

## Apartments for PWAs Opened in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — People are ready to move into a rent-subsidized apartment complex this week that was built specifically for people with AIDS.

The intent is to make life easier for people with AIDS who are having a hard time making ends meet or who can no longer take care of themselves and need help.

As an apartment complex, it will combine the benefits of living independently with group support services and activities, said Joseph Bodenmiller, director of client services at Nashville CARES, a local agency that develops and delivers services for people with AIDS. There is a similar complex in Knox-

ville.

"In the past, the focus on housing came at the end of someone's life, but this will be for people in all stages," Bodenmiller said. "We want this to be a real community."

The complex was developed by Nashville CARES and the Council of Community Services.

Three people moved in the first week in March.

Rent will be \$200 a month. There will be 11 single-bedroom apartments, a community room, meeting rooms and laundry facilities. All residents will be clients of Nashville CARES who have lost their jobs and are unable to locate affordable housing.

## ACLU, Defense Fund Sue Over Govt's Gays in Military Policy

NEW YORK (AP) — The Clinton administration says its policy on Gays in the military determines a person's suitability to serve based on conduct, not sexual orientation. But two civil rights groups say it's not much different than the ban it replaced.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a lawsuit against the policy Mar. 7 in federal court in Brooklyn. They say the Clinton administration policy, and a law passed by Congress last year, is unconstitutional.

Joe Krovisky, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said the government had no comment, in keeping with its policy on lawsuits.

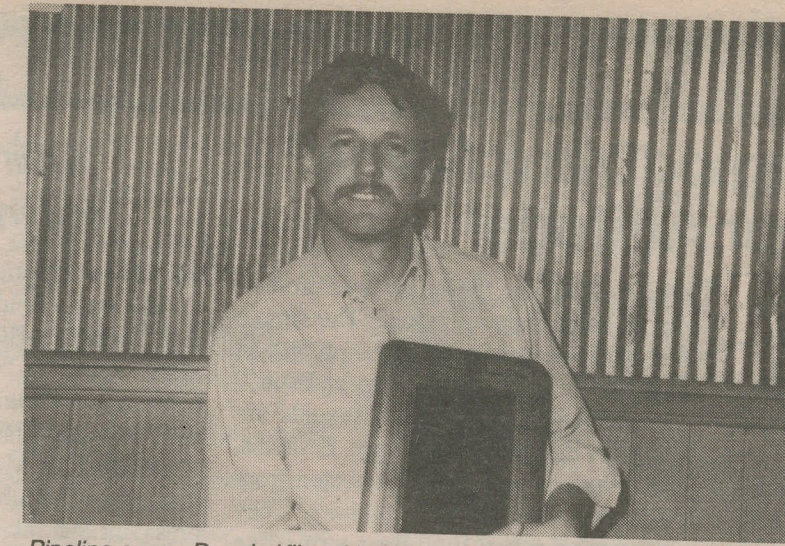
U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Nickerson scheduled a hearing for March 18 on the lawsuit's demand that the government be banned from carrying out its policy until the suit is settled.

Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda defense fund, a Gay rights group, said Clinton's so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy and the federal law amounted to nothing more than "the same old ban" used to keep Gays and Lesbians out of the military for the past 50 years.

Under Clinton's policy, recruiters are not supposed to question men and women about their sexual orientation, and military officials are not supposed to conduct witch hunts for suspected Gays.

The federal law, passed by Congress and signed into law by Clinton in the fall, reserves the right for a future defense secretary to reinstate the policy of questioning recruits about their sexual orientation to keep homosexuals out of the military.

The Clinton administration says its policy is meant to judge a person's suitability to serve based on conduct, not sexual orientation.



Pipeline owner Dennis Kijowski was voted "Man of the Year" at Tsarus' Tenth Annual Awards held March 10 at WKRB. See Story on page 14.

## Rally Seeks Inclusion In Opportunity Statements

On Tuesday March 29 a protest rally was held at the University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State) in the University Center Mall area.

The event, sponsored by students for Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness (BGALA), attracted over a hundred participants and featured speakers from both the University and the surrounding community.

The purpose of the rally was to target the University's failure to include "sexual orientation" in the school's nondiscrimination policies.

Some of those in attendance carried signs demanding "Equal Protection Now" and "University of

Memphis? Prove It," referring to the University's recent name change to reflect a more progressive image. Literature distributed at the rally by organizers highlighted both the need and precedent for a policy. By adopting the proposed policy, "the University of Memphis would merely be meeting the standards of those urban research universities after which it seeks to model itself," one leaflet read.

BGALA president Chris Robinson, a sociology graduate student, stated, "This rally is basically a call to arms. To say we've had enough of the University pushing papers around without taking action." Robinson who successfully lobbied for a similar policy at Salisbury State University in Maryland, said she was pleased with the turnout. "This represents the whole spectrum of support that exists in our community. The University cannot continue to ignore this issue. It simply won't go away."

Speakers addressing the rally expressed concern about homophobia on campus and its impact on the lives of students and faculty. Larry Edwards, faculty advisor for BGALA, stated that staff and faculty often remain closeted for fear of losing jobs or tenure. Brian McHenry, a graduate student and former president of the student group, spoke about the fear and isolation experienced by many gay and lesbian students. He used the resounding acoustics to give his name and announce that he was Gay. "My grade and my paycheck come from this university and I am willing to take the risk and say my name," he said. Anonymous testimonials were also read detailing the experiences of gay and lesbian students on campus.

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## Residents Sue to Stop Sister Spirit Mediation

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno overstepped her authority when she intervened in a dispute between residents and a feminist retreat run by Lesbians, two of the neighbors claim in a lawsuit filed Mar. 7.

John Allen and James Hendry are asking the court to order Reno to stop her agency's attempts to mediate the dispute with the tiny southern Mississippi town of Overt. They also are seeking damages of at least \$50,000 apiece. Hendry is head of Mississippi for Family Values, a group of Overt-area residents opposed to the retreat. Allen is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richton.

Reno called in federal mediators last month after Camp Sister Spirit owners Brenda and Wanda Henson reported receiving a handwritten threat in the mail. The two said they have also received threats by telephone.

Reno told a Gay-rights group she "considers the threat of violence in Overt to be real."

Mediators have met with some camp residents and opponents, but there have been no joint meetings.

Some of the town's 400 residents have said they fear the 120-acre camp will become a hub of homosexual activity. Donations to fund the lawsuit were collected at a January meeting attended by 350 people at which Allen accused the Hensons of having a "radical agenda."

"We contend that Janet Reno exceeded her jurisdiction and has infringed upon the powers reserved for the state and the people," the plaintiffs' attorney, Mike Barefield, argued in the lawsuit.

A U.S. Dept. of Justice spokesman defended the involvement of the Community Relations Service, saying it had helped defuse conflicts over nuclear power, the anniversary of the 1970 Kent State shootings and a tax dispute concerning the Church of Scientology.

"We fully believe that the CRS has appropriate and legal authority to mediate this volatile community conflict," spokesman Carl Stern said.

Brenda Henson called the lawsuit "ludicrous."

"They're showing by the suit they really don't want to resolve this," she said by phone from Washington.

"They don't want to solve the problem, they want to make an issue," she said. "All we want to do is live in peace."

The Hensons have 20 women in residence helping to rebuild the former pig farm. They want to hold workshops on sexual harassment and abuse and women's legal rights.

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## U. of M. : Changing Your Name? So Change Your Attitude!

By Michael LaBonte  
TJN Contributor

It is difficult to believe it's been nearly four years since BGALA first proposed the idea of expanding Memphis State University's equal opportunity statements to include the category "sexual orientation." During the course of these four years the organization has compiled an impressive amount of information related to a policy change which it has openly shared with the University's administration. Therefore, it was disturbing when a recent letter (Feb. 22) to BGALA officers from "University of Memphis" president Lane Rawlins requested even more time to review the issue. Perhaps more troubling was the cryptic conclusion, "we protect the rights of all students and faculty. The question is when we explicitly identify one or another group."

To my mind, this letter comes dangerously close to implying the "special rights" argument which has increasingly been

used to challenge those few laws protecting us from discrimination. The simple fact of the matter is that equal protection from discrimination is not a "special right." Unfortunately, many heterosexuals are under the impression that Gays, Lesbians, and bisexuals are legally protected from discrimination under existing laws. They are puzzled when they hear terms like "Gay rights" because they assume legal equality already exists.

Currently there are no federal or state laws protecting Tennessee citizens from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. It is completely legal in Tennessee for employers to discriminate against potential employees or terminate employees because they are discovered to be Gay, Lesbian, or bisexual. Without an official in-house statement by the University that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, no policy exists—implicit or otherwise. The University may indeed "protect the rights of all students and faculty," but it does NOT do so on the

basis of sexual orientation.

Although president Rawlins has informally assured BGALA that Memphis State University "does not condone discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," the students and faculty of the new "University of Memphis" deserve more than a mere unpublished assurance of the president that the University will always act fairly, responsibly, and in their best interest.

It is also important to note that, despite the way the administration is choosing to frame the issues, the policy BGALA is proposing does NOT "explicitly identify one or another group." Sexual orientation—defined as sex/gender orientation—is an inclusive category like race, gender, religion, and the other classifications found in the current nondiscrimination statement. The policy would guarantee EVERYONE equal protection on the basis of this inclusive classification. Even heterosexuals, although much less likely to experience harassment or discrimination because of their sexual orientation, would have recourse under the BGALA policy.

Although the perception exists on campus that this is an experimental policy, the reality is that over two hundred universities nationwide protect students, staff, and faculty on the basis of sexual orientation. This includes nearly all of the top urban research schools and at least half of the University of Memphis' own "Peer Institutions" (the schools the University uses to gauge its own policies). Over half the faculty at the University of Memphis are alumni of schools recognizing sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination policies. There is, for an authentic urban research university, nothing unique or inherently controversial about this proposal.

Without a public policy, the University of Memphis gives its implicit consent to discriminatory behavior and indirectly perpetuates a homophobic campus climate. Over the past few years a number of incidents and perceptions indicative of the climate have been reported to BGALA. These include: anti-Gay vandalism and harassment in the residence halls, including one student who had the word "FAG" carved into his door; verbal abuse by fellow students; the defacement of BGALA flyers and their removal from designated areas, often within hours of being posted;

intimidation of Gay instructors by perceived departmental homophobia; Gay bashing incidents involving MSU students as the aggressors; the advertised exclusion of Gay/Lesbian couples from a residence hall program on relationships; vandalism of a local campus chapel after a Gay religious group met there; students afraid to openly attend BGALA meetings for fear of harassment; the defacement of BGALA's board space in the University Center; and intimidating homophobic remarks made by faculty members in the presence of Lesbian and Gay students.

Everyone agrees that discrimination and harassment are antithetical to the mission of a university. Both national statistics and surveys of other universities indicate that homophobic harassment and discrimination are at epidemic levels. This is probably not surprising and well within the experiences of most of us.

Students at the University of Memphis continue to experience harassment and intimidation because of their sexual orientation. Most of these incidents go unreported because of fear of exposure as well as a general perception by Gay and Lesbian students that they are isolated and unsupported in the University community.

Equally, faculty and staff members often feel their personal and professional well-being would be jeopardized if their sexual orientation were known. Although difficult to maintain, secrecy is often seen as a necessary self-protective measure in a potentially discriminatory environment. Even the fear of potential discrimination is very real and profoundly impacts the lives of both students and faculty on a daily basis. This fear is simply not conducive to the open, diverse, and intellectually nurturing environment which the University of Memphis seeks to cultivate.

In order to guarantee the rights of all students and faculty at the University of Memphis, it is essential the University adopt a policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. You can help make this happen by expressing your support. Send your comments to: President V. Lane Rawlins, University of Memphis, Administration Building Room 341, Memphis TN 38152 or the Tennessee Board of Regents, 1415 Murphreesboro, Suite 350, Nashville, TN 37217.



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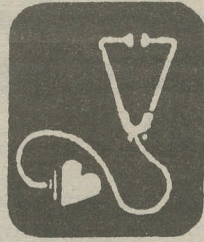
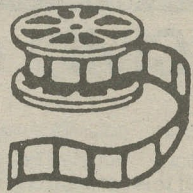
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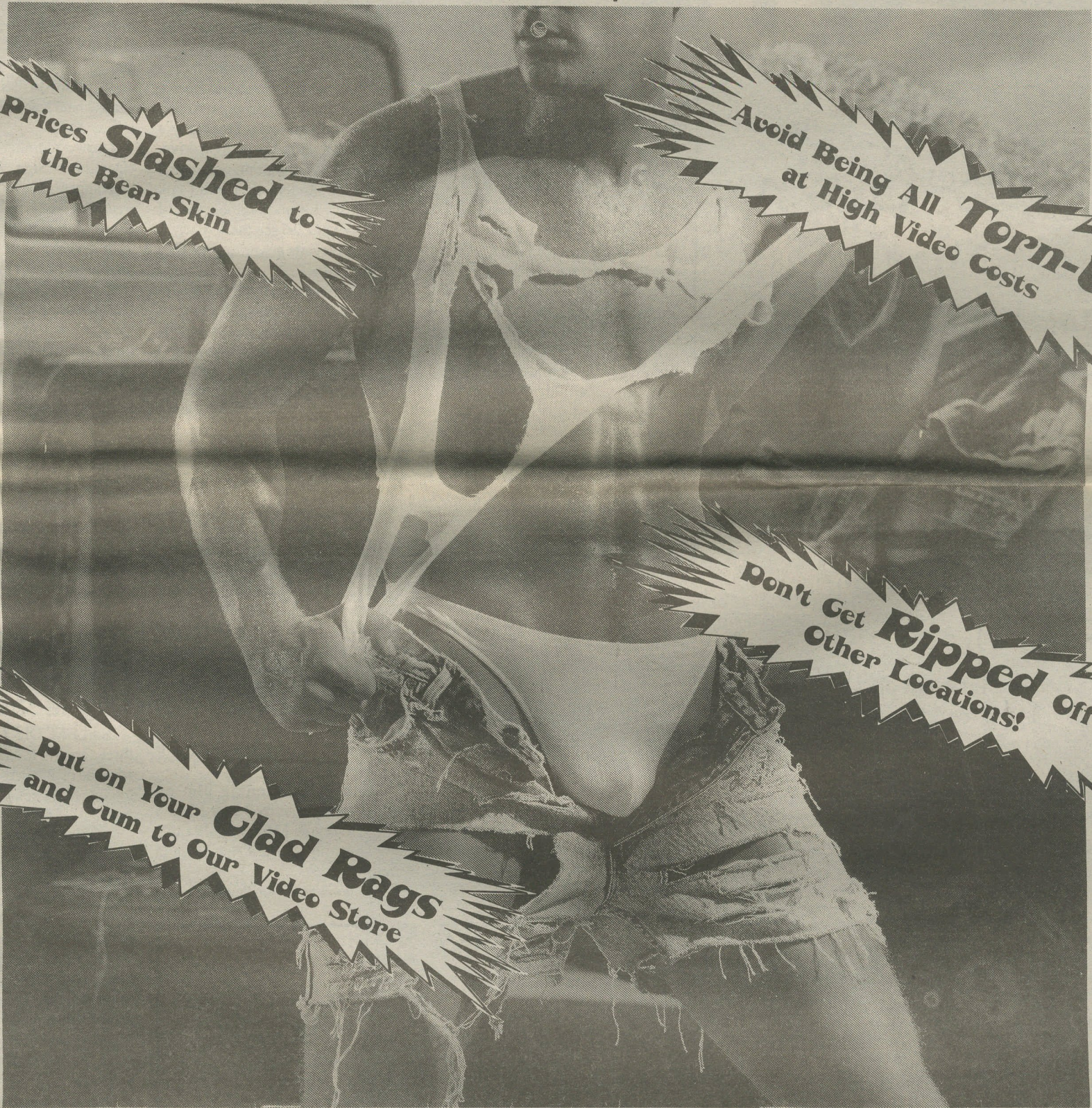
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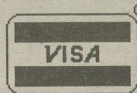
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## Frank Will Return to Heart of Civil Rights Movement

By Melissa B. Robinson  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the vandalism, the threats and the neighbor who fired a gun 87 times in half an hour just to scare

them, Brenda Henson says she and her partner, Wanda, have no intention of packing in their dream and moving on.

Henson welcomes plans by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to hold a congressional hearing in Missis-

issippi this spring to explore whether the government can better protect the Hensons, whose plans are opposed by area residents. Cases are pending in local and federal courts (See story on page 1.)

Frank, an openly Gay member of Congress and a member of the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, went to Mississippi in 1964 to help Blacks register to vote.

In the Henson case, he said, "people are being discriminated against because of their personalities."

Frank said he will hold the hearing unless the dispute is resolved, despite a request from Rep. Mike Parker, D-Miss., that he back off.

"This is a local matter and we feel it should be handled locally," said Parker's chief of staff, Arthur Rhodes, who said the case has more to do with land use than with civil rights.

"Just like we don't have the right to build a landfill anywhere, they don't have a right to build this retreat anywhere they please," he said.

Rhodes argued the local residents oppose the retreat but are not trying to drive the Hensons off their land.

Henson said the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI and local authorities have done little so far to resolve the controversy. She said flags and signs on the property have been torn down, residents have been verbally harassed and one woman was shot at last month.

