

Coors OKs Spousal Benefits for Unmarried Partners—Gay or Straight

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Coors Brewing Co. has joined a handful of American companies that offer full benefits to employees' unmarried "domestic partners," including homosexual companions.

The move has surprised Gay and Lesbian groups wary of the company's political leanings and those who considered the brewer a bedrock of conservative social values.

In May, the Coors board of directors quietly approved an employee proposal to extend benefits to workers' live-in partners.

It was the latest in a series of social changes for Coors, which in years past was boycotted by minority groups for allegedly backward employee relations and supporting conservative causes through foundations created with the Coors fortune.

Coors now has a Lesbian and Gay employee association, sensitivity training on minority issues, a non-discrimination clause to protect Gay employees, and other policies hailed by Gay activists.

Coors spokesman Joe Fuentes said some people think it is amazing the company would extend benefits to workers' unmarried partners.

"But it's not amazing in Colorado, because we've had a record of providing some of the best benefits," Fuentes said. "This is one more thing you put in your arsenal to attract

quality employees."

Since word of the new policy began trickling out, Gay publications have debated whether to ease their criticism of the brewer. The Coors foundations give money to conservative groups, such as the Heritage Foundation, that have fought against Gay-rights proposals.

The charitable foundations were created with the company's riches, but Coors officials argue they are separate entities that have no bearing on the publicly traded company.

"If they want to give benefits as a gesture of goodwill, then Gays and Lesbians should accept it, regardless of what the foundation is doing," said Mary Celeste, an attorney who has worked to scuttle Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2.

Some of Colorado's other major private employers, including US West, AT&T and Public Service Co., are considering proposals for domestic-partner benefits, Celeste added. She said she was pleasantly surprised that Coors moved first.

Coors' new policy allows unmarried, live-in partners of company employees to be added to health and life insurance policies, pensions and other benefits. Most of the Fortune 500 companies that made the change before Coors were in high technology, such as Apple Computers, or entertainment.

Five Guys Named Moe Perform For Friends

Playhouse on the Square has announced a special late-night benefit performance of its hit show, *Five Guys Named Moe*, which will benefit the programs of Friends For Life HIV Resources.

The extra performance is scheduled for Saturday night, Aug. 5. The show will begin at 11:00 p.m. All the actors, musicians, technicians and theatre staff are donating their services for the performance.

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Helms Says Government is Spending Too Much Money on AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms says the government should spend less money on people with AIDS because they got sick as a result of "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct," *The New York Times* reported.

The North Carolina Republican made the statement as the Senate considered whether to renew a federal program for the care and treatment of AIDS patients.

"We've got to have some common sense about a disease transmitted by people deliberately engaging in unnatural acts," Helms was quoted as saying in the July 5 edition of *The New York Times*.

The senator, who has fought Gay rights, said AIDS is only the ninth-leading cause of death in the United

States, but accounts for more federal financing than diseases that kill more people.

Actually, Public Health Services statistics show that heart disease receives the most federal funding, at \$36.3 billion annually, followed by cancer, \$16.9 billion, and AIDS at \$6 billion, the *Times* said.

Furthermore, AIDS is the leading cause of death among both men and women from 24 to 44, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the *Times* said.

Congress is considering reauthorizing the Ryan White Care Act of 1990, which created a five-year, \$880 million federal program for AIDS patients. The law, named for an Indiana teen-ager who died after contracting AIDS through a blood transfusion,

expires at the end of September.

In the Senate, the AIDS measure has cleared the committee level but has yet to reach the floor. In the House, the bill is stalled in committee.

Helms denies he has tried to stop the bill. "I'm not holding it," he said. "It's a 'notify,' so I can be there to offer amendments when the Senate votes on it."

The senator said he wants to amend the bill to reduce the amount of federal money spent on AIDS as opposed to heart disease and cancer, which rank first and second as the leading killers in America.

"I'm going to try to get some equity for people who have had heart trouble," said the senator, who underwent open heart surgery in 1992.

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Judge Says Camp Sister Spirit Not a Public Nuisance

OVETT, Miss. (AP) — A feminist retreat run by Lesbians was allowed to stay open after a judge ruled that it poses no "private nuisance" to nearby residents who sued to shut it down.

Chancellor Frank McKenzie said July 5 that the camp broke no law, but he warned that its activities will be subject to scrutiny. He

said plaintiffs' "fears and concerns" were "genuine and justified under the evidence."

Camp Sister Spirit opened two years ago on a former pig farm, and residents have complained that its music festivals and seminars have disrupted this once-tranquil southern Mississippi town.

The residents also grumbled

about media attention brought on by camp complaints of Gay bashing. Some neighbors said campers had tried to recruit their daughters.

Eleven neighbors sued in 1994. By the time testimony began in May, all but five plaintiffs had dropped out of the case.

Michael Barefield, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the ruling

"misses the point of our entire lawsuit."

"What we were asking for was an injunction of future intended use, and the judge says that if they continue towards their goals it may become a nuisance," he said.

McKenzie's seven-page ruling warns Brenda Henson and her partner, Wanda Henson, who op-

erate the retreat, that courts may later determine whether camp activities "have risen to the level of a civil nuisance."

"We're just going to keep on doing what we've been doing," Brenda Henson said after the ruling.

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Who Is My Family and Why?

by Vincent Astor

I really didn't like John Prowett. My working relationships with him, my observations of his actions and my memories of him are very different from those of others. Therefore, I was well aware of the irony involved when I, too, joined in a community-wide search for someone, anyone who could contact his blood family—anybody. He was dying and he had no one to take responsibility when he no longer could.

The story, as I have it, is from many sources and in fragments. He was taken to the Med on June 23 suffering from a serious gunshot wound to the stomach, apparently as a result of a robbery. He volunteered little or no information (few people knew his full name, Floyd John Prowett). When he was missed over the 4th of July weekend, a couple of friends learned of his whereabouts and found him at the hospital, unable to speak, but conscious. As I have it, his last words were asking for the hospital to contact his wife but providing no clue to her whereabouts. He was unable to communicate after that.

A card from his wallet prompted the hospital to call Holy Trinity Community Church and the search was on. The few facts that emerged were a date of birth, (June 22, 1946), the names of his parents (Wyland and Magda), his membership at Holy Trinity and the fact

that he had served in the armed services. The rest of the information he had left various places was conflicting and the tales that began to be told were not all flattering.

The same few friends visited him until the evening before he died. No family had yet been discovered and he lay, perhaps able to hear, but no more. On Wednesday, July 12, he died. (See *Passages* pg. 18)

Some close friends will miss him. Some who were faithful believed that no person should have to go through such a trial without support. The members of his church prayed and did what they could, even holding a memorial service. He had succeeded in creating a family that cared about him, but they still could only do so much.

The moral of this story is threefold:

First, I have heard over and over that the Gay and Lesbian community has lost the camaraderie of years past. Some remember the days when everybody knew everybody (and all the dirt on one another) and just being Gay or Lesbian was a bond that overrode all others, even sometimes that of blood or matrimony. We have become too large and too diverse and too inclusive to be that close, some say. I discovered during that week or so that we still have the ability to mobilize and band together for the sake of one individual. This is called community. It did help that many, many people knew *who* John Prowett was. Nobody

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seemed to know him very intimately.

Second, if an individual is separated from blood family, whether by desire or circumstance, they will not live forever nor be immune from potential disaster. Everyone knows at least a dozen stories about blood family sweeping in after a death or during an illness with no care or respect for relationship, no matter of what length, what intensity or anything. The bottom line is *blood family is legally responsible*.

The only way to prevent this, or try to, is by legal means. This begins with a Living Will, continues with a Durable Power of Attorney, and ends with a Last Will and Testament. *No friend, lover, partner or anybody has any binding legal say. Period. No matter how well they knew you, without your permission, on paper, legally protected, nothing anyone says is binding. Taking that responsibility, no matter how well intended, can be hazardous.* Unless there is some blood kinship that can be proven. Of these things, a living will is perhaps most important, with a designated person responsible.

Third, not everyone has a spouse, confidant or friend close enough to trust with these things. The next logical repository for such vital information is a church. Churches throughout the centuries have been the primary record keepers for millions of people. Ask any genealogist. Churches normally ask for various basic information about their members and it can become critical at times such as these. Others may choose an attorney, but the name of this attorney must be known to friends or church for it to do any good. Even a person with the best paper trail can be injured in a fire which destroys everything, perhaps even the spouse. And the key to the lock box.

We have created worshipping communities for ourselves and we have awakened other

worshipping communities to our needs. We must make use of these. Just as every little old church lady at the country church at home buries the hatchet long enough to make a casserole for the pallbearers, so must we support one another and allow our worshipping communities the means to support us. It is also the nature of congregations and support agencies to sometimes keep such information for persons who do not regularly participate, at their own discretion.

In our way of life, as Gay and Lesbian people, we must devise our own protections. We sometimes must make our own families. In our community, transient people, people about whom we know little, people from far-away places, people who have left whole lives and lifestyles behind are commonplace. We tend to overlook some very basic things that family units have much support for. There is always some relative who has gone through a death or tragedy who knows what steps to take. There is always some blood kin to take responsibility, even if it is to say, "I don't give a shit what happens." If we create families for ourselves, we must create them as a whole; putting both names on a lease, sharing family information, letting one another know what to expect (and frequently to expect the worst), what is to be done in a crisis and who is responsible for what.

We say all the time we are just like everyone else, but we forget all the time how to act that way.

I can only hope to have a few friends as faithful as the ones John Prowett had. So should we all. It is enduringly sad that he felt he could confide in no one, not even his congregation. That is not their fault; it just turned out to be his tragedy.



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Reply To Lady A

I recently wrote you a letter that you published about vandalism done to my vehicle at Amnesia. Although I despise bickering, please allow me the courtesy to respond to Lady A's comments about my letter. Thank You.

Lady A:

Please don't make me get into a war of words with you because, trust me, you'd raise a white scarf in surrender.

Where in my letter did I imply that my vehicle was "scratched"? A scratch is something one does for a mosquito bite. I said "scarred" and "vandalized," not scratched. Can't you read—or has all of that powder from years of tacky drag in make-up,

clothes, and wigs from "Dumpsters R Us" blinded you? You make it perfectly clear why the word "rag" is in drag.

You may have done a lot of great things to help the Gay community and even won awards for it, but as for drag, personally I feel it only hurts our community because mainstream America thinks that (drag) is all we are about.

By the way, what business is it of yours what my friend's name is? If I had wanted to write it I would have, with his permission, but wanting to know another Gay person's name and everything about them is so typical of Gay people and expected from someone like you. Remember, though, some people like their privacy and don't wish to have their name published in a Gay newspaper.

I honestly don't know how you got your column, but I'm sure you're worth every penny you're paid (and I believe it's nothing). I wish, however, that you would continue "circling" (I meant continue on your rounds) and stick with local gossip and keep your nose out of the editorial page.

Also, some of us take pride in our vehicles and don't like it when they are scarred or vandalized as mine was. But I know you don't have that to worry about because I've seen what you drive.

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Studds Blasts Helms Over AIDS Comment

Three-Fifths of Enacted Gay Rights Bills Supportive of Gays

By Melissa B. Robinson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Gerry Studds, an openly Gay member of Congress and advocate for people with AIDS, had some harsh words for Sen. Jesse Helms, the conservative North Carolina Republican and frequent critic of homosexuals.

Helms suggested in an interview with *The New York Times* that government should think hard about spending so much money fighting a disease brought on by "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct." (See story on page 1.)

"If the senator believes we should not devote scarce public resources to treating people who have engaged in risky or unhealthy behavior, then perhaps we should stop spending

government funds on people who get sick because they smoke too heavily, drive too fast, eat too much or exercise too little," retorted Studds, a Massachusetts Democrat.

Studds is a strong supporter of the Ryan White Act, a multimillion-dollar aid package to help those living with AIDS.

Reauthorizing legislation was approved unanimously by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee in March, and has 61 Senate sponsors, including Majority Leader Bob Dole. The House Commerce Committee, which includes Studds, plans to take up similar legislation soon.

Studds said Helms' comments "tell us more about ignorance and narrow-mindedness than about this disease."

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixty percent of the homosexual-related laws enacted by state legislatures this year are measures aimed at protecting Gay men and women from discrimination, an advocacy group said July 12.

But six of the 15 measures passed into law so far in 1995 are anti-Gay, according to a survey of 97 Gay-related bills reviewed by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

Many of the anti-Gay measures focused on the areas of family and education, curtailing rights to adoption and foster care and legislating negative references to Gay-related issues and individuals in education.

"This survey documents what activists have been telling us all

year," said Robert Bray, a field organizer. "The national climate of divisiveness and intolerance is playing itself out at the state and local level. I've never witnessed such a level of legislated bigotry against Gay people."

Of the nine new laws endorsed by Gay rights groups, one was a non-discrimination measure specific to sexual orientation. The remaining eight laws included sexual orientation on a list of categories deserving protection from discrimination.

Thirty-three states had some Gay-related legislative activity in 1995, according to the report. Anti-Gay legislation advanced in 30 states and nondiscrimination measures that included sexual orientation moved forward in 18 states.

Of the 97 bills, 39 were anti-

Gay. Ten anti-discrimination measures were specific to sexual orientation while 35 others included Gays in a broad list of categories. The task force said 12 bills favorable to Gay people were killed.

Some examples cited by the task force:

- Alaska, South Dakota and Utah all advanced measures to forbid legal recognition of same-sex marriages. Such a measure became law in Utah.

- A bill in Montana would have required individuals convicted under the state's "deviate sexual conduct" law, which prohibits consensual homosexual acts, to register with local law enforcement agencies. It died.

- The Nebraska social services department instituted a ban on Gay and Lesbian adoption.

Newt's More Moderate on Gays Than He Lets On Says Sister, Candace

SANTA FE (AP) — The Lesbian half-sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich says she cannot support many of his political po-

sitions but remains "proud of what he's strived for."

"I'm not going to support anyone who thinks Gays and Lesbi-

ans are second-class citizens," Candace Gingrich told about 250 listeners July 5 at a meeting during the city's Gay, Lesbian and Bi Pride Week.

But Ms. Gingrich, 29, said her half-brother is much more moderate on Gay and Lesbian issues than he lets on publicly.

"Newt my brother is a different guy from Newt the politician," she said.

"I don't think he's homophobic," said Ms. Gingrich. "But he's gotten where he is today with the help of people who are anti-Gay."

Ms. Gingrich is on a 51-city tour for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. She serves as spokeswoman for the group's National

Coming Out Project, which encourages Gay and Lesbians to let others know about their sexual orientation.

"This shows people that this is what the American family is like," Ms. Gingrich said. "There are Gays and Lesbians in everyone's family."

Ms. Gingrich said she doesn't harbor political aspirations, except continued participation as a Gay-rights activist.

"I'm not liking politics too much," she said. "I don't like the fact that you need people's help to get into the position and once there, you need to keep bowing down to them to stay there."

ACT UP Tackles GOP Headquarters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Act Up Gay rights activists stormed the GOP's San Francisco headquarters, waving anti-Republican banners from the balcony and smearing red hand prints on the walls.

Four demonstrators were arrested July 11 and held for investigation of malicious mischief, burglary and criminal conspiracy, police Sgt. Jim Hughes said.

Act Up San Francisco spokesman Michael Bellefontaine said the occupiers hanged effigies of Gov. Pete Wilson, Sen. Jesse Helms and California Attorney General Dan Lungren.

"This is to put the GOP nationally on alert that we are aware of their homophobic and AIDS-phobic agenda," he said.

Inside the Republican offices, demonstrators threw imitation AIDS money and leaflets demanding Congress reauthorize the Ryan White Care Act. Red hand prints on the wall symbolized "the blood on Republican hands" for opposition to the law, Bellefontaine said.

Anti-GOP actions will continue through the upcoming election campaign, including the Republican convention, said Bellefontaine.

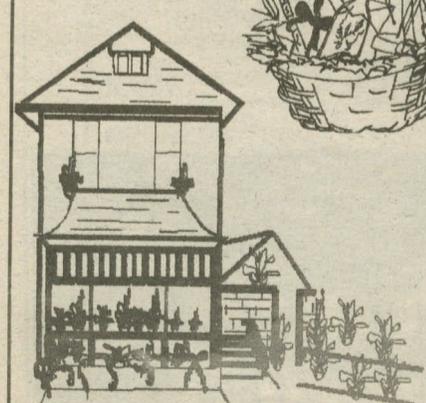
"We plan to do this all the way up to San Diego, and we plan to be at San Diego," he said.



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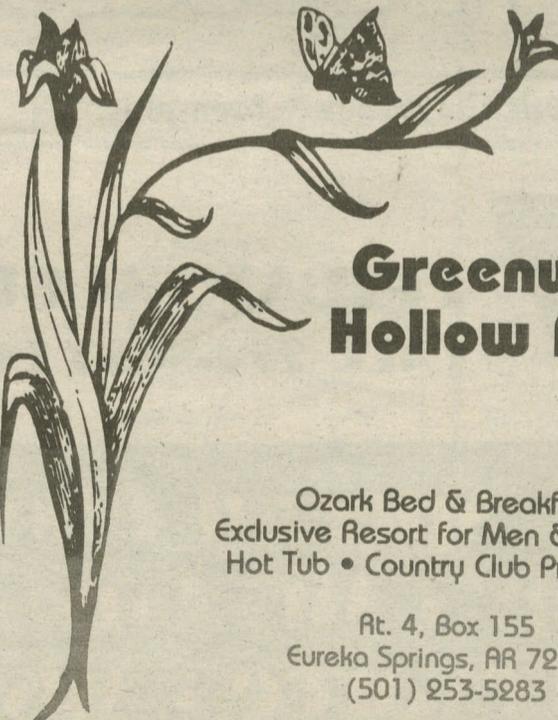
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Wedding Coordinator Helps Gay Couples Get Around the Law

By Nancy Roberts Trott
Associated Press Writer

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — For Ted Cranford, it was unthinkable to be on his deathbed and not be allowed to see his spouse — the person he has chosen to spend the rest of his life with.

