

## Appellate Court To Reconsider Reinstatement Of Gay Midshipman

By Laurie Asseo  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal appellate court will reconsider a ruling that ordered the Pentagon to grant an officer's commission to a midshipman ousted from the U.S. Naval Academy after revealing he is gay.

The full U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said Jan. 7 it will reconsider the ruling issued by three of its judges last November in the case of Joseph Steffan, who resigned under pressure from the academy in 1987 after acknowledging his homosexuality.

The Clinton administration had sought only a limited review of the Nov. 16 ruling, which said the Navy could not expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his sexual orientation.

The administration's appeal asserted only that the three judges exceeded their authority when they ordered the Pentagon to commission Steffan as an officer.

But the appeals court, in an unsigned order, said a member of the court proposed that the entire case be reheard, and a majority of the court's members agreed. The judge who suggested an entire rehearing was not identified.

All three judges who ruled in Steffan's favor last November were appointed to the court by President Carter. The full circuit court is dominated by judges named by Republican presidents.

The full appellate court threw out the November ruling in anticipation of the new hearing.

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said from New York City, "We're confident that when

they examine the full merits, they'll uphold the original decision, because it was correct.

"The better thing would have been that they all agreed the decision had been so correct that it doesn't have to be reheard," she said.

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

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

The November ruling said the Navy's ban on declared homosexuals was based on prejudice and served no legitimate purpose. It was the fifth court ruling in 1993 that ordered a homosexual in the military returned to service.

Circuit Judge Abner Mikva wrote in November, "It is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct."

In filing an appeal that did not challenge that central holding, the Justice Department noted that the November ruling did not address the Pentagon's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.

Under that policy, new recruits or service members will not be asked about their sexual orientation. The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits homosexual conduct.

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

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## Lesbian Retreat Subject Of Town Meeting

ELLISVILLE, Miss. (AP)—Two Ocean Springs men say sheriff's deputies ordered them to leave Jones County after a meeting of citizens who are trying to force a lesbian couple to leave the nearby town of Overt.

Todd Emerson and Luis Cintron, founding members of a Coast group that promotes acceptance of Gays and Lesbians, said deputies escorted them out of the meeting Jan. 3 and pushed them into a crowd of hostile people.

They said they received a police escort for the 20 miles from Ellisville to Hattiesburg.

"They told us to get out of town," Emerson said. "They told us they didn't want us anywhere in the county. They said they'd have a police car follow us out to make sure we left, and they did."

Jones County Sheriff Maurice

Hooks said his deputies were protecting the men, not harassing them, after the revival-style church meeting that attracted an angry crowd that gathered around Emerson and Cintron.

People were shouting "queer" and "sinners."

"We may have told them it would be best if they left, but we don't order people out of Jones County," Hooks said. "You can't do that."

Emerson and Cintron attended the meeting to support the lesbian couple, Brenda and Wanda Henson of Gulfport, who recently moved to Overt to open a community center.

The controversy has drawn extensive media coverage with the couple appearing most recently on ABC-TV's 20/20 on Jan. 21.

Readers interested in helping the Hensons should contact Audrey May at Meristem - 276-0282.

## Volunteer State Pride, Inc. Elects Officers

Tennessee has become one of only a half-dozen or so states to found a statewide pride organization. Volunteer State Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride, Inc., elected officers in late January. Commonly known as Volunteer State Pride, the group will immediately seek tax-exempt status in order to apply for grants which have become available for pride and education-related events.

The purpose of the organization is to promote unity, visibility and self-esteem among Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenderal persons; and to promote a positive image in Tennessee and throughout the Southeastern United States through community activities and service.

One representative from the each of the four major Tennessee cities will sit on the Leadership Committee. Brad Beasley, head of Nashville Pride, was elected President; Eddy Bolden, publisher of Knoxville's *Queer Essentials*, Vice-President; Jamie Anderson of Murfreesboro, Secretary; Vincent Astor, columnist for *TJN*, Parliamentarian. Nashville Pride will fill in until a treasurer is elected. Memphis' representative is Clyde "Dixie" Alexander.

Some of the functions of Volunteer State Pride will be to write and receive grants for group organization and Pride events, and to fund other groups throughout Tennessee for the same purposes. It is organizing buses and accommodations for Stonewall 25.

## Researchers Say Exercise Helps PLWAs

By Leslie Lloyd  
Associated Press Writer

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—Regular exercise can help people living with AIDS both physically and mentally, an East Tennessee State University researcher says.

"What we're really talking about is moderate amounts of exercise," said Dr. J. Kelly Smith, a professor of allergy and immunology at the Quillen College of Medicine. "It's equivalent to what most people do when they exercise."

Young people with AIDS can get involved in an exercise program and it would be essentially a free form of treatment, Smith said.

Smith says patients who exercise regularly produce more natural killer cells to fight the disease and feel better mentally.

He said benefits come from a minimum of one hour of exercise, such as brisk walking, three times a week. The patients could work up from there, but Smith said strenuous training wouldn't be suggested.

"It should be a graded increase in exercise," he said.

He began the study 2 1/2 years ago with 13 men and three women infected with HIV. The average age of the participants was 37. Smith divided them into exercise and non-progress every six months.

Regular exercise doubled the amount of CD4 cells, which help fight off AIDS, and increased other immune responses, Smith said.

Questionnaires also revealed that the moods of those AIDS patients who exercised improved.

"The more conditioned they were, the better their moods," he said.

Smith said more research is needed concerning the connection between AIDS treatment and exercise.

"We're going to continue with it and we hope to expand it," he said.

Apparently little research is being done about exercise and AIDS, according to Smith and others.

"I don't know of any research about that," said Don Rabovski, a spokesman for the Alternative Medicines division of the National Institutes of Health.

Smith said much research is funded by pharmaceutical companies looking for drugs that can be used to treat AIDS. Also, Smith said such research about exercise and AIDS doesn't generate much interest in the medical community.

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## Is There A Gay/Lesbian I'll Fly Away in the Future?

by John Stilwell

First of all, I'd like to say how much I appreciate our PBS station, Channel 10. They air programs that other PBS stations have been afraid or unwilling, for whatever reason, to air. I understand that some PBS stations are not running *Tales of the City*. Having seen the first two installments, I can say, fortunately for us, Channel 10 is running this series.

Unlike the commercial channels, PBS does not have to worry about offending and losing advertisers, nor do they have to worry about viewers threatening to boycott advertisers. PBS does, however, depend on public donations to continue their operations and I would strongly suggest that when you think of making donations, that you consider Channel 10. And be sure to mention that programs like *Tales of the City* influenced your decision to make the donation.

That said, it is no surprise to me that *I'll Fly Away* has ended up on PBS. The only surprise to me is that it lasted on commercial television as long as it did. I watched the two-hour wrap-up and I'm glad the producers felt the need or had the desire to wrap things up for

the loyal viewers. I'm also glad that *I'll Fly Away* has found a home. I regret that there won't be any new episodes, but for those viewers who missed it on commercial TV there's still a chance for them to share this experience with those who did catch it on its first run.

I stop short of saying I was a fan or I liked it or I enjoyed it or anything positive like that because basically the series was all about how unfairly Blacks were treated by whites at the beginning of the civil rights movement. The stories are hard-hitting, the acting is excellent; the actors make their characters real for me. Although I never did anything as hateful and hurtful as what I saw, the stories made me feel uncomfortable and bad about what prejudice I might harbor. I also feel bad about how badly people treated Blacks. And I feel uncomfortable that those people saw nothing wrong in what they said or did. Each episode is like passing a traffic accident—you hate what you're seeing but you're so fascinated you *have* to keep watching.

I always feel sad and uncomfortable after each episode. It's not the sort of mirror one likes to look into, even if you can say, "I would never do anything like that." But I can imag-

ine people watching this program and not seeing anything wrong with the way Blacks were treated, actually wishing for the "good old days" when Blacks "knew their place and stayed in it."

As we go into Black History month, I think it's important to applaud the efforts of the civil rights workers and what they have accomplished. But we must also put into perspective what was really achieved. Although laws have been passed to prohibit discrimination in the work place, in housing, and in schools, we all know that following the "letter of the law" is not the same as following the "spirit of the law." You can pass legislation, you can enforce the law, but you can't really change what people think or feel.

For example, busing was mandated to achieve integration in the public schools. In our city, in response, private, white, church schools sprang up everywhere and anyone who could afford to, even some who couldn't afford to, pulled their children out of public schools. Our city council bickered over redistricting to get fair representation of Blacks and whites. I remember a period of time when every police incident involving a Black and a white was investigated by members of the city council who suspected every such incident as being racially motivated.

Several years ago the Memphis Gay community was torn apart by accusations of racial discrimination. Battle lines were drawn, sides were taken, and the entire community was shaken up. In the wake of the storm, there were casualties, injuries of varying degrees and, sadly, there was no real resolution to the conflict. Today in the list of "kinds" of Gay bars we have (leather, women's, yuppie, etc.) we include Black bars. Although having "Black" bars in itself is not bad, it illustrates that just as the Memphis community has not gotten beyond dividing itself along racial lines, the Memphis Gay Community is still guilty of the same thing.

We often compare the Gay rights movement to the civil rights movement and marvel at what Blacks have accomplished. The laws are in place to prevent discrimination against Blacks but as we all know, that hasn't ended bigotry or discrimination. Whether it's because of social or cultural differences, whether it's lack of trust, or just not being comfortable with people of another race, we still haven't really achieved racial integration. I don't know if we ever will.

But we have achieved a certain tolerance and at least most people hide their bigotry and don't make racial remarks to a person's face. But everything still seems to come back down to Black and white issues and agendas. Even

the last mayoral race came down to "us and them." It was the Black community rallying behind the Black candidate who would make things better for the Black community and the white community rallying behind the white candidate who would make things better for the white community and prevent the Black community from gaining undue influence. What was good for the Memphis community as a whole never seemed to be an issue.

All of this restrained bigotry, hatred, and distrust causes feelings of resentment in both whites and Blacks. If Blacks and whites are ever to truly integrate, it will be because we have become sensitive to one another's feelings. Programs like *I'll Fly Away* can sensitize us to what Blacks had to endure. If Blacks have an attitude towards whites—they came by it honestly. *I'll Fly Away* can also sensitize whites to the far reaching effects their bigotry and prejudice have. The truth isn't always pretty, but thank goodness our PBS station provides a home for it.

As for the Gay rights movement, we should still follow the example set by the Black civil rights movement. We still have to fight to get the laws on the books to protect us. We still need the laws that prohibit discrimination against us, realizing full well that the laws themselves won't end the bigotry and discrimination.

What will help to end the discrimination is education which will sensitize non-Gays to the real lifestyle of Gays and Lesbians. We will need programs like *I'll Fly Away* to tell the truth about us. We'll need programs like this to sensitize non-Gays to the effects their bigotry, hatred, and ignorance have had on us, our loved ones, and our families. People won't change until they become sensitive to what effect their thoughts and actions have on others.

When this kind of programming is produced, you won't see it on commercial television. Like Blacks in the days of the civil rights movement, we are a group that the general viewing public doesn't like to see treated with honesty and sensitivity. They don't want to see themselves in this mirror.

I apologize if this sounds like a pledge spot for PBS and WKNO. But if it moves you to make a contribution, good. I'm just becoming aware myself of what a valuable resource WKNO is. The next time we see a pledge drive maybe we'll be less irritated by the interruption and be thankful that the truth has found a home. Thank goodness we have a television station that will air the truth no matter how unpopular it is. "And the truth shall set you free."



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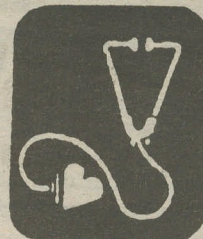
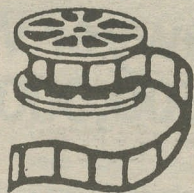
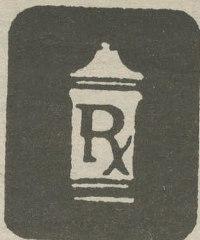
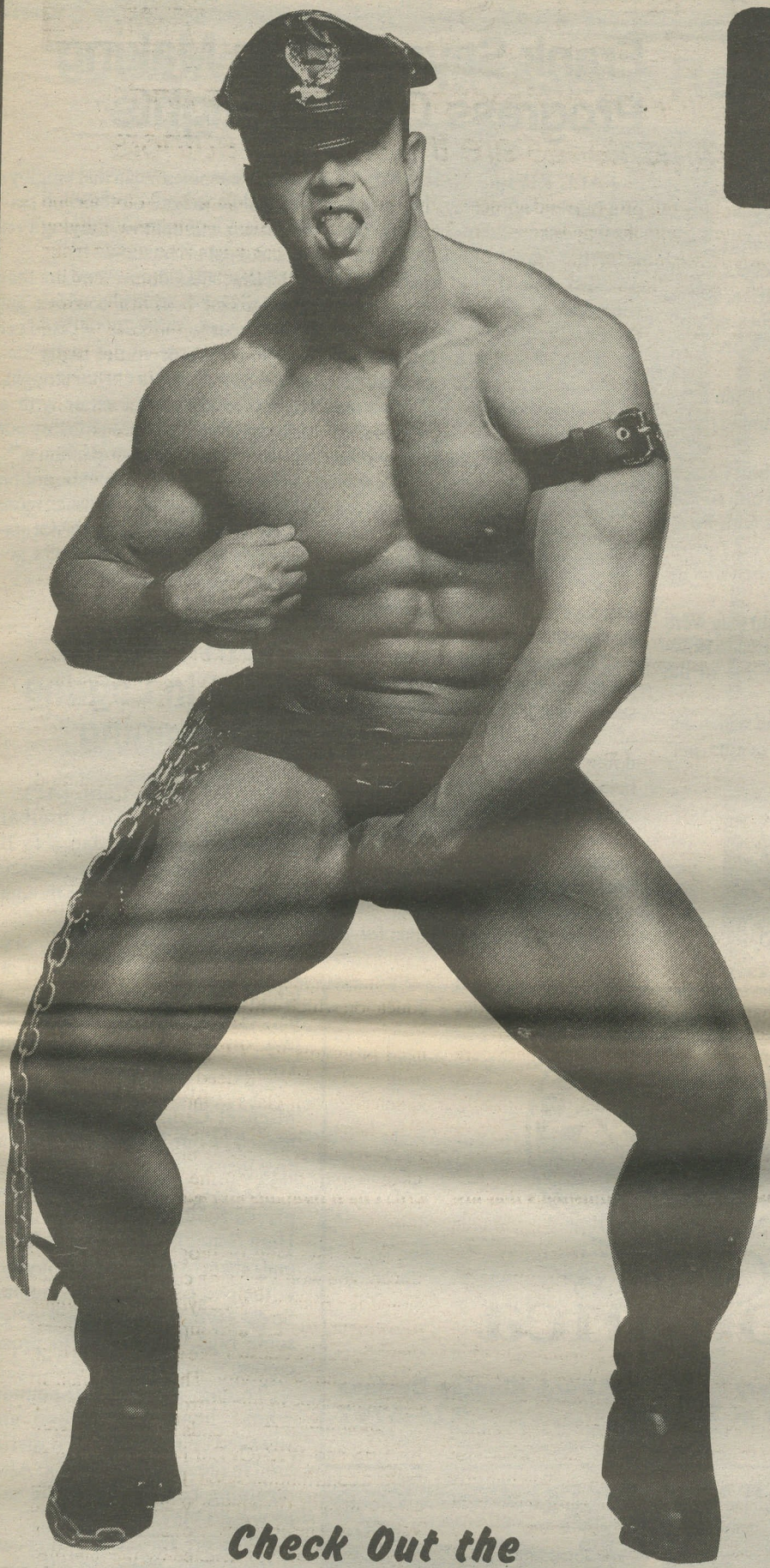
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## Firm That Fired Lawyer With AIDS Ordered To Pay \$500,000

By Beth J Harpaz Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the nation's largest law firms has been ordered to pay more than \$500,000 to the estate of a lawyer who believed he was fired because he had AIDS.

The case is reminiscent of the movie *Philadelphia*, in which Tom Hanks portrays a lawyer with AIDS who sues his law firm after he is fired.

Geoffrey Bowers filed a complaint with the state Human Rights Division shortly after he was fired from Baker & McKenzie in 1986. He died in 1987 after testifying in the case.

On Dec. 17, 1993, the human rights agency ordered the firm to pay a half-million dollars to Bowers' estate, plus back pay from the time he was fired until the time he died.

"His psyche was punctured, his self-reliance was smashed and his well-being erased," Lynne Weikart, the human rights division's executive deputy commissioner wrote in her decision. She called the firing

"devastatingly cruel" and said that losing his job took from Bowers "the one thing which kept his spirits high in spite of impending death."

Baker & McKenzie plans to appeal the decision in state Supreme Court.

"With this appeal the truth is going to emerge," said Les Fagen, who is handling the appeal. "Geoffrey Bowers' condition and death is a tragedy. But the firm did not knowingly terminate him because of this illness."

The firm said he was fired because of his on-the-job performance.

Although Bowers never told his co-workers that he was Gay or had AIDS, doctors testified that he had disfiguring facial lesions from Kaposi's Sarcoma, an AIDS-related condition.

Fagen said that in 1986, when Bowers was fired, people were not as familiar with AIDS as they are now. He said Bowers' co-workers accepted his explanation that the marks on his skin were the result of a bicycle accident.

The human rights division said Baker & McKenzie's claim that the

lesions were not recognized as a sign of AIDS was "implausible."

Bowers did litigation work, specializing in immigration cases, at the law firm's Manhattan office. Baker & McKenzie has branches around the world and employs more than 1,000 lawyers.

The \$500,000 award is the largest ever ordered by the human rights agency.

Bowers' lawyers, Robert Balsam and Daniel Felber, went to the Cardozo School of Law with Bowers. Bowers is survived by his mother, who is a prime beneficiary of his estate.

Balsam and Felber said they were struck by similarities between Bowers' case and the story line of the movie *Philadelphia*.

The movie credits end with a disclaimer that says the events portrayed are fictitious.



## Frank Says Clinton Making Progress On Gay Rights

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — The Clinton administration is making progress on Gay rights, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., says.

Frank, one of two openly Gay congressmen, says he expects the administration to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for people seeking security clearances.

The new policy would cover the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, which have previously rejected Gay applicants on the theory that they're security risks.

Attorney General Janet Reno has already drafted similar anti-bias policies for the Justice Department, including the FBI.

"There is going to be some progress on Gay and Lesbian (issues)," Frank told *The Herald News* of Fall River. "What the president is doing is making it very clear that being Gay or Lesbian will be irrelevant for working for the federal government anywhere outside of the uniform military services, and it will also be irrelevant to getting a security clearance."

