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Justice Dept. May Make Gay Bashing a Federal Crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department may ask Congress to make "Gay bashing" a federal crime, Deval Patrick, head of the civil-rights division, said Friday.

Congress could act against violence against homosexuals by inserting new language into the nation's hate-crimes law, Patrick said during an appearance on *Washington Watch* on cable's Court TV.

"We have right now a hate-crimes act, which reaches violence against individuals based on race and based on religion," he said. "It may be, for example, that an amendment to that act is appropriate and timely

— particularly in light of the rise in Gay bashing."

Some groups already are lobbying Congress to make such a change, he said.

The department also is looking at ways to address segregation inside integrated schools, he said.

While commenting on the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against school segregation, Patrick said discrimination may play a part in disciplining students or putting children on different "tracks" according to their ability.

Step One: Get the License

If you're Gay or Lesbian, you still can't get married legally in Tennessee, but you can get a marriage license.

According to an opinion issued by the Tennessee Attorney General's office issued Jan. 4, There is no requirement that an application for marriage state the sex of the applicants.

The opinion goes on to say that "...any marriage license issued to two people of the same sex would not be valid and the marriage would be void."

The opinion was issued in response to an inquiry by State Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Ward Crutchfield.

In a series of six questions regarding the necessity of both applicants appearing personally before a county clerk to obtain a marriage license, Crutchfield asked, "If both applicants do not personally appear, how can the county clerk or deputy clerk comply with Tennessee Attorney General Opinion No. 88-43 (Feb. 29, 1988) pertaining of 'same sex marriage?'"

Text of the Opinion

There is no requirement in T.C.A. [Tennessee Code Annotated] § 36-3-104 that an application for a marriage license contain the sex of the applicants. Similarly, there is no statutory requirement that a county clerk or deputy clerk certify that the applicants are not of the same sex. However, this Office has previously opined that two people of the same sex may not obtain a valid marriage license in Tennessee. Op. Tenn. Atty. Gen. No., 88-43 (Feb. 29, 1988). Thus, even if a marriage license is issued to two people of the same sex based on mistake or misinformation, the License would not be valid and the marriage would be void. See, *Rhodes v. McAfee*, 457 S.W.2d 522 (Tenn. 1970).

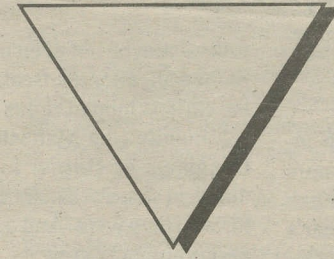
Why We Celebrate Gay Pride in June

On a hot June night in 1969, what began as an all-too-frequent raid of a Gay bar escalated into a riot that sparked a rebellion that was felt around the world.

It all happened at the Stonewall Inn, a Gay bar on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village.

Instead of going along with the routine police arrests, patrons of the Stonewall Inn fought back. And the Gay and Lesbian rights movement, as we know it today, was born.

The 25th anniversary of what is now known as the Stonewall Re-



bellion will be celebrated in New York City on Sunday, June 26, 1994.

The last week in June is celebrated annually across the country as Gay Pride Week.

Exhaustive List of Pride-Related Events

June 4

- **Pride Benefit Show**, Reflections, 9:30 PM, Guest Performers

June 5

- **Lambda Men's Chorus Spring Concert**, First Congregational Church, 7 p.m., reception follows

June 9-12

- **"Girl Bar"** A play by Phyllis Nagy at 477 S Main, (Ellis Chappell Studio) 8 p.m.

June 11

- **Pride Yard Sale**, The Hut, 7 a.m. Until... benefits Pride events

- **Pride Expo**, MGLCC, WKRB, Holy Trinity Community Church, 11-4

- **Pride River Ride**, Island Queen, Foot of Monroe Benefits MGLCC & Switchboard, 9 p.m.

June 12

- **Pride Parade & Rally** led by Meristem & Friends Leaves MGLCC 2 p.m., down Madison to Peabody & Cooper

- **Rally** at the end with music by "The Search"

- **Cookouts** at 501, Nikita's, Oops, Pipeline Following

June 12-13

- **"Beat Your Face, Mary"** Performance by Kevin Jones MGLCC 7 p.m., benefits MGLCC Library

Wednesday, June 15

- **"Transgender What Is It?"** Workshop, MGLCC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 16

- **Community Workshops** beginning at 7 p.m., MGLCC
- **Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshop**, 7 p.m., MGLCC

Friday, June 17

- **Film Festival**, MGLCC, Sponsored by Lifestyles Discussion Group

Nashville Events

Saturday, June 18

- **Rally**, 1 p.m., Legislative Plaza, Keynote Speaker Hon. Roberta Achtenberg, Special Guests: Rod & Bob Jackson-Paris

- **Parade** 3 p.m. Party in Centennial Park, 4:30 p.m.

June 26

- **Stonewall 25th Anniversary March in New York**

Judge Throws Out Lawsuit Over Ovet Camp

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — A Jones County minister and resident cannot sue U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno over federal intervention in a Lesbian-run retreat dispute, a judge ruled.

Jones County residents James Hendry and the Rev. John Allen filed a lawsuit this spring against Reno after she said U.S. Dept. of Justice workers should try to settle arguments between local opponents and operators of Camp Sister Spirit near Ovet.

U.S. Dist. Judge Charles Pickering Sr. dismissed the suit May 19, but said camp opponents will not be forced to talk to federal mediators.

Wanda Henson, one of the camp operators, noted that neither Hendry nor Allen won any money from Reno. They had sought \$50,000 each.

"If I were them I would go take a bath because they've got egg all over their faces," Henson said.

Pickering wrote that Hendry and Allen "are not threatened by any immediate 'injury.'" The suit claimed government mediation of the conflict violated opponents' freedom of religion and speech.

Camp Sister Spirit has been the center of controversy since opening last fall. Wanda Henson and the woman she considers her wife, Brenda Henson, say they opened the camp as a retreat for feminist education. Local opponents say the camp violates biblical principles and they fear it will become a Lesbian haven.

The Hensons requested help from Reno's office after they said shots were fired near their 120-acre property and they received threatening calls and letters.

Two representatives from the Justice Department's Community Relations Service visited Ovet in February and began investigating the conflict. The service was established in the 1960s to resolve disputes based on "race, color or national origin."

Hendry, founder of a group called Mississippians For Family Values, said Pickering's ruling is a victory because opponents never wanted to be forced into mediation.

Wanda Henson called the plaintiffs' opposition to mediation "childish."

"This is a situation where these people have created a climate of hatred and violence against us," she said. "That's not being an adult."

Lucy Galindo, who came from Sacramento, Calif., to help build Camp Sister Spirit, said federal mediation is needed. "It's a very volatile situation and violence could occur," she said.

7 Stonewall Events

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A Time For Sequins

By Vincent Astor, aka Lady Astor
(Lady A. for short)

This month, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots (or, more gently, the Stonewall Rebellion). The March in New York will be different from last year's March on Washington in two major ways.

First, we went to Washington as Americans to claim equal rights and protections for Americans in America. This time, we will be joined by Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Bisexual people from all over the world in the headquarter city of the United Nations—for the same cause on a global level.

Second, the March last year was populated with thousands of people—just plain people. Though our detractors picked up on the more bizarre and radical segments of the March, many others noted that the overwhelming majority were “just like everyone else.” This year it is those who were different, very different, who are being acknowledged as the pioneers in our movement.

I can't say too many times that it was the fringe elements of our community who rioted at the Stonewall Inn (which was not a particularly savory place itself). Those who are now heroes wouldn't have ever been asked to brunch among the “just like everyone else”

folks—maybe not even now. It was only after Stonewall, after the freaks got pissed off, that the earliest human rights organizations in our community (the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis) found the courage to march in same-sex pairs and stand a little taller for who they were. And our progress increased as our numbers grew.

With that, however, our numbers brought attitudes and prejudices shockingly similar to that against which we struggle, mainly exclusion. The point is that we need to get over this, at least in our struggle for equal rights and protection. No, it's not easy, not even for those who try to practice what they preach, but it is necessary. I have felt this exclusion because I have done drag, because I have leather associations, because I am frank about both, because I am flamboyant (and get away with it) and because I am eternally OUT with a vengeance. To me, this is the only way we can become known, one on one, and through this, begin to change opinions, one on one.

Those who are embarrassed that the drag queens, leather folk, Radical Faeries and most flamboyant of us get all the good press (or bad press) are also those who are forced to admit that perhaps, (especially in Memphis) the surest way to have a successful fundraiser is to do a good drag show. Even high ticket events

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like High Hats, High Heels and High Times (the Friends For Life Halloween party) are populated by much drag, good and awful. And why not? Being wildly nellie can be a lot of fun; you should try it sometime.

Drag queens themselves are mostly good hearted people. There may be legendary squabbles in the dressing room and temper tantrums during pageants, but every one worth her salt has done a benefit more than once. In fact, a performer may be popular, but she gains enormous respect besides when she gives her time, talent and tips for a free show. Such things are criteria for the awarding of titles.

It takes the same amount of preparation (a lot) for a benefit as it does to work one's regular shows. One also has to put up with odd locations, strange lighting, worse sound and seeing the club president make a lot more money for deigning to put on some old rag, a fourth-hand wig (complete with the hairspray originally used 5 years ago), black mustaches and fountains of chest hair where his boobs should be. Why take the trouble to be pretty? To keep up one's standards and to pitch in for a cause.

It takes a lot of trouble to get up in drag, for any reason. It takes real courage to get up in drag in the bright sunshine, march down a public street without your mood lighting, and deal with heels and asphalt at the same time.

Wearing ones run vest, the harness with all the chrome and tight chaps is not exactly what one would plan for a hot summer walk down 11 blocks either (supposedly chanting all the time). Please, all of you who are marching or watching in shorts, t-shirts and comfortable running shoes, give us a smile because it ain't easy. We are just being who we are and that is important.

We're all here for the same reason. What is that? To find strength in numbers, to affirm ourselves through ourselves, to show ourselves to others who are looking for people like themselves, to face oppression with support, to find unexpected friends and share the feeling. And, of course, to have a Gay old time! Yes, it's recruitment. You know why? We are here because it's OK, because we're OK. We refuse to take anyone else's word that it isn't or we aren't OK. We want to shout the news—"It's OK, you're OK. Come out and be yourself—Gay, Lesbian and all forms of both."

If the non-flamboyant of our community outnumber the flamboyant—Prove it! Show up! We want you with us; you may outnumber us but you can't ignore us. We started this and we are still fighting... studs, sequins and all. We will be there. And we will be proud. And we will be beautiful.

Just like everyone else.



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L E T T E R S

Reader Wants More Activists!

To whom it may concern:

At the last ACT-UP meeting I attended there were two Gay people present. Can someone please explain the sanity in this lack of support in our own community. I expect little to no support from straight people, but not from my own kind.

Are you all too busy to give up an occasional Saturday or Sunday morning? Maybe you're recovering from a Friday night at the bar. We all know how important a strip show can be. I went to a school board meeting last month to show heterosexual people the face of HIV/AIDS. I know that I'm not the only HIV+ male in this city, or am I?

If our wish is that someday the heterosexual community will recognize us as a powerful part of society, then we need to make our presence known. It's very simple folks; if you want to be respected then, by God, start earning it! My hat is off to all of the wonderful Gay men and women [who] give of their time and

money to help PLWAs. I'm always proud of those fabulous performers who give of their talents to raise money for our community. All of these fine souls have earned respect! Those of us who do more than our fair share of community work are very tired of taking all of the heat for the whole Gay population. Are you asking, what can I do? Here's a list:

1. Every Saturday morning, 1462 Poplar, 8am-noon, escort women into clinic. Obstacle—religious zealots.

2. AIDS Switchboard; 278-2437

3. Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison, 726-5790

4. Friends For Life needs volunteers to help take care of PLWAs. Deliver a bag of food to 321 S. Bellevue. Checks are always welcomed.

5. Holy Trinity's We Care AIDS Ministry, 726-9443

6. ACT-UP Memphis, 725-5483

These are just a few of the many things you can do to help out your own people. Going to a Gay bar and dancing the night away does not constitute community service.

Michael Einspranjer
Memphis

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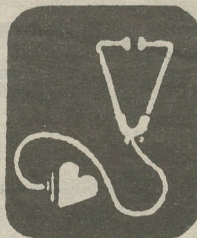
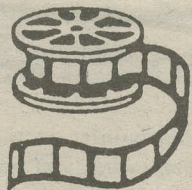
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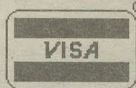
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Frank Urges Gay Community to Stress Mainstream Theme

By Melissa B. Robinson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the Gay community should stress mainstream themes if they want to win broad political support, said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one of two openly Gay members of Congress.

Frank, speaking at a forum on Gay civil rights held Apr. 25 at the National Press Club, said self-expression, while healthy, does not necessarily translate into an effective political movement.

The Gay rights movement shouldn't stress the most extreme aspects of Gay culture if it wants to gain political support and strength,

he said.

"If you are trying to win votes from the majority ... it helps to stress mainstream themes," Frank said. "It is a mistake to focus on people who are least mainstream."

The Gay community has been divided over the type of image it should project to the straight world — whether to emphasize that Gay men and lesbians are like everyone else, or to stress groups considered more-extreme, like transvestites.

Frank stressed that people should be able to express themselves as they wish in their daily lives, but the Gay community must make a separate decision about what images to stress in its ongoing fight for equal rights and acceptance.

"When you're in a political movement, when you're trying to win votes, ignoring the impression you make on people is silly," he said. "You've got to decide."

The forum came exactly one year after hundreds of thousands of Gay men and lesbians marched on Washington to demand acceptance and equal rights. The U.S. Park Police estimated 300,000 marchers participated, while organizers put the figure at 1.1 million.

Frank also defended his record on lifting the ban on Gays in the military, arguing that he supported a compromise because there was too little support in Congress to lift the ban outright.

"If the vote up or down was all or nothing, we got nothing," he said. "I didn't want to see that."

Last year, Gay rights leaders were disappointed when President Clinton signed into law a policy that forbids Gay service members from openly declaring their sexual orientation.

Frank had supported an expanded version of the policy, stressing that a good compromise was better than nothing at all. He was slammed by the group Queer Nation as an "Uncle

Tom" who could no longer be considered a respected leader of the Gay community.

Frank denounced the policy as too weak.

"I opposed the policy that was adopted," he said. "I was trying to get something better. And we didn't get it."

Hawaii Moves to Block Gay Marriages

HONOLULU (AP) — The Legislature moved to counteract a court ruling that could make Hawaii the first state to recognize Gay marriages.

The state House gave final leg-

islative approval Apr. 23 to a measure that defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman and asserts that any change in that policy is something for the Legislature, not the courts, to decide.

A spokeswoman for Gov. John Waihee refused say if he would sign the measure.

The bill, which was approved by the Senate, is aimed at nullifying a state Supreme Court ruling last year that denying marriage licenses to homosexual couples appears to violate the Hawaii Constitution.

The court said the state had to show some compelling reason for such discrimination. It sent the case to a lower court for a trial on the issue.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Terrance Tom supported the bill, saying that letting the court ruling stand would create a nationwide rush to block same-sex marriages and create a backlash against Gay rights.

"If this Supreme Court decision is not reversed, mark my words: A (U.S.) constitutional amendment is inevitable and women's rights and homosexual rights will be battered from coast to coast," Tom said.

The Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, which represents homosexual couples, said lawmakers are telling the state Supreme Court to "look the other way" while they pass laws discriminating against a particular group of people.

The Rev. Maggie Tanis, the organization's spokeswoman, said that's unacceptable. But she said the organization is glad it includes consideration of domestic partnerships.



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Proposed Law Would Help Curb Suicides Among Gay Youth

By Melissa B. Robinson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—By the time Stacey Harris realized she was Gay, she had been through one suicide attempt, more than a dozen hospital stays, medication and reform school, where she says she was thrown out after confiding her sexual orientation to a counselor.

"I had my life taken away," said Harris, 25, of Somerville, Mass. "I spent three years thinking I was completely and totally crazy and then I realized I wasn't crazy, I didn't need to be hospitalized, I didn't need to be medicated, I was just Gay."

Harris' experience led her, as a member of the Massachusetts Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights, to lobby for a state — and now a national — commission to help Gay youths.

U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., has introduced a bill, drafted by the coalition, to create a commission modeled after Republican Gov.

William Weld's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

Among other things, the commission would develop programs in schools to support young Gay people, including better training of teachers and counselors. A key aim is to reduce the number of suicides among young Gays, whom advocates believe account for up to a third of all youth who take their own lives.

The bill is one of two efforts recently unveiled by Massachusetts lawmakers to increase protections for Gays.

U.S. Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Democrats and the only openly Gay members of Congress, have proposed a law to ban job discrimination against Gays.

There are currently no federal civil rights protections for Gays.

Because the bills are newly proposed, it is much too early to tell whether they will become law. A call seeking comment from the White House was not immediately returned.

However, the Gay rights issue has gained national attention over the past year with the battle over lifting the ban on Gays in the military and last spring's Gay march on Washington.

Gay rights' advocates, while acknowledging the bills will meet certain opposition from the religious right, are hopeful about their overall prospects for passage.

"Jobs are what make this country what it is," said David Smith, spokesman for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, a Washington-based advocacy group, of the job discrimination bill.

"A majority of Americans do not believe Gay people should be discriminated against, based on their sexual orientation, in the workplace," Smith said.

Harris said she expects the bill to pass despite opposition shown to other Gay rights proposals. "Because it's children," she said, "it will be easier for people to deal with."

Gay Bashers Given Prison Terms

PHOENIX (AP)—A judge said two men who pleaded guilty in a "Gay bashing" case deserved prison terms because it was a hate crime.

Joseph Rivera Ramirez, 19, was sentenced to the maximum 10 years in prison for armed robbery, while Richard Joseph Enriquez, 28, was sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy to commit aggravated assault in the attack which included hitting the victim over the head with beer bottles.

