

Women's Retreat Owners Harrassed by Locals

OVETT, Miss. (AP) — The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force asked the government Dec. 8 to help protect a feminist educational retreat run by two Lesbians in rural Mississippi.

Attorney General Janet Reno was asked to provide "immediate assistance in ending a violent situation in Ovet, Mississippi, between the community and two Lesbians who own land in Jones County ... The women's lives are in danger."

There was no immediate response by the Justice Department.

The call by Task Force Executive Director Peri Jude Radecic in Washington followed a community meeting in Ovet on Dec. 6 attended by about 250 people opposed to the retreat, called Sister Spirit Inc.

Wanda and Brenda Henson said they set up the retreat on a one-time pig farm to champion issues important to women and to provide assistance to those in need. The two, who consider themselves to be married, said about 20 women live at the retreat.

Some people at the Dec. 6 meeting said they feared the Lesbians will recruit their daughters; others called homosexuality a moral sin.

"It's taught against in the Scriptures," Ray Thornton of the Baptist Ministry Association of Mississippi told the meeting. "It's in opposition

for what God intended for procreation of the human race."

Wanda Henson said in a telephone interview that she did not attend the meeting out of fear for her safety. She said the claims of opponents are ridiculous, "but make no mistake, this is like a time bomb. We honestly fear for our lives."

The Hensons said they have been receiving threatening phone calls and found a dead dog hanging from their mailbox about a month ago.

"We've had armed men come onto our land, even boys who claimed to be hunting but were not wearing the right kind of clothing," Wanda Henson said.

Opponents of the retreat are hoping to use state laws forbidding sodomy to force the women to leave town. Paul Walley, an attorney for the Perry County Board of Supervisors, has volunteered his services to the group.

The Hensons said they intend no harm and that they are the victims of prejudice because of their sexual orientation.

Radecic asked Reno to send FBI agents to monitor the situation and to initiate an investigation by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

She asked that a department representative attend another community meeting scheduled for Jan. 4.

Memphis Responds

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian community has already begun responding to the needs of the Sister Spirit Camp. Monetary and in-kind donations are being accepted at Meristem Books.

What Can You Do To Help?

- Write Attorney Gen. Janet Reno requesting an immediate investigation.
- Go to Ovet, MS and support Camp Sister Spirit with your presence.
- Items needed include chain saws, generators, CB radios, hand

tools, corrugated metal, toiletries, hygiene items, canned food, kitchen equipment, and a security/ lighting system

Financial contributions can be sent directly to Camp Sister Spirit, P.O. Box 12, Ovet, MS 39464



The AIDS Memorial Quilt panel created by Friends For Life in memory of its clients who have succumbed to AIDS. It was presented at the World AIDS Day program at First Congregational Church (See story on page 12.)

Colorado's Amendment 2 Ruled Unconstitutional

By Peggy Lowe
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — The jukebox was turned down low and the television news up high at the Denver Detour after a judge ruled Colorado's anti-Gay rights law unconstitutional.

"I'm psyched!" said Judith Watkins, a Lesbian in the crowd of patrons at the Gay bar Dec. 14 "If it was constitutional I would feel like a non-citizen, a non-American somehow."

State District Judge Jeffrey Bayless struck down Amendment 2, a voter-approved measure that outlawed Gay-rights laws and touched off a nationwide boycott of Colorado's tourism industry.

Bayless said the measure violates the Constitution's equal protection clause by usurping "the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process."

"It's a terrific ruling. The ruling

is a strong affirmation of Gay and Lesbian civil rights," said Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York.

Boycott Colorado immediately announced it was lifting its protest against Colorado's huge tourism industry. The group claimed the boycott cost Colorado \$119 million in canceled conventions; state tourism officials put the figure at \$39 million.

The state said it will appeal to the state Supreme Court and, if necessary, the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It is absolutely clear that this case has always been one that needed to be decided by a higher court," Attorney General Gale Norton said.

Will Perkins, founder of Colorado for Family Values, which wrote the amendment, claimed a partial victory in the part of the ruling that said homosexuals do not need the special protection afforded politically powerless minorities who have

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Focus of Gays-In-Military Debate Re-Enlists

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Openly gay Petty Officer Keith Meinhold re-enlisted in the Navy Dec. 16 as the government resumed its court battle to expel him.

Meinhold swore to uphold the Constitution for the fourth time in a ceremony held an hour before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was scheduled to hear opening arguments in his nationally-watched case.

The panel will rule on whether the military's ban on Gays in uniform is constitutional.

The oath was administered by Lt. Zoe Dunning, a reserve officer and a Lesbian who also is fighting Navy efforts to kick her out.

Meinhold, 30, a decorated sonar instructor, signed on for two years. He first enlisted in the Navy at age 17. He was discharged in August 1992 after announcing his sexual orientation on national television. A federal judge in Los Angeles later ordered the Navy to reinstate him.

Meinhold called his re-enlistment a milestone "because now we're along the road to seeing that all Americans ... will eventually be treated as equal citizens."

FBI Ordered to End Bias Against Gays

By Carolyn Skorneck
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is being ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno to end a policy making it difficult for homosexuals to be hired.

Until 1979, the Federal Bureau of Investigation had barred homosexuals and since then its policy was that homosexual behavior made it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

Reno issued a statement Dec. 2 prohibiting all kinds of discrimination throughout the Justice Department.

While that order was a restatement of existing policy for most of the department, the language forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation produced a major change for the FBI, spokesman Carl Stern said.

The bureau issued its own statement Dec. 3:

"The FBI, like the attorney general, is committed to ensuring that applicants and employees are judged on the merits of their qualifications."

Most agents were taking the change in stride, said one FBI agent, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "I don't believe it's perceived as being revolutionary or shocking."

Reno's orders came as a federal class action case brought by former FBI agent Frank Buttino, 48, was settled in San Francisco. (See story on page 4)

Buttino is a decorated 20-year FBI veteran who was fired in 1990. His supervisors in San Diego received an anonymous note in 1988 saying he was Gay. Buttino denied it at first, explaining later that he knew he would be fired if he told the truth. After he acknowledged his homosexuality several weeks later, he lost his security clearance and then his job.

The FBI says he was fired because he lied, not because he is homosexual. It was not clear if the new policy would affect his case.

Under the new policy, job applicants at the FBI will not have their chances derailed simply because someone interviewed during a background check says the applicant is homosexual when asked about "conduct that would make the person unreliable," the agent said.

Homosexuality alone would not disqualify applicants, but going to gay bathhouses every night could, just as "if a heterosexual is going to singles bars every night, you could

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Whose Community?

By Allen Cook

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) has been open at 1484 Madison since August. In that time, depending on your point of view, it has both progressed and regressed.

According to MGLCC president, Michael Schiefelbein, the Center is more successful now than it has ever been by whatever standard you judge it — people using the center, money in the bank, programs being offered. Its Lavender University has brought people to the center who would never have come without the programming, he says.

The Lavender University, Schiefelbein's idea, is an effort to position the Center as an "educational" institution. Apparently, a failed attempt to gain a tax-exempt status as a "social" organization, led to a re-structure and repositioning of the Center.

When the Center originally opened at 1291 Madison, it was viewed primarily as a "drop-in" center where Gay and Lesbian people would be able to stop by pretty much anytime to read a Gay or Lesbian

magazine, check out a book or video, or just lounge and socialize.

Unfortunately, contends Schiefelbein, the drop-in atmosphere was abused and the "wrong kind" of people began hanging around. These "sleazy people" he says scared off the kind of people who could afford to pay for the fledgling Center and its image was tarnished and donations were hard to come by.

Controversies surrounding the perceived political nature of the Center and poor early leadership very nearly cost the center its existence.

It rallied once to move to the building at 1665 Madison, but that building proved inadequate for even medium-sized group meetings.

Less than a year ago, the Center planned a move to a building in the Binghampton area, but was thwarted when the new landlord backed out of the deal on the weekend of the move. After a several month hiatus, the current space was acquired and the Center reopened.

In recent months, former board members have charged that the Center has an

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"elitist" attitude and places too much emphasis on raising money and too little on service to the community.

Schiefelbein says that the bottom line is something that must be stabilized in order for the Center to continue. He says that an effort to cultivate regular monthly donors has resulted in about \$500 a month in revenue — several hundred below that needed for monthly operation, but better than ever before.

He says that event-based fundraisers should be "gravy" and that the Center needs to get its basic budget through regular donors rather than crisis-oriented fundraisers. For the past several years, MGLCC has sponsored the Gay Pride River Ride in June.

As for the "elitist" attitude, Schiefelbein says the goals for the center are three: to provide a Gay and Lesbian-friendly place for community groups to meet, to provide a place for various types of support groups, and to provide the Lavender University. He does not believe the Center needs to be open for purposes which do not fit into these goals.

The posted open hours for the Center are Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons. These are the only times the Center is open when a program, support group, or Lavender University class is not taking place.

Schiefelbein would like to see the Cen-

ter have more "open" times, but believes that this cannot be done until the Center can support a paid staff person to supervise the Center's use. First, he says, the Center must have a stable financial base after which it can expand its programs.

Like any small organization that relies on volunteers, the Center has had difficulty in staffing the Center during non-programmed times.

We believe that the Center can achieve its goals (and bottom line) by being more inclusive, not less. It's almost a chicken-egg situation. If you're not open, you can't bring in new people. A certain number of people don't need a support group; don't care to learn sewing, yoga, and real estate buying; and don't belong to an organized group.

Providing a safe, friendly, and non-threatening outlet for these people should be a goal of the Center, too. Certainly controls need to be in place to avoid it turning into a trysting place, a cruising spot, or a hustler hang-out, but we believe this can be done.

By targeting only the monied, the Center is missing the modest volunteers who are willing to give of their time — as important as money — to provide a congenial place for Gay men and women to meet.

And by not having unstructured open time, it loses the opportunity for people to sample the Center and ultimately become involved in its progress.



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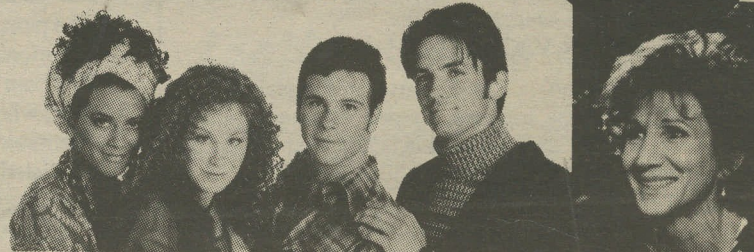
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FBI Settlement Bans Hiring Discrimination

By Bob Egelko
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Clinton administration tentatively settled a fired Gay FBI agent's law-

suit Dec. 10 by committing the FBI to ban discrimination against Gay and Lesbian employees or applicants.

The resolution of the suit by Frank Buttino, fired in 1990 after 20 years with the FBI, came just after Attorney

General Janet Reno prohibited the FBI and other Justice Department agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

The proposed settlement goes further and forbids discrimination on the grounds of "homosexual conduct among consenting adults in private." New FBI guidelines, which are being implemented independent of the settlement, specify that applicants generally should not be asked about their sexual orientation or conduct.

A scheduled one-week trial of the suit began the first week in December but was suspended during Buttino's testimony. Justice Dept. spokesman Carl Stern said the administration had reached an "agreement in principle" and planned to sign it within two weeks. Final approval is required from U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong.

Buttino, 48, will not get the reinstatement he originally sought in the suit, but will get partial restoration of his pension rights and \$53,000 in legal fees.

The FBI, which denounced Buttino throughout the case as a liar who was unworthy of a security clearance, agreed to issue a statement praising his record as an agent.

"I look at this as a victory for all Americans who believe that any kind of discrimination is wrong," Buttino said at a news conference.

He said four FBI employees, including one agent, have disclosed their homosexuality and kept their jobs since he filed his suit in 1990. Buttino said he knows of other Gay employees, who now "can be honest and not fear losing (their) job."

The settlement also says the

FBI will reconsider the application of Dana Tillson and offer her a job unless it discovers some new disqualifying information.

Tillson testified that she applied in 1987 and got high marks until the FBI learned she was a Lesbian, a fact she had not tried to hide.

The settlement will "change the course of the way our government treats a whole class of people," said Tillson, 32, now a San Francisco private investigator.

Buttino, who spent most of his career in the FBI's San Diego office, had consistently high job evaluations and a number of sensitive assignments, including the investigation of a corrupt fellow agent. But his own security clearance was withdrawn in 1990 and he was fired soon afterward.

His supervisors had been sent an anonymous note in October 1988 saying Buttino was a homosexual, and enclosing a letter he had written in response to a personal ad in a Gay newspaper. Buttino first denied the note and authorship of the letter — explaining later that he had been fearful of losing his job — but acknowledged them five weeks later after he was summoned to Washington for questioning.

The FBI said Buttino was fired for lying, making himself vulnerable to coercion, and failing to cooperate in the investigation of the note, whose author has never been identified. Buttino contended those reasons were pretexts for discrimination, and said some heterosexual agents who committed crimes or serious misconduct had kept their jobs.

Armstrong certified Buttino's suit as a class action on behalf of all Gay employees and applicants. That meant she would have had to determine the FBI's policy on Gays, and rule on its validity, even if she had

decided Buttino was fired for independent reasons.

The FBI banned Gay employees at least until 1979. On papers filed in response to the suit, the FBI said sexual orientation was irrelevant but homosexual conduct made it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

Justice Department lawyer Kevin Simpson said in his opening trial statement that concealed homosexuality might make an FBI employee vulnerable to blackmail.

The new FBI guidelines, drafted to implement Reno's non-discrimination statement, say an applicant's sexual conduct may be considered if it raises a question about character, judgment, candor or discretion, or makes the applicant susceptible to coercion. In such cases, the guidelines say, "heterosexual and homosexual conduct will be equally considered."

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make the case that that could compromise the person," this agent said.

"To the extent that you have somebody engaged in questionable sexual activity, it doesn't matter if it's heterosexual or otherwise," he said.

Congressman Don Edwards, a former FBI agent who chairs the House Judiciary subcommittee that oversees the FBI, said, "It's a new day at the FBI and it's something that should have come a long time ago."

"The FBI will be a better organization because of this new policy," Edwards said, recalling the half-dozen homosexual agents who have spoken to him over the years about ruined careers. "It's the same principle that we've been insisting upon, that the FBI must include persons representing the diversity of our society."

SF Marks 15th Anniversary of Milk and Moscone Assassinations

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hundreds of people braved the rain Nov. 27 to mark the 15th anniversary of the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and city Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Marchers carried candles as they walked from the predominantly Gay Castro District to City Hall, where the two were shot to death on Nov. 27, 1978.

Milk was the city's first Gay supervisor. He and Moscone were killed by former Supervisor Dan White.

Before the march, participants dedicated a plaque in the Castro in front of what was once Milk's camera store. Milk's friends and associates addressed the crowd.

Speakers urged marchers to carry on Milk's legacy of working for the rights of Gay men and Lesbians.

"This will always be the center of the universe for a lot of us," said former Supervisor Harry Britt, who took Milk's seat on the Board of Supervisors.

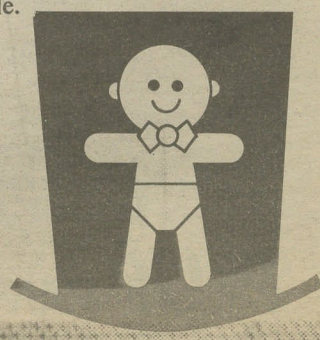
White, a former police officer, had won then resigned a post as supervisor after campaigning against "splinter groups of radicals, social deviates, and incorrigibles."

On Nov. 27, 1978, White sneaked through a City Hall base-

ment window and shot Moscone four times in the head. White then reloaded, walked down the hall and shot Milk.

White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to less than eight years in prison. Outrage over the verdict led to the so-called "White Night" riots in May 1979.

White committed suicide in 1985, months after being released on parole.



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Texas County Gets Apple After All

By Scott Rothschild
Associated Press Writer

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Officials and residents say they are anxious to put behind them a battle over financial incentives for Apple Computer, which escalated into a war between Gay rights and the religious right.

"I hope that we'll be able to move forward," Williamson County Commissioner Greg Boatright said after commissioners voted 3-2 for a modified inducement for Apple.

Boatright was on the losing side Dec. 7. But the previous week he was part of a 3-2 majority that rejected tax abatements for Apple and brought national attention to this rural and suburban county located about 20 miles north of the state capital.

The three commissioners who initially voted against Apple cited the computer giant's policy of providing health benefits to the domestic partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees.

Spokesmen for the so-called religious right praised commissioners for defending family values,

while Gay and Lesbian advocates criticized them as narrow-minded bigots.