Frank said the new rules for the

two spy agencies mean that employees will be judged on their job performance and behavior, and not on their sexual orientation.

"Now, that doesn't mean that your sexual behavior couldn't get you in trouble," he said. "It could get you in trouble if you're really stupid, whether you're Gay or straight. If you're having an affair with a Libyan terrorist, that's probably not good for your security clearance."

Frank, however, said "the notion that if you're Gay you're much more likely to be a security risk is not statistically valid at all and that's going to be discarded."

## Youth Gets 10 Years In Laguna Gay-Bashing

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A former high school football player was sentenced Jan. 7 to 10 years in prison for the Laguna Beach beating of a man he thought was Gay.

Jeff Michael Raines, 19, pleaded guilty last August to attempted murder and committing a hate crime in the Jan. 9, 1992, attack on 56-year-old Loc Minh Truong.

Co-defendant Christopher Michael Cribbins, 23, was sentenced to one year in city jail and five years probation.

Raines, a 200-pounder who played football for San Clemente High School, went with Cribbins and others to a beach near Gay bars at the end of Laguna's Mountain Street saying they planned to "get some fags," according to prosecutors.

Truong, a slight 120-pounder whose head was kicked and smashed on rocks, was left disfigured in the near-fatal attack. After regaining consciousness, he said he wasn't Gay.

"You are fortunate in this case that the victim did not die, because you would probably be facing life imprisonment if he had," Orange County Superior Court Judge Everett W. Dickey told Raines.

"I really, truly, am sorry for what happened," said Raines. "I can't do anything to overcome what happened. I can only express my guilt and remorse ... it should have never happened."

Neither Truong nor his relatives were in court. Raines' relatives and friends cried and hugged each other when the sentence was passed. Under terms of a plea agreement, he faced a sentence of a maximum 11 years in prison.

Dickey said he saw hope that Raines could be rehabilitated.



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## Meinhold Judge Disappointed With Clinton

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The judge who declared the military ban on Gays unconstitutional calls President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy "very sad."

"He had an opportunity. He didn't seize it," U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter of Los Angeles told a law school audience on Jan. 18 in lamenting Clinton's decision not to repeal the ban by executive order as soon as he took office.

"It would have been well behind us, I think, if he had acted swiftly ... when his popularity was at its highest," Hatter said.

The new policy, passed by Congress and accepted by Clinton, prohibits questioning recruits about their sexual orientation but still requires discharges of those who reveal their homosexuality, unless they can persuade authorities they will remain celibate while in the service.

"I don't know that it's workable," Hatter said. He called the new policy "very sad."

Last January, Hatter ordered the Navy to reinstate Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, a 13-year veteran who had been discharged in 1992 after disclosing his homosexuality on national television. The ruling said the Pentagon's justifications for banning

Gays were based on "cultural myths and false stereotypes."

After the Navy indicated it would deny Meinhold promotion or re-enlistment, Hatter broadened his ruling last September to prohibit all military discrimination based on sexual orientation. The ruling, if upheld, would strike down the new policy as well as the old one.

The Clinton administration appealed the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which heard oral arguments last month. The issue is also before a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. Hatter said it was headed for the Supreme Court.

"Given the present makeup of the United States Supreme Court, I'm not particularly optimistic," he said.

"The same arguments are used against Gays in the military as were used against Blacks in the military," said Hatter, who is Black. "I don't submit for a minute that the problems are the same, but unfortunately the results in how Gays are treated and how many minorities are treated is the same."

Hatter, 60, a former federal prosecutor and poverty lawyer, was appointed to the bench by President Carter in 1980. In past rulings and

public statements, he has criticized federal mandatory-prison laws and sentencing guidelines, a subject he raised again Jan. 18.

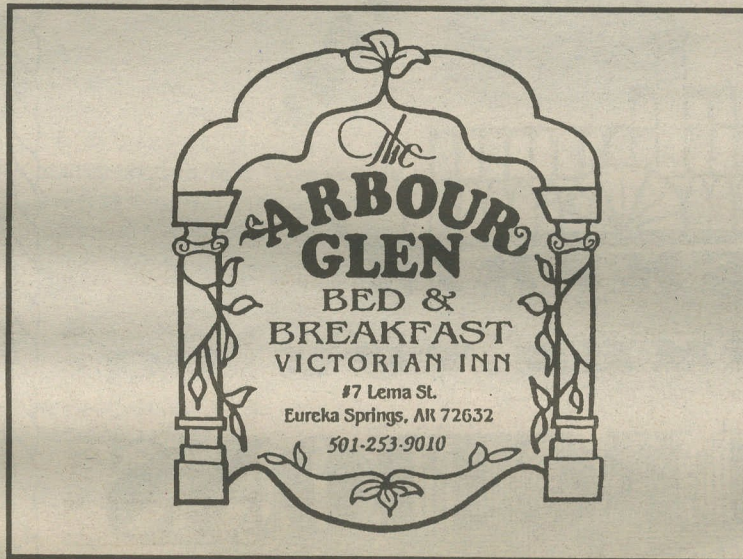
"I think we can have a more just system than one that penalizes someone for crack cocaine 100 times more severely than someone who happens to have (the same amount of) powdered cocaine," Hatter told law students at Golden Gate University.

He said he was not accusing Congress of racism in passing the sentencing laws, "but clearly the results

are racist. Young black and brown males are the major victims here."

While declining to advocate legalization of drugs, Hatter said Clinton and Congress should adopt the drug treatment programs and other alternatives to mandatory imprisonment proposed by Attorney General Janet Reno. He said he feared Reno would leave office before the end of Clinton's current term.

"I don't see how she can (stay) without the support of the White House," Hatter said.



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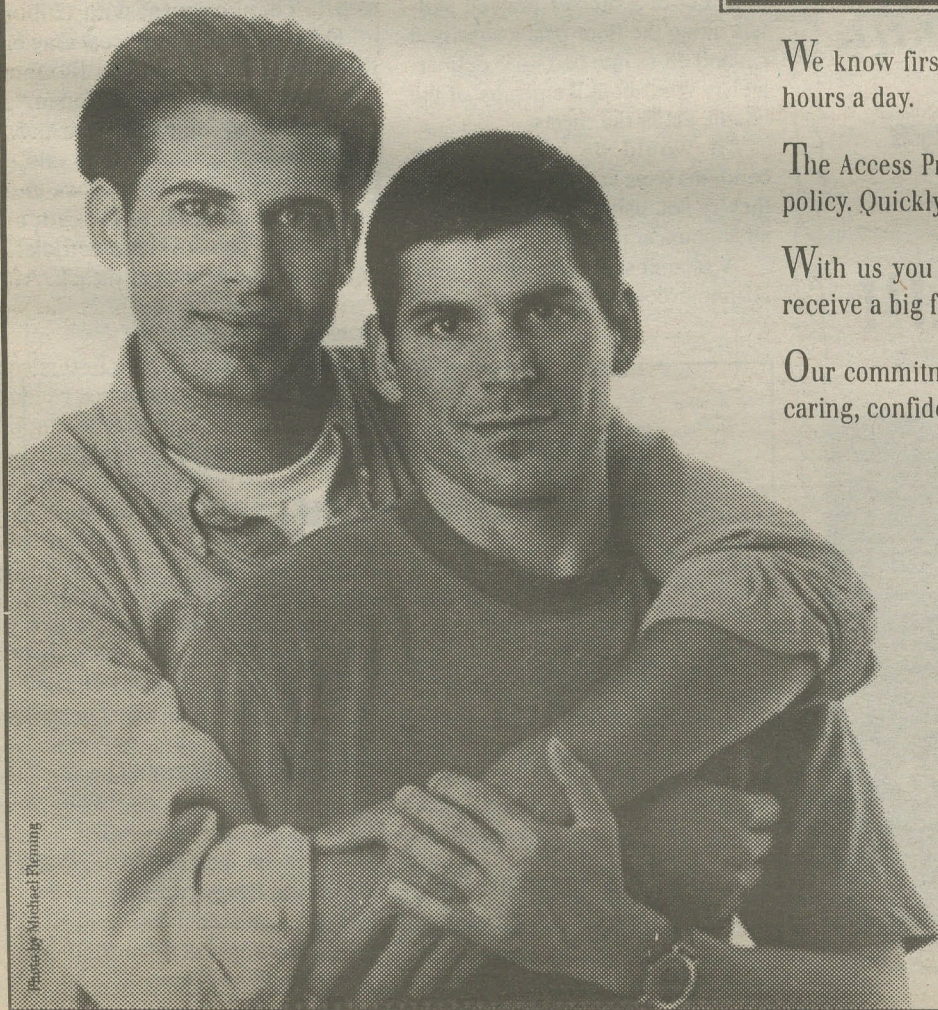


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## Government Launches New Campaign To Encourage Condom Use

By Christopher Connell  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— In one TV ad an adventuresome condom in its little package leaps under the blankets to join a lovemaking

couple. In another, a young woman told by a passionate suitor that he "forgot it" retorts, "Then forget it!"

They're part of a bolder new federal campaign to persuade young Americans to protect themselves against AIDS, either by using

condoms every time — and any way — they have sex, or by abstaining from sex altogether.

The new ads, made available to the TV networks, are more clever than explicit. They never show an actual condom or even an unmistak-

ably Gay couple; most victims of the fatal disease in the United States are male homosexuals.

But they mark a heightened level of frankness from Reagan era health officials who once hinted at condom use by showing a young man pulling on a sock.

"Every new HIV infection is a needless infection," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala. Until now, "we have been too timid to talk openly about the prevention tools ... at our disposal."

But, holding up several wrapped condoms, Gebbie added, "If you do choose to be sexually active, use one of these, use a latex condom ... every time you have sex."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention crafted spots that would be acceptable to the networks and the public at large and still get their message across to the target audience—young adults ages 18 to 25.

As part of the new initiative, the CDC also is forging new partnerships with community, business, religious and school groups to find ways of encouraging those most at risk of AIDS to change their behavior.

Shalala said all four major broadcast networks have agreed to run them, although some imposed restrictions. ABC ran the "forget it" ad during its adult police series *NYPD Blue*. The other networks have not announced their plans.

When a reporter asked why none of the condom ads showed a Gay male couple, Shalala said, "How do you know that?"

In fact, the 30-second spot with the automatic condom — which pops out of a dresser drawer, skitters along the floor past a surprised cat and dives into bed — is deliberately vague about the gender of the couple under the sheets.

"It would be nice if latex condoms were automatic. But since they're not, using them should be," an announcer intones.

A second spot features a young Hispanic couple in a steamy em-

brace. She unbuttons his shirt. He pulls off her earring. She kicks off a shoe. But when she asks, "Did you bring it?" her partner sheepishly admits, "I forgot it."

"Then forget it!" she snaps, reaching for the lamp.

ABC and CBS insisted on references to abstinence as an option to protect against health threats in connection with the automatic condom ad and the Latin love scene. CBS approved another spot in which AIDS counselor Diane Stokes advises peers they can wait before having sex — but not another in which she urged them to use condoms.

The ads do not mention that the 24-year-old Atlanta woman is HIV positive herself.

At the news conference, Stokes delivered an emotional appeal for frank AIDS education for America's youth, saying she was unaware of the disease when she got infected at age 16.

"Today I live imprisoned by HIV. It doesn't have to be that way," said Stokes. "We are dying and we are the future of America, and it is about time somebody cared about that."

Another ad suggests abstinence in a non-preachy way.

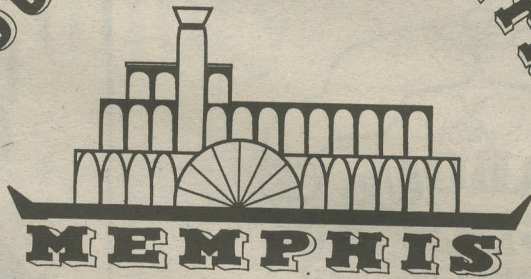
It comes in male and female versions, with an intense young person expressing to an unseen companion the desire "to spend my life with you" and to "never put you in danger. There is a time for us to be lovers. We will wait until that time comes."

Dave Ford, a spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said the ads were "a very good first step. ... They're very slick."

But he added, "we're concerned that none of the ads specifically targets young Gay and bisexual men."

Mark Senak, deputy director of AIDS Project Los Angeles, said, "We have to be very happy we finally got ads that talk about condoms. ... This is a big step in taking care of the neglect of the past."

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## State Farm Accused Of Bias In Cancelling Center's Insurance

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)— State Farm Insurance Co. says it wasn't discriminating when it canceled the policy for a homosexual-rights organization. The insurer says it just doesn't write policies for politically active, high-profile organizations.

The bottom line is that the nonprofit Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Columbia has closed until it can find new, affordable insurance for its office.

"This center has been a dream that we've had that has finally come to fruition," said center volunteer John Scruggs, "and we're not going to give it up."

State Farm's regional office in Jacksonville, Fla., said it overrode the local agent who wrote the policy. The insurance was canceled two months after it was issued. The agent, Art Ford, would not comment. *The (Columbia) State* reported in January.

"While we do insure civic organizations, we do not insure high-profile organizations which may be politically active on a national scale," a State Farm executive wrote in a letter to the Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement.

State Farm spokeswoman Patti Nates would not discuss the specifics but said the company does not discriminate. Its primary market is home, life and auto insurance policies, and State Farm insures businesses and organizations only when they are small and locally oriented, she said.

"Organizations like those (Gay and Lesbian centers) tend to operate on a national level, larger than the town or community they're based in," Nates said. "We're just not in that market."

The community center is no more politically active than a senior citizens center or a church, said Pete

Tepley, a Columbia attorney and member of the Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement.

The center has bulletin boards, a small library, a television, a kitchen area, a ping-pong table and space for meetings or informal get-togethers. The center opened in October and served 15 to 30 people a day on weekends.

South Carolina allows an insurance company to cancel a policy for any reason if a month's notice is given within the first 90 days, Insur-

ance Commissioner John Richards said.

State Farm, based in Bloomington, Ill., issued the notice Nov. 22 canceling the policy on Christmas Day, the newspaper said.

The insurance cost about \$250 a year, said Debra Brandes, co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement. Other companies have quoted prices of about \$1,000 a year, which is beyond the center's budget, she said.

Insurers say the center will pay more because it is a nonprofit agency

or is at greater risk of suffering vandalism, she said.

Some other small South Carolina organizations that might be considered politically active, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Citizens Local Environmental Action Network and the Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, pay \$200 to \$300 a year to insure their offices, the newspaper said.

Planned Parenthood of Central South Carolina pays about \$900.

None was insured by State Farm.

## Yves Saint Laurent To Send Out 200,000 Valentine Condoms

By Suzy Patterson Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — Some 200,000 Parisians are scheduled to receive a distinctive valentine from couturier Yves Saint Laurent — a condom.

Unadorned by lace, hearts or flowers, the condom will arrive in an aluminum packet inside a discreet white folder.

The valentine is Saint Laurent's latest contribution to the fight against AIDS, according to Christophe Girard, secretary-general of the fashion house.

The valentine packet is printed with an artistic photograph of a nude male covering his private parts, a silhouette of a woman in the foreground.

Girard said the fashion house was inspired by the government's decision Dec. 1 to make condoms available for one franc (about 17 U.S. cents) apiece, one-fifth the standard price.

Earlier, Parisians were confronted by YSL posters across the city displaying the nude photo, and

announcing the Valentine's Day condoms.

Copies of the poster can be obtained by contributing to organizations assisting people with AIDS.

Girard said the 200,000 YSL condom recipients would be chosen at random from a mailing list, "irrespective of age or sex."

"The message will get around," he said. "Anybody, of any age, may be at risk, and none of us can be protected or warned enough."

Saint Laurent and his company have long been supportive of efforts to combat AIDS, and eye-catching publicity is nothing new for the fashion house.

In 1971 Saint Laurent himself posed Buddha-style in the nude to promote his new perfume *Pour Homme*.

A 1993 biography by Laurence Benaim chronicled Saint Laurent's drug problems and homosexuality. But his bouts of ill health in recent years are related to depression and drugs, not AIDS, according to colleagues.

## Get Back, Lorena!

ARCADIA, Fla. (AP) — A man who had long wanted to switch sexes cut off his penis with an electric saw.

Doctors tried without success to reattach the organ, which was found tossed under a bush near Bill Sconyers' home.

Sconyers, 23, said he "felt he needed to cut off his penis to become a woman," the sheriff's office said.

Sconyers' mother, Novella Holder, told deputies her son sometimes wore dresses and had wanted for years to be a woman.

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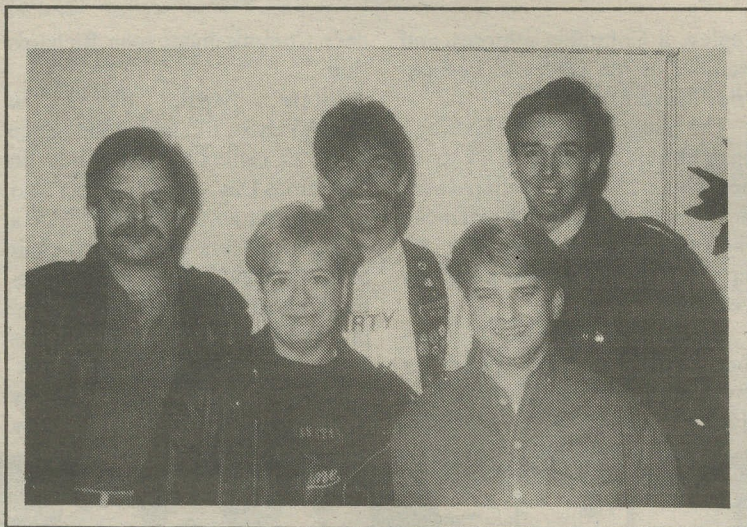
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## Tennessee Leather Tribe Forms

Tennessee Leather Tribe has held its organizational meetings and is now accepting pledges for Memphis newest leather-levi-social club. It is the first Gay/Lesbian club of this type in Memphis to have male and female charter members. President Don Johnson said, "Our purpose is to be part of the leather community, share the brotherhood/sisterhood of that community, help out other organizations and enjoy ourselves." Immediately, the club voted to donate to the King and Queen of Hearts fundraiser (see Lady A's rounds) at home bar WKRB in Memphis and is planning an inaugural function for March.