"This is a hate crime," said Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Lawrence Anderson. "You picked on him because he was different, because of his sexual orientation." Gay-rights advocates applauded the sentencing.

"We're very pleased because Judge Anderson sent a strong message that hate crimes will not be tolerated," said Mark Colledge of the Arizona Human Rights Fund.

The men approached Michael Anthony Senecal, 25, in an area frequented by male prostitutes and lured him into a car on Jan. 30, 1993, according to a witness. They took him to the golf course at Encanto Park in central Phoenix where they beat and kicked him, hit him over the head with unopened beer bottles and threatened

him with a machete.

Senecal, who now is in prison on an unrelated drug case, required stitches after the beating.

Ramirez and Enriquez pleaded guilty in February. While Ramirez got the maximum term, Enriquez could have been sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison. A third man, Harold Sean Chavez, 26, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy and is scheduled to be sentenced June 6. Ramirez quietly apologized for the attack.

His lawyer, Richard Gierloff, urged the judge not to make an example of Ramirez, arguing that he had no criminal record and was seeking approval from his companions by taking part in the attack.

"I protest strongly that you treat him as some kind of sacrificial lamb," Gierloff said.

Enriquez's lawyer, Jeffrey Williams, said his client should not be sent to prison because of a one night of "stupid and mean behavior."

But Anderson disagreed, pointing out Enriquez was the oldest and should not have attacked someone "solely because of his sexual orientation."

"Because he was Gay, he was free game to your friends," Anderson said.

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Mainstream Churches Condemn Anti-Gay Measures

SEATTLE (AP) — While conservative church activists have been a bedrock of support for two ballot measures to outlaw civil-rights protection for Gays and Lesbians, others in the religious community are uniting against the initiatives.

Washington's Roman Catholic Church bishops, who earlier this year opposed state legislation protecting

homosexuals from bias in housing and jobs, issued a statement saying Initiatives 608 and 610 are discriminatory because they single out Gays and Lesbians for "who one is, rather than how one behaves."

"What we are saying is they are flawed legal instruments. Don't use them ... no matter what you think of the morality of homosexuality and

the morality of discrimination," said the Rev. Francis George, bishop of the Diocese of Yakima.

The bishops for Washington's three Roman Catholic dioceses are also among the leaders of several mainstream churches who have signed a pastoral letter asking Christians to oppose the initiatives. The Washington Association of

Churches has distributed the letter to 1,700 parishes and congregations.

Others signing the pastoral document were bishops representing the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Also signing were executive ministers for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Presbyterian Church, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

The document states "only what we were unified on — that is opposition to discrimination," John Boonstra, executive minister of the Washington Association of Churches, said Wednesday.

The initiatives would bar enforcement of laws that protect Gays from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Supporters hope to gather enough signatures to qualify one or both proposals for the November ballot, and say many church people are in-

volved in the effort.

"There are many, many church people involved," said the Rev. Gary Small, an Everson pastor coordinating the Initiative 608 drive in Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan counties. "Individuals in hundreds of churches are taking an active role."

Sam Woodard, who heads the Initiative 610 campaign, said, "Most of the support I get has been from members of the church." He said an Assembly of God congregation last week donated \$200 and pledged to continue giving \$5 a member each month for the remainder of the campaign.

Woodard had little patience for statements made by church leaders against the initiatives.

"Those so-called religious leaders have gone on their knees to the state, rather than to God," he said. "They're endorsing the state policy on homosexuality, as far as I'm concerned."

Activists: NYPD's Gay Decoy Plan Is A Farce

NEW YORK (AP) — Police officials, responding to complaints by Gay activists, denied May 10 that they planned to use undercover cops posing as Gay couples at the upcoming Gay Games.

The strategy reportedly called for about 100 police officers to decoy Gay-bashers during the June event by pairing off and acting like Gay and Lesbian couples.

But Chief of Department John Timoney said that the report in the *Daily News* was erroneous. Scores of plainclothes police officers will mingle with Games-goers, but will not "be out there portraying Gays," he said.

"You'll have two men walking along ... If you decide they look Gay, fine, that's up to you," Timoney said.

Earlier, a Gay rights group responding to the story in the *News* complained that past decoy operations have failed because straight cops posing as Gays are not convincing.

"Their idea of 'acting Gay' is to link arms and start skipping," said Matt Foreman, spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

"Not only is it insulting, it doesn't fool anyone. Gay bashers are thugs, but they're not idiots."

Organizers of the Gay Games estimate that 500,000 visitors will flood the city next month to watch 11,000 Gay athletes compete in track and field and other sporting events. The festivities begin June 16.

The Games coincide with the World Cup, raising concerns that rowdy soccer fans will bash Gay visitors. In response, "we will have

extra police officers all over town," Timoney said.

Gay Games spokesman Marlin Collingwood said organizers would welcome a plan that avoids use of decoys.

"You can't stereotype Gays and Lesbians," he said. "Gays and Lesbians look like everybody else. One of the goals of the Games is that we're going to break down those stereotypes."

AIDS Is Leading Cause of Death for Frisco Men

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — AIDS overtook heart disease in 1992 as the leading cause of death among men in San Francisco.

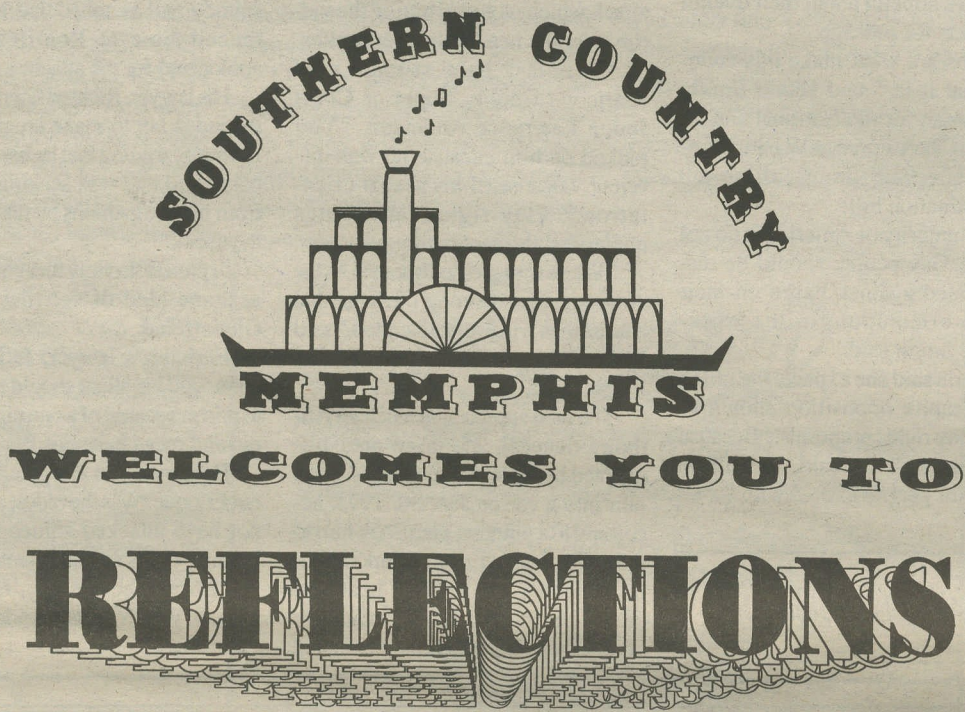
AIDS had been the No. 1 cause of death among men ages 25 to 44 for several years, but 1992 was the first time it was the leading killer among all men, claiming more lives than either accidents or any other disease, the city said.

"These findings indicate the magnitude of the AIDS impact on our population," said Sandra Hernandez, director of the health department.

In 1992, the latest year for which figures are available, 1,195 San Francisco men died of AIDS and 1,094 died of heart-related disease. In 1991, heart-related disease killed 1,189 men and AIDS killed 1,152.

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Police Investigating Hate Fliers Attributed to Baptist Church

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—A flier attacking African-Americans, Gays and immigrants has been distributed around the city and is being attributed to a Baptist church in a case police say constitutes criminal libel.

Police said May 17 about 100 fliers had been stuffed into mailboxes and copies of the *Gazette Telegraph* after the newspaper had been delivered.

However, the *Gazette Telegraph's* circulation director said only a few copies were tampered with.

The flier was attributed to the Cornerstone Baptist Church, which has complained that a pastor's house has been the target of vandals.

John Eade, a spokesman for the church, said May 17 the home of the Rev. Dean Miller has been hit by bullets and rocks.

"This is a hate crime, and the police were interested," Eade said. "When it first began, the pastor felt it was best to low-key it. Leave it alone and it will go away. But then it escalated into shooting, and now with the fliers, we realize it's a little more sophisticated than just vandalism."

But in a complaint filed late May 17 with the Colorado Springs Police Department, Miller does not mention any vandalism.

"The report taken by us concerns criminal libel," said police spokesman Lt. Rich Resling. "The report does not deal with the vandalism or anything like gunshots or rocks being thrown at the house."

Resling said an officer did not see signs of vandalism at Miller's house.

Delta Ordered to Pay Fired Worker \$275 K in AIDS Incident

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP)—A fired Delta Air Lines sales manager was awarded \$275,000 by a jury that ruled Delta invaded his privacy by putting him on a list of employees suspected of being infected with the AIDS virus.

The Superior Court jury also ruled that Joseph A. Sullivan was wrongfully fired. But it was unable to reach a verdict May 9 on his claim that Delta discriminated against him because he had the AIDS virus.

The jury awarded Sullivan compensatory damages for emotional distress. It denied him punitive damages, saying he didn't prove Delta acted maliciously.

Delta lawyer Gilmore Diekmann said airline has not decided whether to appeal.

"Perhaps there was some sympathy for the plaintiff's situation and a desire to give him something," he said.

Sullivan, 39, was fired in 1991 after 13 years with Delta. He said he had told his supervisor 11 months earlier that he had the AIDS virus. He took two leaves of absence to undergo alcohol rehabilitation in the year before he was fired.

Delta said he was fired for excessive absences, personal problems and an inability to perform his job. Sullivan's lawyers said his absences were caused in part by AIDS and his participation in the rehab program.

Sullivan's lawyers said he had been put on a list of employees suspected of being infected with the AIDS virus. The list detailed their known medical problems, appearance and attendance records.

Delta said it thought the information would help in a medical emergency, but it has stopped using the list.

Marge Schott Under Fire Again

CINCINNATI (AP)—Marge Schott was suspended from baseball for using racial slurs. She caused a furor by puffing away in smoke-free Riverfront Stadium. Now she's done it again, this time for suggesting "only fruits wear earrings."

The owner of the Cincinnati Reds held forth on the personal grooming of baseball players, some of whom have scruffy beards and earrings, during a speech May 18 to the Ohio County Treasurers Association.

Upon hearing the remark, some of those in the audience of about 115 treasurers and fiscal officers broke into laughter, according to *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, which reported Schott's comments today. A few looked surprised; others grinned sheepishly, the newspaper reported.

"It just doesn't seem right," Schott told the newspaper later. "I was raised to believe that men wearing earrings are fruity. I guess things have changed since then."

Baseball's ruling executive council, whose chairman is Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, will investigate Schott's comments.

"We have no comment until we do," Selig said.

Bobbie Hall, Franklin County treasurer, told the *Enquirer*: "I agree with her. Some

people who went to school before or around World War II just look at it that way."

"It's come to the point that the city has become used to being embarrassed by Marge Schott's mouth," said Todd Kamm, spokesman for Cincinnati's Gay & Lesbian March Activists-ACT UP. "But she knows what she's saying. I think it's mostly a behavioral problem and people should just ignore it."

Schott was suspended from baseball for eight months last year for making racial and ethnic slurs. Part of her deal to return to baseball was to undergo multicultural training.

Earlier this year, she drew a warning from members of the City Council after she smoked in the stands at Riverfront Stadium. In later games she refrained from lighting up until she reached the owner's box, where smoking is allowed.

Some Reds players wear earrings, but club policy does not allow earrings or facial hair during games.

Pitcher Rob Dibble said he wears an earring when he's in a "rock 'n' roll" mood, but not around his family.

"My wife doesn't like me wearing an earring," he said. "I'm not allowed to wear it in her presence, so I don't."

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Stonewall 25 Celebration Update

A front page story describes the significance of the Stonewall Riots of 1969. Twenty five years later, a riotous celebration and march for human rights will commemorate this event.

Events of every description are surrounding the Stonewall 25 Anniversary Celebration. In addition to the week-long Gay Games, and the Leather S/M Conference, New York has put together any number of events tailored to the rainbow of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender visitors expected on the weekend of June 24-26. Names such as the New Age Identity Dance, Homo Hoedown, Stonewall Sober Celebration, Dykes on Top, Boy Oh Boy, Girlworld and the Butch Ball conjure up both queer possibilities and NYC options.

The main information number is 212-439-1031. Those with E-Mail can get a global schedule by that means. Call 212-626-6925 for information. Some booklets containing descriptions and ticket order forms for these events are available at the MGLCC or by calling 1-800-SW25-NYC. The Gay & Lesbian Visitors Center number is 800-395-2315.

If you feel the urge to volunteer, call Marc Rubin at 212-741-0132, groups are encouraged. The Candlelight March on Saturday night has been cancelled but a Dyke March will take place at 5 pm. The assembly points for the Sunday march will be available later in the month through the Stonewall information number or the Memphis Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Marchers will pass the United Nations Headquarters and come together for a rally in New York's Central Park.

AIDS awareness and fundraising efforts are a very important part of this event. The worlds largest Rainbow Flag will be in the march and a silent time in the midst of marching is planned. DIFFA (Design Industries Foundation For AIDS) and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS are planning events throughout the week.

Groups are encouraged to register as such. NYC's Lesbian and Gay Community Center, located at 208 W. 13th St. between 7th & 8th is the official welcome center.

It is also possible to have a drink at the reopened Stonewall Bar in Greenwich Village.

Regent Fails In Attempt to Block Benefits for Gay Spouses

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — University of Michigan regents refused May 20 to rescind a plan providing medical insurance, family housing and other benefits to Gay partners of staff and faculty.

Regent Deane Baker, R-Ann Arbor, had hoped to change a university bylaw adopted last September that added "sexual orientation" to the university's anti-discrimination code.

A university task force recommended in March that same-sex partners in committed relationships be eligible for the same benefits afforded married couples. The report was opposed by some 3,500 petition signers and letter writers.

University President James J. Duderstadt said the administration will begin to work through the legal and financial issues, which he said

could take at least a year.

"Extending full benefits will make the University of Michigan very much stronger as we become more inclusive," Duderstadt said. "It was the unanimous view of the leadership of this institution ... that non-discrimination is the appropriate stance for the university and society."

The university task force concluded that providing the benefits would have little effect on the university budget.

A survey of eight other universities that implemented similar benefits packages showed that on average, less than one-third of 1 percent of employees enrolled same-sex partners. That would mean adding about \$150,000 to the \$260 million a year the university spends on benefits.

"Bigot Busters" Disrupt Petition Gathering For Anti-Gay Measure

SEATTLE (AP) — Supporters of two anti-Gay-rights initiatives are running into opposition from the "Bigot Busters" coalition as they try to collect signatures to get the measures on November's general election ballot.

"It's kind of sad," said Philip Irvin, who was surrounded by opponents of Initiative 608 and Initiative 610 recently when he tried to collect signatures at the downtown Westlake Mall.

"They won't even let us talk to the people. It's like trying to fight the Gay Klux Klan."

Irvin said many petition gatherers "are avoiding public places because of the harassment."

Bigot Busters was formed by three groups that oppose the initiatives — Hands Off Washington, Queer Nation and the Stonewall Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"The reason we're out there is they're being dishonest to potential signers and to their own signature gatherers," said Deb Adams, one of the coalition organizers.

Initiative supporters contend the disruption effort interferes with free speech.

"By signing, it doesn't necessarily mean you agree with the issue, but you want to let people have the opportunity to vote on it," said Vic Santie, who also ran into the Bigot Busters at Westlake Mall, where he was gathering signatures on an Initiative 608 petition.

Backers must collect 181,000 sig-

natures of registered voters by July 8 to get their initiatives on the ballot.

Both anti-Gay measures would repeal anti-discrimination measures that protect Gay rights in Seattle, Olympia, Pullman and Vancouver and in King, Clallam and Clark counties.

Both would bar presentation in schools of homosexuality as appropriate behavior. Initiative 610 would also bar Gays from adopting children or serving as foster parents, and would deny child custody to Gay or Lesbian parents in divorce cases.

The petition-gathering efforts have been low-key, in part to avoid the opposition, said Initiative 608 spokesman Cathy Mickels. For example, she said, thousands of peti-

tions have been mailed to groups and individuals, and are available where supporters are likely to congregate, such as at conservative churches.

Bigot Busters say they are trying to maintain a balance between confrontation and providing information.

Katie Standley of Lynnwood says she signed Irvin's petition despite the Bigot Busters who clustered around him and tried to convince her not to.

"I prayed for them," said Standley.

She said she is concerned about how schools address the issue of homosexuality, adding that her 10-year-old son "needs protection. He knows he loves homosexuals, but he doesn't agree with their lifestyle."

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Eight states have civil rights laws that include sexual orientation: California (1992); Connecticut (1991); Hawaii (1991); Massachusetts (1989); Minnesota (1993); New Jersey (1992); Vermont (1992); Wisconsin (1982).

At least 18 states have executive orders banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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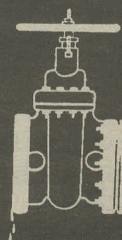
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Submitted By Oliver Morgan

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Follow the rainbow to Chuck's house for the opening festivities on Friday as the group welcomes members of various BWMT chapters from across the country. Join us for breakfast at James' on Saturday, and

then our guest speaker will talk about Memphis. Then go with us at noon on a chartered historical heritage tour of our fair city. Squeeze in a museum visit before the Sunset Symphony down by Old Man River. Trek to Cordova for brunch at David's on Sunday and enjoy the consciousness-raising panel discussion on "Breaking the Chains of Isms." And late afternoon tie on your bib and make it to Ed's as we bid farewell to our out-of-town guests.