Intimidated to the point that she has stopped going to night classes and suspended plans to have her 88-year-old mother move in, Henson said her record of community work should convince the local opponents that the retreat poses no threat.

In Gulfport, the Hensons operated a food bank for senior citizens, taught displaced homemakers about going back to school and ran a resource center where people could get information about legal aid and other services.

## Governor and Mayor Show Up At Gay Bar For Anti-Petition Rally

By Martin Griffith  
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Gov. Bob Miller and Las Vegas Mayor Jan Lavery Jones showed up at a Gay bar Feb. 27 to voice opposition to an anti-Gay petition now circulating in Nevada.

The two received rousing receptions and standing ovations from a crowd of about 200 people during a one-hour rally staged at Bad Dolly's by a group fighting the petition drive.

"Today is an historic occasion," said Eddie Anderson, a radio talk show host who emceed the event. "I never thought I'd see the day when I'd see a Nevada governor in a Gay bar."

Miller told the crowd that he recently talked with the governors of three other Western states — Oregon, Washington and Idaho — and they've agreed to work together to defeat similar petitions in their states.

"This is an effort to divide us and we won't be divided," Miller said, speaking from the dance floor.

"We'll stand together and defeat this petition. There's no place for this movement and hatred in our states ... As long as there's a breath in my body, I'll be opposed to the petition."

Miller, accompanied by his wife, Sandy, drew loud applause when Anderson praised him for signing 1993 legislation to ban an old law against unnatural sex acts between people of the same sex.

Jones, who's challenging Miller in the Democratic primary, drew a similar crowd response when Anderson praised her record on behalf of Gay rights.

Without mentioning him by name, Jones criticized Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, whose group drafted the Nevada petition.

"This isn't an issue that has some-

thing to do with families, children and education," she said. "This is somebody coming in from the outside ... and (imposing) discrimination in the most blatant and hateful form."

The crowd also heard speeches from state Sen. Lori Lipman Brown, D-Las Vegas, and state labor leaders.

"I'm so thrilled that this fight against hate has such broad support," Brown said.

Crowd members, many wearing "Decline to Sign" buttons, said the joint appearance by Miller and Jones would give a boost to the fight against the petition.

It serves "as a call to arms for people interested in preserving civil rights in Nevada," said Ron Caughron-Flannigan of Reno. "We're going to defeat efforts by the fundamentalists and we're going to do it with cohesion."

The rally was sponsored by a political action committee calling itself Nevadans Organized for Human Advocacy, Tolerance and Equality (N.O. H.A.T.E.).

The petitioners need just over 51,000 signatures to get their proposal on the November ballot in Nevada. The group is trying for 70,000 to 75,000 names, which must be turned in by June 21.

## Three Oregon Towns Pass Anti-Gay Measures

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Voters in three Oregon towns and one county adopted ordinances that discriminate against homosexuals, despite a state law that renders them unenforceable.

Mail-in elections Mar. 22 in Marion County and its towns of Turner, Albany and Junction City brought to 20 the number of local governments in Oregon that have passed such ordinances.

The measures bar Gays and Lesbians from being guaranteed the same anti-discrimination protections as racial minorities and prohibit spending public money on programs seen as "promoting" homosexual behavior.

The elections were the latest round in what the Oregon Citizens Alliance says is its campaign against government protection for homosexuals. Voters previously passed such measures in 16 cities and counties.

All of the alliance-backed local ordinances would be moot, however, if a law passed by the 1993 Legislature survives constitutional challenges. The law bars local governments from enacting or enforcing such ordinances.



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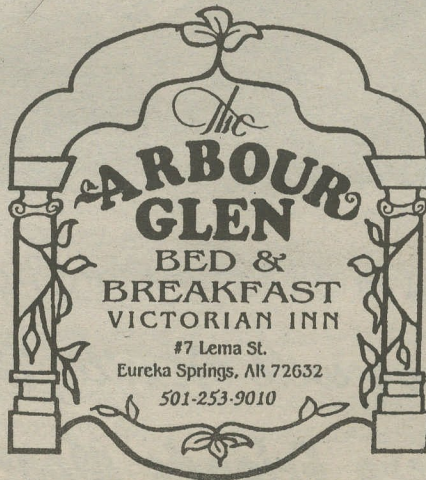
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## Mexican Granted Asylum Based on Gay Persecution

By Bob Egelko  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Gay man who said police in his native Mexico raped and harassed him was granted political asylum in what his lawyer said was the first U.S. case involving sexual orientation.

"We hope that this decision is a wake-up call to governments all over the world that the persecution on account of someone's sexual orientation is unacceptable," attorney Ronald Silberstein said Mar. 24.

His client, who identified himself with the pseudonym Jose Garcia, told a news conference the Immigration and Naturalization Service decision "saved my life."

He said he hoped it also sent a signal to all homosexuals "that there are countries in the world which respect the human rights of all citizens."

Garcia, who said he was in his 30s and had been in the U.S. illegally for about 10 years, won the right to stay permanently on Mar. 18.

Garcia had established a "well-founded fear of persecution" in Mexico because of his membership in a particular "social group," an INS

officer ruled.

The INS had not previously concluded that homosexuals were a "social group," a category protected by asylum laws if fear of persecution is established, Silberstein said.

INS spokesman Duke Austin said the decision sets no precedent and does not mean that all Gays from Mexico are eligible for asylum. But he said that "if a Gay who's being persecuted in Mexico can get (asylum) on that grounds, then a Gay who's being persecuted in any other country can get it on that grounds."

Last July an immigration judge in San Francisco granted asylum to a Brazilian Gay man, a decision the INS is appealing. The Board of Immigration Appeals barred deportation of a Cuban Gay in 1990.

Garcia said police falsely accused him of crimes and extorted money from him, and when he was a teenager an officer raped him, Garcia said.

After arriving in the U.S., Garcia said he stayed in Chicago and Miami before settling in San Francisco, where he has worked as a volunteer and paid employee for Gay-rights and anti-AIDS causes.

## World's Biggest GayFest Steps Out As Moralists Fume

By Peter James Spielman  
Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Loud and lewd, ribald and rib-tickling, the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade coursed through Sydney's streets Feb. 26, drawing a record crowd of more than half a million spectators.

Religious opponents rallied nearby, denouncing the event as an example of what happens "when the wicked seize a city."

Leading the procession of more than 10,000 marchers were the "Dykes on Bikes," a bevy of leather-clad Lesbians riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles in a swipe at the macho man biker culture.

Right behind them were the Spokes, a bicycle club of Gay men wearing G-strings, pink balloons tethered to their handlebars.

Egyptian motifs followed, with slaves chained together at the neck towing a huge float displaying a kangaroo sphinx with breasts and testicles. Leathermen flogged the slaves with whips to urge them on.

Other floats poke fun at conser-

vatives, moralists and fundamentalist Christians, known in Australia as Wowsers — an old acronym for "We Only Want Social Evils Remedied."

Fifteen marchers masqueraded as the Rev. Fred Nile, the king of Australian Wowsers. They were joined by men in nuns' drag calling themselves the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and the Sluts for Jesus, wearing chiffon cocktail dresses and teased-up hair.

Nile retaliated this year by sponsoring a religious rally on the afternoon of the parade, just six blocks from its route. Two American preachers, the Rev. Chuck and Donna McIlhenny of San Francisco, preached on what happens "when the wicked seize a city."

The parade caps a month long series of Mardi Gras events, which organizers say bring \$28.4 million into Sydney, including \$10.6 million in earnings from foreign tourists. That's more than any other Australian event earns, including the Adelaide Grand Prix race and the annual arts festivals in Melbourne and Adelaide.

The Mardi Gras Gay parade began in 1978 as a protest against the oppression of Gays and Lesbians in Australia. Before 1970, no Australian dared publicly proclaim his or her homosexuality.

The parade has grown and become more colorful each year since 1978. Now, with more than 500,000 spectators, it is bigger than similar parades in New York and San Francisco. The onlookers include many families who bring the children to see the year's most gaudy and outlandish show.

But as the event has grown, it also has become a bigger target for conservative and religious groups.

This year's parade was dogged with controversy after the Australian Broadcasting Corp. announced it would televise highlights during prime time viewing hours, triggering a letter-writing campaign by religious groups.

Anglican church leaders and nearly 100 opposition members of Parliament asked the ABC to delay the broadcast until the late-night hours, but the network refused.

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## State Supreme Court Sends Sodomy Case Back to Trial Court

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Louisiana Supreme Court has ordered a new trial on the claim that making oral or anal sex a felony discriminates against homosexuals.

"This is a big victory for my client and all the people of Louisiana," said John Rawls, a New

Orleans attorney representing John Baxley. "Until today, police would routinely arrest anyone who offered to have oral or anal sex with an undercover officer.

"The Supreme Court now says you can't go to jail just by offering, in a nice way, to have sex with someone."

Baxley, of New Orleans, 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.

"The crimes against nature stat-

ute brands every Lesbian and Gay man in Louisiana as an unworthy human being and a second class citizen," Rawls said after the Feb. 28 ruling. "It is a shameful law that every Lesbian and Gay man has the right to attack in court."

However, Rawls added, he was disappointed with another part of

the high court's ruling. The court ruled that Baxley cannot challenge the part of the statute that outlaws homosexual relationships.

"Sooner or later, they (the court) will have to give him or someone else standing. I expect to file a civil lawsuit," he said.

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## Campaign Fund Protests Sailor's Sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Human Rights Campaign Fund is protesting the Navy's review of the life sentence given to a man convicted of killing his Gay shipmate.

"It is nothing short of an outrage that the U.S. Navy is allowing a reconsideration of the sentence given to a convicted murderer less than one year after his trial," Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Gay political action organization, said in a letter to Defense Secretary William Perry.

"I am writing you to urge you to take immediate steps to insure that Terry Helvey's sentence not be reduced at this time," McFeeley said in the letter, which was sent to news organizations.

The hearing by the Navy's Clemency and Parole Review Board involves the sentence given last May to Airman Apprentice Helvey, then 21, for beating Petty Officer Allen Schindler, 22, to death in a public restroom near their ship's home port

in southern Japan.

A Navy spokesman said the board is required to conduct an annual review of the sentence given every individual who has been sentenced to more than one year of prison. Helvey is not eligible for parole, said the spokesman, who asked that his name not be used.

Helvey pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit great bodily injury as part of a pre-trial agreement under which a possible charge of premeditated murder, a crime punishable by death, was dropped.

At the time of his death, Schindler was awaiting discharge after having told his superiors he was a homosexual. Helvey said he did not kill Schindler because he was Gay, but the defense gave no other motive for the attack.

The case sparked criticism from Gay rights activists, who said the slaying was an example of the pervasive hatred of Gays in the armed forces.

## Opening of Gay Bar Creates Clamor in Rural Community

GAS CITY, Ind. (AP) — Dozens of people gathered on the steps of City Hall to pray. Hundreds crowded sidewalks to protest.

The mayor said it felt like the local team had won a sectional basketball tournament.

What had happened in Gas City? A Gay bar had opened.

"This is a sad day for my community," Gas City businessman and Republican legislative candidate Eric Turner said amid the excitement Thursday night. "We have hard-working, God-fearing people in this community, and we would like it to stay that way."

There were plenty of other sentiments in the rural Grant County community about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis. The Rev. Joseph Harmon of Eastview Wesleyan Church, the minister who led the prayer meeting at City Hall, offered prayers for DK's Lounge and its patrons.

Dave and Lottie Kendall, who have owned and operated DK's Lounge for eight years, said they turned it into a Gay and Lesbian club for financial reasons. The Kendalls

said the community kept silent when they hired topless dancers a few years ago.

"The phones haven't stopped ringing all day," Lottie Kendall said. "Most people who called support us, but we have had a bomb threat. Right now, people wanting to come into the bar can't find a place to park. That's our biggest problem."

A crowd estimated at 400 jammed the sidewalks outside the bar. Several teen-agers cruised by in cars, waving signs that said "Gas City not Gay City."

Mayor Gene Linn said the atmosphere almost seemed festive.

Some people went to the Gas City Council to ask city leaders to close the bar. But the city's attorney said it's illegal to legislate against an establishment that caters to Gays.

The protests, ironically, would probably help DK's, said William Wright of Jonesboro. He stood with other supporters' outside the club's doors.

"I expected a few picketers, but I didn't expect a parade," he said.

"I guess the bar can use the publicity."

## Former Congressman Speaks at Gay Community Center

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Jon Hinson returned to his native Mississippi this weekend to help raise money for a Gay community center in Biloxi.

Hinson, who lives in Alexandria, Va., was spok at a benefit for GL Friendly at Joey's on the Beach. GL Friendly was organized in Ocean Springs. Opposition toward the group attracted national support from Gay rights organizations who helped raise money for the group's community services center in Biloxi.

On Mar. 11, Hinson said "My experience has been that the people of Mississippi have far broader minds than they have been given credit for having and they have good hearts, too."

Hinson confronted his own sexuality

only after the loss of his political career and his parents.

In 1981, he was arrested for sodomy in a public restroom and forced to resign in his second term as 4th District representative. In 1984, his parents died in a fire in their Tylertown home.

Hinson, 51, helped found a Gay rights organization in Virginia, and he speaks and writes on Gay issues.

Since the death of his parents, Hinson comes infrequently to Mississippi, but he still owns land in Walthall County and considers the state home.

Said Hinson: "Mississippi is still a siren call to me. I've never found any place that made me more furious or that I loved more."

## Surgeon General Says Fear Causes Anti-Gay Attitude

WASHINGTON (AP) — An irrational fear of sexuality is behind anti-Gay behavior in this country, Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders says in *The Advocate*.

"We need to speak out to tell people that sex is good, sex is wonderful," she said. "It's a normal part and healthy part of our being, whether it is homosexual or heterosexual. There are certain times and places where sex is inappropriate, but just because it is inappropriate does not mean that it's bad."

In a wide-ranging interview, Elders endorsed Gay and Lesbian adoptions, called the Boy Scouts of America's ban on Gay members unfair and denounced certain

sexual attitudes of conservative religious groups.

"I think the religious right at times thinks that the only reason for sex is procreation," she told the Gay-oriented magazine. "Well, I feel that God meant sex for more than procreation. Sex is about pleasure as well as about responsibility."

She added that anti-Gay attitudes will persist until Americans "learn that Gay people are not just out there wanting to have sex with anybody who walks down the street and that Gay people have real loving, lasting relationships and families."

## Navy Backs Off Discharge

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Navy has agreed not to discharge a Gay officer, who in turn agreed to drop his federal lawsuit against the Clinton administration's policy on Gay service members.

Lt. j.g. Dirk Selland will remain on active duty under the compromise filed in federal court Mar. 14, but the Navy can still file new charges under the Defense Department's new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

Selland's commanding officer told him to pack his bag and leave his submarine on

Jan. 21, 1993, after Selland told him he was Gay.

The Navy later told him he was being put on inactive duty for violating the military's longstanding ban against homosexuals in the ranks.

The new policy, in effect since March 1, advises officers not to ask about a recruit's sexual orientation or investigate charges that a person is Gay unless they divulge their sexual orientation or demonstrate homosexual conduct.

## Foreigners With HIV May Attend Gay Games

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will allow foreigners with the virus that causes AIDS to attend the Gay Games in New York in June.

Attorney General Janet Reno approved a waiver Mar. 22 to the rule barring people with the AIDS virus from entering the United States.

Visas granted under the waiver will allow stays of up to 10 days. The Gay Games take eight days. Two additional days were allotted for travel.

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| 5  | Tue | Youth Group, 7-9pm. Call Jerry for more info 388-6110   |
|    |     | PLUS- Positive Living Under Stress, support group for people with HIV/AIDS. Call Charles 274-2524 for more info |
| 8  | Fri | Video Night, 7-9 pm. Free Popcorn   |
| 9  | Sat | Bisexual Support Group, 4pm   |
|    |     | Women's Discussion Group, 7:30-9 pm. Call Terrie 755-5764 for info  |
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| 15 | Fri | Video Night, 7-9 pm, free popcorn   |
| 16 | Sat | POTLUCK DINNER, 7pm, \$3 with dish, \$6 without   |
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## S.P.I.T. #1 Is Now History

by Mike Reed, Co-director

*[The following was delivered as a speech at the S.P.I.T. Tournament Awards Banquet.]*

I would like to begin this article by thanking people for just being themselves. To the St. Patrick's Invitational Committee, a group of strong individuals whose ideas and goals came together as one, the many hours of hard work, the laughter and the tears, all are finally behind us. As the year progressed, individuals developed through reflection, relaxation and participation. Promises were made, some broken, some kept. People acknowledged the power of organization and regressed to the sporadic influxes of hard work and many sleepless nights. After numerous long talks, one finally began to see the ideas of others, as well as their weary drawn faces caused by countless days of hard work.

The S.P.I.T. Committee devoted its time and efforts towards making the St. Patrick's Day Invitational Tournament a new kind of happening, not just for the city of Memphis but for ourselves. The thought of

four men in 1992, "Can we put together a tournament," is now laid to rest with this belief, "Yes, we put together a damn good tournament."

To the Louisville-Lexington committee: your members unlocked the gates of learning. Your leadership played a vital role in the field of educating a true freshman class.

To our friends of Cintit: a team of individuals who showed us that motivation and determination were two key ingredients one must find to run a successful tournament.

To our sister city of Nashville: a hard working group who taught us a new way of life. Your ideas, your support, but most importantly your friendship and love will remain forever.