Meanwhile, political and business leaders fretted that the rebuff of Apple would hurt Texas' efforts at luring high-tech companies. Dozens of communities came courting Apple.

The story was broadcast and grabbed headlines across the country, especially in the Silicon Valley where Texas has focused on trying to get businesses to relocate.

Fearing a black eye nationally, Gov. Ann Richards took a leading role in the negotiations to try and keep the company's plans on track, officials said.

"We could have taken a real bad hit if it had not turned around. It was beginning to get out there that Texas had turned away jobs," said Texas Department of Commerce chief Cathy Bonner.

Ms. Bonner said that on Dec. 3 an agreement had been reached to get one commissioner, David Hays, to switch his vote. She said Richards personally got Apple's commitment to the plan.

On Dec. 7, with Hays changing, the commission voted 3-2 for

a new incentive plan. That plan will reimburse taxes paid by Apple in exchange for giving the county the right of way for roads and other improvements on the Apple site.

"Jobs prevailed over prejudice," said David Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Not according to some conservatives. "Once again, we see an entity of government that has sold out its moral beliefs for economic growth," said Jeff Fisher, state director of the American Family Association.

Hays said he still opposed Apple's benefits policy.

"Last week, I was asked to vote to use taxpayer dollars to subsidize, and therefore, tacitly endorse a benefits policy with which I disagree. Today's vote does nothing of the kind," he said at the commissioners meeting.

The commissioners said the week in the national spotlight was grueling.

Gay Scout Leader Fired

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A 67-year-old Boy Scout leader who was fired because he is Gay says he will appeal his expulsion.

"I was thunderstruck and heartbroken and in shock when they called me," said the man, who was given a letter informing him of his termination last month.

The man is a former Eagle Scout who has volunteered with the Scouts for 25 years, most recently in a shoreline district of the Hamden-based Quinnipiac Council. He asked that his identity be withheld because he fears harassment.

The man said he never told anyone in the Scouts that he was Gay, and was angered to hear that an investigation was conducted without his knowledge. He said he should have had the opportunity to face his accusers.

"It doesn't sound like the American way, which the Boy Scouts support," he said.

The Quinnipiac Council expelled the leader after obtaining "written allegations" that he is an "avowed homosexual," said Scout official Al Halliwell.

The Boy Scouts have a national policy that bars Gays from the organization.

There were no indications that the leader engaged in sexually inappropriate

behavior or that he conducted himself improperly with youths, Halliwell said. As a district official, he trained adult volunteers.

The expelled leader said the council is probably referring to his advocacy work in Gay organizations outside scouting.

On Dec. 10, John Hunt, director of the Quinnipiac Council, would say only that a volunteer had been dismissed. While Hunt would not discuss the reasons for the dismissal, he acknowledged that in his 2 1/2 years as the council's director, three other former Scout members have been expelled "for the same allegations."

The Scout leader's expulsion has outraged many, including six members of the New Haven Board of Aldermen and one alderman-elect, Stefan Pryor. Pryor on Dec. 12 sent a letter of protest to the United Way of Greater New Haven, which provides about 3% of the council's \$870,000 annual budget.

Pryor's letter called the council's action "a clear act of discrimination."

Nationally, at least three lawsuits filed by Gay former Scout leaders who were expelled from the organization are pending in state courts in California and New Jersey.

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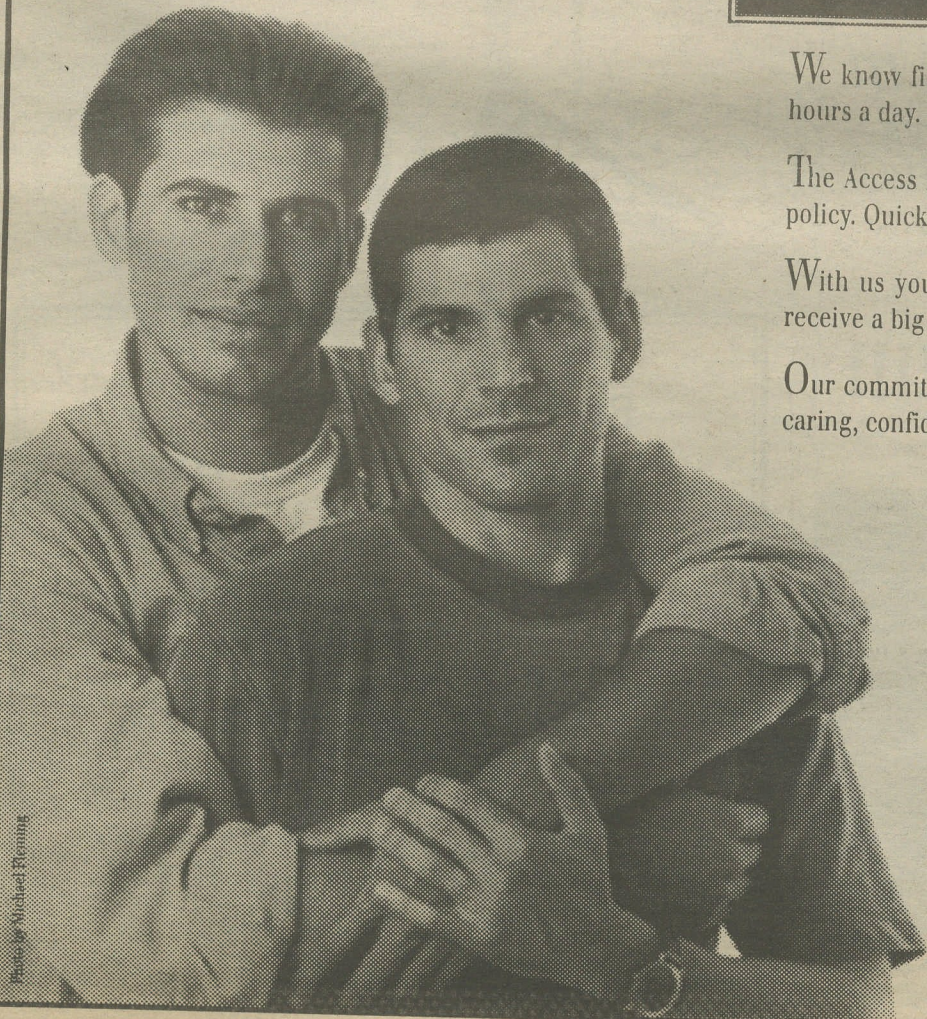


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New York Gay Stalker Still At Large

By Tom Hays
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — By now, the grisly images of what remained of Michael Sakara are familiar.

The stalker who picked up the 56-year-old Sakara at a Gay bar in Man-

hattan hacked off his head and arms. He packed the body parts in plastic bags. Then he stuffed the bags into a trash bin in suburban Rockland County.

The bags were found on July 31. Today, nearly five months after authorities launched an exhaustive in-

vestigation into the deaths of Sakara and at least three other Gay murder victims, only one thing appears certain: their killer is still out there, perhaps poised to kill again.

"We need some additional leads in this investigation, we need some help, we need some breaks," Police

Commissioner Raymond Kelly conceded when asked about the case.

With no leads, no breaks and no new killings, publicity about the case has subsided. But the anxiety and frustration in Manhattan's Gay community has not.

The news in early December that the Police Department was pulling three detectives off the case infuriated members of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, an advocacy group for Gay victims of crime.

The group has long urged formation of a special police task force to investigate a pattern of crimes by attackers who pick up their victims in Gay bars. Of the 37 murders of Gays in the city in the last two years, six were "pick up" crimes that remain unsolved, according to the group.

"Murderers have been targeting Gay men for years, and the NYPD response has been very lame," said project director Bea Hanson.

The handling of the recent stalker investigation "sends a clear message about the negligible priority it places on the lives of Gay men," she said.

Authorities say that as the leads dried up, so did the workload.

"To be quite frank, we didn't need them," Rockland County District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz said of the detectives.

Evidence that a possible serial killer was preying on Gay victims emerged after the death of Sakara, a typesetter for the *New York Law Journal*.

Sakara was last seen early on the morning of July 30 at the Five Oaks, a piano bar in Greenwich Village. His head and arms, bearing multiple fractures and hacking marks, were

found the next day in a roadside trash bin about 40 miles north of New York City.

The killing's striking similarity to four other deaths triggered a massive investigation coordinated by Rockland County District Attorney's office. At its height, more than 20 investigators from a handful of agencies including the NYPD were at work on the case.

Acting on tips from the Gay community, they interviewed more than 450 people in four states.

As a result, "our information is firmer than ever that three deaths are linked," said Gribetz.

The killer's other victims, detectives say, were Anthony Morreno, 44, a bisexual prostitute, and Thomas Mulcahy, 57, a married sales executive from Sudbury, Mass.

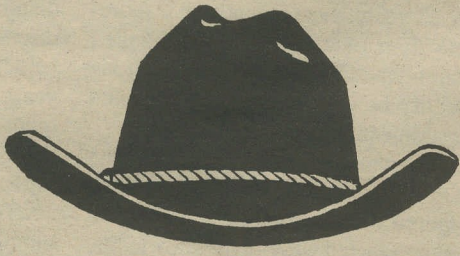
Both men were last seen in Manhattan last summer, Mulcahy at a Gay bar. Both of their bodies were dismembered and stuffed into plastic bags. And in both cases the bags were dumped in Ocean City, N.J.

But aside from establishing a definite link between the three killings, the investigation has stalled. The NYPD, which once sent detectives to Rockland County every day, now monitors the case from New York City.

Sgt. Jim O'Conner, who remains on the case full-time, insists it is a department priority, and that "we're looking at one or two potential suspects."

Comments from other law enforcement officials are less encouraging.

"Unless this person is dead, there's no reason to think that it won't happen again," Gribetz said.



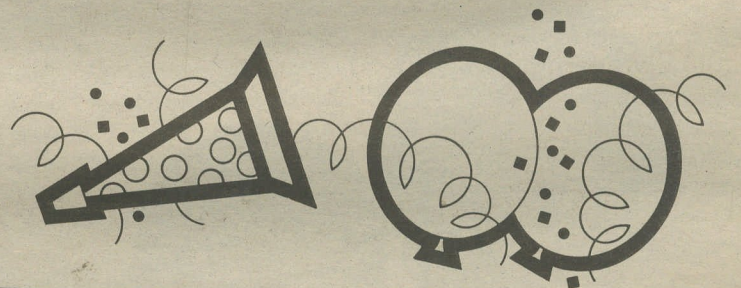
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Idaho Legislator Wants to Bar 'Minority Preferences'

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — An eastern Idaho lawmaker is working on a bill that could force the 1994 Legislature into the debate over Gay rights.

State Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, said he likely would introduce a bill to prohibit homosexuals from getting "minority preferences and advantages."

Some GOP leaders fear such legislation could once again put the majority party at odds with the voting bloc mobilized by the Legislature's 1990 vote for what would have been the nation's most restrictive state abortion law.

Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus vetoed it, but a number of Republican supporters were successfully targeted for defeat in the following election.

Hawkins, however, said his measure would uphold the existing rights of homosexuals and head off a controversial statewide anti-Gay initiative.

"Right now you've basically got both sides lobbing bombs at each other," Hawkins said. "That doesn't make for good public policy."

The Idaho Citizens Alliance has proposed an initiative for the November 1994 ballot that would prohibit laws granting preferential treatment for homosexuals. It also would ban same-sex marriages and prohibit state, local and school district employees from portraying homosexuality as acceptable.

Initiative opponents contend it would strip homosexuals of basic civil rights, and Attorney General Larry EchoHawk has twice issued opinions saying courts would find the

Library Group Drops Cincinnati Convention Plans

CINCINNATI (AP) — The American Library Association said it will not bring its 1995 convention to Cincinnati because voters repealed a measure protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination in housing and employment.

"The issue is not special rights for a few, but equal rights for all," association President Hardy R. Franklin said Dec. 2.

The cancellation may cost the library association about \$200,000 since it will likely be held liable for hotel contracts it already signed, said Paul Graller, director of the group's conference services.

Gay activists urged a boycott of the city because of the Nov. 2 vote that stripped the city's human rights ordinance of a provision protecting homosexuals against discrimination.

A federal judge on Nov. 16 blocked the voter-approved city charter amendment until he can hear a lawsuit challenging it.

The Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau is trying to persuade other organizations not to cancel, spokeswoman Beth Charlton said.

measure unconstitutional.

A number of organizations and church leaders have lined up to fight the initiative, and most politicians in both parties have called it unnecessary and divisive.

Hawkins said his bill would simply prohibit homosexuals from seeking additional rights as a minority group. Idaho Citizens Al-

liance Chairman Kelly Walton of Burley said he would support it.

"If we can resolve this issue without going through the initiative, we don't care who gets the credit," Walton said.

But Brian Bergquist of Boise, chairman of the anti-initiative group Idaho for Human Dignity, said Hawkins' bill would discriminate against homosexuals and create unnecessary controversy.

"With all of the problems the state of Idaho is facing, I guess I'm shocked that he considers this a legislative priority," Bergquist said.

But Hawkins said lawmakers should address the issue this winter. The Idaho Citizens Alliance initiative is likely to get on the ballot and be approved by voters, he said, leaving the 1995 session of the Legislature to implement that measure's controversial language.

Hawkins believes he can at least get a hearing on his bill, but he conceded some legislators might try to avoid it.

"I suppose there are those in the Legislature who would like to bury their heads in the sand and wish the issue would go away," he said. "But it's not going to go away."



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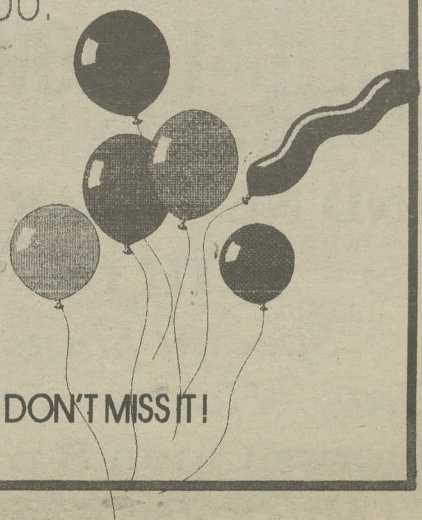
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Mass. Governor Signs Gay Youth Rights Law, Provides Court Remedies

By Robert W. Trott,
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Gay people have new protection against discrimination in public schools through a measure Gov. William Weld signed into law Dec. 10.

"We hope that the bill's passage here is going to signal a whole new frontier in the Gay rights movement," said David LaFontaine, who heads the Governors Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

Some school systems have Gay rights policies, but no other state has adopted such a law, which flatly bans discrimination against Gays in schools, said the group Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, which is based in Washington.

In 1989, Massachusetts became the second state, behind Wisconsin, to enact a Gay rights law that banned discrimination against homosexuals in housing, credit and employment.

"The governor feels schools should be places where students can learn. No one should be discrimi-

nated against based on their sexual preference," said Virginia Buckingham, a Weld spokeswoman.

Weld made a low-key announcement of the bill signing at a news conference on another issue. LaFontaine said some Gay youth who worked in support of the legislation were disappointed he didn't hold a formal ceremony.

LaFontaine, also political director of the state Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, said the law will open all school activities to Gay students.

He also said harassment cases could be taken to court.

"Gays will be able to sue school systems that are failing to protect their safety, and it's the rare school system at this point that is a safe place for Gay students," LaFontaine said.

Many students have been prohibited by principals and school districts

from organizing Gay and Lesbian student groups, he said.

"We're going to be making a big push to encourage students to go to their senior prom this year," LaFontaine said. "We're going to attempt to make a legal case that when a school teaches health or sex education they're obligated to include Gay and Lesbian issues."

Weld, a Republican, said it was "an unanswered question" whether Gay students could sue "upon alleging that the atmosphere at a school had become intolerable."

Opponents of Gay rights condemned Weld's "total subservience to the homosexual lobby."

"The next step is homosexual programs in public schools that specifically affirm the Gay lifestyle, and that will be done at taxpayer expense," said C.J. Doyle, director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

According to a report by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Gay and Lesbian Youth account for 30% of young suicides and are several times more likely to attempt it.

Path Not Clear for Gay Advocate in Idaho

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Many north-central Idaho schools fall short in educating students about homosexuality, charges Scott Thiemann of the Outreach to Rural Youth Project.

Thiemann, himself Gay, said he faced opposition to talking to counselors and administrators about homosexual youth in at least one school district.

"There are some public libraries up on the Camas Prairie that don't even have the word homosexual or Gay in their card catalog," Thiemann said.

For many young people confused about their sexuality, the library is the first place to turn because they can retain an amount of privacy.