But Cranford, who has cancer, will not be afforded the same rights as others after his marriage in September because Cranford and his partner are Gay.

Gay marriages are not legally recognized in any state. As a result, Gay couples are barred from filing joint tax returns. They generally cannot cover each other on their medical insurance policies and sometimes are turned away at hospitals when their partners are critically ill.

But Cranford and other Gay couples are finding ways to get around the rules. They are getting married anyway and, in Cranford's case, writing legal documents that allow them to see their spouses in the hospital in the event of a serious illness.

Matt Giovanni, who is helping Cranford plan his Sept. 9 wedding in Whittier, Calif., said more Gay couples are turning to him for advice about marriage. Giovanni provides them with everything from specialized vows to a rundown on laws concerning Gay couples in their state.

"Gay weddings. It's becoming the next frontier of the Gay movement," said Giovanni, whose business Pride, Love, and Union Services helps coordinate Gay weddings across the country.

Giovanni, 24, works from a tiny, cluttered office in Lebanon. He started the business two years ago because he noticed that more Gay couples were getting married, but no one was helping them.

He said his service, which relies heavily on computer and on-line data, is the only one of its kind in

the country.

Giovanni said many Gay couples are seeking the bond in their relationship that marriage provides.

"The importance of having a ceremony is to confirm their partnership and do it in front of friends and family," Giovanni said.

That's the main reason Cranford, 65, and William Bates, 64, of Whittier, Calif., are getting married.

"We want to make a formal pledge to each other as to our commitment to each other and the way we want to live together for the rest of our lives," Cranford said. "It's more or less a celebration, a rejoicing, in front of our friends."

Because Gay couples around the country have similar feelings, Gay marriages are flourishing despite their lack of legal recognition, said Marifran Korb. Through her business in Cincinnati, Rising to the Occasion, Korb helps couples write vows for weddings and other ceremonies.

"More people are realizing they can take the power into their hands," Korb said. "They don't have to wait for government or society to say it's OK."

"Just having the ceremony itself is a brave thing," she said.

Giovanni tries to help Gay couples get legal as well as emotional benefits from marriage. For example, he encourages them to use domestic partner laws that, in some states, afford Gay couples rights similar to those of straight couples. The ability to cover one partner on the other's medical insurance is one example.

Giovanni also recommends the use of contracts to establish what property is shared and who receives it should one partner die.

Obstacles abound, however. Some states are taking steps to undercut Gay marriages, saying they undermine the concept of family. Anti-Gay legislation was spurred by a preliminary state Supreme Court ruling in Hawaii that same-sex mar-

riages are constitutional.

Giovanni predicts it will be some time before every state permits Gay marriages.

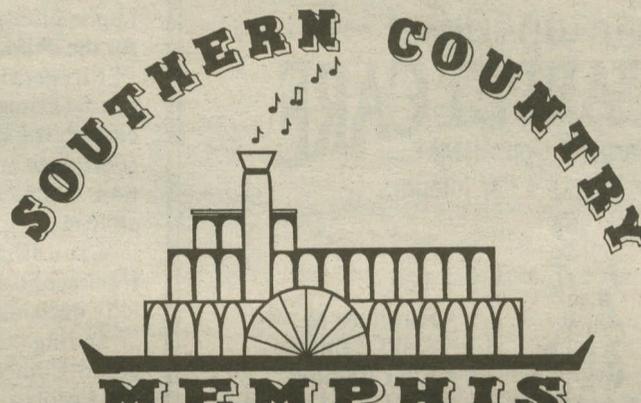
"I will probably be in business 10 or 20 years before the laws change," he said. "The ultimate goal of my company is to not have a need for a company anymore."

Meanwhile, Giovanni figures that he is playing a small role in changing perceptions of Gays. He contacts thousands of businesses that deal with weddings, such as caterers and florists, and if they agree to work for Gay couples, he recommends them to his clients.

Giovanni said he does not work

exclusively with Gay-owned businesses because he wants heterosexual business-owners to learn for themselves that Gays are ordinary people.

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Lesbian Loses Bid For Visitation Rights

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — A Lesbian, who originally sought custody of her former partner's child, was denied visitation rights by a superior court judge.

Strafford County Superior Court Judge Edward Fitzgerald III ruled Joan Comeau should not have rights to visit the 5-year-old girl, despite her argument that she helped raise her and was involved in the decision for her partner,

Lucinda Grondin, to be artificially inseminated. The ruling goes against the advice of the child's court-appointed guardian.

In his written order, Fitzgerald said his ruling was partly based on Comeau's "willingness to make this a 'cause celebre' without regard to impact on the child, instead of quietly pursuing the matter in the interest of the child."

Comeau and Grondin were in-

involved in a Lesbian relationship from 1984 to 1991, and they were living together when Grondin was artificially inseminated in June 1989. She gave birth in March 1990, and the Gay couple raised the child together until their breakup in October 1991.

Comeau's lawyer, Susannah Colt of Portsmouth, said she may appeal.

"This decision basically states that my client cannot see the child ever again," she said July 6. "The implications, I think, are serious for the child."

Fitzgerald already had dismissed Comeau's petition for joint custody of the child, saying the court does not have the "jurisdiction to determine custody of a child outside the divorce context."

Grondin's lawyer, Mark Hanlon of Rochester, said the custody decision is more significant.

During the hearing, Hanlon accused Comeau of "championing the Lesbian issue" while giving media interviews.

Colt admitted her client's presumed political agenda "muddied the waters considerably," but said that "it was more of a child rights case than a Gay-rights case. I think the court erred in that respect."

Hanlon believes the court made no mistake and "ruled squarely in favor of parental rights."

"I think that played a great part — Ms. Comeau's grandstanding for homosexual rights and not what's in the best interest of the child," he said.

Poll: Third of Voters Say Same-Sex Marriages Should be OK

By Jeff Holyfield
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A third of the nation's voters believe that two people of the same sex should be able to get married if they love each other, a new poll showed July 5.

The poll found 33 percent believed same-sex marriages should be allowed, while 63 percent disagreed, EPIC-MRA-Mitchell Research said. Four percent were undecided.

Robin Kane, a spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, found the 33 percent figure encouraging, even though Gay marriages are banned in every state.

However, Glenn Clark, executive director of the Michigan Christian Coalition, said allowing the marriages would be "just another step toward eroding the moral fiber of our nation."

EPIC-MRA founder Ed Sarpolus said he expected the question on same-sex marriages would get only single-digit support because voters are becoming more conservative.

Younger voters, those with higher incomes and those with more education were more likely to say such marriages should be allowed, he said. Only 21 percent of those with a high school diploma or less agreed, compared to 44 percent of those with college degrees.

Of those earning \$25,000 or less a year, only 24 percent agreed with same-sex marriages, while 38 percent of those making \$60,000 to \$75,000 agreed with the idea, as did 48 percent of those making more than \$75,000.

In age groups, 56 percent of the 18- to 24-year-olds said "yes," and that gradually declined over various age groups to only 18 percent for those 65 and older.

Jeffrey Montgomery, president of the Detroit Triangle Foundation, said the higher percentages for younger people showed a cultural shift, due in part to the media.

"Younger people are seeing more and more popular entertainers who are willing to come out and have done so and seeing other entertainers who aren't Gay or Lesbian who are giving the strong message that it doesn't make any difference," he said.

The telephone survey of 1,000 voters nationwide was conducted June 21-26. It has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

About a dozen or so cities, including New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis and Madison, Wis., allow same-sex couples to register in a domestic partnership.

Marriages, however, are regulated by the state and allow couples to file joint tax returns, cover each other on their medical insurance and other benefits.

Ithaca, NY City Council Endorses Same-Sex Marriages

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Ithaca's Common Council has voted unanimously to endorse same-sex marriages.

The city council's approval July 5 of a non-binding resolution in support of issuing marriage li-

censes for homosexual couples stemmed from a couple's quest to obtain a license.

In a few weeks, the city council will decide if they'll approve issuing marriage licenses.

Toshav Greene and Phillip

Storrs, who recently moved to Ithaca from Elmira, had applied for a license in June, but were rejected by a city clerk.

Ithaca Mayor Ben Nichols, a Socialist, said the U.S. Constitution guarantees all citizens equal protection under law, and said that right extends to Gay and Lesbian marriages.

City Attorney Charles Guttman said he is consulting with a Gay-rights lawyer on the issue. He said the state's marriage law, which dates from the 1800s, does not preclude same-sex marriages, but the state could block any city action with a court injunction.

Legal experts from the American Civil Liberties Union and national Gay activist groups have been investigating state law concerning homosexual marriages. A similar case has reached the state Supreme Court in Hawaii.

Greene and Storrs went ahead, without a license, and held a Jewish commitment ceremony on June 22.

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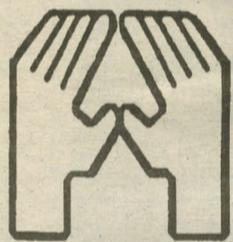
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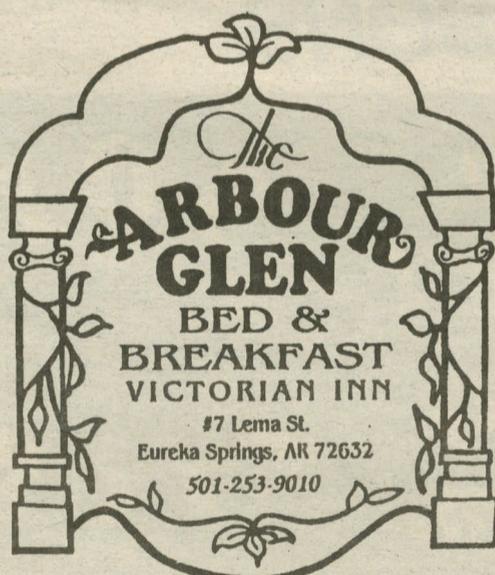
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Death of Prof's Son From AIDS Sparked Gay Awareness Among Mormons

By Vern Anderson
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Brad Schow felt trapped. And he was exhausted.

"I feel so weary. I'm tired of always worrying about morals, God, salvation, myself, girls, guys, Gays, family, school, etc.

"I need a vacation from myself."

Schow wrote those words in 1978 at age 20, some months before telling his parents that no matter how hard he had hoped and prayed to be otherwise, he was Gay.

Eight turbulent years later, he died of AIDS complications in his hometown of Pocatello, ID, his parents in an agony of regret at his side. That was in 1986, and Brad was the contagion's first reported casualty in the Gem State.

Today, there are many similar stories, even in the bedrock Mormon culture of Utah and southern Idaho that produced Wayne and Sandra Schow, Brad's parents. But they remain whispered stories within a patriarchal church that condemns homosexuality and preaches that "families are forever."

In the years since his death, Brad's parents have tried to change that.

At Sandra's urging, Wayne Schow and his brother, Ron Schow, both professors at Idaho State University, joined co-editor Marybeth Raynes in producing the 1991 book, *Peculiar People: Mormons in Same-Sex Orientation*.

The volume gained a wide audience, especially among hundreds of deeply conflicted Mormon Gays and the parents who had raised them to serve missions and marry in the faith's temples "for time and eternity."

Ron Schow was instrumental in forming Family Fellowship, a service organization with several chapters in Utah and Idaho that seeks to strengthen Mormon families with homosexual members.

"It was just a matter of someone daring to say, 'Hey, why don't we do something about this?'" said Mildred Watts, who co-chairs the group with her husband, Gary, a Provo radiologist.

"I think we are viewed with some suspicion by some church authorities," he said, but the organization's sole aim is to promote love and understanding. "Really, Brad is the genesis of the whole thing."

In 1993, Wayne and Sandra Schow were interviewed for *Straight from the Heart*, a short documentary about homosexuals and their families that was nominated for an Academy Award.

"I wish I had had the past 12 years to live over," Wayne Schow told the filmmaker. "If (Brad) were still with us I would be doing what I could to make his way smoother."

But as it happened, Brad's "coming out" declaration to his parents was the biggest shock of his father's life, triggering years of public denial and inner turmoil.

The separate struggles of father and son are detailed in a new book by Wayne Schow, *Remembering Brad: On the Loss of a Son to AIDS*, a deeply personal account that draws on Brad's voluminous journals and the father's letters to his son.

"Brad's journals are pretty compelling," Wayne Schow said. "I'm happy to say that in some sense they are the heart of the book and my writing is something of a gloss on his directly representing his di-

lemma."

Also satisfying to the author is the sense that the two have collaborated on the work, published by Signature Books.

The journals Brad began at 15 and continued until his death depict a soul impaled on the irreconcilable forces that shaped his life: religion and sexuality.

"I don't want homosexuality to be a part of my life," he wrote in 1977. "I have had urges of that kind for as long as I can remember, but it's something I'm dealing with as well as I can.

"I don't understand where, at which point, it becomes evil, and

how and where homosexual drives come into the plan, but still I don't want it. It's a sterile kind of relationship. One can't have offspring."

And yet, after two years of college, he dropped out and embarked on a hedonistic sojourn in the same-sex culture of West Hollywood. Four years passed before Brad, disillusioned with the self-destructive nihilism of his life, broke away to resume work on a degree at Utah State University.

Two years after that and starting to suffer, he went home to Pocatello. Eighteen months later he was gone.

"I have wondered more than a few times since his death whether

the religious upbringing we gave him was, on balance, more help or hindrance to him in his life," Wayne Schow writes. "Whatever the answer to this question, that upbringing was a large part of the cross he bore."

So, too, for his mother.

"When Brad came out to us, the church and much of what I read said it was all our fault," she said. "Parents are so afraid, especially those who are members of the church. They're all in the closet."

As Wayne relates in *Remembering Brad*, the Schows were there too before their eldest son dragged them out.

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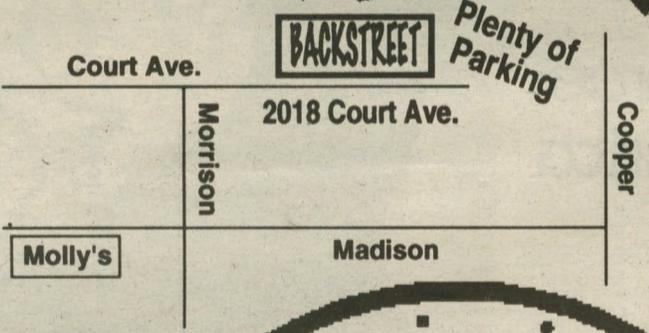
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J-Wag's Jaguars Finish Third In St. Louis Tournament

By Mike Reed

Coach Chuck Saylor was faced with the difficulties of recruiting and building a winning team for the St. Louis Classic Softball Tournament. With seasoned players and new young talent at his command, it was not long before the coach had developed a hard, compact unit of victory-minded diamondmen.

The Jaguars were blessed with excellent weather which helped the team to reach its peak quickly. After an opening game loss to a strong Kansas City team, the Jags could have lost all composure. But that was not the case. With timely hitting, good base running and a strong defense, the team won three games in a row. Then into the championship bracket to face the top seeded Chicago Fire early Sunday morning. Motivation and determination were key ingredients. With team spirit running sky high, they were set for the toughest test of their young cat lives. But consistency was the missing link and the Jaguars fell to the hot Chicago team by a score of 19-12.

Now to re-group fast! One more setback and the Jaguars were out of the tournament. Next in line were the "Bad Boys" from Milwaukee. Sparked by clutch hitting, the Jags turned in an outstanding effort and sent this cute young club packing for home.

A chance for the Jaguars to avenge their opening game loss came next. The same Kansas City team provided a spark for the Memphis yellow and gray. With team spirit and great support from the Nashville teams, the Jags were "fired up." No way was this team keeping us from winning a trophy. With the score changing hands constantly, the Jaguars held a quick team meeting between innings and were ready for the attack.

"Base Hit - Home Run - We Don't Care Either One" was the chant echoing from the bench. Spirits were mounting and the squad began attacking the ball. All team members were capable of coming through with a base hit when it counted and the score quickly turned into a nine-run Jaguar lead heading into the last inning. A Kansas City rally was on their minds as they were determined not to lose to a team they had already defeated. Now the KC team was down by five runs as a soft line drive headed over second base. With energy reaching its peak, two teammates collided like freight trains in the night as the ball dropped. Both Jaguars lay motionless as we ran to their aid. After a 30-minute delay to wait for the emergency crew to arrive and carry off a fallen Jaguar in the ambulance, the game started again. Just two more outs and we were in the semi-finals. A quick ground out and a lazy fly ball to center sealed the door on the tough KC crew. The Jags would now crawl into the semi-finals.

Charlie's from Chicago now seemed too big for the Jaguars to handle. An inspired but worn-out, broken-boned, black and blue squad wondered if they could rise to the occasion with two starting players injured. Spirits were low, but somehow the Jags continued to show how dedicated and determined they were. It would simply be proper for the team to hang their heads, but experience came through. In a mad dash to re-group, with several players anchored at new positions, we were ready. Charlie's jumped out quickly with solid hitting and good base running to take a commanding lead. A last inning rally by the Jags fell short as Charlie's defeated J-Wag's by a score of 16-13.