To all committees whose names were not mentioned: thanks for new friendships and the beginning of new memories.

Our first S.P.I.T. tournament could not have been a success without our sponsors. God only knows you can only hold so many raffles, bake sales, and of course, drag shows.

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To Park Bowling Lanes: what a beautiful couple—Mr. Danny and Pam Key. They were called upon almost immediately and responded with leadership. Few businesses in our city display the style and versatility that your staff has shown. You have brought distinction and honor to our tournament. Thank you for a job well done.

We would like to express our additional "thank you" to the following businesses and individuals who have made this weekend exciting and fun. Teamwork between sponsors, businesses and volunteers became an important element as our

year progressed, deadlines had to be met and obligations had to be fulfilled:

Vincent Astor, mascot; Allen Cook and John Stilwell with the *Triangle Journal News*; Tommy Stewart, owner of J-Wag's and Reflections; Dennis Kijowski and Stan Perry, owners of the Pipeline; David Bulliner, owner of Construction Site; Sharon Wray, owner of WKRB in Memphis; and all the S.P.I.T. volunteers.

All these people have learned that a successful journey requires a great

deal of hard work. Ladies and gentlemen, we truly thank you.

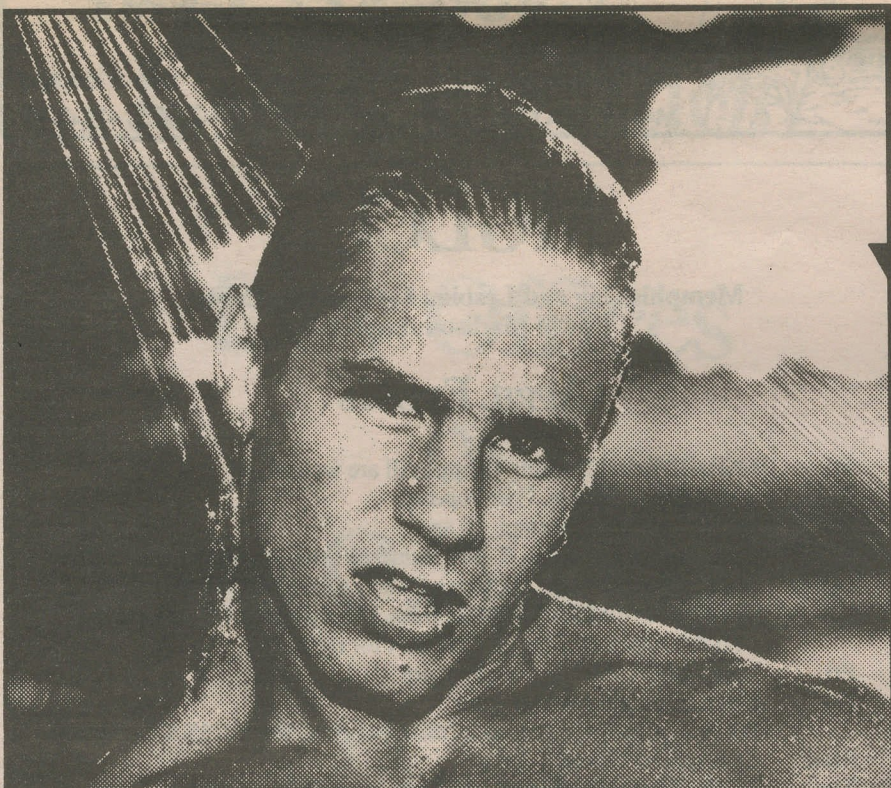
In closing, I sincerely hope the tradition of the St. Patrick's Day Invitational Tournament will be carried on with the same spirit as in the past year. As we come to the end of our journey (our first year), I look back at a year which taught me a way of life, never to be forgotten; new friendships to be treasured forever; and a new knowledge which is priceless. I leave our first tournament as I came in, full of enthusiasm and the will to succeed.

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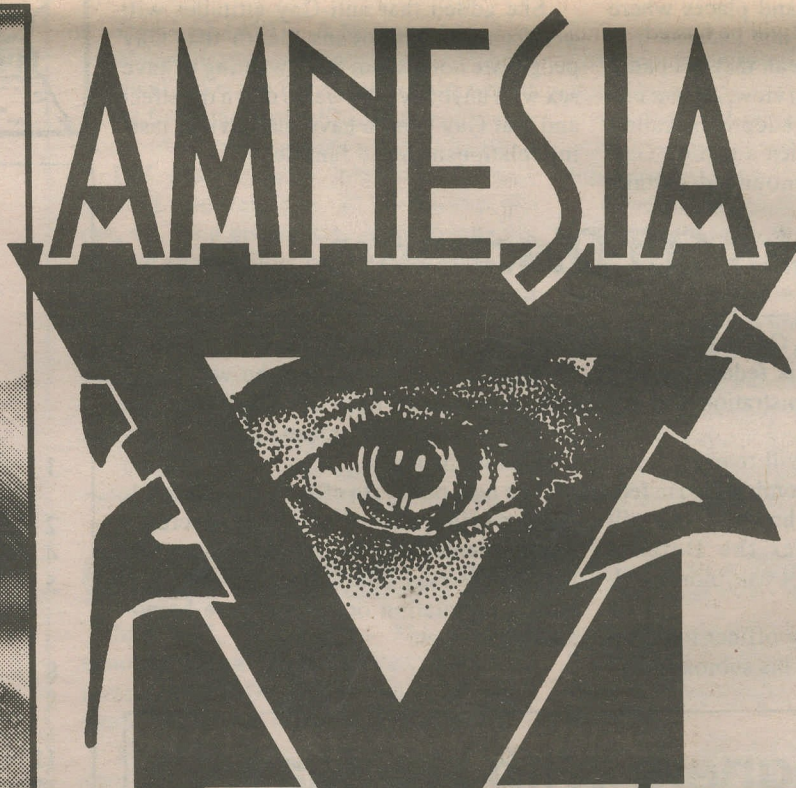
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## J-Wag's, Reflections Owner Denies He's Quitting Bar Business

Rumors that the city's oldest Gay bar is on the block are untrue says Tommy Stewart, owner of J-Wag's and Reflections.

However, the building that houses J-Wag's at 1268 Madison is listed for sale and Stewart is considering his options.

"Just because the building is for sale, doesn't mean J-Wag's is going out of business," Stewart said.

He indicated that he is looking at other locations, has submitted a proposal for a specific piece of property, and has no intention of getting out of the Gay bar business. Both midtown and downtown locations are being considered.

"The location at 1268 Madison has virtually no parking," Stewart said, "but that hasn't really hurt business."

Stewart says he has endured pressure from his neighbors, the former Bellevue Baptist Church and the Southern College of Optometry (SCO).

A parking lot (not owned by Stewart) west of the building was fenced in and has been leased to SCO for its exclusive use.

"As far as Reflections is concerned, it will move sometime this year," Stewart said.

He indicated the landlords at the Center City Shopping Center have been slow with building repairs and that various assessments have driven his monthly costs up over the years.

Reflections has been in that location (92 N. Avalon) for five years. A number of Gay or Les-

bian bars have done business there for almost 20 years.

Stewart believes that a new bar in a different location (perhaps with a different name) could be even more successful.

"I've painted the bar every color imaginable. I've remodeled over and over, expanded it and shrunk it" Stewart said.

"Maybe the time is right to pick up stakes and try somewhere else."

Stewart did not rule out the possibility of J-Wag's and Reflections co-locating.

"If that happens," he said, "they will still be separate bars, with separate entrances. The two bars have entirely different clientele," he said.

## Cookbook to Become Pipeline Fundraiser

Dennis Kijowski, Jim "Widow" McCain and others at the Pipeline are making serious plans for Memphis' first Gay and Lesbian Community Cookbook. Instead of the annual Fourth of July Pipette Show (done in alternate years) a new benefit was suggested in the form of this community cookbook. Individuals, bars, businesses and groups will be asked to submit recipes to be published. A committee organized by the Pipeline will undertake the assembly of the book and space will be included for information and/or history of the participants. It is hoped that the book will be ready in the summer.

The grand inaugural will be a cook-off or cookbook tasting to be held either on Independence Day or Labor Day weekend which will feature recipes from the book in their completed and cooked form. Portions will be offered for sale at the event and, of course, the books containing the recipes will be on sale. The beneficiary has not been determined; it is likely that there will be more than one printing of the book and that it will be an ongoing fundraiser, to benefit more than one cause.

A meeting of those interested in assisting in the project will be held Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m. at the Pipeline.

## Auction For AIDS Set for April 10

The seventh annual Friends For Life Auction for AIDS will be held on Apr. 10, in Andrew Jackson Ballroom of the Cook Convention Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.

As in years past, the event will feature both live and silent auctions.

The live auction will be hosted by FM-100's Tom Prestigiaco who scored a big hit with the audience last year and comedian Dennis Phillipi. The hosts say they are planning some special games and surprises to liven up the auction.

Silent auction items will be bid on by number (assigned to each bidder as they register) and will be bid

on for most of the event. Highest bidder at close-out time wins.

Included in the roster of items for the auction are two vacations—first, a round-trip for two to anywhere in the continental United States and the second, a round-trip for two to San Francisco with accommodations at the Atherton Hotel.

Items and services of every description have been donated for the event from baskets of flowers and fruit to massages, stained glass, antiques, lamps, original art, and personal care services.

Auction items will be accepted up until the day of the auction, but

must be received by April 5 to be printed in the auction program.

Several years ago one auction patron donated a round-trip trip for two to New York with accommodations at the Crowne Plaza New York and two tickets to any Broadway play for which tickets were not sold out.

One of the hottest auction items this year may be a ticket to the sold-out Detroit concert of Barbara Streisand donated by Mark Whitehead.

About 15-20 volunteers have been meeting weekly to work on auction details and soliciting items since mid-January. Yvonne Yetman and Chris Miller are Auction Co-Chairs. Mark Whitehead and Paul Kelly are also playing key roles.

For the past five years the auction has been held at the Airport Hotel (formerly the Airport Hilton). After the wonderful reception the Cook Convention Center gave to last year's High Heels, High Hats and High Times Halloween Party, the public support committee elected to move the auction there as well.

Cash bars and light food will be available during the auction. Admission is \$5.

A pre-Auction party was held on Mar. 26 at The Flower Market. Patrons were able to buy their tickets ahead of time or would be given one in return for an item to be auctioned.

About 150 people attended the party amid a drenching rainstorm. DJ Bob Dumais kept the crowd dancing with disco hits from the 1970s, the theme of the party.

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## Lesbian Play Reading Staged at Playhouse


by Mary Beth Giroux  
TJN Contributor

Playhouse on the Square opened its Memphian Room doors to a staged reading of *Girl Bar* by Phyllis Nagy. Hopefully, this will be only the first staged reading to use Playhouse's lobby space, called the Memphian Room after the neon sculpture using the original Memphian Theatre neon letters. It was quite an event.

The play is a cache of "tales" about the lives and dreams of six women who try to help us understand the actions and reactions of homosexual women in the '90's. The storytellers are Char (Melissa Bedinger) whose infatuation runs towards straight women; Katherine (Julia "Cookie" Ewing) a mature woman coming to terms with her straight past and her Lesbian present; Drew (Susan Lynn Johns) an outwardly masculine and inwardly feminine lady with a penchant for


ties; Jean (Penelope Walker), a woman's woman who dreams of candlelight and romance; Claire (Jen McDearman), a college student too mature for her years; and Mollie (Kara Winsett), a straight woman who finds herself always returning to the same Lesbian bar. They all have stories to tell—all worth listening to. I will not spoil the fun (hopefully this show will return with more publicity) but it is quite a romp; witty anecdotes mixed in with serious moments and a bit of rage.

The staging was artfully arranged by Amy Matheny; a subtle hinting of time and place, mixed up with perfect musical moments, was provided by DJ Kim Woodward. The reading played to a capacity crowd and ran full length (around two hours). The space worked admirably, making the hazy, smoke-filled atmosphere of *Girl Bar* a treat we hope shall be repeated—play and playing space.



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## Archbishop Condemns Surgeon General's Comments on Gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The archbishop of Washington has written President Clinton complaining that Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is advocating acceptance of homosexuality.

Cardinal James Hickey said Elders created a "misleading caricature" of religious beliefs concerning homosexuality, and condemned her support for homosexual adoptions.

"It is one thing to defend the human rights of homosexual men and women; it is quite another to encourage, as she does, a life-style which puts so-called homosexual unions on a par with marriage and family and condones homosexual behavior among young people," he wrote.

In the Mar. 22 issue of *The*

*Advocate*, a Gay-oriented magazine, Elders endorsed Gay and Lesbian adoptions and denounced certain sexual attitudes of conservative religious groups.

Sex is "a normal part and healthy part of our being, whether it is homosexual or heterosexual," she told the magazine.

"I think the religious right at times thinks that the only reason for sex is procreation. Well, I feel that God meant sex for more than procreation. Sex is about pleasure as well as about responsibility."

In a letter mailed Mar. 21, Hickey urged Clinton "publicly to disavow" Elders' comments.

The White House did not return a phone call for comment.

## Baptists Urged To Reach Out To Gays

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Leaders of a moderate Baptist group say its time the church reaches out to homosexuals and openly addresses their concerns.

"Our Gay and Lesbian Christian friends are hurting, and we want to acknowledge that and reach out to them," said Ann Quattlebaum, outgoing president of the Alliance of Baptists.

The 60,000-member alliance split from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1987. It is preparing a report on how to include and minister to homosexual Christians.

About 400 alliance members from around the country met in Greenville recently.

Homosexuality is the most difficult issue American churches have had to face since slavery, said executive director Stan Hasty.

But the alliance must address the issue since the purpose of the group is to provide a place for "forgotten Southern Baptists to come together," Hasty told the gathering at the First Baptist Church of Greenville.

"One of the alliance's principles is to seek out missions and ministries that are not being addressed," Ms. Quattlebaum said.

An alliance task force on human sexuality is offering training

programs to help churches do their own studies on homosexuality. An official statement could be ready for consideration at next year's annual meeting in Virginia, Ms. Quattlebaum said.

The alliance supports global mission projects, its own seminary and Baptist studies programs at Emory and Duke universities.

Alliance members also discussed removing sexist language from hymns and services.

For example, the traditional Baptist hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" includes the line "Thou our Father, Christ our Brother."

The alliance version, changed with permission of the author, reads "Loving God, like Father-Mother."

Members also discussed furthering the cause of women in the ministry.

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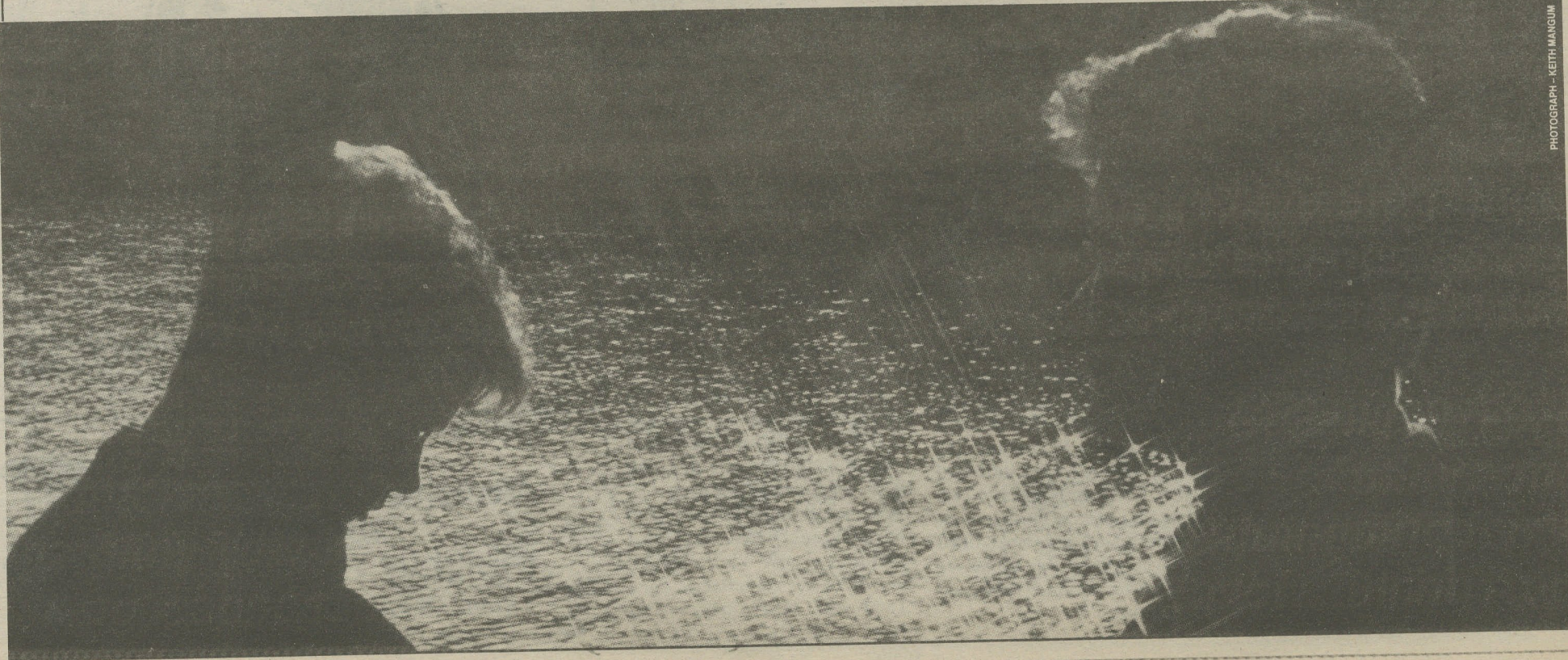
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## Missouri Lawmaker's Amendment Attacks Pro-Gay Activity in Schools

By Curt Anderson  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Schools could lose federal money if they are involved in activities that promote homosexuality as a "positive lifestyle alternative" under an amendment filed Mar. 21 by Rep. Mel Hancock, R-Mo.