The outreach project was created to help rural Gay, Lesbian and bisexual people be heard. It is financed by the Chicago Resource Center and Meyer Memorial Trust out of Portland, Ore.

Thiemann drives throughout the Northwest contacting educators.

Thiemann said he was kicked out of the office Dec. 9 by a counselor in Cottonwood.

"He asked me if I was Gay, I said

I was, and he kicked me out," Thiemann said. "It seemed like he couldn't hear anything else I had to say after he found out I was Gay. You can imagine how much help a kid might get in that situation."

Prairie High School counselor Dennis Greene said he did not "kick him out" but rather thought the issue was sensitive enough to refer him to the principal's office.

Principal Darrel Pantalone said he spoke with Thiemann but objected to the idea of Thiemann talking with students. Thiemann said he does not ask to talk with students.

"In this predominantly Catholic community I know they wouldn't go for that. That is what he ultimately wanted to do. He wanted the right to talk to the students," Pantalone said, adding Thiemann should have made an appointment prior to his arrival.

"I said, 'if you feel what you are representing is so right, then why didn't you call and make an appointment?' He said because then people won't talk to him. I told him well, that should tell you something about the sensitivity of the issue, and how unacceptable it is."

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Student Mock Legislature Rejects Gay Rights Measure

SANTA FE (AP) — High school students participating in a mock legislature twice rejected a measure that would have extended equal protection under the law to homosexuals.

English instructor Maureen Nelson said the Santa Fe Capital High School students participating generally vote on the liberal side of issues that have to do with high school students. During the mock legislative session Dec. 6, for example, they approved condom distribution, she said.

But on social questions and questions involving minorities, Nelson said, "They're still at that age where they don't want to go too far out on a limb. You can be different, but only within certain limits."

The equal protection measure for homosexuals, introduced by student Jennifer Nelms, said homosexuals need the same protection Blacks did during the civil rights

movement of the 1960s.

The bill said that even though the Constitution guarantees equal treatment for all, Blacks didn't get equality until civil rights legislation was passed.

Fellow senator Matt Blevin disagreed, ripping up his copy of the bill and remarking: "This bill has no relevance."

Nelms' bill was soundly defeated.

Nelson, a faculty member involved in the Power and Authority or "Panda" course, said Nelms' bill already had been killed in committee but that students resurrected it just so it could be debated on the Senate floor.

"They had to compromise to do that," she said. "This is where they really learn about politics."

"We believe a hands-on simulation is the best way to learn about the process," said English teacher Elizabeth Ethelbah,

one of five teachers for the multi-disciplinary course.

During a nine-week section on the legislative process, students had to write laws, then work with

their peers in mock legislative committees to get them passed.

Eagle Forum Wants Anti-Gay Books in School Libraries

By Mike Recht
Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A conservative group fearful that school libraries are accepting books that say it is OK to be Gay plans to offer books that portray homosexuals as unhealthy.

"We are concerned with the misleading information that will be disseminated to our teens about homosexuality by the Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays project to supply books on sexual orientation to school libraries," said Elizabeth Barnes, president of the state's Eagle Forum chapter.

"We want teens and the public to have access to the facts about homosexuality — that it is an unhealthy lifestyle, that you are not born that way, that there is hope if you want to get out of it."

"Our high schoolers do not need books encouraging them to be content with a homosexual tendency," she said. She said many homosexuals have AIDS or the HIV virus that leads to the deadly disease, or other illnesses related to their sexual behavior.

The forum's project comes about two months after Betsy Janeway, president of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, began approaching libraries.

By distributing information about homosexuality, Janeway hoped to build self-esteem and dispel negative feelings that contribute to the high rate of suicide among Gay adolescents.

"Everything tells these kids that they are nasty, horrible, perverted people unworthy of love and respect," said Janeway, the mother of two grown children who are Gay.

She said she has given out more than 500 books to about half of the school libraries in the state. The books were paid for by a \$1,700 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and matched by other smaller grants and individual donations.

"Libraries should have something for everyone," she said when asked about the Eagle Forum book plan. "I'm not going to

say their books don't deserve a place. I just hope they won't do an incredible amount of harm.

"Ours are very positive books and very reassuring to any youngster who is puzzled about his orientation. Our books are loving, joyful," she said.

"Their books could cause a child to take his own life. It's not just a case of pushing your views on somebody. They prey on people's biggest fears.

"They are splitting up families. Those books are going to be divisive and stir up violence against some of their classmates. I'm afraid some boy will pick up the books and think he's doomed to hell forever."

Barnes called the books a way to promote "healthy sexual behavior, traditional family values and, most important, the way out of homosexuality."

"Telling teens or anyone else that homosexuality is normal or that they are born that way is what takes away their hope, their desire to live," she said.

Ovide Lamontagne, chairman of the state School Board, said the board has no official view on the matter. But if it became a major issue "I feel the board has a responsibility to take a stand," though it has no jurisdiction on the matter, he said.

He said his personal view is that the issue of homosexuality does not belong in schools. "I don't feel they are an appropriate forum," he said.

However, he said if a local district allows inclusion of one view in the library, "I certainly feel it's more than appropriate to have a counter view in the same library."

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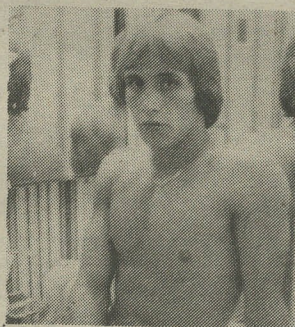
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Armistead Maupin originally wrote *Tales of the City* as a series of newspaper columns for the San Francisco *Chronicle* beginning in 1976. The first fiction to appear in a American daily for decades, the popular articles grew from a local sensation into an international one when compiled and rewritten for book form. To date, over a million copies of his books have been sold around the world, with translations in German, Spanish, and Dutch. Maupin interwove straight and Gay story lines to novel effect, evoking the innocence, joy and freedom of the '70s as his

characters explore their sexuality, pursue careers and search for happiness.

This six-hour miniseries is based on the first of the novels, *Tales of the City*, which revolves around the residents of 28 Barbary Lane, a rambling old apartment house tucked away in the heart of the city.

Olympia Dukakis stars as Anna Madrigal, the motherly landlady of Barbary Lane with an almost mystical knowledge of her tenants' emotional needs.

The production features cameo appearances by Edie Adams, Karen Black, Paul Dooley, Nina Foch, Michael Jeter, Sir Ian McKellen, Mary Kay Place, Father Guido Sarducci, Rod Steiger, McLean Stevenson, and fashion designer Bob Mackie.

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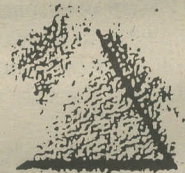
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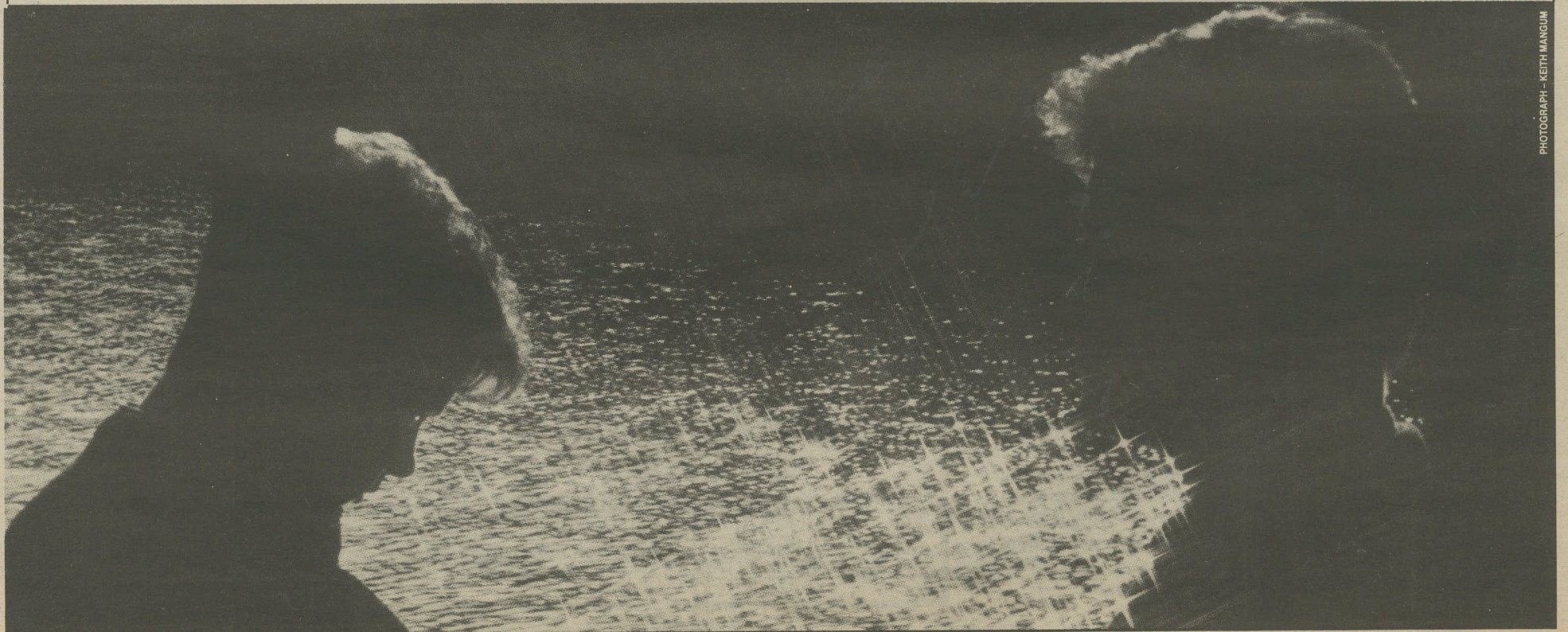
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Cartoonist Allows Look Into Day-By-Day Lives Of Lesbians

By Susan Allen
Associated Press Writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Mo, Toni and Sparrow are winning hearts nationwide with their broken romances, job angst, fertility problems and political frustrations.



Their lives, created by cartoonist Alison Bechdel, fill five books in 100,000 printings. The comic strip is syndicated in 45 publications, and Bechdel's work has appeared in *Ms.* magazine and New York's *Village Voice*.

A solid resume for any cartoonist.

A breakthrough for Bechdel, a lesbian whose work, *Dykes to Watch Out For*, allows Americans a rare glimpse into the day-to-day lives — and kitchens, and bedrooms and workplaces — of the lesbian community.

"I really am like a one-trick pony," said Bechdel, seated in a folding chair on the front porch of her red farmhouse on an isolated dirt road in central Vermont. "I write not so much about lesbians, but about my life."

Bechdel began doodling lesbian cartoons in 1982, shortly after graduating from Oberlin College in Ohio, while working as a word processor in New York City. She volunteered her cartoons to gay and lesbian publications before being approached about a book by a feminist publishing firm.

"She was incredibly bright, extremely funny and very much inside the lesbian community and poking fun at a higher intellectual level," recalled Nancy Bereano, Bechdel's editor at Firebrand Books in Ithaca, N.Y.

"She came of age as a lesbian at a time when possibilities seemed

much greater. She's not self-hating, and that's true of the way she sees the women in her life and the cartoon strip."



Dykes is sexually graphic. Her characters — a rainbow of races, colors, and body types — often are naked or topless, sometimes conversing while seated on toilets. They are mistaken for men and occasionally worry about being revealed on the job.

More often, however, their situations blur gender lines.

Lovers quarrel. Romances end. Friends die. Babies are born. Roommates argue about housekeeping

chores. Lonely Saturday nights are spent eating popcorn with friends.

"What makes us laugh is when we see ourselves portrayed in these characters," said Raymond Lesser, publisher of the Ohio-based *Funny Times* monthly humor review. "It just so happens that these characters are lesbians."

And it's that universality and the sweetness in its telling that has Bechdel's books in high demand across the country.

"We can't keep her books in stock," said Roz Parr, manager and buyer for New York City's *A Different Light*, one of the nation's largest gay and lesbian bookstores.

That comment is echoed at gay, lesbian and alternative bookstores around the country — from the Women and Children First bookstore in Chicago, to the Old Wives Tale bookstore in San Francisco.

"There's a soap opera quality to it," joked Kathie Bergquist, assistant manager of Women and Children First. "It's like 'Gays of Our Lives' ... the soap opera the major networks never liked."

But Bechdel said she was not aiming for the traditional soap opera audience. Any appeal to straight readers is purely accidental.

"I have no desire to speak to the mainstream," she said. And, noting the importance of sex in her car-

toons, she added, "It will be centuries before you could show anyone having sex in the (mainstream) funnies."

There is no question her cartoon is aimed primarily at a lesbian audience.

"It's very overtly gay material. The title is *Dykes to Watch Out For*, for God's sakes," Lesser said. But, he added, Bechdel's gentle humor and her progressive politics — which are often incorporated into her cartoons — make her work a natural for his magazine.



Barbara Findlen, managing editor of *Ms.* and a fan of the *Dykes* books, agreed.

"Her work does what the very best in all forms of humor does, which is to really capture something you can identify with," Findlen said.

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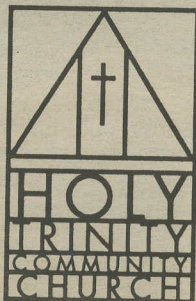
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Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus

Review by Bob Dumais

The Lambda Men's Chorus Christmas concert has become an annual event to savor. This year's "Fête de Noël" was no exception.

Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church provided an appropriate setting for the predominately religious-themed con-

cert.

"On This Day, Earth Shall Sing" provided a rousing opening followed by lovely dual arrangements "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." This was one of two carols which featured two arrangements; "Silent Night" was the other. The first version was a vocal performance by the chorus while the second version, ar-

ranged by Mannheim Steamroller's Chip Davis, gave accompanist John Cargile and guest violinist Charles Friedman a chance to shine.

One of the highlights of the concert was a performance of "Ave Maria" which had the chorus trio (Glenn Jones, Jay Pontius, and Whitney Smith) singing counterpoint from the choir loft at the rear of the church with the chorus at the front. Glenn Jones of the trio soloed with the chorus on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen."

My favorite performance of the concert was "O Holy Night" which sent goose-bumps down my spine. The new director, John Palmer, has improved the use of the dynamics of the chorus greatly and gives the 20-voice group a much bigger sound than you would expect.

The concert ended on a rollicking note with the familiar holiday round "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." It was a light, bright way to the "Fête." It also brings me to the principal criticism I still have of the chorus. Some lighter and more up-tempo selections would provide a better balance for their concerts. Although all the numbers in this concert were very well performed, they were almost all slow and very serious in tone. More tempo variation and a little fun would add some spice. An additional suggestion: switch the concerts to evenings. The concerts are events people would plan around.

These comments aside, the Lambda Men's Chorus Christmas concert was a bright spot in the holiday season. The group is already working on its spring concert which I hear may have a Broadway theme. I'm, looking forward to it.

If you are interested in joining the chorus or helping the group financially, all you need do is attend one of the weekly rehearsals. (See calendar in TJN centerspread). The chorus is an organization our community needs to encourage and support.

World AIDS Day Program SRO at First Congregational

By Allen Cook

It started out as an idea for one church to commemorate World AIDS Day. What came about far exceeded anyone's expectations.

About 300 people attended the commemorative service held at First Congregational on Dec. 1—almost 100 more than the sanctuary was designed to hold.

The service was the first major event in Memphis to be staged on World AIDS Day since its inception. It was co-sponsored by First Congregational, Friends For Life HIV Resources, Integrity Memphis, and the Memphis AIDS Council on Education (MACE).

Participating in the service were the Memphis Civic Orchestra, the First Congregational Handbell Choir, Pastor Cheryl Cornish, Beth Causey, Brian Mott, and Jennifer Walton-Wetzel.

Tim Andrews and Leanne Kleinmann gave moving personal testimonies — Andrews from the perspective of a person living with AIDS

and Kleinmann from the perspective of a daughter who lost her father to the disease.

Several panels being submitted to the NAMES Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt, were presented including one made that day at the offices of Friends For Life.

Weaving through the poetry, testimony and congregational readings and prayers, was the music of the Memphis Civic Orchestra under the baton of Joan Gilbert. This small orchestra filled the church with such classical music as Handel's "Concerto Grosso in G Minor," Tchaikovsky's "Concerto For Violin in D" (with a soaring performance by violinist Jennifer Johns), and Bach's "Air for G String (from Suite 3 in D)."

An incredible solo of "Amazing Grace" from countertenor Jerry Sanders left not a dry eye in the house.

We're not sure why this year's World AIDS Day commemorations were so successful — maybe that critical mass of affected people has been reached — but we're thankful that this one was so successful.