Walking off the playing field, one couldn't help but notice a proud group from Memphis. This first trip to St. Louis was a successful journey which showed how much hard work the Jags put in. All the efforts, loyalties and spirit of the

team came through when the J-Wag's Jaguars name was called for third place.

The team finished the St. Louis Classic with hesitation, reflecting on pleasant memories and new friends. Yet the team looked toward the next tournament and its opportunities with feelings of hope and anticipation.

Game Scores:

JLJ Designs - KC	10	Jaguars	6
Black & Blue - St. Louis	8	Jaguars	12
Birmingham Magic	6	Jaguars	12
St. Louis Shooters	5	Jaguars	8
Chicago Fire	19	Jaguars	12
Bad Boys - Milwaukee	8	Jaguars	14
JLJ Designs - KC	11	Jaguars	15
Charlie's Chicago	16	Jaguars	13

Softball Season Ends With Wild Finish

The Music City Softball season ended July 16 in Nashville with an almost unbelievable finish that could not have been envisioned just a few weeks earlier. Three teams ended in a tie for second place: J-Wag's Jaguars, Connections and Hit-N-Run all finished with a record of 8 wins and 7 losses. While Nashville Express rolled along all season without a loss, other teams were beating and battling each other. League Commissioner Harry Harrington stated, "There has not been a tie for second place since this league stated six years ago and to my knowledge there has never been a three-way tie for second in any sanctioned league in the country since the inception of the Gay Softball World Series."

Hit-N-Run will be heading to Seattle for the World Series as the second place representative from the league. Neither the Jaguars or Connections were able to send a full team and conceded the honor, thus negating a playoff.

Let's back up just a bit to put this in some kind of order. On July 9 Hit-N-Run came to Memphis and took care of business picking up two wins. The first against the Pipeline Pirates by a score of 16-6 and then beat the Jaguars 14-3. Neither Memphis team could get the timely hits they needed while Hit-N-Run pounded the ball in rolling to its victories. The Jaguars and Pirates faced each other in the final game of the day. After three innings the Jags had built a 10-1 lead as the Pirates started their scoring blitz in the fourth and fifth inning. The hard-fought battle ended with the Jags on top by a 11-9

score as the Pirates rally fell short as time expired.

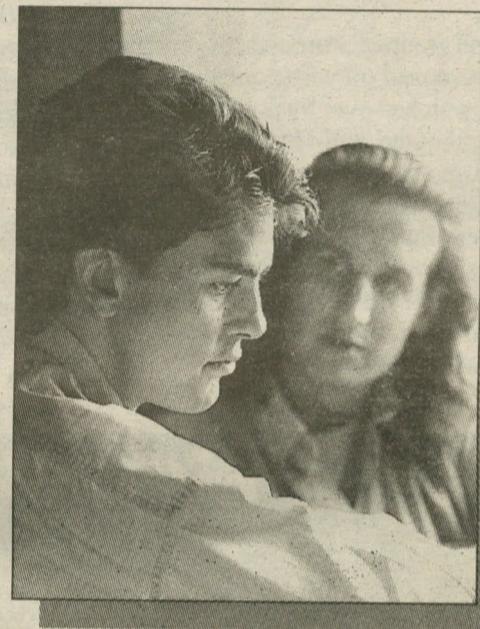
The following Sunday, the Pirates split their two games, dropping the first to Connections by a 12-6 and winning their last game 15-14 against the Music City Chuters in extra innings in what was a great season-ending victory. The Jaguars earlier dropped their only game of the day 13-3 to Hit-N-Run as they weren't able to get their offense on track.

The league banquet followed the last game as participants dined on a BBQ spread and awards were handed out. All three teams that tied for second place received second place trophies, while the Pipeline Pirates and Music City Chuters tied for the Sportsmanship Award with both receiving a trophy. *Best of luck and play hard* to Nashville Express and Hit-N-Run in Seattle, as they represent the Music City Sports Association Softball League.

Final Standings

Nashville Express	15-0
J-Wag's Jaguars	8-7
Connections	8-7
Hit-N-Run	8-7
Pipeline Pirates	5-10
Music City Chuters	1-14

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Thousands Turn Out For San Diego Gay Parade, Ignore Protestors

By Ernest Sander
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Blessed with ideal summer weather, thousands of people lined the streets July 15 for a Gay and Lesbian parade featuring colorful floats and costumes and inspirational signs.

A small group of protesters, in an area cordoned off with police tape and watched over by police officers, shouted anti-Gay slogans and apocalyptic threats that were largely ignored.

Mothers marched with their Gay sons, while Gay grandparents did the same with their grandchildren. Some people strolled with their pets.

All ages were represented in the 21st Annual Pride Parade, which was part of the three-day event "Out and Free: San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride." Former Olympian Greg Louganis served as the grand marshal, riding atop a convertible and waving to the crowd, which police estimated to be about 20,000.

There were beauty queens — mostly men — dressed in evening gowns, hoop skirts and big wigs blowing kisses to the throngs, and there were women revving their motorcycles.

And of course, there were lots of less flamboyant folks, dressed casually in T-shirts and shorts and marching contentedly.

Included in the procession

were police officers and firefighters, both in uniform — elected officials, lifeguards and a man in military fatigues.

Onlookers basked in the delightful weather and swelled with pride.

Jeff Hill, 30, who works in sales in Phoenix, said the parade was a welcome reminder that even with the central role that AIDS has come to play in the Gay community, Gay life has its upbeat sides, too.

"This is a nice change of pace," he said. "It all doesn't seem so tragic."

His friend, 29-year-old Mark Allen, also of Phoenix, said the mix of people was refreshing.

"Gays come in all forms, and

that is being represented here," he said.

The two dozen protesters, led by Rev. Fred Phelps from Topeka, Kan., who picketed a similar march in San Francisco in June, heckled marchers and onlookers, sometimes with offensive language.

Some of their signs cited biblical verses condemning homosexuality, while others said things like: "AIDS Cures Fags," "Fag Quilt Scam" and "God Hates Fags."

"Repent, repent, repent," one protester yelled. His T-shirt read: "Intolerance is a Beautiful Thing."

"Sick, sick, sick," another protester shouted.

Some parade-goers unveiled signs of their own to counter the religious picketers. One said: "To Thine Ownself be True," another: "He's YOUR God. They're YOUR rules. YOU go to Hell."

Other marchers used their own form of therapy on the protesters, mouthing "I love you" to them and waving to them enthusiastically.

But the protests and counter-protests were a small sideshow. For most participants, the main event was the parade itself and it was a joyous, celebratory occasion.

"Even though it's a bad time politically for Gays, I still feel good about being Gay," said Terry Mitchell, a 40-year-old nurse, waving a rainbow flag. "I'm not ashamed of anything I do."

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Lesbian, Gay Youth in California Get Prom of Their Own

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP)—A prom for Gay and Lesbian youths in Northern California offered something they couldn't find at their regular

schools: a chance to go to the dance without fear.

"In high school, they're ostracized, laughed at and become the talk of the prom. And then

it's no longer a prom, it's a political issue," said Officer Christine Orrey, who kept watch over a handful of protesters outside.

The June 30 night event in this suburb east of San Francisco drew about 100 people, including a tuxedo-clad Angella Frische, 19, and her date Larissa Brown, who wore a flowing gown. Her school's prom wasn't an option, Frische said.

"I could have gone, but there were so many threats made to me like, 'Dyke go to prom and we'll kill you,'" Frische said.

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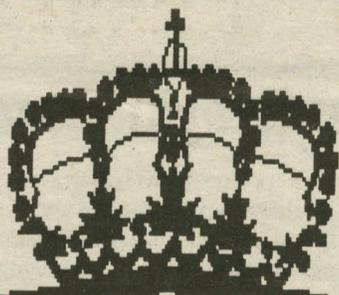


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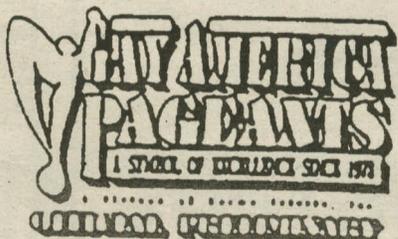
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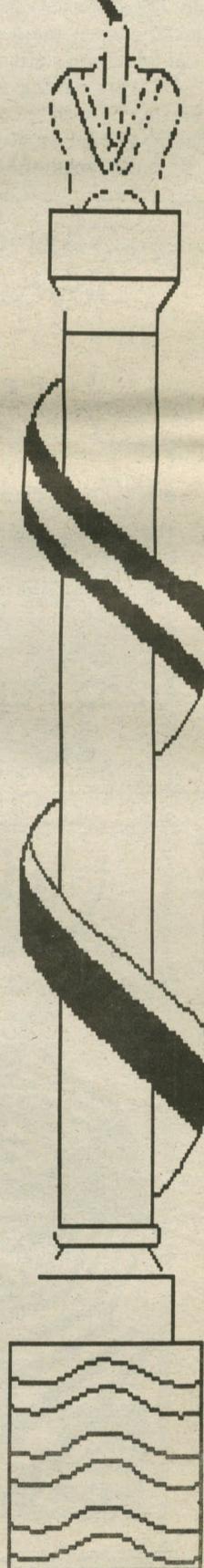
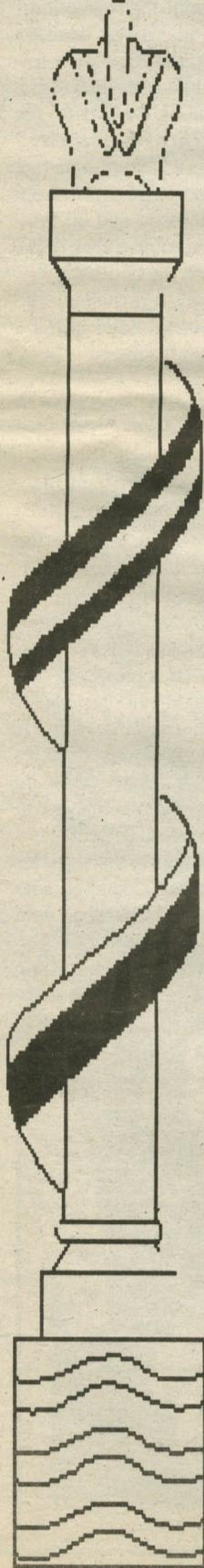
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Media Pursue Man Who Defrauded Husband Wisconsin Court Says Communities Can Restrict Adult Bookstore Booths

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The story about the Bountiful, Utah woman who turned out to be man and is now jailed for allegedly defrauding his "husband," has triggered dozens of calls to the Bountiful police.

Cpl. Jon Hadlow said he was even asked by a Los Angeles radio station to defend the masculinity of Utah men.

"They put me on the air live and said they would give the men in Bountiful a minute to prove themselves, to prove that we know the difference between men and women," he said. "I told them, 'Oh, we know the difference.'"

Then there were the calls from *Inside Edition*, *A Current Affair* and *The Maury Povich Show*, a San Francisco radio station and local television stations.

All were asking about Felix Urioste, the man accused of pretending to be a woman, marrying a Bountiful man and defrauding

him of as much as \$60,000 during their 3 1/2-year marriage. Bountiful Police Sgt. Grant Hodgson unraveled the alleged scheme.

Media attention swelled on July 14 after The Associated Press transmitted the story to its members worldwide. The story was first reported in the *Standard-Examiner* newspaper in Ogden on July 12.

"It's been constant phone calls all day," said Hadlow, who was taking the media calls because Hodgson is on vacation. Bountiful dispatchers reported receiving more than 20 phone calls from media.

"It's kind of humorous in some respects, I guess," said Hadlow. "But I feel really bad for the victim."

Bill McGuire, the deputy Davis County attorney handling the case against Urioste, had calls July 13 night from *USA Today* and BBC in London.

Reporters from as far away as South America, Canada and London called the *Standard-Examiner* newsrooms in Ogden and Layton, seeking more information and a phone number for the victim in the case.

The victim spoke to the *Standard-Examiner* on the condition his name not be used, so the newspaper did not provide his phone number to other media, Davis County Editor Andy Howell said.

The AP did run the victim's name in a story July 13 because it was a part of the public record in court documents, but it did not interview the victim and used the comments he made to the *Standard-Examiner*.

Stewart Curry with radio station CJAD in Montreal, Canada, said the story triggered such interest because, "It borders on the bizarre."

Larry Schwarz, associate producer for the Gill Gross show on the CBS Radio Network, said the show wanted to interview the victim to "try to understand" what happened.

Inside Edition's Chip White was interested in the Mormon angle since the couple had been married in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City.

"Wasn't it a particularly bizarre story in light of the LDS Church's stance against homosexuals?" he asked a reporter.

William Hayward, a free-lance writer based in Los Angeles, wanted to sell a story about Urioste to the British press, which loves such human interest stories about Americans, he said.

"This would be classified as strange Americana," he said. "This kind of thing just doesn't go on in Europe — it's a classic American story."

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Communities can require adult bookstores to remove the doors from booths where customers watch sexually explicit videotapes, a state Court of Appeals says.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals issued the ruling in a dispute between the Kenosha County Board of Health and Superb Video.

The court said the board properly regulated adult bookstores to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases.

The Kenosha regulation requires adult bookstores to keep one side of each booth open and accessible to aisles and public areas. It also limits booths to one person at a time and requires that the other walls of booths be solid and not have openings to adjoining booths.

The floors must be light colored, nonabsorbent and easily cleanable.

A similar law in Tennessee went into effect July 1.

The store's lawyer, Jeff Scott Olson, argued that the county didn't have authority to impose the regulation because the Legislature has

given the power to control communicable diseases to the state Department of Health and Social Services.

Olson also argued that the law was invalid because it provided for larger fines than allowed by a state law that regulates a nuisance, defined as a source of filth or cause of sickness.

But the court ruled that local governments could impose rules to discourage conduct that could spread a communicable disease.

"The regulation does not penalize or enjoin conditions of filth or sickness, although such might result from a violation of the regulation," the court said in a written decision July 5. "Rather, the regulation imposes structural and environmental requirements with regard to the physical condition of the property."

The Tennessee law requires that private video booths be closed from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and on Sundays. It further requires that doors be removed from the booths.

Memphis bookstore owners who have private booths have noted a drop in overnight business.

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Dear Clarksburg: The Letters Are About to Stop.

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — After seven months of daily missives addressed to people culled from a telephone book, J.T. Colfax says the project he considered therapeutic art — but residents called trash — will end next month.

"I just can't keep this up anymore," Colfax, a pen name for the 31-year-old man, said July 13. "It's driving me insane and it's too expensive."

A handful of letters started arriving daily in this city of 18,000 in December, discussing everything from mundane shopping trips to anonymous Gay sex in New York's Times Square. Some were tinged with contempt.

"If Denver can survive the humiliation it went through with their new airport, you, Clarksburg, can survive

me," he wrote in one letter. "So stop hacking at me you bucktoothed, over-all-wearing, inbreeding clowns."

Colfax, who recently moved from New York to Hagerstown, Md., has said the letters were a project to ease his loneliness and to introduce homosexuality to small-town America. He picked Clarksburg, about 90 miles south of Pittsburgh, because it has no Gay bars that people could attack to vent their anger over his letters.

"This is an extremely disturbed individual," said Dennis Zahradnik, who received a letter last week along with a picture of a local clothing store. "I'm sorry if he's had problems, but doing it in this manner, he's causing problems for other people. It was upsetting to me."

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MGLCC Elects New Board Memphis Pride Board Elections Sept. 17

A new Board of Directors was elected on July 7 for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (which also operates the G/L Switchboard). Officers are Hunter Johnston, President; Clyde "Dixie" Alexander, Vice-President; Rob Morgan, Secretary; Miki Zulewski, Treasurer; and Earl Winston, At-Large.

The new board's goals are to increase use of the MGLCC, put the new automation of the Switchboard

in place, stabilize cash flow, and increase community awareness and participation. Hours at the MGLCC will be expanded to noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. New events are scheduled such as a Second Saturday Coffeehouse. For more information, call the MGLCC at 726-5790 during week-end hours, or the Switchboard at 728-GAYS in the evenings.

(See letter page 23)

At the next meeting of Memphis Pride, Sat. Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. at MGLCC, the primary order of business will be nominations for the new board of directors to be elected in September. Nominations may be made in writing at any time and will be accepted from the floor at the August meeting. Five directors are elected who then decide who will hold which position. Offices are two Co-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer and

Parliamentarian. All are welcome and any constructive input is welcome. The celebration of National Coming Out Day in October and the date for next year's Parade will be discussed. The popular "Party With

a Purpose" buttons and T-shirts are still available at Meristem Books and will be available at the meeting. The limited edition souvenir bandanas will also be available at the meeting.

Southern Country Memphis Hits Louisville, July Fund-raiser a Success

by Steve Smith
Southern Country D.J.

Southern Country Louisville welcomed other clubs from across the country for its annual Hoedown July 14-16. The Memphis club was represented by around 20 members. Over 2,000 country & western dancers and cloggers attended the annual event.

The Memphis dance team was one of eight groups that performed at the Exhibition Dancing. Teams from Louisville, Atlanta, South Carolina, Boston and Memphis were asked to perform for the Hoedown. Our team was rated by everyone present as the best in the show for both its routine and new costumes. Competition included some of the best dance teams in the country. The performance of our dance team guaranteed that Memphis will not be forgotten anytime soon. Everyone can be very proud of how the dance team represented our city.