Members state that this is a non-competitive social leather club eager to become involved in community activities. Pride in the leather community and in the club itself will cause the club's new colors to be seen in all places and all situations (in other words, colors are always correct). It was the desire of founders Chuck Alan and Don Johnson to found a club consisting



Charter members of TLT Tim Brown, Don Johnson, Allen Cole, Trish Rast, Jenny Baldwin l to r Not shown Chuck Alan-Johnson.

of both male and female members. Potential members will be required to go through a pledge period similar to other clubs, but associate members will only be assessed dues once.

Charter members are: Don Johnson, president; Jenny "Rebel"

Baldwin, vice-president; Allen Cole, secretary; Trish Rast, treasurer; Tim Brown, road captain; and Chuck Alan-Johnson, historian. The club's first out of town appearance as a club is scheduled to be the Conductors' run in Nashville, held in March.

## Tracy Alé Benefit Rated Top Notch

By Vincent Astor

A benefit assembled by Tracy Alé and friends drew a sizable crowd at Amnesia on Dec. 30. The entertainers brought together by Miss Alé hailed from as close as home and as far away as California. The crowd was estimated at 200 and over \$600 was donated to Friends For Life. Miss Alé stated that she had been impressed by the agency and was inspired to put together a very unique show to help out.

It was a show of specialties and impressions. Hometowners Vonna and Jo Anne brought their impressions of Cher and Diana Ross. Stephanie, who hails from New Orleans with a forte in illusions, became Marilyn Monroe in the famous "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" and later Patsy Cline. Kitty, from Houston, turned from a wisecracking MC into a performer who reminded the writer of 7-foot Suzanne at her best (younger readers will have to ask) and brought in many contributions. Sybil, also from New Orleans, performed live; and there was an apparition from the kitchen doing the hulle-hulle. We were told that it was Jaime Ray.

The headliner of the evening was Jazzmun, an impressionist who hails from California. She brought her



Tracy Alé

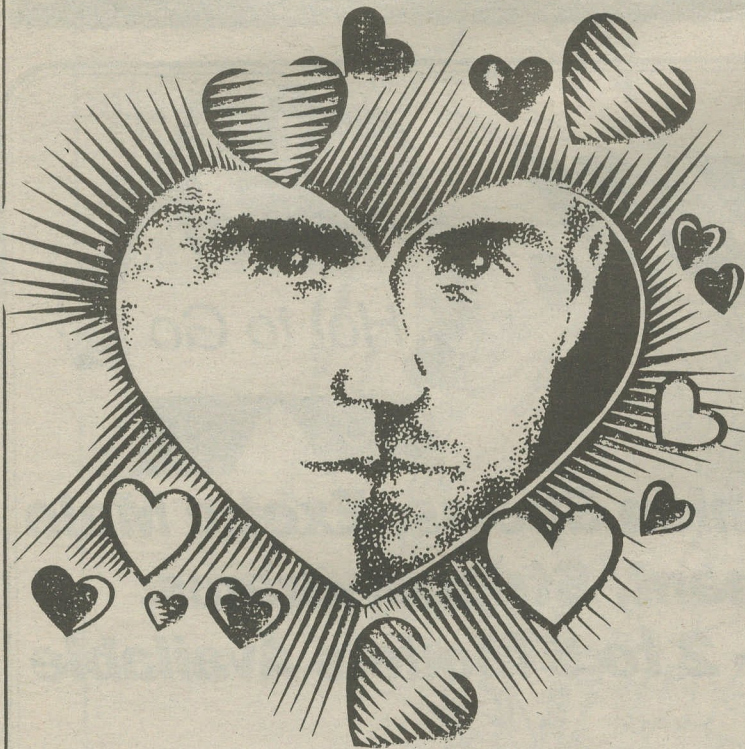
famous impersonations of Whitney Houston and Rue Paul, alternating live and lip-synch and impressing the audience with some high quality performance. Veronica York returned as special guest bringing clips of her appearance in the PBS special *What Sex am I* and proving to be very beautiful and well-remembered by Memphians.

Tracy herself dedicated "Wind Beneath My Wings" to the late Michelle Marie Hays who was a close friend and inspiration. She brought her skills as MC and a rarely seen Latin beauty and poise to her performance.

Production qualities were high throughout, owner Frank Cooper taking special note of the redecoration of the stage.

## Eroticizing Safer Sex

### A Workshop for Gay Men



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## Pride Notes

The Pride Committee is growing and going. On January 22nd the Pride Committee traveled to Nashville for a state-wide pride meeting. Representatives of Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, and Chattanooga met in Nashville on December 4th to form the "Volunteer State Pride Committee" with two representatives from each city. Vincent Astor and "Dixie" Alexander are the two representatives from Memphis. Rather than individual cities trying to coordinate large events, the Volunteer State Pride Committee will coordinate these events with support and ideas from each member city. They have already planned the Tennessee representation at Stonewall 25, including transportation and hotel accommodations.

On the local level plans are being made for our pride events. On Saturday, June 11th, we will be co-sponsoring with the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center the 5th Annual Gay and Lesbian Expo. Saturday evening is the Annual Pride River Ride.

Sunday, June 12 will be our second annual Pride Parade, with an expanded parade route and larger rally. On Saturday, June 18, we will be traveling to Nashville to be involved with the state-wide Rally and March, we will have vans or buses traveling to Nashville and back. On June 23, (Thursday) we leave for New York.

Our committee of 5 would like to be a committee of 50 or more. Why can Nashville have a membership of 100 with 7 days of events and we can't? It's up to you.

Also, it was decided last fall that the Pride Committee would not any

longer be a function of the Community Center, but become a separate organization. The Center remains supportive of the Pride Committee with use of the center for meetings, fundraisers, functions, and space during Pride Week. The Center also is co-hosting the Expo and continues the River Ride as one of the major events during Pride Week.

We need more fundraisers, we need more committed people on our committee, we need more bars and businesses involved with the Pride Committee, and we need more support from the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered organizations needing representatives to be on the committee and publishing pride events. It's up to you how Pride events go, it's up to you how Pride Week goes, it's up to you how the Pride Committee goes.

Pride Committee meetings are on the first Saturday of each month at 10 AM. Come and join us.

The Memphis Pride Committee (representing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered communities of Memphis) is a member of Volunteer State Pride, Inc., and the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators.

A spaghetti fundraiser will be held Sat., Feb. 26, 4-6pm; \$5.00 for all you can eat.

—Submitted by John Prowett

## Bi-Sexual Alliance

The Bi-Sexual Alliance has now formed in Memphis.

Are you out as Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered, but still closeted as far as being bisexual? We are a social/political/support group for people that are comfortable with their bisexuality or exploring their bisexuality, or just questioning their bisexuality.

We meet the second Saturday of the month at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Time of meetings is 4 PM.

Come and be in a supportive atmosphere. If you have questions come and ask us. If you are looking for bisexual friends come and join us.

For more information on Memphis Bisexual Alliance and listing of other bisexual groups and publications in the US, contact John Prowett, Memphis Bisexual Alliance, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2402.

**Be Bi and Be Proud.**

—Submitted by John Prowett



## Holy Trinity Moves

The most successful predominantly Gay and Lesbian Church in Memphis has found a new home.

Holy Trinity Community Church needed new accommodations when the church building at 2323 Monroe was sold. It chose neither to buy nor renew its lease.

At least for the next several years, Holy Trinity will be holding its services at 1559 Madison — the old Tastee Bakery building which was most recently redesigned as the Memphis Design Center.

Although a building fund was established last year, not enough money is in it yet to build a new church. The move to 1599 Madison is seen by the church as an interim location until the fund is large enough to construct or buy a new church. The church plans to stay at this location for 3-5 years.

The 8400-square foot space features exposed brick and hardwood floors. Church officials say the new building will provide more than twice the space they

currently have, seating 300.

At press time, the sanctuary altar was being constructed and plans were on track for the first service to be held on Jan. 30.

Church officials say the building is in great condition. They say it has a much better heating and cooling system, a security system, covered parking, and more office and meeting space.

Even before their former church building was sold, Holy Trinity was looking for a larger space.

The church on Monroe could seat 124 comfortably and additional services had to be added to accommodate the congregation.

With the larger sanctuary, the church plans to drop back to one service on Sunday morning. The Sunday evening service will remain.

Church members have been organized into moving teams in preparation for the move.

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

## Softball Season In Sight

Softball season is rapidly approaching. Start breaking out your gear and stretching those muscles that have been dormant during the winter months.

The Gay men's softball team is about to set sail into its second year of play, with visions of fun, excitement and a competitive attitude.

Practice will start the beginning of March and we are looking for a large number to participate, with the ultimate goal of having more than one team in Memphis.

Interest was high after last year's team started playing and even more after returning from the Music City Classic in Nashville. We will be returning to Nashville in August for the Gay Softball World Series, and possibly other tournaments in South and Southeast.

Now is the time to strut your stuff and show what you can do. Don't just talk about playing softball, DO IT!

Get off that sofa, put down the remote control and get busy. Impress that butch looking guy you met last week, in fact bring him along.

Whether your an experienced player or not ALL participants are welcome.

Playing softball, as in anything else, is a learning experience, which is why there are practices. Practices are specifically for that, learning how to play correctly, working on areas that are weak and improving on those previously learned.

If you are interested in playing call Chuck at 682-9928. A meeting will be scheduled sometime in February.

— Submitted by Chuck Saylor

## Alliance Goes Boredom Bashing

Alliance L/L will sponsor a pre Mardi Gras/Valentine bash at The Pipeline.

Memphis Leather/Levi Alliance, the all-purpose leather club for the 90's will host a Mardi Gras kickoff Feb. 12 at 10PM at The Pipeline. Yes, it's a Saturday night folks, you can sleep late the next day!

There will be a free drawing for a Valentine gift as well, and patrons will be have the choice of their favorite beverages IF they are wearing the specific article of clothing when it is announced. There will be separate drawings for dinners at Cafe Roux & El Chico restaurants.

Get your leather warm and ready because Alliance will be serving jello shooters. As usual you never know what other surprises are in store during the evening. Come join

They locked their doors so we would not try to go inside. The police didn't bother us: they circled the block for the entire 90 minutes, waiting for us to do something illegal, but we didn't.

Media coverage was good, even if half of them labeled our group incorrectly. The action was on all three local news programs at 6 and 10 PM and in Saturday's paper. Channel 13 and the *Commercial Appeal* called ACT UP "Gay rights activists." That is incorrect.

In our entire 90-minute demonstration, we said nothing about Gay rights. We were speaking only for the rights of People Living With AIDS and HIV, and that it is not a Gay disease. Secondly, while quite a few people in ACT UP are Gay, not all of us are. It is disturbing that so-called "journalists" can't get the story right the first time.

With a turnout of about 30 people, great media coverage and the beginning of dialogue, we consider this action a success. But our mission is not over. We will demonstrate and yell and make our voices heard in the Bluff City until we are satisfied, and we will only be satisfied when no one in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, America, or the world dies from AIDS. It is a war we are fighting—not only against a deadly virus, but against bigotry and fear. Come be a soldier in the fight against AIDS. For more information, call ACT UP at (901) 725-5483.

— Submitted by Freda Nicholson

## ACT UP Stages Protest At Shelby County Health Dept.

ACT UP Memphis held its first action Friday, Jan. 7, 1994, in front of the Shelby County Health Department at the corner of Jefferson and Dunlap. We were angry at the Health Department's inaction, so we directed our anger on them.

We want the Health Department to give out dental dams, information about woman-to-woman transmission, a needle-exchange program, provide anonymous HIV testing, non-AIDS-phobic treatment of people coming in to get tested or get their results, and more education in the African-American community, since according to an Oct. 31, 1993 report, 73% of new cases of HIV in Shelby County are among African-Americans.

We are angry. We are angry that our friends are dying. We are angry that the city doesn't have a comprehensive AIDS combat plan. We are angry that the county health department treats people with HIV like lepers and enforces racism and genocide against our African-American sisters and brothers.

As a part of ACT UP's protest, we held signs, gave speeches, chanted slogans such as "One AIDS death every three minutes" and "Clean needles now," and held a die-in. We lay on the ground for three minutes showing the gravity of the disease that kills one person in that period of time, every day, every month, every year.

For the last ten minutes of the action, we surrounded the Health Department's front door and really let them have a taste of our rage.

us, we promise to make you feel welcome and appreciated. Meet new people, make new friends the Alliance pre Mardi Gras/Valentine's bash! —Submitted By Alliance

## Safer Sex Workshop Slated

A safer sex workshop called "Eroticizing Safer Sex" is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12 from 3-5 pm at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

The program, specifically designed and facilitated by Gay men, will be offered regularly in the future, but the first is scheduled to tie in with Valentine's Day.

The workshop is being developed as part of Friends For Life HIV Resources' educational efforts which are funded by the Centers for Disease Control through a grant from

the State Dept. of Health. The workshop will be "sex positive" and will stress ways to prevent the spread of HIV while maintaining intimacy and eroticism.

Both singles and couples are encouraged to attend. The workshop is free.

## MGLCC's 2nd Mardi Gras Ball

The MGLCC will hold a Mardi Gras Ball on Sat., Feb. 5, at the Flower Market. Tickets are \$10 at Meristem, Mid-Town Hair, Star Search Video and the MGLCC and \$15 at the door. Local entertainers, dancing, a parade of Mardi Gras costumes and selection of a King and Queen will take place. Costumes or formal wear are encouraged; prizes will be given for significant costumes. The doore open at 8 pm with entertainment beginning promptly at 8:30.

## Police: Gay-Bashing Gang Bragged Of Killing

By Charles Richards  
Associated Press Writer

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Love of CB radios and hatred of homosexuals drew the gang together, police say. And those passions allegedly led them first to terrorize Gays and then to kill one.

Three young men have been arrested in the slaying of Nick West, whose bullet-riddled, half-naked body was found in a gravel pit outside of town.

In videotaped confessions, Donald Aldrich, 29, David Ray McMillan, 17, and Henry Dunn Jr., 19, not only admitted killing West but boasted that, for months, they had sought out homosexuals to assault and rob, police said.

"Every one of the robberies by the gang started as a Gay-bashing," sheriff's Lt. Gregg Wilson said. "It was just whenever they needed the money. It started with their fists and baseball bats and then it graduated to guns and trying to kill them. It just escalated."

Aldrich was identified as the ringleader of the loose-knit gang of more than a dozen suspected in a string of burglaries, drive-by shootings, robberies, carjackings and arsons in the Tyler area, dating to last summer.

"It started out as a hobby. They met over CB radio and started hanging out together, and it went from there," Wilson said.

A grand jury indicted them Dec. 16 on murder charges. They pleaded innocent and were jailed on \$1 million bail each. District

Attorney Jack Skeen said he will ask for the death penalty.

"They acted like they were proud of it" Sheriff J.B. Smith said.

Aldrich called one newspaper after his arrest to complain that it had his name and age wrong.

West, 23, an openly Gay medical records clerk, went out the evening of Nov. 30 in a borrowed vehicle, saying he would be back shortly.

In their confessions, the defendants said they came across West that night at Bergfeld Park, an after-dark meeting place for homosexuals.

They said they took West to a gravel pit about 10 miles from Tyler, where they shot him repeatedly with a shotgun and two .357-caliber Magnum revolvers. More than two dozen entry and exit wounds were found in the body.

Aldrich, McMillan and Dunn also have pleaded innocent to the armed robbery nine days earlier of a 48-year-old Gay man at Bellwood Lake, another Gay meeting place. The man's attackers set fire to his car, and he escaped death by jumping in the icy lake and hiding for several hours.

Homosexuals around the town of 75,000 people 90 miles east of Dallas said they remain uneasy despite the arrests.

"We're delighted that the ringleader and the other two responsible are behind bars and probably will never be free again, but there

are others in the gang that still haven't been caught," said Wesley Beard, a 21-year-old auctioneer and Gay activist living in nearby Jacksonville.

But leaders said they are pleased that law enforcement officers have acknowledged the killing as a hate crime. A rally held at Bergfeld Park praised the handling of the case, as well as show support for area Gays.

"In Texas, they just don't do that without a great deal of pressure," said William Waybourn, executive director of the national Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington.

Officers said there was never any doubt. "It was just a sick, sadistic crime," said Chief Deputy Johnny Beddingfield. "We'd prosecute someone who treated a dog like this, much less a human being."

## Former Security Guard Says Tower Records Spied on Gay Employees

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former Tower Records security guard is suing the company, claiming his superiors ordered him to spy on Gay store managers and bug another manager's office.

Husham "Eddie" Haroun, who supervised security at 11 San Francisco Bay area stores, has filed suit against the retail store outlet, charging that he was forced to quit after refusing to conduct the surveillance.

The company intended "to terminate or demote Gay store managers because homosexuals do not fit the image of Tower Records," the suit charged.

Jamerson Allen, a lawyer representing Tower, said the company has not yet seen the suit and declined comment.

Haroun said his superiors ordered him to bug a Gay manager's office to find out if the manager was "arranging personal homosexual liaisons on company time and telephones."

Haroun, 29, said he was forced to resign in February after working for Tower for 3 1/2 years because he refused to bug the offices.

The suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, seeks unspecified damages.

The suit also claims that Tower discriminated against Haroun, who is Black, because of his race and that he was subjected to racial epithets at work.