The amendment, which Hancock wanted to attach to a major education bill which was debated on the House floor, was promptly criticized by Gay organizations as a homophobic volley from right-wing extremists.

"The radical right would like to deny that Gay people exist," said David Smith, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Hancock and the Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the California-based Traditional Values Coalition, told reporters the amendment is an attempt to prevent homosexuals from "brainwashing" and recruiting unsuspecting youngsters in the guise of sex education in schools.

"I do not believe the parents and taxpayers of this country want their hard-earned tax dollars and our nation's public schools to be used to

bombard their children with pro-homosexual propaganda," Hancock said.

The amendment prohibits schools that receive federal funds — virtually all public schools do so — from getting involved in a "program or activity" that promotes homosexuality. But Hancock acknowledged the wording could be extended to sex education, including instruction about protection against AIDS.

The congressman and Sheldon have seized upon a Feb. 12 youth AIDS forum in New York City as an example of what they want to prevent. They said the forum — sponsored in part by the city's Education Department — was used by organizations such as the Gay Men's Health Crisis to distribute sexually explicit pamphlets in an effort to recruit young Gays and Lesbians.

David Eng, spokesman for the GMHC, said the group was one of about 19 co-sponsors, which included Chemical Bank, the designer Donna Karan and the Elton John Foundation.

"They're kind of twisting everything so it works for them," Eng said.

"The right wing has blown it completely out of proportion."

Sheldon, however, gave other examples, including a 1992 "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" in the Los Angeles school system and a Massachusetts initiative to identify Gay literary and historical figures.

Smith said the amendment is so broadly worded it could end AIDS prevention education and even result in banning of literary works that mention homosexuality in a positive light, such as those of James Baldwin.

"The materials they pointed to as examples had nothing to do with schools. These materials are meant for adults," he said.

Hancock already has encountered considerable opposition, including a letter to House members from Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., who called it heavy-handed federal intervention in local school decisions.

## Student Harassed for Supporting Club

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — A freshman at North Idaho College says he has received death threats for speaking up in favor of the rights of Gay students to form a campus club.

Rollie Jurgens, acting president at the college, said campus security will try to get more information about the harassment.

The student told *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper in Spokane, Wash., about the incidents on the condition his name not be published.

The student said a note stuck to the steering wheel of his car said, "Back off ASNIC or you'll die." ASNIC is the Associated Students of North Idaho College, the student governing organization.

One his way to class, the student said, someone yelled from a car, "Die, faggot lover." The same words were scrawled on the dust on the back of his car, he said.

The harassment began after he spoke up in favor of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance's right to be recognized as a campus club.

"I'm not Gay and I'm not a member of the club," he said. "I just supported their rights."

The college's student Senate in January denied the alliance's request for formal recognition, contending sexual orientation wasn't a basis for a club.

But the state attorney general's office told the college's board of trustees that the school could not discriminate among clubs and should recognize the alliance.

The board of trustees adopted a resolution in February making the alliance a club.

## Library Board Rules to Keep Gay Book

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. (AP) — Despite opposition from some parents and residents, the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board has decided a book on Gay and Lesbian parenting should not be removed from the library's shelves.

The board voted Mar. 16 to wait until its April 20 meeting to decide if the book, entitled *Daddy's Roommate*, should be removed from the library's children's section.

Nearly 50 residents — evenly split for and against — showed up to hear the decision. A report from the board's censorship committee said "to remove or relocate this book would constitute an act of censorship."

The children's book depicts the life of a Gay father, his lover and their child.

Nita McNerlin, who began the appeal to the Library Board in February, spoke of the book's alleged legal shortcomings.

"It condones a lifestyle that in-

cludes acts that by Virginia law are a Class Six felony," she said. Ms. McNerlin was referring to the state law prohibiting sodomy.

The committee said the book does not depict sodomy, just the parent, lover and child participating in everyday activities such as reading, gardening and eating.

Also included in the committee's report was a reminder that the American Library Association suggests that books not be removed on partisan or doctrinal grounds. The report said library policy is that parents, not library staff, are responsible for monitoring children's reading.

The board unanimously voted to keep the book in the collection, but every member except Sally Mackie asked the librarians to reconsider if it should be kept in the children's section.

Ms. Mackie spoke against having an "adult shelf," saying such a shelf "might itself become of interest to children."

## Mass. Students Learn To Use Gay Rights Bill

BOSTON (AP) — Schools will be a more tolerant place because of the state's new Gay student rights law, students predicted at a training session on the law.

The law, which went into effect last month, offers protections for Gay students who may suffer harassment, violence or unfair treatment in public school.

"It's going to make it easier to come out in schools and lower the harassment in schools," said Conor Dunleavy, 15, of Duxbury Junior-Senior High School.

A student at Swampscott High School said she planned to use the law to fight harassment at her school.

"If we ever hear about discrimination we're going to our principal and we'll want it to be fixed," said Francesca Baglione, 16.

"I have a friend who's in love with someone and he's all excited and wants to come out but he can't because there are a lot of homophobics and they'll beat up on him. But maybe things like this will help him," Baglione said.

About 150 educators and students, both straight and Gay, gathered for workshops Saturday at Northeastern University on the law.

The law is not about having "a spate of lawsuits," said David LaFontaine, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

"The real goal is to use the law to prevent the patterns of discrimination from occurring and to use

the law to educate schools about Gay rights issues."

LaFontaine told students it was important to form Gay-straight alliances, already in place in some high schools such as Duxbury and Concord Academy.

Such Gay and straight alliances are "springing up all over," said Anya Yankovich, 17, a student at Brookline High School and co-founder of the Gay-Straight Alliance there.

"It's a mindset. They know they have the law behind them," Yankovich said.

Michael Duffy, chairman of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, said passage of the law wasn't the final chapter, however.

"Instead of celebrating the passage of the bill, we should be rolling up our sleeves and starting the real work when high school students start coming out," he said.

The conference included workshops on how to publicize the Gay and Lesbian rights law, how to start a Gay-straight alliance, and how faculty and administration can support Gay and Lesbian students.

Harassment is one reason why nearly one-third of Gay and Lesbian high school students drop out, LaFontaine said.



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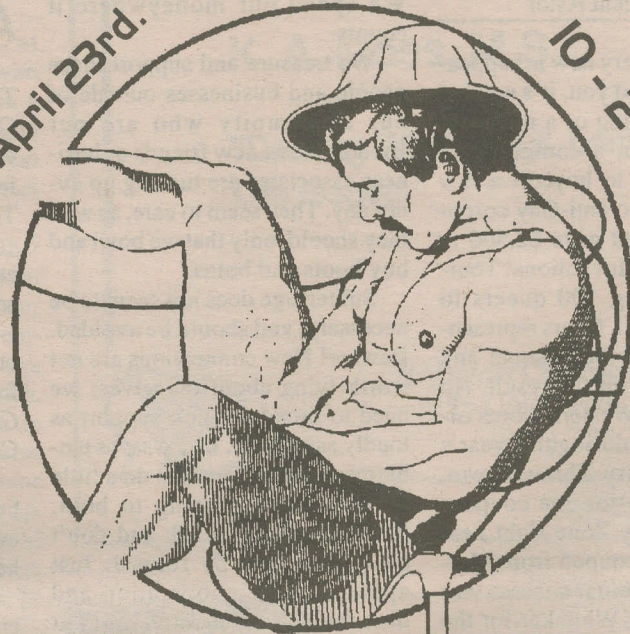
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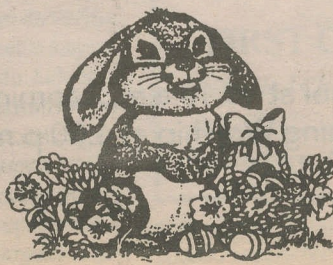


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## This, Too, Is Pride

by Vincent Astor

Something very new is happening. Look around you, it's not just a new bar opening or a new club forming. Coors, a company we were supposed to boycott a few years ago, due to anti-Gay corporate policies, just gave \$2,500 to the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament to bring 100 queers to Memphis to bowl. Coors representatives attended the banquet and were pleased with the result. No less than three Western stores offered discounts during this year's Southern Country Throw-Down. There were two-for-one coupons for The Comedy Zone right next to the discount coupon from Meristem Books. Similar success was had by Dee Dee Whitaker for the Queen of Hearts benefit. Does this sound like progress?

As Friends For Life discovered during Heart Strings, sometimes all you have to do is ask. Evidently these events did and, though solicitations from many groups are turned down by businesses all the time, these were not. The word is, as usual, the pro shop at Park Bowling Lanes had an extra good weekend during the tournament.

We spend our money where it counts.

We treasure and support those people and businesses outside of our community who are our friends. Now, new friends or business associates are turning up every day. They seem to care, as well they should, only that we bowl and buy boots and bolos.

Subterfuge does not seem to be necessary, and should be avoided. Beware! New connections are not worth lying about ourselves; we need to broadcast non-support as loudly as support. It also saves embarrassment and we can do a little consciousness-raising to boot. Don't be afraid to ask and don't be discouraged by refusal. Just appreciate the cooperation and dish the non-cooperative ones at the top of your lungs (we'll be glad to help).

I certainly hope to see bowlers and boot-scooters at the Pride events this year. You've all done your part, a step at the time, toward everyone's goal. I hope you are as happy as you make me proud.

Moral: Don't be afraid to ask and don't hide what you have no need to. Not anymore.

## Bishop Appoints Fr. Ewing as AIDS Chaplain

Father Bob Ewing, pastor of St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church was appointed to be Diocesan chaplain to persons suffering from HIV and AIDS by Bishop J. Terry Steib.

"Because of the stigma of the disease — the feelings against homosexuals and intravenous drug users — these people are struggling not only for their health, but they are frowned on by society," Ewing told *Common Sense*, Memphis' weekly Catholic newspaper.

"Many of their own families have become alienated from them. Some even become alienated from God," he said.

Ewing meets with AIDS sufferers to offer help and counseling. He also represents the diocese in the national AIDS network, and attended a meeting on health and healing in Los Angeles in late March.

Fr. Ewing will work with the residents of Aloysius Home for persons with HIV/AIDS when it opens this month.

"People with AIDS are the lepers of the 20th century," Fr. Ewing said. "We must remember that Jesus dealt with lepers... and all sick

## Dennis Kijowski Named 1994 Man of Year

This year's Tsarus Man of the Year was Dennis Kijowski, owner of the Pipeline. Tsarus members honored Dennis for his many contributions to the community, not the least of which are the number of free buffet meals that the bar is famous for, especially the ones on Christmas day and Easter Sunday. Donations of nearly \$600 went to the Friends For Life emergency assistance fund.

Employee Jim "Widow" McCain and columnist Vincent Astor spoke about the many things Dennis and his business (operated with partner Stan Perry) have contributed toward enhancing the Memphis community including the number of benefit shows, the decor and upkeep of one of the best-kept entertainment venues in the city, the participation in holiday festivities and Pride festivities, and the leather-friendly atmosphere. Dennis himself said, "There is a tremendous amount of time, en-

ergy and obstacles that you must put up with to survive this business and it takes the kind of person that can be a punching bag but still look pretty in the end." He called for cooperation in the community. "We all have to stick together, it takes all of us."

Tsarus is Memphis' oldest Leather-Levi club and founded Man of the Year ten years ago as a recognition of community service. Previous recipients have been 1985—Allen Cook and John Stilwell (*Gaze* newspaper), 1986—Tommy Stewart, 1987—the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite, 1988—Bettye Griffin (Human Response Council), 1989—Vincent Astor, 1990—Heart Strings volunteers, 1991—the Pippettes, 1992—the Wagettes, and 1993—Ethan Pruett and Ed Hammett (Holy Trinity Community Church).

people... healing them and giving them love."

According to Ewing, the Diocese has a document on pastoral care for people with AIDS and that Bishop Steib is updating that document now. "I appreciate his trust in me, in

appointing me to assist these victims," Ewing told *Common Sense*.

"With more than 1,000 victims in Shelby County alone, everyone in the Catholic community can't help but know someone touched by the disease in some way," Ewing said.

# The Exodus has begun.

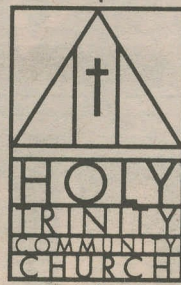
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## Bowling Beat

by Tony Matics

Whew... talk about March madness! This past month saw a lot of activity, but so will this month, so here goes...

### Second Half Season Roaring To The End

With scheduled bowling to end with the second-half position round on Apr. 8, there is still a tight race for the second-half championship. Those guys with the Nice Balls made their run toward the top by winning 16 games in a row, before succumbing to the Strike Force. This amazing streak placed Nice Balls, in second place, only two games behind the first place Stool Pigeons. Following closely behind has been The Pipeline Awesome Foursome and Nargas Dulces.

There has been some great individual bowling highlighted by Bobby Rolland's great 267 game, which aided those King Pins in achieving what is believed to be a league record team game of 935.

### Championship Matches on Tax Day!

Yes, that's right... even bowlers must worry about tax day, but that

will not stop our Championship Roll-off, and Jackpot Night of bowling on April 15th. The first-half champions CD2, will bowl against the second-half champion for the league crown, while both second-place finishers of each half will bowl for the third and fourth place trophies. This night of bowling also features our Jackpot Night team event where each team will bowl against the field for the big prize money! So if you're tired after haggling with the IRS, come on down to Park Lanes and join the fun!

### Moonlight Madness Strikes Again

On Apr. 22 the Brothers & Sisters Bowling League will be conducting its annual League Banquet and Awards ceremony at Park Bowling Lanes. Immediately following this auspicious occasion will be a Moonlight Madness Mini-Tournament to be sponsored by the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T.) Committee. This tournament will feature three games of 9-pin no tap (if you get a nine on your first ball, it counts as a strike!) with raffles, and cash prizes to be given away. This tournament will start registration

around 9 p.m., with bowling (in the dark) at 9:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the 2nd Annual S.P.I.T. Tournament to be held Mar. 17-19, 1995. For more information, call Tony Matics at 272-3875, or come down to Park Bowling Lanes any Friday night before Apr. 22.

### Brothers and Sisters Looking for Sunday Summer Bowlers

We know that some of our brethren enjoy their Sunday mid-day brunches. We now may have something for you brunchers to crunch about. How about brunching on Sunday, followed by some bowling. We are seeking individuals who would like a way to relax, drink, eat, be merry and maybe meet some new people in a relaxing Sunday afternoon Summer League. Details are still being put together, however, if you are interested, give me a call. The league would be for about eight weeks beginning sometime in May. If you have never been in a bowling league, what a great opportunity to find out how much fun it would be... think about it!

Well, that's all for this month... so remember, it's not how well you scored, it's how you scored it!

## Memphis Cruisers To Begin Play

By Chuck Saylor

The Memphis Cruisers men's softball team is ready to begin play for this year.

The Cruisers have joined the Nashville gay softball league which has been in existence for 6 years. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for April 10, followed by the first league games on that day.

The team will be traveling to Nashville twice each month and Nashville teams jouneyning to Memphis once or twice a month with a week off for each team.

Games will be played on Sunday afternoons with all games being double headers. The field location for play in Memphis is being negotiated.

There are still available spots open on the roster for anyone interested in playing. Come join us for fun, excitement and a great way to spend Sunday afternoons.