The Memphis group commandeered the bar at the Seelbach Hotel, now known as "Steve's Place," for a number of impromptu concerts. The talents of numerous club members were displayed by playing the piano and singing, often late into the night. Hotel guests and staff alike were entertained by our talented group, which became the life of the party at the grand old hotel.

The festivities started Friday night with a paddlewheel boat ride on the Belle of Louisville. Around 700 dancers enjoyed a very HOT time on the Ohio river. Dancing on Saturday was held in the Louisville Gardens Theater, with more than 2,000 participants. Dance swap was held Sunday after brunch at the Seelbach Hotel. Memphis club members can look forward to learning a couple of the new dances over the coming weeks.

The Louisville Hoedown was a marvelous party. The Memphis chapter of Southern Country was represented by an outstanding group of dancers, who all had the time of their lives. Southern Country is a great way to come together with your friends and neighbors in our city and

you are invited to join in on Tuesdays at WKRB and Fridays at 501/505.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Southern Country and the dance team for their hard work and effort. I am very proud to be your club DJ.

July 9 Benefit

I would like to express my gratitude to all who participated in the benefit held for the Southern Country Memphis Dance Team on July 9. Thank you so much for making it a huge success. Over \$800 was raised in the benefit alone. Our five week goal was set at \$1,500. With the help of club members, other

clubs, organizations and performers our goal climbed to almost \$1,700. This would not have been possible without the help of those who participated: Hetti McDaniels, Allison Tate (Miss 501/505), Randy Stone (Mr. 501/505), Lady Vic, Beverly Hills, Ed Hammett (Holy Trinity), Aphrodite, IDclare (Jimbo), Carol (WKRB), Tom Malone, Alliance, Tommy (Tsarus), BWMT, Ira, all of the Southern Country members who gave of their time to help and, of course, the Southern Country Dance Teams. Thanks to the Pipeline and 501/505 for promoting the benefit and for Sharon Wray at WKRB for hosting the show. Thank you and God bless.

More New Businesses Keeping it in the Family

Sweetpeas Florist and Banquet Facility

John Denney of Sweetpeas Florist has teamed up with Marjorie Barnes of Barnes Banquet Services in a brand new location at 665 Madison (between U.T. and Danny Thomas Blvd.). An open house was held on July 15 to showcase the new space. Decorated with weddings, holy unions, receptions and similar affairs in mind, it is uncluttered, spacious and a little on the fancy side. Barnes Banquet Services can provide anything from the room only to any type of party/reception equipment and service. The facility comes with ample parking and a full catering kitchen.

Participating in the open house were David's Bridal, Mr. Formal,

Southern Delights Bakery and Ric's Carousel of Catering.

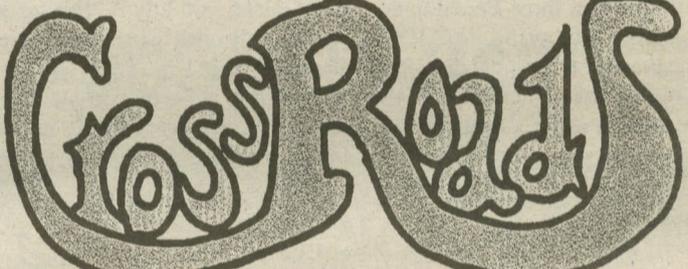
Alternative Restaurant

Memphis' newest Gay-operated restaurant is located at 553 S. Cooper, near Peabody, near The Edge coffee house and Nikita's. This restaurant is simple and unpretentious and the neighborhood, though not supportive at first, is warming up to this pleasant locale. There are daily specials and the menu basics include pot roast and spaghetti cooked fresh daily and done to a turn. If one doesn't want the pasta, the meatballs are available in sandwich form. Other items range from a pleasant little chef salad to pound cake with various fruit toppings. All the food is simple but well prepared, home style. Lunch and early supper are served seven days a week and the space is available for rent after regular hours.

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Mailman Suspended, Refused Delivery to Couple With AIDS

By Josef Federman
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)— Even after health officials tried to reassure him, a postman decided it was too risky to deliver mail to a couple with AIDS.

Tim Snodgrass was suspended indefinitely with pay July 14 after an educational class failed to change

his mind, Postmaster Richard Esslinger said. Medical experts and officials from the letter carriers' union tried to convince him he was not at risk for the disease.

Snodgrass, a 10-year mail carrier, refused to deliver to Fred and Pat Grounds after they moved into a home for people with AIDS. They are the first and only residents of the home, which is run by a charity.

Snodgrass said he was afraid of cutting himself on the metal mail slot and becoming infected from envelopes or stamps the couple had licked.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said there are no known cases of the disease being spread through saliva.

"I think the situation is I've been put in the middle of a bad scene,"

Snodgrass told WOWK-TV after the July 14 meeting.

Mrs. Grounds said she was disappointed that Snodgrass still believed he was at risk. "His job was not what I was after. I was trying to raise AIDS awareness," she said.

Esslinger would not say what other action could be taken. Postal service sources said Snodgrass eventually would be fired.

Giants Announce 2nd 'Until There's A Cure Day'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— San Francisco Giants pitcher Rod Beck came close to losing his usual composure last year as he stood before 50,000 fans at Candlestick Park and slowly read the names of young people who had succumbed to AIDS.

"When you're 'The Shooter' and you're supposed to go out there in the ninth inning and get guys out with the bases loaded — that seems easy sometimes compared to reading the names of young children and young adults who have passed away from this dreaded disease," Beck said.

Beck was joined by shortstop Royce Clayton, manager Dusty Baker, Giants executives and others on July 14 to announce plans for the second annual "Until There's A Cure Day" at Candlestick Park.

Last season, the Giants became the first professional sports team to stage a game-day benefit to fight AIDS. More than \$115,000 was raised.

This year, the Giants donated \$1 from each ticket sold to the Aug. 13 game against the Chicago Cubs to local organizations involved in research, education and services for those with AIDS.

"Quite honestly, we didn't know what to expect when we decided to hold the game (last year). There were those who told me, 'You're taking a big risk. This is still a very controversial and misunderstood issue in this community and communities across the country.' But this team decided that this was something we couldn't afford not to do," said Giants Executive Vice President Larry Baer.

In light of recent reports from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that show 40 percent of the new cases of HIV infection are among people under 21, the Giants plan focused this year's event on children, Baer said.

Beck and Clayton each wore jerseys emblazoned with a red, looped ribbon July 14 at the San Francisco headquarters of the NAMES Project Foundation, which cares for and displays the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Standing before multicolored panels of the quilt, Baker described the team's commitment to fighting the epidemic.

"I hope we'll have a third, and fourth, and fifth and on down the line until we have a cure," Baker said.

The Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church urged fans to put aside their feelings about baseball's tumultuous labor problems and turn out for the game.

"We ought to support our team because our team supports our community," he said.

Benetton Considering Appeal of German Ad Ban

TREVISO, Italy (AP) — The Benetton clothing retailer says it may fight a German ban on advertising featuring AIDS and other provocative themes, saying it is not alone in using social consciousness to sell products.

Germany's federal appeals court ruled July 6 that three Benetton ad campaigns — focusing on AIDS, child labor and ecological disasters — violated the principles of fair competition by using compassion for

commercial purposes.

The ads cited by the court show a man stamped with "HIV positive," children toiling in a South American sweat shop and a duck covered in crude oil.

"Of course we respect their ruling," company spokeswoman Marina Galanti said July 7. "But we are not the only ones to use compassion in advertising."

Benetton is likely to argue that it should not be singled out for its pro-

vocative ads, and that the ban violates its freedom of expression. The company said an appeal could be filed within weeks.

Benetton franchise managers in Germany are also suing the parent company for what they say is a slump in sales in the wake of the "shock" advertising campaign.

Benetton is already contesting a

French decision against ads depicting body parts tattooed "HIV positive."

Oliviero Toscani, Benetton's advertising campaign photographer, could not be immediately reached for comment. But he has been a strong advocate of keeping the activist tone of Benetton's advertising.

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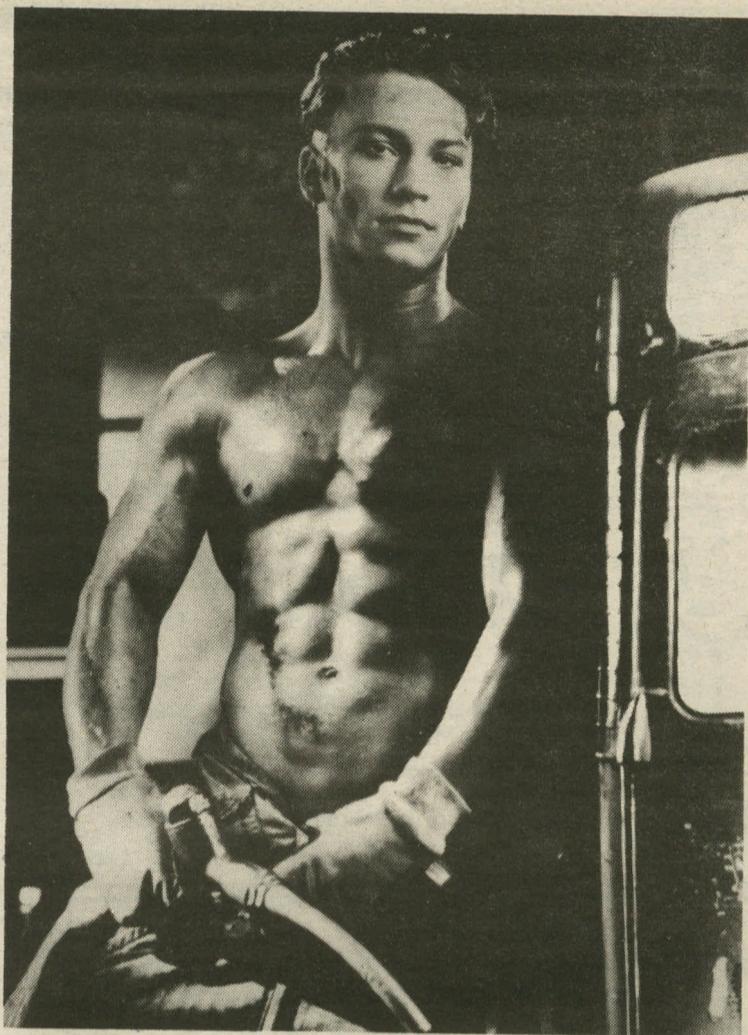


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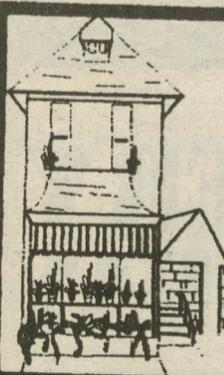
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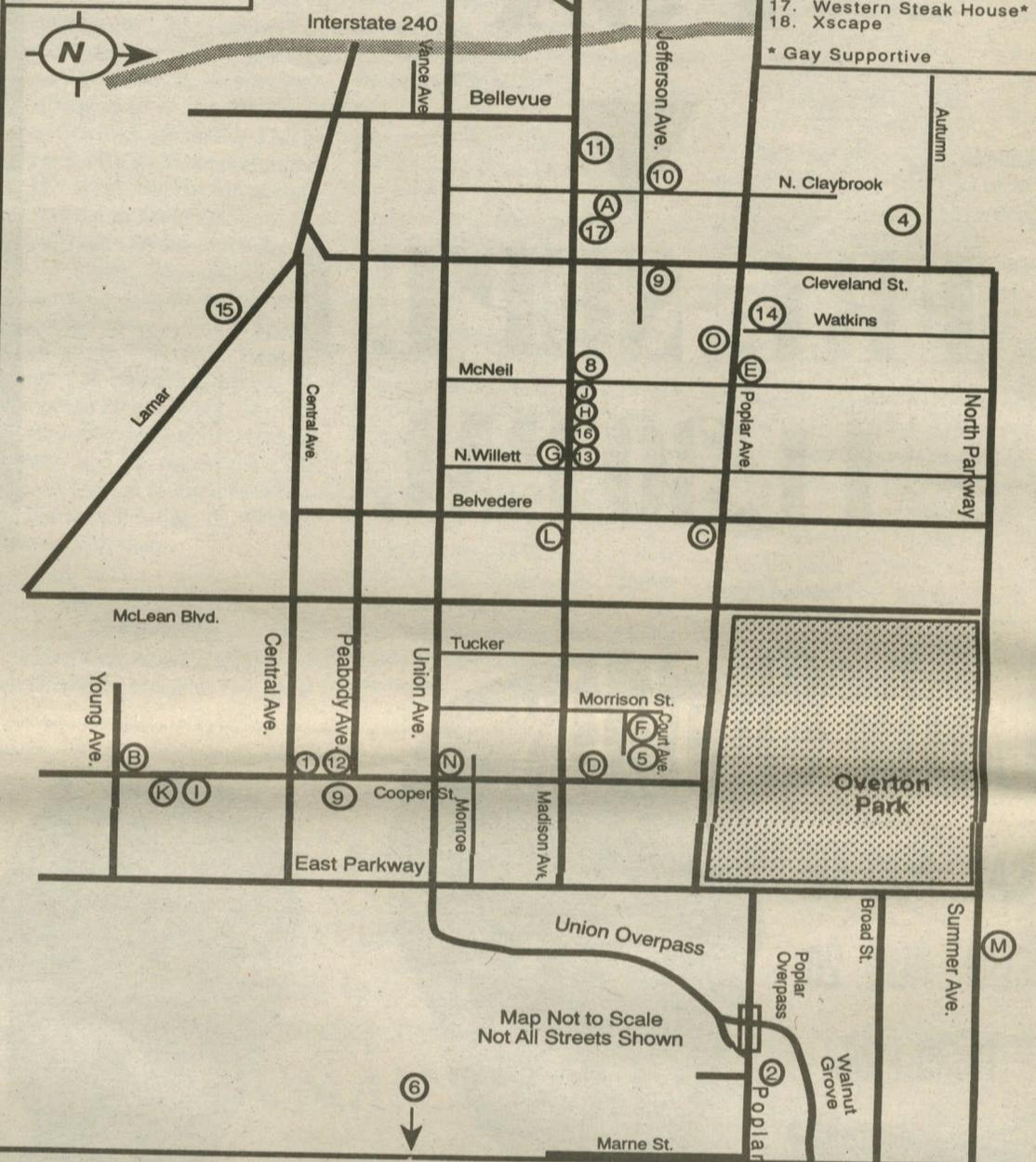
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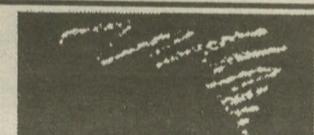
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6 • Holy Trinity Community Church Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm • MCC, Worship Service, MGLCC, 11am • MGLCC, open 1 to 5 p.m. • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm	7 • Gay Alternative Hour FM 89.9, 6pm • Friends For Life Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm	8 • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7pm • Gay Men in Transition (2nd Tuesday), Holy Trinity, 7-8:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	9 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm	10 • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	11 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Video MGLCC, 8pm, "Absolutely Fabulous" Marathon • Southern Country Hoe Down, 501/505 Club, 9pm • Mr. Gay Tenn. All-American, 501/505	12 • MGLCC, open noon to 7 p.m. • MGLCC, Coffeehouse, 7 p.m. • Miss Southern Elegance Pageant, Theatre Memphis, 8 p.m. • Lady Chablis, Amnesia (Aug. 12 & 13) • Dog Tag Night, Pipeline, 11pm
13 • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm • MCC Worship Service, MGLCC, 11am • MGLCC, open 1 to 5 p.m. • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm	14 • Gay Alternative Hour FM 89.9, 6pm	DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER '95 TJN • Integrity Eucharist & Healing Svc., 6pm; Dinner/Mtg., 6:45pm, Calvary Episcopal • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	16 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm	17 • GRACE Mtg. Call John, 725-5237 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	18 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Video Night, MGLCC, 8pm, "Serial Man" • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501/505 Club, 9pm	19 • MGLCC, open noon to 5 p.m. • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 5pm Overton Park
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The atmosphere here is wonderful, but the food is absolutely incredible! We took guests who have eaten steak all over the world with us on both spying missions, and they agreed that Western has the best plate of meat in the business. We agree.

On our first trip I ordered the filet and my friends each had the T-bone. A feisty, friendly, well-versed waitress served us these delicious little garlic rounds (homemade, of course), that could've been a meal in themselves! These folks do a simple salad with homemade dressing that literally falls off the plate; they really heap it on. The steaks are served sizzling hot on an iron platter, so sizzling in fact, that the wait-

ress ties a little bib on the diner before the meat arrives! My filet was prepared to perfection! Thick and juicy (not unlike my ex-boyfriend in Jackson, but much less expensive). Forget the steak sauce here, this filet required nothing more than a healthy appetite! I tried the country browns, a chunky fried potato fixed with peppers and onions in a cast iron skillet. The rolls were a standard brown and serve version but I was grateful because it just meant that I had more room for my filet.

The T-bones ordered by my friends were positively huge! (bring a box... Lunch tomorrow) and were every bit as tender and tasty as my filet, and not all bone either, like some places serve.

Our second visit was as delightful as the first, except this time there was a live country band playing on the upper level stage and the place resembled a Texas honky tonk more than a Midtown landmark! The server was just as prompt, the food just as good, and the atmosphere even better than on our first visit. It seems that the busier the joint gets, the livelier the staff!