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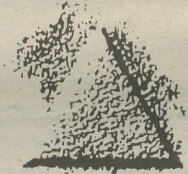
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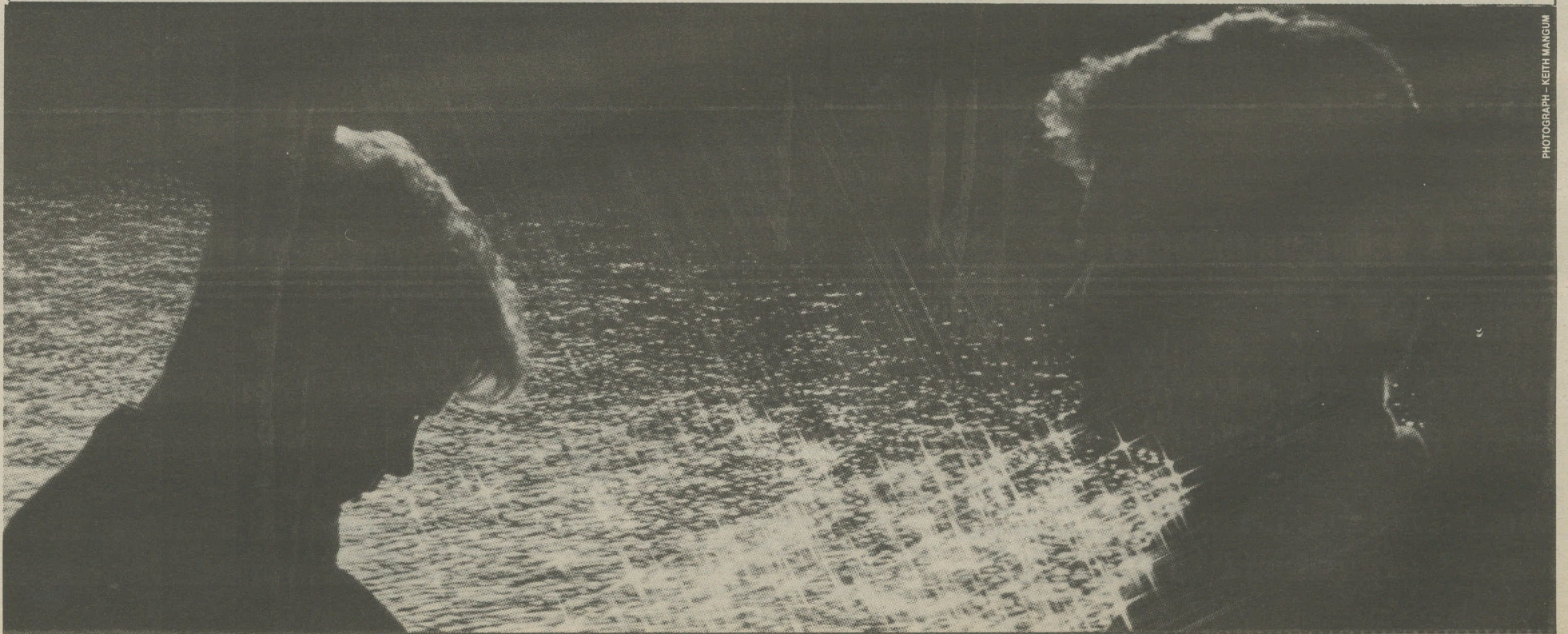
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## Bowling Beat

by Tony Matics

The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League has started their second-half season with a flourish! Several teams have begun their bid for the second-half championship, looking toward the end of the season all-mighty roll off with the first-half Champion, "CD2." Who will it be... the Pipeline Awesome Four, the team which barely won second-place honors for the first-half, is making a strong bid after two weeks of bowling, with a perfect 8-0 record.

We've had a lot of strong individual performances this year, Pam R. rolled the very first women's 600 series earlier this season, and "Mr. Tournament" (Ron S.) sizzled the lanes one night for a 267 game in route to a 617 series. With 11 weeks left in the season, will anyone top these scores? Stay-tuned to find out!

### S.P.I.T. Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

With a little more than a month to go until the First Annual St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (March 18-20), The S.P.I.T. Committee is actively seeking volunteers to help with the operations of putting on a large national tournament.

They are seeking volunteers to keep score during the tournament, help decorate the Hospitality Suite (located at the Memphis Marriott Hotel, American Way), and the bowling alley, and to assist with registration, check-in, and other tasks that will be performed. Volunteers need not be familiar with bowling, just familiar with giving their time to help ensure that all of our put of town guests enjoy their weekend stay here in the Bluff City. For more information about being a volunteer, please call Mike Reed at (901) 324-0005.

### Entry Deadline for S.P.I.T. Tournament Nearing

For those people interested in competing in the first-ever International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) tournament, tournament entries must be received with postmarks no later than February 18, 1994. Participant cost is \$75 per person, which includes nine games of bowling (singles, doubles, 4-person team event), entry into all Tournament related receptions, and the Tournament Banquet. **You need not have a team to enter**, as we will have several single entries from outside of Memphis that will be matched for doubles and team events. This year's prize fund is estimated to be around \$7,000 based on 160 bowlers. Entry forms can be

found at any of your local watering-holes.

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Watch this paper next month for a special feature honoring the S.P.I.T. Tournament. Until then, remember, its now how well you scored, its how you scored it!

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## Passages

### Michael Callen, Singer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Callen, a composer, singer and prominent AIDS activist who was among those to survive the longest with the disease, died of AIDS complications. He was 38.

Callen, who died Dec. 27, was diagnosed in 1982 as having the disease that later was named acquired immune deficiency syndrome, said his lover, Richard Dworkin.

Callen never took the commonly prescribed AZT and received alternative chemotherapy for AIDS-related cancer, Dworkin said.

"He tried to keep in motion to present a moving target for the disease "And he never took AZT. He thought that was another reason he was around for so long."

For more than a decade, Callen worked to improve the quality of life for people with AIDS and promoted buyer's clubs providing low-cost access to AIDS treatments. He urged use of the term "people with AIDS" as an alternative to "AIDS victims" and was an early advocate of safer sex practices.

A member of the New York City Mayor's Interagency Task Force on AIDS and the New York State AIDS

Institute, he testified before state and congressional committees and published several works on the disease.

In addition to Dworkin, Callen is survived by his parents, Barbara and Clifford Callen, a sister and a brother.

A memorial service was pending.

### Darrell Yates, Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Darrell Yates Rist, a writer and Gay activist who helped found the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, has died. He was 45.

Rist died Dec. 29 of complications from AIDS, said his companion, Robert M. Cataldo.

Rist wrote about politics, Gay activism and the arts for a variety of publications including *The Nation*, the *Village Voice*, *Harper's* and *The Advocate*. His 1992 book, *Heartlands: A Gay Man's Odyssey Across America*, was praised by Gore Vidal as "a marvelously interesting and wise book."

In addition to Cataldo, survivors include his parents, Louis and Geraldine Rist of Shelby, N.C., and his sister, Jerolyn Rist Szuch of Rochester, Mich.

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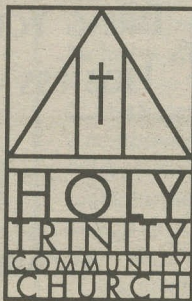
Sometimes it seems we are just going through the motions on a daily basis. Nothing's new. Same old thing. day in and day out, in a rut

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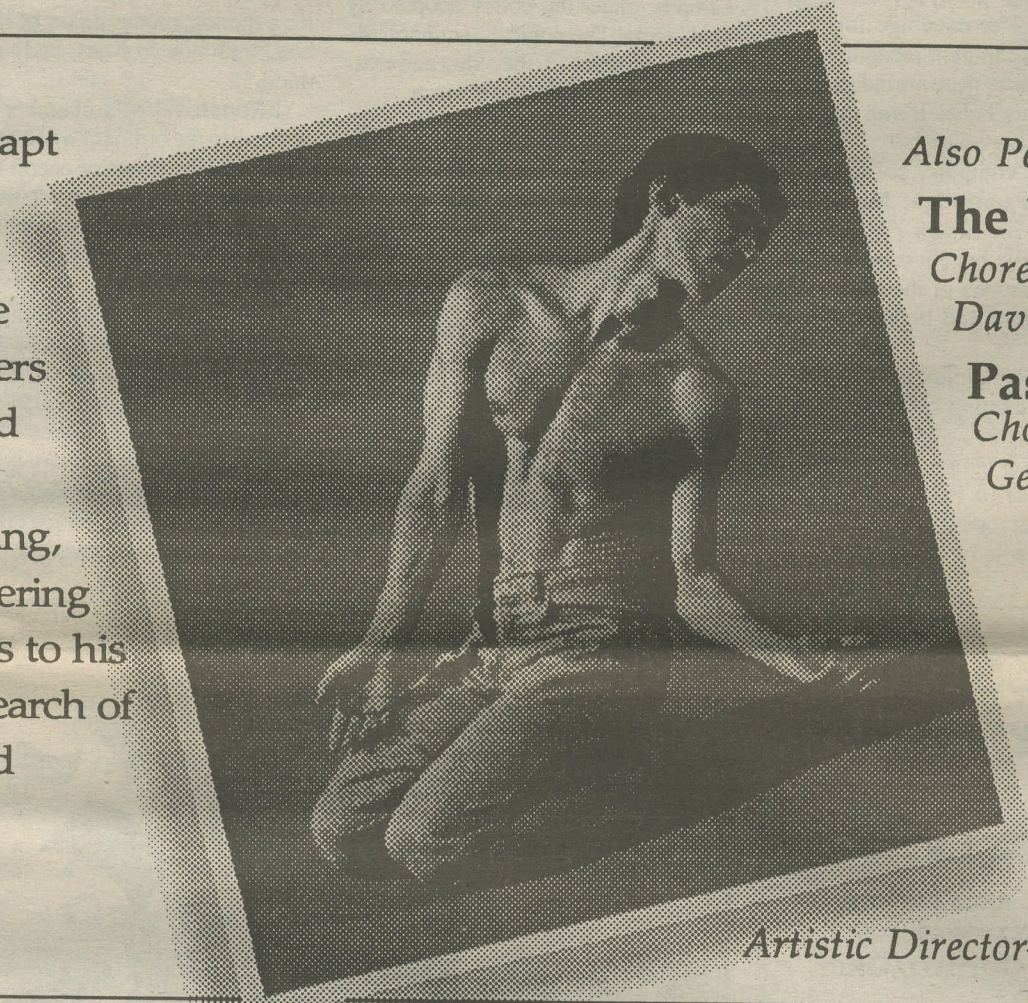
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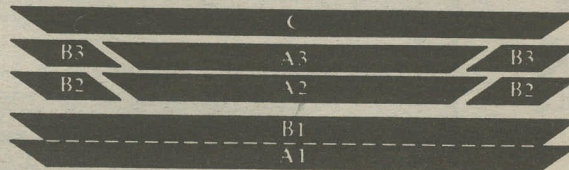
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## Domestic Partners Health Coverage Expanding

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — At least two New Hampshire employers are providing health insurance for employees with unconventional live-in partners.

As of New Year's Day, eight Dartmouth College employees who are homosexuals have their partners covered under such a plan.

Partners of homosexual employees of Massachusetts and New Hampshire Blue Cross and Blue Shield also are eligible for such coverage. However, Blue Cross does not offer the plan to the companies it insures.

The University of New Hampshire is reportedly looking into similar coverage.

Several dozen companies and universities throughout the United States — mostly those that are self-insured — offer their homosexual employees the same benefits they offer heterosexual employees.

At Dartmouth, Roger Brock, director of human resources, said eight people signed up as domestic partners for medical benefits at a cost to the college of \$9,124.

"Hardly a significant amount of

money," Brock said, "but for those individuals who are covered, it's significant coverage."

Clark Dumont, vice president of public affairs for New Hampshire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, said none of its customers has asked for such coverage.

"If there seems to be a market desire, we'd certainly look at it," he said.

"Employers are competing to attract and retain quality people," he said. "We now offer coverage for single parents and children, recognizing the change in which there are indeed single heads of households. It's an evolution rather than a revolution."

Lotus, a computer software firm based in Cambridge, Mass., was among the first major companies to offer domestic benefit coverage, now available at many of the newer computer software and high-technology companies.

Polly Laurelchild Hertig, an international marketing specialist for Lotus, is one of three women who helped develop the program, looking among other places to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream in Vermont for guidance. Lotus implemented it in 1991.

## Episcopal Seminary To Allow Gay Couples To Live Together On Campus

By David Briggs  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading Episcopal divinity school is opening its seminary housing to homosexual couples despite church policy declaring sex is appropriate within marriage only.

Unmarried heterosexual couples are still prohibited from living together on campus, under the policy adopted by the General Theological Seminary, the divinity school with the oldest and closest ties to the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Craig B. Anderson, seminary president, said the policy approved last week by the board of trustees will help the church address the issue of homosexuality.

"It does provide the seminary community with a realistic and open framework for living within the tension produced by the discontinuity between the teaching of the Episcopal Church and the experience of many of its members in the area of human sexuality," he said.

General Theological Seminary, founded in 1817, is the only Episcopal

seminary in which some of the trustees are elected by the church's policy-making body, the General Convention.

Homosexuality has been a contentious issue in the Episcopal Church. At the last General Convention in 1991, delegates passed a resolution affirming "that the teaching of the Episcopal Church is that physical sexual expression is appropriate only within the lifelong monogamous union of husband and wife in heart, body and mind."

Efforts to raise the church's opposition to the ordination of homosexuals to the status of canon law have failed, and church spokesman James Solheim said about a dozen bishops have ordained homosexual clergy.

The new policy was prompted in part by a Lesbian professor who filed a complaint with the New York City Commission on Human Rights after being told that living with her partner in seminary housing violated school policy. The complaint had not been settled when the trustees approved the new

policy.

Under the policy, the 150-student seminary is willing to make apartments available to "committed same-sex couples." However, Gay seminarians seeking ordination and Gay clergy would need the approval of their diocesan bishop.

Anderson said housing will not be available to unmarried heterosexual couples because they have the option of marrying.

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning declined to comment on the policy.

Diane Porter, a member of the seminary board of trustees and an executive at Episcopal headquarters in New York, said Jan. 17 that the policy "is a major step forward for the seminary and the church."

Anderson said the policy "allows the seminary to be a microcosm for the rest of the church."

## Bill To Restrict Marriage To Straight Couples

HONOLULU (AP) — A state legislator plans to introduce a bill which would restrict marriage to heterosexual couples.

Rep. Terrance Tom said the state has an interest to regulate marriage "because only a man and a woman present the biological possibility of having children."

"But I'm not trying to say that marriage is for procreation," he said.

The House Judiciary chairman said most of the hundreds of letters he has received on the same-sex marriage issue favor only opposite-sex marriages.

Vanessa Chong, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, said the ability to have children appears to be a defining part of the proposed bill. She said she doubts the Legislature would allow such a bill to pass.

Mike Gabbard, founder of Common Sense Now, a coalition opposed to same-sex marriages, said he will work to amend the state Constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

The state Supreme Court has ruled that the ban on same-sex marriages is unconstitutional unless the state can show a compelling reason why they should not occur.

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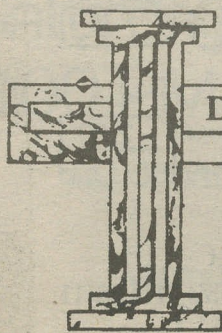


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# Crossdressers and Gays

by Barbara Jean

*The following is an article which is scheduled to appear in Powder and Pearls a newsletter of the transgender community.*

"In Germany first they came for the Communists and I did not speak up for I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up for I was not a Jew. They came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak up for I was not a Trade Unionist. They came again for the Catholics, and I did not speak up for I was not a Catholic. And then they came for me and by that time there was no one left to speak up against them." Martin Niemöller, a Lutheran Minister during the era of Nazi Germany, is attributed with the above quote.

Hi girls, this is Barbara back with another Insight. The above quote has been published many and many a time, and yet how easily do we of society tend to forget the message that Rev. Niemöller was conveying in his words. While reading some of my crossdresser magazines and newsletters, I noticed one where a sister was advocating that we of the gender community discontinue our association with the Gay commu-

nity.

For years people have acquainted crossdressing as a Gay thing. Those who would advocate that we sever any association with the Gays feel that in doing so, society in general will be more accepting of the crossdresser and crossdressing. In reality I seriously doubt that will be the case, rather we of the gender community will feel the full blunt of their prejudices.

What ties do we of the gender community have with the Gay community? OK, many of us go to the Gay bars and nightclubs; some groups will meet in a place that is provided by the Gay community; some of us will rally behind the cause of the Gays; some of our magazines are oriented toward the Gay crossdresser while others will print news of Gay issues. Intended or not, the alliance between the Gay community and the gender community has been a good one.

Is society more homophobic than it was five or 10 years ago? I think not, but rather in light of many Gay issues now being brought to the public eye, like the Gays, homophobia has now simply come out of the closet.

As a heterosexual person, I admit that I myself am somewhat irked

when a person's first question to me is, "Are you Gay?" when they are informed of my membership in the gender community. I am irked especially in light of the fact that in almost all surveys of crossdressers the findings are that only about five percent of us are in fact Gay. (Studies also show that only about five percent of the general population is Gay.) We have gone on talk shows, addressed college classes, and done many other things in an effort to educate the public about the gender community. One would hope that by now the general public would realize that few of us are in fact Gay.

I feel that we of the gender community should not sever ties, but rather we should strengthen our ties with the Gay community. In the past we have reaped the benefits of all the battles that the Gays have fought. Twenty years ago even in the big cities one had to be very cautious when going out in public. There was the fear that you could actually be arrested simply for crossdressing. I do remember one sister in Chicago who was pulled over for making a U-turn and then hauled to jail simply because she was crossdressed. Today I think that is something that we need only worry about in a very small town. Even there charges would be dropped.

Today the Gays have become

more than just a community, but have also become a political lobby, and one that is gaining power all the time. It is because of this political lobby that many of the antiquated laws have been repealed, including laws against crossdressing. And while many antiquated laws still do exist, most of them simply are not enforced. (Let's face it, police today have much more important things to worry about.) As laws against Gays are repealed, so too are laws against crossdressing. In this sense, the association that society makes between Gays and members of the gender community is beneficial to us.

I have always believed that we of the gender community were just one better than society as a whole, that we have been more accepting of people of difference, that we are a community of love and not hate. Any attempt to sever ties with the Gay community does nothing more than show that we are in reality no better than the general society. That we are just as prejudiced, and just as willing to exercise those prejudices. There is far too much hate in our world today. We of the gender community have the ability to show society that we can show love for our fellow man, love without bias. I

firmly believe that showing such love can be the greatest tool in changing prejudicial views of society.

Like many of you girls, I too am a veteran of Viet Nam. This was perhaps America's most unpopular war. Many believed that we did not belong, that it was not our fight to fight. I believe that it was our fight just as much as that of the Vietnamese people. By participating we have shown the world that we are a voice to be reckoned with, that we will not idly stand by when there is injustice. Also in coming out to the aid of others who are oppressed, we tend to build allies for that day that the oppressor comes to our front door.

First, they came for the Gays... Will we speak out, or will we remain silent? And then they came for the crossdressers... You decide how to end the epitaph.

Well, that is all for this month, girls. Do take care and stay sweet. I love each and every one of you out there.

As I said, I take pride in my association with the Gay and Lesbian community and I believe that I speak the same for all the members of MTGA. During Gay Pride Week, we plan to celebrate it along with the members of the Gay and Lesbian community to show our support for the Gay community.

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# Gays Find New Welcome Within Ivy Covered Walls

Five years later, Gay rights activists began to picket Lady Lions' games in protest of Mrs. Portland's stand. At the same time, Penn State continued on page 28

By Arlene Levinson Associated Press Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — There are many places where Gay rights laws are anathema, where Gay literature ignites bitter controversy, where Gay meeting places are banished to the shadows.

And then, there's Rutgers University.