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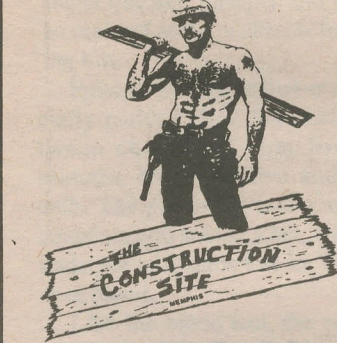
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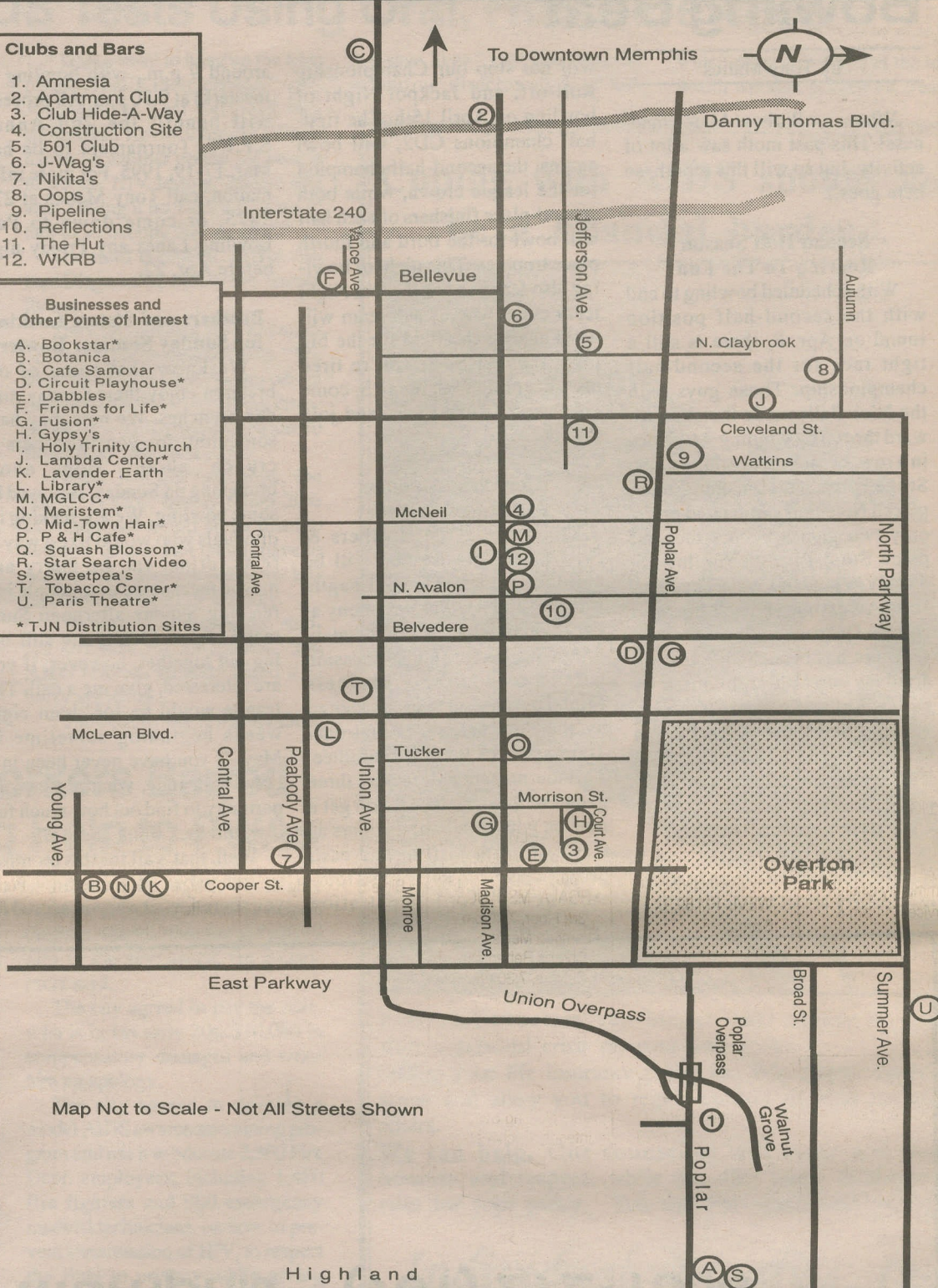
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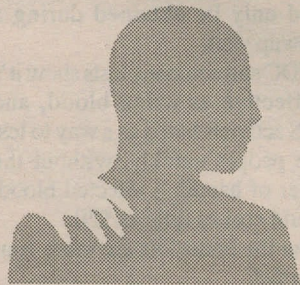


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## Government Considers AIDS Tests Using Oral, Home Devices

By Lauren Neergaard  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— People may one day learn whether they have the AIDS virus without giving blood or even leaving home, using a new generation of AIDS tests now under government review.

The new tests promise to help more infected Americans learn they have the killer virus. But those designed for home use also pose a unique problem: How to counsel the virus' carriers if they never set foot in a clinic.

"All of us have been very cautious about this," said Wanda Jones, assistant science director for AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "But we're convinced if it's done right, there will be a benefit."

Currently, laboratories need vials of whole blood to test for HIV, the AIDS virus. Only specially trained workers can draw the blood, and the test costs up to \$75.

Public clinics are overwhelmed. They expect 5 million requests for HIV tests this year, most repeats. Still, at least 40% of the 1 million infected Americans have never been tested because of fear, ignorance or lack of access.

The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing two new types of tests that claim to make learning HIV status quicker, cheaper and easier: an oral test and so-called home testing kits.

Epitope Inc.'s OraSure is a specially padded stick that, held between cheek and gum for two minutes, absorbs saliva and gum cells. The pad is put into a special container and sent to a lab, where it undergoes the same test for HIV as does blood.

Like the blood test, the padded stick test would be administered at doctors' offices or clinics. Results could only be obtained during a followup visit.

CDC and company tests show it's as effective as using blood, and AIDS activists hail it as a way to test more people quickly, without the danger of handling infected blood. It could cost as little as \$20.

But the home kits are more controversial.

The CDC discovered several years ago that HIV could be detected in dried blood spots, and three companies now want to market that method for individual use.

People would prick a finger, place a spot of blood on special paper, attach the kit's unique identifying code and mail it to a lab. A phone call would get the results of the test bearing that ID number.

Unlike OraSure, which is nearing approval, the home kits are probably years away from drugstores. But they're already garnering criticism from AIDS activists and state

health officials, who fear they'll give people devastating news without proper counseling.

"If they're alone, just talking on the telephone, how will they react?" asked Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People With AIDS.

"Once you say they're positive, they don't hear anything else," said Dr. James Pearson, Virginia's director of lab testing. "You really need some kind of personal, long-term relationship to get any message across."

There's also no way to assure the kits' quality, he said.

At least two of the companies plan to provide basic AIDS information before revealing test results. Counselors, not a recording, would tell the news, and infected people could get a referral for care near their homes.

"The whole point of these tests is to get people into the health care systems early," said Stephen Coonan, president of Coonan Clinical Laboratories.

## Ambulance Workers Barred From Refusing Help to PWAs

WASHINGTON (AP)— Philadelphia has agreed with the Justice Department to stop its emergency medical workers from refusing to treat people with HIV or AIDS and to develop an AIDS training program that other cities can copy.

The agreement resolves a complaint that a city emergency medical technician in January 1993 backed away and refused to render aid to a man, who had chest pains and was lying on the ground, after he whispered he was taking AZT, a drug used to slow the development of AIDS in people infected with its precursor, the HIV virus.

The complaint alleged that emergency medical technicians then told the man to place himself on the

stretcher even though he was unable to do so. A bystander finally helped the man onto the stretcher and placed him in the ambulance, the department said.

The city agreed to pay the man, who is in his early 20s, \$10,000 in compensatory damages and write him an apology.

The city agreed to develop a model AIDS awareness training program and use it to educate 2,300 Fire Dept. employees, including 1,400 fire fighters and 900 emergency medical technicians, on how to prevent transmission of HIV, to respect the right to privacy while giving medical aid, and to be sensitive to the needs of people with HIV or AIDS.

"If they want to hang up the telephone, that's their choice," said Anonymous Test Services Inc. spokesman Kevin Johnson. "There has to be another option for people to access HIV testing. People just aren't doing it because they have to talk to somebody face-to-face."

The third company, Direct Access Diagnostics, declined to discuss its test.

The CDC advised the companies on its own counseling methods. "We hear these anecdotal stories about people running out and killing themselves — the companies want to avoid that," Ms. Jones said.

People will use such tests, she added. A CDC survey found 20% of Americans would prefer them to seeing a doctor. But they'll have to wait awhile, because the home kits just came under FDA scrutiny.

The agency, however, has studied OraSure for 33 months, and AIDS activists recently urged it to hurry approval.

"The bottom line is that OraSure

can save lives," said Bill Freeman, executive director of NAPWA, which plans to help rush the test to health workers in hard-hit areas.

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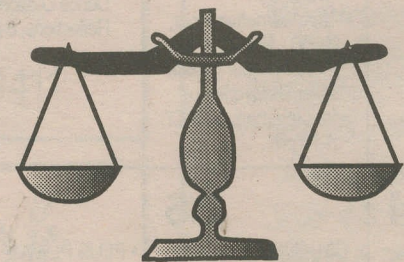
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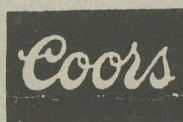
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So there.

### Bits & Pieces Department

Nikita's is now serving plate lunches daily and having cookouts every weekend.

The combined Aphrodite/PMS benefit at Reflections raised over \$3,000 for Holy Trinity Community Church. The attendance was won-

derful and so was the show.

Memphis Pride raised \$180 at a benefit show at WKRB. We understand some very unusual talent floated to the top...er...surfaced for this benefit. The WKRB crowd is a very generous one; it seems that there are more benefits at that location than any other. Of course, the staff and Sharon Wray are the direct cause of making this possible.

Tennessee Leather Tribe unveiled their colors at the same location a couple of weeks earlier. It is a mark of their unique makeup that, not only do they include and endorse members of either sex, all ages and many talents but the members include one very beautiful impersonator (who came out of face to unveil the club colors). Inclusiveness has been duly proven and we wish them much success.

This community cookbook being manufactured by afficianados of the

Pipeline will have its first meeting at 11 am, Saturday, Apr. 9, at the bar. We feel that this is the proverbial "idea whose time has come" and predict it to be a big success. It is to be scattered with interesting bits about the donors and the history of our Gay/Lesbian community.

The dual event weekend of death and destruction was duly visited by moi and the over 100 boot-scooters and bowlers to boot were cruised, catalogued and congratulated.

We will only briefly mention the very successful St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament here as it is dealt with on a broader scale elsewhere. We only wish to say that we were largely impressed by the high level of organization, the friendly atmosphere and the cooperation from some surprising places in the Memphis community, Gay and non-Gay. Just don't mention Krystal and Tunica in the same sentence around the organizers.

The Pipeline is perusing plans for more and newer greenery on its famous patio.

### And Now The Dirt Department

Rumours are flying that local producers cornered TV celebrity John Inman on his recent trip to Memphis for a leading role in the new series *Not Quite Grace Brothers* soon to be filmed in raht cheer. Mr. Inman will reprise his Mr. Humphries character who will work split shifts at Nikita's, J-Wag's, the Hut and Oops. Highlights on the storyboard will be: a battle of wits between Trixie

Thunderpussey and Wilberforce Humphries; accusations of bestiality from Sheba, the shuffleboard-playing watchdog at Nikita's and sexual harassment charges filed by Sam Graves, Fancy Goodman, Payton Robinson and Nancy Stevens all in the same 24-hour period. All four bars get completely redecorated three times during the series. It is reported there is an immense squabble over who will carry on the Mrs. Slocombe tradition and get to wear a different color hair every week (a role coveted by one Miss Stewart who insists on being referred to as Crystal Fay in private). The local drag community is boycotting the series because someone thought Cissy LeMay was Miss Gay Tennessee and Sofonda Peters wore a corset. The sponsors are said to be anonymous investors two of whom live on a farm in Marshall County, MS, and two mysterious single men who live in an officially declared disaster area on East Parkway. A notorious reporter for this paper will cameo in the series and is trying to dicker into wearing those wigs. It is rumoured that the whiskers will have to go and a whole new mid-life crisis has arisen. Alliance is in the running for host club (club nights every weekend, two slings, no waiting) but Reflections, STUDZ and Amnesia are trying to compete by forming 20-man kicklines of local and out of town male strippers. Tsarus is also buying at least a boxcar of tequila in order to do *their* production party and every club in town is ordering colors, brooches and membership certificates which will make John Inman the most decorated poof in the English-speaking world and an honorary Lesbian several times over. Dee Dee Whitaker was reported saying that she wanted nothing to do with the series because everyone knows she does a better Mrs. Slocombe than anyone else and was not even asked to audition. The Con-

struction Site was out of the running early on because they still don't know if the pool table (the only space there is) can hold up Granny Weaver and Sweet Thang at the same time for the next Miss You Ain't Right Pageant. The 501 Club was reputedly painted red solely because red is the brightest color on television. WKRB is carefully staying on the sidelines to provide one relatively quiet and semi-butch venue in all of this poof-a-thing on account of this series (although we hear Barbara Pierce was approached for the role of Florabelle, the dainty doorwoman). A draft letter denouncing the smoking that will take place has already been written by Two Lesbians Against All Cigarettes (and religion and Toto too). Most bars are a little nervous as free pitchers during filming (instead of paying for extras) may wipe out everybody's happy hour business. The Apartment Club never returned anyone's calls so we know nothing about them at all. We shall continue to tap the phones of these producers and get you the dirt as it is slung. And we are about to "Scream! Just one time!"

And if you believed all this, April Fool!

### The Runaround

Tsarus will have a club night at the Pipeline Apr. 9, at 10 pm.

Alliance will have a club night at the Pipeline Apr. 16 at 10 pm.

The Pipeline will have a Construction Party on Sat. Apr. 23.

Reflections will host the Miss Southern Elegance Pageant on Sat., Apr. 30, at 10:30 p.m.

La Tour Munro will appear at Amnesia Sun., Apr. 24.

The 501 Club will hold its grand opening on Fri. Apr. 15.

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## Talking with John Inman WKNO Calls In English Reinforcements

by Vincent Astor

"It's like living life all over again, saying all the hellos again. You know, I had a 90-year-old woman come up to me. I asked her how she got to be 90 and she said, 'You've made me live 'til 90.'"

That was the answer to my question about John Inman's international celebrity, covering not only both sides of the Atlantic but both sides of the Pacific as well. Mr. Humphries is a little stouter now, but just as irrepressible. His ad-libbing (to his mother, of course) on one of the phones at WKNO during a pledge drive last month, was worth watching the whole enterprise to see. He is not afraid of age, he admitted that he was 59, and one could compare the early Humphries character to the present actor with good results. (One famous episode aired, "Dear Sexy Knickers," was the second episode of the series in 1973.)

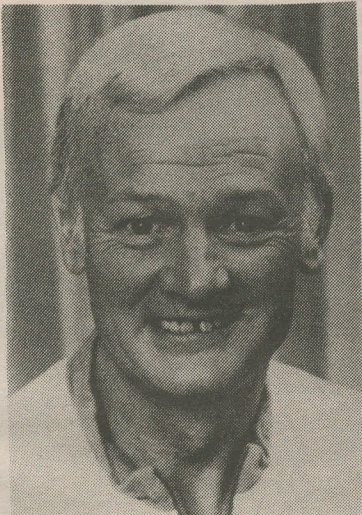
John Inman was born in Blackpool, England, in 1935. He began his career at age 13 and has never looked back. He has performed for many years on stage, in cabaret engagements and in repertory. Television is his special medium, and never more so than with *Are You Being Served*. The series has gained him millions of fans in Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. He has been honored by the Variety Club of Great Britain and voted the "Funniest Man on Television" by readers of *TV Times*.

His character, Wilberforce Humphries, was patterned on many shop assistants he had known during a brief sojourn as a window-dresser in the London store of Austin Reed. He said, "Early in the series, when it was taking off, someone at the network told the director to get rid of the poof. He said, 'No, the poof stays.' Mr. Humphries is just as popular now as when he first minced around the counter." John Inman has not only acquired many fans on television but has appeared in stage and film versions of *Are You Being Served* with great success. He also, along with Molly Sugden (Mrs. Slocomb), are the two cast members most in demand for personal appearances, even 10 years after the series went off the air in 1985. Unfortunately, budget considerations will probably prevent any revival.

Analyzing the Humphries character, he is endearing because he comes up with many of the bright ideas; is looked to concerning certain matters of taste; and is played no less than the rest of the crew—no stupider, no more or less bumbling, no more or less calculating. Since the whole bunch is in the same situation (underpaid, overworked, put upon by superiors and situations) there is mutual respect. The balance, by

which everyone looks a fool sooner or later, makes him a lovable character, not a demeaning burlesque.

I asked, in this era of celebrity activists, did he aspire to any causes. John Inman is not a flag-waver, by his own admission. "I'm too busy



doing my job, making people laugh. It's like a drug, a wonderful sound that I just have to have." He has performed before audiences ranging from 3 years to 90 years. His favorite type of performance is the traditional English pantomime and he is considered one of the foremost "Dames" now performing in England. I, being thus deprived, was not sure what he meant and I mentioned Hinge and Bracket, two famous impersonators who perform comedy, radio and music. He hastened to explain.

"Hinge and Bracket are a drag act. Dames are more clowns than women. Pantomimes are grand mu-

### Pride Corner The Rainbow Flag

In May of 1978, San Francisco resident, designer and Gay activist Gilbert Baker was asked to create an exciting new symbol of the Gay and Lesbian freedom movement of the city's upcoming Freedom Day Parade. The community wanted to adopt and embrace its own symbol, to embody the positive message of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender human rights.

To Baker, the rainbow was the perfect symbol of the diversity of this community and the ideal metaphor for a group of individuals which he considered a magical and beautiful part of nature. Community members agreed. Gays and Lesbians had associated with Judy Garland's rendition of "Over the Rainbow" for many years, so long that it appeared on many jukeboxes and was heard at least once at any given party. So, this community took the rainbow for its very own.

During the weeks before the pa-

sical performances, all live, at Christmastime usually. One who performs as a Dame is rarely in a frock the rest of the year." These entertainments are a strong tradition in England, and Inman remembers them from his childhood.