Nobody in our party had room for dessert either time, but if their cobbler is anything close to their steaks, we must try one soon. Take a hungry friend with you, kick back, and enjoy a great piece of meat in midtown. This one is a winner! Yes, these folks are Gay friendly (hell, they employ a few of us, and Gay

men and women have been regulars there for years). Let's keep our dollars where they are welcome. Dinner for three, with beers and tip ran us about \$50, a bargain for the quality of the meal. Western Steak House and Lounge

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Passages

Charles Butler 1961-1995

Charles Gerard Butler, financial planner for American Express Co., died of respiratory failure resulting from AIDS July 8. A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Church of the River on July 11. The Lambda Men's Chorus performed.

His most significant accomplishments in Memphis were obtaining both a tax-exempt status for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and Switchboard and in acquiring a \$1,000 grant from American Express which was earmarked for expansion of the Switchboard.

He leaves his partner, Herbert Zeman, and his father and stepmother Thomas V. Butler and Lois B. Butler of Palatine, IL, two sisters and a brother.

John Prowett 1946-1995

Floyd John Prowett, a very visible part of the Memphis G/L com-

munity, died at the Med on July 12. A gunshot wound during an attempted robbery June 23 was the apparent cause of death.

Since his arrival in Memphis in the late 1980s he had been active in numerous areas of the G/L community, particularly with G/L Pride committees. He helped to organize a revival of G/L Pride marches in 1993 which led to the founding of Memphis Pride after the 1994 parade. He assisted in the early organization of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and was co-founder of the Memphis TransGender Alliance. He was a volunteer for numerous fund-raisers.

Though not an ordained minister, he was active in several local ministries both within and without the G/L community. He helped organize the early meetings in 1990 of Holy Trinity Community Church which was chartered in 1991. He remained a member of Holy Trinity and the church held a memorial service on July 18. He leaves his fa-

ther, Wyland P. Prowett of Harrison, Ark., who arranged for cremation of the remains.

Gary L. Qualls (Sabrina Lea) 1947-1995

Gary Qualls, a registered nurse in the ambulatory care unit of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, died of heart failure June 30.

As Sabrina Lea, her career as a female impersonator spanned the better part of 25 years. She performed at the original location of George's on Madison Avenue in Midtown during its earliest days as the Infamous Door. The early group was known as the Door Four. She had been seen frequently in the last couple of years performing for regular shows and benefits at Club 501/505. Her colleagues have complimented both her sweetness of character and her professional attitude. He leaves his grandparents, Audley and Ethlyle Daughtry of Tyro, Miss.

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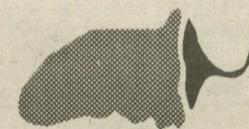
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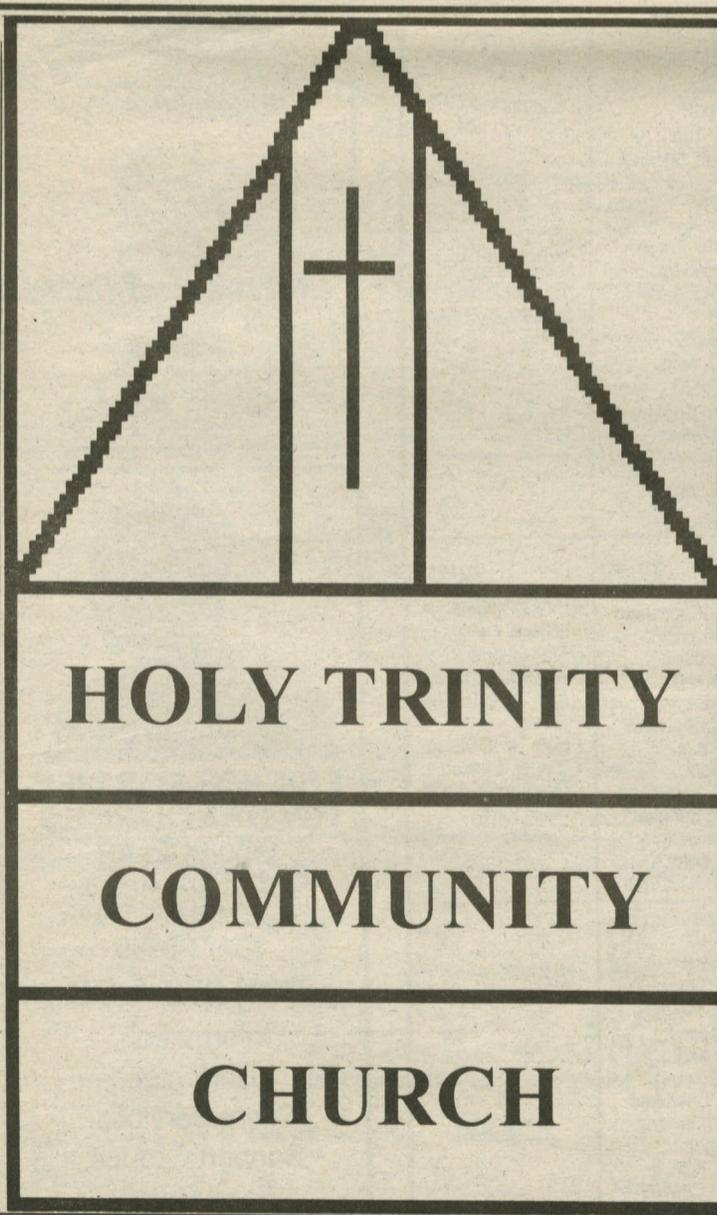


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STUPID THINGS

Fiction by
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PART 16

"Good afternoon. Dr. Brady's office. Nurse Rowands speaking."

"Hi, Donna Ruth. It's Paul."

"Nice to hear from you, Paul."

Donna Ruth Rowands had been Dr. Leonard Brady's nurse for thirty years. A tall, attractive woman, she kept her hair frosted to cover the gray. She was totally devoted to her job and had never married. Paul always suspected she was more than a little in love with his father.

"And nice to hear your voice again. Is father in? I'd like to wish him a happy birthday."

There was a moment of silence. Finally, the nurse said, "He's with a patient right now, and terribly busy." The tone of her voice belied the fact that she was uncomfortable talking with Paul. "I'll tell him you called," she said, not sure how to handle the situation.

"I'd really like to talk with him.

I've tried to call him at home, but he always seems to be at the hospital. Couldn't you just poke your head in the examining room and say I'm on the line?"

Donna Ruth stammered, "Well, uh... uh..."

Finally, Paul said, "He's left instructions that he doesn't want to talk with me, hasn't he?"

"Paul, you know that I've always liked you and that your life-style doesn't bother me, but your father is... he's just such a moral man, so old-fashioned and rigid in his thinking. He has a problem handling the idea of you and Bobby. Plus you and Claudia are having a baby. Well, it's all so unnatural for him. Try to understand." She was silent again, then added, "I'm sorry, Paul, there's just nothing I can do. Maybe if you give your father more time..."

"Well, don't hold your breath." Paul slammed the receiver down, and leaned back in his office chair. Stupid, stupid, stupid! he thought. Why had he called. His father would never accept that he was Gay and living happily with another man. Hell, Paul thought, I've always tried to do what he wanted. I played football in high school and college; tried hard to be straight; got married three times before accepting who I really was.

Dr. Brady had hoped his son would marry Claudia Howard, whom he had dated all through high school; however, Claudia, while visiting her old gym teacher in San Francisco, had met and fallen in love with another woman.

Paul sighed deeply and glanced at the clock on the wall of his insurance agency office. Only 4:00. Hell, he said to himself as he closed the file he was working on, I'm going down to the Colony Club to talk with Helen. He beeped Bobby, who was out on a sales

call, and recorded a voice mail message that he was leaving the office early and would see him at home later.

"Here, Johnny, grab hold of the me way I instructed you, and I'll help you up. Things have to be done just so in a hospital, you know." Chet Murdock smiled at his patient, Patrolman John DeBerry, as he helped him to his feet. "Let's see if you can walk to the other side of the room and back." Johnny was

straight men, especially cops, could be more like you."

"Well, thanks," Johnny looked at the floor.

"Why are you different? You weren't angry when you learned Frank was a drag queen. Some guys would have beaten him half to death for that."

"You're too hard on straights, Chet."

"What makes you so understanding?"

"I wasn't always, believe me! My first partner, Roger Martin, taught me a lesson. We went all through training together, got matched up as partners, and — like cops partners do — we became close. Hell, he was best man at my wedding. Later, when I learned he was Gay, I realized it didn't really matter much."

"It's okay for cops to be Gay?" Chet asked in amazement.

"Oh, sure. Roger and I were out on patrol when he told me. It was a quiet night. I got to telling faggot jokes and noticed he didn't laugh. Then, finally, he told me he was Gay. I felt terrible. We had worked so well together, and he had helped me out of many a tight spot. We were a hell of a good team!"

"What happened to him? Where is he now?"

"Roger was arrested by Undercover Vice. He propositioned a guy in a park in Memphis. It was stupid thing to do, but we've all done stupid things, you know. Anyway, the arrest was written up in the local paper, and the small town, redneck press made a big thing of it. 'LOCAL POLICEMAN ARRESTED FOR PERVERTED BEHAVIOR, LEWD ACTS,' and so on. That was the end of his career in that town. Everybody turned on him, including his 'friends' on the force."

"Wow! I guess that was tough to take."

"Yeah. I was separated at the time, and my wife even tried to bring it up at the divorce proceedings, suggesting that he and I were really just playing around with each other when we were supposed to be out on patrol. It was all lies, of course. Just awful."

"I can't believe a woman who knows for sure you're straight would do such a thing."

"Anything can happen when child custody is an issue." Johnny got up slowly and started for the bed. "Roger's out in San Francisco now, openly Gay, and active in the Gay police organization there. He writes occasionally. He's happy now, and has a lover."

"Too bad. I was hoping you could introduce me," said Chet, helping Johnny get comfortable. "I need someone to care about, Johnny. Need my own person so much... and someone to

care about me. Frank was in that desperate frame of mind when he met you."

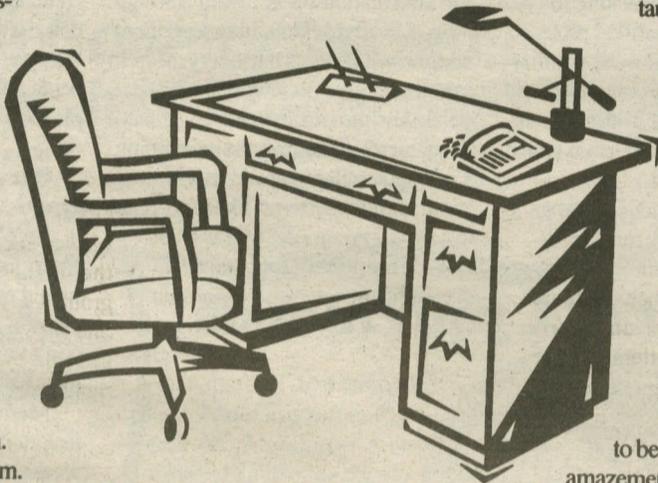
"I know. We all need our own special person."

"I guess Frank told you I'm HIV positive." Chet looked off in space a moment. "I was devastated when I found out two years ago. My family has pretty well disowned me since then. They consider themselves pretty religious, and somehow they can't fit me into that picture." Chet got very busy straightening up the room.

"Maybe they'll live long enough to regret that."

"Well, Patrolman DeBerry, as your nurse I say you need to rest until Frank gets here at 3:00. You can walk for him then. It'll be a nice surprise for him. I've been trying to get Frank to go the MCC church with me. I really like the minister there."

Helen Sherman was behind the bar doing her nails when Paul came in.
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Merck Makes Experimental AIDS Drug Available Through Lottery

Amid pressure from AIDS activists to give more people a promising experimental HIV drug, pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. said July 17 it will offer its Crixivan free via lottery to at least 1,400 people.

The news comes less than a month after another New Jersey drug maker, Hoffmann-LaRoche of Nutley, announced a similar lottery for an experimental AIDS drug, also from a family of drugs called protease inhibitors intended to block the HIV virus from multiplying.

Merck's drug, generically called indinavir sulfate, has been tried on about 750 people since human clinical trials began in October 1993.

"This is a drug that represents a real breakthrough in the treatment of HIV infection," said Bill Bhalman,

a founding member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) who helped Merck plan the lottery. "Quite a few individuals we know have done well on this drug in clinical trials."

But those trials have very strict requirements for inclusion, and the AIDS community has been clamoring for Merck and other companies developing HIV drugs to make them more widely available.

The clamor got louder after Merck officials in February announced preliminary data showing Crixivan appeared to boost the body's immune system even after the HIV virus developed resistance to it, said Merck spokesman John Doorley.

So the company, based in Whitehouse Station, N.J., July 17 began an expanded access program

through a nationwide lottery open to AIDS patients in late stages of the disease — those with a count of less than 50 T-cells, the critical immune cells that fight the AIDS virus. Doorley said an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 Americans are in that group.

"We hope that the drug will prove to be helpful to people who have very advanced disease," Doorley said, noting that Merck first started work on protease inhibitors about six years ago.

Protease inhibitors, now under development by several pharmaceutical companies, work by blocking the action of a key enzyme called protease, which is needed for the human immunodeficiency virus to copy itself and spread from cell to cell. The drugs temporarily raise the level of T-cells, which are depleted by AIDS.

"We've had five (AIDS) drugs in

human studies and this is the only one left. The other four have failed," Doorley said.

The first four drugs, however, were from a different class that includes the commercially available AIDS drugs, such as AZT, DDI and DDC. Those drugs lose effectiveness, sometimes within several months, when the HIV virus develops resistance to them.

Crixivan, however, seems to continue working even after resistance develops, Doorley said.

Patients can call a toll-free number for information on applying through Aug. 11, after which an independent auditor will conduct the lottery. Merck said it will give preference to 300 patients who previously failed to get into its clinical trials, and the remaining 1,100 spots will go to patients with very weak immune systems. Those not cho-

sen will be placed on a waiting list.

Both Merck and Hoffmann-LaRoche said supplies of their drugs are extremely limited because they are so difficult to manufacture. They said the free lotteries will cost them millions of dollars, but neither company had a firm estimate.

Not all AIDS activists are satisfied with the lottery systems.

Kevin Frost, director of the American Foundation for AIDS Research's community-based clinical trials program, said July 17 he thinks scientists could learn more quickly about which drugs work best by large-scale "simple" trials in which half the patients got the new drug and half got a placebo or commercially available drug.

But ACT-UP's Bahlman disagreed.

"We're looking at patients ... who are in jeopardy of losing their lives. I would not like to see people offered a placebo at that stage," he said. "I just don't think we can play with peoples' lives like that."

Merck mailed a letter announcing its lottery to 130,000 doctors over the weekend.

AIDS groups are pressing a third manufacturer, Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago, Ill., to begin a similar program. Abbott said in a prepared statement that it only has enough of its drug, ritonavir, for three ongoing clinical tests and, in several months, will consider making more available when the supply increases.

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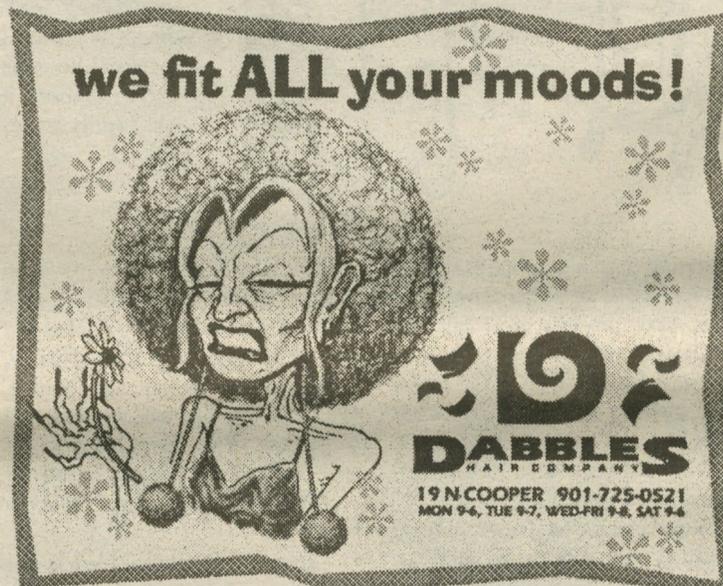
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Father Writes About Acceptance, Support of Lesbian Daughter

By Deborah Mendez
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — Bob Bernstein's story starts with stereotypes and emotions that can confound parents when they discover their child is Gay.

A former journalist and Justice Department lawyer, Bernstein suspected his daughter, Bobbi, was different from the time she was a girl.

"She was athletic, you know, very much the tomboy," said Bernstein, in Colorado July 11 on a national tour to promote his book *Straight Parents, Gay Children: Keeping Families Together*.

"In high school, she dated a lot of fine young men. But, for some reason, most of them wound up be-

coming (just) very good friends."

He said his daughter, now 26, was too busy repressing her confusion about her sexuality in high school to notice his concerns. She came out to her family when she was a sophomore at Stanford University.

"We started dealing with the emotional aspects long before she came out," said Bernstein, who was born and raised in Pueblo and now lives in Bethesda, Md., with his second wife, Myrna.

"When she finally came out, the surprise was hers."

The couple's two daughters are from Bernstein's first marriage and two sons from Myrna's first marriage.

"We like to say we have three normal heterosexual children and one normal homosexual daughter,"

Bernstein said.