Feast for Friends Holiday Dinner Bankrolled by Donor

A Memphis businessman donated the amount needed to cater the holiday Feast For Friends held Dec. 20 at St. John's Methodist Church. Frank Cooper of Amnesia made the donation specifically for the holiday dinner and asked that any excess be held in the Darryl Bowers Memorial Fund which supports the twice-monthly dinners.

The Feast For Friends dinner is held for people living with AIDS, their caregivers and supporters and is sponsored by Friends For Life HIV Resources.

Usually the dinner consists of food donations from MIFA's Round Up program cooked up by volunteers. Twice a year, however — at Thanksgiving and Christmas — the dinners are catered affairs.

Approximately 150 people attended the dinner.

TV/TS Group to Hold Make-Up Seminar

During the Jan. 22 meeting of the Memphis Transgendered Alliance, Ms. Barbara Vaughn, Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics will hold a make-up seminar. Ms. Vaughn will teach how to choose color and

demonstrate the proper techniques for applying make-up. The seminar is designed for anyone who would like to learn more about make-up and its application, or who would be interested in obtaining Mary Kay cosmetics. The seminar is free and the meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

In the November business meeting, the group voted to keep the name Memphis Transgendered Alliance and to keep the name of the newsletter as "Powder and Pearls."

Elections were held and Barbara Jean was elected president; John Prowett, vice-president; Barbara, secretary/treasurer; and Cindy, newsletter editor.

Discussions were held on membership dues, newsletter subscription rates, and advertising rates.

To get involved in the Memphis Transgendered Alliance, simply attend the monthly meetings held at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.



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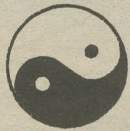
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Gay Air Force Officer Plans Appeal of Discharge Recommendation

By Robynn Tysver
Associated Press Writer

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AP) — An Air Force captain recommended for a general discharge after he told his commanding officer that he is Gay said he will appeal the recommendation.

Capt. Rich Richenberg, a Persian Gulf War veteran, disclosed his homosexuality in a private letter to his commander in May. Richenberg, 35, said he sent the letter because military officers must be honest.

"I will go to work at my desk job and give the military appeal (process) a chance to work," Richenberg said after his Dec. 2 decision.

"You sent me to war and I went proudly, not once but several times and now you may be asking me to leave," Richenberg said in a statement that he read during the dismissal hearing.

President Clinton has signed into law a policy allowing Gays to serve in the military as long as they don't disclose their homosexuality or engage in homosexual activity.

But Air Force officials said the

new law does not take effect until February, and the case against Richenberg comes under a 1984 regulation banning gays in the Air Force.

"It is still a valid, lawful regulation," said Capt. Michael Guillory, a military lawyer who represented the Air Force at the hearing.

Richenberg's lawyers doubted whether even the new policy could have prevented the recommendation.

"Under Clinton's policy you cannot tell anybody you're Gay. Not even your mother," attorney Michelle Benecke said. "He (Clinton) has said that it is going to make life better for Gay people. Captain Richenberg's case is why that is not so."

Richenberg told the commission he wanted to remain in the military.

"My orientation and continued service is not a threat to you," he said.

Richenberg's lawyers argued for an honorable discharge at the very least, based on his "exemplary" military career.

Under a general discharge,

Richenberg could be denied full veterans benefits and face prejudice from future employers, Benecke said.

"Frankly, we're stunned by the board's decision. The decision here today is a disgrace," she said.

A final decision on the case will be made in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Benecke said Richenberg will use military channels to appeal the board's recommendation and if necessary, file a federal lawsuit.

Richenberg, 35, of San Antonio, Texas, has served in the Air Force for about 8 1/2 years. He has been assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, near Omaha, for the past four years.

Richenberg is in a squadron that flies RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft. He said others in the squadron had limited knowledge of his homosexuality.

"To them, it's a non-issue, as well it should be," he said.

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Discharge on Hold for Lesbian

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon National Guard lieutenant who revealed she is a Lesbian says she is optimistic the courts will require President Clinton and Congress to allow openly Gay people to serve in the military.

"I didn't think I would see this in my lifetime, but now I think I will," Elli Work said.

On Dec. 7, a spokesman for the guard said that a formal discharge proceeding against Work has been held on hold.

Lt. Col. Mike Caldwell said the proceeding is in limbo while officials await a clear statement of the Defense Department's policy on Gays in the military.

"We're waiting for results of all of the lawsuits and the legal reviews back at the Dept. of Defense," Caldwell said.

Work, 32, of Bend, revealed her homosexuality in April while testifying before a state Senate committee in favor of a bill to prevent job and housing discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in Oregon.

Work, who is a supply officer for the guard's 206th Transportation Detachment, said it's been "business as usual" since she went public with

her homosexuality. She said she recently spent three weeks with her unit in a training exercise in Egypt.

"I had a great time, did my job and had a good working relationship with everyone," she said.

Captain Begins Court Martial

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AP) — The court-martial of an Air Force captain accused of kissing an enlisted man on the cheek began here Dec. 9.

Capt. G. Andrew Espinosa insists the incident never happened.

The defense says Espinosa, a weapons systems officer for Cannon's 523rd Fighter Squadron, invited several people to his room to watch a basketball game on television after a party at Incirlik Air Force Base in Turkey last May 19th. The alleged incident purportedly occurred toward the end of that gathering, but there are no witnesses — it's just the accuser's word against Espinosa's.

Espinosa's attorney, Cary Silberman of Melvin Belli's law offices in San Francisco, says Espinosa is not Gay and wants to clear his record.

If convicted, Espinosa could face loss of pay and 5 1/2 years' confinement.

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Society's Response to AIDS Predictable

By Linda Ashton
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE (AP) — The virus that causes AIDS is not the first microbe to affect world history nor will it be the last, a public health nurse says.

For centuries, microorganisms have dramatically altered populations and politics, said Maureen Considine, a community health educator for northeastern Washington.

"Epidemics are medical and so-

cial phenomena," Considine told a sparsely attended lecture at Gonzaga University.

The Spanish devastated natives of Central and South America with small pox and measles, killing some 20 million people, she said.

Napoleon invaded Russia with 500,000 soldiers and returned to France with only 3,000 men — "typhus defeated Napoleon," Considine said.

Society's response to the medical epidemics in world history also is predictable, she said.

"We tap into our amazing human capacity for denial," Considine said. But when that denial no longer works, society's fear turns into blame and hatred, she said.

Jews were blamed and burned for the bubonic plague in Europe in the 14th century, she said.

In the 1930s, impoverished immigrants in crowded tenements with no sewer and no water were blamed for an outbreak of cholera on the East Coast, Considine said.

Even recent influenza outbreaks are assigned foreign names, such as the Asian flu, as if to affix blame, she said.

Similarly, Gay men and intravenous drug users are often held responsible for the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, she said.

That bias shows up in public policy that says "the lives and the health and welfare of some Americans are not as important as others," Considine said.

"We will make a public policy based on the social acceptability of the groups initially affected."

It wasn't until the virus that cause AIDS showed up in the blood supply and other parts of the population that policies began to change, Considine said.

Still, there's plenty of denial going around, she said.

Potential AIDS Vaccine Given to VIP Volunteers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The president of St. Louis University was first in line for injections of an experimental AIDS vaccine being tested at the university's School of Medicine.

Other community leaders followed the Rev. Lawrence Biondi, president of the university, in an effort to publicize the need for volunteers for the program.

"I am proud to participate in this clinical trial of a potential AIDS vaccine," said Biondi at a World AIDS Day news conference. "All of us must do everything we can to stop the progression of HIV. If my participation in the trial brings us closer to a vaccine, I am happy to serve."

Doctors said that over the next five years an estimated 1,000 people will be needed in the St. Louis area to help with vaccine studies.

Others receiving injections at the news conference on Dec. 2 were J. Joe Adorjan, president of Emerson Electric Co. and chairman of the board of trustees at St. Louis University; resident Bishop Ann B. Sherer of the Missouri Area, United Methodist Church; and Sister Mary Jean Ryan, president and chief executive of SSM Health Care System.

"Participation by the community leaders underscores the importance of our work," said Dr. Robert B. Belshe, director of the medical school's Center for Vaccine Development. "It sends a message that AIDS is a concern for everyone and that all of us can make an impact by volunteering for research in AIDS prevention." Belshe also received a vaccination.

Officials said all volunteers in the vaccine studies undergo pre-vaccine exams and health screenings before getting injections of either an experimental vaccine or a non-vaccine control substance. Their blood is then tested to see if their bodies produce an immune response capable of killing a laboratory strain of HIV in the body.

A genetic engineering process is used to make the vaccines. Doctors said that although they are designed to mimic HIV in the body, it is impossible to contract AIDS from the synthetic vaccines. In studies so far, the vaccines have caused no major side effects.

Four other schools — Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, the University of Washington and the University of Rochester — are also taking part in the nationwide study.

The clinical trials were approved by the national Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. To Pay for Refusing to Treat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who has AIDS accepted \$85,000 to settle a lawsuit against a doctor who refused to treat his severely cut hand after he said he was HIV-positive.

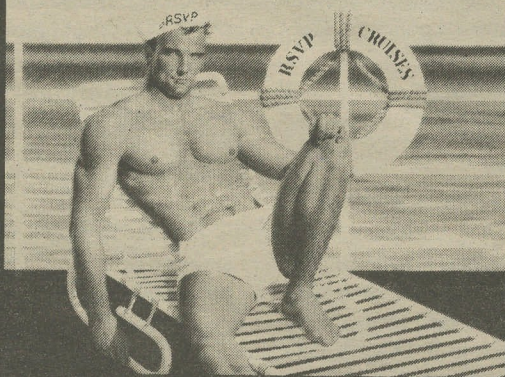
Dr. Thelma Reich, who now has a private practice in Oxnard, was the physician in charge at the Ventura Urgent Care Center when Salvador Fuentes sought treatment in February 1992.

Fuentes, 32, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1989. He said he called the center before going there to say he was HIV positive and was assured he would get treatment. Once he arrived, Fuentes said, Reich refused to see him and sent him to the county hospital's emergency room.

Reich denied any wrongdoing but settled for "economic reasons" as a trial on the claim was about to begin, said her attorney, Richard Castle.

"Dr. Reich simply made a clinical judgment that he was medically stable and referred him to an emergency room that was equipped to treat him," Castle said.

The lawsuit claimed Reich violated federal and state laws mandating fair treatment of the disabled.



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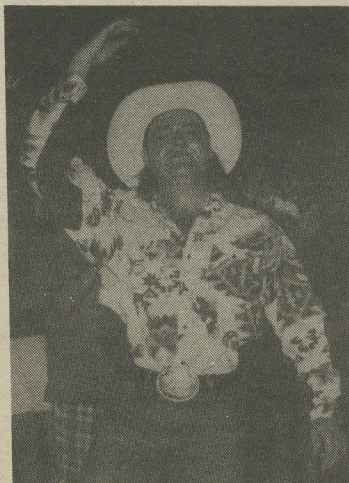
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Why Some Fight AIDS Better Than Others

By Luran Neergaard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Scientists are trying to determine if some people have very specialized immune cells that recognize the disguises of the AIDS virus, and, if so, how to boost that advantage.

Research into these cells — called T-cells — is in the early stages, but it might explain why a few people infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, have lived healthy lives for more than a decade while others succumb quickly, researchers said Monday.

“How you do depends on whether your T-cell recognizes what your virus shows it,” said Dr. Robert Schooley, who was chairman of a national conference on AIDS and related viruses in Washington recently. “The tricky part is: Can we modify that somehow to boost your response?”

Cytotoxic T-cells are the body’s killer cells; they attack disease as soon as they recognize it.

In a person infected with HIV, the virus enters a cell and waits until it can replicate, sending various proteins and peptides out of the cell.

Different strains of the virus emit different proteins in different people at different times. If the T-cells don’t recognize them as a sign of disease, they won’t attack.

But new research suggests some people have T-cells that specifically target certain HIV proteins, and thus do better at fighting the disease.

Dr. Thomas Harrer of Harvard Medical School is studying HIV-infected people who have remained healthy for more than 12 years without taking AIDS drugs. Ten of these people, the first with complete data, have high levels of immune cells that are HIV-specific in their blood, he said.

Also, some T-cells specifically bind to certain epitopes, the coatings on cells to which peptides cling. Harrer is finding several epitopes in long-term HIV survivors that haven’t been described in HIV patients before.

So the question becomes: Do these people have genetically superior T-cells, or do those cells combine with certain epitopes to offer protection against full-blown AIDS?

There’s not enough data to begin emphasizing.

“We haven’t even proven that T-

cells are the only link to these people’s survival. There could be other co-factors we don’t know about,” he said. “This is the first step in a very long process to find what strategies the immune system is using in these people.”

It’s a hot topic now, with more than half a dozen papers citing pre-

liminary data on these T-cells being presented at the First National Conference on Human Retrovirus and Related Infections.

“These findings are giving us an impetus to push immune-based therapeutic approaches,” Schooley said. “We’re trying to demonstrate a cause-and-effect relationship.”

Another study showed that these HIV-specific T-cells start appearing in infancy. A study of HIV-infected infants at the University of Colorado found babies with mild AIDS symptoms began developing precursors to these T-cells by age 10 months. But one who died at 18 months never developed any killer cells.

Which Comes First, Depression or Symptoms?

By David Dishneau
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP)—Researchers trying to determine whether depression hastens the advance of AIDS symptoms reached opposite conclusions in two new studies. The study that found no such effect is considered more reliable.

Researchers have focused on the question because depression is a treatable disorder common among people with HIV; both groups agreed that depression should be treated in those infected with the virus.

A study led by Dr. Constantine G. Lyketsos of Johns Hopkins University found no significant difference in the decline of white blood cells known as CD4 lymphocytes between those who were depressed and those who weren’t.

Researchers believe HIV attacks and kills CD4 cells, so that the lower the count, the more vulnerable the patient.

The Johns Hopkins study looked at eight years’ worth of data beginning in 1984 on 1,809 HIV-positive men who hadn’t progressed to full-blown AIDS.

In the second study, a team from the University of California, San Francisco, found the CD4 counts of subjects who were depressed fell 38% faster than those of subjects

who weren’t depressed.

However, they found no relationship between depression and the time elapsed from HIV diagnosis to full-blown AIDS or death.

That study, led by Dr. Jeffrey H. Burack, analyzed 66 months’ worth of data collected from 277 men who by January 1985 were HIV positive but did not have AIDS.

Both studies were published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The San Francisco findings are “intriguing” but less reliable than the Johns Hopkins findings, which support previous research, Drs. Samuel Perry and Baruch Fishman of Cornell University said in their editorial.

They noted that the Hopkins researchers studied more subjects over a longer period of time. When the data from both studies was combined, they said, the effect reported by the San Francisco team disappeared. All the researchers agreed depression should be treated.

“Clinicians should not assume depression is a natural reaction to the disease,” said psychologist Thomas J. Coates, a member of the San Francisco team.

The depression rate among HIV-infected men is 25 to 40% higher than among men in the general population, Coates said.

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By Michael Schiefelbein

First of Three Parts

"You need a husband, dear!"

I nodded, then closed my eyes and lifted my face to let the sun beat on it, as my pool chair drifted toward the deep end, away from Roger. He paddled after me in his chair until our toes touched.

"Seriously. Gerald's available."

Gerald I had no interest in. From the time he'd come undone before me over his cousin Steve's collision with a train, I'd listened for his sighs at every one of Roger and Don's parties and headed for the remote sun room. Tragic stories about cousins who were lovers, are simply not told on first meetings. If that's not in the book of Gay etiquette somewhere, it ought to be.

"He's lost some weight, too. Since he joined the gym." Roger tapped my foot with his.

Roger I could take. Not as a lover, but as a fling, a fuck buddy, as they say. Bigger than me, well-proportioned, hairy — all the right ingredients for my palate. I could have had him, too. Him and Don. They both patted my rear end at their parties, whispered in my ear about sex sandwiches — me being the meat. Don had slept with me, too, one weekend that Roger was away. He followed me around a smoky bar near the river, until it dawned on me that he was on the chase. You'd expect the opposite. Roger was the forward, bossy one. Don, on the other hand, would escort me gallantly to the car after their parties, like I was a real lady, entertaining me with stories about innovative musicians. Last time he told me about Tibetan monks who had made a recording in San Francisco at Grace Cathedral on their equivalent of Alpine horns. Don and I were both pianists. He was better than me.