"It's usually a fairy tale; Mother Goose is a rags-to-riches story about an old woman, me, who is very poor and is about to be put out of her cottage. A magic goose arrives who lays golden eggs and makes her very rich, but gives her no better taste in clothes. It isn't enough, she also wants to be beautiful, tries to become beautiful and messes everything up. The goose flies away, and she has to repent and all that. The part of the handsome man is always played by a woman. The Dame is played as a woman with great sincerity, but everyone always knows it's John Inman. I would do it 52 weeks a year if I could. I am building an audience for years to come by playing for these new generations.

"I'm very lucky," he says, "I always wanted to do this when I was small and here I am!" It is a tribute to a fine actor, and one not worried about the flamboyance of his character, to be so esteemed on three continents and to be called in as reinforcements to keep public television going. After all, we would not know the jolly crew of Grace Brothers Department Store otherwise. I remember being in one bar, during the show's early popularity, when the room fell silent and the music didn't play during *Are You Being Served*. Consider, Mr. Wallet, are you free?

rade, more than 20 volunteers joined Baker at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 330 Grove St. Cleve Jones, eventual founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt, was among them. The original flag was made of organic cotton, hand-dyed in garbage cans at the center, rinsed by fire hydrants on the roof of the building and ironed by hand on tables inside. Baker himself stitched together the strips of vibrant fabric. In the end, the group of twenty friends created much more than a 48' x 62' flag. They created a symbol which was embraced by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community as an enduring symbol of their movement; a symbol which has led pride celebrations throughout the country for well over a decade. According to Baker, "A flag must transcend the personalities behind it and symbolize the community it represents." His latest project, the largest rainbow flag in history, will be one

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# A Different Point of View: The Two Spirited Ones

by Kerrel Ard  
TJN Contributor

As I move through the Memphis community, both Gay and straight, I am often asked, "just what does Two Spirited mean," "what is this berdache stuff all about." Because of the wide diversity among the tribes of North America, one simple answer is not possible. I will try in a brief way to give a cross tribal answer and correct some misinformation.

To begin with, the word berdache is not from an Indian language. It is a French word that loosely means "a young boy used for sodomy or a passive homosexual partner." The word came to be used in America first by European explorers and much later by anthropologists to denote Indian men or boys who lived one of several diverse roles among the tribes that the Europeans saw a sexually deviant. Today very few Indians will talk about or even own up to berdaches as a part of their cultures, due to 200 years of oppression, to the point of murder, directed at people in the roles and anyone who would protect them.

Two Spirited is a loose translation for the word for one group of these roles from many tribal languages. A more literal translation is half man

and half woman. A few of the tribal words are; Chickasaw (my tribe), Lakota, Cheyenne, Mandan, and Winnebago.

It is important to remember that these words may hold no meaning or have no accurate translation outside of one particular tribe. Each tribe in North and South America, with very few exceptions, had one or more roles within their social and religious structure for men and women who would today be called homosexual. Yet these roles varied in appearance and behavior greatly from tribe to tribe.

The first important concept to remember when thinking about the Two Spirited Ones is to understand that it was not primarily about sexual orientation. What brought a person into one of these roles was occupational orientation. The occupation you choose, dreamed about, or were born to strongly influenced your sexual orientation. For instance, if you were a man who was a craftsman/artist (we will discuss how that might have happened later), which is not a traditional role for men, you needed a husband to do the tasks that were assigned to only men. Task assignments within the social structure were rather rigid. A man living the male role but mated to a man living the female role was

not seen as in anyway different from the norm. Rich men often had these men living a female role as second or third wives.

This might be a good time to mention that women were not regarded as second class citizens. Sex roles were very different, but not because one was better than another; rather because each had special gifts from the Creating Force that the other sex did not possess. For example, in many tribes only women could till the soil. This was because only they knew the secrets of the Earth Mother, not because the men forced the women to do the "hard" work. This also points to the fact that differentness was seen as a holy gift, not something that made a person bad or less worthy. Differentness might bring heavy burdens, but these were balanced by the special gifts.

The other major role that would today be called Two Spirited and fall into a Gay category is the Contrary or backwards man. This was a man who, because of his "vision" (that which gives our lives meaning and purpose, a mission in life), must live backwards from the norm. Among other things this meant these men could only marry men. Because of their contrary vision, these men had

great military prowess and healing powers. They were the risk-takers and the most feared of warriors and shaman.

This vision most often did not last for life. Many great men such as Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse were Contraries for part of their lives.

The way a person might come to be Two Spirited is not easy for most modern minds to understand. There are at least three major ways. One is simply to choose, "this is where I fit." The next two are more common and more complicated. The first is by "vision" or dream. Every person must at the passing from puberty to adulthood, and at other times, as needed, "cry for a vision." This is a divine interaction that gives direction and meaning to life. If you see certain symbols during this vision or dream experience, certain things will follow in your life. The meaning of these symbols varied from tribe to tribe. For instance, if a man saw the Thunderbird he would become a Contrary in some tribes. Other symbols, such as the "Flesh Eater" spirits of the Pacific Northwest tribes, would mean you would live as the "half man-half woman." The second common way occurred when the child was even younger. This was a way

of testing a child to see what the child's "nature" was. These tests also varied from tribe to tribe. One such test was to lay the baby down on its back and hold to either side a basket (the female symbol) and a bow (the male symbol). If a boy child reached for the basket, he would live as a woman in the Two Spirited role and from that point on the child was raised that way. If a girl child reached for the bow, she was raised to live the man's role, a hunter, from that moment forward. To go against one's vision or the results of the childhood test would bring great disaster to a person's life.

Whatever the tribe, whether the passive or dominate sex role, these Two Spirited Ones all shared two major gifts with their tribes. We are the literal bridge between male and female, the balance of opposite poles. Without this balance, creation could not happen. We are also the mediators between the physical world and the spiritual world. Again, the balance between two opposite poles that allows the people to have a spiritual life.

So, as Gay and Lesbian Native American we have a great heritage to live up to. The world seems to need and often cry for the balance we can bring. Our task is to heal ourselves enough to reclaim the gifts of our birth.

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# Unconditional Love and What Over-The-Hill Gays Can Do

by Ace Landon  
Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! When President Clinton proclaimed it best if children were born into a two-parent family, all the religious right stood up and cheered; as did those of us who are Gay/Lesbian who come from two parent families; because we love our moms and mads who love us. The assumption that a child will have the love, compassion and understanding from a Mother *and* a father is exactly that—an assumption. Plus, there are plenty of straight kids with two parent families in the same boat with us!

We can also shout hooray for the fact that our Creator's love is not as conditional as some of His so-called "children." *Conditional love*, to most, has always been *tolerance*, not love. Unconditional love is the only "love" which is truly loving.

Speaking of people with unconditional love qualities, let's throw a few bouquets while they can still smell 'em to the moms and dads in P-FLAG who probably don't know any more about this "Gay thing" then we do in reality, but they stand by us all the way. They just go on loving those little ducklings of theirs, whom many think of as "ugly ducklings," because they *know* those ducklings were a gift from God to be cherished, nurtured and loved.

And while I'm in the mood for throwing kudos, we must never forget all of the parents who may not have been lucky enough to have been gifted with a Gay or Lesbian child, yet they still exhibit unconditional love and accept us as their loved ones.

Time for a channel change! Some of you may be offended because I sometimes refer to "us" as "homos." So: brief explanation time. Gertrude said it best: "A rose is a rose is a rose." There is no shame or negativity to the word *unless* we are ashamed of being who we are. You see, my generation grew up with that word and we were made to feel ashamed even though there was no reason to be so. "Gay" is a newly-coined word, which I am getting used to using, but consider my surprise when I announced to my mother in "coming out" that I was "Gay." She was glad for me. I thought I was talking to another mother. When I told her she must have misunderstood me

and that I was a "homosexual," she then burst into tears and bemoaned the "fact" that she'd never see me in heaven. When I told her "don't bet on it, Mother," she said she never would because gamblers won't be there either. So what's in a word? Only the meaningful truth in communication. Forgive my offensive truth.

Well! You say you're a senior citizen and can't find anyone to love?! Imagine that! You think this is only a problem for homos? Get over it, honey, it isn't. We live in the real world and it's been this way for centuries. Oh, I see. You've *chosen* to bellyache and cry-in-the-beer a bit about it anyway. Just a little moaning and groaning there's no body around who loves poor little *old* you now that you're over-the-hill. And what a pretty sight you are in that condition! It's just a barrel of fun being around a whiner and a complainer.

For those of us who are lucky enough to even still be alive after 50 in these times, we should wake up and smell the roses. This is the time of life when we have the time to be leaders! Not whining and complaining about our diminishing supply of fresh meat; which is really what it's all about, isn't it? It's not that we're not

loved. It's that we're not "getting it" like we used to.

The ugly truth is that we're not the bad dolly and stud muffin we once were when all the pretty young things were trackin' our trail. It is, however, a fact of life that straight and Gay must learn to live with. What's our choice? Well, we could bemoan the fact that we're sex-starved old farts who are still alive or we can put that greed aside and make our senior years count for the bettering of the lives of the generations yet to come. Edmund Wilson may have said it best: "If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes!"

But what can poor, sex-starved, little *old* you do? Good God Gertrude, put your specs on and take a look around you! There are community services centers in desperate need of volunteer help. There are cities where there is a desperate need yet to establish such Centers. There are letters to be written to our "public servants" (excuse the expression) in our capitals and D.C. There are people who need to be registered to vote so equal rights can be a reality. There are freedoms which need to be fought for and protected. There are minds which desperately are cry-

ing out to be educated. There are the needy and greedy who need to be loved; the ill who need to be tended to tenderly. And, probably the most important of all: if you are still in your closet is to throw open the door and step boldly into the truth of being the beautiful person you've deserved to be all your years but were afraid to reveal before. As seniors, there's not much more so-

ciety can do to us at this point in life. Let's not waste the most important years of this lifetime—our senior years—when wisdom can be our guide instead of our libido.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

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## March on Tunica

Dear TJN,

My name is Ben H. Baffo and I first want to say what a wonderful and informative newspaper the Triangle Journal News is. Not only is it wonderful but it has two such handsome role-model editors. I wouldn't dream of reading any other. I feel inspired to inform you of an exciting new group that is starting.

Those of us who spend a great time traveling in the nearby country are distressed and appalled to find no Gay representation in the Tewnica County casinos. We plan a March on Tewnica for Equal Representation. Our new organization Gays and Real Girls Love Every-

thing About Gaming (GARGLEAG) has a list of goals and objectives to present to the filthy rich and affluent casino owners in Tewnica. Our group is multi-denominational and gender paired. We want all races, colors and ethnic representations. We don't care if your nelly or diesel, butch or fem, we do everybody equally!

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Ben Baffo  
Memphis

*This April Fool joke was brought to you courtesy of...guess!*

## A Different Point of View Lauded

I agree with Kerrel Ard's viewpoint as expressed in the March 1994 TJN. Memphis is indeed becoming a multi-cultural city. Midtown, in particular, has always been known for its eclectic neighborhoods. Nonetheless, in the past three years I have noticed a rapid increase in the racial and cultural diversity in this area alone. I for one welcome this diversity of cultures. Unfortunately, I also share the discomfort of knowing that many in the Gay/Lesbian community are not as welcoming.

This has always been problematic for me. I am a minority member on two levels: Gay and Latino. It has often been difficult for me to be proud of the Gay/Lesbian community when I continue to hear derogatory racial/cultural slurs being aimed at non-whites. I fail to understand why so many Gay and Lesbian persons hold on to this type of ignorance and hatred. Have we not learned from our own experience? Apparently not and that is indeed unfortunate.

If we as Gay and Lesbians want equality under the law and respect for our relationships, then we have to begin by eradicating the bigotry within us. Blacks, Asians, Indians, Latinos and all other non-whites are entitled to be treated with the same dignity which we are striving to gain for ourselves. If we cannot get past this hurdle, our own Gay/Lesbian journey towards civil rights is nothing short of hypocritical.

Rick Herrera  
Memphis, TN

## Clarksville Reader Urges Action

Congratulations on producing a first-rate publication. I've only recently learned about your paper due to an information packet I received from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Compared to the isolation I find here in Clarksville, you are a breath of fresh air. I was ravenous after reading the January '94 Issue, which I only received earlier this

month.

HRCF alerted the Gay community to an act of blatant Gay discrimination by three members of the House of Representatives from Oklahoma who stated, for the record, that they would openly discriminate against hiring, promoting and terminating an openly Gay person from their own Congressional staffs or many positions in government. In reaction, Speaker Foley stated his position against any employment bias based on sexual orientation. Two hundred ten House members and 21 Senators signed a supporting statement, provided by the HRCF, affirming this non-bias in employment. A new positive action.

However, to date, neither Senator nor any of our own House members have signed the HRCF's pledge of non-discrimination! This inaction should not go unchallenged by your readership. Phone calls to local and

district offices and letters to their Washington offices should pour in, asking for a clarification of their position. No, don't ask, demand an explanation!

It may be that they feel no one would hear of this issue and thus they would not have to commit themselves. Let them know they figured wrong! Speak up for your rights. Silence only gives credence that you don't care or worst that you don't exist. The personals prove that last idea to be quite false!

I hope you will urge your readers to write both Senators Sasser and Mathews and all of the Tennessee Delegation in the House. These public officials need to know that here too, the public includes a large number of politically active Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

Turner McCullough, Jr.  
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## Students Seek Changes at University of Memphis

The following is an open letter written to President Lane Rawlins on Feb. 11, 1994 from Students for Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness (BGALA). It is part of their continuing efforts to secure an official policy to protect students, faculty and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Dear President Rawlins:

This is to inform you of the growing frustration felt by students for Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness at your administration's failure to actively pursue including sexual orientation in a nondiscrimination policy at Memphis State University. At your inauguration address you stated that, "all qualified individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, gender or lifestyle choice will have equal opportunity at the University." Despite this commitment, the administration has exercised almost no public support or leadership in expanding the University's policy of equal employment/educational opportunity to include the category sexual orientation.

In a March 1993 letter to BGALA president Bryan McHenry, you reiterated that, "Memphis State University does not condone discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation." However, such a belief—unarticulated in policy—does nothing to foster awareness, promote tolerance, or deter potential harassment and discrimination. It is time the University moved from the safety of quiet reassurances into the realm of active and open policy-making. Without a public position on this issue, members of the University community remain vulnerable to unfair and unequal treatment and are discouraged from reporting bias incidents to campus and civil authorities.

The Gay and Lesbian Concerns Committee, established by the university in the wake of a vigorous awareness campaign by BGALA, published a report in the fall of 1992 which strongly recommended that the University adopt clear policy statements "stating that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation will not be tolerated at the university" and "that every person, regardless of their sexual orientation, is entitled to pursue an education without interference." These recommendations have yet to be implemented.

Even though some critics have questioned the feasibility of a nondiscrimination policy, Memphis State University is not in the position of having to reinvent the wheel. Survey data is already available on universities with policy statements equivalent to those proposed by BGALA and the Gay and Lesbian Concerns Committee. BGALA has, in fact, been more than generous in providing the University with statistics and other relevant information to facilitate the process of policy change. This has included the release of "The BGALA Report on a Sexual Orientation Policy at Memphis State University" which systematically outlines both the need and precedence for expanding the University's equal opportunity statements to include the phrase sexual orientation.

Although, according to your March 1993 letter, Memphis State "cannot change policies and procedures involving substantive and procedural rights without the approval of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee, and the Office of the Secretary of State," there are several things that can be done. We are asking you to put your verbal commitments into practice by making a personal and public commitment to the members of this campus to establish a written policy that will prohibit discrimination by the university against faculty, staff and students on the basis of sexual orientation; to immediately submit (and actively support) a proposal to the TBR, the Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee, and the Office of the Secretary of State to include sexual orientation in our equal educational and employment opportunity statements at Memphis State University; and to include sexual orientation in your public addresses whenever you also discuss other groups of people which make up the diversity of our campus.

After nearly four years of organized efforts by BGALA and others to secure a policy, University officials continue to insist that "these kinds of changes take time." We cannot help but believe that it is the very existence of those sentiments which perpetuate heterosexism, homophobia and Gay/Lesbian invisibility which have dictated the minimal response of the administration to the very reasonable request by BGALA and others for a nondiscrimination policy. How long must members of our community continue to live in fear of potential discrimination because University policies fail to afford us the basic protections accorded to other groups?

Sincerely,

Christine M. Robinson  
President of BGALA

Erin Brady  
Vice-President of BGALA

Trip Gregory  
Secretary/Treasurer of BGALA

Lawrence Edwards  
Faculty Advisor of BGALA

## Mayor Ready to Lead Gay Community, Continue as Mayor

By Mary Neubauer  
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The graffiti on his house — "Get out," "No Faggots," "Melbourne hates Gays" — served as a wake-up call for Bill Crews.

Crews, mayor of Melbourne, population 730, hadn't talked publicly about his homosexuality until he attended last April's Gay rights march in Washington. Then the vandals descended.

But Crews, 41, didn't recede from view. Today, he heads the board of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center in Des Moines, a group he hopes will lead to a statewide Gay rights organization. Still mayor, Crews is considering another campaign for the state Legislature.

Bill Crews, once a very quiet homosexual, has been transformed into a very public, very committed Gay rights advocate.

"Our oppression comes from people that oppress us in the name of Jesus, and that to me is so alien to what Jesus is all about that I just won't let them do that..." Crews said. "You know, one of the beatitudes is, 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'"

His religious faith has, in fact, been strengthened, thanks to his new involvement in the United Methodist Church in Melbourne.