You are all invited to one or all of the events see our ad on page 31 for more details.

Matheny Staging *Girl Bar*

Actress/Director Amy Matheny is staging Phyllis Nagy's *Girl Bar* June 9-12 at 8:00 p.m.

The play will be mounted in Ellis Chappell's studio at 422 S. Main. Chappel, a well-known illustrator, has designed the covers of John Grisham's books.

Girl Bar was done as a staged reading earlier this year at Playhouse on the Square. About 75 people attended—a number which encouraged Matheny to do a larger-scale production.

As you might expect, *Girl Bar* takes place in a women's bar with the bar and it's DJ being focal points.

Phyllis Nagy is a native New

Yorker living in London and is currently under commission to London's Royal Court Theatre, Hamstead Theatre and BBC Radio 4. Her plays include an adaptation of Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter*, *Weldon Rising*, *Butterfly Kiss*, and the Mobil prize-winning *Disappeared*.

A benefit performance on June 11 will benefit Friends For Life HIV Resources. A \$20 ticket will cover the admission, an open bar, and a dance afterward.

Coors Brewing Co. has donated beer and door prizes for the benefit.

Advance tickets are available at Meristem, 930 S. Cooper.

Beat Your Face, Mary To Benefit MGLCC Library

As a part of this year's Pride Festivities, The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center will present local actor and performance artist Kevin Jones in his production of *Beat Your Face, Mary!*

Local theatre-goers may remember Kevin's work as Madeliene in last summer's *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* with the Nice Boys From Good Families production team, or last fall as Carl in *The Baltimore Waltz* at Theatre Memphis' Little Theatre.

Beat Your Face, Mary!, which

addresses issues of growing up Gay, adoring Judy Garland, The Stonewall Riots and the reality of Gay bashing, can be seen on Sunday, June 12 and Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Performances will be at the Community Center located at 1486 Madison. A light reception will follow each show.

Tickets are \$3.00 at the door and proceeds will benefit the Community Center's reading room by securing subscriptions to Gay and Lesbian-focused magazines.

Community Center Offers Workshops

Four days of community events will round out Pride Week in Memphis at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

Wednesday, June 15, the Memphis TransGender Alliance will sponsor a workshop entitled "TransGender, What Is It?" It will be open to the public and coffee and cake will be served afterwards.

Thursday, June 16, the evening will be devoted to several workshops

offered by members of the Gay/Lesbian community. Friends For Life—HIV Resources will hold a safer sex workshop beginning at 7 pm. One additional workshop will be a reprise of a popular talk on Richard Halliburton, one of the most famous travel writers of the 20's and 30's and a Gay Memphian.

Friday will be a deluxe film/video festival which will include popcorn and snacks.

Two Memphians Elected to NOW National Board

The Mid-South Region of the National Organization for Women (NOW) recently elected two Memphians to the National NOW Board of Directors.

Virginia Stallworth of Memphis, formally of Pascagoula, MS, was elected to the NOW Board of Directors as the Regional Director. Susan Mackenzie of Memphis, and E. Faye Williams of Alexandria, LA, were elected to seats on the NOW Board of Directors. The Mid-South Region of NOW consists of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

The NOW National Board manages the administrative affairs and develops the action agenda subject to the directives issued by the National NOW Conference. Board members act as a communications link between National NOW and the general public.

Stallworth, former president of Mississippi NOW, was elected to her second term on the NOW Board of Directors.

Susan Mackenzie, a Memphis attorney has served in many leadership positions in NOW, including President of Tennessee NOW.

E. Faye Williams, a native of Alexandria, LA and an attorney, works in Washington, D.C.

2nd Annual Pride Parade June 12

Participants in the 1994 Pride Parade will assemble at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center at 1 pm on Sunday, June 12. The Parade will leave from the MGLCC at 2 pm and follow Madison down to Cooper and then turn right down to Peabody.

Anyone is welcome to participate; cars and floats are welcome. Any individual or group wishing to have a vehicle in the Parade attend the next Memphis Pride meeting on June 4 at 10 am at MGLCC. If this is not possible, call 320-9015.

Grand Marshal for this year's Parade will be Meristem and friends. A rally will follow with music by *The Search*. Cookouts will be held at 501/505 Club, Nikita's, Oops and the Pipeline.

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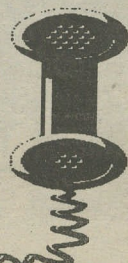


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Student Leaves School Because of Harassment

BERLIN, Md. (AP) — A Gay high school student says she is dropping out because school officials have not done anything to stop harassment by her fellow students.

"I'm really upset with the school. They have done nothing," said 17-year-old Jennifer Canard.

She now plans to get a Maryland high school diploma through the General Education Development, or GED, program and go on to college, where she hopes her fellow students will be more tolerant of her sexual orientation.

Her mother, Debbie Hindi, said she was disappointed by her daughter's decision to quit school, but could support it because she will be getting a diploma.

Despite the difficulties, Ms. Canard said, "I don't have any regrets."

"I just know that every day I go to school and I don't want to be there. I know everyone around me is uncomfortable with me and it's best for me to leave," she said.

Ms. Canard announced publicly that she is Gay after being criticized for writing a favorable review of a

book with a homosexual theme for the school newspaper.

At the time, the student paper's faculty adviser, the principal of Stephen Decatur High School and the school board stood by the article, saying it was an opinion piece and Ms. Canard was entitled to her opinion.

Messages left for Principal Anthony McNabb at the school and the county office were not immediately returned.

Worcester County Superintendent of Schools Terrance Greenwood blamed media reports of Ms. Canard's homosexuality for her decision to quit school.

But Ms. Canard and her mother said the media was not at fault.

"The media in general did not cause this," Mrs. Hindi said. "The source of Jennifer's problems were students. Period. What magnified it were adults in the school who made Jennifer feel uncomfortable."

Even as she was getting a signature from a teacher to accept her withdrawal from school, students in the class were loudly taunting her, Mrs. Hindi said.

Officials Won't Block Gay Talk Led By Students

WINOOSKI, Vt. (AP)—In spite of opposition from some parents, the Winooski school board has decided to allow a student-organized discussion about homosexuality.

High school students organized the discussion as part of Winooski High School's Awareness Week scheduled for late May. The week of activities is designed to allow the students to hear outside speakers talk about topics of their choice.

The students have invited two private groups, Vermont CARES, which educates people about the disease AIDS and HIV. The other invited group is Outright Vermont whose members are Gay, Lesbian or bisexual teen-agers who will talk about their experiences.

At a special school board meeting, roughly half a dozen parents said they opposed having the two groups speak.

Board chairman Don Brunelle said he was concerned the outside groups were giving their presentations "without the control of our paid professionals."

"We need to be able to do this without bringing in people to do it for us," Brunelle said.

But at a regular school board meeting, the groups were given the go-ahead.

"We need to educate people about all sides of these issues," said Natalie Langlois, a high school senior and a member of the group

sponsoring the events.

"It's in the world and the high school can't shield them from it. People need to deal with this issue and deal with it humanely," Langlois said.

Teacher With AIDS Sues University that Banned Him

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A physical education teacher ordered off campus after he contracted AIDS is suing the school, saying it violated his rights under a federal law protecting people with disabilities.

Campbell University, a 100-year-old Baptist institution, said it was protecting students.

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigated the action and filed a lawsuit Apr. 26. The teacher, identified in federal court documents as "John Doe," joined it. He wants his job back, compensation for lost wages and unspecified punitive damages. The EEOC is asking for an injunction barring Campbell from discriminating against employees with

the AIDS virus.

In a statement filed with the EEOC in June, Campbell said that because the teacher was in physical contact with students, university officials felt replacing him was in the students' best interest. Court documents say the teacher was an instructor of tennis, weight training, and dance.

Campbell officials discovered the teacher's condition after he missed five weeks of work last spring while recuperating from a type of pneumonia associated with AIDS. When the university, which self-insures its employees' health coverage, received bills totaling \$20,000, it checked his medical records and discovered his diagnosis. He was told to leave May 26, 1993.

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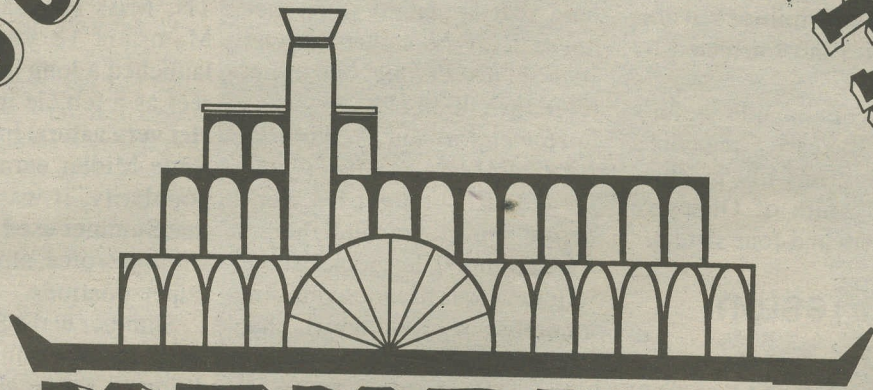
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Steve Smith, Activist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay-rights lobbyist and advocate Stephen C. Smith has died of AIDS-related complications. He was 37.

Smith, a native of Geneseo, N.Y., and a graduate of Harvard Law School, died May 10 in Washington after a long illness.

He was the former legislative director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a lesbian, gay and bisexual political organization.

Smith played a key role in promoting federal AIDS legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Bill, his colleagues said.

Smith worked with the Human Rights Campaign Fund from 1987 to 1993, first as a hired lobbyist and later as legislative director and counsel.

"Steve Smith was a brilliant lawyer and legislative strategist," said campaign fund executive director Tim McFeeley. "Every Lesbian and Gay

American, and every person with AIDS has benefited from the efforts and achievements of Steve's life."

McFeeley said Smith coordinated the fund's lobbying efforts for the Americans with Disabilities Act, which bars discrimination against people with AIDS and the Ryan White act, which provides millions of dollars to cities most affected by AIDS.

Survivors include Smith's partner of 13 years, Greg Gibbs of Washington; his mother, Margaret Smith of Geneseo; two brothers and four sisters.

John Preston, Author

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — John Preston, author, writer and co-founder of one of the first Gay community centers in the U.S., died at age 48 after a long battle with AIDS.

Preston, who died May 11 at his Portland home, co-founded Gay House Inc. in Minneapolis, and moved on to San Francisco to serve in 1975 as editor of *The Advocate*, the largest

U.S. gay magazine.

In 1979, he moved to Portland, and said he found the local Gay scene refreshing because of the lack of affectation so prevalent in the big cities.

"Being Gay in Portland doesn't have much to do with the media image of Gay life," he wrote in his essay on Portland that appeared in *Hometowns: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong*, one of his more than 40 books.

Hometowns and *The Big Gay Book: A Man's Survival Guide for the 90s* brought his work before mainstream audiences.

Also among his books, some written under pseudonyms, are a number of erotic novels that achieved cult status.

After preaching safe sex through much of the 1980s, Preston was devastated to learn in 1987 that he was infected with HIV. He said his sexual behavior reflected the safe sex message contained in his writings and lectures.

Preston is survived by his parents, Jack and Nancy of Medfield, Mass., and by two brothers and two sisters.

Summer Holiday (Beau Sedberry), Entertainer

Summer Holiday, known to family and friends as Barry Morgan "Beau" Sedberry, died May 23 of complications resulting from AIDS at the age of 40.

Originally from Union City, TN, Miss Holiday moved to Memphis 18 years ago and launched a long and varied career as a female impersonator. Her very natural impressions of Bette Midler earned her early popularity, it was only rarely that Summer used her own fine singing voice along with her impersonations.

Summer had a Bachelors degree in Music Education, in addition to a fine singing voice, but her livelihood was through work as a floral designer.

She had several titles to her credit and many more benefits and pageant entertainments. She was at one time or another show director at many of the major Memphis showbars.

After her HIV diagnosis, she became active in HIV/AIDS related causes and benefits, and



Summer Holiday

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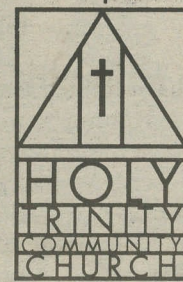
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PLWA's Get Relief From Chronic Fatigue in Pressure Chamber

By Alex Dominguez
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Waiting to climb into a 15-foot tank that resembles a small submarine, John Stewart describes how a treatment traditionally used to help divers suffering from the bends has helped him deal with AIDS.

"I feel great, I almost feel guilty about not going back to work," he said, sitting in the renovated brick warehouse in downtown Baltimore that houses the LifeForce clinic.

Stewart, 37, said chronic fatigue from AIDS forced him to stop working last summer. He started "diving" two to three times a week in September and no longer feels tired.

Some AIDS patients say the 90-minute hyperbaric pressure treatments they receive weekly at the private clinic make them feel better. Skeptics say at best the patients may be kidding themselves and at worst the treatment may stimulate the AIDS virus.

Researchers maintain that enough research hasn't been done to prove either claim, but that hasn't stopped patients from paying \$125 a treatment, two to three times a week.

Michelle Reillo, the head of the clinic, is a former nurse and clinical researcher who participated in a two-year study at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center that found hyperbaric treatment relieved fatigue in AIDS sufferers.

Reillo has since left Shock Trauma to open the for-profit clinic. She said an unpublished second study she has completed shows that oxygen under pressure interferes with the activity of the virus.

Patients in the hyperbaric chamber wear hoods that feed them pure oxygen while they are brought to 2.5 times normal atmospheric pressure, the equivalent of diving in water to 45 feet below the surface.

Chris Blow, 32, who is suffering from AIDS symptoms, said he has been undergoing treatments for two years. Since Blow began the treatments, blood tests have not found any AIDS virus in his blood plasma, but it remains in his lymph system, he said.

Blow said the number of his t-cells, the cells in blood which help fight off disease and are attacked by the AIDS virus, have also gone up since he began the treatment.

"It's a shame people wait until they're symptomatic to begin treatment," he said.

Ms. Reillo said the treatments are known to help the symptoms of AIDS, such as fatigue, and her research is continuing into whether hyperbaric treatment actually fights the disease.

Under pressure, oxygen binds with

molecules that make up the AIDS virus, rendering it harmless, she said. Breathing in pure oxygen at normal pressure has no effect because the oxygen is absorbed into the respiratory system.

Dr. Howard Greenspan, who directs research and development at Majesco Medical Marketing in Edison, N.J., chaired a National Institutes of Health conference on the effect of antioxidants on AIDS and ran a hyperbaric clinic for six years.

Hyperbaric treatment will make AIDS sufferers feel less tired, and has been shown to kill viruses, he said. However, he warned, oxygen therapy has long-term effects.

Hyperbaric oxygen raises the level of free radicals, which are produced when the body uses oxygen. But free radicals have also been linked to a number of diseases, and may speed the onset of AIDS.

"The least that someone should do if they are offering hyperbaric treatment is have their patients on a good program of supplemental antioxidant therapy," said Greenspan.

Free radicals of oxygen are normally rendered harmless by vitamins A, C, and E and beta carotene, which is found in carrots and green leafy vegetables. But the HIV virus prevents the body from using the nutrients, Greenspan said.

Ms. Reillo said her patients receive an antioxidant medication as part of their treatment. Insurers pay for some patients' hyperbaric chamber bills because some doctors prescribe the treatment for the symptoms of AIDS.

Dr. Paul Harch, who runs several hyperbaric clinics in New Orleans but does not treat AIDS patients, said the \$125 Ms. Reillo charges is very low compared with other clinics.

"If in fact she's charging \$125 you can go on record as saying that is what the general bare bones cost of operating a chamber in the United States is. That is a break-even cost," he said.

Harch's clinics use the chambers to treat decompression sickness in scuba divers, wounds that are not healing properly, burns, carbon monoxide poisoning and a number of other ailments.

Dr. John Renner, head of the Consumer Health Information Research Institute in Kansas City, Mo., said he doesn't condone offering unproven treatment to AIDS patients, who often have limited resources.

Renner's nonprofit institute researches unproven therapies.

"They're adults. They have a perfect right to choose the things they want to do, but I think it's too bad that we don't have a better way of explaining to patients why they might just think they feel better," he said.