Overhead roared a succession of Federal Express jets, trailing each other at three minute intervals and drowning out whatever Roger was saying. The first things I noticed when I moved to Memphis were the Fed Ex fleet and the ubiquitous trains that blocked several major intersections. Memphis, the hub of the Mid-South. And city of churches. Along the Parkway, on all the major avenues the Baptists competed with the Church of Christ and Methodists and Presbyterians (Catholics had never entered the race) to build to most massive perpetual structures, complete with day care centers and church halls and whole buildings for Sunday school. Complexes, bulwarks, signs of predestined wealth and salvation — they snubbed non-members on their way to East Memphis shopping malls.

"Who all is coming tonight?" I asked Roger

"All the usuals, including Gerald."

"Besides Gerald, I mean. Anyone interesting?" I'd broken up with a lover of three years before moving to Memphis and was in the market for a husband. He had to be a professional and he couldn't be clingy. Roger had heard my checklist often.

"Oh, I think so."

"Stop being coy, and just tell me." I splashed him.

He eased into the water and disappeared, finally poking his balding head up at my feet. "Wait and see" He dumped over my pool chair.

By the time I went home and changed for the cook out, it was nearly seven o'clock. The late September sun, level with my apartment windows, nested above the Mississippi, inflaming the treetops on the Arkansas side. Coming from cosmopolitan Washington D.C., I had to live downtown in a riverside highrise, not far from the new home of Cybill Shepherd on the South Bluff. She was my idol. At least one of them.

In jeans and a sweatshirt embossed with a Georgetown logo, I felt comfortable but "right" for the mood of Don and Roger's party. The sports coupe wouldn't hurt either, parked under the streetlight in front of their upscale house in East Memphis. The car streamed along Poplar, maneuvering like a dream around the manhole covers and the infuriating Memphis drivers who come to a complete halt before turning a corner. Crosby, Stills and Nash's tight harmony boomed from the stereo: "And there's so much time to make up/Everywhere you turn/Time we have wasted on the way." For some reason, the song always got me weepy, so I switched the station to avoid puffy eyes. They wouldn't matter if the same old tired couples and histrionic queens showed up at the party, but maybe someone new would come, a true candidate for marriage.

When I arrived, Don was showing off at the grand piano for a large woman in a pair of what looked like silk pajamas. What did it do for him — charming someone he couldn't even sleep with? I kissed him on the cheek and got a drink to brace myself for the backyard, where I found guests lounging around the pool and in the open-sided garage that Roger had converted into a pool house.

"Well, look at what the dog dragged in! Hello, sweetheart!" An abrasive Yankee voice came out of the darkness.

"Hi," I said.

Bruce hugged me. I'd made the

mistake of dating him for two or three months while I was renovating my condo. He took charge of my contractors, but drove me crazy trying to run my life.

"Who's this?" I nodded to a long-limbed guy next to him.

"This is..."

"I'm William!" The sour-faced man stuck out his hand to me, forcing Bruce to step back. I wondered how long they would last. "Actually, I met you at your party last summer."

"Oh? Oh, that's right." I remembered feeling relieved when Bruce had asked me if he could bring a friend. William's lover had been in the last stage of AIDS and Bruce had put himself at their service. I heard later that the lover had died and that Bruce and William had become an item, as unbelievable as it seemed since both were such control queens.

When William went to fill his plate, Bruce told me they were moving in together. "He's been through a lot." Bruce's eyes filled. "He really has."

"That's why you're moving in with him?"

Bruce dabbed his eyes. "You'd just have to see how patient he was during the whole thing. Steve could get fucking mean."

"Oh."

He collected himself. "Did you ever get that shoe molding put down in the bathroom?"

I nodded.

"See, not as helpless as you thought." He patted my shoulder and joined the line at the grill.

Gerald eventually found me, when I had just bitten off a mouthful of burger and couldn't verbally fend for myself. As he whined about how he'd repainted his living room peach to make himself feel like he was back in the womb, I realized exactly why I could never care for him. He needed someone. I mean *needed*, the way someone needs caffeine in the morning, or the way closet cases who stalk the hustlers at Overton Park need sex. My ideal partner couldn't need anyone. He had to be able to pick fabric from color swatches without needing a second and third opinion. He had to be able to dismiss guilt for calling in sick and watching TV for 8 straight hours. He had to not *need* me.

My lover Chris hadn't needed me in the least. Oh, he *wanted* me to go with him on a trip to California so we could split expenses — we rented a car and drove up the coast from L.A. to San Francisco, stopping off to tour the Hearst mansion. He *wanted* me to buy a townhouse with him in D.C. where prices on the Hill begin at \$200,000. And when I took the job with the

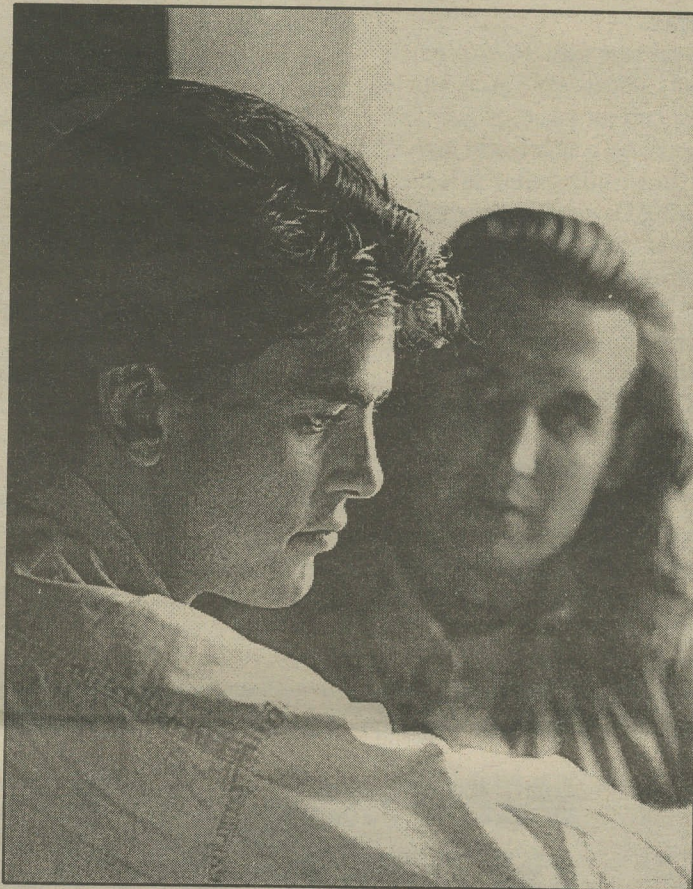
marketing firm, I guess he wanted me to stay, although by then I think he was dissatisfied with the relationship. Our break-up didn't faze him anyway. He still wanted us to take a trip to New York that we'd scheduled about a year in advance. It didn't make any difference to

him that we would be just friends now, even though it was Christmas vacation and we'd begun the five previous Christmases making love under the fucking tree!

Dreams about him still woke me

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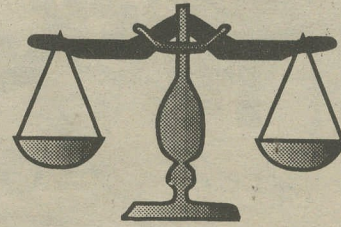
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Romantic Comedian Tom Hanks Plays Lead in New Film About AIDS.

By Esquire
A Heast Magazine

Tom Hanks, the king of romantic comedy, has dropped his usual good-natured grin in order to play the lead in Hollywood's first big-budget movie about AIDS and homosexuality in America.

In the new film, *Philadelphia*, Jenet Conant wrote in an article in the current issue of *Esquire*, Hanks plays a successful lawyer who sues his firm after he is fired for being Gay and having AIDS.

Hanks, anxious to break out of the romantic comedies he has been doing since *Splash* made him a star almost 10 years ago, eagerly pursued the role.

"I have spent voluminous amounts of time," he said, "discussing the philosophical aspects of where I am, what I want to do, the nature of being a power in the industry, being a commodity, having momentum, having cachet."

He said when he was in repertory theater in the late '70s, he played a variety of roles and reveled in it.

The actor figures he once was probably as much of a closet homophobe as the next guy and he cautions that it would be a mistake to make too much out of the fact that he comes from Oakland, in the San Francisco Bay area.

"When I was growing up outside San Francisco, I was probably at my most naive," he said. "I was shocked, eventually, to find out that one of my high school teachers was Gay."

From the beginning, the filmmakers and studio executives knew it would be hard to sell an AIDS movie to a country with large and sometimes boisterous pockets of homophobia. The movie's central focus now is the odd coupling of the Gay client, Hanks, and his straight lawyer, played by Denzel Washington.

"I didn't want to scare off

moviegoers, I wanted to pull them in," said director Jonathan Demme. He said he was open to any suggestion that would help broaden the appeal of the movie.

"In America, men are taught to be afraid of being sensitive or open to other males who are Gay," he said. "It's hard for us to go to the box office with our girlfriends to see a movie about two men being affectionate."

The Denzel Washington character begins by asserting he doesn't know any homosexuals and wouldn't like them if he did — and he does not emerge a changed man.

"He's not going to be the grand marshal of any Gay-pride parade," Washington said. "We didn't want a rah-rah, everything-is-wonderful ending because that ain't the way it is."

Hanks prepared for his role by losing 30 pounds, getting his hair thinned and reading a lot of Gay literature. He pointed out that in many respects, his character, a

young, urban professional, is much closer to his experience than that of, say, Jimmy Dugan, the failed, alcoholic, tobacco-spitting coach Hanks portrayed in *A League of Their Own*.

"One of the things I talked about with Jonathan is that we

were not dealing with people's understanding of AIDS from the first days," said. "My character has not been to three memorial services for friends of his who have died; he's been to 300. What happens is not a shock."

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Lutherans: New Sexuality Statement Will Stand on Bible

By David Briggs
Associated Press Writer

The nation's largest Lutheran group has vowed to keep closer tabs on a task force that provoked widespread protests for supporting homosexual unions, but the church is not backing off from the sex wars.

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to appoint an 11-member consulting panel to work with the task force to make sure any official policy on human sexuality would stand on biblical foundations and the confessional tradition of the church.

Church officials also announced Dec. 9 that the council has decided to hire up to three people to replace the Rev. Karen L. Bloomquist, who was removed as the director of the sexuality study after the first draft was released.

"We do have a crisis," said church head Bishop Herbert Chilstrom. "A crisis can be a doorway to looking at things in a new way or a teaching moment."

The church is in the middle of its first attempt to grapple with sexuality since it was formed in 1988 by the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

A 21-page report released in October, "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective," urged members to challenge traditional biblical condemnations of homosexuality, and argued that supporting and even moving toward a practice of blessing committed same-sex unions are practices "strongly supported by responsible biblical interpretation."

"It is the binding commitment, not the license or ceremony, that lies at the heart of biblical understandings of marriage," the draft statement said.

Even before the statement was released, the 67-member Conference of Bishops expressed concerns about how marriage appeared to be

equated with the term "loving, committed relationship," and in particular with the way Scripture was interpreted in defense of homosexual relationships.

The reaction from the pews was immediate, and largely negative.

Chilstrom said he received about 700 letters.

"Most of the negative letters go directly to the issue of homosexuality. It is very clear that that is the flash point," he said in a statement.

The Church Council, the 5.2 million-member denomination's legislative body between its biennial churchwide assemblies, voted 25-7 against stopping work on a sexuality statement.

However, in its official statement, the council acknowledged "strong signs that trust in the current task force has been impaired" and that significant modifications were required for the process to be widely accepted and trusted.

While it did not set specific boundaries, the council also said no statement would be recommended to a Churchwide Assembly unless it would stand on biblical foundations and merit widespread support within the church.

"If members of this church do not believe the process is trustworthy, then progress in developing a social statement on human sexuality will be greatly impaired if not permanently poisoned by cynicism, disillusionment, suspicion and a sense of betrayal now felt by a significant number of persons," said the Rev. Charles Miller, executive director of the denomination's Division for Church in Society.

Chilstrom said the task force ignored his advice when it appeared to take sides on the homosexuality issue, ruling out the stand of people who refer to the biblical prohibitions.

"The most we can do in the church at this point is to frame the dialogue, and to encourage people to get involved in calm and courageous discussions," he said.

Local churches have until June

to send back responses to the first draft. A second draft is scheduled to be prepared next summer in time for a churchwide assembly of lay and

clergy delegates in 1995.

Mainline Protestant denominations have been convulsed in recent years over demands by homosexual members that churches accord them formal acceptance and the right of ordination. The United Church of Christ is the only major Protestant denomination to permit the ordina-

tion of homosexuals.

In the last two years, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have rejected proposals to loosen church strictures on homosexuality. The Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians all are engaged in new studies of homosexuality.

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Holy Trinity Sets Move

The most successful predominantly Gay and Lesbian church in Memphis is bursting at the seams and has lost its lease.

Holy Trinity Community Church is planning a move to an 8,400 square-foot space in midtown. Church officials asked that the exact location not be published until the lease is signed.

The space, which is not a church building, will be adapted during January. The first service at the new location is expected to be on Jan. 30.

Among the advantages of the

new space is that the sanctuary area is expected to seat 200. Holy Trinity added a second Sunday morning service recently because its current 124-seat capacity was consistently exceeded. The church plans go back to one morning service after the move.

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Holy Trinity has about 300 members on its rolls, about 200 of whom are considered active members

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If Amnesia ever gets any kind of designating insignia (a sign, dilbert) it will certainly be a lot easier for out-of-town people to find it the first time and for good-hearted souls to direct them there.

The You Ain't Right Club held some awards. We missed it. We asked for results. Nobody called. Just guess.

Gary Akin did wave the GOCS newsletter in front of ourselves at the Hut one evening. That White Trash of the Year award just went right to his head.

We understand that Hetti McDaniels did impress a lot of folks in Dallas at Miss Gay America. The account that we were promised did not materialize, although, as soon as her scores arrive, we will be delighted to inform y'all how well she did. Everything's a bureaucracy these days.

We hereby swear never to front anybody's ad money again. We and our editors are full of the milk of human kindness but not full in the pockets of moolah and we do not like to become impatient with our friends.

And Then She Said Department

The newly formed Memphis TransGendered Alliance has scored what is, in our humble but loudly trumpeted opinion, a coup. They will hold a makeup class in January taught by Mary Kay representative. Cross-dressing persons are perhaps some of the most timid and retiring

served that some of these girls do need a tad of good advice as far as the painting of one's face but we can't really dish. We all had to go through the experimental stages, and not everyone came out looking like Veronica York or Crystal Jo on the first try. Some of us just continue to look like Sofonda Peters' country cousin.

Which brings us to the soapbox portion of our column. You will be hearing a lot about the Stonewall Riots and the upcoming 25th anniversary of that action in the months to come. We will see to it that the history and the reasoning are fully explained. Remember, Chiquita, Stonewall was made up of drags, freaks and fringe persons. We all, from the stuffiest Log Cabin Republican to the screechiest Radical Faerie have these people to thank for their anger and courage. That was the spark which still flames today.

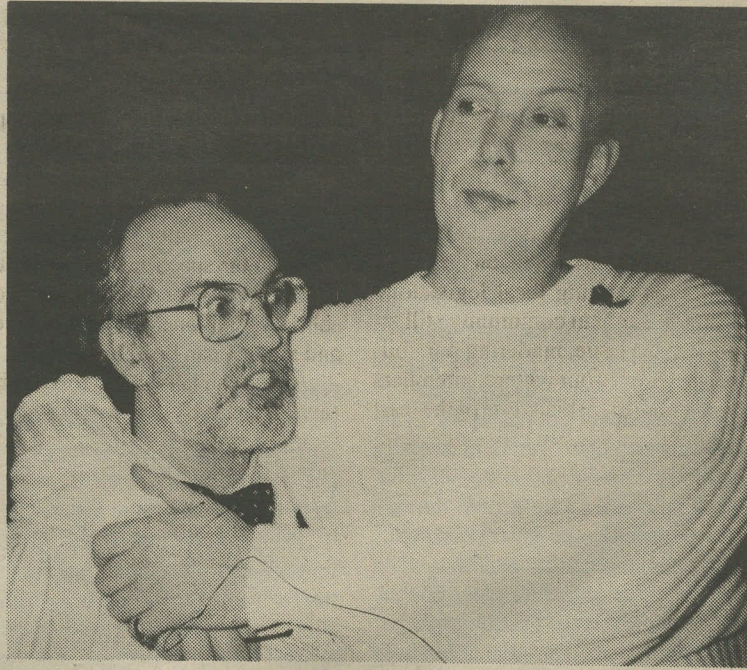
It also didn't hurt that the riots were on the day of Judy Garland's funeral. (We'll tell you tender young things all about her, too.)