Here students can live in a Gay dorm. An assistant dean looks after Gay students. Student fees go to groups promoting Gay concerns. Rutgers has a Gay alumni association and Gay archives. The school is committed to rooting out Gay-bashing in any form and promoting tolerance.

"It seems like the community is doing all it can to help them fit in and not be a freak of nature," says Matthew Klain, a 20-year-old mathematics major. "Just like, 'It's OK.'"

Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey, is not some lone Gay oasis on the American academic scene. Far from it.

Rutgers is among hundreds of schools — public and private, secular and religious — that are introducing homosexuality to academic discourse and making their campuses hospitable to Gays.

Colleges often serve as incubators for the changes churning American society at large. In this case, it's part of the shift from ostracizing to accepting Gays — a shift that seems to be moving forward, despite organized opposition from the religious right and other sectors.

At Rutgers and elsewhere, even the language for homosexuals has changed. Now it's "Lesbian, Gay and bisexual." Or Lesbian-Gay-bi. Or LGB, for short.

And queer theory is no insult. It's a scholarly pursuit for the meaning of sexual desire and gender in society, and the language used to talk about it.

"The whole flowering effervescence of Gay and Lesbian studies is a part of the development of our notions of gender and sexuality," said San Francisco State University psychology professor John DeCecco.

The 68-year-old editor of *The Journal of Homosexuality*, DeCecco inaugurated his university's two-year-old minor in Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Studies and runs its human sexuality studies program. He estimates maybe 200 students enroll in those program courses at any one time on the campus of 25,000.

"We once believed gender and sexuality were physical, for making babies or for pleasure, in a limited sense," said DeCecco. "We're now realizing it has other dimensions: psychological and erotic, historical and cultural."

Even aside from studies, college campuses are throwing an ivy cloak

around those who once lived in hiding or confusion and fear of being found out.

"I wish I was in college now, instead of when I was," said Curtis Shepard, 37, campus organizer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. "We're clearly making progress."

His Washington-based organization lists more than 500 campuses as hospitable to Gays. Among them:

—Cornell University offers a minor graduate degree in Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Studies.

—New students at Jesuit-affiliated Boston College receive a list of 20 people on campus ready to talk about sexuality.

—Grinnell College in Iowa operates a Gay resource center, a combination library and conference center.

—The health center at the University of Texas offers Gays counseling and workshops, like how to maintain a healthy relationship with a same-sex partner.

—Greek life at the University of California at Los Angeles includes a Gay men's fraternity and a Lesbian sorority.

Proliferating only recently, many of these programs and services evolved over years of persistence by students and faculty.

Rutgers dates its origins as a Gay-friendly campus to 1970, when the Rutgers Student Homophile League issued a manifesto calling for candor and equality for homosexuals, and an end to anti-sodomy laws and police brutality.

The league itself grew in the embryonic Gay liberation movement that followed the 1969 Stonewall Riots, when police raided a Gay bar in Greenwich Village and Gays fought back.

But it was not until the late 1980s that the university addressed Gays and their needs as part of a larger effort to foster tolerance and diversity.

Today, Shepard and others point to Rutgers as exemplary. And people like Shome Lawrence, a 21-year-old senior in English and African studies, testify to the effects of the university's Gay-inclusive policies.

Loyal to lessons learned in his Newark boyhood, when he threw stones at transvestites, until lately Lawrence had nothing good to say about Gays.

His policy was simple: "Get them away from me."

Then one day about a year ago, his literature instructor got the class talking about homosexuals. That's when Lawrence learned he was homophobic.

And then he changed.

"The class, conversing, and bringing up issues made me realize they're people, too," Lawrence said. "I know for a fact, if I wasn't exposed to Rutgers, my thinking would have been more narrow-minded."

Not all schools have followed in Rutgers' path, and not all students have come around to Lawrence's way of thinking.

Last year, Gays at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., asked for official status and financial support for a student group and were turned down. Trustees for the Roman Catholic school objected to the students' plan to use "Gonzaga" in their name.

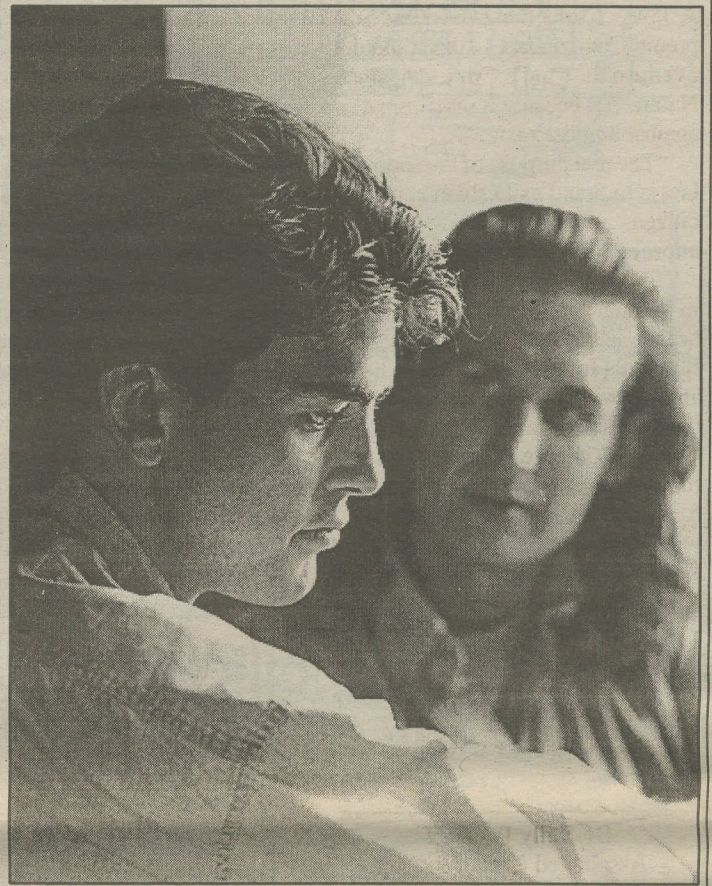
"Every time we put up flyers about Gay events, someone writes 'All Fags Should Burn in Hell' on them," said Chloe Arnold, a 21-year-old student at the University of California at Berkeley, where she is a leader of the student Multicultural Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Alliance.

But many schools have adopted policies that threaten punishment for Gay-bashing, and name-calling and outright physical attacks are not common. And clearly, other pronouncements against bias-driven behavior are effective.

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per she would not allow Lesbians on her team.

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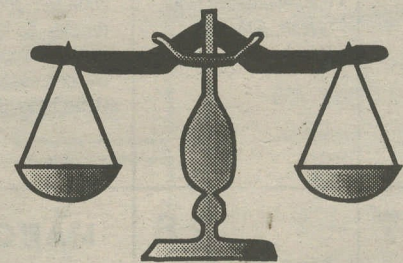
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## Louisiana State Supreme Court Hears Sodomy Case

By Jimmy Golen  
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A lawyer told the Louisiana Supreme Court on Jan. 14 that it should overturn the state's Crimes Against Nature Act because it discriminates against homosexuals.

"The real purpose of the sodomy law is to brand us Lesbian and Gay citizens as inferior," New Orleans attorney John Rawls said.

"It makes every Gay and Lesbian in this state an unindicted felon and brands us as second-class citizens. It puts us in a terrible, terrible hole and we will never get out of it until the law is thrown away."

John Baxley was accused of offering an undercover policeman \$20 for oral sex. Rather than charge him with solicitation, a misdemeanor, authorities charged him under the Crimes Against Nature Act, which

makes sodomy a felony.

Mark Pethke, an attorney for the Orleans Parish District Attorney, said Baxley's right to privacy did not include such actions.

"He's not in a bedroom, he's on a street corner soliciting sex," he said. "... On a public street, no privacy interest is involved."

But Chief Justice Pascal Calogero said: "He wasn't attempting to have sex on the street corner, was he?"

"He was soliciting sex," Pethke replied.

Some of the justices wanted to know why he wasn't charged with solicitation. Pethke said it was a mistake.

Grover Joseph Rees, a lawyer who filed a brief on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and the Christian Coalition, said lawmakers could have included sexual privacy in the 1974 constitution but they didn't

want to.

Rawls conceded that the case was not about privacy, saying it was less like the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion ruling in Roe vs. Wade than racial discrimination cases like the one in Virginia that banned interracial marriages.

"This is a civil rights case. Make no doubt about it," Rawls said. "And it's my obligation on behalf of 100,000 Gay and Lesbian citizens of this state to make you aware of that. ... I will go anywhere you tell me to get this abominable law thrown out to get some measure of citizenship for Gays and Lesbians."

Pethke said statistics show the law was not used to discriminate against homosexuals.

The court, which usually sits in New Orleans, heard the case during special observances at the Southern University Law Center.

## Councilman Spoils Chance To Make Peace; Renews Anti-Gay Commentary

By Kelly P Kissel  
Associated Press Writer

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — The mood was perfect for a city councilman to retract his anti-Gay remarks.

Three hours of lectures about homophobia and pleas for peace, understanding and healing.

Then Al Boris apologized for the second time for saying Gay men who have sex in city parks should be shot.

He questioned why no one believed him the first time. As he kept talking, it became clear.

"It seems the park has been monopolized by the homosexuals," Boris said at the Jan. 13 council meeting. He referred to "semen all over the place."

Boris repeated suggestions that Wilkes-Barre's Gay men recruit retarded people for sex and said the media hides homosexuals' "deadly activities" behind the cloak of civil rights.

The feel-good mood was gone, destroyed less than two minutes into Boris' speech. The crowd of 125 shouted him down twice.

In the end, even Boris' colleagues abandoned him, voting to adjourn before he finished speaking.

If voters want to abandon Boris, they'll have to wait until 1995, when his term expires.

Speaking for her husband, Lucy Ann Boris said he doesn't plan to resign. No mechanism exists for city voters to recall elected officials.

Hard feelings first surfaced at a Dec. 21 council meeting. Boris was

upset over complaints about Gay men having sex in two parks. "You should shoot half of them anyway," he said.

Gays were upset the council

didn't censure him and became more agitated when Boris decried federal spending for AIDS research because he said homosexuals "are getting what they deserve."

## Anti-Litter Sign Posted By Gay Group Removed

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — The Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association's anti-litter campaign suffered a setback when someone stole their Adopt-A-Mile sign just two hours after it was installed on 12-foot poles. It took a year to get two signs placed in Auburn.

"We're frustrated, of course," said John Bales, chairman of the group's service committee. "No one expected it would be taken in the daylight."

The association offered a \$100 reward for information about the stolen sign. The group also reported the theft to Auburn police.

A city crew put up two signs Friday, one near the Kappa Alpha fraternity house and the second across from Auburn High School. The signs indicate the mile that the association had pledged to keep free of litter.

Bales said association members had planned an all-night vigil to watch the sign near the fraternity house because of fears it might be stolen. But, by 3:45 p.m., the sign already was gone.

"This was part of our visibility effort," Bales said of the Adopt-A-Mile program. "In all of the hullabaloo, people seemed to forget that we are a service organization."

Since it received its charter at Auburn University in 1991, the association has faced fierce opposition.

In recent months, its Adopt-A-Mile effort sparked some controversy on the Auburn University campus, particularly because the group would be overseeing a stretch of road near the Kappa Alpha fraternity, which until last year had staged the controversial Old South parade each spring.

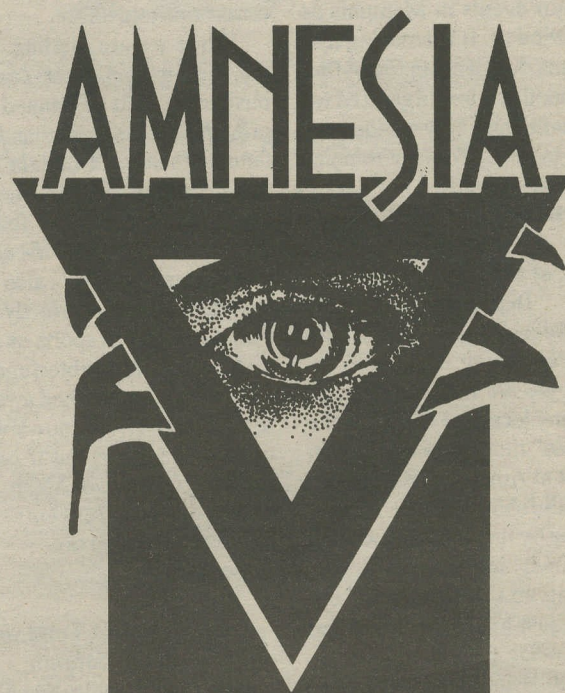
But the group's efforts to keep the community's streets clean met with numerous roadblocks and delays.

Bales, a math professor at Tuskegee University, said the association selected its mile in January 1993 and paid \$123 for the two signs in February.

He was told it would take four to six weeks to have the signs made by the Alabama Department of Transportation and installed by a city crew.

Cheryl Gladden, the volunteer coordinator for Adopt-A-Mile in Auburn, said that when she took over the program last March she discovered that the application had not been sent to Montgomery for approval.

She said she then sent it in early April and told Bales it should be ready for installation within six weeks. On Jan. 20, the signs finally arrived.



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## The Social Butterfly

We have discovered so many fascinating things to do in the coming months we have decided, as a public service of course, to publish as many major events in Memphis as we have wind of. It is amazing that these events do not seem to conflict with one another. How organized we have become (and how winded are we going to be!). We must remember to buy new shoes.

But first....

### Cut the Sweet Talk Department

We have really grown more than weary (even taking into consideration that we are not a regular attendee at any location) of the "Make Some Noise" ritual. The one flaw in the benefit at Amnesia, in an otherwise splendid show, was the 15 minutes wasted by this hostess insisting that the crowd "Make Some Noise" and holding up the entire proceedings until, just to get her off stage, noise was made.

Dear MC's and DJ's. If you will welcome us, your audience, and go ahead and send on the first act, performer or song, we will very likely get excited and "Make Some Noise" because we have enjoyed ourselves. Did it ever occur to any of you that the reason there is no noise is that the crowd is not *ready* to "Make Some Noise". That may be because we have not yet been entertained. If one DJ, of whom we are otherwise very fond, insists that we "Make Some Noise" more than twice in an evening (or as least be specific: applaud, yee-hah, ask for an encore

etc.) we may curtail our monetary appreciation. The business at this benefit was truly going too far for Memphis audiences and it didn't increase tips one iota.

While we are tirading, we wish that this first-name-last-name-initial business would be banned from all print media. We understand the still-tenuous nature of certain people's out-ness but the first-name-last-name-initial is blatant fear at 10-point Times Roman. First names are ok or none at all. It is also difficult to understand why perfectly ordinary pastimes, such as sports or dancing, must entail this subterfuge. These things can be explained away easily if necessary (God knows we grow up knowing how) but if one is not involved in fetish or highly esoteric behaviour for Heaven's sake be proud of what you do.

So there.

### Stuff We Did Too Long For This Column

(stuff, not People, Sue Carol)

Tracy Alé benefit show—see pg. 8

Village People Concert—see pg. 29

Transgender Person responds to Lady A.—see pg. 21

TN Leather Tribe—see pg. 8

We have been ever so slightly busy.

### Bits and Pieces Department

Paul Kennedy informs us that Clark Hilliard's many friends and acquaintances should be informed of

his passing last Nov. in SF, CA, of AIDS complications.

Warm fuzzy of the month goes to Tommy Hill whose foresight and early arrival got his Tsarus brothers-to-be and moi balcony seats overlooking the stage at 6-1-6 for the Village People Concert. You shoulda gone and we wish we had found out about it before we went to press last month.

Would you buy a queer Memphis cookbook? If you would, mention it to Widow McCain and it just might happen.

Alliance will hold a club night at the Pipeline on Feb. 12; Tsarus, ditto on Feb. 19.

The Pipeline will hold its first Full Moon party in quite a while on Feb. 26. We are still waiting to be introduced to the newest beef behind the counter..er..bartender behind the bar. We also hear that "In the Navy" gets played there a lot more often now. We understand that the bars are now no longer officially off limits to persons stationed in Millington. Still! Do not allow yourself to be used by any military inquiry to entrap a serviceperson. Just giggle to yourself and don't let on without the person's permission.

Dee Dee Whitaker will host her 3rd annual King and Queen of Hearts benefit at WKRB on Feb. 13. Couples are sponsored by groups, businesses and individuals and the titles are bestowed to the pair with the most contributions in their name, dollarwise. There will be an auction and the beneficiary will be the Holy Trinity AIDS Ministry.

Welcome to the district to Holy Trinity! Now even easier to locate it

may be found across the street from WKRB (or the P&H, depending on your evening's preference) and down the street from the MGLCC. A complete account will appear in next month's paper.

Memphis Pride will hold a Spaghetti

of moi.

Of course, the Pipeline will hold its regular celebration from the 11th to the 15th. The King Cake will be cut and Louisiana cuisine will be served on the 15th to jazz accompaniment. Decorations will be up the week before and packages for the 15th will be available shortly.

Much as we enjoy this establishment, the code of attire policy has reared its unpleasant head again. When the doorman remarked, "We don't need you drag queens in here" on New Year's Eve he certainly didn't realize that he was speaking to regular pool tournament customers who had elected to celebrate their anniversary in costume.

On the other hand, they had not seen any posting of policy. Perhaps it should be posted again and we will here state that costume is welcomed at Hallowe'en, Mardi Gras and during some Pipeline fundraisers. Our personal opinion is well known but it has not kept us from appreciating the work involved in providing entertaining events year round.

### Lady Astor's Handy Community Calendar

(suitable for refrigerator posting)

Feb. 5—MGLCC Mardi Gras Ball, Flower Market

Feb. 12—Holy Trinity Valentine's Dinner, Holy Trinity

Feb. 13—King and Queen of Hearts Benefit, WKRB

Mar. 9—Tsarus Man of the Year Banquet, WKRB

Mar.—Aphrodite Benefit

Mar. 18-20—SPIT Bowling Tournament, Various locations

Mar. 18-20—Southern Country Annual Hoe-Down, Reflections

Apr. 10—Friends For Life Annual Auction, Cook Convention Center

May 13-15—Tsarus AIDA Run, Middle Tenn.

June 11—Pride Expo (afternoon) Annual River Ride (evening)

June 12—Pride Parade and Rally

June 25-26—Stonewall 25th anniversary, NYC

and various pageants not scheduled and sundry benefits yet to come.

### Final Round

The slogan of this year's Memphis Pride is **Creating Change Here & Now.**

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Ta, ta.

Lady A.