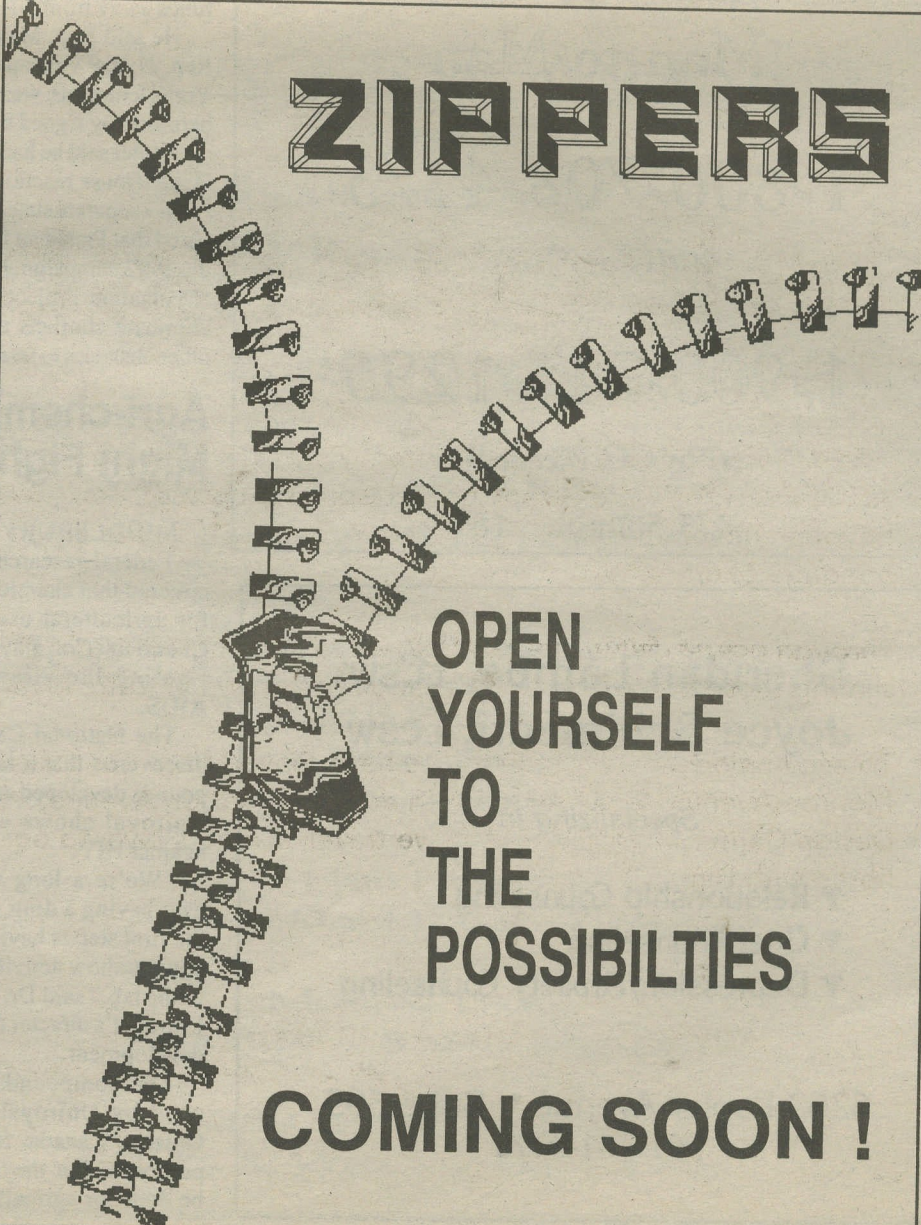
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Congressman Proposes 'Manhattan Project' For AIDS Research

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York congressman has introduced legislation to initiate a massive research effort in find a cure for AIDS.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. said the bill will allow researchers to delve into research that has been ignored or bypassed by the National Institutes of Health.

He compared his proposal for a

dedicated AIDS research institution to the Manhattan Project, which gathered some of the world's finest scientists in the rush to build a nuclear bomb during World War II.

"NIH is a fine institution, but they have ruled out lines of research when we ought to be following every stream," Nadler said in a telephone interview. "The history of scientific

research is replete with dead ends, of waiting a decade, or six, for results. It hasn't led us anywhere."

Nadler was joined by about 100 members of the AIDS activist group, ACT UP, in a demonstration outside a federal building housing offices of the Public Health Service, to dramatize the bill, called the AIDS Cure Act.

Brice Peyre, an aide to Nadler, said ACT UP had estimated the cost of the project at \$6 billion in the first five years. "That's their estimate," Nadler said, noting that his bill contained no figures.

Nadler said his proposal, a combination of his own ideas and those of others, would establish a "crash program" on all known avenues of inquiry to find a cure for the disease.

He said AIDS, which destroys the body's immune system, has afflicted 360,000 Americans and led to the deaths of 220,000 since it was discovered in the early 1980s. Nearly 1 million more are HIV-positive but have not yet contracted AIDS, he said.

In a letter seeking the support of House colleagues, Nadler said the research called for in his bill would "supplement" existing efforts with new funding, and would not take any funds away from NIH.

He said Rep. Major Owens and Rep. Nydia Velazquez, both New York Democrats, were among members already signed up.

Nadler said he had not yet sought White House reaction.

In a separate statement, ACT UP noted that President Clinton, during the 1992 campaign, had promised a "Manhattan Project" on AIDS, to eliminate conflicts of interest and other obstacles to research on a cure.

Agri-chemicals Might Fight AIDS

MIDDLEBURY, Conn. (AP) — Federal researchers have discovered that chemicals developed for agricultural use by Uniroyal Chemical Co. may be useful in fighting the virus that causes AIDS.

The National Cancer Institute discovered that a family of compounds developed and patented by Uniroyal shows some activity against HIV.

"We're a long way off from ever having a drug, but obviously the first step is having some compounds show activity against HIV in the lab," said Dr. John Lacadie, Uniroyal's director of research and development.

The compounds were developed by Uniroyal scientists in Ontario, Canada, for agricultural purposes. But they turned out to be duds for agriculture.

Researchers Suggest Answer to AIDS Dementia

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A research team at the University of California at San Francisco may have uncovered one part of the complicated puzzle of how the AIDS virus poisons the brain.

Their findings could be the first step toward treating the dementia — deterioration of thought, memory and muscle — that immobilizes up to 20% of people with AIDS in the final, ravaging stages of the disease.

Those findings were presented May 3 at a meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research in Seattle by the head of the research team, Dr. Allan Lau, and reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Lau's researchers found that when they exposed certain fetal cells from the brain to the outer coating of the AIDS virus, the cells began to release toxic quantities of proteins that steadily degraded the brain's crucial nerve cells until they gave out. That process is known to scientists as "programmed cell death."

The discovery would not have been possible had not President Clinton lifted the ban last year on federal funding for human fetus research. That prohibition was imposed and enforced by Presidents Reagan and Bush.

In people with AIDS, the virus cannot directly infect the brain. But it indirectly leads to the death of the

brain's nerve cells, known as neurons.

The resulting dementia can cause memory loss, confusion, uncontrollably jerky movements and staggering gait in its late stages. Children infected with HIV may suffer severe learning defects.

That part of the AIDS virus that Lau's team believes causes the death of nerve cells, a protein called GP-120, is the same portion other researchers have been testing as a potential vaccine against the virus. It is a major component of the HIV surface.

When scientists treated the fetal brain cells for a week during their research, the virus copies released highly toxic amounts of two other proteins that created progressive inflammation and ultimately death to the fetal brain's neurons.

When released in normal quantities, the pair of proteins, called cytokines, help the immune system fight invading bacteria and viruses.

Lau and his colleagues plan to continue their research to determine whether the process can also cause AIDS dementia in human patients.

The research team includes Lynn Pulliam, a UCSF brain specialist at the VA Medical Center in San Francisco, and Michael Yeung, a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases.

Study Finds Saliva Blocks HIV

HOUSTON (AP) — Inhibitors that can block transmission of the AIDS virus are contained in human saliva, researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston confirmed in a study published today.

The report in *The New England Journal of Medicine* may help explain why so few reported cases of the deadly disease have been linked to trips to the dentist's office.

In July 1990, the issue of AIDS in the dentist's office took on new urgency when the then Centers for Disease Control reported that a Florida dentist with HIV infected six of his patients.

A subsequent study of HIV-infected dentists found that none of 20,000 dental patients tested positive for the disease.

The report gives more credence to studies showing it's unlikely that a healthy person can contract AIDS through dental work, even if heavy bleeding occurs.

Although UTMB researchers are corroborating existing research that suggested there's little risk of contracting the virus via saliva, one author of the report said their study builds a stronger statistical case for the assertions.

"If you put the two studies together, it looks like a very strong result," said Dr. Adrian Coppenhaver, a UTMB microbiologist who led the study.

Researchers now plan to turn their attention to the components of saliva that apparently block infection, Coppenhaver said.

St. Louis U. Testing Vaccine

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Saint Louis University's School of Medicine has begun testing an experimental vaccine designed to kill the AIDS virus.

Initial results should be known in seven months. If the vaccine works, it will be an important step in developing a vaccine for use by the public.

The new vaccine blends old and new approaches. The old part is a live smallpox vaccine that's been around for decades. It has been given new life through genetic engineering techniques.

Scientists have taken HIV genes and spliced them into smallpox viruses. After they're injected into people, the altered viruses will produce proteins found in the coat of HIV, hopefully triggering two different immune responses. A vaccine suitable for widespread use won't be available for several years, the scientists say.

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Producer's Mother Died of AIDS From Transfusion

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After her mother died of AIDS, television producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason struck back: She sued the hospital that gave her mother the infected blood transfusion and she wrote a special episode about AIDS for her *Designing Women*.

Claudia Bloodworth received an HIV-infected transfusion in Memphis in June 1983. She died of AIDS in 1986 at age 67.

Bloodworth, tennis star Arthur Ashe and thousands of other Americans who developed AIDS from transfusions received between March 1983 and March 1985 might well have been spared by a simple test. Ashe, who also received a tainted transfusion in June 1983, died last year. He was 49.

Officials from the Centers for Disease Control urged the American Red Cross and other blood-bank organizations in January 1983 to adopt a blood screening test, which they said could have been in place by March of that year. The blood groups refused to do so, saying the hepatitis B test was too expensive and there was no hard evidence people could get the virus that causes AIDS from transfusions.

"I think the Red Cross is the most culpable organization in the deaths of all these people because they are supposed to be the leader in the blood-banking community," Bloodworth-Thomason said in a telephone interview. "The truth is every one of these people could have lived if the Red Cross had acted re-

sponsibly."

The Red Cross, which takes donations through its 45 blood services regions, is custodian of half the nation's blood supply and sells blood and its components to about 3,000 hospitals.

Questioned recently, the Red Cross said the effectiveness of the hepatitis B blood test was "an open question" in 1983. "Had there been evidence indicating the efficacy of any surrogate test, the Red Cross would have implemented it," the organization said in a statement.

But internal documents obtained by The Associated Press show that while they made that argument publicly, Red Cross officials privately acknowledged there was strong evidence that AIDS could be transmitted through blood.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, where Claudia Bloodworth received her transfusion, had its own blood bank not affiliated with the Red Cross. But Bloodworth-Thomason said she was angered by the Red Cross's rejection of the screening test, citing what she sees as the agency's role as leader in the blood-banking community, and she believes the responsible officials should be prosecuted.

"Everyone got off the hook but the victims," she said.

Bloodworth-Thomason sued the Memphis hospital in 1987 and eventually received a settlement. Under terms of the agreement, no details were disclosed. Victims and their families have filed some 500 similar lawsuits around the nation against hospitals, the Red Cross and other blood banks, and nearly all of them

have been settled out of court.

Bloodworth-Thomason also founded an organization in her mother's honor, The Claudia Company, to help women in the Ozarks region. She and her husband Harry Thomason, who is also her business

partner, are close friends of the Clintons. Bloodworth-Thomason grew up in Poplar Bluff, Mo., near the Arkansas border; Thomason was a high school football coach in Arkansas.

"Killing All the Right People"

was the title of the episode about AIDS that Bloodworth-Thomason wrote in 1987 for *Designing Women*. In half an hour, she attacked ignorance and self-righteousness, provided information about AIDS and made a case for sexual abstinence.

Parents of AIDS Activist Fighting Son's Will

DALLAS (AP) — An AIDS-fighting, Gay-rights foundation could lose to legal fees much of the bequest of an activist who died of the disease, officials said.

Randy Brown, 34, who died Jan. 30, bequeathed much of his \$146,000 estate to the Foundation for Human Understanding.

But his parents, Robert and Joan Brown, are challenging the will. They contend their son lacked the mental capacity to draw up the document and that he was unduly influenced.

Although the Browns have indicated through their attorney that they do not object to their son's bequest to the foundation, its officials say it may only get a fraction of the money because of the litigation.

Brown's parents have repeatedly said they have no objection with the foundation being a beneficiary, said the foundation's attorney, John Bergner. Their apparent objection is with Marilyn Gordon, the executor

of Brown's estate, who cared for Brown in his final months, he said.

Gordon was to get Brown's Ford Explorer and some personal effects, while other family and friends were to inherit property, the attorney said.

Gordon said she does not want to cause the family more pain but won't roll over because she knows Brown's wishes.

When he died, Brown was on the board of the foundation, an umbrella group that includes the AIDS Resource Center, the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research and the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Gay and Lesbian rights advocates said the challenge reflects situations they've seen before: parents having a hard time accepting their adult children's wishes, especially when those adult children are Gay and die of AIDS.

"I don't know what their issue is," Bergner said.

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New Hampshire Gays Promise to Test Governor's Protection Promise

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A Gay truck driver may ask Gov. Steve Merrill to make good on his promise to protect homosexuals without a new law specifically outlawing discrimination against them.

The trucker filed a complaint with the attorney general on March 3, as Merrill was lobbying the state Senate to vote against a bill outlawing discrimination against homosexuals. The governor assured lawmakers his administration could protect Gays and lesbians from bias in employment and housing without a new law.

"If in fact this bill fails and discrimination needs to be dealt with, I'm confident that state government will respond," Merrill said before the Senate vote.

It looks like Merrill will be held to his word. A Gay trucker has filed a complaint saying colleagues harassed him by placing male nude photos from *Playgirl* on his windshield and pestered him with anonymous telephone calls.

"He was told to stay away from his boss because the boss did not like the fact that he was Gay," said Susannah Colt, a Portsmouth lawyer who filed the complaint.

The trucker then was told there was not enough work for him and

was laid off, she said. When work picked up, he asked to be rehired.

"He filled out an application and it was ripped up in the presence of other employees," she said.

Few Gay or Lesbian leaders believe Merrill's claim that his administration can use the state's existing laws to counter many instances of discrimination. But because the Senate refused to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations, they say they have no alternative but to bring their complaints to the administration.

"We have a perfect right to hold their feet to the fire," said Marcus Hurn, a Franklin Pierce Law Center professor who drafted the bill. "Most of us think the governor was willing to say any number of things that were legally inaccurate and transparently disingenuous in order to avoid doing the right thing."

Colt said it's time to test Merrill. "Everybody who has a job and who's Gay should come out at their job," she said. "Then we'll have the evidence to show the governor.

"My call to the community is, 'Come out, come out, wherever you are.' Get together and come out. It doesn't have to be lonely process," Colt said. "There is support out

there."

Tom Kaufhold, a Portsmouth computer applications specialist, agrees with Colt.

"If no one takes the governor and attorney general up on their offer that we're covered, they're going to continue to believe that until someone comes forward and says, 'I was discriminated against,'" he said.

Howard says many cases of discrimination against homosexuals can be prevented through the state law barring discrimination on the basis of sex. But critics say that approach has been rejected by state and

federal judges around the country.

Colt said some Gays and Lesbians will be unwilling to bring their complaints to an administration that actively fought legislation granting them legal protection.

"Because there really isn't any protection, it is a frightful thing to go to an administration that isn't sympathetic," Colt said.

Meanwhile, both sides are gearing up for a long campaign for and against the proposal.

"Maybe we'll organize the cities to address the Legislature — get frisky and put it on some town meet-

ing warrants," Hurn said. "There are lots of ways that New Hampshire people can express themselves."

Opponents, including Jean Dimock of Newfields, say they'll be ready.

"I agree with Marcus Hurn that this is only one inning in the baseball game," said Dimock, Seacoast chapter president of Eagle Forum, conservative Phyllis Schlafly's pro-family organization. "We're going to keep playing as long as they keep playing."

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry Working on AIDS Exhibit

CHICAGO (AP) Sex, condoms, and death are coming to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry under a \$1 million grant that will teach children about HIV.

"We want to make it upbeat," said Barry Aprison, the museum's senior scientist and project director for the exhibit.

Officials say the exhibit set to open in March 1995 will be the first of its kind to hold a permanent place in a museum. Issues to be dealt with include sexual behavior and measures to prevent the spread of the

disease, including abstinence and condoms.

The 2,500-square-foot exhibit, geared toward children ages 9 to 12, will feature colorful, book-like panels that stretch from floor to ceiling to chart the course of the virus.

"It's hard to believe that we are 13 years into the AIDS epidemic and an exhibit of this sort is just happening," said Mark Ishaug, public policy director for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. "It's a reflection of society's not wanting to deal with HIV and AIDS."

"There is definitely discomfort among museum people with the notion of sex," said Eileen Campbell, who chaired a panel discussion on "Exhibiting Sex in the Museum" at a museum convention in Seattle.

Still, the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia began working on several projects, including the "What About AIDS?" exhibit that is touring the country.

The Chicago exhibit is being funded by Abbott Laboratories, a North Chicago health-care products firm.