Yes, dear, it's January. It's dull; it's cold. The Memphis Pride Committee can liven things up for you almost immediately. Dixie Alexander is going to cook up several gallons of homemade chili with corn muffins and all the trimmings. You too can have all you can eat of this culinary wonder by merely coming to the MGLCC on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 4 to 6 pm and paying \$5. Videos of interest

Lady A's Pounds

associated with the Gay/Lesbian community. We say associated because many cross-dressers are either bisexual or heterosexual (which separates them from the female impersonators or plain-ole-garden-variety drag queens who tend to be anything but timid). It is the MGLCC which provides the location for these meetings and our community which provides support and advice.

Their newsletter *Powder and Pearls* is turning into a very interesting publication. We have ob-



Bosom buddies Lady A. and Lady Rae in a pontifical moment.

will be shown and all proceeds will go toward the work of this year's Pride Committee. If anyone is interested in what the Pride Committee is up to, information may be obtained at the MGLCC, particularly at the next meeting at 10 am on Jan. 8.

World AIDS Day in Memphis finally came into its own this year. 300 people managed to squeeze into First Congregational Church for a varied and beautiful program featuring the Memphis Civic Orchestra. 125 people attended a candlelight service at Holy Trinity Community Church. We understand mention was made at several other churches during their regular Wednesday night services.

We enjoyed our trip to Kentucky and the pleasant nightspots both in Louisville and Lexington. We attended one bar-night which was a collaboration between the new Louisville Nightwings and the established Lexington C.O.L.T.S. We received a nice vest brooch from C.O.L.T.S. but have yet to impress anyone from Nightwings. Oh, well.

Nashville also treated the Pride Committee very well—room, dinner and breakfast. Chair Brad Beasley and his associates had also obtained complimentary entry for the participants into the three largest bars in Nashville: The Chute, Connection and Warehouse. It is a

goal of the Memphis committee to foster as much enthusiasm as possible and hopefully some of the widespread community support that Tennessee's other cities are beginning to enjoy. There is now a statewide Pride Committee which will concentrate on larger events.

Would you believe that the Diamond Studs is not a troupe of strippers? No, Mavis, they are promising singing, dancing and skits at Reflections on Sat., Jan. 29, along with Southern Country Memphis. Yee-hah!

Impersonator Tracy Alé will host a benefit show at Amnesia on Thursday, Dec. 30, which will prove to be a most unusual evening. Her co-star will be Jazzmun whose résumé includes many national television appearances.

One of our community's most beloved storytellers, Armistead Maupin, will come to public television this month. Watch Channel 10 for the miniseries, *Tales of the City*, later this month.

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Lesbians Remain in Closet About Partner Abuse

By Maria Hammontree
The Baltimore Alternative

Baltimore — Spousal abuse has received a good deal of attention in the mainstream media, on the news, and even among local legislators. But the Lesbian community still silences the issue, hindering our ability to care for our battered members and making Lesbians one of the least likely groups to use the available legal and social resources.

Esther Margolius, staff therapist at the Chase-Brexton Clinic, finds people's willingness to believe certain myths has contributed to a general denial of the reality of Lesbian partner abuse. Many believe that women, especially feminists, will not abuse. Margolius also suspects Lesbians are reluctant to fuel homophobic myths that "dykes are abusive" or that "Lesbians are sick" by bringing partner abuse to light.

But battery (unwanted and harmful touching) and assault (threatened or attempted battery) are used equally in both straight and Gay relationships as a means to establish power and control, Margolius notes. One third of all relationships include an episode of abuse, and the severity of the violence and the use of weapons occur with similar frequency in both homosexual and heterosexual relationships.

For Margolius, the issue came to the foreground in November when 24 of the 73 surveys completed at The First Annual Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health Fair

asked that Chase-Brexton start a support group for battered Lesbians.

Quince Hopkins, staff attorney at the House of Ruth Legal Clinic, notes that no matter where someone stands in the spectrum of class, education, socio-economics, religion or sobriety, "anyone can be a batterer and anyone can be abused."

Abuse can take many forms, she says: — Physical abuse may include reckless driving, tickling, assault with a weapon, attempted murder, destruction of property, and abuse of pets and of children. — Emotional abuse includes name-calling, isolation, rages, "defining reality," and using issues of ethnicity, class, age, or physical or emotional ability. — Sexual abuse may include forced sex, insults, coerced monogamy (or non-monogamy), sexual withholding, or demanding the partner change her body to an image desired by the abuser. — Economic abuse involves manipulating economic decisions and controlling funds. This can mean forcing a person to live beyond their means, ruining the partner's credit, forcing a partner to support the abuse, or to become economically dependent on the abuser.

Rebecca Hays, a counselor at the Sexual Assault Resource Center, spotlights several characteristics unique to the emotional abuse of Lesbian partners. By isolating her partner from family and friends, an abuser cuts her off from reality checks or ways to escape. If the abuser is the only Lesbian a victim knows, "sisterhood" loyalties com-

pound fears of never finding another relationship or being part of the Lesbian community.

The use of homophobic threats in abuse is a special aspect of the dynamics of Lesbian partner abuse. Hopkins cites abusers who threaten to "out" partners to family, friends and coworkers. Women who quit jobs in fear of being outed by their partner then become economically dependent. Abusers may define "a real homosexual relationship" according to what they want the victim to do at that moment. Abusers may prey on victim's insecurities by saying no one will believe she is a victim if she fights back or that no one else will love her.

Margolius says this abuse plays on fears of coming out to police and getting homophobic responses. In the past officials' response to partner abuse was heterosexist. Case-workers assumed the abuser was male, and some took the abuse less seriously when they learned the abusive partner was a woman. Homophobia in shelters still makes it difficult to place a battered Lesbian. Chase-Brexton and the House of Ruth, on occasion, must obtain hotel rooms to provide safe housing.

Providing safe housing for Lesbians is further complicated because sometimes the abusers follow their partners to shelters. "Anywhere a battered Lesbian

can go, her attacker can go. She's a woman, too," Hopkins says.

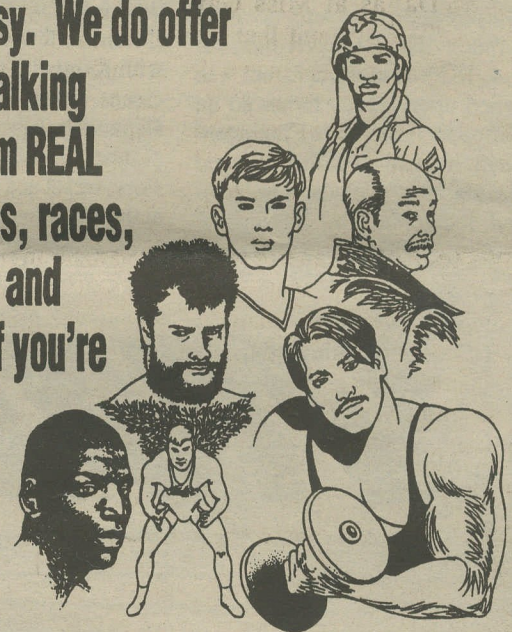
Hopkins comments that women have been shunned by other Lesbians for "betraying a sister" to the police or involving the police in the community. Lesbians are more likely to hold a battered Lesbian responsible for the abuse than they would a heterosexual woman. They may blame the victim for splitting the community, accuse her of lying or exaggerating the abuse, or may blame

her for the pattern of abuse.

As Lesbian battery cases increase with the general rise in domestic violence, counselors are finding that giving assistance is complicated by the dynamics of homophobia and myths in the Lesbian community. New laws and procedures must be established to ensure that Lesbian victims of abuse have the same legal defense against domestic violence as do others.

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Stephen Foster—Composer Enid Yandell—Sculptor Kentucky Kinfolks—Famous Family?

By Vincent Astor

A recent trip to Kentucky helped me discover two individuals who contributed much to that state and have many of the signs of being family to us all.

Stephen Collins Foster Composer (1826-1864)

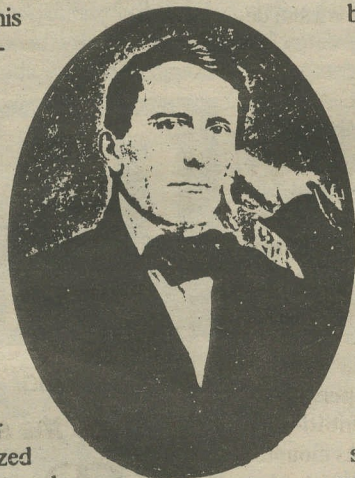
Stephen Foster can best be described as the best of his genre; of the thousands of ethnic songs, both jolly and sentimental composed during the 1800's, his have endured. His life was full of paradoxes: he wrote song after song about a romanticized South and only visited it three times. He wrote lyrics as if a rural Black person were speaking and he was born in Pennsylvania. He made the Suwanee River famous and never saw it.

Stephen Foster was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1826. A musical career was frowned upon by his father so he became a bookkeeper in Cincinnati in 1846. In 1848 all of this changed when his early ballads were published, including "Oh! Susannah."

This song became the marching song of the thousands who headed west in the Gold Rush of 1849. His success increased when E. P. Christy, of Christy's Minstrels, popularized his song "Nellie Was a Lady" the following year. This enabled him to marry his childhood sweetheart, Jane McDowell, in 1850. It is widely believed that Jane is the original "Jennie with the Light Brown Hair."

His finances did not reflect his success. He sold his earliest songs for meager amounts and realized less than \$1,700 in royalties from "Old Folks at Home (Swanee River)". His association with Kentucky came almost by accident. While visiting a cousin in Bardstown, he stayed at Federal Hill plantation. According to a family story, he sat at a desk still preserved at the house and wrote the first draft

of "My Old Kentucky Home." In later years, that song was adopted as the state song, and the house and grounds are preserved as a memorial to Foster.



His best portrait hangs in the home and reveals him to be a handsome man with a quality about the eyes which, today, foreshadows the later sadnesses of his life. Two other allegorical portraits make him out to be cloyingly effeminate and are pretty disgusting. Many of his songs are carefree, happy, sing-along types of songs. It makes one wonder if there was something personal in the lyrics of other songs: "For if I drank, the toast should be, / To blighted fortune, health and fame, / Then while I long to quell the strife, / That passion holds against my life, / Tho' boon companions ye may be, Oh! Comrades Fill No Glass For Me." Is this

a reference to an unacceptable love relationship or to his well-known problems with alcohol? Men did have intimate relationships with one another during this part of the century which had nothing to do with their marriages or families. These were looked upon as comradely and could be socially acceptable. It is difficult to say how much sexuality played in every relationship.

The *Gay Book of Days* mentions that he loved George Cooper, composer of "Sweet Genevieve," and it is recorded that he moved to New York in 1860 and separated from Jane and his daughter Marion. His life began to decline and the famous composer was barely able to feed himself. He stumbled in a dark room one evening, fell against a broken pitcher and was injured. He died in the charity ward on January 16, 1864, at Bellevue Hospital with 35¢ in scrip in his pocket and a piece of paper reading "Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts." Musician friends played a song of his at the funeral which goes, "Ah! May the Red Rose Live Alway / To smile upon earth and sky / Why must the beautiful ever weep? / Why must the beautiful die?"

His last composition, "Beautiful Dreamer," was published after his death and there are memorials to him in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York and Florida. *Continued on Page 25*

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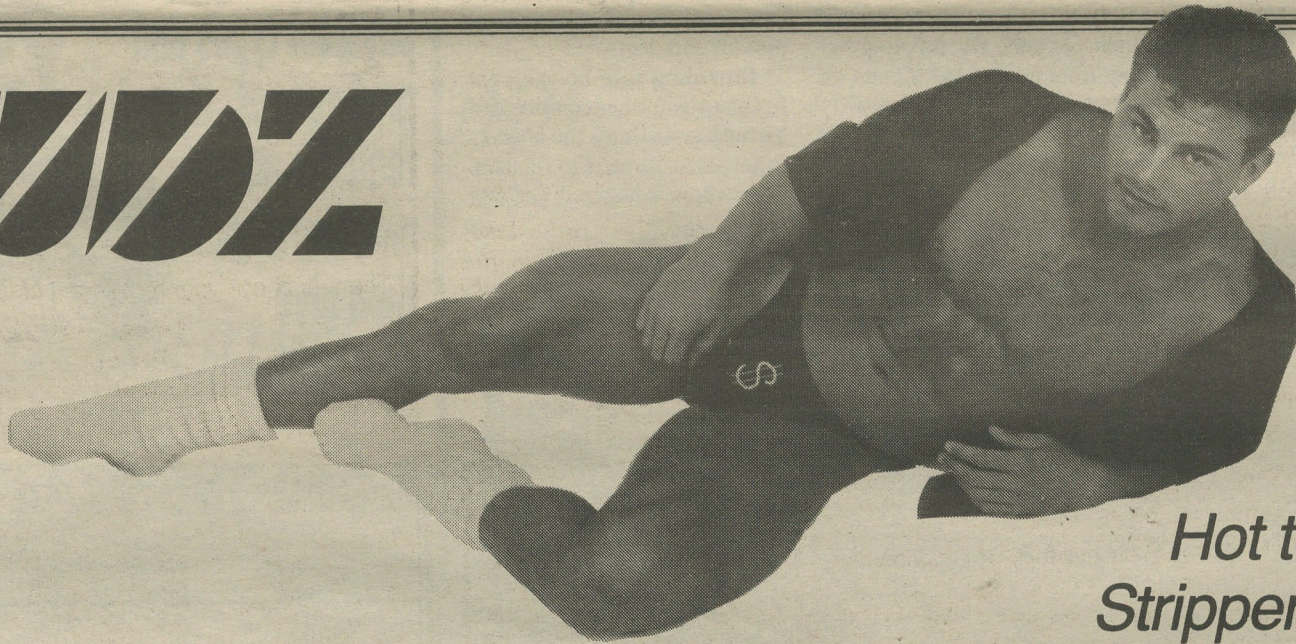
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Enid Yandell Sculptor (1869-1934)

Recognized as one of America's leading women sculptors at the turn of the century, Louisville-born Enid Yandell was a rare exception in the art world of the late 1800's. She became one of a handful of pioneer women sculptors who established a long-term career in what was still considered to be "a man's art," too physically demanding and indelicate for women.

Born to a physician from a prominent Louisville medical family and a Nashville socialite, Enid Yandell showed a talent for three-dimensional art at a young age. Yandell's early modeling and carving skills were honed as a student of Cincinnati woodcarver Benn Pitman when Yandell was only twelve. Her subsequent training at the Cincinnati Art Academy under Louis Rebisso was classically directed.

Her first significant professional opportunity came in 1891 when she won the task of designing caryatids to support the roof garden of the Woman's Building at the 1893-1894 Columbian World Exhibition in Chicago. In its day, this was said to be the first major architectural project totally designed and decorated by women. As a result of this commission, she was selected as an assistant to Exposition sculptors Lorado Taft, Philip Martiny and Carl Rohl-Smith.

Her time working on the Exposition was published in a small book called *Three Girls in a Flat* which was praised by the press at the time as the consummate portrayal of the "bachelor maid." Significantly, due to the shortage of qualified assistants, the women working on the

Exposition's sculptures were paid the same wage as the men. She also received a commission from her home state's Exposition building for a statue of Kentucky pioneer Daniel Boone. This statue visited several exhibitions during its lifetime and the casting in bronze still stands at the entrance of Louisville's Cherokee Park.



Unfortunately, as was common, all of these exhibition sculptures were made of staff, a mixture of plaster, hemp and cement, more durable than plain plaster but not meant to last. Yandell's first work in Tennessee was a 20-foot statue (also in staff) of Pallas Athena which stood next to the Parthenon constructed for the 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exhibition (also decorated in the same material). It was made in Yandell's studio in Paris, France, and was so huge that a farewell party was held inside the statue's chest cavity before it was shipped to Nashville. It, also, was praised for being an exact copy of the "Pallas de Velletrie" in the Louvre and became the symbol of the exhibition, appearing on post-grams and post cards.

Today, in Centennial Park, is another monument by Yandell in bronze and stone. This is dedicated to Major John W. Thomas, was com-

pleted in 1907 and stands very close to the site of her Pallas Athena. Her later works include everything from figurines to monuments. Her favorite work is the Carrie Brown Memorial Fountain in Kennedy Plaza in Providence, Rhode Island. It is a large piece with intertwined symbolic figures and a swirling Art Nouveau style. The influence of Rodin is apparent in much of her work. One tankard which she designed bears two figures, a young fisherman on the lid and a mermaid as the handle. When the lid is opened, the lips of the two figures touch.

