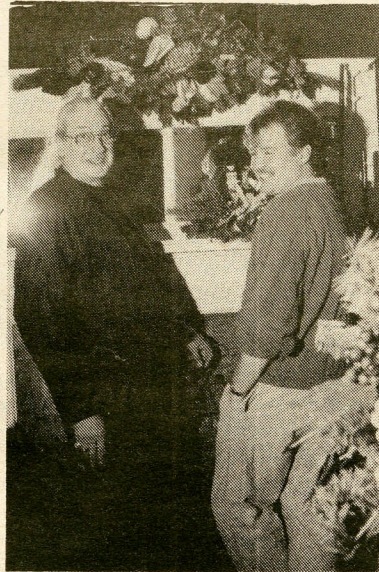


Jeff Bradshaw and longtime friends (and customers), Mary Salles and Kathleen Corcoran.

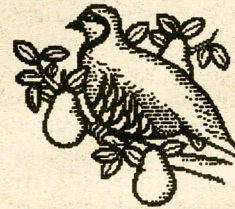
Although Jeff's shop is about a 30-minute drive from Memphis, it is definitely worth the ride if you are looking for something new and visually exciting to liven up your home for the Holidays.

Or you could simply call Jeff and let him transform your Nightmare Before Christmas into something from Babes in Toyland.

By the way, congratulations to Jeff and lover Allen Casey this month as they begin their fourth year together.



Jeff discusses design ideas with designer, instructor, friend, Wayne Newsome.



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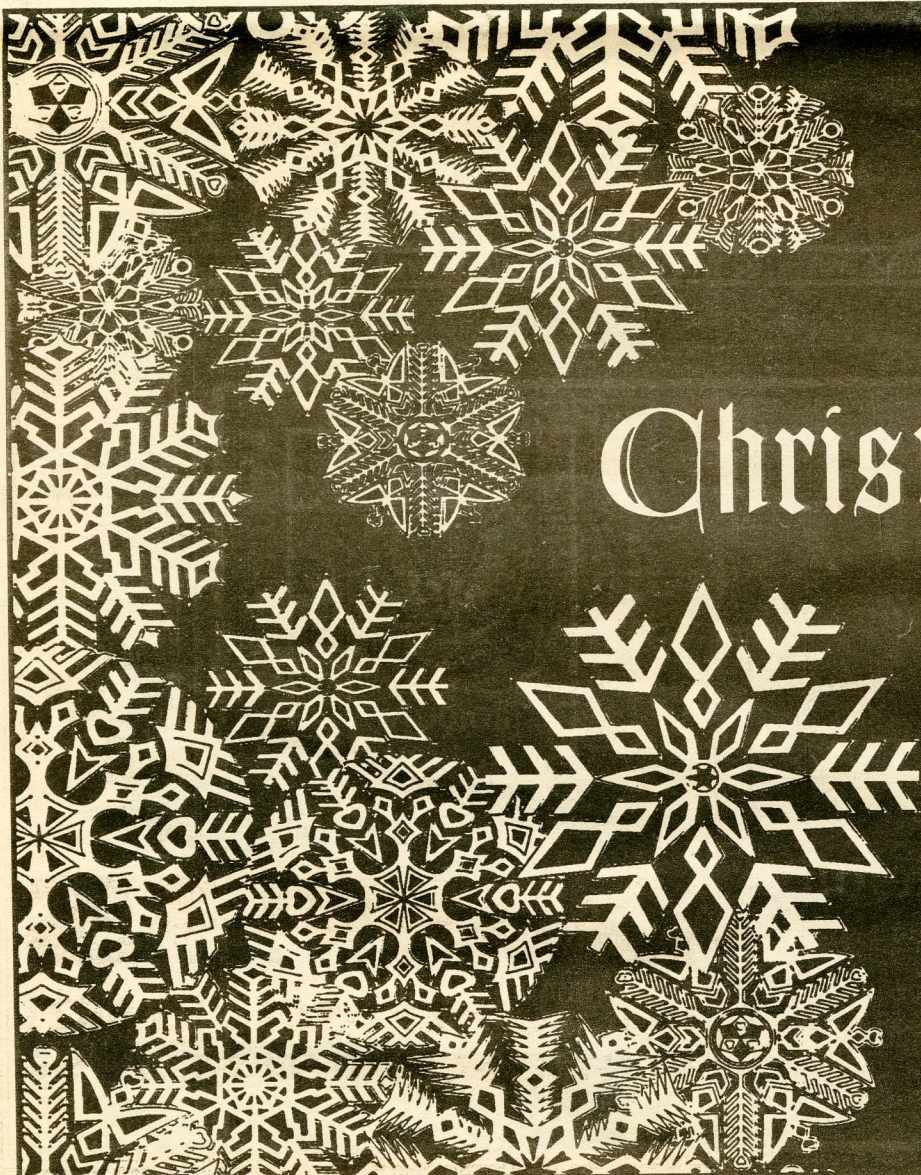
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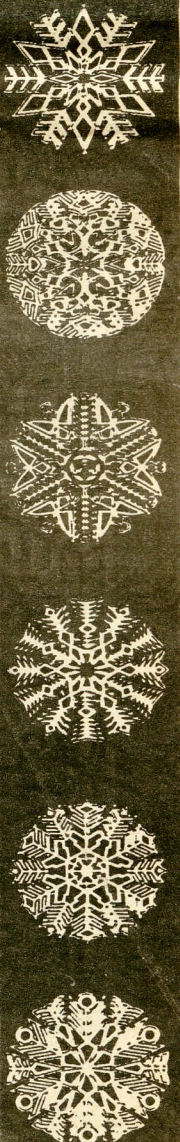
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Last in a Series