Gay Pride River Ride

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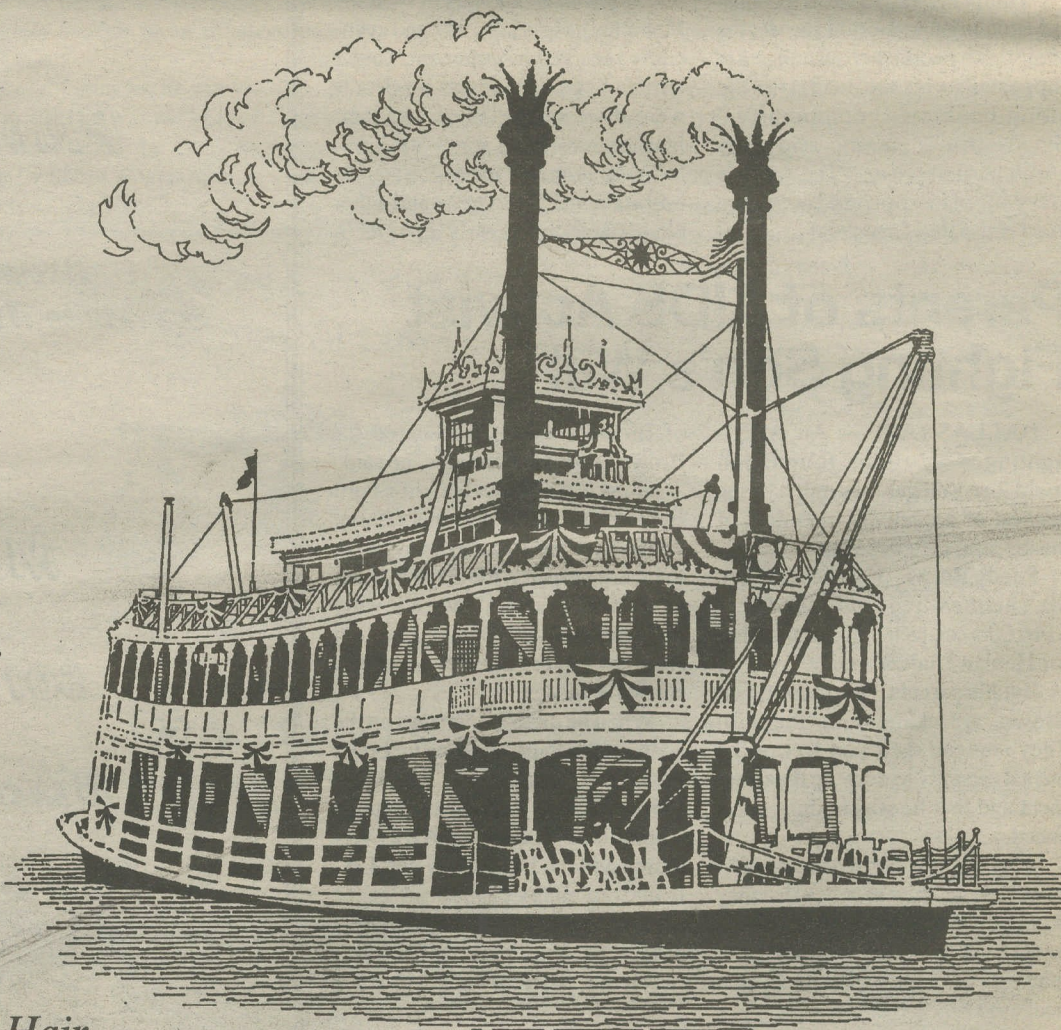
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Nashville Schedules Week-Long Series of Events

Nashville has scheduled a varied week of events to celebrate Pride '94. This year's slogan, in conjunction with the Stonewall 25 celebration, is "The Walls Still Stand." Activists in Nashville have been instrumental in making Nashville's events a model for the entire state and in spearheading coordination and organization among all of Tennessee's major urban areas. As in Memphis, the Stonewall 25 celebration weekend remains open so that Tennesseans may attend.

This year's key speakers will be the Honorable Roberta Achtenberg, who will be traveling with her partner Judge Mary Morgan, and Rod & Bob Jackson-Paris, founders of the Be True To Yourself Foundation dedicated to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth programs. Ms. Achtenberg will be keynote speaker at a dinner Friday, June 17, and at the Rally Saturday, June 18. The Jackson-Parises will conduct a Community Youth Workshop and attend a club night to promote their non-profit foundation as well as participate in the

dinner and rally.

Roberta Achtenberg is the first appointed open Lesbian or Gay person to be nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate. She is responsible for enforcing federal Fair Housing Law and for ensuring that HUD housing programs provide equal opportunity for all qualified Americans. Prior to her appointment at HUD, Achtenberg served on the elected San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She chaired the board's Housing and Land Use Committee and the City Services Committee. She also represented San Francisco as a Director of the Bay Area Air Quality District and she served on the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. Her honors include that of the 1989 Management Volunteer of the Year from the United Way of the Bay Area and the California State Senate's Woman of the Year Award for the Third Senate District in 1993. She was named

The Advocate's Woman of the Year for 1993.

Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris had high profile careers in body-

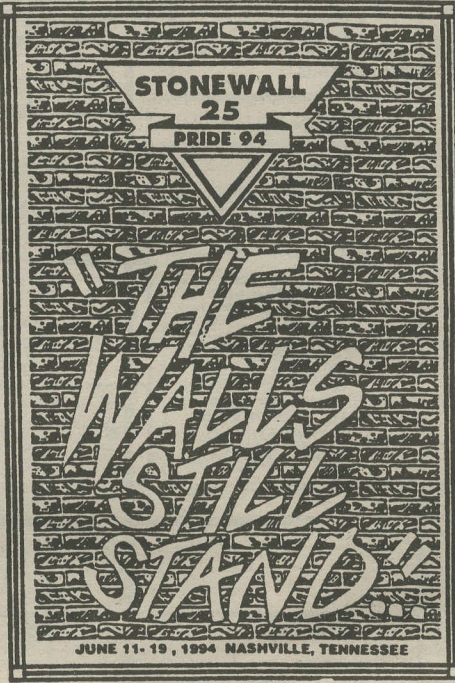
riage to the media. Sensation followed in the sports press, national television, tabloids and the Gay/Lesbian press. Their cause became to reach out, especially to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth, and to foster tolerance and understanding for all people. They spoke to a sold out auditorium at Memphis State last year and their book of photographs, *Duo*, has been popular in bookstores across the nation. Their video *Be True To Yourself* is an informal Q & A with Gay, Lesbian Bisexual and non-Gay teenagers. It led to the founding of their foundation the goal of which is to support projects which create an environment where "Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth can thrive, prosper, develop self-esteem, be safe, and live free of oppression and discrimination as contributing citizens of society."

Nashville events will focus on many segments of the community. Several will be specifically directed at couples, religious is-

sues, children of Gay/Lesbian parents, Transgender persons, businesses and African-Americans. Sponsors for the entire week include *Query*, the Chute complex and the Connection/Nashville. Event sponsors include P-FLAG, One-In-Teen, Southern Country Nashville, Nashville Women's Alliance, Nashville's Community Center, MCC Nashville and the Interfaith AIDS Council of Nashville.

Major events will include the Community Youth Workshop, Speakers Dinner and Chute Club Night on Friday, June 17; a rally on Saturday, June 18, at 1 pm in Legislative Plaza followed by a parade to Centennial Park; a party in the park with speakers, entertainment and vendors after the parade; and a Pride dance at the Unitarian Church that night. The week ends with a community picnic and a candlelight service to recognize persons living with HIV/AIDS and to remember those who have been taken.

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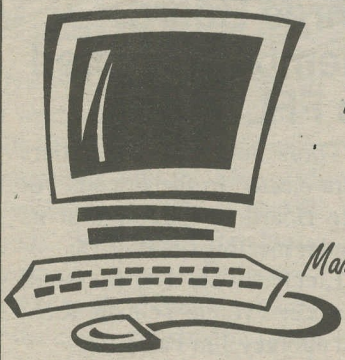


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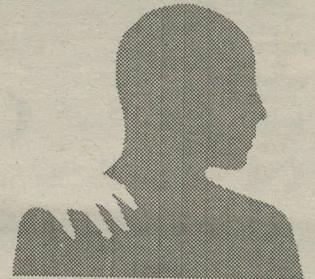
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by Anthony J. Reed
FFL Education Specialist

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If you are interested in attending an eroticizing safer sex workshop, please call me weekdays at 272-0855. The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, You can not afford to miss this.

Friends For Life Seeking Larger Space

Less than two years ago the Friends For Life offices were housed in two small rooms in the St. John's United Methodist Church education building.

When Rev. Frank McRae encountered a caseworker doing an intake interview on the back stairs because there was no place to be private in the office area, he set about acquiring the building at 321 S. Bellevue for the agency.

That building, a former doctor's office with over ten rooms (albeit *small* rooms) is now bursting at the seams and Friends For Life is seeking larger space.

According to FFL Executive Director Mike Coleman, two new case workers will probably be acquired within six months and there is nowhere to put them. That fact, he says, may jeopardize the grant under which they will be acquired.

The Friends For Life board of directors and its advisory board are seeking about 5000

square feet of space at either reasonable rental rates or for free.

"There is a lot of empty space in this city," said Allen Cook, FFL board president. "We're looking at all of our options including surplus property from the city or county, commercial space, and space which might be depreciated by the owner who now needs to get rid of the property."

The advisory board has been working on a food pantry upgrade which would allow enough space to allow clients to "shop" for their food and hygiene items, rather than simply being handed a sack of groceries.

"It's important that clients be allowed to choose," said Bill Andrews, advisory board member.

Members of the ad hoc building search committee have toured several potential venues, but are continuing to seek others. If you have information about potential sites, call Michael Coleman at Friends For Life at 272-0855.

Three Board Members Elected to FFL Board

Three new board members were elected to the Friends For Life Board of Directors at its regular meeting on May 18.

Elected were Dr. Marshall Koonce; Yvonne Yetman, R.N.; and attorney Jim Farris.

Dr. Koonce, a retired rheumatologist, has been active in the Memphis community for many years. Among his many accomplishments, he has served on the Memphis City School Board, served as the chairman of the Shelby County Democratic Party, and spearheaded programs to reduce sexually transmitted diseases in the area.

Ms. Yetman served as co-chair of this year's Auction for AIDS and has been active in Friends For Life activities. She has also done fund-raising work for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Farris has been active with the Young Lawyer's Pro Bono panel which helps provide legal services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

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Gov't Says Gay Midshipman Needed To Prove He'd Be Celibate

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government raised a new argument May 11 in its case against a Gay ex-midshipman, saying Joseph Steffan could have stayed in the U.S. Naval Academy if he had been able to prove that he never intended to engage in homosexual acts.

"He had to prove that he's not going to engage in homosexual practice," Justice Department attorney Mark Levy told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

At the same time, Levy said the government presumes that a person who expresses a homosexual "propensity" is virtually guaranteed to act on that sexual impulse.

The military assumes "that homosexuals, just like heterosexuals, usually act in accordance with their sexuality," Levy said.

But Steffan's lawyer, Marc Wolinsky, rejected the government's claim that the regulations contained a "rebuttable presumption" — that a person is entitled to try to prove he or she won't engage in homosexual sex.

"There is no case where the presumption was rebutted," Wolinsky said.

He said Steffan was forced out of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., solely because of his status as a Gay man.

In an unusual move, the full court decided in January to reconsider a ruling in Steffan's favor issued by three of its judges Nov. 16. The gov-

ernment had asked the court to rehear only the portion of the decision in which the appeals panel ordered the Pentagon to commission Steffan as an officer.

Steffan, 29, now a third-year law student at the University of Connecticut, resigned under pressure from the academy in 1987 after acknowledging his homosexuality. He was six weeks short of graduating in the top 10 percent of his class.

Chief Judge Abner J. Mikva, who wrote last November's decision, said that the government appeared to have shifted its case. "I don't think the word 'propensity' came up" when the case was first argued before the Appeals Court, he said.

Judge Harry T. Edwards said the government had "blind-sided" the court by raising this new argument.

Several of the 11 judges voiced confusion over the government's assumption that desire equals intent.

What if a midshipman has dreams in which he "plays a homosexual protagonist?" asked Judge Laurence H. Silberman. Does that mean the midshipman has homosexual desires?

Wolinsky said he thought the standard only applied to waking fantasies.

What if a person has such waking fantasies? Silberman later asked.

"Did you enjoy the fantasies?" Judge Patricia M. Wald asked, to laughter and applause.

Judge A. Raymond Randolph appeared to have less trouble with the government's argument. He raised the possibility of a CIA employee who says he's a communist

but won't act on his beliefs. "Why aren't thoughts in themselves sufficient" grounds for dismissal? he asked.

If Steffan had said he was Gay but swore to abstain from sex for his entire service, Mikva asked, "Can you tell me that a reasonable person can read that to believe he has rebutted the presumption?"

If he convinced the discharge board, Levy replied.

Wald pointed out that people often act against their propensities. For example, she said, most people obey the law even when they don't agree with it.

"Why can we have a separate policy based on presuming they will break the law?" she asked.

Navy Revives Effort to Oust Gay Officer

By Cassandra Burrell
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Gay officer says he'll fight the Navy's attempt to discharge him under the new policy on homosexuals in the military which basically says it's okay if no one knows about it.

The Navy has begun its second disciplinary proceedings against Lt. j.g. Richard Dirk Selland, who acknowledged his homosexuality a day after President Clinton was inaugurated because Clinton had promised to lift the ban against Gays in the military.

Clinton later retreated from his pledge, which ran into opposition in Congress, and reluctantly agreed to support a compromise policy that went into effect March 1. The policy advises officers not to ask about a

recruit's sexual orientation or investigate charges a person is Gay unless he or she discloses it or demonstrates homosexual conduct.

"It's frustrating, and now the hammer's coming back down again," Selland said. "I think they're trying to slowly push me out the door, fight me at every turn."

The Navy has asked Selland to appear before a board of inquiry to tell why he feels he should not be discharged. No hearing date was set.

"We're going to definitely fight it again and file a lawsuit at some point in federal court again seeking an injunction to stop the Navy from discharging Lieutenant Selland," said Hank Hockeimer, Selland's attorney.

Selland, who is stationed in Norfolk, Va., told his commanding officer he was Gay Jan. 21, 1993,

believing that the ban would soon be lifted. After a four-hour meeting, Selland was given a gym bag and told to gather his belongings and leave his submarine.

After the new policy went into effect, the Navy agreed not to discharge Selland under the old policy. Selland, in turn, dropped a federal lawsuit against the Pentagon.

The Navy now is trying to discharge him under the new policy.

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Coast Guard Banning Bias Against Civilian Staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Coast Guard is banning discrimination against its 6,000 civilian workers based on their sexual orientation, a spokesman said.

Coast Guard Commandant Thomas F. Fisher issued an order that "no one be denied opportunity because of their sexual orientation."

While the Coast Guard is not part of the Defense Dept., it follows the military policy of not asking the sexual orientation of its 38,000 uniformed personnel.

The order specifically banning discrimination was intended to clarify the situation for the agency's 6,000 civilian workers, Cmdr. Ernest Del Bueno, a Coast Guard spokesman, said.

The Coast Guard is supervised by the Department of Transportation, and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena has long opposed discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

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Counselor Has Grim Job of Telling People Results of HIV Tests

By Selby Frame
Maine Sunday Telegram

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Every workday, Miles Rightmire gets up, drinks some French roast and says his prayers. He packs his lunch, works out at the gym. Then he goes to the office and tells people if they will live or die.

A counselor with the Maine Bureau of Health, it is Rightmire's job to give people the results of their test for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. "At one point, I told four people

in one week they were positive. That was the week I stopped counting," says Rightmire. He estimates he has tested some 5,000 people in his office at Portland City hall. In the process, he has learned their deepest thoughts about sex, death and survival.

"When they're positive, some people will become very angry," says Rightmire. "Some people, if they're parents, will talk about the fact that they have children. Some cry. Some get very, very irrational. "I just stay with them as long as

they want to connect with me. I kind of know the path."

Rightmire, 44, learned the path after weathering a few bends in his own life.

As an openly Gay man, he says he faced the issues with which many of his clients struggle. "I've looked at all my questions," he says. "I don't judge the people I talk to."

Rightmire says he identifies with their sense of loss. "The effects of the disease have been part of my life for a long, long, long, long time," he says. "Very important people in my life have died. My oldest friends. So AIDS is a fact of life."

It's Rightmire's gentleness, not his directness, that disarms. His face is a moon of smooth surfaces, dominated by large, quizzical eyes. He speaks in a whisper and listens with graceful attention.

"I think that this kind of work has been a good place for me to pull out a lot of nurturing energy that I have," he says. "I live in a very human world where people matter. Where their experiences are honored and valid and recognized. Where their joy and pleasure is acknowledged, as well as their pain. Where it doesn't matter whether you walk through the door wearing a \$600 suit or a sweat shirt."

Rightmire came to his work after a career that included seven years as an English teacher in an urban ghetto in Ohio.

A native of Chicago, he moved to Maine in 1981. It was the kind of place, he says, where he knew he could live "without a television, a microwave, a CD player."

He worked variously as a manager for Portland's Good Day Market, a health-food cooperative, and as a sex-education teacher and child-care worker at the Sweetser Children's Home in Saco.

After organizing risk-reduction education for Gay men in Maine, the HIV counseling job came open and Rightmire went for it. "It's a wonderful opportunity for teaching willing students," he says.

His supervisor at the Maine Bureau of Health, Dawne Rekas, said she was impressed by Rightmire's "ability to be very gentle and compassionate and supportive while at the same time appropriately confronting people with their behaviors they don't want to look at."

The greatest risk behaviors he hears about, says Rightmire, are unprotected sex and intravenous drug use. Some people who continue risky behavior return many times a year for testing. "There's a lot of denial around risk," he sighs.

Although he knows their most intimate secrets, Rightmire doesn't know the names of his clients.

For Rightmire, there are worse things than hearing a positive antibody status. The pain of living, he said, sometimes weighs heavier than the fear of dying. "It's just devastating to hear a young girl come in who's been raped," he said. "Emotionally, for me, that's a hard 45 minutes."

During the course of the pre-test counseling session, many people unburden themselves of festering secrets. "Sometimes it's a relief to have an opportunity to talk," he says.

"I listen very closely. We're not doing therapy, but we have an opportunity to poke around and see if there's other trouble too. I want to give them the support and referrals I can in terms of that person's whole health."

He has heard tales of sexual abuse, of drug addiction, of childhood trauma. "Occasionally people might shock me, but generally I'm not too flappable," he said. "The plumbing only works certain ways, so there's not that much different that people do."

Rightmire seems surprised more by ignorance than by sexual promiscuity.

"Children don't grow up learning the names of their body parts, so there's this taboo and bizarre kind of approach to talking about sex. Most people don't have an opportunity to ask the questions they want to ask. Sometimes people have had confusions about basic anatomy."

One adult woman, he recalls, didn't know what her uterus was.

Rightmire says his clients are diverse.

"I see everybody. Maybe you're going to be sitting with a woman who's been married for 25 years and her marriage is ending. Maybe you're sitting with someone who's just about to take a wonderful trip to China and they need it for a visa. Or maybe you're talking with the sweetest 70-year-old grandmother who's going to Florida and needs the test for her dialysis.

"But one thing I've learned in this job is how much shame people have about sexuality. Sometimes they have judged themselves very harshly about their sexual behavior and their relationships. They make statements about themselves as they discuss their histories: 'You must think I'm a real slug,' that kind of thing."

