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Gay Officials Concerned Despite Election Gains

By Tim Klass
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SEATTLE (AP) — Like the Republicans, all their incumbents were re-elected, some prominent newcomers won and the ballot measures they most strongly opposed were defeated.

Leaders of the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials say their success was especially encouraging in the face of losses in the Nov. 8 Republican landslide by Democratic incumbents who had supported Gay-rights issues.

The mood at the opening of the group's conference Nov. 18 was one of modest celebration tinged with uncertainty about the future.

New York Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, co-president of the network, cited voter rejection of initiatives that would have banned or overturned local Gay-rights ordinances in Idaho and Oregon, though backers of both measures say they will try again.

"I am not depressed. I am energized and enthusiastic about what this election means," Glick said.

When it comes to openly homosexual officeholders, "We have a net gain," said Seattle City Council member Sherry Harris, co-chairwoman of the host committee, "despite a conservative streak to the right."

When it comes to the GOP, Harris added, "we have to challenge them to do the right thing, to change their party platform. We have Lesbian and Gay Republicans. We're saying that we won't go away. You'll have to deal with us."

Fewer than 10 percent of network members are Republican, but some high-profile GOP officeholders — including Minnesota

Gov. Arne Carlson, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan — have been strong supporters of Gay rights, organizers said.

"The Republican party is by no means monolithic," said network co-president Allan Spear, president of the Minnesota state Senate.

Every openly Gay incumbent was re-elected, including Democratic Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry E. Studds of Massachusetts, said Kathleen DeBold of the Gay-Lesbian Victory Fund in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C.

Also re-elected was Republican Rep. Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin, who has acknowledged having a male companion.

"Apparently he is a good friend of Newt Gingrich, so there are openly Gay people close to the center of Republican power," Spear said. Gingrich, R-Ga., is in line to become speaker of the House.

Also elected were 11 newcomers, DeBold said, including the first openly Gay or Lesbian state legislators in California, Arizona and Missouri; the first Gay Republican state legislator in Oregon; candidates for the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco; two San Francisco community college board seats; and judgeships in Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami and San Diego.

The highest profile losses included Tony Miller's bid for secretary of state in California and Karen S. Burstein's campaign for attorney general in New York.

The election boosted to 113 the number of openly Gay people among the 497,155 elected officials in the United States, DeBold said.

Gingrich: Republicans Should Tolerate Gays

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homosexuality is an orientation "like alcoholism is an orientation," House Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich says in an interview published in a Gay newspaper. The Republican Party's position, he says, should be "toleration."

"I think that on most things most days, the vast majority of practicing

homosexuals are good citizens," the Georgia Republican said in an interview published in the Nov. 25 edition of *The Washington Blade*. "So why would you then say that, of all the different groups you can pick on, this is the one group you're going to single out?"

Gingrich was interviewed April 16, seven months before the Republicans won control of Congress and he moved into line to be the next House speaker, third in line to the

U.S. presidency should the president and vice president die in office.

The conservative lawmakers spoke to Chandler Burr, a freelance writer who was working on an article for *The New York Times Magazine*.

Gingrich said the Republican Party's position on homosexuality "should be toleration."

"It should not be promotion and it should not be condemnation. I

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Appeals Court Upholds Discharge of Gay Midshipman

By Rich Hollenberg
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NEW YORK (AP) — Supporters of a Gay man who was forced out of the Naval Academy say an appeals court ruling against his reinstatement is merely a temporary setback.

The 7-3 ruling Nov. 22 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the Navy's decision to expel Joseph C. Steffan was not based on an "irrational bias" against Gays. The ruling reversed the finding of a three-judge panel.

Steffan, who went to law school after leaving the academy, is now a clerk for a federal judge in Newark, N.J. He did not comment on the lat-

est ruling, but his supporters said the judges would not have the last word.

"This is one inning in a long ball game," said Michelle Benecke, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "Ultimately, the Supreme Court will decide the issue."

Kevin Cathcart, one of Steffan's attorneys and executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, said at a news conference that the legal fight would continue "until this ugly chapter of military discrimination is closed and all American service members are free to step forward and do their jobs free of discrimination and fear."

After acknowledging he was a homosexual, Steffan was forced out

of the Naval Academy in 1987, six weeks shy of graduation.

The former midshipman, who was honored for "constant dedication to superior performance" before his ouster, was never accused of engaging in homosexual acts. But the appeals court rejected Steffan's contention that the Navy could not expel him solely on the basis of his statements about his sexual orientation.

"We think that when a service member declares or openly admits that he is a homosexual without any explanation, the Academy may rationally take that statement, at least for purposes unrelated to criminal enforcement, as highly likely to be

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Fugitive Likely to be Tried First in Florida

By Ron Word
Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A confessed serial killer who targeted Gay men in three states probably will face trial in Florida before being released to authorities elsewhere, a prosecutor said Nov. 23.

Gary Ray Bowles, 32, who had been featured five times on the television show *America's Most Wanted*, admitted three killings in Florida, two in Georgia and one in Maryland after his arrest Nov. 22 in Jacksonville Beach.

Florida Attorney Harry Shorstein said he expects to prosecute Bowles in the slayings of Walter Jammell Hinton, 43, a Jacksonville floral designer, and Albert Alcie Morris, 37, a Nassau County convenience store owner, before allowing other states to pursue their cases.

"My intent at this point is to try one or both of the cases in my jurisdiction before I release it," Shorstein said. "I haven't determined which of the two cases I would try first."

Bowles waived his initial court appearance before a Duval County judge Nov. 23 and is being held in a one-man cell.

"He is in an isolation cell for his own safety and security," said Sgt. Malcolm Adams, a spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Just eight days before his arrest, Bowles had been in custody in the Duval County Jail. He was held three days on a public intoxication charge under an alias.

Bowles has been arrested at least 14 times in Florida since 1981, but the department's computerized fingerprint system failed to establish his true identity because he had never been arrested before in Duval County.

"It is possible to be picked up on a minor charge and be charged and not have a local record," Sheriff Jim McMillan said Nov. 23. "That is what happened in this case."

Bowles was arrested again Nov. 22 at a day labor office for questioning in Hinton's murder. Hinton's body was found Nov. 20, but he had

been dead for several days. He and Bowles were briefly roommates.

When questioned about the slaying, the man admitted he was Bowles, who was on the FBI's "Most Wanted List."

As he was walking to jail under police escort Nov. 22, Bowles said he felt good about his arrest "because the killings will stop."

Bowles, an admitted bisexual, was known to "frequent Gay bars, hustling homosexual men in exchange for lodging, household chores, and-or sexual favors," the FBI said when adding him to the agency's fugitive list.

Warrants have been issued in three of the murders, police said.

A federal warrant charges Bowles with fleeing prosecution in the murder of Milton Bradley, 72, a disabled World War II veteran who was found strangled May 5 in Savannah, Ga.

He also has been charged by Maryland authorities in the April 13 strangulation of David A. Jarman,

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Vision of Change Does Not Include Agenda of Intolerance

By Tim McFeeley

Despite grandiose claims by the Christian Coalition and other conservative political groups, the Republican sweep in the midterm elections was not a mandate for the social agenda of the party's extreme right wing. Where voters spoke directly on the subject of equal rights for Gay people, they sent a clear message that their vision of change does not include an agenda of intolerance. Anti-Gay initiatives and extremist candidates were defeated in the midst of the Republican rout—and the Lesbian and Gay community emerged from the elections with some high-profile wins under our belt.

In conservative Idaho, where Republicans swept Congressional and state elections, GOP voters provided the margin of victory over anti-Gay Proposition 1. The entire Republican Congressional delegation opposed the measure, and both parties' candidates for attorney general paused during their campaign to hold a joint press conference denouncing Proposi-

tion 1 as unconstitutional. This is hardly the stuff of which mandates are made.

In Oregon, the Christian Coalition dumped 650,000 "voter guides" directing voters to approve Measure 13, which would have written anti-Gay discrimination into the state constitution and denied basic rights to Lesbian and Gay Oregonians. Voters rejected Pat Robertson's agenda and sent a clear signal that they oppose discrimination and support equal rights for all people.

Gay issues played a highly visible role in the most closely watched Senate race. Early in the Virginia campaign, Senator Chuck Robb spoke to a Human Rights Campaign Fund fund raising dinner, and took a stand for the fundamental value that all Americans deserve dignity and equal rights. Oliver North branded Robb the "point man in the Senate for the radical homosexual lobby" and pounded the incumbent for opposing discrimination against Gays in the military.

Newspapers throughout the state reported on the active involvement of Virginia's Gay

community in the campaign. The Campaign Fund worked with our Virginia members to field hundreds of volunteers who contacted more than 15,000 moderate voters—equivalent to more than 29 percent of Robb's margin of victory. North lost despite the millions of dollars pumped into his campaign by radical right groups nationwide. In Robb's victory speech, the Senator emphasized "inclusion" and said that "Virginia will continue to be tolerant rather than intolerant."

Robb was one of 13 Senate incumbents up for re-election who opposed the ban on Gays in the military and backed the Gay community's top legislative priority, a bill to prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. All 13 won re-election. Of 120 House cosponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, 110 will return to Washington, and 11 new members were elected who pledged to cosponsor the bill. While the environment in Congress has obviously shifted, the base of support behind equal rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans remains intact.

These results confirm trends that have surfaced in public opinion polls over the past several years. In a national survey conducted by Mellum Lazarus Lake, Inc., 77 percent of residents opposed job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Most Americans believe that people who want to do their jobs, pay their taxes and contribute to the community should not have to live in fear of discrimination.

The most recent study released by the respected Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press reported that the most important swing voters in the electorate—representing 20 percent of registered voters—are "highly tolerant of homosexuality." As for the general public's values on social issues, Times Mirror wrote, "We found at least one important change in public tolerance in the last four years—a sharp decline in homophobia."

In a national poll released by People for the American Way, 62 percent of respon-

dents said intolerance and discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people is a serious problem, and 65 percent said "the government should not concern itself with the morality of private activity, such as sexual orientation." A poll conducted for *U.S. News and World Report* found that two-thirds of voters favor ensuring equal rights for Gay people and preventing discrimination against Gays, with a majority of every demographic subgroup supporting the idea—including those who voted for Clinton, Bush and Perot.

Perhaps this is why none of the right's social issues appear in Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America." The GOP leadership knows that these extreme views will not help consolidate its base among swing voters. Rather, the future of the party lies with moderates like the up-and-coming GOP star Christine Todd Whitman, the popular governor of New Jersey who may figure on the party's 1996 Presidential ticket. New Jersey is one of eight states whose laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I am proud to be the Governor of a state which recognizes that 'equality' applies to all citizens unconditionally," she wrote in a letter endorsing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. "Ours is a state of many faces, but one family. At the heart of this family is the principle of inclusion, meaning that no person is cast aside or denied equal opportunity for any reason."

The voters have not signed a carte blanche for the fight's social agenda, but rather expressed frustration with and alienation from an unresponsive government. The values expressed by Gov. Whitman are the best antidote for these feelings. They are sentiments that Lesbian and Gay Americans know only too well. We must work to tap into the good will that exists for us and appeal to the values that we share with fair-minded Americans. From a position of strength and unity, we can move forward into the uncertain days ahead.

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"Dobie Gillis" Star Becomes California's First Openly Gay Legislator

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — In an election that packed a surprisingly conservative punch, a former television actress nonetheless became California's first openly Gay legislator.

"I don't understand it," said Sheila James Kuehl, best-known to baby boomers as brainy Zeldi on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, which ran from 1959 to 1963. "There

was an awful lot of anti-Clinton voting, which is very difficult to understand because that's where I've made my stand."

Liberal, Democratic, against Proposition 187 and not a fan of GOP Gov. Pete Wilson, Kuehl, 53, is decidedly opposite a majority of California voters who on Nov. 8 overwhelmingly endorsed conservative politics and politicians.

"I can't stand the man," she said of Wilson, who defeated Democratic challenger Kathleen Brown to win

his second gubernatorial term. "I think he's homophobic and I think I've got my work cut out for me."

To the crowd of Gay and Lesbian community leaders who packed her living room election eve, Kuehl joked, "This gives new meaning to the saying 'Be careful what you ask for, you just might get it.'"

"It's my privilege to be going there for you," she told her supporters, including Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg. "And I thank you for it."

Kuehl's paramount concerns in Sacramento will be the economy, college tuition costs and family law issues. She has been lobbying and drafting legislation on the latter for the past 15 years as a public law at-

torney.

She also teaches gender law at Loyola Marymount University and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Kuehl declared victory shortly before midnight Nov. 8, with a comfortable lead over her Republican opponent, Michael Meehan, a 28-year-old law student and former pupil of Kuehl's.

In all of her campaigning, Kuehl said she received only one piece of negative mail. Her Westside 41st Assembly district cuts from Santa Monica through Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and portions of the San Fernando Valley — many, but not all, are Democratic strongholds.

A Los Angeles native, she gave

up acting in the 1960s after getting a taste of homophobia. Hollywood, it seemed, considered her too "butch," she said.

She went to college, graduated and eventually rose to the rank of associate dean of students at UCLA. She went on to law school at Harvard University and became active in legal issues that protect women, children, Gays and Lesbians.

Being Gay and being a former TV star help, not hinder, she says.

"I think it works for me," she said. "Being an actress makes me a familiar face. People who know someone who is Gay tend to be more favorable toward them."