# One in the Spirit — Seeking Faith Support

By Vincent Astor

*One of the most pressing deficiencies among Gay and Lesbian people is spiritual direction. Many people discover that the spiritual traditions in which they were raised have no place for or outrightly reject Gays and Lesbians. This is slowly changing.*

*In a city and region so immersed in Christian spirituality, diverse spiritual opportunities are also available for Gays and Lesbians—both Christian and non-Christian.*

*This series attempts to present some of these. Any information, corrections or amplifications will be welcome.*

## Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church of Germantown

At the root of the Unitarian Universalist Association's beliefs are freedom of individual conscience and religious belief. At the national level, there is an Office of Gay and Lesbian Affairs; there was also official participation in the 1993 March on Washington. The Unitarian theology is untraditional and therefore very open. Equal human rights are central to its teaching and action.

Rev. Jean Rickerd arrived in Memphis from Little Rock in July of 1992 to become pastor of this very new Unitarian congregation (which had only been worshipping for six months). Neshoba was sponsored by the Church of the River specifically as an outreach to people living far east of its riverfront location. Rev. Rickerd characterizes this congregation as a "welcoming congregation and welcoming of diversity." She states that "the goal and mission is to have a truly diverse congregation—for instance, including African-Americans, Gays and Lesbians, single persons and families all worshipping together."

There is a Gay and Lesbian presence at Neshoba but they have no specific outreach to any particular group. The congregation's number is small and the church is still in its first growth and development. Rev. Rickerd may be consulted about ceremonies of union.

Neshoba is also involved with the Congregation of Unitarian Universalist Pagan Society (CUPPS).

## Memphis Friends Meeting (Quakers)

The Society of Friends, as the Quakers were originally called, have a long tradition for admission

of all and inclusiveness. Their roots trace back to this country's founding (specifically in Pennsylvania) and the Memphis Friends Meeting carries on this tradition. This small meeting is very pro Gay and Lesbian, and Dr. Ron McDonald, a member, states that the same feeling is prevalent in larger conferences throughout the nation. The Memphis group is voluntarily connected to the Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association and the Friends General Conference.

"Quakers are fond of saying that they have done away with the laity as all are ministers," says Dr. McDonald. This meeting is one of two congregations which have statements welcoming Gays and Lesbians. This one takes the form of a Minute on Inclusiveness which states that all persons who come to seek marriage would be considered equally, whether of opposite or same sexes. There is no condemnation whatever for

being Gay or Lesbian. There is no minister but a Clerk of the Meeting holds office for a year. There is a Gay/Lesbian presence and these members are active in ministry.