Her photo reveals her to be a very handsome woman and she was highly regarded as a pioneer in her day. It may be noted here that Enid Yandell never married and her name has never been linked in a relationship with any man (scandalous or otherwise).

Recently, an exhibition of Yandell's sculpture was mounted at the J. B. Speed Museum in Louisville where the writer viewed it. The only males important in the historical materials from the exhibition are her teachers who include Frederick MacMonnies and Auguste Rodin. Although it is again difficult to know what her relationships may have been like, she may be appreciated as a woman of great talent and independence.

The lives of the female sculptors of that era have not been given their due in art histories but this is slowly being rectified. It would be interesting to realize how many marchers last April realized that the statue of Lincoln in his memorial, which is perhaps the most famous statue in the nation, was sculpted by a woman, Vinnie Ream, of the same generation of artists as Enid Yandell.

Amendment 2 Overturned

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been victims of discrimination.

Amendment 2 would have banned state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also would have repealed Gay-rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

It was approved by the voters 53% to 47% in 1992 but never took effect because Bayless issued a preliminary injunction last January, saying it would probably be found unconstitutional. He presided over a two-week trial on Amendment 2's constitutionality in October.

At the Denver Detour, Watkins said of the amendment, "Just because the majority of the people feel that way doesn't make it right."

Mary Celeste, a lawyer who challenged the measure, said the ruling puts other cities and states on notice that "they'd better be careful not to

step on the toes of fundamental rights."

Eight states have initiatives pending that would prohibit passage of laws protecting Gays, and several cities have repealed anti-discrimination laws.

In defending Amendment 2, the state attempted to show there were six compelling state interests that justified the initiative. Bayless rejected four, including a claim that "there is militant Gay aggression in this state which endangers the state's political functions."

The judge said only two compelling interests — promotion of religious freedom and family privacy — were supported by evidence. But Bayless said Amendment 2 wasn't sufficiently narrow to achieve those ends without violating Gays' constitutional rights.



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Bowling Beat

by Tony Matics

Happy holidays to all of you, and I hope each of you will have a prosperous new year!! The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League has completed their first half of bowling with an undisputed champion. The team of "CD2," which has held the first place position for most of the season, wrapped up the first-half championship the week before the final position round on December 10th. The only excitement left was the fierce battle for second place. The league standings going into the last night of bowling had at least seven teams within four games of each other in the standings. When the dust settled, those "Awesome Four" from the Pipeline squeezed into second place by a thin half-game margin! My congratulations to each team for their outstanding efforts in the first half of bowling.

Second-Half Season to Begin on January 7, 1994

With a three week layoff for the holidays, the Brothers and Sisters Bowling League will resume bowling on January 7. This will mark the start of our second half season, with all teams that bowled the first half start-

ing the second half with a clean slate (zero wins, zero losses). All averages and current individual high game and series standings will remain the same. The team of "CD2" has earned the right to bowl for the league championship at the end of the season against our soon-to-be-determined second-half champion. The Pipeline "Awesome Four" has assured themselves of an opportunity to bowl for at least third place in the league championship by virtue of their second place finish from the first half.

Looking for Some Friday Night Fun?

With the beginning of the second half, the Brother and Sisters Bowling League will allow for new members to join. We currently have room a minimum of two new teams. If you are looking for a way to meet new people, have a lot of fun, and still be able to go out "troll hunting" for the evening, come on out and join us. We start bowling at 7:00 pm on Fridays, at Park Lanes (corner of Park and Getwell). The cost is \$9 each week which covers your bowling, end-of-year banquet, year end trophies and prize fund. You must be an ABC/WIBC-sanctioned bowler, however. If you are not, we can sign you up with a one-time fee of \$10 for men, and \$11.50 for women.

Until next month, remember, it's not how you score it, it's how well you scored!

S.P.I.T. Gearing up for First Annual Tournament

by Tony Matics

The St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T.) Committee is beginning its final preparations for the First Annual IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) Bowling Tournament. This national tournament will be held here in Memphis on the weekend of March 18-20, 1994, at Park Bowling Lanes (corner of Park & Getwell).

This first-time tournament will be limited to a maximum of 160 bowlers, who will be bowling a total of 12 games throughout the tournament weekend. The tournament will feature competition in singles, doubles, and a four (4)-person team event, along with a scratch division competition.

The S.P.I.T. Tournament will be the first IGBO tournament held in Memphis, and it will be one of over 40 such tournaments being held in various cities around North America this year. IGBO is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1985 for the sole purpose of promoting unity, communications, and fellowship throughout the international Gay and Lesbian bowling community. The IGBO membership has grown over the years, and now has over 150 bowling leagues from around the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. These leagues total more than 20,000 active bowlers.

S.P.I.T. committee members have worked diligently over the past year traveling to many of these tournaments in order to prepare themselves for their own tournament. At each tournament attended not only did they bowl (sometimes very well!!!) and have fun, but they also spent many hours talking to fellow tournament organizers in order to learn how to put together a successful tournament event. Many of the other cities that have hosted these tournaments have produced wonderful events primarily due to fundraising efforts prior to the tournament.

Each tournament generates money through its entry fees, and in order to

supplement its prize fund (cash payouts and trophies) many fundraisers are held during the year. The S.P.I.T. Committee has held several fundraisers this year with limited success. It has put on a benefit show at Chaps, a cookout at the Pipeline, shoe shines, sales of Jello Shooters, and a Mega-Bucks raffle. The committee is now in the process of looking for corporate, and individual sponsors. The sponsorship program's purpose is to obtain donations of raffle prizes, and generate extra money that can be used toward the tournament's prize fund. Dependent upon what level of participation a company chooses, the benefits for a sponsor can vary. Sponsors will have the opportunity of promoting their company or business by use of their promotional items, banners, and other advertising medium. The overall goal of the S.P.I.T. committee is to provide a tournament with a \$10,000.00 prize fund.

This tournament will not be limited to bowling for the weekend. It is the plan of S.P.I.T. Committee to provide each tournament participant with enough activities during the weekend to keep them busy, and hopefully show them that Memphis as a city is a fun place to visit.

The tournament schedule of events includes the Registration Reception to be held at the Memphis Marriott Hotel (American Way), the tournament's Host Hotel, on Friday, March 18th. Bowling will begin on Saturday morning, with two shifts of bowling, which should end by late afternoon. A Casino Run is planned for Saturday, March 19, for those-out-of-towners interested in trying some riverboat gambling in Tunica. For those who prefer not to lose their money, the tournament committee hopes to have several receptions lined up for that evening. On

Sunday, March 20, the last phase of bowling will take place, with the Tournament Banquet being held that evening, at the Marriott Hotel.

It is anticipated that the tournament will attract 125 to 150 people from outside of Memphis. At other IGBO tournaments attended by the S.P.I.T. Committee there has been great interest in this event. Many of those interested will be visiting Memphis for the first time. The tournament organizers are hoping that each out-of-town visitor will leave after the tournament is over with the idea that they will return again, and again.



Spring Training Softball Season In Sight

by Chuck Saylor

Now that the big holiday season is here, cold winter nights, cozy fireplaces and walks in the snow with that special someone it's time to think about... SOFTBALL!!!!

Yes, softball... Crazy you say? Not really. With the beginning of the new year, practice will start in only two months. If it sounds too far off to start thinking about, it's not. This past summer was the first year there was a Gay men's team playing in Memphis, which was the catalyst for that to continue.

With enough continued and renewed interest from anyone wanting to play, we could and should have at least two teams, hopefully more.

Plans at this time are for the Memphis team to join the Music City Softball League in Nashville, so we can be a part of the Gay World Series to be held there during the summer of '94. This promises to be the event of the year for participants and spectators alike. The tournament committee has booked the entire Crowne Plaza Hotel and part of the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville for this tournament.

So, just because it's cold outside doesn't mean you shouldn't start thinking about playing softball.

Be sure to keep on the lookout for additional information about the exciting softball season ahead.



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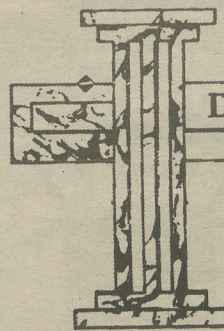
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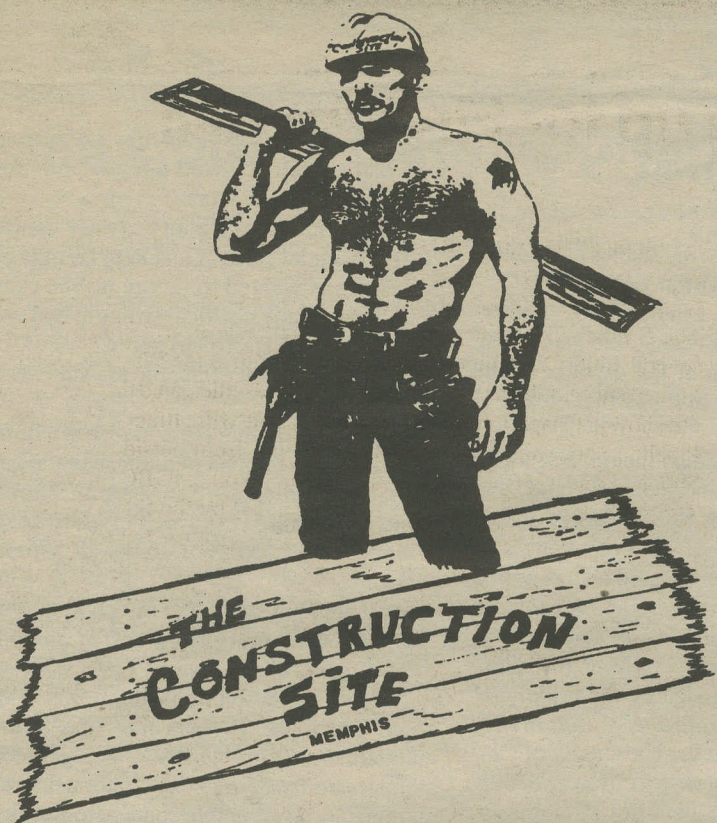


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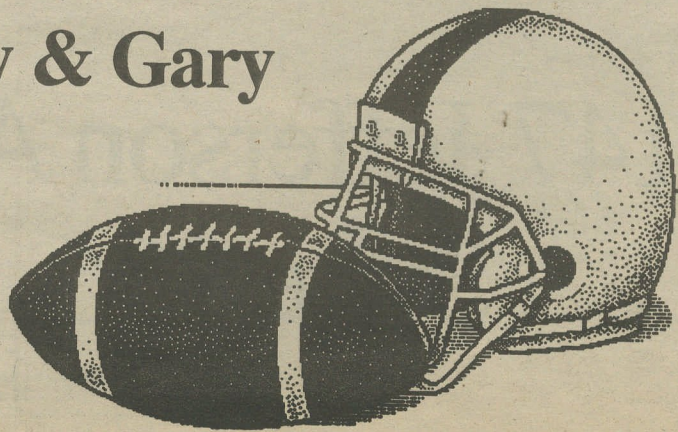
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Cartoonist

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"She allows you to see the foibles and doubts and contradictions within Lesbian life."

At the same time, Findlen said, "She really gets feminism. Because she gets it, she can poke a little fun at the aspects of the feminist community in a way that clearly is respectful."

Given its controversial theme, Bechdel's work is surprisingly noncontroversial.

Lesser, who notes that *Dykes* is one of only two homosexual cartoons regularly featured in *Funny Times*, said he has gotten only a handful of complaints about her work — a few from Lesbians who felt she was making fun of their lifestyle, a few from straight readers offended by the topic.

And *Gray City Journal*, an alternative student newspaper at the University of Chicago, plans to use the strip to attract not only Gay and Lesbian readers but straights, as well.

Bechdel moved to Vermont several years ago with a lover. Although that relationship ended, she plans to remain in the state. In Vermont, she said, the Lesbian community and cultural opportunities are limited, but the state is more open-minded than other areas about homosexuality.

She would not feel as safe in her hometown of Beech Creek, Pa., a small, farming community, she said.

Her family has mixed feelings about her work — a younger brother gives her books as gifts, another brother "is more conservative," she said. Her mother, who first asked

if her daughter's Lesbianism was the result of a bad experience with a boyfriend, now is interested in her work.

"We went through a lot of really painful stuff," Bechdel said. "I just kept bringing it up when she wanted to ignore it. She came to understand the political struggle that was just unfair. She started to get it."

Apparently a lot of people are starting to get it.

Bechdel notes that there has been a flurry of mainstream interest in homosexuals, particularly Lesbians — everything from a *Newsweek* magazine cover article to "Doonesbury" and "For Better or Worse" cartoons.

And her own small line of "Dykes" merchandise, everything from coffee mugs to calendars, is selling well.

"I have mixed feelings about this craze about Lesbians. It feels like that's how mainstream culture works — you get to be mainstream by being sexy ... not sexual ... marketable, an attractive concept to people," she said.

"That's a mix of good and bad," she said, pulling out a Gay catalog featuring jewel-encrusted AIDS ribbons and ironing board covers showing nude men. "It's a real slippery slope. Where does this become exploitation?"

Although Bechdel someday would like to work on an animated film, she said she is content for now to continue work on her "Dykes" strips and speaking engagements.

Her fifth book, *Spawn of Dykes to Watch Out For*, was released last month.

Alone in Memphis

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in the middle of the night. One dream in particular. Clasp hands, we'd jump from a plane. I wouldn't let go to pull my parachute cord or let him pull his.

"You're a million miles away!" Gerald tapped my glass with his fork. We both sat by the illuminated pool in wrought iron chairs. Roger had arranged the seating around the water as though a troupe of pool follies were going to rise out of the depths on a hydraulic stage.

"Sorry, Gerald. My mind's on work." I focused my eyes on his. They were golden brown, fringed with blondish red lashes. His freckled skin gleamed.

"I know how it can be." Gerald spoke so earnestly I thought he would weep, which he could do at will — Southern Belle that he was — if he really had a will. "Today, I thought a client of mine would cause my brain to atrophy. First, she wanted a valance above the great room window. Then, she wanted a cleaner look. Up, down, up, down. My back is killing me. I should have shot myself the minute I thought of starting my own decorating business." He brushed a leaf from his cashmere cardigan and sipped his scotch.

"What do you do in the evening, Gerald?"

He eyed me hopefully.

"To pass the time, I mean."

"Lord knows I don't have to worry about passing time. I don't know where it goes. Monday night is bridge club. Tuesday, two-step lessons. Wednesday, Bible class at

Unity — I never thought I'd belong to a completely Gay congregation! Anyway, it just goes. Have you ever thought of coming to Wednesday night Bible classes?"

Gerald's lover had died of AIDS three years before. From what I'd heard, Gerald, uncharacteristically, had taken charge, prodding church members to visit Hal on a regular basis, yelling at doctors who didn't return calls, and forcing Hal to keep eating to the very end. I'd heard that Hal had died after Gerald had fed him a steak dinner by candlelight, having cut the meat into morsels small enough for him to chew. Talk about fanaticism!

When people began to drift away around eleven, I took off for Stallion's, a bar in Midtown where big, dormered homes built in the twenties — the heyday of Memphis — harbored yuppies and queens. Four dollars covered the beer bust. A bare-chested attendant in a leather vest handed me my plastic cup.

While the bartender was filling it, I noticed a cute guy standing alone at the end of the bar. He was short, but well-proportioned, dressed in jeans and cowboy boots. He seemed perfectly at ease, absorbing the k.d. lang tune the DJ was playing. He seemed gentle. Before I could chicken out, I went over and wedged myself into a space next to him and smiled. He smiled back.

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Video Review

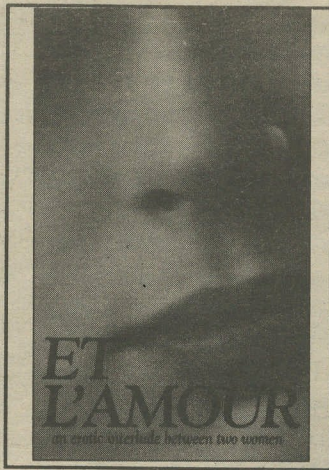
Et L'amour

Ladies, if tantalizing foreplay is your forte then *Et L'amour* is the film for you. Billed as "an erotic appetizer," this film places its audience in a voyeuristic role. You find yourself watching and listening as two Lesbians explore one another's bodies. The encounter takes place in a candlelit bedroom, with glimpses of the couple interspersed with images of far away places.

Once in bed, the two women overcome their outward stereotypi-

cal roles with a shared passion. They slowly explore each other with caressing hands and wet tongues. This is a film which has obviously been made by women for women. The viewer is treated to sensual images of desire, seen in the longing glances and heard in the soft sexual breathing.