Lesbian Group Eats Fire to Celebrate Triumph Over Idaho Citizens Alliance

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Opponents to Idaho's failed anti-Gay initiative held a Moscow demonstration to thank voters, including a fire-eating exhibition.

About 30 marched from Latah County Courthouse to Friendship Square, where they ate fire to show their resolve against any future attempts to pass similar legislation.

"The fire will not consume us, we take it and make it our own," was the chant Nov. 16 as several members of the Lesbian Avengers extinguished fire in their mouths. The Avengers is an action group focusing on issues relating to Lesbians and society.

Proposition 1 would have banned

state and local laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

In Latah County, the initiative was defeated by more than 3,000 votes, with 8,065 votes against the measure.

"I'm delighted it failed," said Kathy Sprague. "I just wish there would have been more 'no' votes."

Idaho Citizens Alliance founder Kelly Walton is hopeful some legislator will try to pass a measure this winter to accomplish the same thing as the initiative. Failing that, Walton said he is prepared to push the same idea in the 1996 election.

Sprague said the alliance actually helped the Lesbian and Gay communities because it forced them to organize.

"I'm not going to rest, and I don't think the others will either," said Tabitha Simmons, an Avengers member and co-chairman of the University of Idaho Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance.

Simmons said Walton and his group also discriminate against the Mormon Church. A filmmaker who shot a video of a Gay parade the Citizens Alliance used in its campaign also filmed movies blasting the Mormon Church and claiming one of its top members is homosexual.

"They have tons of propaganda about Mormons," Simmons said. "The only way to stop the threat of discrimination is to build coalitions."

Gov't Probably Won't Appeal Reinstatement of Gay Sailor

By Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton administration officials are inclined to end a court battle over the Pentagon's old policy on homosexuals and probably will not ask the Supreme Court to overturn the reinstatement of a sailor who declared his homosexuality on television.

A senior administration official said Nov. 18 that Solicitor General Drew Days, who represents the government in the Supreme Court, is leaning against asking the justices to overturn a court order reinstating Navy sonar operator Keith Meinhold.

Meinhold revealed on national television in 1992 that he is Gay and was discharged under old military regulations that were replaced last year. The old Pentagon policy treated declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

Days also is leaning against ap-

peals in the handful of other pending cases involving the old policy, according to this official, who declined to be identified by name.

One of these old cases, that of National Guard Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a Lesbian from Washington state, has been put on hold by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the hope that a final ruling in the Meinhold case will settle her case as well. Like Meinhold, she has been reinstated pending the outcome of the court battles.

The administration would rather concentrate its attention on defending cases under the Clinton administration's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the official said. One such case is already in the courts. Under the new policy, service members who declare their homosexuality face discharge unless they can prove they won't engage in homosexual acts while in the service.

Justice Department spokesman

Carl Stern said that Days had until Nov. 29 to decide whether to appeal the U.S. 9th Circuit Court's ruling in the Meinhold case to the Supreme Court.

In the Meinhold case, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit unanimously upheld U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter's reinstatement of Petty Officer Meinhold, who was denied re-enlistment after disclosing his homosexuality. But the 9th Circuit overturned the judge's nationwide order banning military discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The 9th Circuit said the case should be resolved by simply forbidding the Navy to discharge Meinhold solely because of his statement, which expressed no desire to engage in prohibited sexual conduct.

The administration official said the 9th Circuit ruling in the Meinhold case did not touch constitutional issues and thus would not affect enforcement of the new policy.

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Joining Trend, Paramount Extends Benefits to Gay Employees' Partners

By E. Scott Reckard
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paramount Pictures said Nov. 11 that it will extend medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of company employees, beginning with the new year.

The decision places Paramount among a growing number of entertainment companies that offer such benefits to Gay and Lesbian employees.

Paramount Pictures was acquired this year by Viacom Inc., parent company of the MTV, Nickelodeon and Showtime cable networks. Viacom already had a policy of offering medical and dental benefits to same-sex partners of employees.

Universal was the first studio to extend health coverage to same-sex partners of employees, followed by Warner Bros. and, just two

months ago, Sony Pictures, which includes the Columbia and Tri-Star studios.

That leaves the Fox and Disney studios as the only major studios yet to offer benefits to the partners of Gay employees.

Richard Jennings, executive director of Hollywood Supports, a group that lobbies for workplace rights for homosexuals, said he expects Disney and Fox to soon conform to what has become an industry standard.

"We know they're both working on it," Jennings said. "I think Disney's getting very close."

Hollywood Supports has provided a model benefits agreement used by 14 companies in the industry so far, Jennings said. Smaller companies to adopt the standard include Ticketmaster and Entertainment Radio Network.

Jennings said he believes entertainment unions also will soon offer

such benefits, beginning with the Writers Guild of America.

High-tech companies have been leaders in providing benefits to same-sex domestic partners: Apple Computer, Microsoft, Borland International and Lotus Development are among those doing so.

The cost of providing these benefits typically is low for the more than 160 companies that have made them available. A Stanford University study showed that 0.3 percent to 0.7 percent of a company's employees are likely to elect for the coverage, and Jennings said the per-

centage in Hollywood is even lower.

Reasons for the low usage include the fact that the benefit is taxable, Gay partners typically can get coverage cheaper through their own jobs, and some employees are reluctant to acknowledge their homosexuality.

Under Fire for Breaching Confidentiality, Official is Reassigned

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The city Health Commissioner has reassigned the embattled head of the AIDS office to work with her on public health issues not related to AIDS, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Estelle Richman transferred Richard Scott because he breached the confidential HIV statuses of members of an advisory committee in a grant application and angered several political groups, the newspaper said Monday.

She said they agreed the move was best to avoid a power struggle that could jeopardize services to people with the disease.

"I'm upset about having to (remove Scott)," Richman said. "But carrying on a power play with these groups will end up hurting people living with HIV."

Scott joined the city as a suicide prevention worker in 1972. He became a supervisor in the city's mental health office and for eight years,

was an official of its white-collar union. His efforts to promote AIDS education among union workers were cited by Congress in a national award program.

His loss marks the fifth departure of an executive director in the seven years the AIDS office has existed.

Richman said she will assume responsibility for running the city's AIDS Activities Coordinating Office.

"It doesn't make sense to get an interim (director) until I find the source of continual discontent," she said.

Scott's role in the recent breach of confidentiality rules by AACO is still being investigated. The breach occurred when AACO inadvertently included in a federal grant application the names, sexual orientations and HIV statuses of a 35-member citizen advisory committee on HIV prevention.

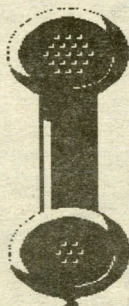
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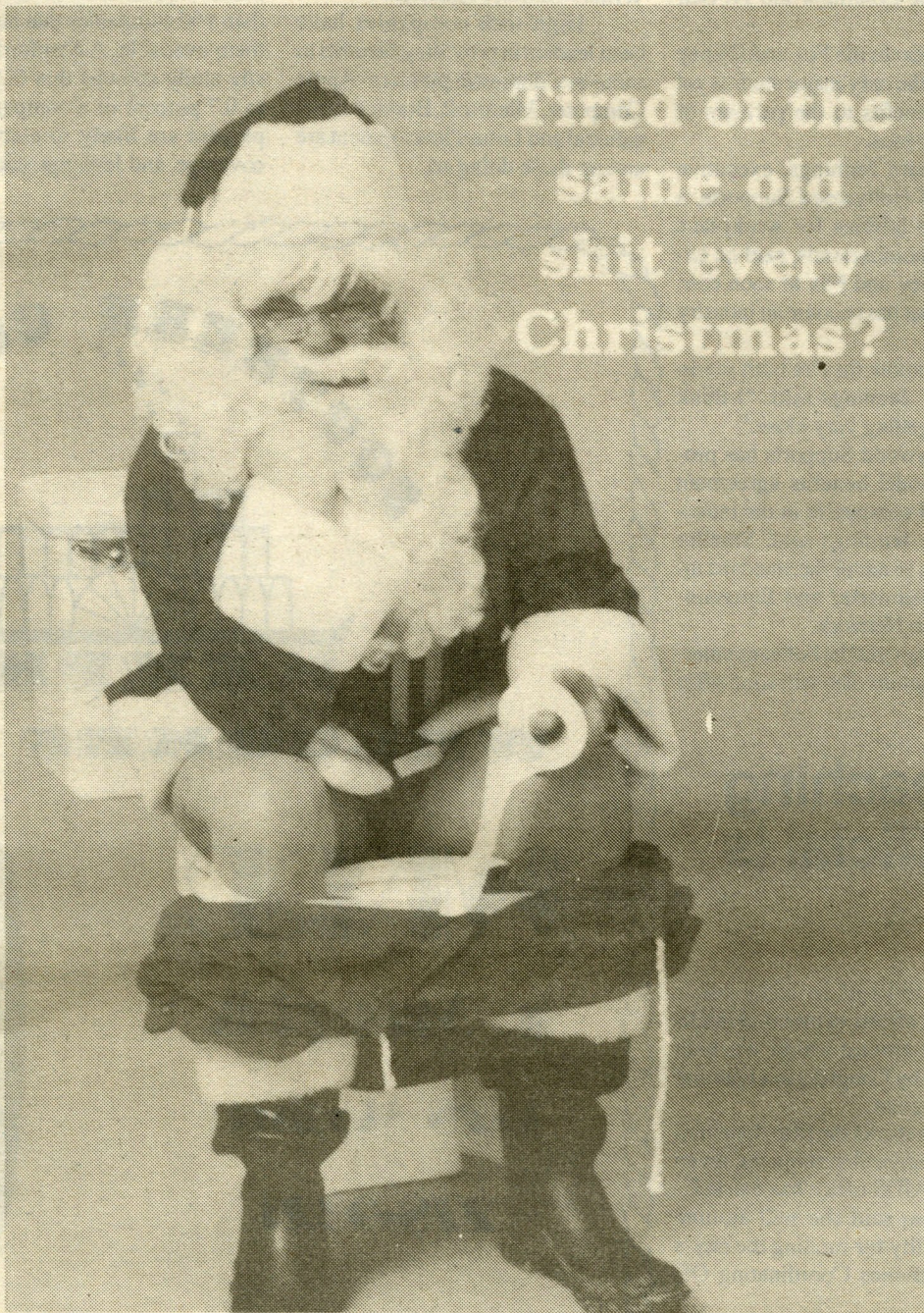
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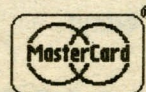


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Woman Who Helped Convict Klansman Undergoes Sex Change

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A woman who helped send a Ku Klux Klansman to prison for the 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls has broken a long public silence, and now speaks in a man's voice.

Elizabeth Cobbs was a minister, wife and mother when she gave testimony in 1977 that was crucial in convicting her uncle, Robert Chambliss, on a murder charge in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

In 1979, she was accepted into a sex-change program in Texas, and today Mrs. Cobbs is 54-year-old Pete Smith, a stocky, bearded man.

Years after Mrs. Cobbs was last heard from publicly, Smith now is promoting a new book, *Long Time Coming*.

Published by Crane Hill Publishers, the book recounts how testifying about the church bombing began a winding personal journey filled with fear of Klan retribution and sexual uncertainty.

"All of that threw me into a psychological matrix," Smith said in an interview with the *Birmingham Post-Herald*. "Suddenly, honesty was the most important thing on the face of the Earth. And the one thing I started having to be honest about

was myself."

The interview was one of a number of media stops on Smith's book tour itinerary, which includes a spot Nov. 8 on Oprah Winfrey's television show.

The testimony of Mrs. Cobbs helped solve one of the most violent hate crimes of the civil rights struggle, a Nov. 6 morning dynamite explosion in a downtown church that killed four girls — Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, Addie Mae Collins and Carol Denise McNair.

The crime went unpunished until then-Attorney General Bill Baxley obtained a first-degree murder conviction against the 73-year-old Chambliss, using testimony from Mrs. Cobbs and others.

Recalling a conversation with Chambliss the day before the bombing, Mrs. Cobbs testified how her uncle, complaining about "niggers," had remarked: "Just wait until after Sunday morning, and they'll beg us to let them segregate."

Perhaps more damaging was Mrs. Cobbs' testimony that while watching a television news broadcast about the bombing, Chambliss said "It wasn't meant to hurt anybody. It didn't go off when it was supposed to."

Days after Chambliss was convicted, Mrs. Cobbs joined Baxley for a brief interview on network television. Then, as defense attorneys prepared to appeal, the star witness began her disappearing act amid death threats.

Mrs. Cobbs resigned her job as minister of a Methodist church, and she was divorced from her second husband. Her son, Robin Hood, was grown and ready to start his life, so Mrs. Cobbs began her new one.

Mrs. Cobbs quietly became involved in Birmingham's homo-

sexual community and became the first pastor of the city's Metropolitan Community Church, a Christian denomination that ministers mainly to Gays. She moved for fear Chambliss would find out about her lifestyle and use it in appeals.

According to her account, in January 1979 Mrs. Cobbs and a female companion left town for Texas. She assumed a false name, Petrice Smith, or "Pete" for short.

"I was willing to settle for being Gay initially," Smith said. "But the thing about transsexuality had been

part of my knowledge for myself, I guess most of my life."

After the sex change was completed in 1981, following hormone therapy and surgery, a judge declared that Smith was legally a male.

Chambliss died in prison in 1985, and Smith felt safer. He said he returned that year to the Birmingham area, where he lives in a trailer with his common-law wife, Joni Nivens.