*Note: The only other congregation which has published an Open and Affirming statement is First Congregational, United Church of Christ. Holy Trinity Community Church was founded by Gay men and Lesbians specifically as an inclusive congregation.*

*This series has been much longer than the writer ever imagined. It is the writer's hope that those who seek faith support may find a comfortable and welcoming place among these persons of good will, both Christian and non-Christian.*

*The listing of congregations and phone numbers is published each month in the Resources section. Any future additions will be gladly accepted and, as space and time permit, these groups will be highlighted in a similar manner.*

*A collection of this series of articles is kept in the MGLCC library and near the Switchboard references there.*

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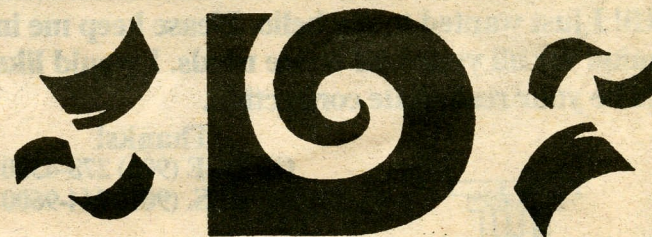
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# Bowling Beat

By Tony Matics  
Brothers & Sister Bowling League

Well, well, another month has gone by and those wacky pinbowlers of multiple colored balls are still going at it!! Through nine weeks of competition we are beginning to see the dust finally settle on several teams (of course its those teams behind in the standings...why else would dust settle??), and a small handful are trying to make their claim at being

named First Half Champions. Those four guys with only two letters representing their first names "(CD)2" have been sitting in the top spot for several weeks now. they are now being closely followed by those fine gentlemen with "NICEBALLS", an up and coming force (STRIKE FORCE), and those loosely skinned guys (FOUR-SKINS). The whole thing comes to a head (hmmm...interesting choice of words) with our final position round of the first half on December 10th, so come on out to Park Lanes and root us on!!!

## Double Scotch Anyone? No, It's Scotch Doubles

The St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T.) committee announces a unique never before seen mini-tournament to be held Saturday, Dec. 18, at Park Bowling Lanes (Park & Getwell). This tournament is a doubles competition with a very interesting twist (no, not a from of Chubby Checker's twist): each member of the doubles team must bowl every other ball during a game. It's like two people bowling the same game, with each person bowling every other time. If your partner starts the game bowling the first frame and only knocks down 5 pins, you must roll the next ball to try and make the spare. then, no matter how you did (even if you were lucky enough to make a spare), your partner throws the next ball, and so on, and so on. Each doubles team will roll three games, with cash prizes being given to the doubles teams with high game and high series. The number of teams "cashing" depends upon the number of entries registered.

This tournament will have registration at the bowling alley beginning at 1:00 p.m. with bowling to start at 2:00 p.m. there will be Strike Pot raffles, and other goodies for the day. This particular Saturday afternoon

event is a first-time attempt at this format and promises to be a hoot!! The cost per team (two people) is \$25.00 (that's \$12.50 each for you mathematicians) and includes your lane fees, prize fund monies, and a donation toward S.P.I.T. committee's fund raising effort. For those of you who have Christmas parties to attend that evening, we should be finished by 6:00p.m. So come out and join the fun.

## Brothers & Sisters Looking For A Few More Siblings!!

The Brothers & Sisters bowling league is still seeking people to fill some empty spots on a couple of teams. If you desire to do something on Friday nights besides watching T.V. come on out an join us. The cost to bowl each week is \$9.00, and there is a one-time fee for various association dues. we are an ABC/WIBC Sanctioned League, and are affiliated with International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) which promotes bowling tournaments around the country for our brothers and sisters. We have 16 teams, of four persons each team (except a couple of teams), and promise you nothing but fun. This league is a handicap league, so you need not be a great bowler to join. Well, watch this column next

month for the fast and furious finish to our First Half of bowling. It should be exciting!!! Until next month...remember...its not how you scored it, its how well you scored.

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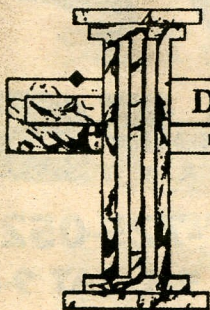
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## Congress Approves Measure That Could Delay AIDS Vaccine Trial

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP) — Congress has approved a provision that could possibly derail federally funded human trials of an experimental AIDS vaccine manufactured by a Meriden-based biotechnology company.

The measure in the defense spending bill approved Wednesday gives government scientists more time to consider whether it is wise to spend the \$20 million solely on testing the vaccine manufactured by MicroGeneSys Inc.

MicroGeneSys got Congress to approve the funds in 1992 for the Army to test its vaccine after failing to win a commitment from the National Institutes of Health, the federal agency that funds most government-sponsored research.