Bernstein's book, which chronicles the experiences of dozens of U.S. families with Gay children, was born of the author's anger over his daughter's struggle to accept herself in the face of overwhelming bigotry and misunderstanding.

"I like to say my book is about truth telling and respect for human differences," Bernstein said.

Bernstein said straight parents' acceptance and love for Gay and Lesbian children hinges on what he calls "true family values."

"(It's) looking beyond the stereotypes, beyond the fears, beyond all the untruths that are out there in society, beyond fears about what others might think and acting on your

true love of your child, on those instincts that tell you, 'My child is a decent human being.'"

Since he and his daughter "came out together on the op-ed page of *The New York Times*," Bernstein has been anything but quiet.

He is now an active member of P-FLAG, or Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and encourages other parents to speak out in defense of their children's personal choices and legal rights.

A chapter of Bernstein's book is devoted to famous parents who support their Gay children, including journalist Robert MacNeil of the *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, who wrote the book's prologue.

Bobbi graduated with honors from the Stanford law school, her

father's alma mater. Her treatise on Colorado's Amendment Two, an anti-Gay rights initiative approved by voters in 1992, was published in the *Stanford Law Review* the same day the U.S. Supreme Court said it would review the stalled law, ruled unconstitutional by lower courts.

About Amendment Two Bernstein said, "I think it's awful. I can't imagine anything more obviously based on intolerance and fear and ignorance than something that says here's one group from whom we are going to withdraw all potential from civil rights protection."

Straight Parents, Gay Children: Keeping Families Together, published June 15 by Thunder's Mouth Press, hardcover \$24.95, paperback \$12.95.

Joyce Says 'Hi' To Readers of Deb Price's Column

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Journalists Deb Price and Joyce Murdoch tend to complete each other's sentences — like many married couples — so it's no surprise that they collaborated on a book.

What is a surprise is that they

chose a format that allowed each woman's voice to remain separate and distinct. And, even more remarkable is that their closeness — Price says they'd be great in commercials for Super Glue — has not strangled their relationship.

And Say Hi to Joyce: America's First Gay Column Comes Out tells the story behind Price's column, first published in the *Detroit News* on

May 8, 1992, and now syndicated.

Actually, Murdoch tells the story behind the column; Price reprises many of her essays, from buying a car as a Lesbian couple to attending Murdoch's high school reunion together to visiting Sen. Sam Nunn's hometown and finding the only books on homosexuality in the public library were by anti-Gay crusader Anita Bryant.

"It definitely is true that the column did eat our lives, and we're incredibly grateful for that," Price said. "This is something that is way too big for one person and I think that had Joyce been in a different profession, I think it would have destroyed our relationship, because ..."

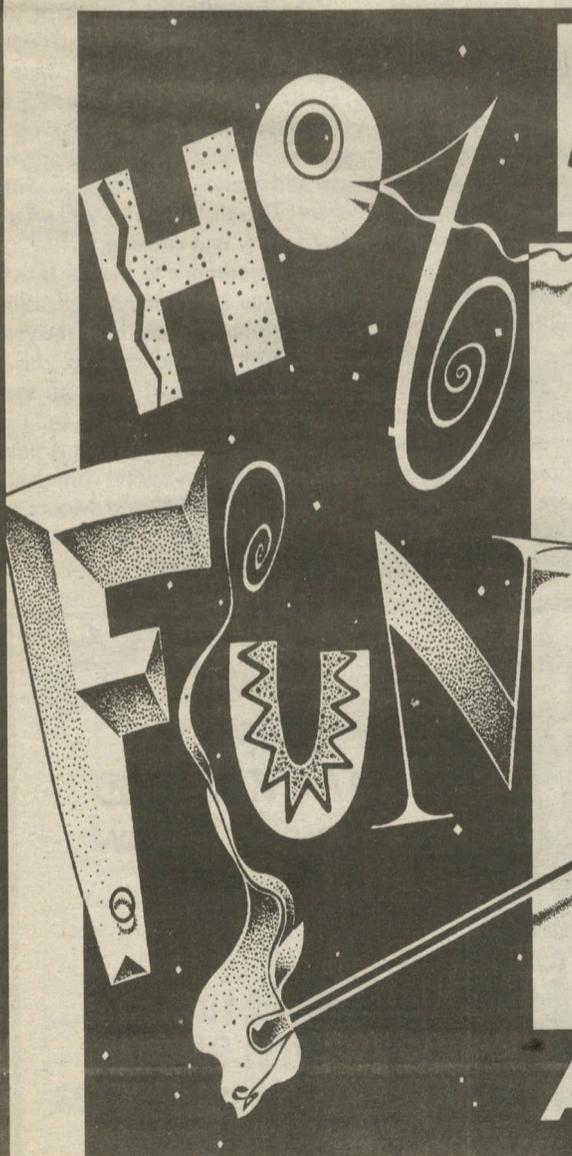
Murdoch continued: "... before Deb ever started the column, we spent so many years brainstorming

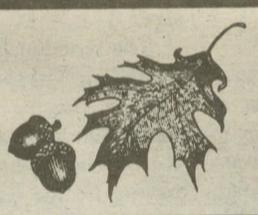
... about the invisibility of Gay people in the mainstream press, and how we feel like that fails everybody."

"We are everywhere, literally, even though it's a cliché ..." Murdoch starts.

"... except in daily newspapers," Price finishes.

The book's title was drawn from *See Joyce on page 27*





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By David Moore
Brothers and Sisters Bowling League

On Fri., Aug. 25, the Brother's and Sister's Bowling League will begin its 10th season. It looks to be a wonderful year with new members, a new bowling house, and a re-

newed enthusiasm for the game of bowling. By now, each member of the league is anticipating the season. Some have started to dust off their balls and shoes to prepare for the fierce competition that is ahead of them. Any given day or night you may see those dedicated few prac-

ting their approach or delivery at many of the bowling houses in the city. The only thing that could make this season any more exciting would be a record-setting turnout on our opening night at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Bowling Center, 2930 Lamar Ave. This is your year to get involved.

Many of the league's members have asked me to address some questions that often come up when we are out promoting our League. **Who is involved in the League?**

The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League is a great representation of the Gay and Lesbian community and their families. On Friday nights, each of us share our experiences, enjoy each others company, and challenge each other competitively. There is not a member of our League who fits the stereotypical bowler. (You know, the Fred Flintstone type.) Some of us have moved from other parts of the country, and others are native Mid-Southerners. We are proud to have farmers, accountants, students and countless others. The one common factor bonding us together is that we are competitive and love the game of bowling.

What if I am not a good bowler?

I can honestly say, because my average is in the 120s, that you do not have to be a good bowler to be a member of the league. The league members have averages ranging from the low 100s to the high 170s. I have seen games as low 66 and as high as 279. This year I expect to see a 300 game once or twice.

I do not have a team.

The league will hold its registration night on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Bowling Center. This is the night when teams will be assigned. Many of the teams change from year to year. All you need is the desire to get involved and the league's officers will do the rest. If you already have a team set up, that's great, too. This year we have 16

lanes reserved for the Brothers and Sisters Bowling League. Last year the League had 16 teams and many substitute bowlers. Individuals and teams are welcomed.

How long does the bowling season last?

The first half starts with the registration night on Aug. 25 with a mini-tournament put on by the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament. The first half of the season officially starts Sept. 8 (the Friday after Labor Day) and ends in early December. The second

part of the season resumes on Jan. 6 and ends with our awards banquet the first week of May. In total, there are 29 weeks of bowling.

How do I join the League?

Show up on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Bowling Center, or call Linda Etherton, the League secretary, at 323-3111, or David Moore, the League president, at 324-6092. It is that easy. Come with the knowledge that everyone is welcomed, and with a commitment to bowl for the season every Friday night at 7 p.m.

Is bowling in the League expensive?

The sanction fees for ABC and WIBC are \$10 for men and \$14 for women. This fee is paid on registration night. Each week you pay \$10 for bowling. This money goes to paying for the lanes and the prize fund given away at the end of the season.

What else should I know?

This year we will celebrate our 10th season. Some of the original members still hold a leadership role in the League. We have been around longer than many of the Gay and Lesbian organizations and many of the Gay bars. We are proud to boast that we are the oldest Gay and Lesbian Sports Organization in the

Memphis community.

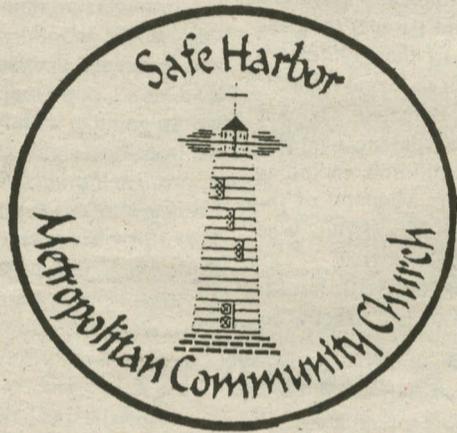
Not only have we established ourselves as a leader in the local sports community, but many of our League members are becoming involved in the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament. In March, men and women from all over the United States will travel to Memphis for this competitive and fun bowling event.

The S.P.I.T. Committee, under the leadership of Andy Cain, invites you to get involved in this event. There are three ways to do this. First, you can volunteer for many of the committees already established. Second, you can bowl in the tournament on March 15, 16 and 17, 1996. Finally,

you can support this worthwhile event by buying Jello shooters or raffle tickets for many fabulous prizes that will be offered throughout the year in the local bars to support this worthwhile organization. We will be at 501/505 on Fri., Aug. 4, and Fri., Aug. 18. Mark those dates on your calendar. Come to the bar on those nights to meet the colorful people involved in this sporting event. To get involved in S.P.I.T., call Andy Cain at 393-7500 or 581-5665.

The first big fund-raiser of the year for the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament will be at the League's registration night on Aug. 25 at Cherokee Lanes at 8 p.m. Even if you are not joining the League, you can still participate in this bowling event. There will money and prizes given away that evening.

The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League is the one organization to get involved in, and this is the year to do it. Come and join us in celebrating the beginning of our 10th season on Aug. 25 and stay for the S.P.I.T. mini-tournament at 8 p.m. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, call David Moore at 324-6092 or Linda Etherton at 323-3111.



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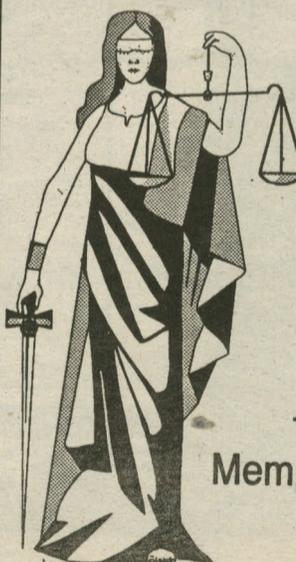
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Reply

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ever read your column because I haven't. Someone who knows what happened to my vehicle and that I wrote the letter simply pointed your pathetic remarks out to me.

Another thing, Lady A, you said I didn't mention anything good about Gay/Lesbian life in Memphis. Well, I find it extremely funny that whenever I do hear anything good about Gay/Lesbian life in Memphis that your name isn't mentioned.

Name withheld by request.

Lady A's Response

The intellect behind the above remarks speaks for itself. If you know as much as you say you do you would know that I am about a lot more than drag. I also have no reservations about putting my full, legal daytime name to anything I say and taking responsibility.

Vincent Charles Astor

MGLCC-Letter from the Pres.

As your ace reporter, Lady A, has no doubt already reported, a new board of directors has been elected at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. (See story on page 13). I am sure Vincent has all the names and titles so I won't reiterate those here. I would like to mention some things about the plans the new board has so far for the center, in case you would like to mention them.

Some things will of course continue: Friday night videos and third Saturday of the month potluck suppers.

The "regular" hours that the center is open will be expanded beginning in August: Saturdays, noon to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The Center will be open and staffed during those hours although there may not be an "event" scheduled at those times. (Of course, there will occasionally be a closure due to lack of staff because of illness or other emergency, but we will try our best to keep it open those hours.)

Beginning in August on the second Saturday of each month the Community Center will hold a "Coffee House" serving coffee and a selection of teas in our "no alcohol, no tobacco" atmosphere. Our first "Community Center Coffeehouse" on Aug. 12 will feature the recorded music of Meg Christian, Chris Williamson, and Jamie Anderson; along with readings from the poetry

works of Lea Hopkins and Rod McKuen.

Live entertainment has been booked for the Sept. 9th coffeehouse (more details to come in the next issue). Later months will feature the recorded music of Andrew Lloyd Weber, a Blues night, and a night for amateur poets to read their works before an audience of their peers.

Coming this fall we have hopes of offering a lecture series on Sunday afternoons. Tentatively selected is the subject of "hobbies" with lectures on beginning in stamp collecting, coin collecting, genealogy, gardening, painting in watercolors, etc.

Coming next year will be an amateur photography contest and an art show and sale for Gay and Lesbian artists in the Mid-South area (both amateur and professional).

Work is under way to re-catalog the Center's library in order to make it easier to use. (All those with overdue books, let's get them back in here for roll call!)

The Board is considering changing the membership/sponsorship contribution levels to increase participation from all parts of the community.

There are plans to increase the bulletin board space so as to allow all Gay and Lesbian organizations a place to communicate information about their group to the people that come to the center; which we hope will be a whole lot more people in the coming months.

We welcome suggestions and contributions (both volunteers and money) and we look forward to serving the community through the MGLCC.

Hunter Johnston,
President MGLCC

Dancing Alone

I have recently had the pleasure of finally moving to the Memphis area. I am continuing my education at the University of Memphis, and I finally have the chance to become involved in the Gay community on a regular basis. I moved here with my lover of six months. I know six months is a short time, but it has been the best six months of my life. When we first moved here, of course, we had a few problems. We were under a lot of pressure, and we were getting stressed. We were looking for jobs, and we were also both enrolled in class. Now, we have been here for about a month. I thought we were finally at a point where we were ready to start acting like a couple again. I was so excited about getting to spend more time with him in developing our rela-

tionship. Well, I guess I was wrong.

One night, he came home from his job and told me that we needed to talk. Oh, no! The talk! I knew exactly what was about to happen, and I was right. He wanted to start seeing other people. Of course, I didn't know what to think. Where had I gone wrong? What should I do? Have these last six months just been a total waste? Anyway, he said that he still loved me and wanted us to

be friends, blah, blah, blah... you know how that goes. It just doesn't work that way. So, I ventured down to WKRB to talk with one of my Lesbian friends to let her know what had happened. It saddened me to look at the dance floor and see couples dancing close together when a slow song was playing. I had been there the night before to see my favorite drag queen perform. She opened with that song by Annie

Lennox, "No More I Love You." That song has always haunted me ever since it came out, and I knew now that it must have been a sign of some kind.

So, then I drove on down to Amnesia to dance and try to occupy my mind. I watched the show, danced, and yes, I did some looking, too. Hey, I can look as long as I don't touch. Besides, I wasn't interested in anything a one-

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Lest our gentle readers labour under the mistaken notion that our preoccupation is with dirt only, we encourage y'all to read a business article, the Passages section (yes, we do that too), the editorial page and the Memphis page. We just can't fit it all heah.

Social Calendar

Two long awaited contests in the community take place in August which are perfect compliments to one another.

Mr. Gay Tennessee All-American will be selected at Club 501-505 on August 11. This is a preliminary to the Mr. Gay All-American Contest. Special guests will be John Reny, Mr. Gay All-American, and Jacquelyn DeVaroe, Miss Gay America 1994. We expect not only some of the best beef and male talent Memphis has to offer but a very classy presentation as well.

Miss Southern Elegance will make a foray out of community venues and hold its third annual pageant at Theatre Memphis. This gala event will take place on Saturday, August 12 at 8 p.m. and is an official preliminary to Miss Gay America. Patti Le Plae Safe will represent Miss Gay America. Beer will be served but BYOB is also welcome. We understand the intention is to recapture some of the glamour and glitter of those pageants we are always hearing about from elsewhere and/or days gone by. We intend to dress up.

We will catch y'all up on titles next time.

Bar Blitz

Two saloons of Gay opened last month. Backstreet opened in the old Club Hide-A-Way location next to the Mid-Town Flea Market. It's not that hard to find, Blanche, it's near Molly's La Casita, behind the dairy. We understand that many people have had no problem locating it at all. It is a cleanly decorated, open space of medium size with a dance/show format, daily specials and a promise of expansion into spaces not currently used. We will not reiterate the ad, after all, they bought it to be read.

Autumn St. Pub opened shortly thereafter. It in the former Oops location near the old Sears Crosstown building. The bar section of Autumn St. Pub has been completely revamped and nicely color coordinated. There is a nice area for tables and chairs and it doesn't seem cluttered anymore. Its dance/show area is cozy and pleasant. For those who like Pepsi, that is the cola of choice at Autumn St. Shows alternate nights (Thu. & Sun.) with the late night shows at J-Wag's. The menu is still being perfected and we had a promise of vast improvements in the liquid refreshment line.

Written on the Wind

We are not sure what this employee of Autumn St. Pub was blathering about but he seemed to think

the words Underwater Sports and 4 a.m. were funny for some reason.

"The Third Eye Never Sleeps," is the enigma of the month.

Stuff 'N Such

Congratulations to Daneel Buring who has worked harder on chronicling the history of the Memphis Gay/Lesbian community than anyone we have ever heard of, or been for that matter. She will have an early chapter of her large work (the history of the Memphis Gay Coalition) published in the *Journal of Homosexuality* very soon and, when completed, this work will be available for study and archive to those of us who contributed and those of us who want to learn.