Smith said he is more comfortable as a man than he ever was as a woman. But he is also proud of what he did as Elizabeth Cobbs.

Canada's Top Court Hears Gay Couple's Bid for Spousal Benefits

OTTAWA (AP) — The Supreme Court of Canada heard arguments Tuesday on whether an elderly Gay couple — together for 46 years — should be eligible for federal spousal pension benefits.

"It's the capstone of a lifetime of Gay activism," said 73-year-old James Egan of Courtenay, British Columbia.

Egan, who began getting his pension in 1986, applied for spousal benefits for his partner, John Nesbit, 67.

Spouses of pensioners can get an allowance — now a maximum of \$687.88 (about \$516 U.S.) a month — if they are aged 60 to 64 and the couple's yearly income is less than \$20,688 (\$15,516 U.S.).

Ottawa refused Egan's request, saying the Old Age Security Act defines spouse as someone of the opposite sex. The couple lost their case in a split decision last year at the Federal Court of Appeal, but have appealed to the top court.

The court, following its usual practice, was not expected to rule for several months.

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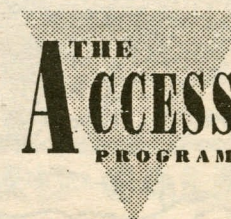
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Brain Study: Evidence That Biology Influences Sexual Orientation

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A study of brains in Gay and heterosexual men gives new evidence that biology may help determine a person's sexual orientation, researchers say.

Scientists found an anatomical difference between the two groups.

In Gay men, a communication conduit connecting two parts of the brain was thicker on average than in heterosexual men.

The parts of the brain connected by the conduit are used for understanding spoken language and perceiving objects.

The finding suggests that sexual orientation may be part of a larger

package of brain characteristics, so that Gay men as a group may have a different pattern of mental skills than heterosexual men, said researcher Sandra Witelson.

She stressed that her study of 21 men was small and must be confirmed by further work. She also said its results and implications apply only to groups and not individuals.

Witelson, a psychiatry professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, discussed the work before presenting it Nov. 17 in Miami Beach, Fla., at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Studies in 1991 and 1992 reported size differences elsewhere in the brain that were related to sexual orientation.

"Witelson's study is an important addition to the growing body of evidence indicating a biological basis for homosexuality in some people," Peri Jude Radecic, executive direc-

tor of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, said in a statement.

Roger Gorski, co-author of the 1992 study on brain differences between Gay and heterosexual men, said the discovery of another difference is no surprise. "I'm sure we're going to find others," he said in a telephone interview.

But it's not clear whether the brain differences found so far really influence sexual orientation, and they may even be results of it, he said. Nor is it clear whether the brain differences affect mental functioning, he said.

Gorski, a professor of anatomy and cell biology at the medical school at the University of California at Los Angeles, also said the size differences in Witelson's study might have been due simply to chance.

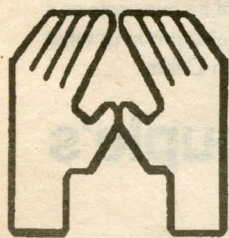
Scientists are debating what produces sexual orientation. Witelson said the idea that biology plays a role

"clearly does not mean that environment is irrelevant, but what it means is that environment is not the whole story."

Witelson and colleagues at her university and the University of Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Science Centre scanned brains in 11 Gay men and 10 heterosexual men. The men were matched for age, and all said they were free of disease.

Researchers focused on a structure called the isthmus of the corpus callosum. The isthmus runs between the right and left sides of the brain, lying roughly between the ears.

Brain scanning showed that on average, the isthmus was 13 percent thicker in the Gay men than the heterosexual men. But some of the Gay men had a thinner isthmus than some of the heterosexual men, so an individual's isthmus size cannot reveal his sexual orientation, Witelson said.



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Talk Show Host Discloses He Has AIDS

By Robin Estrin
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — For six years, talk show host David Brudnoy hid from all but a handful of friends that he was HIV-positive.

Now, he has told the world not only that he is Gay, but also that he has AIDS.

Yet Brudnoy, who hosts a top-rated talk show on WBZ radio, insists he wasn't pushed out of the closet.

Brudnoy, 54, said Nov. 17 that rumors about his health had been circulating since he was hospitalized Oct. 25 at Massachusetts General Hospital for what was then described as a debilitating heart condition.

In reality, the problem was AIDS-related.

Rather than let his disease become gossip column fodder, Brudnoy said he wanted to tell the public himself.

"I wanted to give the whole story

rather than let it dribble out as if it were something evil," Brudnoy said at a hospital press conference.

And unlike the late tennis great Arthur Ashe, who contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion during surgery, Brudnoy said he chose to disclose his disease and was not "outed."

Nevertheless, he said he went to "extraordinary" and "expensive" methods to keep his disease a secret, going to Washington for periodic AIDS exams.

Brudnoy only told his parents of his illness Nov. 16.

He said he shielded family and friends from the knowledge not because he was ashamed, but because he did not want to burden them.

"I'm ashamed of nothing," he said. "I'm sorry I have AIDS, that's all."

Brudnoy said he has received hundreds of cards, and expects thousands more now that his disease has been made public. However, he said

he expects some letters and phone calls will be hostile.

A WBZ spokeswoman said several dozen people called the station Nov. 17 to wish Brudnoy well. Only one call was hostile, she said.

Looking pale and thin after losing 20 pounds, Brudnoy used a walker to get around. Although his heart has returned almost to normal, he suffers from a neurological deficiency that makes walking difficult, said his physician, Dr. Homayoun Kazemi.

Kazemi said Brudnoy will be able to "lead a fairly normal life for some years to come."

Brudnoy is expected to be released to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Nov. 18 for 10 days of therapy.

Flanked by Kazemi and his nurse, Susan Bardzik, on a couch in a hospital lounge, Brudnoy said he is "delighted to be alive."

Although doctors told him there was a possibility he might never walk again, Brudnoy said he is now hopping around "like the Energizer bunny."

Brudnoy said he hopes to return to his radio show after he is released from Spaulding and resume teaching at Boston University in January.

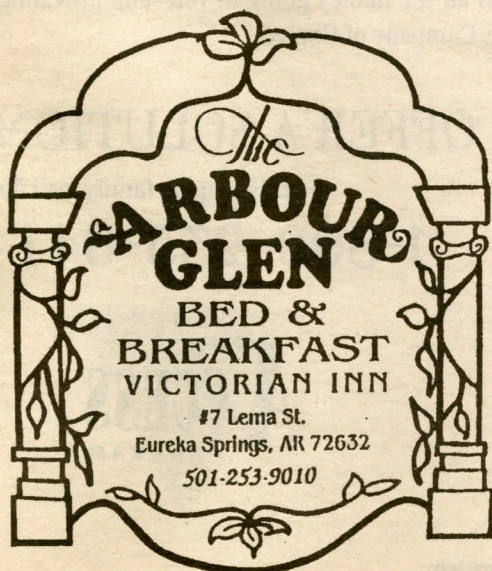
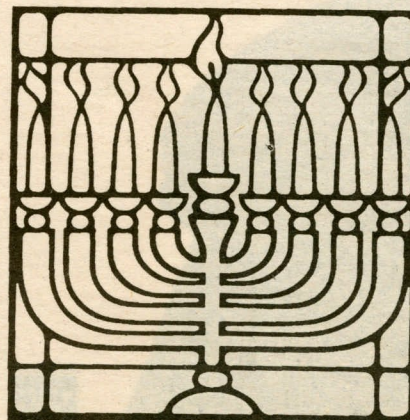
The libertarian talk host known for his often caustic wit said his failing health made him even nastier than usual on the air before his hospitalization.

"I was treating Bubba even worse than he deserves," he quipped.

Brudnoy also said that Robert Massie, who ran for lieutenant governor and who has been HIV-positive for 15 years, is an "inspiration."

And, he said, "I look forward to the possibility of being another long-term survivor."

Happy Hanukkah



AIDS No. 1 Killer of San Francisco Men

By Dara Akiko Tom
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Richard has seen it countless times — the anger, the sorrow, the bravery of critically ill AIDS patients.

All too soon, he says, he'll know exactly how they feel.

"Not everybody is courageous in the face of AIDS. Some go kicking and screaming and are horrible to everyone around them," says the former heroin addict-turned-counselor. "I'm not sure how I'm going to act."

Richard, an AIDS counselor who declined to use his last name, was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1985.

"So I'm panicking," he says.

He isn't the only one:

The San Francisco health department announced earlier this year that in 1992, for the first time in any U.S. city, AIDS was the leading cause of death among men — the first time any illness had supplanted heart disease.

In a tragic coincidence, 1992 was the same year health officials celebrated hitting a plateau in the number of new AIDS cases.

Still, few here were surprised by the latest news.

"We've lost so many friends," said Richard Chavez, former program coordinator for activities at the Shanti Project, which provides a wide range of services for people with AIDS.

"It's frightening to think that nobody is surprised by it. Maybe some people who have been hiding in the sand might say, 'Oh, my gosh.'"

Over the past few years, AIDS has been the leading cause of death among men aged 25-44, but 1992 marked the first time it crossed all age lines.

Of the 8,143 total deaths in San Francisco in 1992, 1,195 men died of AIDS, while 1,094 died of heart-related disease. In 1991, of the total 8,345 deaths, heart-related disease killed 1,189 men and AIDS killed 1,152.

"AIDS had been inching up as the leading cause of death. ... It didn't go from being No. 12 to 1 overnight," said Mitch Katz, director of the city's AIDS office.

"Between 1981 and 1984, there were 8,000 new infections each year. Those were entirely among Gay men," he said. "And now we're seeing, 10 to 12 years later, the consequences — the high rate of death."

While the numbers for 1993 were still being compiled, AIDS was expected to remain the leading cause of death. The death rate isn't likely to decrease until the late 1990s, Katz said.

The bright news: The number of new AIDS cases reported in 1992 was 3,028, but that dropped 25 percent to 2,264 in 1993 — and the health department estimated the rate of new cases would decrease to 1,204 in 1997.

But the department also warned the disease could show a resurgence because of the growing number of cases among young people and intravenous drug users.

Fritz Desir doesn't know how he contracted HIV, but said it could have been the unprotected sex he had with a number of women. Here's what he does know: He can no longer play soccer, and paying his bills

is a struggle.

Desir escaped from Haiti in 1980 and spent three months drifting at sea before being picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. He eventually received political asylum and was sent to San Francisco.

In 1992, after suffering a bout with tuberculosis, he learned he was HIV-positive. These days, his energy level — and his spirits — are low.

"I can't pay my rent. I can't go out and have a good time," said Desir, 31, sitting in his cramped San Francisco studio.

"She helps me," he said, pointing to his girlfriend, Catherine Crawford. "But I can't help her like I used to."

The two share the studio. Both are unemployed and, after paying rent, they have \$100 left. Recently, a friend staying with them promised to help pay the rent. The friend skipped town instead.

"We just take every battle as it comes," Desir said. "My life is in God's hands."

Robert Sternman and Glenn Nelson met through a computer bulletin board. Each knew the other was HIV-positive, but that didn't matter. Their only fear was that they would get sick at the same time.

Nelson's health started deteriorating first, about a year ago, so they decided to get married. Though California doesn't recognize same-gender marriages, the pair exchanged vows at a ceremony before a small gathering of friends and family.

"We both said, when we said our vows, 'til death do us part.' And that's exactly what we meant," Sternman said.

Nelson died earlier this year. He was 28. Now, Sternman has begun feeling the effects of AIDS himself. He stays at home more now, because he's afraid he won't have the energy to climb back up the flight of stairs to his apartment.

"The whole world seems to be moving at a much, much faster pace than me. That gets to be frustrating when you know you used to be at that faster pace," he said.

Meanwhile, he plans life by the week. And he clings to whatever optimism he can muster.

"There's hope that they will be able to find a way to control the disease," he said. "And the hope that at least your journey into whatever the next life is, is as easy as it can be."

Richard, the AIDS counselor, also has managed to find a shaft of light amid the gloom.

AIDS is "part of what put me in touch ... made me part of the human race again," he said. "I've spent so much of my life numb and unfeeling. To be feeling is a miracle."

"I know I get incredibly teary sometimes when I think about what it would be like," he said, imagining himself with full-blown AIDS.

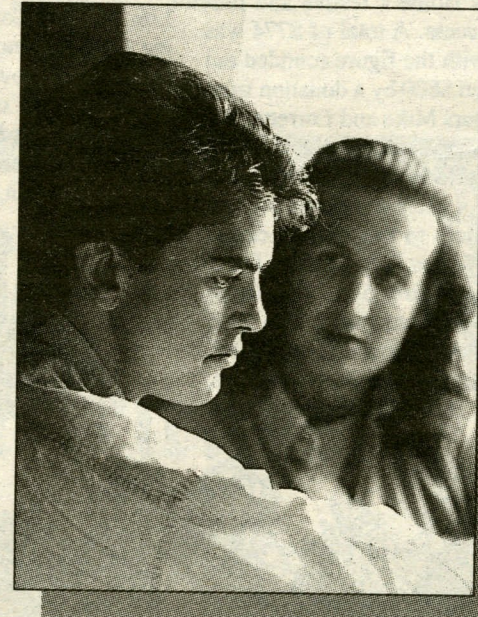
"I don't want to wear a diaper because I'm incontinent when I'm 41. That's the stuff that's supposed to

happen to you when you're 85 or 90."