Lady A's  
Pounds

Fundraiser at MGLCC on Feb. 26 from 4 to 6 pm. All you can eat for \$5, with trimmings. Benefits local Pride events. If anyone is interested in volunteering or contributing, next meeting is Feb. 5, in the morning at MGLCC.

For those interested in riding a bus to NYC for the Stonewall 25 celebrations, the new Volunteer State Pride, Inc., is making those arrangements. Details at Meristem, MGLCC and Mid-Town Hair.

We do have to acknowledge the new Tennessee Leather Tribe for asking us to be a charter member. We were immensely flattered and gratified but declined. We do not join individual clubs because we cannot commit the time necessary to be involved in anything but this paper, pride events and church. But thank you all the same.

RIP—Chaps, as of Feb. 14 (a party will take place)

Blessed Events—501 Club opening at that location in March.

David Bulliner will be concentrating his efforts in the Construction Site.

Congratulations to the winners of Grand Diva of Memphis, Miss Newcomer and Miss Tri-State.

Tiffany Ariegus will be performing her much-touted impressions at two shows, Feb. 10 & 11 at Reflections.

### Mardi Gras Department

This year it is happening twice! Feb. 5 will be the second MGLCC Mardi Gras Ball. Costumes are welcome (expected, really) and will be judged. Volunteers are still being sought to help. The ad is below and the only thing missing are the names of the King and Queen which are a secret that not even sex will get out

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## Gender Community Is More Than Drag

Dear Lady A.,

Hello, my name is Barbara Jean, president of the Memphis Trans-Gendered Alliance. I wish to thank you for the fine comments that you had made concerning MTGA in your column in the January issue of Triangle Journal News.

One thing that you failed to make mention of in your column though is the other groups that are a part of the gender community. Actually the gender community consists of three types of people: crossdressers who occasionally will dress in the attire of the opposite sex, transgenderist, who live and dress full time in the role of the opposite sex; and the transsexuals, who cannot be content until their bodies are surgically altered to be congruent with their psychological sex. Memphis Trans-Gendered Alliance exists for the support of all members of the gender community.

You are so correct in stating that many, actually most, crossdressers are not members of the Gay community, but are heterosexual, or to some degree bi-sexual. While not a member of the Gay community, I personally take pride in being associated with the Gay and Lesbian community. I believe that the association that the gender community has had with the Gay community has been a good one and I, for one, would like to see it continue and flourish. TRI ESS is the largest and the oldest organization for cross-dressers and it is open only to the heterosexual crossdresser. However when Colorado passed Amendment 2, TRI ESS moved it's 1993 Holliday en femme from Denver to Hollywood, Calif. While they said the reason was for the security of the members, I feel that the move was also a show of support for the Gay community in its quest for freedom and equal rights.

Unlike the TRI ESS organization and some groups, we at the Memphis TransGendered Alliance do not discriminate against anyone simply because of their sexual orientation or their sexual identity. We only ask that our members do conduct themselves as a lady should conduct herself while in public.

As for the Mary Kay makeup class that was held at our meeting on January 22nd, I wish to make it perfectly clear that this class was open to anyone that wished to attend. This includes members of the Gay

and Lesbian community.

To show you my personal feeling about the association between the Gay community and the gender community, I have included my *Insight Column* which is scheduled to appear in this month's *Powder and Pearls*. (See page 15)

## Center Criticized

To Everyone Concerned:

I just re-read Allen Cook's "Viewpoint" column on the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and all I have to say is "Right on."

I have received calls and had people stop by the center and complain to me about being pushed away from the center, the elitist attitudes of board members, the fact that the center is not for the community, but only for certain members of the community.

In the column the president of the center is quoted as saying the center is more successful then ever before—I think NOT. The original center was an interior decorator's disaster. But it was well used. It was a center for the whole community, not just a specific few. We had two rap groups a month. We had organizations outside the center using the space. We had board members who were involved with the center and not just wanting their names listed as board members.

We had a pool of about 60 volunteers to staff the center, most only working once a month or every other month. At one time we had approximately \$5-6 thousand in the bank, we had a small but well-used library of books and magazines for people to read at the center or sign out. Our board meetings were well attended and rather vocal. We had problems with board members missing meetings and put into the by laws that if someone missed three meetings in a row, they were terminated from the board and elections were held to fill that position. We also elected 11 board members and let them choose who would fill the top four positions. Video nights were busy, rap groups were well attended, board meetings were well attended and at times very vocal.

But all that has changed. When we originally looked at the new location, we talked about having the front room (or alcove) being the space for the volunteer to staff from, as that space would be the most used on a daily basis, for people coming in to pick up newspapers, check out the bulletin board, place announcements on the bulletin board. But it didn't end up that way. The front space was set up only as a "pretty space" to be looked at through the front window and not to be a functional room. The staff person operates the center from the back kitchen. If they are up front talking to someone or in the TV room, they have to run to the kitchen to respond to the

phone. While you can get a couple of publications in the front room, all pamphlets and other newsletters are only obtained in the library. We have many books in the library and have several donated every month. Vincent Astor does a great job maintaining the library, but it is used less then any library we have had since the start of the center.

As for the bulletin boards, the front two large boards are only for organizational meetings, fundraisers. The two small bulletin boards next to the kitchen or the small board in the library are for announcements from person to person. If you want to rent a room or are looking for a job, you have to hope that people are interested enough to go to the back of the center.

Volunteers? We are down to four or five regulars that we can depend on? Why have we lost so many volunteers, why have they been driven away? We have lost several very dedicated people, and not just from burnout?

Board members? Out of 11 board members we have three and at times four that show up for board meetings. Where are the others? Some time in the last year or so the provision in the by-laws was thrown out about missing three meetings and being dismissed. Several of our board members have never been to a board meeting since being elected, or have graced our presence with one meeting (since August). The center is not run by the board as we don't have one; it's not run by the community; it's run only by a few hard working people who decide to take time out of their busy social and work schedules to make a meeting and make the decisions that affect all of us at the center.

I say stop complaining. It isn't doing any good to complain to me; the board doesn't listen to just me. It takes more voices; it takes people with guts to stand up and complain to those that run the center. Come to the Board Meetings and complain. With enough people, enough complaints, maybe the board will finally listen. If you want the center to be more than just a "pretty face," if you want the center to be more responsive to the total community... including those the board deems "undesirable," if you want the community center to become a drop-in space again, come to the meeting on February 4th at 6pm and make your voice heard. If you can't come to the board meetings and complain, don't waste my time complaining; it won't do any good. The board doesn't listen to just one voice, but will listen to several voices.

They will listen to you if you have the nerve, the guts to make your voice heard. **Come and join us.**

John Prowett  
(I have been involved with the center since its inception.)

At least a few people realized that I walked a really fine line in writing last month's editorial.

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As a member of the board of the Community Center, I think I can see both sides of the issue. I want it clear that I do not agree with everything Mr. Prowett is saying, although I do agree with some of his observations.

The Center is what its leadership wants it to be. If you think that needs to be changed, there are mechanisms by which to do that.

Right now, the Center seems to be lacking in some areas that some people view as critical. It can be reasonably argued that by bringing more people in during structured

programs, more people will sample the Center and decide to become involved.

It is through increased involvement by people who care, that the Center will continue to evolve and grow. I personally do not see recent developments as steps backward.

However, I, too, would like to see more involvement, both by board members and those in the community—without it, the Community Center could die. And that would really be a shame.

—Allen Cook

# Alone in Memphis

By Michael Schiefelbein

Second of three parts

After breaking up with his lover in Washington, D.C., Paul Saxon takes a job with an ad agency in Memphis. After months of desperate loneliness, he notices an attractive man at Stallion's, a midtown bar.

"I'm Paul," I said.  
"Andy." He stuck out his hand and I shook it.

"It's really crowded in here." I sipped nervously from my cup.

Andy said something, but I couldn't hear because k.d. lang's refrain boomed from the speaker. "What?"

"Drag show tonight."  
"Oh, that explains it."

Andy, I discovered, was a man of few words, which made me both nervous and attracted. He didn't need to speak to feel comfortable. I liked that, but I couldn't take the long pauses, so I filled them with some pretty silly banter. Sometimes I had to skip from one subject to another to keep the conversation moving, even at the risk of looking like a babler, especially compared to him.

The guys seated closest to the door suddenly roared, and in skated a bearded couple in leotards and tutus. People cleared a path for

them and they whizzed over to Andy. It turned out they were two of his best friends, just back from a costume party at Marvin's, a kind of social maverick of a bar that threw anticipatory parties. Marvin's had a pre-Christmas party in November, a pre-Thanksgiving party in October, etcetera. Jack and Denny had just won second place at Marvin's pre-Halloween Party. First place had gone to a straight couple who came as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers — she was Fred, and he was Ginger.

"Sounds like they should declare a mistrial or something," Andy said.

"Tell me about it." Jack, well over six feet in his skates, steadied himself against the bar and ordered a bourbon and coke. Sweat ran down his temples and his bare back.

"Who's this?" Danny said. He was not much taller than me, even in skates. His hair, permed on top, was clipped short on the sides.

"I'm Paul Corey."

"Danny Girten. Happy to meet you."

As I shook his hand, he started rolling toward me and latched on to Andy's arm to stop himself.

"Whoa, Nelly!" Andy said.

Danny smirked. He leaned towards me and put his hand to his mouth confidentially.

"Watch out for this one."

Danny had a good point. Within a week of meeting him, I was smitten with Andy. He was in marketing too and I called him every day when he wasn't out of town doing a survey. Being reasonable and probably unsmitten by me, he phoned me a couple of times a week. We went out every weekend. He had great taste in restaurants. We had French at Paulette's, Tex-Mex at Cafe Olé, dessert at the Peabody Hotel. Most of the time, he invited Jack and Denny along. You can imagine my feelings about that, although I liked them, and they seemed to genuinely like me. Danny even started clipping coupons for the brand of cereal I ate (which he discovered after inspecting my cupboard one evening).

Our foursome lasted for over two months, when Andy decided to take a job in Seattle. We had slept together, of course. That could explain my sense of abandonment when he told me he was leaving, but I doubt it. I would have felt the same after one date with him. He put his house on the market, brought in movers, and was on his way to Seattle exactly two weeks from the day he'd given notice at his old company. He stopped at my house before driving his car across country. He bought me a potted philodendron.

"Well, what about us?" I said. I had already bravely listened to his animated description of an apartment in Seattle that he had found the weekend before, and of the couple who had made an offer for the house.

He looked at me a minute. "I don't believe in long distance relationships. Besides we really haven't been together long enough to be an 'us.'"

He wasn't dumping me, I knew. He was being honest. Even before we deep kissed, he told me he was HIV positive. And when I confessed my infatuation for him, he told me straight out that he didn't have my "intensity" about the relationship. But honest or not, I felt like I was being dumped. To me, we had definitely be an "us."

After he left, I brooded and wept for days. It took practically nothing to get tears rolling, sometimes a TV commercial for the cologne Andy wore, sometimes setting a single place at the table and watching over a TV dinner in the microwave. It wasn't long before I started hitting the bars, usually a different one every night, depending on which one was offering the beer bust. My ears rang every day from the blasting speakers and I woke up practically every morning with a pounding at the base of my head from the beer. But I kept at it like a trooper, becoming expert at inventing excuses for my poor ad sketches or misplaced files. The best excuse was that my grandfather back in Nebraska kept me up nights talking on the phone about my grandmother's Alzheimer's disease. My grandparents were dead.

Then the night before Thanksgiving, feeling sorry for myself because I wasn't going back to the Midwest to be with my family, I met a guy named Jake at Stallion's. Flattered that he had approached me, especially because he had a great physique and a nice face, I warmed up to him. By the time we had three or four beers, I found out he was a foreman at a construction company, that his Fundamentalist parents had disowned him when he was nineteen (he was thirty-eight now), and that he had slept with his choir director in junior high. He talked directly into my ear because of the music, his razor stubble grazing my cheek. He finally put his arm around me and asked me to go home with him.

His house was in a working class neighborhood, not far from Memphis State. A dog barked and scratched at the back fence as we got out of our cars.

"Shut the fuck up, Buddy!" Jack kicked the fence, and the barking stopped. But I could hear the dog panting.

Jake unlocked the door and punched in the security code when the alarm system started to bleep. He took my coat, and tossed it on a Naughahyde armchair.

"Have a seat," he said. "I gotta take a piss."

The living room was chilly. I sat in a recliner by the heat register and rubbed my arms. The blonde trim and hardwood floor were typical 1950s, and the aquamarine sectional couch and the drapes designed with abstract shapes looked like the original furnishings. Jake later told me that the house had belonged to his parents, until they retired and moved back to Kentucky, their home state. One wall displayed two deer heads and a mounted blue fish. *Hotrod* magazines cluttered the coffee table, along with various remote controls, and a greasy bowl of unpopped kernels.

The beer had started to wear off a bit, and I was felling drowsy and wishing that I could climb into my own bed and sleep. But when the toilet flushed, I sat up and posed for Jake. He came in several minutes later without his shirt, a chain pinned to his nipples. He slapped a strap across one hand.

"We gonna have some fun!" he said. His eyes were blurry, like he was on something.

I shot up out of the chair.

He touched my shoulder. "Hey man, this is for fun. I'm not into serious pain. Just love pats." He slapped my butt and drew me to him. He gave me the most incredible kiss I'd ever had, then started undressing me.

Very gently, he led me by the hand down a dark hallway into a bedroom illuminated by the fluorescent bulb of a gurgling aquarium. The room smelled rank. We stepped over piles of clothes and dirty dishes. In a poster above the bed, the Soloflex model preened on the workout bench in his bulging trunks.

Once Jake deposited me on the unmade bed, he drew a pair of handcuffs from the bed table. I pulled away.

"Just for fun, remember. See, they come undone." He clocked the cuffs open. He straddled me and, positioning my arms above my head, secured my wrists.

The strap stung, but didn't cut into me. And the tickling and pinching and nibbling were exciting for the most part. But after a while my arms ached, and I would have said something, except he started really making love to me, the way I would have wanted the ideal lover to do. He took me, his sinewy body merging with mine.

After I'd reached a climax, he kissed me hard, unlatched me and handed me the strap.

"No, I can't do it."

"Sure you can, babe. Fuck. You won't hurt me." He nuzzled his face against my ear.

I followed his instructions, striking harder and harder, trying not to think about what I was doing. He moaned — over some dark fantasy, I knew, not me. I wasn't even in the room with him. When he finished, he passed out, without even cleaning up. Kneeling over him on the bed, I surveyed the marks on his back and examined my own red arms and chest. The aquarium gurgled merrily away. I found my clothes and went home.

At the office the next morning, I was working on an ad campaign for Cameron, a local college struggling to increase its enrollment.

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"Why the hell did you go home with him?" Danny had asked me on the phone earlier that morning. "That fucker could get so high he'd do anything."

"Is this a lecture? Because if it is, I'd like to put you on hold a few hours."

"Think about this, Paul. Think! What can he give you?"

"I don't know."

"Nothing is the right answer."

"Okay. Nothing. Are you satisfied?"

"Will you please think about this?"

I said I would.

When I got back from lunch, I found a pink memo on my desk. Call Jake, it said.

Jake was very decent that night. He came to my apartment. He liked the chrome trim on my furniture and my Erte prints. He thought the gray and mauve tulip chairs were "classy." He thumbed through a stack of ads I'd done for a jewelry store, nodding his head like he was impressed. He couldn't hide his wonder when I played "Rhapsody in Blue" on the piano — even though I had skipped a whole section.

With my pasta primavera we had a bottle of Orvieto that I'd bought in Rome the previous Christmas. We watched the sun easing toward the Mississippi as we finished perfect little balls of raspberry sorbet that I'd scooped into silver dishes. But as dinner progressed, Jake got quieter and quieter and when we'd finished, he sat on the end of the couch farthest away from me. Claspng his hands over his stomach, he listened as I rattled on about my ad campaign for Cameron, straining to nod and act impressed at the right moments. I wanted to quit talking because his leather boots and the smell of his cheap after shave were turning me on, and he needed a chance to seduce me. But I kept talking all the

same, and he kept looking more out of his element, more intimidated by the Erte pieces that loomed over him.

Very predictably, he left early, kissing me with no tongue, barely stroking my corduroy sleeve. For the hour or more that I lay in bed that night before sleeping, I longed for him. Before work the next morning I called him and made a date for Friday night's drag show at Stallion's.

The crowd was thick that night, huddling around the dance floor where Flora Faunette, Miss Memphis of 1984, mouthed the words of "That's What Friends Are For" in a sequined dress stretched tightly across her butt. Jake stood at the side of the stage, coolly lifting a bill between two fingers. Jiggling over to him, Flora wrapped her red fingertips around the money and without missing a word of the lyrics, squeezed his crotch and let him kiss her sweaty throat. He found me by the bar, and without any kind of greeting ordered us both a shot, and motioned for me to swallow it. He had clearly recovered the control lost at my apartment. "Want me?" he said after a trip to the bathroom and a second shot. I nodded. He led me down the dark stairs and out to his car, parked in a grocery store's lot. He had me go down on him in the back seat. Then he just wanted to drive.

We headed downtown, circled the Peabody Hotel to look at a Gay couple snuggling in horse-drawn carriage, and sped across the M-shaped bridge leading to Arkansas. The sky, black compared to the city sky, made it feel as though we were driving into a tunnel and the stars were only shiny minerals on the ceiling, illuminated by the headlights of oncoming cars. We must have gone 50 or 60 miles, without talking, without heat — probably because of the alcohol circulating through Jake's body — when I finally asked him where he was going. He pulled the car over and jerked it to a halt. Then he hit me with the back of his hand. I felt something warm on my face, and realized he must have cut me with his ring. Stunned, and drunk, I started to cry.

"So, you think you're so much fucking better than me," he said. "You think because you got a college degree and a house full of fancy shit, you can order me around." He grabbed me by the arm.

"Go to hell," I said. I jerked myself loose from his grip.

"Well, I got a kid. Can you say that? You got anybody? I got a kid who worships me like a hero."

"So what."

He laughed. "That really gets you doesn't it? You ain't got anybody. And I got a kid. You don't need college for that, smart ass."

"I don't care what you have." I got out of the car and started walking along the shoulder.

Jake pulled up alongside of me. He leaned over and rolled down the

window. "Get in. I'll take you home."

"Fuck you."

"I said to get in."

It was too cold and windy to resist. I got in the car, and he took me back downtown, neither one of us speaking.

To Be Concluded in Next Month's TJN

Michael Schiefelbein is an English instructor at a local university and president of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. His writings have been published in Christopher Street magazine.