She has also been invited to sit on a panel of 11 in the company of highly respected Gay and Lesbian historians at the National Gay and Lesbian History Conference to be held in New York City in October. The best part is that the history of our Memphis G/L community is to be as well documented as communities in much larger cities. She tells us that she has been very pleased with the cooperation she has received from all persons involved. One of our favorite quotes in the world is attributed to Elizabeth I of England, "History is what is written down and historians write what I tell them." Ergo, the chronicling of events is just as important as the

making of them. We do love it so.

MGLCC has a new board of directors and lots of new plans for the upcoming year. The first two include moving the potluck outdoors in August and inaugurating a new Coffeehouse this month. A letter to the editor spells out details.

Center hours have been expanded on Saturday and once again on Sunday.

A very informative article appears elsewhere about this year's tenth anniversary season of Brothers and Sisters Bowling League. Their registration is in August and league bowling begins in September. Check out the other sports arenas (but not the bathrooms, Maynelle) and see how the Jaguars and Pirates came out.

Note of Passage

Terry McCullough, known mostly by stage name Pearl Harbor, died in July. She was a popular performer and pageant contestant, Miss George's being only one of her previous titles. We remember her be-

ing sponsored by, yes, the Pipeline for one of the titles she won. The lateness of the notice prevented mention in our Passages section.

The Runaround

Aphrodite will hold benefit for Holy Trinity Community Church on Sunday, Aug. 20, at WKRB 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity will meet for a Salsa Party to benefit its Altar Guild on Aug. 26 at 8 p.m. at Cancun Restaurant in Overton Square.

The church has decreed August to be Camp Meeting Month during which comfortable attire (including shorts) will be welcome at all services. It sure beats being cool, dressy and pleasant when *in* church and immediately hot, wilted and irritable when just out the door.

A special show the day after Miss Southern Elegance will take place at WKRB on Aug. 13. Miss Gay America 1994 Jacquelyn DeVaroe and the newly crowned Miss Southern Elegance will perform at 9 p.m.

Amnesia will host the return of the famous Lady Chablis on August 12 and 13. The 2nd annual Drag Olympics will take place on Thursday, Aug. 31. Any and all entertainers are encouraged to sign up and perform, the every popular Roxie Bleu will be a special guest. Proceeds will benefit Friends For Life.

Playhouse on the Square and the company of *Five Guys Named Moe* will hold a special 11 p.m. performance of the popular play to benefit Friends For Life. This performance is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5. Those wishing to make reservations should be specific about the *benefit* performance when calling the boxoffice at 726-4656. We have seen this opus and enjoyed it immensely. Be prepared for audience participation and a lot of fun. We imagine that it's something like being at the famous Beale St. Palace for the Midnight Rambles our parents told us about. That was the famous weekly event where the white folks sat in the balcony and were entertained by many black performers who are now considered celebrities. Ask jo mama.

The Pipeline will hold two special events, one of their frequent White Parties and a Dog Tag night in August.

Final Round

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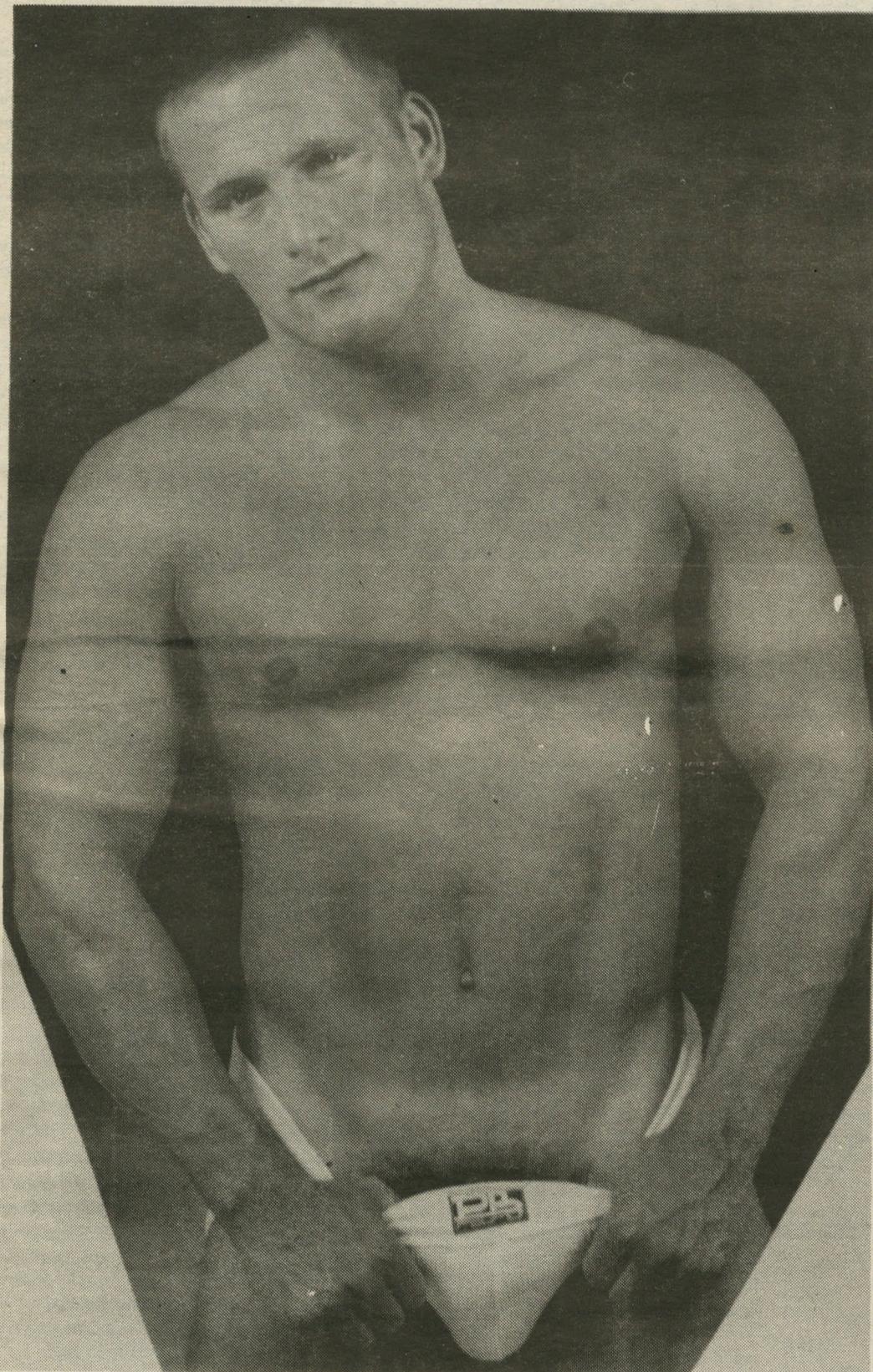
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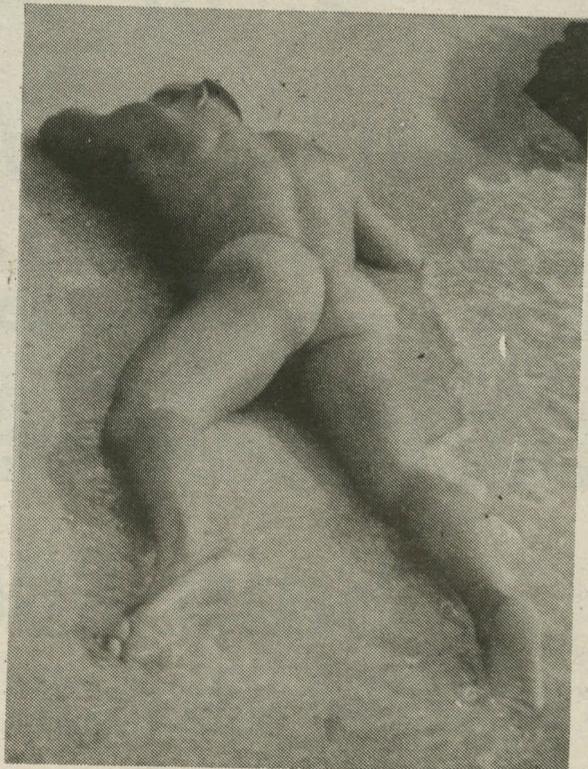
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Stupid Things

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Normally, she opened at 4:00 p.m., but really had no customers to speak of until 5:00. She cherished that free hour as her time for watching Oprah on television, for doing her nails, or for working on her many arts and crafts projects. Helen looked up in surprise when Paul sat down on a stool at the bar.

"My goodness! What are you doing here this time of day?" Helen asked, standing up and moving to draw him a beer.

"Jack Daniels and water this time," Paul said.

Helen's face took on another surprised look. "What the hell are you doing drinking hard liquor so early?" She looked at him closely. "Okay, what's the problem? I know when something's bugging you." She fixed the drink and set it before Paul. "Claudia hasn't changed her mind again about having the baby, has she?"

"No, she and Mike thrashed things out and made up, finally. It took a couple of weeks. Actually, I didn't know Mike was having identity problems. It was Bobby who put me on track."

"Identity problems? She doesn't know who she is?"

"She's confused about what her role will be after the baby comes. Mike thought everybody was leaving her out of the picture somehow, especially the night Claudia announced to our circle of friends that she was pregnant. That's what brought on the quarrel. She and Claudia nearly split up; Claudia considered abortion."

"Well, looks to me like the kid'll simply have two moms," said Helen. "Is that a problem?"

"I haven't given it much thought, really. Maybe I will when the child's a reality. Bobby says I will."

"So, what are you in a blue funk about today?"

"It's my father."

"So what else is new?"

"I called, and he refused to talk to me... via his nurse. He can be such an SOB sometimes."

"I'm sorry, Paul. He just needs time."

"Hell, he's never going to change! Claudia's

Dancing

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night-stand might have to offer. Although I was alone, I was actually having a really good time, until guys started coming up to me and asking, "how much" and "if I wanted to go home with them." Give me a break! I don't think I look cheap, and I certainly wasn't trying to solicit. That just isn't my style! I slept alone in my own bed that night. Anyway, I know you are enjoying my little shitty life story here. You fell my pain or pat me on the back, right? It's time for me to get to the point, okay?

All I want to know is if true, honest love does exist in our cruel world? If so, where? Yes, I do like to go to the clubs sometimes to be with friends or dance, but I don't go looking for love there. Yeah, I did meet my recent lover at a club, but could this have been another sign? I see loving couples on the dance floor, on television and in the newspaper. I know about long-term couples, marriages, children, Bob and Rod, etc. But why can't I join them? When I go into Amnesia, WKRB or any "Gay club," I love the "out-of-the-closet" atmosphere, and I feel as though I can be 100 percent me. But, if people like me don't go there, where do they go? Hello, where are you?

Another thing is honesty. My recent lover had had an "unstable" past, but at least he was honest about it. He said that he was now ready to "settle down" with someone. He said he still loves me, and I believe him. He was actually the first man I can say I truly loved with all of my heart. I still do love him. So... where did I go wrong? Were those

mother has accepted her relationship with Mike, and I'd be so grateful if father could do the same for me and Bobby. Seems ironic to me that he and Claudia's mother are seeing each other now... dating. Did you know that?"

"No, I didn't."

"It's wonderful. Father and Mrs. Howard are both alone. Still, as his only son, I'm entitled to have a relationship with him... especially now that mom's gone. I used to feel close to him... close as one can feel to a father who's never home." Paul took a big gulp of his drink.

Helen did her usual wonderful job of listening.

"My father will be here in the city tomorrow, by the way, at a medical convention. It's held at the Plaza Hotel every year. He's such a creature of habit. He'll have breakfast at the Plaza at 6:00 and sit at the table by the front window. I know him like a book." Paul stirred his drink, staring down into it.

"How's Gordon doing?" Helen asked, trying to change the subject. "I heard about his heart attack."

"He seems to be doing all right. Right now, there doesn't seem to be any plan for surgery. I used to be able to ask father's opinion, but I can't now, of course." Paul finished his drink, and shook his head when Helen's offered a refill. "Guess I'll go home and wait for Bobby. I'm just in a lousy mood and need to be alone a while. Thanks for being here for me, Helen."

After Paul left the bar, Helen sat a long time pondering an idea swirling in her head. Yes, she thought. I know it's none of my business, and that's probably what he'll tell me, but somebody has to do something. It just might be worth a try. "Oh, damn!" she said aloud, realizing that she would have to get up at 5:00 in the morning to be at the Plaza by 6:00.

Helen flipped on the TV hoping Oprah's show wouldn't be something stupid. She needed some entertainment to take her mind off the plan for tomorrow morning.

To be continued.

six months worthless? I don't really think so. I know this has truly been a learning experience for me. It matured me a lot and taught me a few valuable lessons about love. But throughout the heartache and grieving, I keep asking myself if I, as a Gay man, will ever find true love? During those entire six months, my entire life was devoted to my lover, but now it's "Happy New Year" all over again! Should I even attempt to start over in the relationship world, or am I just wasting my time!? The past has never been so great, and now I'm beginning to think that the future isn't getting any brighter.

People view us as exploited sex freaks and whores, but why can't they realize that we're just like them? We all go through stages, and eventually most find love, truth and acceptance. Isn't that what most homosexuals are fighting for anyway? Okay, maybe I'm growing older too fast! Maybe I should get out there and explore what all this world has to offer! But you know, with all the dangers in our world today, I'd settle for long-lasting love anytime! Well, I am going to step down from my soap box now. Forgive me if I happen to have a heart. So my new life in Memphis hasn't been so great so far, no big deal! I'm looking forward to a great future here! And if anyone out there knows someone who feels the way I do, tell them that we should talk! They can find me on campus or on the dance floor at WKRB or Amnesia. I'm the one who's dancing alone.

Lee Yarbrough

Joyce

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the dozens of letters Price has received from readers who, having "met" Murdoch through the column, end them with, "And say hi to Joyce."

Murdoch says she early accepted the burden of readers' letters, largely because Price took the hate mail very personally. In a chapter entitled, "Why Angry Men Can't Spell," Murdoch describes how she found a pattern to the hate mail, which made it somewhat easier to discount.

"First of all, there was a lot less of it than there had seemed because once you started examining it you realized it was coming from literally the same people," Murdoch said.

"We say 20 percent of Americans hate everybody. And I think that's a pretty good guess because it really is a very small minority in a lot of ways. These people hate Gay people but we are not that special in being hated. They hate anybody who they don't perceive as being like them — anybody they perceive as somehow threatening their supremacy, basically."

They say they wrote the book in part to prove to newspaper editors that they are failing their readers by not presenting Gay viewpoints, and to show by example that the benefits of running Price's column can outweigh the negatives.

"Within mainstream journalism, particularly among the upper echelons, there's still a lot of fear associated with the prospect of running a Gay column," said Murdoch, a former editor at *The Washington Post*. "They're terrified that if they ran a Gay column tomorrow, every single subscriber they had would cancel."

Murdoch said initial reaction to her column is an uproar, during

which some people drop their subscriptions. But this is followed by a wave of support, she said.

"And it's the second wave that takes the editors and publishers by surprise because they don't realize how broad the support for Gay rights and for equal treatment is," she said.

Not only did the column consume their lives, Price and Murdoch say it transformed them.

They celebrated their 10th anniversary in May by getting turned down for a marriage license — a quietly defiant act spurred by their experience with the column.

"We weren't Gay people just sitting back bemoaning the fact that we can't marry," Price said. "We actually went and had somebody tell us, 'You can't marry.'"

"Because through the column, both of us have come to believe very strongly that we as Gay people need to go about our lives as normally as possible, doing whatever it is we want to do," Murdoch added.

She likened their application for a marriage license to civil rights protests. Gay people should apply for marriage licenses "the same way you should try to sit in the front of the bus, the same way you should try to sit at lunch counters. ...the same way Susan B. Anthony went and voted, by damn."

Price said Murdoch was the defiant one.

"I was like" — she made a stricken face — "Joyce, go for it! I am in a panic here," Price said.

Murdoch said she just coolly asked the clerk whether she thought it was fair that two people who had been together for a decade couldn't get married.

"And she said, 'Well, I just have to go by the law,'" Murdoch recalled.

"And I said, 'Well, it'll be changed, and we'll be back.'"

And Say Hi to Joyce: America's First Gay Column Comes Out. Doubleday. \$23.95.

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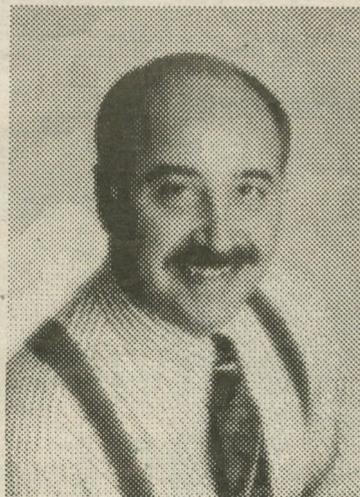
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GayWatch

by Gary Coughlan

GayWatch is a glimpse of the past month's media coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues, both nationally and locally in the Mid-South. This column examines anything concerning Gays—from talk shows and news programs to movies and TV series.