But then Richard's spirits rise again, when he thinks about his work as a counselor, about his girlfriend and about graduate school, which he started in the fall.

"If I didn't get HIV, if I didn't get tested, I wouldn't be here today," he said. "And I'm supposed to be here and putting one foot in front of the other."

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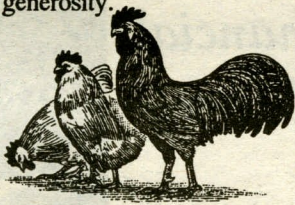
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Submitted by Alliance

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MGLCC Fills Board Position

Submitted by MGLCC

At the November meeting of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Nancy Hoskins was elected to fill the board position being vacated by Michael "Aeyn" Ricks. Aeyn will be moving to Denver in December. Nancy is a social worker with Midtown Mental Health and was formerly a caseworker with Friends For Life HIV Resources.

Ms. Hoskins will be taking over a president of MGLCC in December. Other officers of MGLCC are Vincent Astor, vice-president; Miki Zulewski, secretary; Michael Beal, treasurer; and Michael Schiefelbein, at-large member.

This month's holiday potluck will be honoring the Lambda Center, the home to many Gay/Lesbian-specific 12-step meetings. The boards of both organizations are embarking on some new cooperative efforts of which this potluck will be the first. The MGLCC, as well as the Lambda Center, is an alcohol and drug-free space which is open to everyone. Both AA and NA meetings have been held previously at MGLCC and the space is available for future meetings.

Memphis Pride Reaches Out

Submitted by Memphis Pride

Memphis Pride participated in the Alliance benefit for Aloysius Home with the unveiling of Memphis' new local Gay/Lesbian Pride button. Sales from the buttons will go toward security for next year's parade and festival. Plans are nearly finalized for the events which will be held in conjunction with events at MGLCC and Holy Trinity. Speakers, music and vendors are now being solicited for the Festival which will be held at the end of the parade, with a small admission charge.

The Expo will be combined with the Festival and space will be provided for local organizations to dispense information.

Pride buttons were also sold at the GDI club night held at the Pipeline on Nov. 19.

Memphis Pride meets at MGLCC on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome—especially new volunteers.

The new buttons will be available for a limited time this year and are a full-color logo of Memphis Pride with the organization's slogan: "Party with a purpose."

Nominations and elections will be held in December for a vacancy on Memphis Pride's Executive Committee.

Memphis Bisexual Alliance

Submitted by John Prowett

The Memphis Bisexual Alliance is still a small struggling organization with quite a few plans for 1995.

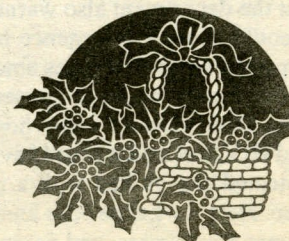
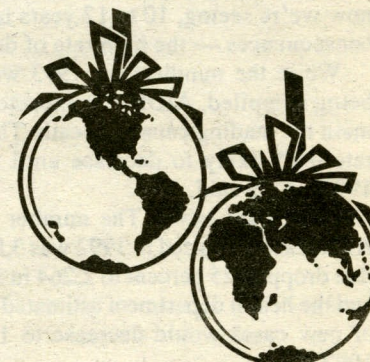
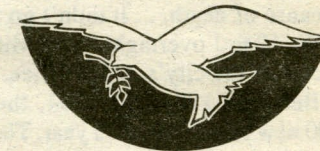
The Alliance meets at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center on the second Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. Right now it is a loose-knit social/support group, but plans are underway to expand its newsletter and exchange information with other bisexual and supportive organizations and publications.

There are a number of bisexual groups in the country, but most are either on the east or west coasts. The Tennessee territory is open for exploration. The Alliance invites you to come and discover or rediscover yourself. "Many of us have 'come out' in the Gay and Lesbian community and now we have to 'come out' again as bisexuals," said John Prowett, founder of the Alliance.

In addition to a publication representing the bisexual community, other ideas that have been discussed include establishing a speakers' bureau, holding seminars getting involved with Memphis Pride events and having a float in the '95 parade becoming more involved with the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's activities; providing books for the Center library, and being involved in the 1995 National Coming Out Day events.

The Alliance is open to bisexual men, women and she/males—single or in a relationship. It is also open to people who are bisexual or supporters of bisexuality.

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Transgendered Alliance Growing

Submitted by MTGA

The Memphis Transgendered Alliance (MTGA) is growing and growing to meet your needs. MTGA was started in September 1993 by Ms. Barbara Jean Jasen and John Prowett as a social and support group for anyone involved or interested in the transvestite, transsexual, transgendered community. Queens, kings and princesses are welcome. We are all in this movement together, no matter what our goals and hopes are. We are here to help each other achieve our feminine or masculine self.

MTGA meets on the fourth Saturday of the month (except for holiday weekends when we meet on the second Saturday, as we will this month) at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. for those who want to change at the Center or just to come early to chat. The first part of the meeting concerns taking care of the business of MTGA and the second part is an educational/support program which may include a speaker, discussion or

a video.

You don't have to be dressed as your preferred self to come to the meetings, just come as you feel comfortable. Remember, you are not alone, we are your brothers and sisters. Usually after the meetings, a group will go over to WKRB for a few cocktails and some "gal chatter." WKRB has been very supportive of MTGA and we thank them. Some of our members also go to 501/505 for their late night shows.

MTGA has a monthly newsletter called "Powder and Pearls." We started printing in September 1993 and have back copies available. Membership to the MTGA is now \$15 which entitles you to receive the newsletter by mail. A \$5 donation is requested at each meeting to cover the cost of rent and refreshments. Meetings have been averaging 12-15 people; our membership now numbers 23.

At the November meeting, we discussed the upcoming election of officers for 1995 as well as job titles and duties. The floor will be open at the December meeting for nominations with elections taking place in

January 1995. We are also establishing a membership committee and social/fund-raising committee and we need your help and ideas.

Come and join us at our Christmas party on Dec. 10. Bring a \$5-10 gift to be put under the tree and a gift tag with your name on it. We

will put the tags in a basket and the lucky ladies or men will draw a card and that person will give the lucky winner his or her gift.

Look for MTGA to be vocal and "out there" in the upcoming Memphis Pride events as well as Holy Trinity Community Church

where you can be who you want to be and still be very much a Christian.

Come and join us. For more information, write us at: Memphis Transgendered Alliance, P.O. Box 11232, Memphis, TN 38111-0232.

Homo for the Holidays Alliance to Hold Christmas Bash at Sunshine Lounge Dec. 3

Submitted by Alliance

Fresh from the experience of Chicken Shit Bingo and just behind the Stuff the Turkey, Alliance plans to join forces with Bill Goodman for our annual holiday club night. This one should be quite memorable as the minds of Alliance and Fancy merge to put together a club night unlike anything ever seen in Memphis. This is Alliance's first venture at Bill's new bar and we urge everyone to attend for some good old-fashioned redneck Christmas festivity!

The Sunshine Lounge, located at 1379 Lamar (formerly The Office Lounge) has plenty of secure parking, lots of room for partying, etc. and a cute little patio for the outdoor lovers. Their burgers will soon be famous, and the service is friendly and jocular. Bill has promised to add a few surprises of his own to Homo for the Holidays club night.

This one will start early — around 8 p.m. — so that everyone can join our brothers from Tsarus later at the Pipeline. So come on out, wear your favorite outfit and plan to party hard! If you are visiting friends or family that weekend, bring them along because we can guarantee that a good time will be had by all!

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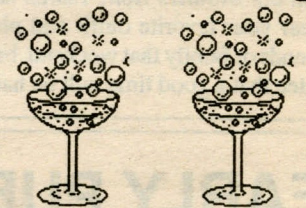
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Lambda Chorus Christmas Concert Set for Dec. 11

By Bob Dumais

The Christmas season is extra busy for the members of the Lambda Men's Chorus as they prepare for their annual holiday concert, "A Christmas Festival of Song - 1994," Sun., Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at St. Therese, the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1644 Jackson Ave.

John Palmer, the musical director of the chorus, has tried to include a little something for everyone in this concert. The first half will be devoted to sacred selections with the second half consisting of popular secular Christmas songs, such as "White Christmas" and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow."

Featured numbers will include "What Child Is This?" and "I Saw Three Ships" adapted by Mark Riese, who specializes in arranging for men's choruses. The chorus will also be honoring "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl using a double chorus set-up. The group has even created its own arrangement of "Winter Wonderland."

In addition to the chorus members, this year's event will feature several guest soloists and instrumentalists. Tickets for the Christmas concert are \$5 each and available in advance from any chorus member or at the door.

With a background in music education and church music, John Palmer became musical director of the Lambda Men's Chorus in August 1993 after being approached by members to take the position. At the time, he was directing four choirs and "needed another performing group like he needed a hole in the head." He had, however, been following the chorus' development and felt he wanted to get involved and "give something back to the community which had been so good to me."

Since that time, he has worked extensively with the group on what he described as "basic choral technique and how to use their voices in a choral setting." This has resulted in a fuller, richer sound which was really evident at its spring concert. The chorus has also doubled its membership in recent months from 13 to 26 singers.

The chorus is still interested in adding new singers as well as developing a support group which would assist with fund-raising, publicity, ticket sales and other needs of the growing organization. If you are interested in joining in either endeavor, come by the chorus rehearsals Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center, 1486 Madison Ave.

Search For Signs Set for Playhouse on the Square

Submitted by
Playhouse on the Square

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A spectacular one woman tour de force originally performed by Lily Tomlin on Broadway, the mid-south debut of this play features well-known Memphis actress Ann Marie Hall playing a host of anthropological exhibits from the late 20th century. *The Search For Signs...* is a barbed, but compassionate evocation of the changes wrought by feminism-- a hilarious saga of dreams collapsing, sexual arrangements backfiring, good intentions souring and bandwagons careening off the track.

This hilarious look at life, love, sex, feminism, politics, family values and the everyday struggles that drive us to the brink of insanity is narrated by the character of Trudy, an eccentric bag lady who has a unique hook-up with extraterrestrials along with humanity as a whole.

Trudy and her alien friends travel across time and space as they peek in on a variety of quirky personali-



Ann Marie Hall

ties including: a fifteen year old punk performance artist, a jaded society matron searching for relief from boredom (and a bad haircut), an elderly couple confronted with a changing world, a housewife who sells sex products on cable t.v., two saavy streetwalkers and a host of other strange inhabitants from the planet Earth.

No stranger to Memphis theatregoers, Ms. Hall has dazzled audiences in the past with her creativity, versatility and talent in such shows as *Reckless*, *The Mystery of Irma Vep* and *As Is* at Circuit Playhouse and *The Heidi Chronicles*, *M. Butterfly*, *Our Country's Good* and *Six Degrees of Separation* at Playhouse on the Square.

Playhouse Company member

Tsarus Seeks Nominations for 'Man of the Year'

Submitted by Tsarus

Tsarus will soon be presenting the 11th annual Man of the Year awards banquet. The club saw a need to honor individuals and organizations for their contributions and service to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian community. The first award was presented in 1985.

Tsarus members nominate individuals or organizations who merit recognition for their efforts and the recipient is selected by a secret ballot. The club members arrange for speakers, print and sell tickets, and furnish and serve a four-course meal. All proceeds from ticket sales are donated to the charity of the recipient's choice. The recipient is not disclosed until the night of the banquet and is always a carefully guarded secret. The Man of the Year banquet has grown from a small quiet dinner at Frank Cooper's French Connection to a much larger banquet at Sharon Wray's WKRB in Memphis.

Following the tenth anniversary of Man of the Year, the club voted to accept nominations from the Gay and Lesbian community. Tsarus wants to hear from you about individuals and organizations which you believe deserve recognition from our community.

Previous recipients have been: Allen Cook and John Stilwell for *Gaze* newspaper (1985); Aphrodite for their blood donor program (1986); Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC (now Friends for Life) (1987); Bettye Griffin, president of Human Response Council (1988); Heat Strings volunteers (1989); Vincent Astor, columnist and historian (1990); the Waggettes (Jim Easter, Harold "Granny" Weaver, Mattie Sanchez and Jerry Attaway) (1991); the Pipettes (Jim McCain, Jere Douglas, Mike Ferguson and the late Sandy Hutchins and Dwayne Branham) (1992); Rev. Ethan Pruett and Rev. Ed Hammett from Holy Trinity Community Church (1993); and Dennis Kijowski, activist and fund-raiser (1994).

Dave Landis who has performed in various productions with Ms. Hall serves as the director for this cosmically comic evening of theatre.

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Who will be the 1995 recipient? Tsarus wants your help in selecting the 1995 Man of the Year. Remember, this title has been awarded to men, women, organizations, groups and at least one drag queen. Your nominations must be in writing and

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Murders Have Texas Gay Communities on Edge

By Julia Prodis
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A string of grisly murders of Gay men has Texas Gay communities on edge.

Some say the state's mentality of machismo and a burgeoning religious movement fosters hostility toward Gays — an assertion vigorously denied by representatives of religious organizations.

"There's a steady drumbeat out there that it's all right to hate, that it's socially acceptable to hate Gays and Lesbians," said state Rep. Glen Maxey, who is Gay.

"You do that long enough," he said, "and you give permission for somebody to beat somebody up or give somebody permission to kill."

Among the recent killings:

—Paul Quintanilla's hands were bound behind his back when he was stabbed more than a dozen times, his throat and genitals cut.