Ten days after clients first meet with Rightmire, the HIV antibody test results come back from the lab in Augusta. Clients are called to his office to discuss the results.

The first thing Rightmire tells them is their antibody status. Ninety-eight percent of the time, he says, he begins with the words: "Good news."

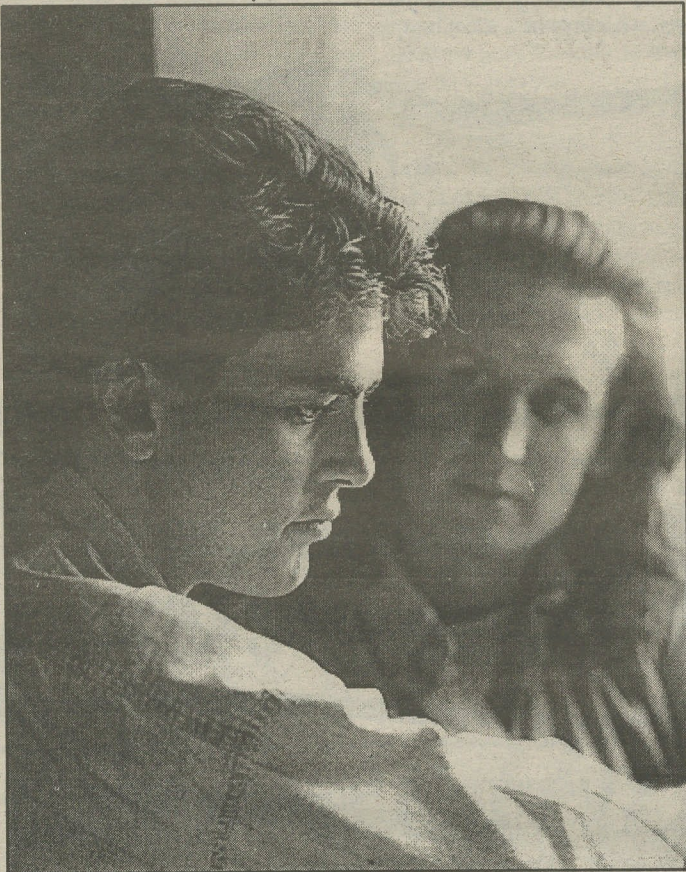
"They sigh or say 'yahoo!' I've had people tell me if I wasn't so ugly, they'd kiss me," he laughs.

But there are days when he dreads his follow-up meeting.

"It's not a good feeling when you

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Coping with AIDS should not be a financial burden...



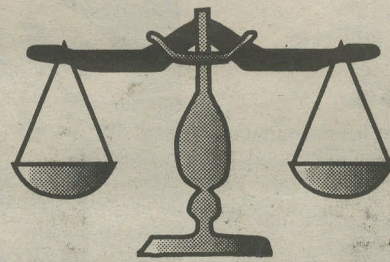
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The Directors of the international Living Pens group would like to take a moment to publicly thank a wonderful organization in your readership area.

At a recent gathering of Alliance in Memphis, the group gathered a generous donation that has been delivered to us along with their support for the services we offer HIV+ individuals around the globe. Donations, like this one, from groups who are not directly related to the HIV+ community are proof that the Gay family is still at the forefront in the war against this horrid infection and the trauma that AIDS causes in everyday life.

As a non-profit organization, we must exist solely on the generous donations of individuals and groups like Alliance to continue our outreach and pen pal counseling in the HIV+ community. It is with great respect that we publicly proclaim our gratitude for the friendship and support Alliance continues to give us. We should only pray that there were more groups with the strength of Alliance to stand up in support of organizations who attempt to touch lives in a positive way.

Terry Delimont
Director of Operations
LIVING PENS

Living Pens was organized on December 1, 1991 to provide pen pal friends (referred to as pals) for HIV+/ARC/AIDS tested individuals (referred to as clients) across the U.S. and in foreign countries who are in search of a steady, understanding ear for their daily concerns.

It is understood that infection with HIV often brings depression, loneliness and isolation into the lives that it touches. Desertion by family members and past friendships often compound these feelings.

Living Pens offers honest, open friendship to combat those negative emotions. Pals provide constant, confidential correspondence. Contents of letters between a Living Pens Pal and their assigned client remains personal and are never shared outside the one-on-one relationship of those two individuals. Names and addresses of clients are kept confidential at all times!

This is not a mate searching club or a place to search for sexual partners. Pals are trained in appropriate behavior before they are ever introduced to any client. Pals are *not* therapists. They provide

true friendship and get involved personally. They provide positive attitudes and positive thinking models whenever possible through understanding, respect, acceptance and dedication.

Living Pens maintains a working association with the Washington County AIDS Task Force, though not directly affiliated to that organization. Living Pens has no specific ties to any religious organization or missionary group.

There are no age, sex, race or sexual orientation limitations. Services are even extended to HIV+ individuals who are incarcerated.

Living Pens and/or the pals on the staff do not provide any financial support or services for the clients they are involved with. The support offered is strictly emotional and educational.

Pals are strictly volunteers. This service is offered to its clients *free of charge*. Postage is the individual responsibility of each pal and each client for their letters only.

The organization does accept donations of postage stamps and/or funds to support the work it does through its main office.

HIV+/ARC/AIDS individuals wishing to join the group as a client may contact us at P.O. Box 254, Avoca, AR 72711-0254

Individuals wishing to volunteer as pals (regardless of their HIV status) may contact the group at the same address.

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Cut The Sweet Talk Department

Thanks to Pace for giving us a more positive report about Gay/Lesbian conditions in Tunica County. He is one who has been in Casinoland for a while and has experienced only positive things. We have never found him to be one to hide his candle under any tasteful peach baskets either.

There is more than one road to affirmation. Consider the Lambda Men's Chorus which has moved from the reticence of its early days into its own wonderful form of affirmation. Just sing and don't bother denying anything. So if your performing organization is asked to perform in a non-Gay/Lesbian environment, consider. If fear of discovery (being a Gay/Lesbian group) is so great, masquerading as something else only intensifies the deception and the fear. If you perform well and are appreciated, you might find that deception is unnecessary. Don't assume that deception is necessary, just do what you do well—perform, don't worry about anything else. Think of what you will accomplish. And what a rush when you do!

That, dear ones, is the definition of Pride.

Stonewall Is Not Just A Street In Midtown Department

Anybody going up? If you feel the urge to volunteer, call Marc Rubin at 212-741-0132, groups are great. We do not know yet where the assembly point for the March will be on Sunday (we do know that the Candlelight March on Saturday night has been cancelled but a Dyke March will take place at 5 pm, details at MGLCC and Meristem) but the organizers have promised to let the Switchboard know by the latter part of June. When that happens, check at the usual places. Those with E-Mail can get a global schedule by that means. Call 212-626-6925 for information. Groups going up (such

as the Memphis and Tennessee contingents) are encouraged to register as such. Call the same number. NYC's Lesbian and Gay Community Center, located at 208 W. 13th St. between 7th & 8th is the official welcome center.

Now you know as much as we do except that we don't know who's going. Give a call at 320-9015 and maybe we can at least try to locate one another when we get there. We will be very easy to spot on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Back At The Bluff...

We will say this only once: Pride includes Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender persons; it also includes our affirming friends, families, churches and organizations.

Questions likely to be asked about the Memphis stuff:

Tickets for all events which require same are available at the door.

Tickets for all major events are available at Meristem.

We expect representation from both the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) at the Pride Parade. There, see, you don't have to make a drastic declaration—at least not this time. Show up!

Cars and floats may participate in the parade. Come to the next Pride meeting on Saturday, June 4, 10 am at MGLCC or call one of the contact numbers in the Resources listing.

As inclusive as we are, we must remember to observe the ordinances of the place in which we are parading, marching or demonstrating. We are not obscene or profane by word or action. We do not put down anybody, particularly other segments of our own community, by word or action. We are sensitive to the feelings of others and their situations. We may dress in many ways but we do not wear any less than we would in any other public place (chaps but no cheeks, bustiers but no boobs, camp but no sleaze). After all, we all know how to dress well and we look so much better that way. We want to show our best side whatever we wear. We do not throw things (confetti, etc.), we don't want to have

to clean them up later. We do not consume alcohol or controlled substances (ethyl or poppers particularly) and we remember to bring something non-alcoholic to drink, Memphis in June can be very uncomfortable and our route is long. And we enjoy ourselves.

The Expo is a Gay/Lesbian etc., etc., "trade show" at which professionals, clubs, organizations and businesses are invited to gather together to share information, present themselves to the community and the public, and affirm themselves and ourselves. It is a very enjoyable event and one is guaranteed to learn something new. Even moi. It is co-sponsored by Memphis Pride and the Community Center. Thanks in advance for the wonderful cooperation from Sharon Wray and WKRB and Rev. Ethan Pruett and Holy Trinity Community Church.

What and who is Girl Bar? There is a story about it on pg. 9.

Ditto and ditto Beat Your Face, Mary. Ditto and ditto pg. 9.

There will be an event every evening at the MGLCC beginning Friday, June 10 through Friday, June 17.

Note of Passing

Summer Holiday, known to family and friends as Barry Morgan "Beau" Sedberry, died May 23 of complications resulting from AIDS. She had a long and successful career as a female impersonator here in Memphis and will be greatly missed. We imagine that many of the inevitable flickering flames at this month's Bette Midler concert will be lit for Summer as well as Bette.

Warm Fuzzy Department

Every time I write an obituary or notice of passing I usually get the

news from so and so. And it's sad. The next sentence usually is, "You know, I (or so and so) was taking care of them." The duration and quality of a friend's caring for another friend never ceased to impress

*Lady A's
Pounds*

me. You might see these caregivers out at the bar even on the day of the funeral but that does not diminish the heart that underlies that care. You know who you are—and you probably don't need to see your names here. But your work has been duly noted.

Even in the Quilt, the stitches making up the names of the fallen were placed there by those who cared—but are not named. So here's to you all—from me at least. It's only fittin'.

Stuff N' Such Department

Bette Midler will be performing in Memphis on Judy Garland's birthday. Something old, something new.....

Congratulations to the new Miss Southern Elegance, Miss Allison.

Aphrodite has done it again, raising over \$1,000 at their show for Loving Arms. These indefatigable women seldom decline when asked to perform. Each one truly will have a galaxy of stars in her crown.

Well, one can readily see how often we shop for trousers. Since there is a growing Lesbian presence

there is a growing Lesbian presence at the bar on the corner of Claybrook and Jefferson, Lorretta et al have decided to name their showbar side 505 Club in their honour since 505's are the female equivalent of 501's.

The Runaround

May 29—Memory show in memory of bygone glitter girls, 9 pm, 505 club.

June 4—Benefit for Pride Events, Reflections, 9:30 pm, Bette Hefner and guest performers.

June 5—Lambda Men's Chorus Spring Concert, First Congregational Church, 7 pm, benefits Aloysius House.

June 10—Benefit performance of *Girl Bar*.

June 11—Tsarus Club Night following River Ride, Pipeline, 12:30 pm.

June 12—Cookouts following Pride Rally at 501 (with Pink Panthers), Nikita's, Oops, Pipeline.

June 12-13—*Beat Your Face, Mary* benefit.

June 18—Fundraising Hoedown at Holy Trinity Church, guests Southern Country Memphis.

June 19—Beyond Tea, enormous show/auction to benefit Adult Special Care Clinic, 501/505 Club, begins 7 pm.

June 19—Miss J-Wag's Pageant, J-Wag's, 9 pm.

June 25—Gateway club night, Pipeline.

Final Round

Read the editorial. Show up. Don't assume that it doesn't make a difference. If one person changes their mind or even thinks twice about us, we have made a difference. It wouldn't have happened otherwise and you are to be congratulated.

Ta, ta.

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Judy Garland—25 Years Later

By Kevin Jones
Special to the *Triangle Journal*

"It has been suggested that part of the movie's appeal [*The Wizard of Oz*] nearly 40 years later lies in the fact that in it one sees Judy Garland restored. It is more likely the deeper revelation of seeing one's own innocence restored, the innocence that allows one to return home." —Aljean Harmetz from *The Making of The Wizard of Oz*

Judy Garland became a kind of household god for me when, at the age of 12, I heard her sing "The Man That Got Away," on my mother's sound track album of *A Star Is Born*. Of course, I'd seen Judy in *The Wizard of Oz* every year on television and while I genuinely liked her, that was kid stuff. There was something in me at 12 that heard the depth of her voice — a call away from the ordinary and toward the extraordinary and unknown. There are others out there who hold the first time they heard or saw Judy as a special moment of discovery that is somehow linked to the difference they felt in relation to others. Speaking for myself, my interest in Judy seemed insignificant to me at first, I simply thought that I was attracted to a great talent. It was much later that I learned of Judy's icon status in certain segments of the Gay community and the imprint she made on our culture.

Lest someone should perceive such entrancing reverence for a social icon as an occurrence taking place solely in queer society, I must immediately point out the human quality of such an activity; albeit we queers do go about our obsessions with a great deal more flair than most. China contains one of the oldest, and definitely the largest, culture in the world. The Chinese people so identified with Mao-Tse Tung that they followed him into communism with copies of his red book in hand. Although his god-like status has faltered, I'm sure there are those Chinese who continue to look upon his image and read his words with intense identification. I had thought about using Elvis, or even Jesus, as an example here, but in Memphis our reverence (or lack there of) for these archetypal icons is so strong that they could become all too easily dismissed in this context.

A brief chronology of Judy bears repeating as a myth or ritual tale

among fellow believers. It also helps to refresh the memories of those familiar with Judy's story but in other states of diva identification: The cults of Monroe, Striesand and Miss Ross, to name a few, and yes, I, too, have my Bette Midler tickets for June 10 at The Pyramid. (An apt way to celebrate Judy's birthday!) As with these other great legends the distinction can be, and usually is, drawn between the *actual* and the *apparent*. Who was the real Judy Garland underneath the stage image we adored? Like so many music lovers through history, we long to know what it is in the artist's life that made her create such beauty and with such insight.

Judy Garland was born in Grand Rapids, Minn. on June 10, 1922. Her given name was Frances (for her father) Ethel (for her mother) Gumm (just bad luck). However, she was called Baby or Babe by her family and friends until she chose the name Judy for herself. It seems a case of sibling rivalry erupted when her older sister decided her name would no longer be plain Mary Jane, but the exotic Suzannah. Baby followed suit and refused to answer to anything but Judy. She had heard the name in a Hoagy Carmichael's song "Judy," her favorite lyric from which was noted as, "If she seems a saint and you find she ain't — that's Judy!"

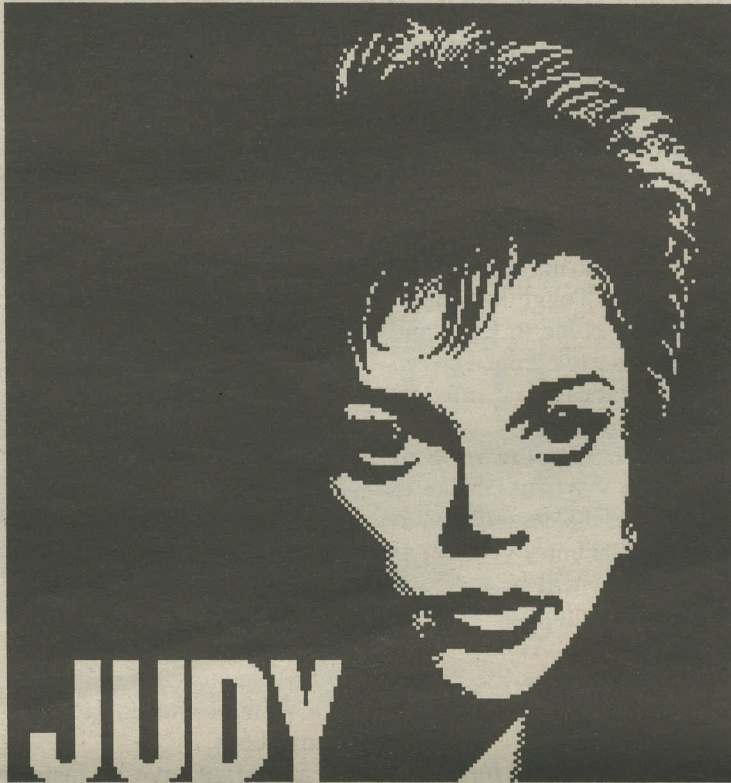
In the early years of her show business career she and her two older sisters were "The Gumm Sisters," a vaudeville trio with a very determined stage mother. Judy worked hard to please her mother, after all it was no secret that the Gumms had hoped for a boy when Babe was born. Just as their last name always got a giggle from the audience, Baby never failed to stop the show with her rendition of songs like "I'll Get By." She was billed as "Little Miss Leather Lungs," amazing critics who wrote of a tiny, young girl with an enormous, mature voice. Vaudeville great George Jessel insisted to Judy's mother, who had resisted all attempts to change the name of the family and the act, that he be allowed to introduce the girls as the Garland Sisters. Why Garland? The popular answer has been that Judy reminded Jessel of a garland of flowers. Truth be told, he had just gotten off the phone with a critic, Robert Garland, and it happened to be the first name to come to mind when he introduced the girls before the second show. That was 1934, the next year Judy

would sign a seven-year contract with MGM Studios.

It took four years, but in 1939 Judy became a star with her performance in *The Wizard of Oz*, for

her as the "girl next door," and it would be a struggle to find her way back to the top.