The move drew widespread criticism in the medical research community, where there is some skepticism about the effectiveness of the vaccine the company calls gp160. Scientists and AIDS activists charged Congress with imposing its judgment on the medical science community.

When the funds were approved in 1992, Congress gave the Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration six months to decide whether the money could be put to better use for wider-ranging AIDS research.

That time period passed in April, and planning for the large-scale clinical tests is still under way. But the amendment included in the defense bill for the new fiscal year gives the

agencies until April 5 to certify to Congress whether the money should go for some other use.

The provision adds another delay in what has turned out to be a year of delays in getting a bigger trial of the vaccine and could alter the fortunes of MicroGeneSys, which views the vaccine as the most promising of a small field of candidates.

"The most serious consequence of this delay is that millions of HIV-positive people worldwide will have to wait yet even longer before they learn whether the promise that gp160 has shown in earlier tests will be confirmed in the final Phase III trials," said Franklin Volvovitz, president of MicroGeneSys.

MicroGeneSys has been waiting to start the next round of clinical trials, known as Phase III, on its vaccine. The drug has shown promise in recent foreign tests, the company said.

Opponents of the funding expressed relief that the agencies had been given more time to decide whether to go ahead with the trial.

Mervyn Silverman, a physician who serves as president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said the new approach makes sense. His group had opposed testing a single vaccine.

"Hopefully, this money can be spent in the absolute best possible way," Silverman said. "We are dealing with such scarce resources that all of us want to be sure every dollar spent is well spent."

## Potential Vaccines Fail In Key Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promising vaccines against the AIDS virus have failed in key laboratory tests, raising the possibility that large-scale trials may be delayed, researchers report.

Several vaccines that had triggered neutralizing antibodies in tests against laboratory strains of the AIDS virus were not able to cause the same disease protection effect when tested against fresh virus that had been taken from patients, researchers reported at a recent conference sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

"It certainly does make me anxious about going forward with large-scale efficacy trials," Dr. Anthony Fauci told *Science* magazine. Fauci is head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

*Science*, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said in a report that three new studies have shown that candidate vaccine injected into healthy volunteers did cause production of neutralizing antibodies that were effective against laboratory strains of HIV.

But these same antibodies were ineffective in lab tests against "primary field isolates," or fresh strains of AIDS virus that had been taken recently from the blood of actual patients. This test is considered to be a more realistic challenge of the vaccine because the general population has strains of the virus that may differ slightly from those used in the laboratory.

Officials at NIAID have called for a meeting next spring to evaluate these tests and decide whether to go forward with vaccine tests in the United States now scheduled for the end of next year.

## Nutritional Food Product For PWAs Introduced

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — Abbott Laboratories' Ross Products Division has introduced a full-nutrition food product specifically designed for people with AIDS or infected with HIV.

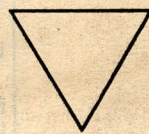
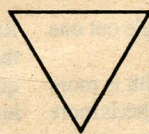
Announcement of the new product, trade-named ADVERA, was made at the 1994 annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association at Anaheim, Calif.

Ross Products vice president Art Hecker said ADVERA had been shown in clinical tests to provide for the nutritional needs of people with HIV or AIDS.

Hecker said one aspect of AIDS is progressive weight loss, commonly known as the wasting syndrome. He said that in a six-month study conducted in Los Angeles, participants receiving ADVERA maintained their body weight better than those receiving a leading nutritional supplement.