—Michael J. Burzinski was beaten and shot to death execution-style after being abducted by a group of teen-agers looking for Gays they considered easy marks.

—Tommy Musick was shot four times in the back of the head by a man who claimed he had panicked after Musick made a homosexual advance. Another man was left for dead after being impaled with a tree branch outside a Gay bar.

But Dick Weinhold, chairman of the Texas Christian Coalition, which considers homosexuality immoral, says opponents of anti-discrimination laws are not to blame for the violence.

"I just reject flat out any kind of

notion that holding a position opposing special rights for homosexuals would somehow suggest that people can become vigilantes and have a lynching," he said. "That's ridiculous."

Paul Tracy, a criminologist at the University of Texas at Dallas, says neither the religious right nor the Texas image is to blame.

"People all along have been committing crimes against women and Gays because they believe they are especially vulnerable to crime," he said.

"I don't believe it's particular to Texas, the South or the Southwest. We have frustrated, alienated segments of our population that are striking out against particularly vulnerable segments of our society."

Gay and Lesbian activists say a Dallas judge's comment in 1988 reinforced hostility and encouraged lenient treatment to those who victimize homosexuals.

Instead of life in prison, Judge Jack Hampton gave a 30-year sentence to an 18-year-old who had gone to a Gay neighborhood with his buddies to "pester homosexuals." He shot to death two Gay men when

they refused to take off their clothes.

"I put prostitutes and Gays at about the same level," Hampton said. "If these boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them to the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case. And I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute."

In 1993, the teen-ager who killed Musick, a hairdresser, was sentenced by a jury to 12 years in jail. The assailant who speared the Midland man with a stick received probation.

In August, a high school student and four former football teammates were charged with murder in Burzinski's death.

In addition to Quintanilla, two other Gay men have been found dead with multiple stab wounds in the Dallas suburb of Irving. Police have arrested a suspect in one killing, but say leads have been exhausted in the other two.

Texas leads the nation in executions, but only one hate crime against a homosexual there has resulted in a death sentence.

The Rev. Billy Charles Cawley, a Gay man who ministers to the ho-

mosexual population in Odessa, says intolerance is rampant in the west Texas town of Midland, where Musick was killed. Cawley says he has been the target of death threats and was asked by police to wear a bulletproof vest at a Gay rally.

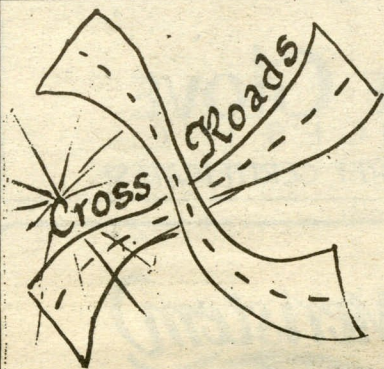
"I call it 'Bubba Joe land.' It's a combination of the Texas macho thing and the fundamentalist Christian movement here," Cawley said. "For people who claim to follow Christ's teachings ... I've never seen so much judgment in my life."

The Texas chapter of the Christian Coalition has grown to 60,000 members with 135 chapters around the state since it was founded here in 1991.

Weinhold says the strength of the movement is a testament to Texans' desire for stronger family values, not hatred or violence toward Gays.

"I think the church has for years taught that adultery is wrong and I'm not hearing anyone suggest that crimes of passion are caused by the church," Weinhold said.

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Man Shot for Holding Boyfriend's Hand

By Elizabeth Weise
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Just blocks from the heart of San Francisco's Castro district, an almost mystical safe haven for Gays, Victor Rohana was pinned to a wall and shot in the chest.

His crime? Apparently, he was targeted because he was holding hands with his boyfriend.

Civil rights advocates say the shooting is an example of the growing ferocity of attacks on Gays and Lesbians.

"Whereas in 1992, somebody may have just yelled faggot, now they're yelling faggot and clubbing you or raping you," said Leslie Addison of Community United Against Violence, a victim advocate group.

On Friday, 24-year-old Victor Rohana and boyfriend Steven Damron were walking to their car after dining in a neighborhood restaurant. Just after 10 p.m., two men in a white Suzuki Samurai drove by and yelled at them.

"We were Gay and they didn't like that we were holding hands," said Damron.

Rohana said something to the men before turning to catch up with his friend. The driver backed up about 100 feet to block their path, jumped the curb onto the sidewalk and pinned Rohana against a wall.

The jeep's passenger stuck a pistol out of window and shot

Rohana.

"At first I thought he was okay, because he was still standing up. But then he started screaming that he'd been hit and I realized that they'd shot him," Damron said.

The bullet pierced Rohana's lung, missing his heart by about an inch, Damron said.

Rohana underwent surgery on both Saturday and Sunday. He is in satisfactory condition but remains critically injured, the hospital where he is being treated reported on Tuesday. The name of the hospital has been withheld to protect him from possible retaliation, police said.

It was clearly a hate crime, a shaken Damron said Monday.

"I don't think they thought we were Italian. They thought we were Gay. They clearly made a decision that they were going to shoot a Gay man. They went to a lot of effort to get the car in position to shoot him point blank."

Rohana wasn't the type to look for a fight, said a friend, Steven Underhill.

"He's very quiet and shy, certainly one of the most sweet, kind individuals I've ever met," he said.

Police have developed a composite sketch of the suspects, described as white males in their late teens or early 20s.

Officer Sandy Bargioni of the city's police Hate Crimes Unit spent Monday stuffing fliers and the drawing of the attacker into mailboxes near where the attack

occurred.

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting.

"It is dismaying to think that in a city that is known for acceptance of individual freedom that this senseless act of violence still occurs," Jordan said Monday.

The shooting happened just a few blocks outside the Castro District, the center of San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian community, one of the largest in the country.

Last year there were 366 anti-Gay attacks and incidents of harassment reported in San Francisco, said Lester Olmstead-Rose, executive director of Community United Against Violence. The group believes that only about 10 percent of harassment is actually reported to police.

Advocates say attacks on Gays are very deliberate and premeditated.

"People come in from outside the city to attack people. A group of kids get in a car in Walnut Creek and decide to drive into the Castro to get some fags. It's not like someone's walking down the street and sees a Gay person and gets upset," Addison said.

"Maybe they just thought it was macho to shoot a Gay guy," said Damron. "They made a judgement that being Gay was bad and their way of expressing that was to shoot Victor."

Judge Says Prison Didn't Mistreat Transsexual Inmate

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed all but one of the 23 defendants from a transsexual prison inmate's \$50 million discrimination lawsuit.

Michelle Murray, 34, of Hackensack, N.J., claimed in a federal lawsuit that he had been subjected to routine harassment, assault and discrimination from employees of the Federal Correctional Institution in Ashland. He filed the suit last November against the Federal Bureau of Prisons and numerous employees.

Murray, who has had breast implants and has been castrated, claims he has been unfairly put in segregation and singled out because of his feminine characteristics. But Judge-Magistrate James Todd ruled that Murray failed to prove that his constitutional rights were violated.

"With regard to the plaintiff's claims of discrimination based on him having to wear a brassiere, and not being permitted to wear a tank-top, and having his associations with other inmates closely scrutinized, the court finds that such actions, under the circumstances, are reasonable in light of the defendants' need to maintain institutional order and security," Todd said in an order filed Nov. 7.

"Given that the plaintiff, by his own choice, has breasts, as well as other feminine characteristics, the court finds no evidence suggesting that the challenged actions constitute an exaggerated response to the situation."

Murray also claimed that prison doctors had illegally reduced the level of female hormones he was taking to maintain his condition. But Todd found that Murray was receiving

the same level of hormones as when he entered the Federal Medical Center at Springfield, Mo., to begin serving a 40-month sentence for credit-card fraud and related charges. He was transferred to the federal prison at Ashland in June 1993.

Todd also dismissed a claim that a 15-day segregation last May was retaliation for Murray's lawsuit. Todd declined to second-guess a hearing officer's finding that Murray was caught in bed with another inmate, although Murray claims the inmate was merely sitting on his bunk.

As for Murray's further isolation, Todd said "it is well settled that an inmate may be placed in 'non-punitive' segregation to safeguard institutional security or to facilitate investigation into alleged misconduct."

Todd also rejected Murray's claims that the prison's refusal to give him special hair- and skin-care products was discriminatory. "Routine discomfort is part of the penalty that criminal offenders pay for their offense against society," Todd wrote, citing another case.

He also ruled that verbal abuse or harassment from prison officials "does not constitute punishment under the Eighth Amendment."

However, Todd did uphold an individual claim against Guard Timothy Harris, who allegedly sexually assaulted Murray on two occasions in August 1993. Todd said Murray presented "sufficient evidence that defendant Harris' challenged actions were not taken in a good-faith effort to maintain or restore discipline."

But Todd dismissed a claim

against Harris in his official capacity, citing the Federal Bureau of Prisons' sovereign immunity.

A trial is set for Nov. 28. Todd granted Murray's request for an injunction preventing the prison from transferring any inmate who might be called to testify.

Judge To Allow HIV Tests of Victims in Murder of Gay Men

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — The attorneys for a teen accused of murdering two Gay men have been granted their motion to have HIV tests performed on the victims.

Attorneys for Marvin McClendon, 16, asked Judge Billy Joe Landrum to allow the state Crime Lab to perform the tests. McClendon is charged with capital murder in the Oct. 8 slayings Robert Walters, 34, and Joseph Shoemake, 24, both of Laurel. Both

were shot execution-style.

McClendon pleaded innocent to the charges. His bond was set at \$100,000 during the arraignment.

Defense attorney J. Ronald Parrish said if either of the victims had HIV, "it would be no different than if they had a loaded weapon and pointed it at an individual."

Parrish has suggested that the teen-ager was subjected to sexual advances by the two men.

District Attorney Jeannene Pa-

cific said the AIDS issue is, "totally irrelevant. It has no other purpose than to inflame jurors."

Gay-rights advocates agree.

"Calling for an HIV test is AIDS phobia beyond the grave," said Peri Jude Radecic, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "I think it is a tactic by the defense to continue to confuse people about the truth behind these murders."

Gay-rights organizations have claimed the murders were a hate

crime. They have asked for federal intervention in the case. Jones County authorities have said the motive was robbery.

The trial has been set for Jan. 30.

'Scott Doe' Reveals His Identity

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An HIV-positive lawyer has decided to make his name public after settling an AIDS discrimination lawsuit against his former employer.

Scott Burr said he felt he was making his "final step into the light" by allowing his identity to be used.

"I think this is a coming-out process; this case was a coming-out process," he told *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in an interview Nov. 2.

The 30-year-old lawyer said he didn't decide to identify himself fully until after the three-hour interview with the newspaper.

Earlier, he had said he wanted to keep his last name out of the case to protect his family and his future career prospects. Had his name appeared in case books, it would be easily identifiable by any potential employer, he had said.

The case bore an eerie resemblance to the Jonathan Demme movie, *Philadelphia*, in which a lawyer with AIDS is fired by his law firm and wins a big money settlement.

Burr said in his lawsuit that the Kohn, Nast & Graf law firm fired him in March 1993 after his boss learned he had the virus that causes

AIDS. The firm denied the claim, saying it fired Burr because he didn't put in enough hours and didn't do a good enough job.

Burr filed his lawsuit as "John Doe" in August 1993. He was identified as "Scott Doe" during the three-week trial, which ended with settlement for an undisclosed

amount.

He now has a job on a contract basis with the firm that represented him, Jablon, Epstein, Wolf & Drucker.

Burr said he was ambivalent about settling the case but his lawyers and friends convinced him to get on with his life.

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Johnson & Johnson Accused of Illegally Pushing Home AIDS Test

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS activists contend Johnson & Johnson is illegally promoting its experimental home test for the fatal virus in an attempt to influence government approval of the kit.

Three AIDS organizations are asking the Food and Drug Administration to postpone action on Johnson & Johnson's Confide AIDS test pending an investigation of the promotions.

The move drew furious reaction from a home test proponent. "People are dying now because of these idiotic concerns," said Sean Strub, publisher of a magazine for people with AIDS, *POZ*.

The FDA prohibits companies from promoting unapproved medical products. But the activists charge Johnson & Johnson with intensive lobbying, touting its Confide test on television, paying doctors to push the kit and funding direct-mail campaigns to generate public support.

They cite a memo to White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta

as proof the effort is working.

"There are no policy impediments to the approval of a home-use HIV test," FDA Commissioner David Kessler wrote in the memo, obtained by The Associated Press Nov. 10.

His memo said the agency is expediting its review of home tests and Confide is the only test far enough along for approval, the activists noted.

Panetta asked about the test in September at the request of House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who quoted Johnson & Johnson's paid consultant — former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop — in pushing home tests.

Johnson & Johnson denied any illegal promotions but would not comment specifically on the charges. "We'll take that up with the FDA if they choose to do so," said spokesman Jeffrey Leebaw.

But test proponent Strub said he personally funded some of the direct-mail campaigns attributed to Johnson & Johnson, and his company-funded work was vital to generate public debate about home tests.

The FDA is investigating, but hasn't determined, whether Johnson & Johnson violated any regulations, said spokesman Don McLearn.

Buyers of the home test would prick a finger, send dried blood to a lab and learn by telephone if they had HIV, the AIDS virus.

Proponents say the privacy of the kits would encourage more people to get tested. Experts in the field believe at least 40 percent of the estimated 1 million infected Americans have never been tested.