Judy got a new agent, Sid Luft, and her career bounced back. She returned to the stage in 1951 with successful concert runs at The Pal-



adium in London and The Palace in New York. In 1952 she married Sid Luft and they had two children together, Lorna and Joey. By the mid-50s Hollywood wanted her back and she gave an Oscar-nominated performance in *A Star Is Born* opposite James Mason. But Judy had never stopped the pills and alcohol, and her medical problems from this abuse had just begun. In 1961 her concert recordings at Carnegie Hall sold 2 million copies and she made a nine-minute cameo in *Judgment at Nuremberg* that earned her a last Oscar nomination. But for Judy success and personal defeat went hand in hand and in '63, after a long custody battle, Sid and Judy divorced. In the years that followed Judy married Mark Herron and then Mickey Deans. She had some success with her TV series and movies like *I Could Go On Singing*, but perhaps the most significant event in this era of Judy's life was the 1964 London concerts with her daughter Liza. The reason Liza performed with Judy was more because Judy was terrified to perform by herself than because of a mother's attempt to introduce her daughter to show business. She was afraid of the audience, afraid that she would not be

able to give them what they wanted. Most of all, she was afraid of their retribution. An issue which for her was also pertinent in her real life. On stage and off Judy knew how fickle the audience was. They had sent her crashing to the bottom before and now she began to doubt her aging voice.

On Sunday, June 22, 1969, Judy Garland died in London, locked in her bathroom. She would often lock herself in the bathroom to escape the world when drugs failed her. Mickey found her by climbing through a window when she wouldn't answer him at the door. Judy had discussed with Liza her wishes in the event of her death. Judy wanted to be cremated, but because of Sid and the tearful pleas of Lorna and Joey, Liza buried Judy in New York City on June 29, 1969. Even in her final act Judy seemed to be trying to be who others wanted her to be.

So why has Gay culture produced a "cult of Judy?" Is it her brave face hiding her personal struggles, her talent under pressure, her untimely death at 47, or the way she attempted to live up to the standards of others in her own brand of martyrdom. It is ironic that the Stonewall Riots began on the evening of her funeral in New York. Perhaps the headlines should have read "*Grief Stricken Homosexuals Avenge the Death of Judy Garland.*" Although the occurrence of these events on the same day can be seen as coincidence, and rationally I see it that way, symbolically it signifies for me the end of Gay culture's reverence for appearance and our embrace with the actual. The start of unconditional acceptance of ourselves, a spiritual awakening, and just the feeling of being sick and tired of letting someone else dictate who we must be in our personal as well as public lives. I think Judy Garland died because she believed that what others thought of her made her who she was. There is a great lesson to be learned from the legacy of Judy's life, and while she never realized that she created the good and the bad in herself, my personal understanding of her life and my love of her voice gives me courage and strength to continue challenging society's expectations instead of succumbing to them.

Kevin Jones will present his performance piece, *Beat Your Face, Mary*, June 12 and 13 at MGLCC at 7:00 p.m. as a benefit for the Center Library. Tickets will be \$3 at the door. See story on page 9.

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On Parental Entry Vehicles

by Ace Landon
Syndicated Columnist

Well, kiss ma'grits and butter ma' buns! You say you hate your Mother and Dad became of "what they've done" to you? How they've rejected you as their child since finding out you was a homo?

Well, join the happy crew. You're not alone; many of us are in the same bout of rejection. But wait a minute! Can one reject from "ownership" that which they didn't choose to have in the first place? Excuse me. I think not. It's so difficult to remember though, isn't it, that our parents didn't choose us; we chose *them* as *our* parental entry vehicles.

Oh yes, they did have sex and you were the result of that encounter, but, their choice to make love and have sex with one another is *all* they chose to do. They weren't thinking about performing some ritual which would automatically bring forth offspring. They

were simply enjoying satisfying their natural animal instinct. It was your choice to enter through their genetic lineage — your choice to become a gift to them. And, although you may not remember it, they were mighty surprised when they learned of your upcoming arrival.

And their "rejection" of you now? Well, we must learn that some people do not respect gifts or the giver. Tough lesson but it's one we come to learn and this one has a two-edged sword for truth as it can be learned by child and parent.

Can you imagine in your mind what it would be like to live without this hatred toward your parental entry vehicle? If you can, you will be one step closer to learning the truth of this life-lesson. Your parents must also learn the life-lesson of *how* to treat a gift and the giver.

Let's go one step further in our imagining. Picture in your mind the most beautiful gift

your parents could have received in your being their gift-child... their very special homosexual gift-child. Then, accept the beauty of that gift. Let them see that beauty. And remember, older folks sometimes need glasses to see things in all the beauty of reality, *so*, you may have to help them through love to focus their lenses correctly!

Channel change: I can't believe how many tramps read this column. Oops, Sorry! I didn't realize being called a "tramp" would be offensive to you... of course, if the shoe fits...

Webster says a tramp is a person who travels about on foot, esp. one doing odd jobs or begging for a living. Tramp — to walk or ramble through. Tramp — a freight ship which has no regular schedule. Tramp — a woman who in sexually promiscuous.

This might give us insight into how very important *words* are and can be in our lives. If

we didn't know what the words meant, We probably wouldn't know what the speaker was talking about. If we didn't know, we *could* arrive at very idiotic assumptions.

For instance, when I called you a tramp, I was thinking about the great number of wanderers and homeless in our community who do "odd jobs" to survive, some even prostituting themselves. I certainly wasn't purporting you were all sexually promiscuous women!

This also brings to my feeble mind the question: *Why* did Webster, not consider sexually promiscuous men as tramps also? The male of nearly all species is certainly the most sexually promiscuous.

Oh well, as Dad used to say: "watch your tongue kid, it's in a slippery place" Which goes along with "think before you speak," "look before you leap," et al. Oh, what would be do without all of those wonderful saws of life to live by? Hmmm! Do you suppose if someone lives by a saw they might be on the cutting-edge of life? Oh,

who gives a rip!

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- ▼ Live a life of love this only takes initiative.
- ▼ Choose our friends and lovers a selective system of servicing ourselves.
- ▼ Throw bouquets while folks can still smell 'em this takes a good arm attached to a big heart.
- ▼ Labor honorably for our livelihood...."Life's a beach." huh?
- ▼ Worship the God of our choice....this is freedom.
- ▼ Be protected by the Laws of Equality this in justice.
- ▼ Be free to be ourselves....this begins in the mind.

Well, that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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Claudia and Mike

By Jim Norcross

Claudia's life changed completely when she moved to California and met Mike. She had come from a small midwestern town, and when she graduated from high school, she accepted an invitation from an old high school teacher—her soccer coach—to come for a visit. Her parents had not wanted her to go, but finally acquiesced for, after all, she would be staying with Miss Fleming, whom they both knew and liked.

Then, she met Mike and decided to stay. Even Miss Fleming was insistent that she should return home. "Go back, Claudia. Marry Paul. Go to college like you planned. Have beautiful children. I would have never invited you here if I didn't think you would return."

"I'm staying, Sharon," Claudia said, using her former teacher's first name. After all, she was a friend now rather than a teacher.

Claudia wrote Paul. They had known each other all their lives, and had always been considered a couple. The golden boy and girl of the school, the captain of the football team and the prettiest girl in the class.

Paul took it well when she broke the relationship off, and, in a way, she could not help but feel that he was relieved. Maybe he felt he had to have some choice in his life, and thought, like she did, that her life was programmed by everyone else.

At first, Claudia told her parents that she was just staying for a year, then would return to start college next fall. She got a job clerking in a sporting goods store and found a tiny sleeping room over a fish market owned by an old Chinese woman. Everyone, including Sharon, said it would be better if she got her own place.

After a few months, Claudia's mother called and said she was coming for a visit. "We need to talk, Claudia."

"You're welcome to come, Mother, but you're not going to change my mind. I will show you Fisherman's Wharf and we'll go for a ride on the trolley cars and see Seal Island, but I'm not coming home, at least not yet." She did not mention Mike to her mother.

Mrs. Howard visited, but returned home alone. She told her friends that Claudia was doing well and happy, but was taking the breakup with Paul hard and wanted some time alone.

Slowly, Claudia changed. She cut her long blonde hair that she was always so proud of, and she took up jogging. She became tan and taut with muscles from her exercise classes. Before, she had always taken pains with her makeup, and was one who loved clothes but, somehow, here in California this was no longer important. She and Mike went everywhere together. They toured the city, camped on the Russian River, walked in the redwood forests. They held hands and ignored the stares of the tourists.

Then, Claudia's father died suddenly of a heart attack, and Claudia returned for the funeral. Mike didn't come with her. They discussed both of them returning, and decided that the time was not right. It was a small town and people were just not ready.

Once home, Mrs. Howard tried to convince Claudia to stay. She owned a small gift and jewelry store and pleaded for Claudia to remain and to help in the store. "You can work with me and enroll at State College and commute, and maybe you can make up with Paul. Why do you want to stay way out there? You don't know anyone and people are so different."

"I'm going back, Mother." A year after her father's death, her mother wrote that she had been diagnosed with cancer. She again begged Claudia to return home.

Claudia and Mike discussed the problem, and, with much reluctance, decided that since Claudia was an only child, she should move home. Mike agreed to return with her.

"You'd do that for me, Mike? Leave San Francisco that you love?"

"Yes, but remember, it's going to be hard. It's not like here. I'm different. Remember that."

Claudia had inherited some money from her father, and she and Mike decided that they would go to Lake of the Ozarks and buy a fishing lodge. This had long been a dream of Mike's, who loved to fish and who was a wizard with re-

pairing any kind of motor. The lake was less than 100 miles from Mrs. Howard, and they could be there if they were needed.

A real estate agent was contacted, and, in time, she located what seemed to be an ideal place. It belonged to a widow who wanted to retire. Claudia came back first to sign the papers.

"Claudia, a fishing resort of all things? At the lake? What in the world has happened to you? I don't know where your pride has gone either. The way you just let yourself go. I didn't say anything when you came home for the funeral, but why don't you let me make an appointment with my hairdresser and then we can run over to Connor-Wagoners and get you some clothes. You can't run around in jeans and cutoffs all the time."

"Mother, I'm going to be running a fishing lodge. What do I need dresses for?"

"You know, Claudia, I saw Paul's father, Dr. Brady, the other day. He said Paul has gotten a divorce and he'll be here this weekend. Maybe I could invite him over for dinner?"

"Mother, please!" It was then that she decided it was time. "Mother, I have met someone who is coming here with me. Someone who is going to help me run the lodge. I'm in love."

"Oh," said Mrs. Howard, excited. "When can I meet him? What's his name?"

"Mike." "Mike. How nice. That was your grandfather's name, you know."

Claudia smiled, "I know, Mother."

Claudia returned to San Francisco, and she and Mike sold most of their possessions, bade Miss Fleming and friends goodbye, rented a U-Haul and drove home, arriving at the old Victorian home on Maguire St. at dusk. Mike stayed in the car as Claudia went to the door.

"Oh, Claudia, you're home. I'm so thankful to have you here with me. Where's Mike? I want to meet him."

Claudia motioned to the car and a tall individual with a red cap, jeans and a down-filled jacket walked up.

"Mother, this is Mike. It's really Michelle, but everyone calls her Mike."

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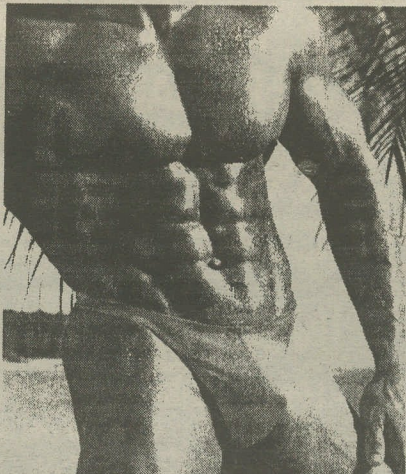
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Theatre Review *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*

By Cheryl Dare

Lips Together, Teeth Apart by Terrence McNally, Directed by Jerry Chipman, Stars Christina Wellford Scott, Tony Isbell, Anne Marie Caskey, and Barclay Roberts

Circuit Playhouse May 12-June 12, 726-4656 for reservations.

When the theater manager announced beforehand that the show was in three acts and ran two hours and twenty minutes, I was afraid I was in for a long evening. However, though I've seen better scripts, this one is quite good and all three acts moved very quickly.

The characters in the piece are two married couples: ChJoe and John Haddock, played by Christina Wellford Scott and Tony Isbell; and Sam and Sally Truman, played by Barclay Roberts and Anne Marie Caskey. Ms. Scott and Mr. Isbell, as always, perform very well; that is not to say Mr. Roberts and Ms. Caskey are any less competent, the cast as a whole is excellent.

The action revolves around the two couples' insecurities: the impending death of one character, one spouse's dependence upon the other, the attraction of one husband for the other's wife, not to mention being the only heterosexuals on Fire Island this particular Fourth of July. As the play progresses, we see deeper and deeper into each person.

The set, the deck of a summer house, was beautifully designed by Stephen Pair (and somewhat reminiscent of the set for *Talley's Folly*). There were plenty of areas for the actors to use—benches, a boat, a swimming pool with outdoor shower, patio tables & chairs and a view of three rooms in the house through sliding doors used to good effect.

Costume designer Dana Peterson picked out suitable summer clothes for a Fourth of July weekend; Melissa Marquis' sound design and Chuck Britt's lighting both contributed to the atmosphere of a summer day at the beach.

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Fox Gets Cold Feet on *Melrose Place*

By Maura Reynolds
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The two men shook hands, shared a long, meaningful look and moved toward each other in slow motion.

But there was no Gay kiss May 18 on the season finale of *Melrose Place*.

Fox Broadcasting Co., television's brashest network, apparently lost its nerve.

When the scene was filmed, it showed the character Matt Fielding (actor Doug Savant) kissing another man at the end of their first date. But *Melrose Place* producer Darren Star said the decision on whether the kiss would air was up to Fox executives.

When the show was aired, the camera cut away from the two men as their faces came together, and showed another character watching with a shocked expression from a window. The camera cut back to the

two men as they moved apart.

Fox refused to comment — but Gay viewers had plenty to say.

"It made me feel invisible," said Jordan Peimer, who runs a performance theater in Santa Monica. "It's OK if we are court eunuchs, but we can't be who we are."

"They start the scene with two (heterosexual) people having sex, and then you can't have a scene with a man kissing a man. That's amazing to me," said Loren Javier, a "religious" viewer of the show.

Star had said his intention was to show a Gay man who has a "well-rounded life."

Fox has gained a reputation as the most outrageous network on television.

In *Living Color* had a recurring sketch that mocked Gay men. The hero of *Married... With Children* is sexist pig Al Bundy, and the Emmy-winning *Simpsons* lampoons everything from nuclear power to Dan

Quayle.

"It's a real problem that such a progressive network would be worried about this ... a recurring Gay character who happens to get kissed," Lee Werbel, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Los Angeles chapter, said earlier.

Another series avoided showing a Gay kiss this season. On CBS's *Northern Exposure*, the camera cut away after two men were pronounced married, and returned after the pair apparently had embraced. The producers said they avoided the kiss so it wouldn't cause controversy and detract from the story.

But earlier this year, on ABC's *Roseanne*, Roseanne Arnold kissed guest star Mariel Hemingway in a Gay bar.

A 1989 episode of *thirty-something* showing a Gay couple talking in bed reportedly cost ABC \$1 million in ad revenue.

Some Stations Pre-empt *Northern Exposure's* Gay Wedding

NEW YORK (AP) — Two television stations pre-empted the May 2 episode of CBS' *Northern Exposure* because it depicted a Gay wedding.

KNOE-TV of Monroe, La., and WTVY-TV of Dothan, Ala., were the only CBS television affiliates known to have scrapped the quirky, hour-long story featuring the residents of Cicely, Alaska.

For the past two seasons, the show has featured companions Erick and Ron (played by Don R.

McManus and Doug Ballard), who operate a posh bed-and-breakfast. In the May 2 episode, they got married and danced together at their wedding.

On Friday, KNOE released a statement from general manager Dick French, who denied that advertiser pressure or letter-writing campaigns had prompted the station to pre-empt the episode.

"The theme had nothing to do with the change of programming," French said. "KNOE doesn't duck

any subject matter. We simply program our station in a way in which we feel we best serve the public."

Instead of *Northern Exposure*, KNOE aired "Success through Education: A Salute to Black Achievement."

"This is a program for family viewing and more in line with KNOE's ideals," French said. "Our effort is always to inform, educate and entertain the public."

At WTVY in Alabama, station executive Donald Tomlin said he would not comment on the decision. "It's purely a community matter, not related to any pro or con interests whatsoever," he said.

CBS spokeswoman Brooks Cantini said the show has not elicited great protest. The two stations are "condemning a program they haven't seen, and we think the program is in good taste," she said.

In Hollywood, two of the three series producers, Andy Schneider and Diane Frolov, were both amused and irked by the stations' decision.

"It's ridiculous! Preposterous! Is this going to bring down the Republic? I don't get it!" Schneider said. "Invariably, this means there'll be more people watching."

"But I guess other people will say, 'So what?' Because we've done what we believe is morally right."

Frolov said the producers decided against a kiss between the two main characters because they didn't want the show to become a political football. But she said the episode has drawn fire from some Gay activists.

"So, of course, it has become a political football that they do not kiss," Frolov said.



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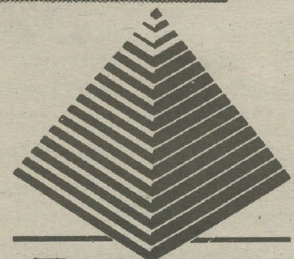
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Bowling Beat

By Tony Matics

Ah...those lazy days of summer have come upon us...this is the time of year when everyone wears as little as possible and enjoys as much of the sunshine when and where they can ...Oh...this is supposed to be an article on bowling....well I guess I better put on my shorts and get going...

Sunday Bruncher's Summer League To Start June 5

That's right folks, bowling on Sundays...hey why not? This year we have put together a very interesting format for a lazy Sunday afternoon. The Sunday Bruncher's League will begin on June 5 (a Sunday), and run for eight weeks. All bowling will be held at Park Lanes (corner of Park and Getwell), and will start at 2:00 p.m. The cost per person will be \$6. This league will be a doubles oriented format featuring gift certificates from local restaurants as prizes. The gift certificate prizes will be handed out each week based on the best bowling duos for the week. This bowling will not be your ordinary bowling format as each week will feature a different segment: scotch doubles, bumper bowling, no head pin bowling, etc." Each week the participants will draw for their partners, and then the games begin. We will have strike pots with all proceeds going towards Friends For Life.