Et L'amour is a Ponygirl Production and is being distributed by Wolfe Video. It would make a great "mood-setting" gift. Running time 23 minutes. Price \$24.98. Wolfe Video, P.O. Box 64, New Almaden, CA 95042. (408) 268-6782.



Sharp Debate Follows Reading of Play by Celebs

By Arthur H. Rotstein
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Censorship and free expression were center-stage issues—literally—during an impassioned community forum that followed an all-star cast's reading of a riveting Pulitzer Prize-winning play on death and dying.

Academy Award winners Estelle Parsons and Mercedes Ruehl, Emmy Award winning husband and wife Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry and *Superman* star Christopher Reeve were among actors who performed a reading of *The Shadow Box* without pay on Dec. 6. Harry Hamlin and Blair Brown also took part.

The reading, and panel discussion that followed, were staged in response to last year's cancellation of a Flowing Wells High School production of Michael Cristofer's play. School administrators contended raw language in the original version caused the cancellation, while drama teacher Carole Marlowe, who subsequently resigned, said a homosexual relationship in the play triggered the furor.

The school was not represented on the panel, but administrators and parents have defended the decision.

One teacher, Mary Goethals of Tucson High school, said her students would be able to handle the material. "Beaver Cleaver is dead. My students are dealing with a lot of real issues," she said.

An official from the Rockefeller Foundation, which paid for the event, said the panel's dialogue was intended as healing effort for the community. But there was no real common-ground meeting, and pro-and anti-censor panelists didn't change one another's opinions.

A Baptist minister and a Phoenix attorney who heads the Arizona chapter of Concerned Women for America remained resolute that the play, edited or otherwise, was inappropriate because of language and content for a high school audience; Reeve, a rabbi, a retired legal scholar, a high school teacher and a student adamantly favored its staging.

Marlowe used the original text in

casting and initial rehearsals, but said she had planned to tone down the production's language.

"I find it appalling that administrators could not find that this moving and powerful play was presented in some way," said Charles Ares, former dean of the University of Arizona College of Law, now an emeritus professor.

He said the lesson drawn was that "school is a place for orthodoxy ... not free expression."

Cassie Smith, a Tucson High School student, asked: "If administrators have teachers continuing to shelter us, what's going to happen when we get out in the real world?" She called the play a modern classic that anyone should have been able to put on, though the edited version probably would have been better suited for high school.

But the Rev. A.B. Blair of GOLF Links Baptist Church said he thought what he'd heard "was the unedited version. I wouldn't want any of my young members or family to be involved." He also said the arts shouldn't be above community standards, and pointed to natural law as the prevailing standard.

Blair also said art had led to an atmosphere where young people today use four-letter words as everyday speech.

Cathi Herrod of Concerned Women for America said the play's setting, detailing how three terminally ill patients and their loved ones cope with their imminent deaths at a hospice, was "unrelated to real life."

Activists March, Singing Carols With New Lyrics

DENVER (AP)—Casual listeners may have thought it was the Christmas spirit that brought 20 carolers downtown, but those who listened a bit more closely to the lyrics found something else was going on.

"Rhonda the lesbo reindeer, was a very naughty girl..." sang the carolers, who included Terry Schleder, head of Boycott Colorado.

Schleder, whose organization has fought to overturn the anti-Gay rights Amendment 2, said the group simply felt like breaking out in song. "We're coming out for Christmas," Schleder said. "Santa Claus loves Gays and Lesbians."

The activists raised more than a few eyebrows as they marched down Denver's 16th Street Mall and entered the Tabor Center. There, they sang Christmas carols whose lyrics were so risqué a Denver newspaper refused to print them.

She called for discernment and wisdom in selecting appropriate materials for high school presentations.

Herrod also said she'd have a problem with school districts using tax dollars to let students see the play staged in an off-campus theater. "The question becomes, would the issues be presented objectively?" she asked.

But Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum of Temple Emanu-El, who said he'd like to stage the play in his synagogue, responded: "Art doesn't have objectivity."

And Reeve said: "Art does not explain; it does not judge. It merely observes."

Reeve, who read the role of a dying character involved in a homosexual relationship, whose former wife was a woman of loose morals, said homosexuality is not his lifestyle, but that he could portray the role with no problem.

Ares said school administrators "who want peace and quiet too often give in" to people like Blair and Herrod, rather than making "courageous decisions that expose our children to rich educational experiences."

And he said too many parents remain silent and vacate the field "to the vocal minority who want to suppress speech."

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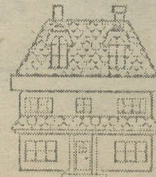
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ADULT BOOKSTORES

Airport Bookmart: 2214 Brooks Rd E. ☎ 345-0657.
Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.
Getwell Book Mart: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.
Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5670.

BOOKS & GIFTS

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

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

BJ's Cleaning Service: ☎ 726-4211.
King's Kleaning Service: Home or Office ☎ 278-2835.
Lee's Carpet Care: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.
White Glove Services: Home or Office ☎ 388-3781.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ACT UP Memphis: 5:30 Sun. Sharon Ann ☎ 725-5483.
Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
AI-Anon (Co-dependency): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
Alliance: Leather/levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 452-5894.
Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 1929 Evelyn Ave. ☎ 272-3875
Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.
Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 278-AIDS or ☎ 272-0855.
Gay and Lesbian American Indians: Information ☎ 725-4898.
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America Memphis Chapter: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402 ☎ 726-5790, leave message for John.
Gays On Cleveland Street (GOCS): Social Group • c/o The Hut, 102 N. Cleveland ☎ 725-9872.
Gay Teen Support Group: Tuesdays 7-8:30, Gerry Wright ☎ 388-6110
Into The Light (Women's AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379
Lambda Men's Chorus: Calvary Episcopal Church, • Mailing address: 2058 Young Ave, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-4045.
Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med): Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730
Mature Gays: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave., Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402 ☎ 726-5790, leave message.
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.
Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): 1486 Madison,

Mailing Address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 726-5790.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Sports Association: c/o MGLCC, Box 41074, ☎ 728-GAYS or 458-6023.

Memphis Lambda Center: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.

Memphis TransGender Alliance: TV/TS support group ☎ Barbara Jean 353-2612 (evenings) or John Prowett 726-5790 (leave message).

MSU State University Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA): BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, MSU 38152., ☎ 371-9978 for info.

Mid-South Men's Council: Box 11042, Memphis 38111-0042, ☎ 278-0961.

Minority Prison Project (MPP): Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2402

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

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

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

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

Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

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

Southern Country Memphis: Country Western Dance Club • 266 Leonora Dr, ☎ 683-8916.

Tennessee Leather Tribe: Men's & Women's leather org. 3293 Renner's Cv. ☎ 372-4426.

Transsexuals in Prison (TIP): For information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave. #4, Memphis 38104-2402

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

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

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

Bear Trappers BBS: Serving Nashville & surrounding area ☎ (615)360-2837
Flesh Illusions BBS: We have P.O.D.S. & Nuit Net Available thru requests only. Also carries Fidonet, 2400-14,4 baud. ☎ 357-5483
The Personals: Gay computer bulletin board • 300 or 1200 baud ☎ 274-6713.
Two's Company: Gay computer bulletin board and computer support. "Handles" accepted. 1200/2400 baud. ☎ 726-4073.

COUNSELING SERVICES

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Beth Causey, M.Div.: Pastoral counseling ☎ 278-9554.
Joel Chapman, PhD: 1835 Union, ☎ 726-1284.
Patricia Goshorn, M.Ed.: Licensed Psychological Counselor • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Ste 316, ☎ 369-6050.
Cliff Heegel, PhD: Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150, ☎ 767-1066.
Sheridan Lambe, LCSW: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178
K. A. Moss, MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101, ☎ 726-4566 • Sliding fee scale.
Northeast Mental Health Center: ☎ 382-3880.
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Charles Butler, CFP: Financial Planner ☎ 274-2524.
Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 3340 Poplar Ave, Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.
Wilma Vandermeer, CPA: Taxes, accounting services ☎ 726-9082.

FLORISTS

Accent With Flowers: 1505 S. Perkins, ☎ 683-3007.
Botanica: 944 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.
Flower Market of Memphis: 1523 Union Ave, ☎ 274-8103.
Park East Florist: 6005 Park, ☎ 761-2980.
Sweet Peas: 111 S. Highland ☎ 324-6873.

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HELP & INFORMATION LINES

AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.
Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays transvestites, & transsexuals)
Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.)
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: ☎ 728-GAYS • 7:30-11pm.
LINC: ☎ 725-8895.
Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.
Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.
Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.

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

LEGAL SERVICES

Wayne C. Gullede, Attorney At Law: Rt. 1, Box 255 A, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (601) 562-8738 or (901) 722-8188.
David Hooper, Attorney At Law: 1870 Union Ave, ☎ 274-6824.
Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518, ☎ 526-0809.
Robert Ross, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 3310, ☎ 525-0417.
Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law: 44 N. Second, Ste 600, ☎ 521-9996.
Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law: 1903 Lincoln American Tower, 60 North Mid-America Mall, Memphis 38103 ☎ 684-1332.

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Bodycare By Jordan: Deep tissue massage, therapeutic touch and preparation for movement. By appointment only. ☎ 527-2273.
Bodyrights: Therapeutic/sports massage by appointment. ☎ 377-7701.
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Kyla J. Dillard, DVM: Housecall

Veterinarian, 480 Pruitt Rd, Oakand, TN 38060 ☎ (901) 465-2699. For emergency care call ☎ (901) 533-5084

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

Decadence Manor: 2027 Madison, ☎ 272-7451.

Graffiti Graphics: 1985 Madison #7, ☎ 278-5002.

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

Gypsy's Vintage Fashions and Antiques: 2018 Court, (In the Mid-Town Flea Market) ☎ 725-4751.

Have Bar Will Travel: Bartending for private functions • Lisa Gray (The Peabody Hotel) ☎ 726-5910.

Bob Hughes, EdD: Yoga, relaxation & meditation classes • ☎ 682-0855.

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

Kings Interior Painting: ☎ 324-5314.

Lavender Earth: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853

Lederwerk: 2027 Madison.

MT's Bakery: Gay and Lesbian Wedding Cakes A Specialty, Mary Jane or Theresa, 2127 Frayser Blvd. ☎ 358-6689 or 388-2376.

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Quality Electronics: TV/VCR Repair, 1593 Getwell, ☎ 743-6377

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Enrica Ramey: Insurance (Midtown) ☎ 725-6023 & (Bartlett) 377-1075.

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

S & R Body Shop: Sandy George, 2052 Clifton, ☎ 353-4604.

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

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

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

STUDJ: ☎ 276-4225, for Info..

Tom Webb Ins.: Insuring in the Gay and Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar, ☎ 682-2170.

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

Tropical Impressions: Pet Shop & Grooming Salon • 3700 S. Mendenhall, ☎ 794-3047 or 365-9716.

Whittington Tree & Lawn Service: Sandra & Troy Whittington ☎ 685-8410. Free estimates, 24 hr. service.

MEDIA

Gay Alternative: Radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00pm, WEVL-FM 90, Box 41773, Memphis 38174.
Hera Sees: Bi-monthly newspaper published by Hera Sees, Inc., 1725-B Madison Ave, ☎ 276-0543.
Query: Weekly newspaper published by Pyramid Publishing Box 40422, Nashville TN, 37204-0422 ☎ (615) 327-3273.
Recovery Talk "In the Midnight Hour": Radio program, Sat. 12-1am, KWAM-AM 990. Weekly program about addictions & recovery. ☎ (901) 377-7963.
Recovery Times: Free monthly news- paper focusing on

addictions & recovery. Distributed in Memphis, Jackson, & Nashville TN • ☎ (901) 377-7963.

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

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Amnesia: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.
Apartment Club: 343 Madison ☎ 525-9491.
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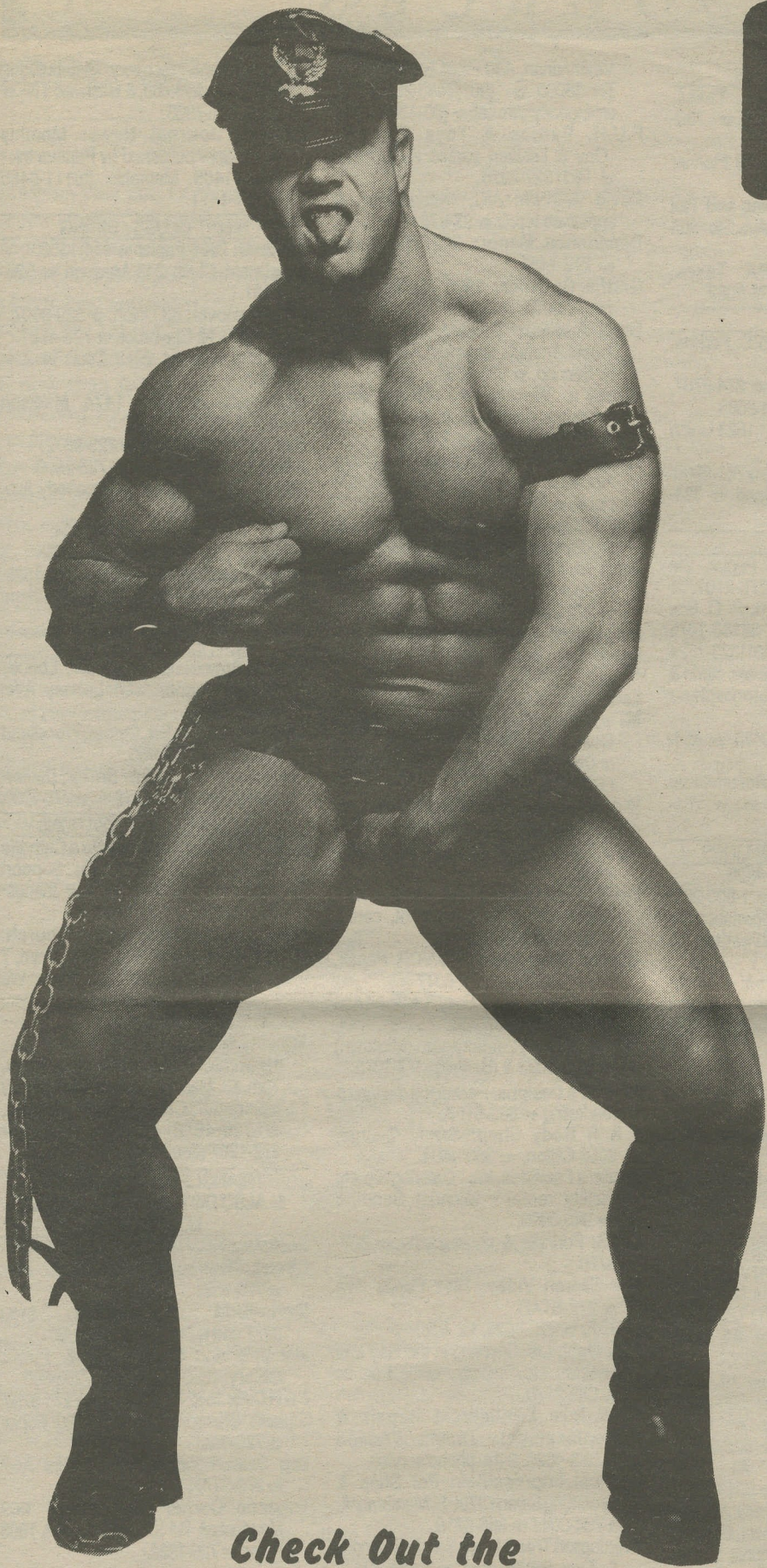
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Gays Rejoicing & Affirmed in a Catholic Environment (GRACE): Support group for Catholics & their friends. Information: ☎ 272-1207 Joe.
Holy Trinity Community Church: Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 11am, 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7:00pm; We Care AIDS Support Ministry: Sat. 10am 2323 Monroe ☎ 726-9443.
Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tue., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 7pm, \$3; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd, ☎ 726-4698 (Doug Deaver) or 272-1207 (Joe Pfeiffer).

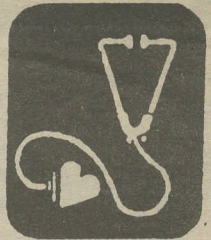
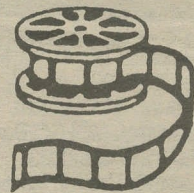
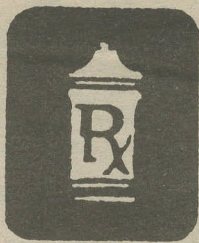
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P & H Cafe: 1532 Madison Ave ☎ 274-9794.
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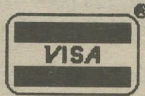
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