Critics fear that telephone counseling isn't adequate and that children or employers would use the tests. They also say home tests conflict with laws in more than 11 states that require confidential named reporting of HIV patients and face-to-face counseling.

Those issues are far from resolved, said Shepherd Smith of Americans for a Sound AIDS Policy. Yet Kessler wrote Panetta: "Any remaining concerns about im-

pect of product approval on the public health will be examined through post-approval studies."

Kessler's memo also said most members of an FDA advisory panel in June "believed that the potential benefit of home ... kits outweighed potential risks."

In fact, that panel was so divided that it called for a massive pilot test to answer its questions. The scientists asked whether telephone counseling is adequate, whether people could take an adequate blood sample that trained workers often have trouble taking and if the neediest people would buy a \$30 kit or if Confide would simply prosper from worried healthy people.

Smith's group joined the National Association of People With AIDS and the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association in filing the FDA complaint on Oct. 26. They made the complaint public in mid-November.

Gov't Opens Free Line for PLWAs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has opened a toll-free telephone number to provide treatment information by telephone or computer to people with AIDS, their families and health care providers.

The HIV-AIDS Treatment Information Service began taking calls Nov. 1. The number is 1-800-HIV-0440 and the hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The service is staffed by health information specialists who are fluent in English and Spanish. Deaf access is included, and all calls are confidential.

The service's staff will not provide treatment advice. Staffers will, however, provide information the latest research and treatment options to physicians and patients who call.

"In addition to assisting health care providers, the AIDS Treatment Information Service will help people living with HIV-AIDS extend and improve the quality of their lives by helping them make informed decisions about their health care with their providers," said Philip L. Lee, the director of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The service's data base, which is housed at the National Library of Medicine, will be updated to include all federally approved HIV and AIDS treatment information.

The data base can be accessed free via computer. Users can call 1-800-272-4787 for directions on how to access the system with their computer.

Old Drug May Work Against HIV

WASHINGTON (AP) — Test tube experiments at a National Institutes of Health laboratory show evidence that a drug called hydroxyurea may block or slow the replication of the AIDS virus, researchers report.

In a study published Nov. 4 in the journal *Science*, researchers at the National Cancer Institute report that the HIV is unable to reproduce in cells exposed to hydroxyurea, a cancer drug that has been used for about 30 years.

NIH researchers also found that cells became even more resistant to HIV replication when they were exposed in the test tube to both hydroxyurea and to didanosine, or ddI, a drug now used to treat HIV infection.

Dr. Robert Gallo, senior researcher in the study, said in a statement that hydroxyurea could be given in tablet form and would be much less expensive than other drugs now used for AIDS therapy.

Researchers May Have Found Way HIV Becomes AIDS

By Anne Fahy-Morris
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The discovery of a protein that may trigger the AIDS virus into developing into the fatal disease may lead to new treatments, researchers said.

But a leading AIDS expert warned against giving false hope to people who are HIV-positive.

HIV-infected people can be healthy and live for years before the virus begins reproducing and attacks the body's immune system.

University of Pennsylvania scientists now say they have found a protein in a gene, unique to HIV carriers, that appears to tell infected cells when to start reproducing the virus. Their research was published Nov. 8 in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"We understand a new pathway the virus uses," said study chief David Weiner, an assistant professor of pathology and medicine at Penn. "We now have an opportunity to design drugs to inhibit it."

Dr. Nava Sarver, one of the chief scientists in the AIDS division of the National Institutes of Health cautioned that the study, while interesting, is very preliminary. Usually, studies such as Weiner's that are conducted in the laboratory do not hold up when tested in bodies, she said.

"Many other questions need to be asked to confirm these find-

ings," Sarver said. "I feel it is not right to give hope to patients who are desperate for any type of therapy."

But Dr. Alfred Saah, an associate professor in the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, said, "It's a hopeful sign and I think it's worthy of pursuit and if it pans out, it will be quite an advance."

The study centered on one of nine known HIV genes, "vpr." The gene produces a protein, known by the capitalized abbreviation "Vpr," that apparently must be present before infected cells can produce new, infected viral particles that in turn infect other cells, Weiner said.

Scientists need to know how the virus multiplies before they can design drugs to inhibit it, Weiner said.

Weiner's research team found in laboratory tests that the stage of infected people's disease corresponds with the level of "Vpr" protein in their blood.

People in the early stages of infection had low levels of the protein; those with fully developed AIDS had high levels.

By exposing cells to the protein in the laboratory, the researchers turned latent infection to active infection.

Weiner's team also found that it could block the production of new virus by exposing the cells to "Vpr" antibodies. Weiner said his team is now trying to develop a vaccine that would create "Vpr" antibodies.

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Pedro Zamora, AIDS Activist Featured on MTV's *Real World*, Dies

By Karen Testa
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Pedro Zamora, who educated the public about AIDS by discussing his life with the disease on MTV's *Real World*, died Nov. 11, hours after his farewell appearance was broadcast on the show's season finale. He was 22.

Zamora was sick but still active in June when he filmed the closing episode of the program, which documents the real lives of a group of young roommates.

"That's where the real tragedy, the real mystery of the disease lies," said Doug Herzog, MTV executive vice president of programming and production in New York. "He leaves the house a healthy man, or seemingly healthy. Four short months later, we're saying our goodbyes to him."

Zamora learned he had the AIDS virus when he was 17. Handsome, trim, dark-eyed and a gifted speaker, he went on a lecture tour, telling audiences at high schools and other organizations that he was infected through unprotected sex.

He testified before Congress, showing that "AIDS is a disease with a human face," President Clinton

said Nov. 11.

"If you want to reach me as a young Gay man, especially a young Gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a language and vocabulary I can understand and relate to," Zamora said at a congressional hearing July 12, arguing for more explicit AIDS educational programs.

This year, Zamora appeared on the MTV program, in which a camera crew follows the unscripted activities of real people who were chosen to live together.

In the final episode, shown Nov. 10, they said goodbye to each other as they moved out of the house.

"The message was, 'Look at me: I'm 22 years old. I look healthy, I look vibrant ... but there's a killer lurking inside of me and it can come up and grab me at any moment. And we have to think of a way to stop it,'" Herzog said.

When he joined the program, Zamora did not initially tell his housemates he was HIV-positive. Instead, he showed them a scrapbook of photographs and newspaper clippings of his life as an AIDS educator.

Most cast members ultimately accepted the situation, and several

became his close friends. Two of them, Judd Winick and Pamela Ling, were at the hospital Nov. 11 and had been filmed with Zamora when his doctors called to tell him he had developed full-blown AIDS.

More recently, Zamora developed a severe neurological disorder, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy or PML, found in about 5 percent of people with AIDS.

In recent weeks, an ailing Zamora was reunited with three brothers and a sister he had left behind in Cuba when he came here at age 8 in the Mariel boatlift. They flew to Miami to be with him. He was one of seven children.

"I'd like to say I am not afraid, but that's not so," Zamora once said. "I don't fear death itself, because death is something very natural. What I fear is the process of illness, the preamble for which we're not prepared."

The funeral was private. A public memorial service was held Nov. 20 at the Lincoln Theatre in Miami Beach.

A handful of anti-Gay protesters squared off against Gay rights activists at the memorial service for Zamora.

One group held signs saying

"Sodomy Is No Human Right" and "Quarantine AIDS carriers," while hundreds of others sang "We shall overcome" and waved messages such as "Hate Kills" and "We Miss You, Pedro."

One of the six protesters was arrested for disorderly conduct and simple assault for spitting toward the activists. He was released on his own recognizance.

Zamora would have loved the hubbub, his friends said.

"Pedro said he wanted it to be bigger than Elvis" said Pam Ling, Zamora's roommate in the MTV series the *Real World*.


"He always said, 'I want a protest at my memorial' because his life

was in part about the politics of it and screaming for attention," she said.

Those who could not fit into the packed 800-seat Lincoln Theatre listened to the service through speakers outside.

"The country might have lost a champion, but I lost a friend," said Judd Winick, another of Zamora's co-stars. "I'm selfish. I do appreciate everything he's done. But I'm just going to miss him."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Zamora's family established the Pedro Zamora Memorial Fund at the AIDS Action Foundation, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20009.]



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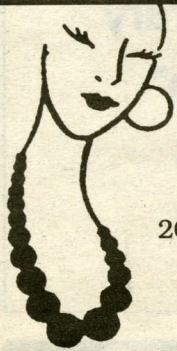


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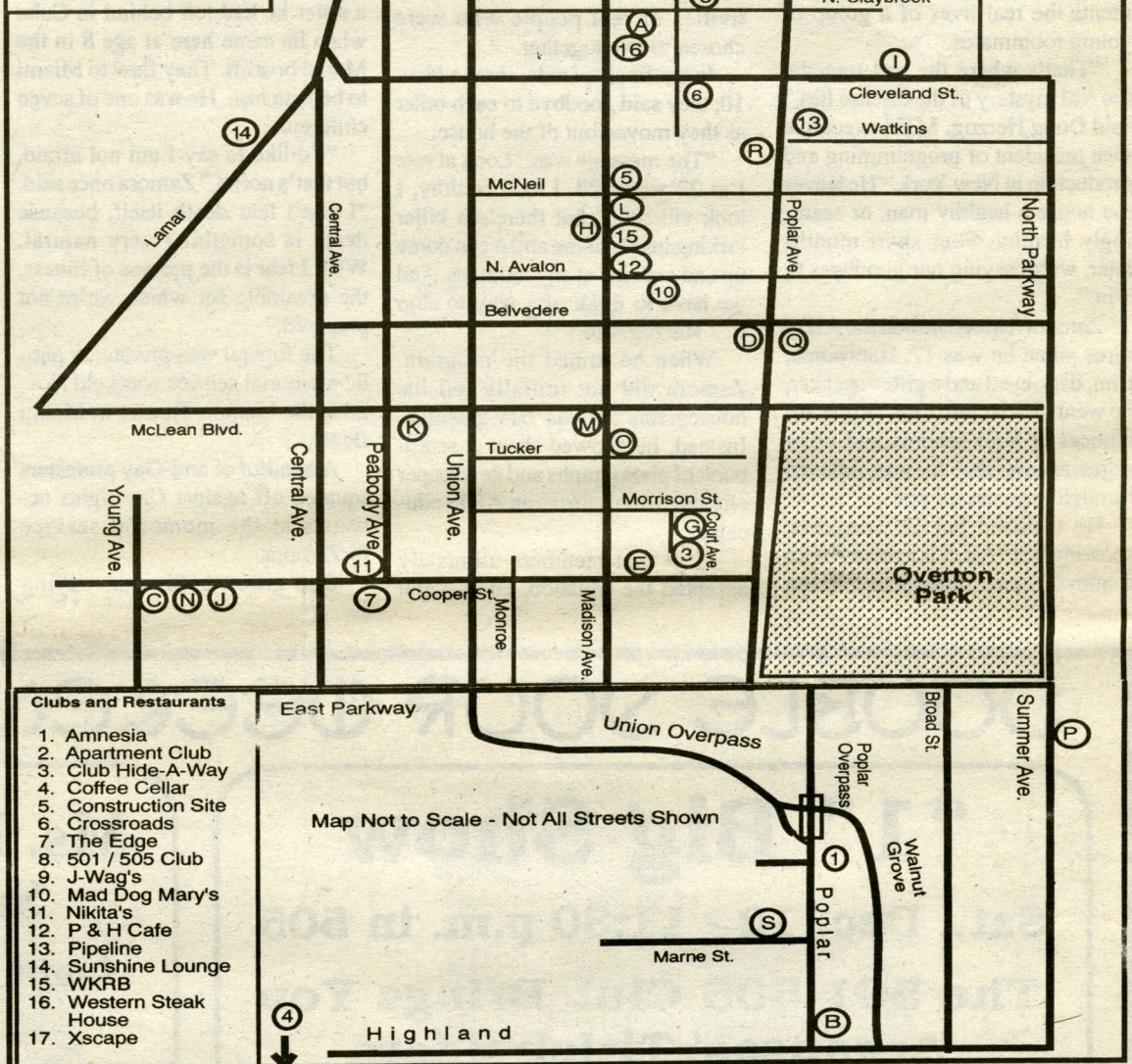
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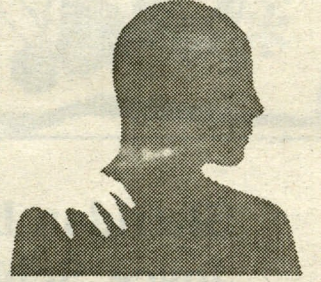
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Appeals Court Overturns Restrictions Placed on Lesbian Mother

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Restrictions placed on a lesbian mother as part of a child custody case are unjust because there was no evidence her behavior adversely affected the children, the Indiana Court of Appeals has ruled.

Jay Superior Court Judge Joel D. Roberts had ordered the mother, Twila Teegarden of Columbus, Ohio, to refrain from "engaging in homosexual activity in front of the children" in February.

Roberts also ordered Teegarden to avoid living with any woman with whom she might have a sexual relationship and to obtain counseling for her sons to smooth the transition into their new living arrangement.

But the state appeals court ruled unanimously Nov. 23 that the judge "had no basis upon which to condition mother's custody of her sons," and ordered the restrictions lifted.

George O. Lopez of Portland in Jay County, Teegarden's attorney, said he and his client are pleased by the ruling. Lopez was joined by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union in the appeal.