"My ministers have been sup-

portive and the majority of the people in the church have been supportive. I think it helps our cause to be able to answer those on the radical religious right," he said.

The cause was not one he embraced until last year, though he had been in public life for nearly a decade.

He was appointed mayor of Melbourne in September 1984, shortly after he moved into the town with his companion, Steve, and local people found out he had worked as a staff member for former Iowa Gov. Robert D. Ray.

He has won re-election three times and also serves as zoning administrator, sanitarian and weed commissioner in Marshall County.

Last April 25, Crews and his partner attended the Washington rally. While they were there, *The Des Moines Register* published a Crews column about Gay life. It was the first time he publicly discussed being Gay, although most Melbourne residents already knew it.

When they returned home on April 27, they found that vandals had scrawled their hatred across three sides of their white, split-level home, and a fire extinguisher had been set off in the basement.

Insurance paid to have the siding replaced and the house cleaned. No one was arrested, but Melbourne marshal Jim Perin still has hopes.

"Usually when something happens in a small town, within a few weeks you hear something about it,"

Perin said. "But it's been quiet this time."

Crews has moved on, and now concentrates his free time on the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. Financial and membership problems forced the center to all but shut down by the end of 1993. It lost its downtown office space; all it has now is a telephone answering service where people can leave messages.

Crews and other new board members took over in January and are working to build a membership list for the center while redeveloping the programs it provides, including a youth support group and community newsletter.

They've held community forums to invite everyone — Gay and straight — to become center members.

"What I really want to do is establish a statewide advocacy group," he said. "But that has to be anchored by a good organization in the largest metropolitan area."

He doesn't know if he'll run again for mayor when his term ends in 1995 — "Hopefully, we can build a new library and get recycling started and somebody else can do it," he said.

But he is considering a run for the Iowa Senate in 1996. He ran in 1992, but lost in primary; this time, he says he has a surprising asset.

"I actually think that I'm stronger now than I was two years ago, because we weren't 'out' then, and that weighed on me a lot," he said.



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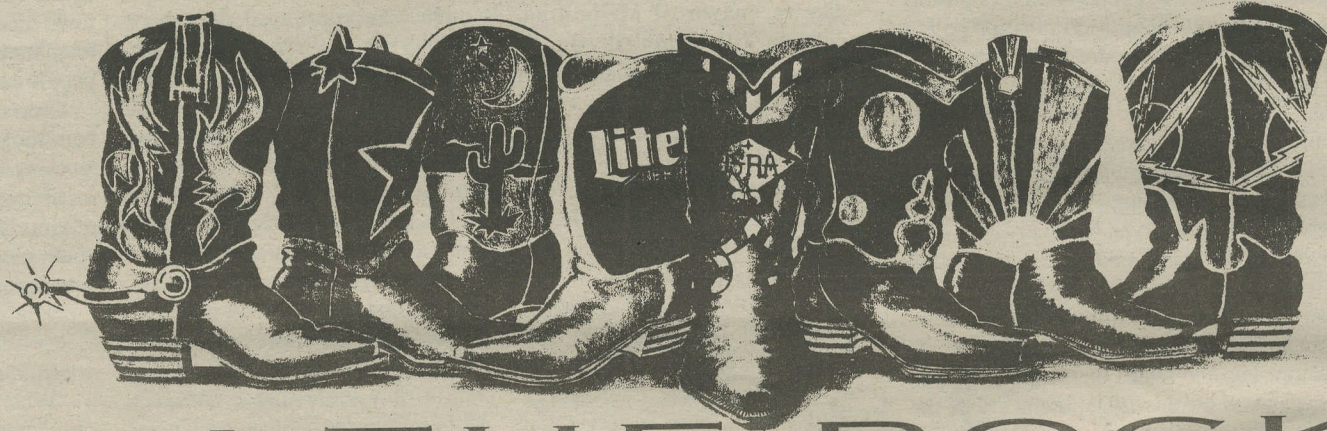
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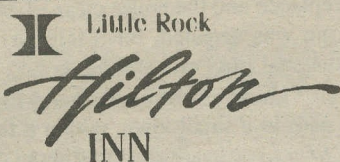
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# BGALA Rally

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Off campus speakers voiced strong support for the proposed policy saying it would be a minor victory for Gay rights in Memphis and would serve as an example for other area universities. Voicing a common theme, Rick Bray, an MSU alumnus and former president of the Tennessee chapter of the National Organization for Women, told the rally that the University's name change was meaningless unless it was willing to live up to its new image.

Other speakers included Dr. Kyla Dillard, attorney Susan Mackenzie, teen leader Jerry Wright, Dr. Barbara Kritchevski, activist John Prowett, and Vincent Astor.

Dr. Becky Thompson addressed the concept of Identity Politics. "For Gay men and Lesbians, identity politics asserts that we see each other and that this collective sight is beautiful. Anyone who has been to a Gay Pride march in San Francisco or New York knows that no one does it better than we do when it comes to have a celebration, dressing with distinction, and creating new rituals as we two- and three-step our way through life."

She continued to encourage the

movement but strongly urged Gays and Lesbians to move towards "a politic of identification that defies neat racial and sexual divisions and undimensional political alliances" and to keep from making the same judgments based on prejudice as we accuse heterosexuals of making toward us.

The March 29 rally is only the latest episode in a continuing campaign started in the Fall of 1991 when BGALA, then known simply as GALA, adopted a resolution calling for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the University's equal opportunity statements. The "GALA Sexual Orientation Resolution" was twice introduced into the Student Government Association but was defeated both times. The second SGA meeting, however, received extensive media coverage and served to profile the issue to the campus.

In December 1992 a University-sponsored committee, established through the office of Vice President Don Carson to address the concerns raised by GALA, issued a report recommending that the University adopt clear policy statements prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation at the University.

Two months after the Gay and Lesbian Concerns Committee issued its report, the newly renamed BGALA, made its own contribution.

The "BGALA Report On A Sexual Orientation Policy at Memphis State University" continues to serve as an information resource and position statement for the group.

Robinson stated that the March rally is "only one aspect of a new strategy that will also include direct communication with the TBR (Tennessee Board of Regents) and a literature drive aimed at informing University faculty about the issue and mobilizing their support."

In a recent letter to University of Memphis president Lane Rawlins (see text on page 27), BGALA officers wrote of the "growing frustration" at the administration's lack of leadership in supporting the proposed policy. Although Rawlins has stated in letters and speeches his commitment to nondiscrimination for both "sexual orientation" and "lifestyle choice" he has remained publicly neutral about a policy. The letter stated "such a belief (in nondiscrimination)—unarticulated in policy—does nothing to foster awareness, promote tolerance, or deter potential harassment and discrimination. It is time the University moved from the safety of quiet reassurances into the realm of active and open policy-making."

Information on writing to the University President or state Board of Regents may be obtained from BGALA (see Resources Section).



## Living with HIV?

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## Publisher Files Complaint Against Colorado Group

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A Colorado group that financed nearly 80% of last year's campaign against Gay and Lesbian rights in Cincinnati should be forced to disclose its contributors, said an Ohio Gay newspaper publisher.

"We want to determine whether money-laundering occurred, and we want to uphold the integrity of elections in Ohio," said Joshua Thomas, publisher of the 8,000 circulation *Gay Beat*.

Thomas has filed a complaint with the Ohio Elections Commission claiming that Colorado for Family Values violated Ohio election law by not registering as a political action committee during a successful campaign to repeal Cincinnati's Gay-rights ordinance.

The complaint also says the Colorado group violated Ohio election law by not listing individual contributors on a campaign finance report.

The Colorado attorney general is investigating the group for failing to register as a PAC while engaging in political activities in Colorado.

Will Perkins, chairman of Colorado for Family Values, denied the group had violated Ohio or Colorado election laws. The group is registered in Colorado as a non-

profit organization.

Colorado for Family Values, which led the 1992 Colorado campaign to prohibit Gay-rights laws, supplied about \$390,000 of the total \$491,773 the Cincinnati group, Equal Rights Not Special Rights, spent in its 1993 campaign to repeal the Cincinnati ordinance.

Although voters approved the Colorado and Cincinnati initiatives, both are now tied up in court.

Hamilton County Democratic Chairman Tim Burke, chairman of the county Board of Elections, agrees with Thomas' contention that the Colorado group violated the law by not registering as a PAC in Ohio.

"There's something wrong when \$390,000 can come into a campaign in secret," Burke said.

Perkins refused to name contributors to Colorado for Family Values, estimate how many there are, or how many donated from Ohio.

"If we considered ourselves a PAC, we would (list contributors)," he said. "That's a confidential matter."

Perkins said his group was being harassed for opposing special civil rights for Gays.

## Insurance Co. Must Continue Benefits

DALLAS (AP) — A Missouri-based insurance company must continue to provide medical coverage for a Dallas man who is in the final stages of AIDS, pending the outcome of a lawsuit, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Robert B. Maloney granted a request Mar. 22 by Michael Elder, 41, for a preliminary injunction in his lawsuit against Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co. His coverage was scheduled to end May 2.

The judge said he granted the injunction because of the "irreparable injury" Elder would suffer and because of the likelihood that Elder's arguments will prevail in a trial.

Elder filed a lawsuit against Fidelity Security and an agency that administered the

policy after he was told last fall that the group coverage under which he was receiving benefits was canceled.

He contends the company breached its contract with him and discriminated against him because of his disease.

Elder's attorney, Cynthia Leiferman, was pleased with the ruling.

"They cannot tell the insured we will pay benefits to you and when it gets too expensive cancel you without letting you know beforehand they can do this," she said.

In a hearing before Maloney last month, Baumgart, attorney for Fidelity Security, said the company followed all Texas laws and the contract clearly stated Fidelity Security could cancel the policy.

## Court Reinstates Award for PWA ID

MACON, Ga. (AP) — The Georgia Court of Appeals has reinstated a \$500,000 award to an AIDS victim who sued a television station for revealing his identity.

The ruling came in an invasion-of-privacy suit by Buddy Worth against Multimedia Corp., the parent company of WMAZ-TV.

Worth, who had AIDS and died March 12, six days before the ruling, had been promised that his image would be digitized so he could not be identified. He was visible for seven seconds.

In June 1992, a Bibb County jury awarded Worth \$500,000.

On Dec. 3, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling against Multimedia.

But on Dec. 20, a majority of the appeals court threw out the award, saying Worth had

waived his right to privacy when he revealed his medical condition to family members, friends, physicians and support-group members.

On Mar. 18, the court revisited its December ruling. This time, a 5-4 majority ruled that Worth did not waive his right to privacy, and it reinstated the \$500,000 award. The court reversed an additional \$100 award to punish Multimedia.

Worth's death "was very, very sad," said his attorney, Karen Kelly Daniels. "The last thing he said to me was, 'Don't give up.'"

Multimedia's attorney, Hugh Lovein, declined comment, saying he had not had a chance to review the decision. The company had contended that the topic of AIDS is of general public interest, outweighing Worth's privacy rights.



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## Lesbian Comic Is So Out That She's In

By Douglas J. Rowe  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "My whole life people called me a dyke," the chunky, funky Lea DeLaria was saying one recent night as she waited for her dinner in a Times Square restaurant.

"There was a point in my life where I went, 'Oh, big insult,'" she added, emphasizing the sarcasm.

DeLaria, who talks faster than an auctioneer on amphetamines, broke ground last year on *The Arsenio Hall Show* by becoming the first openly lesbian stand-up comic to do gay material on a late-night show. She emceed April's Gay-rights march in Washington and served as the host of television's first all-homosexual comedy special in December on Comedy Central.

Her stage show, "Silent Night Homo Night," ran for six weeks in London, where she also did an all-Gay Christmas special for British television. Her guest roles on the prime-time series *Matlock* and *The John Larroquette Show* aired last month. Also last month, she went Down Under for gigs in Australia.

She's been featured on *The World According to Us*, the all-female sketch show on Boston's PBS station, for which she won a local Emmy.

Despite her gangsterlike, chalkstripe dark suit and nose ring, DeLaria can come across as elflike. She kids about how she's often mistaken for a man and that "open lesbians" are her favorite kind.

The 35-year-old DeLaria, who's been doing stand-up comedy for 12 years, said she decided a long time ago who she is and what her act would entail.

"This is who I am, when I'm up there. This is it. I'm a big butch dyke. That's who I am. And I'm a friendly one," she said, laughing. "I'm a big butch dyke with a smile on my face."

Because sexual orientation is right out there, she's surprised by the mainstream acceptance she's getting.

"Now my shows have so many straight people in it, and they totally get it, and they laugh at everything I do," she said, sounding amazed.

And she is amazed — "flabbergasted" — over the growth of her career.

"Things are just snowballing," she said. "I'm just rolling down that hill. And wherever it rolls, I'll follow."

In the *Matlock* episode, she wore a skirt and pumps and the trademark nose ring was gone. When the costume designer inquired about her dress size, she told her: "I don't know. I haven't worn a dress since my first Holy Communion."

*Daily Variety* has said her "manic, campy style hints at a combination of Bette Midler and Robin

Williams," while her performances have attracted protesters — sometimes by the busload with signs reading: "Lea DeLaria is going to hell."

Her high-energy stand-up act plays to stereotypes while simultaneously trying to shatter them.

"There are some reasons why some stereotypes do exist," said DeLaria. "Let's face it. There are a lot of dykes out there who are fat, wear leather and ride motorcycles. There are a lot of lesbians who don't, you know."

DeLaria, a Belleville, Ill., native who's relocating from Boston to the West Coast, said her two sisters, brother and her parents are "very supportive." (Her mother has said: "I don't believe in homosexuality. But she's my daughter and I believe in her.")

Since even her parents know — one of the final frontiers for many homosexuals — DeLaria said it's inevitable that she would focus her material on the pre-eminent part of her persona.

## Roseanne Arnold Smooched Carol Burnett to Mock Gay Kiss Controversy

By Lynn Elber  
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roseanne Arnold and Carol Burnett cooked up their raucous People's Choice Awards smooch to deflate the controversy over a Gay bar kiss on *Roseanne*, a spokesman said.

Burnett presented the People's Choice award for favorite female TV performer to Arnold. Arnold came up on stage and grabbed Burnett in a prolonged embrace and kiss in the Tuesday night broadcast.

Burnett appeared to reel giddily away afterward.

Burnett "definitely was not taken by surprise. It was her idea," said Tom Nedderman, a spokesman for the comedian.

"The way she views it is they are two consenting adults," he said. "They just wanted to make fun of all the silliness about the *Roseanne* episode controversy."

She was en route to her Santa Fe, N.M., home and was unavailable for an interview, Nedderman said. But she had told him the intent was to mock the flap over airing of the "Roseanne" kiss episode.

In that show, Roseanne Conner (Arnold) accompanied a friend to a Gay bar and, after a comment is misinterpreted, is kissed by guest star Mariel Hemingway.

Arnold has said ABC balked at showing the kiss, claiming it was unsuitable for family audiences. The episode proved to be the No. 1 Nielsen-rated show last week, dis-

placing the usually first-ranked Home Improvement.

"If you're a comic, you have to talk about who you are. People go, 'Why did you decide to talk about being queer?' How could I not? Oh, I pass. Oh, I could walk out and pass. Yeah, I'm not fooling anybody. If I walked out on stage and didn't talk about being queer eventually they're going to go, 'Look at that big bulldyke. Why doesn't she talk about it?'"

"But it's the same thing about being Italian or being a woman. These are all aspects of my life. Queer isn't the only thing that I am. I talk about the things that I am — coming from a working-class Italian family, being raised in a Catholic environment, going to Catholic school, tons of women's things, too."

Since casting agents for movies and television are calling more and more, is it possible DeLaria will forsake stand up?

"I think my agents and my managers see me getting away from it more than I do," she said.

The People's Choice Awards, which are determined by a Gallup Poll of more than 4,000 people nationwide, honors the public's favorites in music, TV shows and movies.

The awards show from Culver City was broadcast live to Eastern time zones, but with a 7-second tape delay — in response to the previous week's live East Coast airing of the Grammy Awards program during which Bono of the rock group U2 used an expletive.