We encourage everyone come to experi-

ence this unique concept, and at the same time meet some new people. You could even get a few friends together for brunch, and then come out and join us.

There will be an organizational meeting on June 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the bowling alley, with the first week of bowling to begin *immediately after the meeting.*

For more information, call Tony Matics at 272-3875.

Brothers and Sisters Finish 8th Season

As reported so hastily in my last column, the Brothers & Sisters Bowling League held its annual Awards Banquet on Apr. 22. BBQ from the Public Eye was served, and although there were some technical difficulties (they forgot the sauce!!), the meal was great, and the awards plentiful. Congratulations go to that fabulous foursome, the Stool Pidgeons, our league champions

While many awards for individual achievement were given out that evening, each team member also received his or her jackpot prize money. A league record \$2,000 was given away.

We certainly enjoyed a very successful season of bowling, and planning is now underway for next year. My thanks to all our bowling brethren for such a wonderful year.

Well, time again for us to close this column. Remember, *Sunday Bruncher's start June 5.* Until then, it's not how well you scored, it's how you scored it!!

Cruisers Softball Season Underway

Submitted by Chuck Saylor

The Memphis Cruisers mens softball team is six games into its season playing in the Nashville Music City Softball Association, holding a record of 2 wins and 4 losses.

The wins were recorded over Ynnonah's Sharks, with losses coming against Numbers, Hit N Run and Sluggers with the latter two being very close scores. Proving to our players that we can compete with established teams.

The Nashville teams welcomed the Cruisers into the league with enthusiasm while establishing some great friendships and a friendly competitive rivalry between the two cities. Even though rain seems to try to dampen our spirits while playing in Nashville, or so it seems, the Cruisers are eager to make the trip and get on the playing field. Several new players were added to our roster from last year giving us some needed and welcome assistance in several areas.

There are a few openings left on the team roster, with the remaining spots being filled on a tryout basis. For those interested in playing call Chuck, 682-9928, or Jimmy, 458-6023.

Next month's article will also have a recap on the annual Mr. & Ms. Music City Softball pageant. A contest held to help raise funds for the Gay World Series to be held in Nashville in August.

A contestant from each team for Mr. and Ms. is required to enter, while displaying their "best" talent or asset. This should prove to be a pageant like many have never seen!!!

Come out join the fun; show support for *your* Memphis Cruisers.

CRUISER'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come watch and cheer on the men's softball team this year as we compete against Music City Softball teams from Nashville.

Games will be played at Audubon Park corner of Southern & Goodlett Avenues. All games will be played on Sunday afternoons, first game is at 12 noon with a second game following.

June 5

Cruisers vs Nashville Numbers

June 19

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July 17

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Atlanta Must Solve Olympic Dispute

ATLANTA (AP) — A dispute over the 1996 Olympic volleyball venue will have to be solved without the involvement of the International Olympic Committee, the head of the IOC says.

Gay activists want the Olympic event moved from Cobb, which last year passed a resolution condemning the "Gay lifestyle." They have threatened to disrupt the Atlanta Olympics with demonstrations if the site is not moved.

The IOC refused to meet with the activists, who marched outside the Atlanta Olympic headquarters during a press conference.

Counselor

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get a positive result," says Rightmire. "It's like, uh oh, here it is."

The first thing he does is make sure the client's identification number matches the one on the positive test result. Then he takes the person into a small examining room.

"I look them in the eye and explain the result came back positive," he says quietly. "Then I let them make the next move. Let them ask whatever questions they have, or if they need a private time, I give them that. I need to make sure they don't

feel I'm going to roll over them.

"I think it takes people a long time for their feet to hit the ground again after collecting information like that," he says. "Many people who tested positive will say that beyond hearing those words, they don't remember much else."

When they're ready, Rightmire sets up HIV-positive clients with a case manager who can help them plan medical and social services. He also tries to offer a ray of hope, describing the motivating force HIV has been in many peoples' lives.

One of the most delicate tasks of Rightmire's job is partner notifica-

tion. Rightmire will contact clients' past or present sexual partners to inform them that someone they have slept with who wishes to remain anonymous has HIV.

"It's almost always done face to face, in as quiet and private and non-intrusive a way as we can manage," he says. That may mean meeting them when they get home from work, or catching them at their car.

"I might knock on their door and say, 'Hello, my name is Miles. I'm a counselor with the Bureau of Health. Do you have a couple of minutes to talk about something important?'"

"People think that's worse than doing testing, to actually knock on doors and tell people they've been

exposed to HIV," said Dawne Rekas. "Oddly enough, that's been very rewarding. We find a lot of clients who are really in need, who value having this information. It often serves as a catalyst for changing their behavior. It really is an emotional time for people."

Equally challenging, says Rightmire, is working with families of clients with AIDS. "Often, the family is freaked out. They don't understand disease transmission and become concerned about things like doing the laundry, or, is it OK to use the same plates? Families need reassurance and information on basic precautions. The fear element isn't always answered by the fact element."

He looks out his window as police sirens screech up a nearby street.

"Whatever a person's antibody status is, the only thing the test will change is what they know. What an HIV antibody test counselor does is to take a little journey with somebody from a place of not knowing to knowing.

"I'd have to be numb as a bucket of nails if I didn't feel for the people I work with. I've had to grieve around many people who I've lost," said Rightmire. "But I think everybody's life is sacred. And I think there's a way that people can grow through all of this."

Lips Together

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I do have some minor quibbles: some details of painting and set dressing were out of place and the underwater lighting of the pool was more distracting than realistic. I also would not expect the actors to know this but there is no such thing as a pith viper; pit viper is not a specific species of snake but an entire family of poisonous snakes.

Even if the script weren't as good as it is, I would recommend this show simply because of Tony and Christina's performances. But then I've never seen either in a bad show. So go! It's worth it!

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"Positive AIDS Connection" debuted April 3rd and airs weekly on Saturdays at 3 p.m. on KABF/88.3 F.M., a 100,000 watt non-profit "community" radio station based in Little Rock. The program is funded through a grant from the Arkansas Department of Health's AIDS/STD Division.

According to the National Association of People With AIDS, "Positive AIDS Connection" is one of the first radio programs of its kind in America. The program, produced by Arkansans with HIV for Arkansans with HIV, incorporates information received by computer from across the nation with visits from Arkansas medical, social work, and

AIDS service professionals.

The AAPWA has learned that we as patients are empowered through learning as much about the illness and treatments as possible. This allows people with AIDS to update the health officials around them and allows us to have input into the medical decisions which directly impact our very lives.

Due to the social stereotypes which surround AIDS in Arkansas, many Arkansans with HIV isolate themselves trying to maintain their employment, insurance,

family, and friends. This isolation from each other and from updated information is a direct detriment to our outlook on life, our quality of life, and our health. Arkansans with HIV within range of the weekly broadcast will no longer have to battle AIDS alone. "Positive AIDS Connection" has a toll-free wats line, 1-800-819-AIDS, allowing anyone within broadcast range to participate.

The AAPWA is committed to getting this program into other radio markets across the state.

Dyke TV Expands to 19 Cities

NEW YORK — Dyke TV has announced that it has begun airing in San Francisco and seven other cities. This means that the trailblazing weekly half-hour cable television program reaches over 6.5 million households in 18 cities — making it the second most widely distributed Gay or Lesbian television program in the country.

The announcement was made by Executive Producers Mary Patierno and Linda Chapman at a press conference in DYKE TV's new downtown Manhattan studio. "We have experienced phenomenal growth since we started airing in June 1993," said Patierno, "and we're getting better and better at what we do."

Associate Producer Julie Clark, who heads distribution, said that DYKE TV will air on San Francisco's cable channel 53 every Friday at 6 P.M., starting April 1. It will kick off within weeks in New Orleans, Seattle, Chicago, Yellow Springs (Ohio), San Antonio, and Lafayette (Louisiana).

Clark said the program is currently cablecast every week in Atlanta, Austin, Cambridge, Dallas, Denver, Madison (Wisconsin), New York City, Northampton (Mass.), Philadelphia and Washington, DC. Twice a month it is carried nationally by *The 90's at Nite* on seven cable systems. New Orleans, Seattle,

Chicago, Yellow Springs (Ohio), San Antonio, and Lafayette (La.) are slated to be on board by mid-summer.

Each program mixes news, arts, sports, gossip, political commentary, health coverage, music videos and more.

Upcoming shows will include investigative reports on

Mississippi's embattled Camp Sister Spirit and on the killing of a Nebraska Lesbian who passed as a man, an exclusive interview with author Dorothy Allison, portraits of the girls in the Gay Games and up to the minute coverage of events leading to the International Dyke March and the Stonewall 25 Celebration in New York City.



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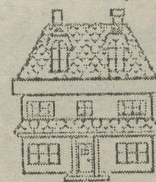
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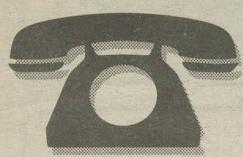
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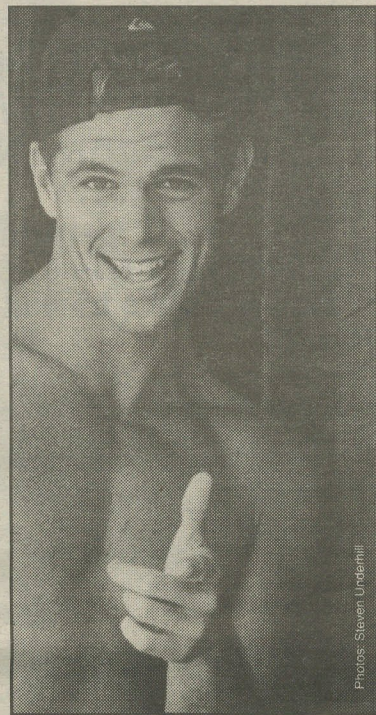
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Memphis RING MY BELL: 6', 33, 180. Into outdoor sports and music. Call me at home. ☎20811

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

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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

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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

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

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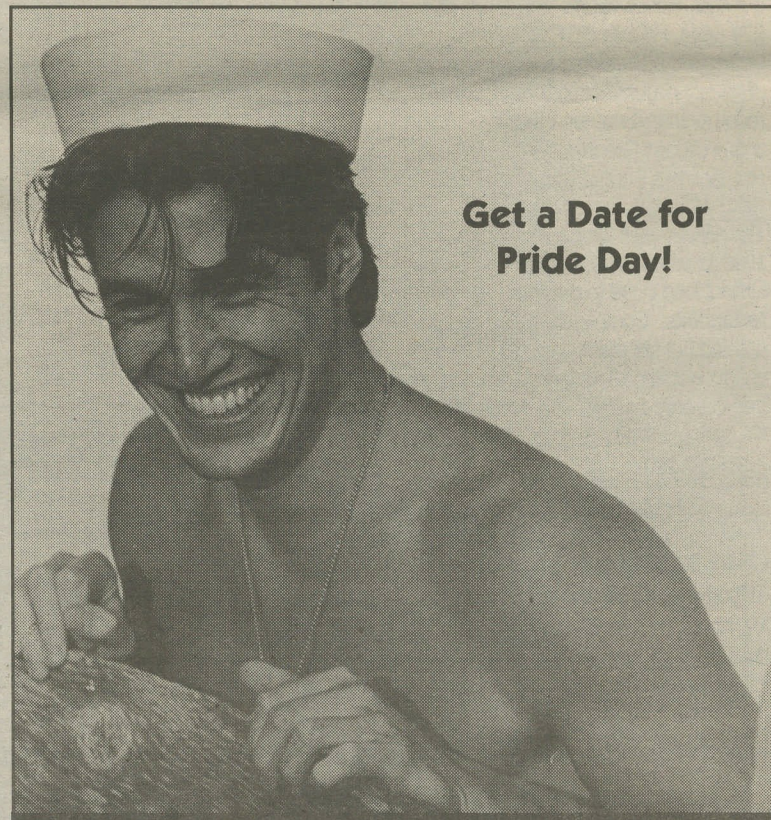
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Phoenix (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Sunday	8:00 pm	Discussion
Monday	8:00 pm	Traditions (Smoke Free)
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Twelve Step Study
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Big Book Study
Friday	10:00 pm	Discussion
Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion

(Last Sunday of month is birthday night with speaker.)

Into The Light

(Alcoholics Anonymous - Women)

Thursday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

(Business meeting 3rd Sunday of month, Birthdays last Thurs.)

Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, but participation by other than alcoholics/addicts discouraged.)
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Al-Anon (Co-dependency meeting)

Call For Information

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)

Call For Information

*Memphis Lambda Center, Inc. is a private organization formed for the promulgation and enhancement of Twelve-Step meetings with a special outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community. Business meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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- Calvary Episcopal Church - 525-6602
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- Airport Bookmart*: 2214 Brooks Rd E. ☎ 345-0657.
- Cherokee Adult Book Store*: 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.
- Fantasy Warehouse I*: 791-793 North White Station ☎ 683-9649.
- Getwell Book Mart*: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
- Paris Adult Entertainment Center*: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
- Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.
- Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
- Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

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

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

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

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACTUP Memphis: 5:30 Sun. Sharon Ann ☎ 725-5483.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- AI-Anon (Co-dependency): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Alliance: Leather/Levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
- American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 452-5894.
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 1929 Evelyn Ave. ☎ 272-3875.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church. 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.
- Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 278-AIDS or ☎ 272-0855.
- Gay and Lesbian Alliance: Gay and Lesbian Support Group • P.O. Box 495, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Gay and Lesbian American Indians: Information ☎ 725-4898.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America Memphis Chapter: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402 ☎ 272-1392.
- Gay Teen Support Group: Tuesdays 7-8:30, Gerry Wright ☎ 388-6110.
- Gays On Cleveland Street (GOCs): Social Group • c/o The Hut, 102 N. Cleveland ☎ 725-9872.
- Gays Rejoicing & Affirmed in a Catholic Environment (GRACE): Support group for Catholics & their friends • Meets every Thurs. with Liturgy 2nd & 4th Thurs. Information: ☎ 725-5237, John.
- Girth & Mirth of Tennessee: Statewide men's social group for larger men & their admirers • P.O. Box 40773, Memphis, 38174-0773 ☎ 274-8215.
- Holy Trinity Community Church: Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 11 am, 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7:00 pm; We Care AIDS Support Ministry: Sat. 10 am, 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.

Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tue., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 7pm, \$3; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 726-4698 (Doug Deaver).

Into The Light (Women's AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

Lambda Men's Chorus: c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second, Memphis 38103 ☎ 278-1190 (Aaron Foster).

Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med): Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.

Mature Gays/Prime Timers: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave., Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402 ☎ 272-1392.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC)*: 1486 Madison, Mailing Address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 726-5790.

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

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

Memphis Pride, Inc.: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 3956, Memphis 38173 ☎ 320-9015 Vincent Astor, 272-1392 John Prowett.

Memphis TransGender Alliance: TV/TS support group • Box 11232, Memphis 38111-0232 ☎ Barbara Jean 353-2612 (evenings) or John Prowett 272-1392.

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

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

Minority Prison Project (MPP): Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2402 ☎ 272-1392.

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

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

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

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

Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

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

Southern Country Memphis: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 272-1525.

Stonewall Mission Church: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.

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

Transsexuals in Prison (TIP): For information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave, #4, Memphis 38104-2402 ☎ 272-1392.

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

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

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- Bear Trappers BBS: Serving Nashville & surrounding area ☎ (615)360-2837.
- Flesh Illusions BBS: We have P.O.D.S. & Nui Net Available thru requests only. Also carries Fidonet, 2400-14,4 baud.

☎ 357-5483.

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

Second Wind BBS: PO Box 280415, Memphis 38168-0415 ☎ 382-9466, StudsNet, DoorNet, ThrobNet Free Access ☎ 388-8358.

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Two's Company: Gay computer bulletin board and computer support. "Handles" accepted. 1200/2400 baud. ☎ 726-4073.

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- Kerrel Ard, BSW: Personal growth, spiritual counseling, alternative healing ☎ 725-4898.
- Beth Causey, M.Div.: Pastoral counseling ☎ 278-9554.
- Joel Chapman, PhD: 1835 Union ☎ 726-1284.
- Patricia Goshorn, M.Ed.: Licensed Psychological Counselor • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Ste 316 ☎ 369-6050.
- Cliff Heegel, PhD: Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150 ☎ 767-1066.
- Sheridan Lambe, LCSW: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.
- K. A. Moss, MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.
- Northeast Mental Health Center: ☎ 382-3880.
- Joyce Schimenti, LCSW: Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.
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- Botanica: 944 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.
- Flower Market of Memphis: 1523 Union Ave. ☎ 274-8103.
- Park East Florist: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.
- Sweet Peas: 3175 Poplar ☎ 324-6873.

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HELP & INFORMATION LINES

- AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.
- Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transsexuals).
- Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).
- Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: ☎ 728-GAYS • 7:30-11pm.
- LINC: ☎ 725-8895.
- Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.
- Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.
- Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.
- Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

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- Wayne C. Gulleage, Attorney At Law: Rt. 1, Box 255 A, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (601) 562-8738 or (901) 722-8188.
- The Höglund Law Firm at Memphis: 165 Madison, Ste 1813, Memphis 38103 ☎ 526-7526 (24 hrs).
- David Hooper, Attorney At Law: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.
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- Gypsy's Vintage Fashions and Antiques: 2018 Court, (In the Mid-Town Flea Market).
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- John In Charge: Household & office cleaning, errands, a personal valet • ☎ 272-2316.
- Kings Interior Painting: ☎ 278-2835.
- 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.
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- See-S: Portraits & photography ☎ 327-3760.
- Star Search Video*: 1411 Poplar Ave ☎ 272-STAR.
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- Tropical Impressions: Pet Shop & Grooming Salon • 3700 S. Mendenhall ☎ 794-3047 or 365-9716.
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- 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.
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