Lopez and ICLU attorney Rich-

ard A. Waples argued that the term "engaging in homosexual activity" was too vague and intrusive a term and could include a simple hug or even socializing with members of the same sex.

The ICLU maintained the restrictions were imposed by Roberts solely because of Teegarden's sexual orientation and constituted "a denial of equal protection of the law."

In granting Teegarden custody of her two sons on Feb. 3, Roberts rejected a counter-custody petition by the boys' stepmother, Samantha Teegarden of Redkey.

Roberts ruled that in a custody dispute between a natural parent and

another party, the presumption is that the best interests of a child is to be with the natural parent.

He determined from evidence and testimony Teegarden is fit to have custody of her children and had not severed her ties to them after her divorce in 1990 from Albert D. Teegarden.

In the divorce decree, Albert was granted custody of the boys and Twila was granted visitation rights. Albert Teegarden died Sept. 2, 1993, when he was accidentally electrocuted at his home.

The boys continued to live with the boys' stepmother until the ruling granting Twila Teegarden custody.

Gay Man Wins Paternity Rights to Girl He Fathered

By Samuel Maull
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A gay man who fathered a child for a lesbian couple through artificial insemination, then sued over visitation, has

won paternity rights to the girl.

A state appeals panel ruled that Thomas Steel, 44, of San Francisco, can call himself the father of Ry Russo-Young, 13.

"The notion that a lesbian mother should enjoy a parental relationship with her, but a gay father should not, is so innately discriminatory as to be unworthy of comment," the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division said in a 3-2 decision made public Nov. 18.

Ry lives in Manhattan with her mother, Robin Young, Young's partner, Sandra Russo, and Russo's daughter by another sperm donor, Cade.

By mutual agreement of her biological parents, Ry visited with her father from about ages 4 through 9. Steel said Ry sent him cards and letters, including one which called him "the best dad I ever loved," and wrote a song for his 40th birthday.

But when Steel asked in 1990 to bring both Ry and Cade to California for a visit without their mothers, the women objected and cut off all contact. Steel then sued for paternity rights.

Steel, a lawyer, praised the appellate judges for "recognizing alternative family structures in their diversity." He said he never wanted custody, just "reasonable visitation rights," such as holidays and a summer visit.

"There are so many wonderful things I can teach her and she can teach me. I love her as much as I love anything in the world," he said.

The women's lawyer, Peter Bienstock, said they would not have accepted Steel as a sperm donor if they had known he would assert parental rights.

Calls to the women's Manhattan home were not returned Nov. 18.

The judges sent the case to Family Court for a hearing on visitation.

Apple Exec Steps Down to Head Human Gay Pac

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — A top Apple Computer lawyer has resigned to take over leadership of the country's largest Lesbian and Gay rights organization in January.

The directors of the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund voted Nov. 20 to hire Elizabeth Birch away from Apple, where she was director of litigation worldwide and chief human resources counsel.

"I love Apple and I love my job at Apple, but at this moment in the Gay and Lesbian movement, I feel I have skills which are needed," Birch said. "I wanted to be able to look back when I'm 90 and say I did something I cared very deeply about."

The 80,000-member Human Rights Campaign Fund promotes legislation to end discrimination based on sexual orientation.

SFA Vetoes Student Decision to Deny Certification to Gay Group

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — The president of Stephen F. Austin State University has vetoed a move by the student government to deny certification and funds to a gay student group.

University president Dan Angel announced the decision on Nov. 9, eight days after the 30-26 student vote to withhold university funds from the group after the end of this school year.

Angel said the student government action would violate First Amendment rights of the gay student group.

Leaders of the student effort to decertify the group had argued that the group should be denied official sanction because homosexual conduct by the group's members would violate the Texas sodomy statute.

In a similar case in 1984, a federal court ruled against Texas A&M's denial of university recognition to a gay student group, Angel noted.

The SFA gay group has been officially recognized since it was founded last year.

The student government, Angel said, "is an entity of the state and cannot restrict speech or association just because many or even most, people find opinions of a particular group repugnant."

In September, the student association had slashed the group's funding to \$108, a 65 percent reduction from the previous year. Angel said a cut in funds could be more difficult to challenge because about 40 percent of the school's student groups now get no funding.

Russian Lawmakers Approve Tougher AIDS Testing

MOSCOW (AP) — Foreigners visiting Russia would be forced to take an AIDS test under a bill approved Nov. 11 by parliament's lower house.

The bill, which also would mandate testing for Russians in many occupations, still requires approval from the upper house and President Boris Yeltsin.

It says foreigners who refuse to be tested or are found to have the AIDS virus would be deported.

Proponents say the measure is needed to stem the spread of AIDS, which had killed 105 people in Russia by the first half of this year. More than 740 Russians had tested positive for the AIDS virus by that time.

But the draft law has provoked strong criticism from Russia's medical community and outrage from foreigners, who say it would violate their rights, hurt tourism and be virtually impossible to enforce. Many foreigners are reluctant to use Russia's notoriously unsanitary medical facilities.

Many Russians blame the West for the rise in prostitution, pornography and other social ills since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. Some even accuse the CIA of creating the AIDS virus.

Doctors say the measure would be a heavy burden on the health-care system. There also are fears it would create a black market in fake medical certificates and would violate privacy rights.

Despite the criticism, the State Duma voted 281-3 to pass the bill for the third and final time.

An AIDS-awareness group protested near parliament before the vote, handing out condoms and leaflets to lawmakers. The group says only a strong information campaign can stop the spread of AIDS.



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Trouble at School

Fiction by Jim Norcross

"Hello, Helen. Hello, Frank," said Paul Brady as he entered The Colony Club and sat down on a stool at the bar. It was 6:00 on a Friday afternoon. "I'll have a Bud," he said to Helen behind the bar. "Bobby is going to be in in a little while. We're celebrating tonight. It's our anniversary."

"And to think you two got together right here in my little bar," said Helen with a mawkish gesture. She raised her forearm to her brow, blinked her green mascaraed eyelids, ran her hand over the mercuriochrome-colored hair which was lacquered rigid with hair spray and said, "It's all so damned romantic. I think I'm going to barf."

"Oh, hush Helen. You're just jealous because Paul has a man and you don't," said Frank flipping his long blonde pageboy-styled hair around his shoulders, and adjusting one of his earrings with red enameled fingernails. "I'm green with envy. What's it been, six months now?"

"Oh, you drag queens always know everything," said Paul, patting Frank's shoulder and glancing at the tailored pink silk pants suit Frank was wearing. "Say, that's a pretty outfit. Is it new? It's sort of subdued for you, isn't it? No sequins, rhinestones or glitter on it anywhere."

"Well, you've just never seen me this time of day before. My mama always said a girl shouldn't show her shoulders or her bosom before 8:00 at a night. I'll go home and slip into something a little more festive later. You're normally not out this early in the day."

"I know," said Paul, "but Bobby and I wanted to do something special tonight. He's meeting me here for a drink as soon as he's out of football practice and then we're going out to eat."

"I'm so envious of you two. Helen is too but she won't admit it." Frank leaned over to Helen. "Bobby is such a hunk, isn't he? And a football coach to boot. It's so wonderful, the two of them rooming together in college, playing football before finally getting together here at the bar after years and years."

"Well, Frank," said Helen, "if we wait long enough, maybe our white knight will walk in the door of this bar and sweep us off our feet, too. It happened to Paul here."

"I know. I'm lucky," said Paul smiling. "But it took me long enough

to get it together. Hell, I got married three times to women before I accepted I was Gay and realized what I had with Bobby."

Helen handed Paul his beer. "I'm happy for both of you."

"Bobby helped me with the trauma of coming out," said Paul. "It was hard for me. This last wife was a bitch and cleaned me out financially."

"Is the divorce final now?" asked Helen.

"Yes, finally. She and her mother found out I was Gay and raised all kinds of hell. Demanded more money, threatened to ruin my insur-

ance business, was going to tell my family about me and Bobby. I'm making plans to come out to my father very soon and that's going to be the hardest thing I've ever done."

"How will your father take it?" asked Frank.

"I don't know yet. It'll be hard on him. I'm an only child and he always harps about wanting grandchildren — but he'll survive. I've already told my employees at the insurance agency and they couldn't have been nicer."

"Well, you're lucky if it goes well with your father," said Frank. "My pious Southern family finds it a lot easier to just send me a nice monthly check providing that I stay at least 800 miles away from the aristocratic family estate. My friends are my family now, and both you and Bobby have just become the newest members of it."

"Just what every family needs in it — a good drag queen," said Paul laughing. "You know, while we're talking about family and drag queens, I've always wondered why you use your real name instead of something feminine? Maybe Frankie or Franchesca?"

"Well, I never claimed to be like anyone else. Frank is the name I was born with and it's the name I use. I probably do it to irritate my family, too, but I feel God created me like this. I use my own name and my own hair. There're no wigs in my ward-

robe and nothing has been altered surgically on me."

"Well, Frank, what about your old redheaded straight bartender friend here? May I be part of your family, too??"

"Sure you can. You already are family," said Frank. "You know that. Say, Helen, why don't you go ahead and open a bottle of champagne so we can toast each other right now. Just put it on my bill. The check from my family should be arriving any time now. When Bobby gets here, he can have a glass before you two go out to eat."

Paul, Frank and Helen knew immediately when Bobby walked in the bar that something was seriously wrong. Usually Bobby bounded everywhere he went and was always all smiles, laughing and joking. Now his mood was maudlin and downcast.

All of them watched as Bobby silently took a seat at the bar away from them. He didn't speak and sat looking straight ahead.

Finally, Paul walked to where Bobby was sitting and asked, "What happened? Did football practice go badly today?"

"Yeah, Bobby," said Frank. "I understand that you have a real Cracker Jack lineup this year and the possibility of a state championship in the works."

Bobby dropped his head onto his arms on the bar. "It's over," he mumbled. "It's over and it's not fair." His voice broke. "They fired me for God's sake. Can you believe that? The principal called me into the office this afternoon and when I got there the superintendent and the school board president were there and they told me I was dismissed — just like that. I've been there for close to ten years."

There was a stunned silence around the bar. "Why in the hell did they do that?" asked Helen.

"They said someone called in and told them I was Gay and that I'd been making overtures to one of the boys on the team. I'm a good coach and I produce winning teams, and I've always conducted myself in a highly professional manner. Why in the hell does what I do in bed have anything to do with my job performance? I've given the job the best I have." He pounded his fists on the bar silently.

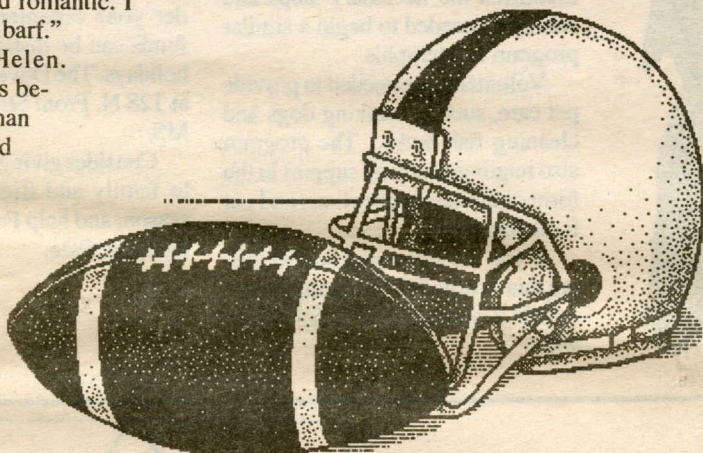
"Well, they can't do that," said Paul. "We'll get an attorney — go to court. We'll go to the parents and the PTA. They all love you. They won't stand for this."

"Paul, you're naive and new to the Gay life," said Bobby. "There're no laws protecting Gays from discrimination. It's not like the civil

rights acts. There are no protections for us other than in a few cities and individual businesses, maybe, but certainly not in schools. That's just the way it is."

"That can't be. Tell him he's wrong, Helen," said Paul.

"I'm afraid he's right," said
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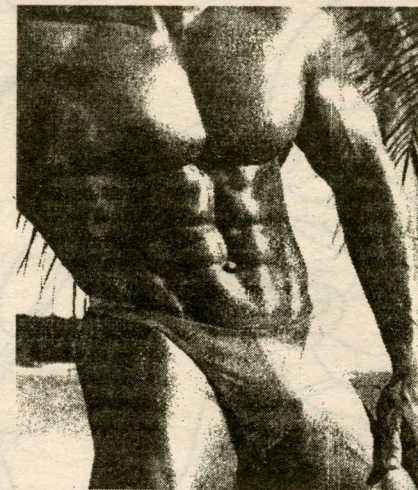
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Perspectives on AIDS at Rhodes

Rhodes College sponsored "Perspectives on AIDS," a week of activities in observance of World AIDS Day. Throughout the week of Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, there was a display of literature dealing with HIV/AIDS in the Burrow Library, and Rhodes Bookstore will display and sell materials pertaining to HIV/AIDS. Free red ribbons were available throughout the week. A portion of the proceeds from sales of display materials was donated to the continuation of "Perspectives on AIDS" at Rhodes.

A Memorial Wall was displayed in the Refectory, which displayed the names of educators around the world who have died from AIDS. Rhodes

community members were invited to add names of individuals they know have died from HIV-related illnesses and/or to note commemorations about HIV/AIDS.

A panel discussion was held Tuesday in the Blount Lecture Hall and included speakers on the following topics: "AIDS, Art, Activism," "AIDS—A call to Compassion," "Biological Aspects and Health Care," "A Personal Story," and "A Student's Perspective."