## Tom Hanks' High School Teacher Has High Praise for Student

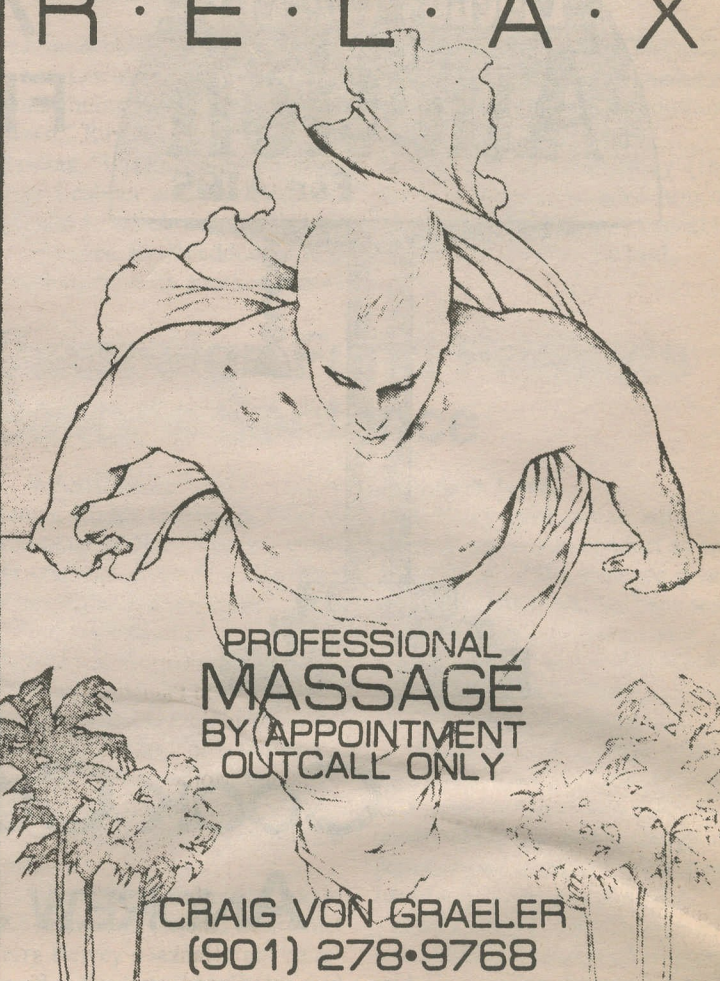
By Richard Lorent  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A day after Oscar winner Tom Hanks cited him as an inspiration, retired high school drama teacher Rawley Farnsworth had nothing but accolades for his old pupil.

"I think Tom did himself proud with his speech," Farnsworth, 69, said Tuesday. "He had a message to deliver and he did it brilliantly. I think he touched a lot of people."

In his acceptance speech for the best actor award, Hanks gave Farnsworth credit for teaching him "to act well the part" at Oakland's Skyline High School in the mid-

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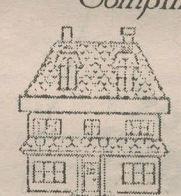


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1970s.

Hanks said Farnsworth and John Gilkerson, a Skyline classmate who recently died of AIDS, were two Gay men he felt privileged to know.

Hanks won the Academy Award for his performance in *Philadelphia*, a courtroom drama about a Gay lawyer's fight to prove he was fired because he contracted AIDS. Gay activists criticized film maker Jonathan Demme for showing little physical affection between Hanks and on-screen lover Antonio Banderas.

The mention on national television sent reporters and television crews scurrying to Farnsworth's

San Francisco home. Before the broadcast, only a few friends knew he was Gay.

"I lived this lifestyle, but strictly among my own friends and mostly since I retired," he said. "When I was teaching school, I was not openly Gay."

Hanks called Friday to ask if he could mention Farnsworth in his acceptance speech. Still, Farnsworth didn't anticipate the interest it would generate.

"It's a great feeling and I'm very elated about it. The media blitz has been unbelievable," he said. "I feel rather proud of it, to have someone of his talent give me

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# Philadelphia Soundtrack Worth Collecting

by Tim Brough

The existence of *Philadelphia*, the movie and the soundtrack, is a sad fact.

There are now over a billion people, men and women, old and young, that are HIV positive. That's in a mere 13 years since the original 42 cases of what was then called GRID were diagnosed. Zero to a billion, with almost a quarter million dead. AIDS is now the leading killer of American men between the ages of 25 and 44. More people died from AIDS in 1993 than in the previous 12 years of the epidemic.

Yet it took Hollywood this span of time to rather timidly broach AIDS in a major motion picture. Yes, this movie, good as it is, is timid. It's a courtroom drama, with characters that are somewhat underdeveloped, and it's hard to get the feeling that anyone is in love with anyone else during the movie's course. Still, a disease that now kills a person every minute needed the clout of Hollywood's current director of the moment and star power from two hot (yet non-threatening) names to shoulder a judicial conflict of bigotry, prejudice and the deadliest disease of the century. **Make no mistake here... Philadelphia is a landmark, possibly in the league of *To Kill A Mockingbird*.**

A big screen production of this magnitude deserves a power-soundtrack, and *Philadelphia* gets one. Director Demme has always been meticulous when it comes to music for his projects (after all, one of the films that brought him to prominence was *Talking Heads: Stop Making Sense*). He particularly wanted the music to match the mood, becoming integral to the moments when a foreground was necessary. If you watch *Philadelphia* wondering where most of these songs pop up, you're missing the point. (For instance, the Indigo Girls' "I don't Wanna Talk About It" plays on a kitchen radio for a nano-second dur-

ing an early scene.) When the songs tailored for the film appear, they're knock-outs. I heard Bruce Springsteen's "Streets of Philadelphia" before seeing the movie, and fought down a lump in my throat the entire time. No one has musically captured the desperation and the frustration of seeing someone fade before their eyes... be it over days or years... will feel like Bruce gut-punched them. It's the most hauntingly honest song he's written since *Tunnel of Love*. Neil Young contributes the elegiac "Philadelphia," sad, pleading and, when heard in the context of the movie, heartbreaking. I'll give away no more than that. In between those original compositions, the *Philadelphia* soundtrack contains good songs from Sade, Peter Gabriel and Indigo Girls, and average selections from Pauletta Washington, Ram and Spin Doctors.

If anyone questions the inclusion of "La Mamma Morta" as performed by Maria Callas, then go see the movie. Utilized in a scene where Hanks' character describes the effect of opera to a befuddled Denzel Washington, it's the capsule of acting that will pull Hanks from scripts of light comedy and romantic fluff into the realm of the big boys. (Don't forget, he was Oscar nominated for his role in *Big*, even if dreck like *Joe Versus the Volcano* and *Volunteers* mucks up his portfolio.)

What makes *Philadelphia* and its best songs so bitterly sad for me is that, 13 years into AIDS, the whole reason this movie and its music is getting the press it thoroughly deserved is because someone finally had the guts and/or felt safe enough to risk an explosive topic on the crowd that goes to the Cinema 14. I've seen those scars for real, and the ones on Tom Hanks' made-up torso are still make-up. When I cried at the movie's end and fought back the tears the first time I heard "Streets of Philadelphia" it wasn't just because of the subtle emotional manipulation that a strong work of art

can provoke you to. It was also due to the fact that a global (and Reagan/Bush governmentally sanctioned) state of denial remained in place for over a decade while the unmentionables were left to wither and die. Last year, four of those unmentionables

who were close to me passed away, one of whom changed my life.

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[Tim Brough is the Adult Contemporary Music Editor for the MAC Report in Nashville.]



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that recognition ... Why shouldn't I be proud of it?"

Hanks graduated from Skyline High in 1974, attending all six drama classes the school offered and appearing in *South Pacific* and other plays. He was voted class clown as a senior, Farnsworth said.

"He was a very upbeat, happy-go-lucky young man — very intelligent," Farnsworth said. "He had a natural sense of timing, which is very important to anyone doing comedy."

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ad for that purpose.

#### Stonewall Announcement

Anyone wishing information about the buses from Memphis to NYC for Stonewall 25 should come to the Memphis Pride meeting on Saturday, April 2, at 10 am at MGLCC. Information will also be available at Meristem, Mid-Town

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#### Final Round

We are going to relax this month because May is going to be a dilly.

Ta, ta.  
Lady A.

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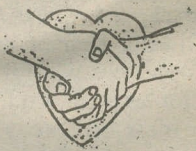
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- Lavender Earth: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853.
- MT's Bakery: Gay and Lesbian Wedding Cakes A Specialty, Mary Jane or Theresa, 2127 Frayser Blvd. ☎ 358-6689 or 388-2376.
- Mid-Town Hair: 1926 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-2199.
- Pass Pets: Hickory Ridge 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. Free estimates, 24 hr. service.

**MEDIA**

- Gay Alternative: Radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00pm, WEVL-FM 90, Box 41773, Memphis 38174.
- Hera Sees: Bi-monthly newspaper published by Hera Sees, Inc., 1725-B Madison Ave. ☎ 276-0543.
- Query: Weekly newspaper published by Pyramid Publishing Box 40422, Nashville TN 37204-0422 ☎ (615) 327-3273.
- Recovery Talk "In the Midnight Hour": Radio program, Sat. 12-1am, KWAM-AM 990. Weekly program about addictions & recovery. ☎ (901) 377-7963.
- Recovery Times: Free monthly newspaper 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.
- Club 501: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.
- Construction Site: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.
- Hut: 102 N. Cleveland ☎ 725-9872.
- J-Wags: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909.
- 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.

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- Bookstar: 3402 Poplar Ave. ☎ 323-9332
- Circuit Playhouse: 1705 Poplar Ave. ☎ 726-5521
- Davis-Kidd Booksellers Inc.: 397 Perkins Rd. Ext. ☎ 683-9801.
- Memphis and Shelby County Public Library: 1850 Peabody ☎ 725-8800.
- P & H Cafe: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
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Knoxville **ROD CASTING:** 35 yr old WM, blonde and blue. Into camping, the outdoors, hiking and fishing. Hoping to build a relationship with a guy, 33-40. ☎23441

Memphis **BRONZED:** 6'3", 190, dark guy with a good tan is ready for your call anytime. ☎23370

Knoxville **DOWN HOME:** 41 yr old down home white male conservative. Into the Smoky mtns and classical music. ☎19379

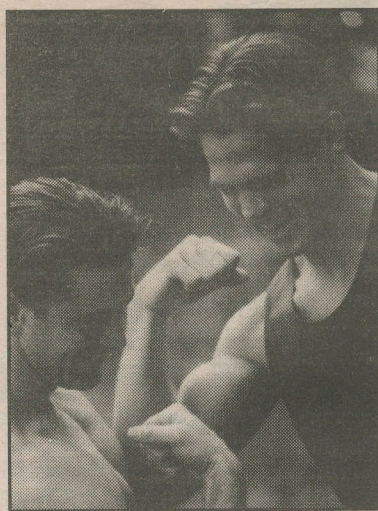
Memphis **RING MY BELL:** 6', 33, 180. Into outdoor sports and music. Call me at home. ☎20811

TN **GLORY BE:** 23 year old guy is into history music and seeking a Christian mate. ☎18622

TN **BIG HAIRY HOUND DOG:** I am 32 call me. I am ready to howl. ☎18925

TN **LOTS OF OPTIONS:** WM, very sub, seeks dom men. Blk a specialty. I am into lthr, kink and phone fun. Call for my home number. ☎1638

TN **BIG AND IN CONTROL:** dom 41 yr old male. 6'4", 300, seeking subs for get-togethers. I am clean, discreet and health conscious. Call me at home. ☎19299



TN **WHAT THE WIFE WON'T DO:** 6'1", BLONDE Seeking men to explore my fantasies. I am married. ☎20102

TN **TOP SHELF:** All-around good guy, professional, 21, med build, seeks a good person to enjoy quality evenings with. ☎20701

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TN **ALL AROUND PAL:** SWM, 26, 5'8", 160. Hard/hry professional seeks a buddy. ☎18051

TN **BREAK ME IN:** WM, 34, 5'10", 180. I am new to this and seeking a WM 30-40 YO. ☎20982

TN **HEY, GRIZZLY!:** 32 yr old, full beard, stache. Into workouts and hairy men. Bears and lthr A+. ☎20998

**BIRTHDAY SUIT:** GWM, 40, 5'6", 160 seeks a caring and honest guy. Hairy A+. I am into getting back to nature. ☎15326

**ALL-AROUND GOOD GUY:** Easy-going outdoorsy type seeks 20-30 year olds for great times. ☎16418

**LET'S GET STARTED:** 27 year old. I am mixed race and seek a nice white guy for friendship. ☎16382

**ROCK JOCKS:** 25 year old guy seeks rockers, surfers and jocks up to 24. Tp guys only. ☎16829

**GET OUT THE DENIM:** 27 year old is into a one on one with a guy his age. Blue jeans and flannels A+. ☎16929

**MUST BE CARING:** 25 year old into hiking, biking and good conversation. Seeking mod. athletic guys who care about others. ☎17088

Chattanooga **YOU MET HIM HERE:** 28 yr old blk male, 5'11", 185 and smooth. I am seeking a masc male of any race. ☎11815

Memphis **HOUSECALL:** 40 YO Physician is just getting back into the swing. I like the theater and classical music. ☎1326

Nashville **WHAT'S ALL THE HOOP-LA?:** Curious white male. Please call me at home and let's talk. ☎13277

TN **TPGUN:** 45 yr old daddy seeks a yng sub. ☎11500

TN **ARE YOU THERE?:** I am looking for other guys in this area. I am 35 and vry discreet. ☎12618

TN **DREAM MAN:** 28 year old guy is attractive and outgoing. Call me and pls be discreet. ☎14069

TN **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:** Bi-black male seeking someone to teach me a few things. ☎14718

**CALLING ALL COPS:** Total discretion assured. Please call. State troopers A+. ☎3113

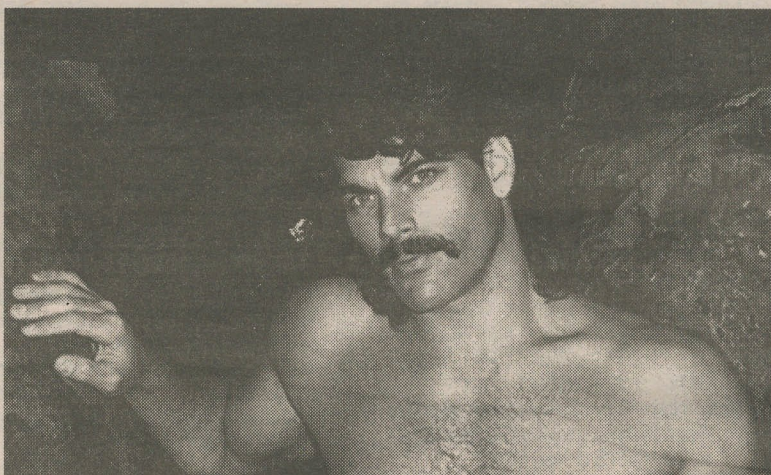
Memphis, **HEY JOCKS:** handsome, 25, 5'10, 165lbs, jock type, (like tall smooth jock types) enjoy back rubs too, hoping you call. ☎8591

901 area code, **PAINT IT BLACK:** 28 y/o, lonely interested in bm for dating. ☎8343

Ft Leonardwood, **TANNED/ CLEAN SHAVEN:** 28 y/o, 5'10, 155lbs, goodlkg, bitm w/short blondish hair, tanned, w/green eyes, currently in grad. school, new to area., like music, sports, ☎6893

Memphis, **STRAIGHT WM:** 32, above avg. looks, looking to expand my horizons, leave msg if you can assist. ☎4724

Nashville, **BLOND:** 40, 6', 170lbs, nice build, love talking on the phone! Looking forward to hearing from anybody, call anytime. ☎7226



St. Louis, **BLACK MEN ONLY:** 30 y/o, bm, 5'7, 155lbs, enjoy movies, music, & art, seeks masc. acting bm, tp men only 25-65, big & uniformed A+, ☎2003

**21 YR OLD BUSINESS STUDENT:** 6', 220lbs, football player's built, italian, dark hair, enjoy quiet evenings with masc. man under 25 who's looking for a rel. ☎2476

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**19 YR OLD BLOND:** w/ blue eyes, 6', 185lbs, into sports, looking to meet someone new. ☎7936

**ATTRACTIVE:** gwm, 39, looking to party with big bear types, age unimportant, beards, tattoos a definitely plus. ☎6321

901 Area, **COLLEGE STUDENT,** 5'10, 150lbs, lookin for anyone to hang out with, ☎6588

**BIGGER IS BETTER:** 6'3, 230lbs, blond, brw eyes, interested in eqpd man, thin, call if you fit the description & want to get together. ☎5979

Knoxville, **SWELL GUY:** 24, looking for nice guys to meet, ☎4001

Knoxville, **OPEN TO ANYTHING:** (just about) Vers., 24, brw hair, blue eyes, desires close encounters w/adventuresome type. ☎4001

**VERS. BM,** 29, v. attrac., intelligent, interested in friendship. (prefer 2B btm) ☎6469

Tennessee, **BLACK TRACK'IN:** 26, BM, fun to be with, enjoy swimming, hiking, seeks BM, 24-28 for close encounters. ☎3415

**NOT FOUND IN THE CLUBS:** Intent 22 yr old w/ long blond hair is tired of barflys & is looking for someone has a life from ages 25-35. call. ☎3306

**BASHFUL? CURIOUS? 1ST TIME?** great! I'm 29 yr old seeking fun-filled nights w/ right one. Call. ☎5343

**TALL BLUE EYED BLOND 26, 6',** desires get togethers w/local & sincere guys, leave msg. for best time to contact you. ☎5713

**MEMPHIS LONG BLOND LOCKS:** 25, WM, w/blue eyes, 145lbs, 5'6, seeking guys in memphis area to get to know each other first. ☎2919

**MEMPHIS ROMANTIC SENSUAL ITALIAN 35,** into candle light dinners, jacuzzi, & quality company. A call is worth a thousand words. ☎5847

**MEMPHIS LIFE IS RICH:** 20 yr old, 5'11, 165lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, seeking well-built humorous guy 20-25 to enjoy multiple activites with. ☎5217

**NASHVILLE AREA BUFFED:** into music, working out at the gym, livin in smallish town, let's connect. ☎2747

**KNOXVILLE OLDER TOP UNIFORM MAN** wanted to take charge! I'm 34, brw hair, hazel eyes, with a very sexy attitude; eagerly awaiting. ☎5074

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