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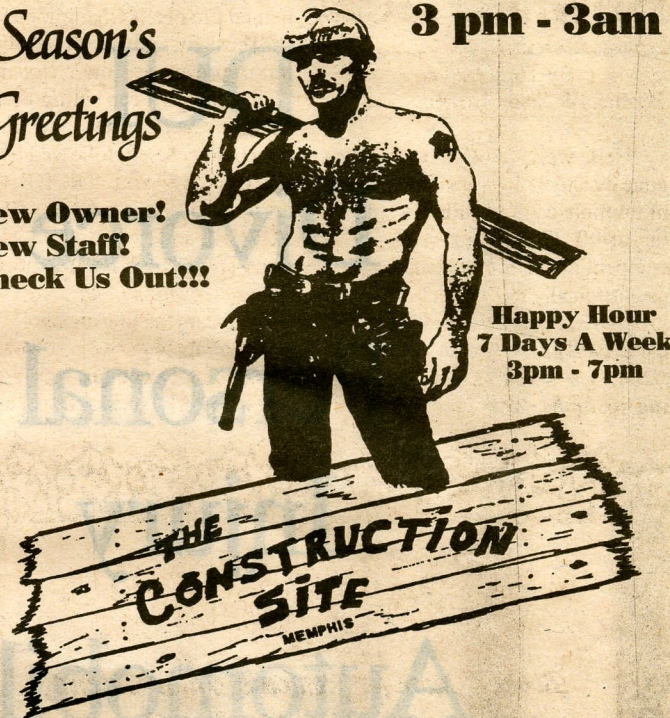
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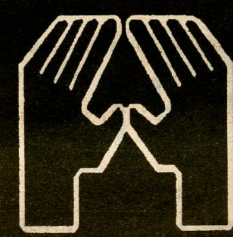
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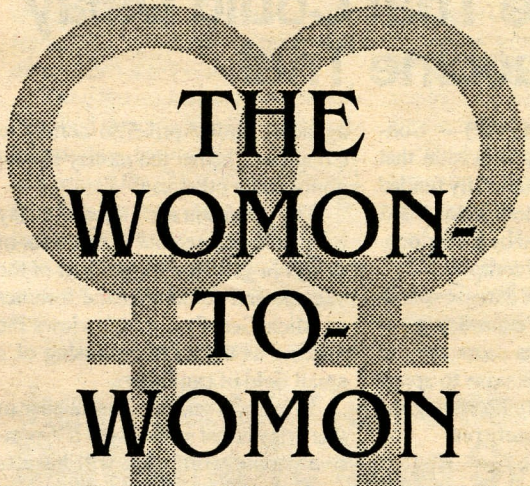
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## Radecic

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turbulent period when Gays are experiencing both greater public acceptance and a backlash in the form of anti-Gay ballot initiatives in some communities.

Radecic, however, refuses to single out one issue as paramount for Gays.

"I'm not going to ... tell you health is more important than civil rights, or civil rights is more important than media, or media is more important than violence," she said in an interview. "All of these things have got to happen at the same time."

Radecic, 33, has spent more than half her life working for Gay and feminist causes.

At 15, she began doing Lesbian-feminist programming at a community radio station in Pittsburgh, her hometown. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Radecic became the Lesbian rights project director for the National Organization for Women. Six years ago, she joined the task force, where she lobbied for civil rights, AIDS prevention, health care and an end to anti-Gay violence.

Radecic is steeped in the language of leftist Gay politics. Words like "empower" and "gender-neutral" pepper her speech. She's careful to use the all-inclusive "Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people" when discussing her constituency. Transgendered people include transvestites, transsexuals and people who are preparing for sex-change operations.

The tricks of her lobbying trade aren't lost in her new role. Radecic tries to make sure grassroots lobbyists are well-armed — with voting records, legislative summaries, names of co-sponsors, how many committees the bill's been referred to, and what action if any has been taken so far.

"So a member of Congress can't walk out of that appointment and say, 'Well, I don't know what the bill number is,' or 'I've never seen the bill,' or 'I didn't know it was introduced,' because it's all there for somebody to hand to them," she said.

Asked about her successes on Capitol Hill, Radecic is quick to take credit for passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act — the law requiring the Justice Department to keep track of bias crimes against Blacks, Jews, Gays and other minorities.

Michael Petrelis, a Gay activist who recently formed the group Gay and Lesbian Americans, says Radecic's credentials are unimpressive. "She has not produced results for our community," he said.

Concerning the hate crimes statistics law, Petrelis said, "I don't think it's all that proactive or productive for our movement."

But Urvashi Vaid, the task force's executive director until 1992, called Radecic "a woman of great intelligence and a lot of experience in the Gay movement."

"I think when people look at her background, they might be tempted to typecast her as a real inside Washington person," Vaid said. "I think they're going to be surprised about how aware she is about what's happening around the country."

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## Deck(orate) the Walls

By Mike Morgan

The year Nineteen Hundred and ninety-three is quickly drawing to a close. It's getting to where you can almost count the number of days left on your fingers and toes. It's just about time to rip down those old calendars and go buy some new ones.

We've had some interesting calendars cross our desk recently that were sent to us by Geoff Manasse Photography studio that may be just the right thing for that soon to be blank spot on your refrigerator or bedroom wall. "Days on the March" is an inspiring calendar featuring photographs from the 1993 March on Washington.