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## Researchers Isolate Pneumonia-Causing Organism

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Researchers at the University of Georgia have discovered a method of isolating an immature form of a pneumonia-causing organism that has killed thousands of AIDS patients.

The research could lead to more effective treatments of the pneumonia.

An AIDS researcher at the National Institutes of Health, however, said the development could be helpful but didn't appear to be a major advance.

Dr. Jamie De Stefano, a researcher at the university's Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, said the team had found a quicker way to separate the drug-resistant mature form of pneumocystis carinii from its immature forms.

She said the latest method also provides a virtually pure form of the organism, making it easier to study its life cycle.

Effective treatments have already been developed for pneumocystis, said Dr. Carl Dieffenbach, chief of the Developmental Therapeutics Branch at the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases.

He said it is no longer the most common killer of AIDS patients and now is responsible for a small percentage of AIDS deaths.

"It's one of the victories of AIDS research," he said.

He said the illness can still be deadly. Tennis player Arthur Ashe was one of its victims.

Pneumocystis is a common organism, but causes illness only in people whose immune systems have been damaged by AIDS or other causes.

The Georgia researchers said the stages of pneumocystis have different weights, causing them to separate when spun from a centrifugal device. Further purification is carried out through filtration.

Dieffenbach said similar techniques are in use at other labs. "They have probably tweaked and fine-tuned the technology," he said. "At best, it's an incremental improvement."

The researchers said they have obtained enough of the mature cyst form of pneumocystis to carry out chemical analysis of the cyst wall.

## Researcher Finds Vitamin That Blocks Cell Infection

By Jason Auslander  
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A type of vitamin B-6 found in the body and used in test-tube experiments blocked the AIDS virus from infecting white blood cells, a researcher said Jan. 14.

The vitamin did not help cells that had already been infected, said James Salhany, a researcher and biochemist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The test-tube experiments haven't been extended to humans, but the medical center is pursuing funding for human tests. Salhany said researchers have to find out if enough vitamin B-6 can be built up in the body without causing toxic side effects.

The only type of vitamin B-6 that worked in the experiments is called pyridoxal phosphate, or PLP, and is found in the bloodstream.

Salhany's research, conducted with medical center AIDS virologist Mario Stevenson, found that PLP bonded to white blood cells, forming a barrier that blocked the AIDS virus from infecting the cells.

Large doses of the vitamin can cause problems with the nervous system, such as trouble walking and tingling in the feet, Salhany said. There were no toxic side effects on the test tube cells in Salhany's experiments.

Stephen Coburn, director of biochemistry at the Fort Wayne State Development Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a vitamin B-6 researcher, called the findings significant and interesting. Coburn said he hasn't conducted research on vitamin B-6

in reference to AIDS.

"The real key thing is whether it would translate into a live animal," Coburn said. "Lots of preliminary discoveries look good under controlled circumstances, but when you put them into a live organism, they (the results) could be different."

Salhany cautioned people against taking "mega-doses" of vitamin B-6 found in drug and health food stores, which is different than PLP, because of the side effects and the fact that the body will only metabolize it into a certain amount of PLP.

While the research results are promising, they are not a cure, Salhany said.

"I don't think there will ever be a cure because we can't cure viruses," he said. "B-6 is not an oral version of the condom."

A paper detailing Salhany and Stevenson's research is under review for publication by *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

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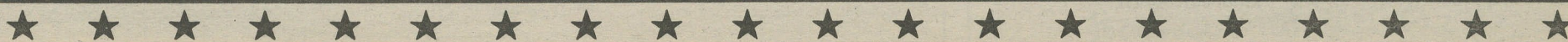
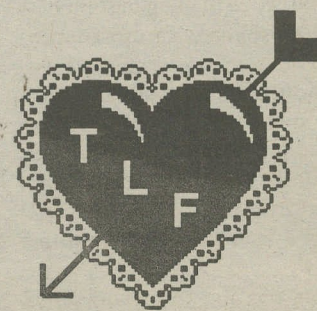


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## New Evidence Found That HIV Protein Damages Brain

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have found new evidence that a single protein of the AIDS virus may damage brain cells and lead to the impaired thinking and movement seen in some infected people.

Strains of mice made to produce the protein in their brains showed brain abnormalities like those in infected humans, researchers said.

The mice should be useful in assessing drugs to ward off such damage from HIV, the AIDS virus, the researchers suggested in the Jan. 13 issue of the journal *Nature*.

The protein, called gp120, is shed

from HIV-infected cells in people, researchers said. For the experiment, mice were given a gene to make them produce the protein without HIV infection.

The work was done by scientists at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., the University of California, San Diego, and the Boston University School of Medicine.

In a *Nature* commentary, Dr. Stuart Lipton of Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School said several drugs have been claimed to reduce cell damage from gp120, and that tests in humans are in progress.

## Antibiotic Approved To Treat Mycobacterium Avium

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government has approved an antibiotic for respiratory disease to become the first treatment for one of the deadliest infections in AIDS patients.

The Food and Drug Administration on Dec. 27 approved the drug Biaxin to treat mycobacterium avium complex, or MAC, which afflicts at least one in every four AIDS patients, spreading rapidly throughout the body.

Also known as clarithromycin, the drug is already used to treat respiratory infections in healthy adults.

Another drug, Pharmacia

Corp.'s Mycobutin, was approved last year to prevent MAC in AIDS patients. But Biaxin becomes the first drug to treat AIDS patients who still contract the infection.

Studies show Biaxin significantly reduces the number of MAC organisms in the blood and patients who didn't kick the infection still saw many of their symptoms relieved, said Abbott Laboratories, which makes the drug.

The company recommended that patients take 500 mg of the drug twice a day. Side effects included nausea, diarrhea and headache.

## Ryan White's Mother Hopes To Ban Condom-Equipped Trading Cards

By Mike Smith  
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The mother of child AIDS victim Ryan White wants state lawmakers to ban trading cards with her son's picture that include condoms in the packages.

"He should be known more for what he taught us about living and to respect those with diseases," Jeanne White-Ginder said.

Eclipse Enterprises of Forestville, Calif., began selling its AIDS Awareness cards last February.

White-Ginder is supporting a bill in Indiana that would prohibit the use of celebrities' likenesses without written consent from them or from their estates. The bill passed a state Senate committee Jan. 13.

Ryan was diagnosed with AIDS at 13 from blood products used to treat hemophilia. He sued for and

won the right to attend school with other children. He took part in AIDS education efforts until his April 1990 death.

A painted image of him is included in the set of 110 trading cards, which also include images of Magic Johnson, Rock Hudson and Arthur Ashe. The cards include facts about their lives and information and myths about AIDS.

Each foil-wrapped, 12-card pack contains a condom.

Catherine Yronwode, editor in chief at Eclipse, said the series is an attempt to educate the public about a deadly illness. Fifteen percent of profits go to a group helping HIV-infected people, she said.

Eclipse also produced the controversial True Crime trading card series featuring crime-fighters and criminals, including cult leader Charles Manson and body parts-killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

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## FDA Asked To OK Tests Of Possible AIDS Treatment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — HemaCare Corp. is seeking federal permission to expand human testing of a possible AIDS drug.

The company said Jan. 3 it made the request to the Food and Drug Administration regarding Immupath. The plasma-derived drug contains antibodies from people who have tested positive for the AIDS virus but have not developed the disease.

Joshua Levy, HemaCare's medical director, said the antibodies may neutralize a range of AIDS virus strains and mutations.

Preliminary tests on a few humans showed Immupath was non-poisonous and may help some AIDS patients live longer, HemaCare said.

Levy said he expects the FDA to review the application quickly.

Hemacare, founded in 1979, has been developing Immupath since 1990.

## Village People

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turns (he was discovered as an Indian go-go dancer) are finely executed (our view of these was especially good). Hodo still wears little and sweats much. Each has his turn at patter or lead singing and their Trash Disco medley even included "Lady Bump" — a particularly nauseating, but hilari-

ous opus from the era. When the contingent from Tsarus was noticed, next to me, Hughes shot many glances our way throughout the entire performance and my brief conversation with him afterwards found him very cordial and very butch. The entire group wandered around 6-1-6 after the show and were very pleased to sign autographs and be personable.

They filled the Mid-South Coli-

seum once. I was glad to be able to get much closer (this show did sell out). It is hard to describe the savor of this performance; when anyone could have fun at the YMCA, or be and laugh at Macho, Macho men.

We ought to bring them back ourselves and sell out the convention center ballroom.

## Spiritual Resources in the Memphis Area

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- St. Therese Catholic Church - 276-1412
- Unitarian Church of the River - 526-8631
- Unity Church (Kirby Road) - 753-0831

## Study Says Colleges May Violate Rights In Fighting Hate Speech

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Many colleges and universities violate students' First Amendment rights when they attempt to ban or restrict hate speech on campus, a study shows.

Hate speech consists of slurs, taunts, graffiti and other expressions of prejudice aimed most often at women, Blacks, Asians, Jews, Gays, Lesbians, or other minority groups.

Arati R. Korwar of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill looked at how colleges and universities have responded to hate speech in a study sponsored by The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center.

The center at Vanderbilt University is dedicated to the freedoms of press, speech, religion and other tenets of the First Amendment.

Thirty-six percent of the 384 institutions surveyed have rules that punish hate speech, said Korwar,

a doctoral candidate in mass communications.

Such rules likely violate the U.S. Constitution under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 ruling in *R.A.V. vs. St. Paul*.

Other findings:

- 39% of the schools surveyed ban obscene expression, which is not protected by the First Amendment.
- 47% of the schools prohibit lewd, indecent or profane language, which is protected by the First Amendment because it falls short of obscenity.
- 28% of the schools have rules against advocating an offensive or outrageous viewpoint, an expression Korwar concluded is apparently protected by the First Amendment.
- Only 8% of those schools surveyed prohibit fighting words, speech that the Supreme Court has said is not covered by the First Amendment.

"Hate speech on campuses is a hurtful and ugly phenomenon," said Korwar.

"While it is natural for administrators to want to shield students by attempting to curtail the ugliness as quickly as possible, most experts agree that simply punishing hate speech will not destroy racial and other biases."

Korwar collected information from all publicly funded colleges and universities that offer a bachelor's degree in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Of the 533 schools contacted, 72% sent handbooks and other materials that Korwar analyzed.

Universities and colleges instead should develop multi-ethnic and multi-cultural task forces, education programs teaching tolerance and work harder to recruit and keep minority students and faculty, Korwar said.

## ACLU Accuses Archbishop Of Attempting To Censor Media

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Catholic archbishop is attempting to censor the dissemination of public health information the Indiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union says.

The ACLU's Gay and Lesbian Rights Task Force criticized Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, after Buechlein said he objected to the ads because the church believes abstinence is the only safe way to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Buechlein was, until recently, bishop of the Memphis Diocese of the Catholic Church.

"We certainly respect the right of all religious leaders to counsel their adherents with respect to moral behavior," said Michael Wallace, chairman of the ICLU task force.

"However, this right to participate in the public dialogue does not include a right to restrict other people's access to information necessary to make informed and medically accurate choices about personal behavior," he said.

Buechlein, whose diocese covers central and southern Indiana, urged radio and television stations Wednesday to reject condom ads planned by the Clinton administration as part of a national AIDS awareness campaign.

He held a news conference Jan. 6 to discuss his position and emphasized that the Catholic Church wants to promote prevention campaigns that emphasize abstinence.

Abstinence is a moral imperative for single people and is the only sure way to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, including the AIDS virus, which claimed 200,000 American lives since 1980, Buechlein said.

"The Catholic Church shares the deep concern which has been expressed by representatives of the federal government over the serious problems of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases," Buechlein said.

"We want to work with the government and community organizations to prevent the spread of this urgent public health problem."

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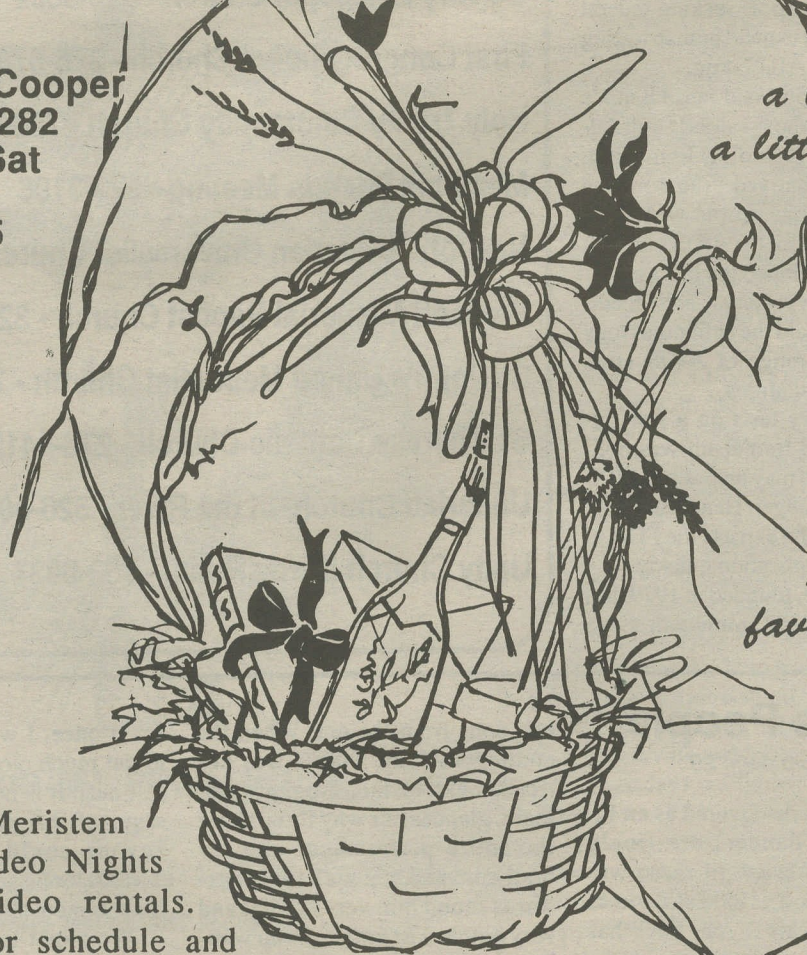
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# Murder In Nebraska Focuses Attention On Transgenderism

By Tim Kennedy  
Times of The Heartland  
Lincoln, Neb.

HUMBOLDT, NE - Many have dubbed it the Lesbian killing, and already there is talk about making television movies and perhaps a major feature film.

But what happened in Humboldt is a multiple tragedy, difficult to understand, not just because of the violence and what provoked it, but because of the complexity of the lives involved. Twenty-one year-old Teena Brandon's sexuality lies at the center of the story as the drama unfolds.

Understanding that sexuality is one of the keys to fully grasping the tragedy. Heartlanders have trouble comprehending that Brandon was a female to male transgender.

As such, he was a member of an "invisible minority," a group about which few people have any familiarity. Living in a rural Nebraska community and associating primarily with lower class losers and petty thieves, Brandon was even more vulnerable than a similarly situated Lesbian. Published accounts of Brandon's life clearly present him as a classic transgender.

Aaron Davis, Executive Director of ReCall, a Female to Male Transgender support and education organization based in Dallas, Texas, recognizes the pattern.

Like Brandon, who grew up in Lincoln, Davis played boy's games as a little girl in Hope, Ark.

Both Davis and Brandon understood at an early age that they were boys and not girls.

Both hated dresses and preferred male clothing.

And both were exposed to the hatred that comes from being different, an ultimate outsider in a small town. For Brandon, adulthood meant surviving as a smalltime thief and check forger. Aaron was able to leave Hope, Ark., for the Army.

A disabled veteran, he landed a job with the United States Postal Service, and although he suffered discrimination and faced prejudice, his civil service position offered some protection while he underwent the medical transformation.

Marissa Lynn of the International Foundation for Gender Education (I.F.G.E.) in Wayland, Mass. points out that the medical transformation is the least important detail of transgenderism. "Spirituality: that's what makes us what we are. It applies to a person's identity.

Most people go through the medical process because what they are physically isn't okay in society. Lynn believes that male and female spirituality is different. Rejecting the notion that she was a woman trapped in a man's body, she does admit that "the cliché is easier for people to accept, and is often offered as an

explanation." According to Lynn, Brandon's criminality was almost predictable. Like Aaron, she knows it is nearly impossible for transgenders to obtain and hold on to regular employment.

Further, she notes, "society creates unhappiness, anger, bitterness and frustration for the transgender." It was during a routine arrest on a bad check warrant that brought notice to Brandon's physical gender, and it was that revelation that led, several weeks later, to his murder in this rural Nebraska town.

What is believed to have set off Brandon's alleged killers was that he dated heterosexual women.

On Christmas Eve, 21-year-old high school drop-out and casual laborer Marvin Nissen and 22-year-old John Lotter, who worked temporary jobs when not in prison, are accused of having undressed Brandon in front of his girlfriend, and later that night, raping him.

A week later, on New Year's Day, the two allegedly shot Brandon, his landlady and a houseguest. Lotter apparently had a romantic interest in one of Brandon's girlfriends, which is believed to be a motive in the triple slaying.

Another suspected motive is Brandon's having reported the rape incident. That Brandon had girlfriends and bedded some of them, though apparently without sexual contact, is the reason so many think of the murders as somehow connected with Lesbians.

A nationally prominent Lesbian said that when she came out in a rural part of the country several years ago, "only certain roles - 'butch' and 'femme' - were acceptable."

She speculated that this sort of role definition was still going on, and that Brandon was "assigned" an extreme sort of "butch" role, that of a "stone dyke."

She explained that "'stone dykes,' who are often survivors of physical and/or sexual abuse as children, are unwilling or uninterested in actual sexual contact, but retain control of their relationship."

Aaron Davis understands the confusion. He lived as a Lesbian for a time.

With no other way to reconcile his female body and male persona, he felt despised as a Lesbian, but less hated than when he underwent a full transformation.

Both Davis and Lynn point out that transgenders are assumed to be Gay or Lesbian because their sexual orientation is toward members of their physical gender.

They face the same discrimination and misunderstanding as Gays and Lesbians, but with an added problem.

As a minority connected with another minority, Davis notes that they are particularly vulnerable to attack by not only outsiders, but by

less educated Gays and Lesbians.

"Gays can come across just as prejudiced as the heterosexual community. They just think I should have lived in the Lesbian community. They almost think you're a traitor," he added.

"But Gays and Lesbians enjoy some legal protection and sense of community that is lacking for us." Brandon Teena, the name he was using at the time of his death, had the appearance of an immature, but handsome young man and the physical traits of a woman.