North Carolina Republican U.S. Senator Jesse Helms' blast that AIDS research be cut because its victims get it through "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct" was swiftly rebuffed nationally by many including Ryan White's mother and AIDS activist-author Mary Fisher who spoke at the 1992 Republican Convention. Locally, Channel 3 sought the Memphis medical community's comments, including Dr. Arnold Drake, local P-FLAG leader. Aloysius House, Memphis' shelter for HIV and AIDS homeless, received \$767,671 of a \$6.5 million federal grant for its operations.

The *Memphis Flyer* questioned the rumors about PBS Channel 10's so-called "Gay bias," which WKNO promptly denied, even as it was carrying the mini-series *Prime Suspect 3* which focused on the murder of British male prostitutes.

The *Commercial Appeal* had sympathetic articles on a Mormon family dealing with their Gay son's AIDS death by writing a book and forming a Family Fellowship to help Mormon families with homosexual members; Randy Cunningham, an Eagle Scout with AIDS; a swipe at Mel Gibson's Gay stereotypes in his

Braveheart, and a letter to the editor from the president of Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness at the University of Memphis. The CA also detailed Republican attempts to slash another \$10 million from the National Endowment for the Arts because of a Gay-oriented California theater's performance had a reference to "sex with Newt Gingrich's mother."

USA Today featured "America's First Gay Columnist," Deb Price, whose writings appear in *The Detroit News* and is syndicated by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. Her book about it is written with her partner, Joyce Murdoch.

Regionally, Camp Sister Spirit at Overt, Miss., was determined by the court not to be a "nuisance" and may remain open. Movies with some Gay depiction in Memphis were Mel Gibson's *Braveheart* and Jim Carrey's *Dumb and Dumber*.

Cable movies dealing with Gay and/or Lesbian themes were: *And the Band Played On*, *Boys from Brazil*, *Chain of Desire*, *Cruising*, *Eagle Scout*, *The Henry Nicols Story*, *La Cage Aux Folles 3: The Wedding*, *Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness*, *M. Butterfly*, *PCU*, *The Pelican Brief*, *Switch*, *Talking Sex: Making Love in the 90s*, *Wayne's World 2*, *The Wedding Banquet*, *Why Am I Gay?: Stories of Coming Out in America* and *Softly From Paris* wherein "a scorned young man goes to extreme measures to win the affections of a Lesbian."

Gay and Lesbian comics and Gay-themed humor making the

rounds in July were: Bob Smith on *Biggers and Summers*, Scott Capurro on Arts and Entertainment and Suzanne Westenhoefer on HBO, and Kathy Najimy and Mo'Nique in *Kathy and Mo: The Dark Side* on HBO. (Kathy was one of the nuns in *Sister Act One and Two*. Their special included a skit in which the two played Gay men in a bar. Catch the re-run.)

The talk shows showcased strictly Gay themes, like Donahue's "Spouse is Gay" or Leeza's "Teens Thrown Out Because They're Gay," or incorporated Gay experiences into the mainstream programs such as Ricki Lake's "Why People Dumped Their Ex." Ricki also had an inter-Gay show titled: "I'm Gay, You're Gay, But You Give Gays a Bad Name."

Other movies involving our community appearing on TV were *Victor/Victoria*, *Fried Green Tomatoes* and Whoopi Goldberg's *Burglar*. TV series featuring Gay characters were *Seinfeld*, *Roseanne* and *Mary Tyler Moore* (I never knew Phyllis's brother was Gay!).

From Last Time: Charles Perez whose talk show appears WGN is Gay according to the *Village Voice* and *Out* magazine. He dated Norman Korpi, one of the guys on MTV's first *Real World* and appeared in that series. *Out* speculates that his current contract calls on Perez to make no comment about his Gayness.

Next Time—Who said: "Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.?"

Gay and Lesbian movies may be rented from Meristem and Star Search Video or seen on Fridays at

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Kingsport GAY MALE: my name is Lynn, I'm 30 y/o 5'5 med build. and I'm interested in meeting men. call me soon! ☎44927

Chattanooga HARD HOT: Michael, attr. cute, fair skinned boy lkg4 some hard, hot play. if interested, call me! ☎44996

Nashville COLLEGE STUDENT: GBM college student, 22 y/o new to lifestyle lkg4 a discreet GM to hang out with. ☎45180

Nashville GOOD TIMES: 29 y/o 5'10 130 slim and fit lbs. I am sub. and I'm lkg2 meet guy's in my area to share some good times with. ☎45334

Nashville HOME OF THE BRAVE: I live alone and I'm lkg4 guy's brave enough to come over and kick back. call me! ☎45367

Memphis BACK IN BLACK: my name is Bobby, 185lb very attr. BM if you are interested ☎44913

Memphis HEY BROTHER: 23 y/o BM 6ft nice, honest, attr. and intelligent. lkg4 another BM with the same qualities for fun and friendship. call me! ☎45037

Memphis HOMO ALONE: Marc, I'm lkg4 someone to fill my nights. I'd like someone to spend some time with. ☎45152

lkg4 guys who would like to settle down. call me & lv a message! ☎45915

Nashville SERIOUS LOVE: cute GWM lkg4 someone 18-35 for serious love! I'm hiv- and a non smoker. I love middle eastern and Brazilian men. ☎23090

Nashville TAKE ME DOWN: 30 y/o GWM into erotic and freestyle wrestling. I'm inshape and you should be too. lve a msg! ☎42262

Nashville SEEKING TOP GUNS: Dan, 23 y/o 5'11 140lbs brn/grn , lkg2 meet hot masc. top men for hot fun. caucasian men only! ☎42489

Chattanooga FUN AND FRIENDSHIP: Rick, lkg2 meet some intrstng men for fun and friendship. I love the outdoors and the theatre. I look forward to your call. please be discreet! ☎42526

Chattanooga OUTDOOR FUN: Chad, GWM 32 5'9 150lbs into the outdoors. I'm interested in meeting someone for fun and friendship. call me! ☎43202

Knoxville RELATIONSHIP MINDED: my name is David, 36 y/o 5'10 180lbs blnd/blu. lkg4 someone over 30 for a monogamous rtnshp. no head games, not into the bar scene! ☎43241

Nashville COUPLES AND MORE: Steve, interested in TV's , TS's or couples who want a bi male. I'm well endw'd and very talented. call me, you'll be happy you did. ☎43309

Chattanooga UT STUDENT: 21 y/o student 6'2 180lbs brn/brn into performing arts, dancing & singing, I'm lkg4 someone close to my age for fun and friendship. ☎43311

Nashville INTIMATE TIMES: Steve 27 y/o WM 5'11 185lbs brn/blu lkg4 GWM 18-30 for intimate, quiet times together. call me! ☎43339

Nashville BASES LOADED: Jeff, 28 y/o baseball player, I'm attracted to younger guy's. call me! ☎43359

Nashville DAYTIME FUN: Phil, 41 y/o prsnl WM 6'1 180lbs in search of WM 20-45. I'm very liberal and into most anything. daytime encounters a + ☎43425

Knoxville HOT FUN ONLY: bi WM 5'10 175lbs good build. lkg4 dom athletic men to have fun with. not interested in a rtnshp. just hot fun. ☎43428

Nashville HOT MEN ONLY: lkg4 any bi or gay men into working out, camping and sports. please be 21-29. I'm 5'10 150lbs and into sports. ☎43436

Nashville COLLEGE PREP: GWM masc. gd lkg college prep. lkg4 GWM body builder of jock for good times. lve a msg. ☎43439

Chattanooga YOUNG PROFESSIONAL: Scott, 26 y/o prsn'l GWM 5'11 195lbs I dont do drugs, not into the bar scene. I'm lkg4 a well built young guy to 24 for fun and frndshp. call me. ☎43481

Nashville ROMANTIC EVE'S: Alan, 5'7 blnd/hzl in good shape, into hiking, camping, fishing and romantic eve's at home, call me! ☎43525

Knoxville ILL TRY ANYTHING: 20 y/o 5'6 145lb gdlkg man into trying anything. call me, you wont be disappointed. ☎37305

Nashville DISCREET FUN: Masc. discreet professional seeks masc discreet men for hot times. call now! ☎43635

Nashville COACH: 6'1 190lb well built well endw'd man lkg4 hot young jocks into coach and daddy fantasies, experience not required. call now boy! ☎43637

Nashville PLEASE ME: Chuck, 33 y/o WM lkg4 young WM that are submissive and know how to please. call me. ☎43668

Nashville YOUNG STUDENT: 20 y/o college student 6'2 160lbs brn/blu, I'm a model and I'm lkg4 someone to have fun with. short or long term. I'm new at this. please call ☎43681

Nashville FANTASY MAN: Phil, 41 y/o 6'1 180lbs, I'm masc. and discreet, I am inexperienced and I have a head full of fantasies. call me! ☎43457

Nashville GET DOWN AND PARTY: GW couple. 26 and 31 lkg4 guy's to get together and get down and party with. ☎43868

Nashville ILL TRY ANYTHING ONCE: Steve, 18 y/o 6'1 190lbs I'm willing to try anything at least once. call me! ☎43909

Nashville AHM, AHM! Ken, I get this tickle in my throat I cant seem to get rid of! can you help? call me. ☎43949

Nashville DISCREET FUN: 6'ft bln/blu in good shape and I'm lkg4 guy's to have fun with. I'm not lkg4 a relationship, just fun. call me! ☎43994

Nashville NO GAMES: Michael, GWM 5'11 167lbs brn/blu and I'm lkg4 guy's 18-27 , I like new age music and travel, I'm lkg4 serious people, no games please. ☎43996

Knoxville ANYTHING GOES: Thomas, 20 y/o 5'6 145lbs and I love to have fun, I'll try anything, call me. ☎37305

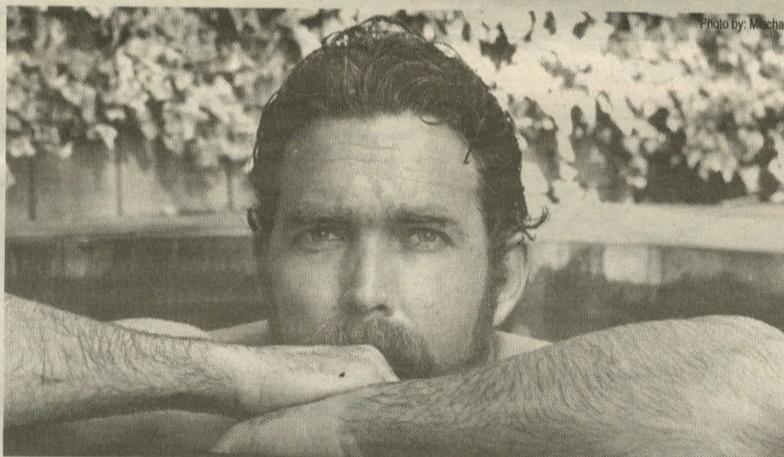


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Nashville LETS DATE: 31 y/o 5'10 150lb brn/grn lkg2 meet guy's 25-35 for dating. you should be masc. and gdlkg. call me! ☎44304

Nashville COACH: 6'1 195lb gdlkg athletic top man lkg2 be a coach or big bro. to jocks and other young guys. call me. I'm well endw'd and ready to party! ☎44400

Nashville LETS SNUGGLE: mid 40's hiv+ GWM lkg4 someone to snuggle with, or maybe more. call me! ☎44767

Memphis TOP GUN: Hot 26 y/o top guy with long hair and a great body lkg2 meet hot sub guys to dominate and have fun with, call me! ☎44323

Knoxville THINK GLOBALLY: GWM 23 y/o 5'9 150lbs lkg2 meet guys from Asia, Middle East and Brazil. Japanese a+ ☎23090

Nashville MORE WHAT?: 23 y/o 5'11 145lbs and I'm lkg2 meet masc. men in the area for frienship and poss. more. ☎42489

Nashville COLLEGE KID: 22 y/o college student. I'm lkg4 guys 20-40 into movies, dining out and good times at home. ☎45720

Kingsport LOOKING FOR SHE-MALES: bi male lkg4 she-males and clean/discreet bi men for hot fun. call me! ☎45864

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Gordon, long time no see, old friend! Lost track of you over a year ago. Where are you? What are you doing? Please give me a call sometime. Hunter.

John—Met you at 501 on July 1. I had on the white over-alls. You have my card—call me. I'm there every Tuesday. Steve (The Barracks—Remember?)

Lonely, GWM, 35, 5'9", 150#, BR, GR, stable, employed, IQ, pushy bottom wants to meet outdoor-loving men, 21-45, for friendship, maybe more. I'm no GQ model but I'm one hell of a good time. Bi welcome. No fats, fems, druggies or chronically unemployed. Call J.B.: (901) 358-2089. Leave message.

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Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion

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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)
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Open Heart (Al-Anon)

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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Freely Speaking (All 12-Step Programs)

Thursday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)

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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.

BARS / RESTAURANTS

- Alternative Restaurant & Lounge**: 553 So Cooper ☎ 725-7922.
- Amnesia***: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.
- Apartment Club***: 343 Madison ☎ 525-9491.
- Autumn Street Pub***: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.
- Backstreet***: 2018 Court Street ☎ 276-5522.
- Club 501/505***: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.
- Coffee Cellar***: 3573 Southern ☎ 320-7853.
- Crossroads***: 102 N. Cleveland ☎ 725-8156.
- David's***: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.
- J-Wags***: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909.
- Nikita's Bar & Grill***: 2117 Peabody Ave ☎ 272-1700.
- P & H Cafe***: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
- Pipeline***: 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.
- Sunshine Lounge***: 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.
- The Edge***: 532 South Cooper ☎ 272-3036.
- WKRB in Memphis***: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
- Western Steak House & Lounge**: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.
- X-scape***: 227 Monroe ☎ 528-8344.

BOOKS & GIFTS

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

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

- BJ's Cleaning Service**: ☎ 726-4211.
- King's Kleaning Service**: Home or Office ☎ 745-3300.
- Lee's Carpet Care**: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.
- White Glove Services**: Home or Office ☎ 388-3781.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP Memphis**: ☎ 226-6502.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Al-Anon (Co-dependency)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Alliance**: Leather/levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
- Aloysius Home, Inc.**: 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41679, Memphis 38174-1679 ☎ 274-8321, Dr. Jim Shaw.
- 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**: 3139 Choctaw Ave. ☎ 323-3111.
- 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 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 272-0855.

Gay and Lesbian American Indians: Information ☎ 725-4898.

Gays Off Cleveland Street (GOCS): Social Group • c/o Sunshine Lounge, 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.

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 ☎ 354-0155.

Holy Trinity Community Church*: Worship Service: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.

Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.

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

Lambda Men's Chorus: 1698 Belvedere Ct., Memphis 38104 ☎ 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.

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 • 1488 Madison ☎ 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.

Memphis TransGender Alliance: TV/TS support group • Box 11232, Memphis 38111-0232 ☎ .

Mid-South AIDS Mastery Group: David Whitehead ☎ 324-4865.

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

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.

Prime-Timers of Memphis: 3266 Henry Ave. Memphis 38112-1518.

Riot GRRL: Womyn interested in feminism • Box 22354, Memphis 38111 ☎ 276-0282 (Meristem).

Safe Harbor MCC: Rob Morgan ☎ 272-1022.

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

Southern Country Memphis: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 278-9321 or 274-8655.

Southern Sisters: Support group for transsexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.

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 Renners Cv. ☎ 372-4426.

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

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

WAC (Woman's Action Coalition): PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.

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

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

Bear Trappers BBS: Serving Nashville & surrounding area ☎ (615)360-2837.

Second Wind BBS: Memphis, Adult bulletin, computer modem speeds to 16,800 BPS ☎ 276-8027.

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

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

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Kent D. Fisher, LPC, BCSAC: Group & Individual Therapy ☎ 458-7164.

Anne S. Gillis, MS: Individual, couple & family counseling, rebirthing ☎ 761-3435.

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.

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Botanica: 937 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.

Flamingo Flowers & Gifts: 3864 Macon Road, Suite 2 ☎ 452-0803.

Flower Market of Memphis: 1523 Union Ave. ☎ 274-8103.

Park East Florist: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.

Sweetpeas: 665 Madison ☎ 523-8635.

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

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

HELP & INFORMATION LINES

Affirmation: ☎ (708) 733-9590.

AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.

Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites &

transsexuals).

Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: ☎ 728-GAYS • 7:30-11pm.

LINC: ☎ 725-8895.

Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.

Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.

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

LEGAL SERVICES

Wayne C. Gullede, Attorney At Law: Rt. 1, Box 255 A, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (601) 562-8738 or (901) 722-8188.

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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Gay Alternative: Radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00pm, WEVL-FM90, Box 41773, Memphis 38174.

Recovery Times: Free monthly newspaper focusing on addictions & recovery. Distributed in Memphis, Jackson, & Nashville TN ☎ (901) 377-7963.

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

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The Bolo Bartender: Steve Wesson • 2001 St. Elmo, Memphis 38127 ☎ 358-2089.

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Kris Pelts, Affiliate Broker, De Caro Realty: 5545 Murray Road Suite 100 ☎ 767-3100.

Steve Solomon, Affiliate Broker, Sowell & Company: 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380, Fax 278-4390.

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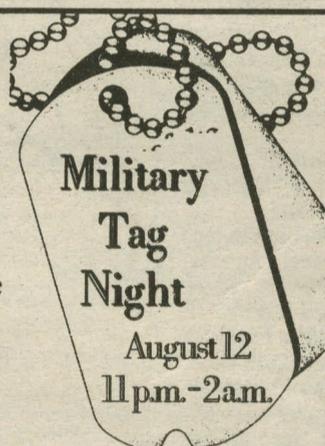
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