The march drew an estimated 1.5 million people and some of the shots that try to encompass the entire crowd are quite literally breath-taking. A sea of hot sweaty fags and dykes. What more could you ask for?

Other pictures are included of the various contingents and events showing what a truly diverse group of people we are when we come together in one place at one time.

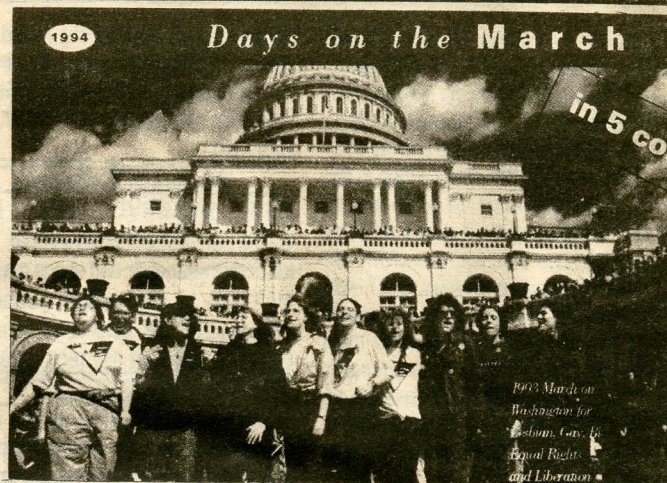
"Days Together" is a calendar with a warmth all its own. If you're look-

ing for a skin calendar, this is not the one for you. This calendar is about families and relationships. Gay and Lesbian families, that is. The people featured here all share a peaceful contentment about their lives and share some of their warmest moments with the photographer as couples cuddle on couches and families gather outdoors for activities and frivolity.

"Days of Men" is your skin calen-

dar. Geoff Manasse has captured these nudes in mostly natural outdoor settings. These photos have been compared to the work of photographer Jim French but some of them are downright quirky in composition. One of the zanier examples is of a fully erect man standing on his head next to a cello lying on its side.

These calendars are available at Meristem, 930 South Cooper, for \$12.00 or by calling 1-800-884-4511 with credit card orders. The studio promises shipping within 24 hours.



## The Library Shelf Reclaiming History

By Vincent Astor

*Hidden from History—Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past* is very fine and interesting reading; a volume I discovered on the shelves of the MGLCC library. It is a collection of essays jointly edited by Martin Bauml Duberman, Martha Vicinus and George Chauncey, Jr. The contents are taken from a variety of authors representing both male and female viewpoints and does a marvelous job of excerpting Gay/Lesbian history through many eras.

Do not let the term "essay" scare you, it is fascinating and interesting reading.

The book is divided into time pe-

riods (ancient, pre-industrial, 19th century, early 20th century and during and after World War II). Much early historical documentation is, unfortunately, court records of fantastic trials during which our forbears were being prosecuted. It does, however, shed a great deal of light on what certain individuals were like and how they were treated in the light of their own era.

Its most important point is that, before the 1890's and the prevalent use and definition of the term "homosexual", relationships between persons of the same sex had an entirely different connotation. We of this era are defining equal relationships unlike those of any previous era and it

is the task of this book to shed some light on those earlier times.

Places range from ancient Ming and Qing China to Jazz Age-Harlem, persons range from Native American Lesbians to the "mollies" of 18th century England, historical figures range from sexologist Marcus Hirschfield to "passing woman" Babe Bean.

This should be required reading for those who wish to delve into and seek pride in the Gay/Lesbian heritage. It opens the doors toward further research, is fascinating reading and does indeed focus on a great deal of courage in some areas. It can also be borrowed from your friendly, neighborhood Gay and Lesbian Community Center Library.