He told his friends he needed to live as a man for two years before undergoing hormonal treatment. Dr. Walter Bockting of the University of Minnesota, an expert on transgenderism, said "Two years is twice as long as I recommend, but is still an acceptable therapy." Aaron Davis also recommends a shorter time.

Both Bockting and Davis say that once the hormone treatments begin, the transformation from female to male appearance takes place within about six months.

Davis stresses the importance of the treatment, as much for physical

protection as for any other reason. "Female to male transgenders, after such treatments, have the appearance of mature men.

"Although often physically smaller, they blend easily into the male world even before surgery has completed the process," Davis ex-

plained.

Dr. Bockting said "This takes longer for male to female. Bigger builds and hands often stand out after transformation." Largely hidden, even from the Gay and Lesbian community, transgenders are the

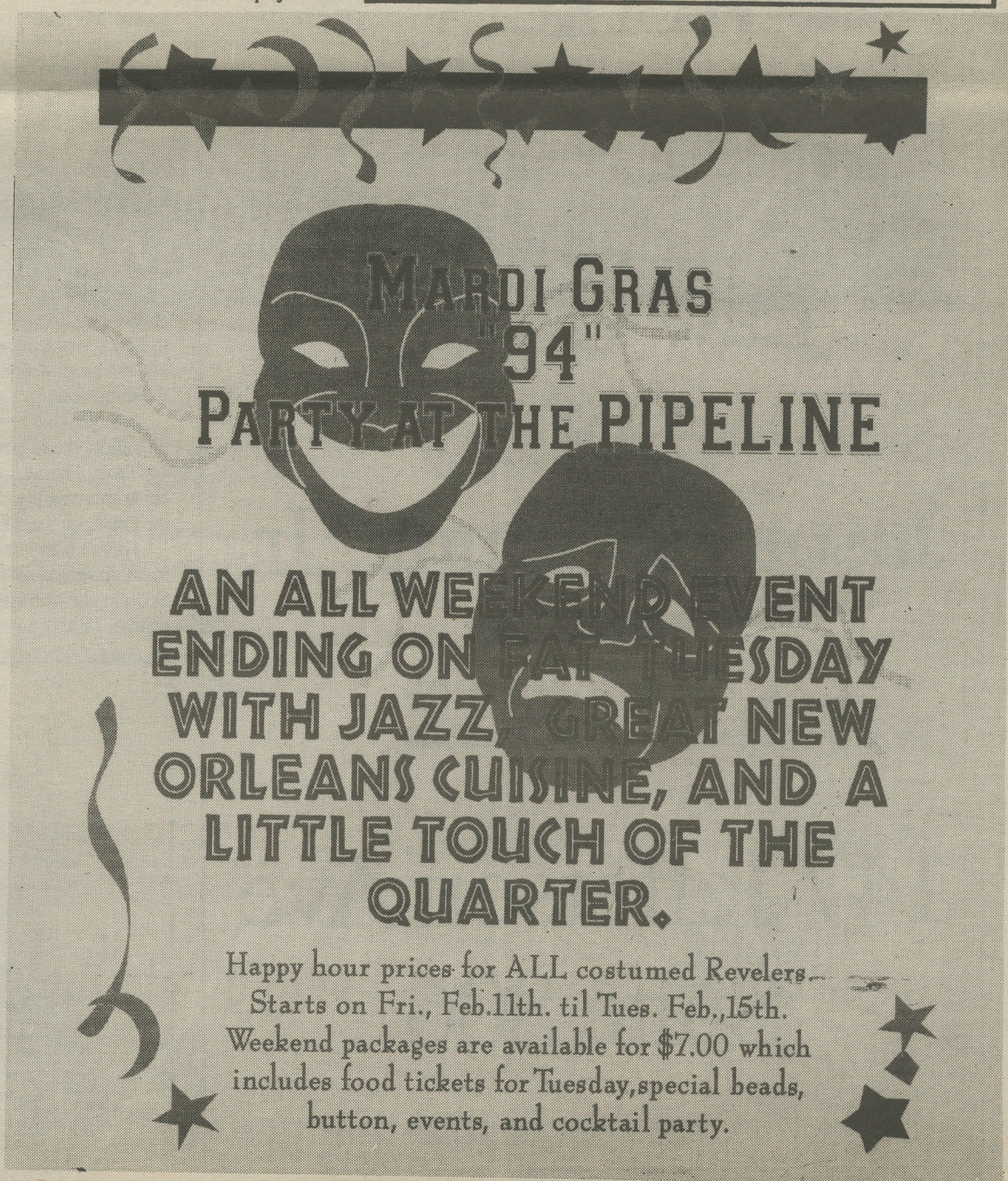
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trustees expanded the campus anti-bias policy to include Gays and bisexuals.

In 1991, Mrs. Portland announced she was "abiding by the rules."

Many educators say the impulse for these changed attitudes and policies springs from a new and widespread recognition that the common college experience of exploring sexuality and identity can be especially trying for young homosexuals. Away from home for the first time, they may be acknowledging their Gayness and risking openness for the first time as well.

At Curtis Shepard's alma mater, tiny Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., a school of 1,500 students, a faculty-student group called Fusion was formed a couple of years ago to sponsor public discussions about gender identification.

"There was a population on campus never carefully identified," said Dean of Students Dave Hansen, who oversees Fusion. "We know those students experience considerably more roadblocks to success, more difficult problems ... We felt that was a population that needed support."

Not everyone regards these developments as enlightening. Critics say so much attention to homosexuals squelches honest discourse, that it's an oppressive fad of the politically correct.

"The cause of Gays and Lesbians is the cause 'du jour,' and so everyone is showing their sensitivity to Gays," said Oron Strauss, a junior at Dartmouth College and editor in chief of the conservative weekly, *The Dartmouth Review*.

"When you have this politically vocal mi-

nority, the majority doesn't want to get involved in a situation where they're going to speak their mind and be labeled homophobic, and for spurious reasons," Strauss said.

But where some see political correctness, others — like Rutgers University Professor Catharine R. Stimpson, currently on leave as director of fellowships at the MacArthur Foundation — see democracy at work.

"The process of democracy in the United States, though slowly and unevenly, is to expand," Stimpson said. "We are now entering debate whether we want to extend democratic tolerance to Gay men and women."

By democratic consensus, Americans gave that protection to people who differ by race and by religion.

"Now," she said, "we are extending that protection to people by who they love."

## Murder in Nebraska

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"invisible minority," as a forthcoming article in *The New Yorker* describes them.

Even female to male transgenders are much more common than is assumed. But, with no support from the community, and lacking any political voice, they are assumed to be a rarity. Davis said several live in the Omaha area and throughout the Heartland, but none who could speak publicly.

The experts all stressed the importance of support. All three experts said Brandon's isolation in rural Richardson County was particularly dangerous, with no support available.

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## Gay Midshipman

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Connecticut.

Also on Jan. 7, the Clinton administration agreed to return another Gay serviceman to active duty — at least temporarily — and said some others now on standby reserve status will be given the same option.

A federal judge approved an agreement that will allow the return to active duty of Navy Lt. j.g. Tracy Thorne, a naval aviator who revealed his homosexuality on television in 1992 to test the Pentagon's old ban on Gays in the military.

Thorne is fighting his discharge. The agreement approved by U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin allows the Pentagon to act again to discharge Thorne under the government's new

policy.

A memorandum written by Edwin Dorn, assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy applies to discharge proceedings begun after Feb. 5 of this year.

The secretary of each branch of military service also can decide to reconsider earlier discharge cases under the new policy, the memo said.

Those who are contesting their discharges and whose cases are being reconsidered under the new policy "should be given the option of returning to active duty or remaining in the standby reserve pending such reconsideration," Dorn's memo said.

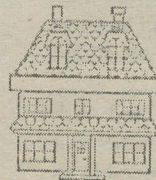
Those who do not contest the Pentagon's proposal to discharge them should be discharged, he added.

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## Colored Girls' Message Remains Clear

Review by Cheryl Dare

Despite minor flaws, Circuit's production of *For Colored Girls. Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* is a piece well worth seeing. If you don't see it, you are cheating not only yourself, but the cast which has worked so hard.

If you are expecting a plot or a happy ending, this show could disappoint you. While the choreopoem first appeared on Broadway in 1976, the issues presented are still quite current. The cast, all black and all women, give us insight into the joys and pain in the lives of black, urban, American women, though most of the material, I felt, is universal to all women.

I started the evening hoping a slight headache wouldn't spoil my absorption in the show. I needn't have worried; it was riveting. I thought it was a shame that the house was not full; everyone should share in this piece. Those who were there mostly seemed as enthralled as I was; and gave the performers a standing ovation. Unfortunately, there were two pairs of women who had no consideration for the audience or the cast: two of them talked nearly constantly for the first ten to fifteen minutes of the show, the other pair never stopped crinkling bags and wrappers during the entire performance.

Cast members Catina Bryant (Red), Rita Danielle Cooper (Blue), Angela Settles (Purple), Toni Settles (Brown), Antoinette Turner (Green) and Penelope Walker (Yellow) all move well and deliver the poetry



convincingly. During the half hour preceding the performance, there was what sounded like random diddling on a guitar, a flute and several kinds of drums. I believe this was intended to help set mood, but I didn't think it worked well. The pre-set lighting could have helped this out somewhat, but I felt it was too bright and too general. The drumming, along with some flute and guitar, continued throughout the performance and did help set mood for the one-act piece.

The set itself is stark, open and allows for movement: upstage center is a raised area with ramps and steps; down right is a concrete bench behind a section of chain-link fence; down left are a telephone pole and a brick stairway. The movements, choreographed by Antoinette Turner and Leslie J. Reddick complimented each piece.

I would have liked the lighting,

designed by Steven Crick, to have been more dramatic with pools of light more often and less general all-over-the-stage lighting. It did have its moments, though, and the goboes projecting shadows on floor and cyclorama were quite effective in

several sections.

I didn't care for Heather Garrett's costumes, but am not sure why. I realize they had to be simple and permit movement, in which they succeeded. I would have liked to have seen Greek chitons used which would have looked good on every woman in the show.

*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf*, written by Ntozake Shange, directed by Leslie J. Reddick. Performances at Circuit Playhouse 1705 Poplar Ave., through Feb. 6.

## Village People Roar Into Memphis

Review by Vincent Astor

When they lit the mirror ball, I was home. I had a balcony seat overlooking the stage in the building that was once the Barracks, which seems like an age ago. I enjoyed the Six Million Dollar Band as an opener and noticed the diverse crowd enjoyed the "Vintage Disco" music more than any other. The band calls itself Disco Head-Banger and proved it keeping things interesting for most of its set and being a very appropriate lead-in to the group I can best define as the Beach Boys of Disco.

You wouldn't believe it. The Gay and Lesbian representation in the crowd was scattered at best, but when Margaret Hamilton and the Optimistic Voices (from the *Wizard of Oz*) came on, we could take this evening as our own. Out they came—six stereotypes, six very butch male voices, six experts in classic camp. The entire show was about 45 minutes, but was filled with

non-stop activity, cutting up with the crowd, choreographed marching to and from the microphones and shedding of garments, bit by bit.

The sound was there. The harmonies intact. It was very live. It was a return, even in that black hole of a room, to the days when dance floors were brilliant with neon and colors and music was happy and danceable. Four original members still tour, Felipe Rose (Indian), David Hodo (Construction Worker), Glenn Hughes (Biker), and Alexander Riley (Soldier). Ray Simpson replaced original lead singer Ray Willis (Policeman) in the early 80's and still tours. Randy Jones has passed on his Cowboy chaps to six-footer Jeff Olson.

It is amusing to see the switch from tall lead singer to tall cowboy and it has been nearly 20 years since I first heard "Everybody Is a Star in Hollywood." These men have held their own in every way. Rose has become much beefier but his dance

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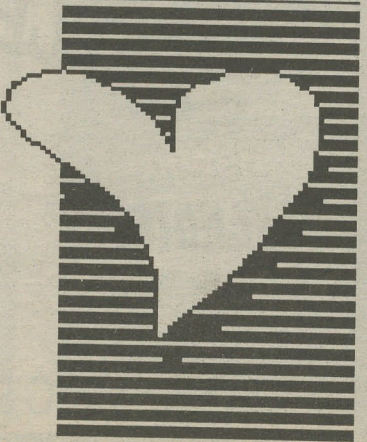
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**National Organization for Women (NOW):** Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.

**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 Renners 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

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**The Personals:** Gay computer bulletin board • 300 or 1200 baud ☎ 274-6713.

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**Kerrel Ard, BSW:** Personal growth, spiritual counseling, alternative healing ☎ 725-4898.

**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 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.

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

**Joyce Schimenti, LCSW:** Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.

**Susan Taranto, MPS:** Individual & group therapy • Fully Alive! ☎ 323-2078 • Sliding fee scale.

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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.

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**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.

## GRAPHICS

**Bonehead Creative:** 1271 Poplar, Ste 103, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-2101.

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**JRP Specialties:** Photo business cards & distinctive nature photography • Joe Pfeiffer ☎ 272-1207.

**Printers Ink:** Box 11485, 0485 ☎ 454-1411.

**That's Certainly Graphics:** Resumes, ad campaigns, letterhead, etc. ☎ 761-2980.

## 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. Gullledge, 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.

## MASSAGE SERVICES

**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.

**Dave Everitt:** Full body Swedish massage Shiatsu, Medical Massage ☎ 722-5522, Pager ☎ 533-9492.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

**Art Gallery Memphis:** ☎ 725-0521 (By Appointment Only).

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

**Kyla J. Dillard, DVM:** Housecall Veteri-

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

**F.U.N. Parties & Toys For Us:** Gay & Lesbian parties exclusively. ☎ Rich 327-2225.

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

**Fusion:** 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:** ☎ 278-2835.

**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.

**Mid-Town Hair:** 1926 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-2199.

**Pass Pets:** Hickory Ridge Mall ☎ 366-4428.

**Pet Care Unlimited:** Pet sitting and/or house sitting by competent, caring couple ☎ 726-6198.

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

**Quality Furniture:** Gary Lewis, 1490 Getwell ☎ 743-7739.

**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.

**STUDZ:** ☎ 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.

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## 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.

## NIGHT CLUBS / DINING

**Amnesia:** 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.

**Apartment Club:** 343 Madison ☎ 525-9491.

**Cafe Samovar:** 83 Union, ☎ 529-9607.

**Chaps:** 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 726-4767.

**Club Hide-A-Way:** 2018 Court ☎ 274-6602.

**Construction Site:** 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.

**Hut:** 102 N. Cleveland ☎ 725-9872.

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**Nikita's Bar & Grill:** 2117 Peabody Ave ☎ 272-1700.

**Oops:** 1349 Autumn ☎ 272-1634.

**Pipeline:** 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.

**Reflections:** 92 North Avalon ☎ 272-1525.

**WKRB in Memphis:** 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.

## REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**Russell Armstrong, Developer, Looney Developments:** 194 Looney Ave. ☎ 525-3044.

**Glenn Moore, Broker, Owner, Woodland Realty:** ☎ 854-0455.

**Steve Solomon, Affiliate Broker, Davies-Sowell, Inc.:** 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380.

## RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

**Gays Rejoicing & Affirmed in a Catholic Environment (GRACE):** Support group for Catholics & their friends • Meets every Thurs. with Liturgy 2nd & 4th Thurs. Information: ☎ 725-5237. John.

**Holy Trinity Community Church:** Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 11am; 7pm; Bible study: Wed. 7:00pm; We Care AIDS Support Ministry: Sat. 10am 1559 Madison ☎ 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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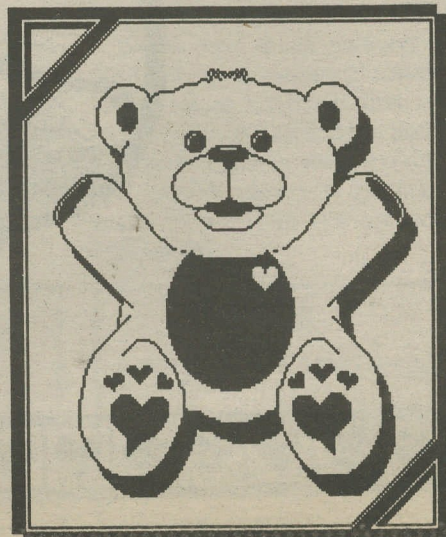
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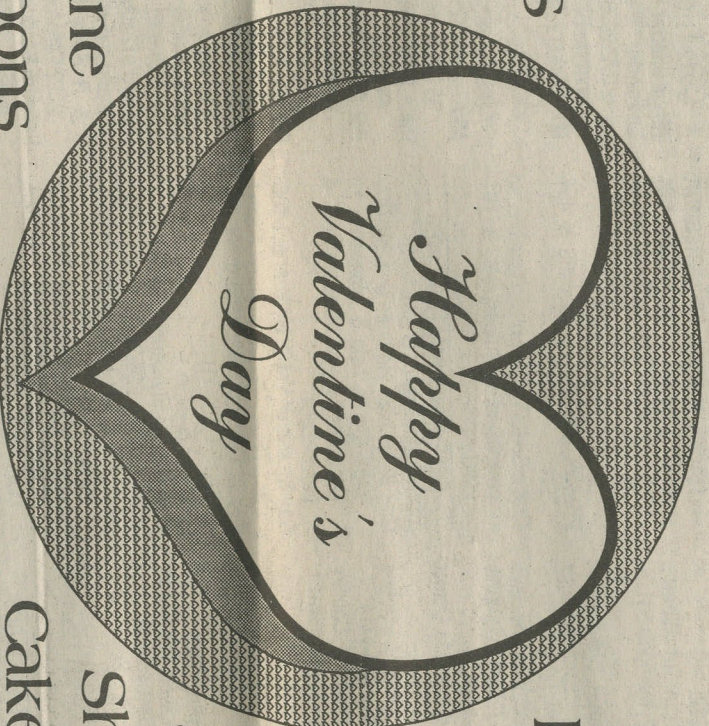
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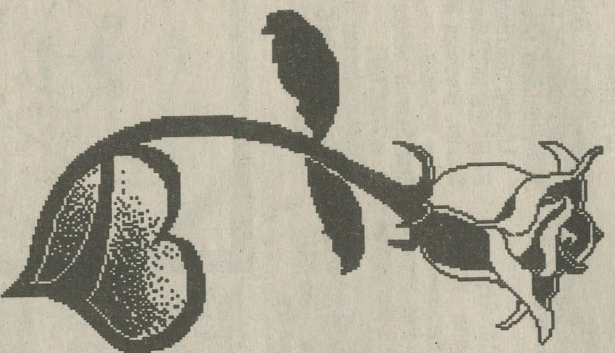
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