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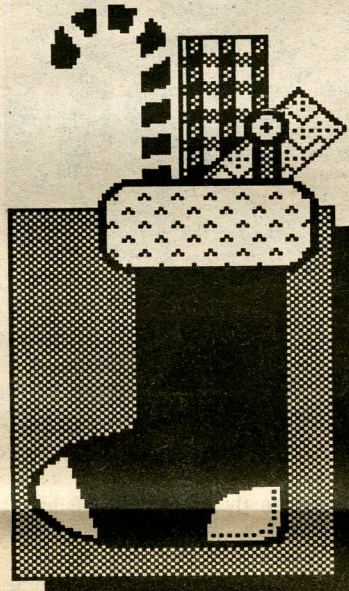
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Friday	10:00 pm	Discussion
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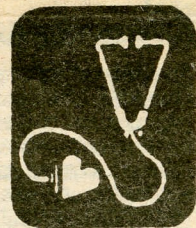
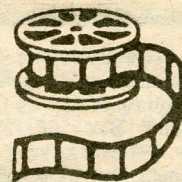
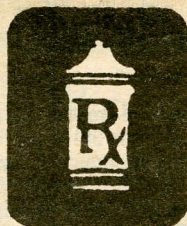
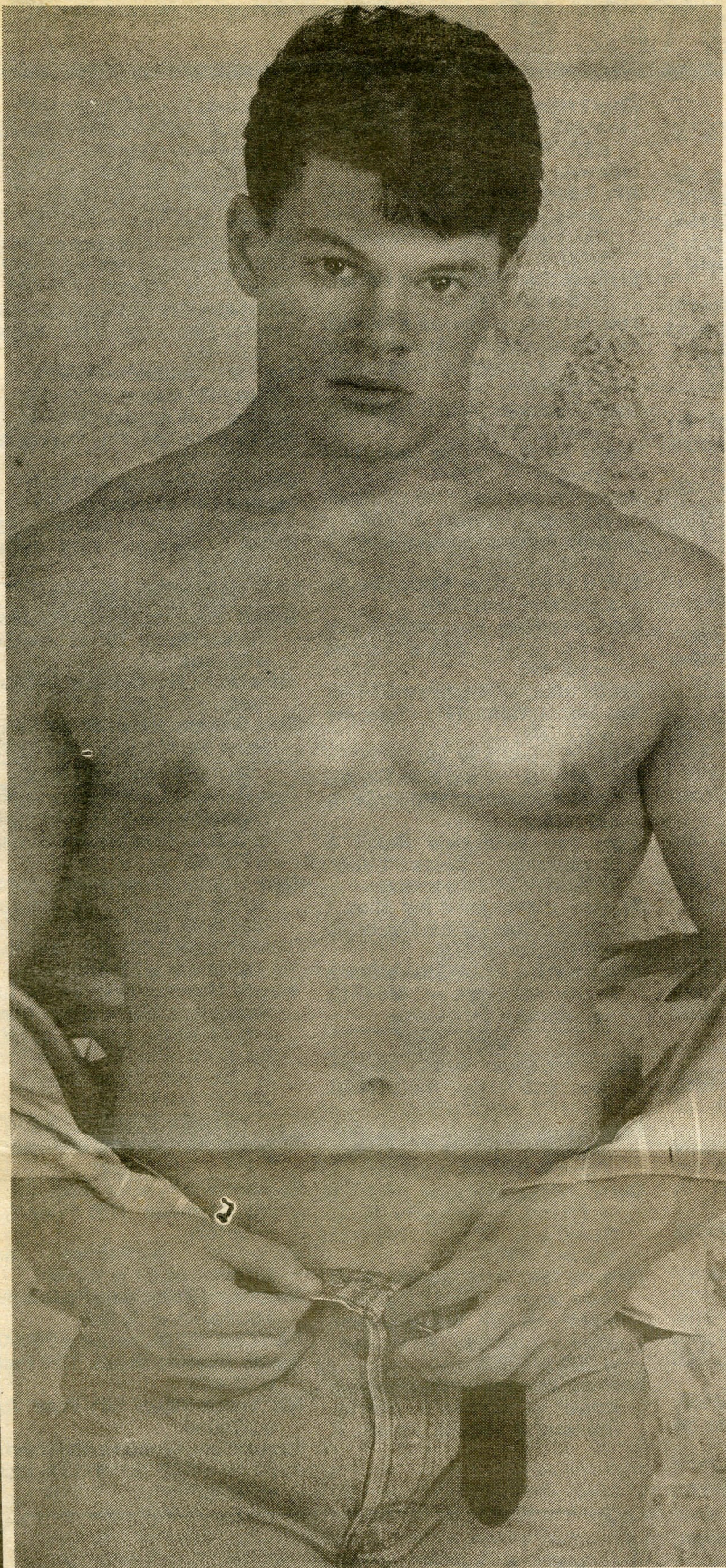
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