Featured Wed., Nov. 30, was a staged reading of Susan Sontag's play, *The Way We Live*, dealing with how 26 characters respond to the illness of an unnamed friend in New York. This play was originally pub-

lished as a short story in *The New Yorker* in 1986 and is now recognized as a classic text on the AIDS epidemic.

Additionally, Friends For Life HIV Resources provided an informational exhibit in the Refectory on Wednesday.

On World AIDS Day, Rhodes observed "A Day Without Art," and had a funerary urn draped in black cloth in Clough-Hanson Gallery. Also on Thursday was a discussion, "A Look at Epidemiology."

The week of activities concluded with a viewing of *Philadelphia* starring Tom Hanks as an attorney dismissed from his firm because he has AIDS. Discussion followed the film.

Pet Care Program Launched

Imagine that you are sick and unable to walk your dog, or that you cannot afford to pay your cat's vet bill or buy him food. Imagine how painful it would be to be alone and have to give your beloved pet away because you no longer have the strength or the financial resources to care for him. Unfortunately, this is a situation that many people living with AIDS are forced to face.

You can keep people and their pets together by volunteering to help develop The Pet Care Program.

The Pet Care Program is spearheaded by Ed Brandon, a FFL volunteer who saw a need for an independent pet service to assist people living with AIDS. Through contact with successful pet care organizations in other cities, he has identified the necessary steps and resources needed to begin a similar program in Memphis.

Volunteers are needed to provide pet care, such as walking dogs and cleaning fish tanks. The program also requires financial support in the form of monetary donations and pet food donations.

If you are interested in developing this worthwhile program, please call Ed Brandon at 272-0855 or 726-9657.

Gift For Life Helps Friends For Life

The Dove's Nest of Senatobia is giving the Gift For Life this holiday season. The Gift For Life is an ornament featuring a Santa with a red ribbon, symbolizing the care and commitment essential in the search for a cure for AIDS.

The Dove's Nest owners, Robert T. Bruce and W. Greg Fetzer, are donating a portion of the sales of this ornament to Gift For Life—an organization within the giftware industry supporting the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR)—and to Friends For Life HIV Resources.

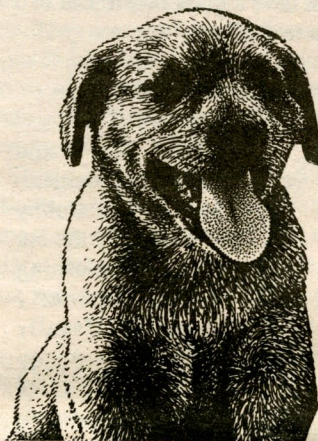
The Gift For Life Santa ornaments are \$15 plus postage and can be ordered by calling The Dove's Nest at 1-800-562-5538. Please order your ornaments early so that funds can be distributed before the holidays. The Dove's Nest is located at 128 N. Front Street in Senatobia, MS.

Consider giving the Gift For Life to family and friends this holiday season, and help Friends For Life at the same time.

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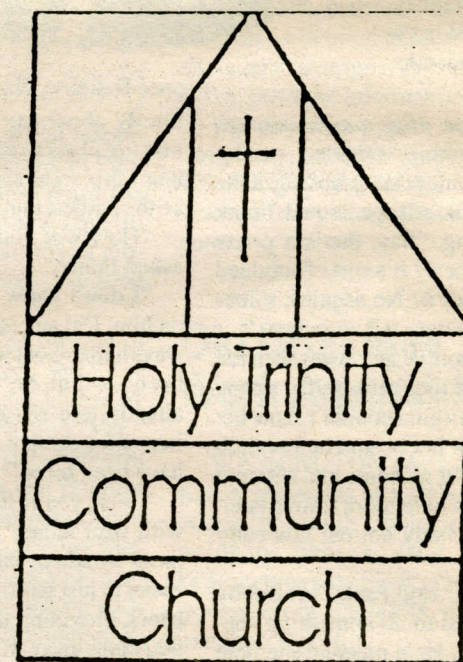


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Friends for Life has a special need for compassionate, committed volunteers to join our Support Team, a program designed to provide emotional support and basic household assistance for clients living with AIDS.

Services provided by Support Teams will include light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, meal preparation, food delivery, phone contact, and home and hospital visitation.

The program will assist clients

who lack an adequate support system of friends and family to provide basic care. A team approach will ensure that clients receive adequate care without placing overwhelming responsibility on individual volunteers.

All Support Team volunteers will be interviewed by Friends for Life staff and attend a mandatory Support Team orientation, tentatively scheduled for January. Based on information gathered from individual interviews, teams will be organized

and each volunteer will be assigned particular support tasks.

Volunteers approved to make phone contacts and home and hospital visitations will be required to attend additional training sessions addressing death, dying, and psychological issues.

Those interested in this program who are willing to make the time and emotional commitment required should contact June Lee at 272-0855.

HHH III More Spectacular Than Ever

More than 800 Halloween revelers gathered at the Charles R. Brakefield Youth building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds October 29 for the Third Annual High Heels, High Hats & High Times Halloween Party.

For the three days prior to the event, Matt Presley, Bill Andrews and a crew of up to twenty volunteers braved 25-foot scaffolds to completely drape the inside of the Youth Building in black fabric and plastic. Doing so was the first step in transforming what may be one of the ugliest cinder-block buildings into "the Gates of Hell."

Overlaid on the black were strips of red plastic and red lights. Two hundred feet down an eight-foot

wide red carpet lay the dance floor and stage. Bright red, orange and yellow flames surrounded the stage and columns topped with votive candles topped the speaker platforms. Behind the stage hung a red star field backdrop with over a thousand red lights twinkling in the night.

In honor of our band, Nashville's Black Widow, and eighty-foot clear plastic spider web was constructed and hung from the ceiling — complete with a "glass" spider built by one of our volunteers.

The final touches were put in place by the folks who purchased tables for the event. Everything from 10-foot high rainbow flag gazebos to dancing go-go-boys adorned the 25 or so decorated tables. Winning

the table decorating contest were the members of Aphrodite who decorated two tables with an Academy Award motif. A balloon arch connected the two tables; attendees all came as Oscar winners.

The costume contest consisted of almost 50 entries and was won by Teresa and Nikki of Graffiti Graphics for their "kissing fish" inside an aquarium. Teresa and Nikki won first prize at our first party in 1992 and garners third prize last year.

The net profit was slightly under \$12,000, a figure well above expectations, but below last year's \$14,000 net. Friends For Life did not have the liquor concession at this year's party because of Fairground contractual agreements.

For AIDS Patients, "Waiting List" Has Special Meaning

By Charles Wolfe
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — For AIDS patients trying to get into a nursing home, the term "waiting list" has special meaning, experts say.

One long-term-care facility in Kentucky, Nazareth Home in Louisville, sets aside two beds for people with AIDS. No other nursing home does that, legislators were told Nov. 16.

So, aside from those who got into Nazareth Home, people with AIDS or the human immunodeficiency virus that causes it "have never, ever made it to the top of the waiting list. Ever," Melinda Overstreet said.

Overstreet, a regional HIV care coordinator in Bowling Green, was among witnesses who testified to the General Assembly's interim joint Health and Welfare Committee.

They said it is nearly impossible to place an AIDS patient in a nursing home.

"I think it's amazing that, 12 years into the epidemic, we are still dealing with this problem," Marsha Sherman, a staff member of St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, said.

AIDS patients require expen-

sive "acute care" in a hospital. But "there comes a time when that care is no longer needed, and when the person can be moved to ... a skilled nursing home," Sherman said.

"AIDS patients are not moving out of acute care. And for those patients who don't have the option of going home ... they are dying in an acute-care setting, and that is costing all of us," she said.

"In this day and age, where we're looking at the cost of the health care delivery system, we have to look at why this is happening and what we can do to prevent this from happening anymore," Sherman said.

Overstreet said nursing homes perhaps should be required to dedicate some beds to care of AIDS patients. "We're not asking for unlimited space here — just what we need," Overstreet said.

State Rep. Paul Mason predicted the 1996 General Assembly would try to force the nursing home industry to do something.

Mason, whose daughter Belinda Mason died of AIDS, authored a 1990 law that requires AIDS training for health-care professionals and public AIDS education. It was intended to dispel myths about AIDS, but the re-

quirements are carried out only grudgingly by hospitals and the Cabinet for Human Resources, Mason, D-Whitesburg, said.

Also, Kentuckians as a whole feel unaffected by the disease, ignoring the rate at which cases are increasing, Mason said.

There were 1,180 reported AIDS cases in Kentucky at the end of 1993, up from 23 cases a dozen years earlier, according to figures the committee received Nov. 16 from the state Division of Epidemiology.

"The nursing home issue is a dilemma that must be addressed," Mason said. "And if we don't even consider the humaneness of it, we must consider the dollars. ... We will break Kentucky's Medicaid program."

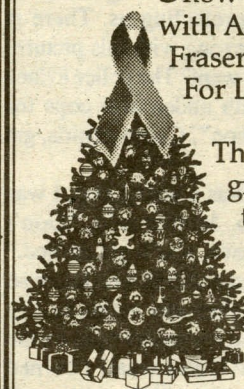
John Underwood, a spokesman for the Louisville-based Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, said the trade group provides "a tremendous amount of continuing education for our nurses and clinical staff."

The Kentucky Health Policy Board, which oversees health-care construction and expansions, should consider long-term-care facilities dedicated to AIDS patients, Underwood said.

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- Number of Presentations & Workshops: 32
- Number of Informational Tables: 11
- Number of Safer Sex Kits Distributed: 1678
- Number of AIDS Hotline Calls (business hours): 84

Volunteer Hours:

- Number of Volunteer Hours Utilized: 592

"Words to the Wise"?

By Ace Lunden Nationally
Syndicated Columnist

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! What in the heck does "a word to the wise" mean? Evidently not much. Either that or we've just got some stupid members of our Gay community, folks who want to live on the edge of life and defy danger. Of course, they do have the freedom to be as intelligent or as stupid as they want to... *But! To choose to be stupid!!!?*

I have listened now for a few years to warnings from police departments who *do* give a damn about us and want to help... warnings about not doing this or that. A warning so simple as "stay out of the park," "Cruising in the park may be dangerous to your health," "Gay basher on the loose! Be careful." Yet what does our community do? We go gaily forward and spout about how "the pigs" don't know "shit from Shinola." *Then*, we read the headlines of another crime because one of our own idiots decided to take home some young piece of meat from the park and the dude ends up killing him. It's called a "hate crime."

The next step is that we organize a protest group and let the police know they're not being effective enough in protecting us. There is something wrong with this picture! What do we want? The police to lace the park with undercover cops for "our protection"? Come on girls, get real!

When I was a young pup, I was warned, too. Mother said, "Don't touch the stove, you'll get burned." But like most children who know so much more than any authority figures, I placed my palms right on the stove. Voilá! Guess what? I burned the crap out of my little patties and went crying for help to guess who? Correcto! The one who told me not to do it. Fortunately for me at that tender age of learning, she did *not* console me. First she put me over her lap, blistered hands and all, and added some blisters to my bottom. Then, she bandaged my hands and for months thereafter never let me forget my stubbornness and stupidity by making such little remarks as, "Don't you want to put your hands on the stove again?" Oh, the pain of barbed comments like that. They stay with one for years as evidenced by the fact I still remember after half

a century. What has impressed me over the years is there are *valid and invalid* warnings from authority figures. i.e.:

"If you masturbate, it will fall off." I did. It didn't.

"If you touch a hot stove, it will burn." I did. It did.

"If you hang around with the wrong crowd, you could get into trouble." I did. It led me many years ago into robbery and armed robbery.

"Watch your tongue, kid, it's in a slippery place!" I didn't. Nearly got expelled from college.

"Promiscuous sexual encounters can make your doctor wealthier." Hello Miss Syph! I'll never forget the crabs I brought home. Ended up on my aghast wife's eyelashes!

"If you masturbate, you'll go blind." I still do, but I've had to wear glasses since second grade.

"Don't pick up strangers in the park or tea room." I did. I'm lucky all I lost was my valuables. Two acquaintances here in Reno recently lost their lives.

Yes, a "word to the wise" should be sufficient, but this is assuming everyone in our community is wise. That's an improbability. Most are like me; we seem to learn the hard

way over the years—if we live through it all. Many of us are lucky enough to survive. Most of us have to get whooped up side the head with a 2 X 4 to start our brain working.

Hope this hasn't put a crimp into your park cruising... but, friends can be so damn obnoxious at times with their desire to tell you truthfully like they see it. Unfortunately for you, you're my friend. Oh! Think about this next time you hear of the funeral of a brother killed by a Gay-basher in some park. Yes, there are places on earth where angels do fear to tread. So, my haloed friend, "look before you leap" from a "frying pan into a fire" and all of those sort of authority figure warnings; it just could be that "to be or not to be" may be the only warning you really face.

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

[Mr. Lunden is former Mg. Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast to Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy, *The Closets Are Empty... The Dining Room's Full is in hard cover by Ponderosa Publishing House. Visa/MC orders: 800-356-9315.*]

Prosecutors Says He Supports Gun Owners

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—A prosecutor said money from the federal crime bill would be better used as a bonfire to keep homosexuals warm.

David Crockett, district attorney general for the 1st Judicial District in northeast Tennessee, also said he is outraged by liberal attacks on the National Rifle Association.

Crockett made the remarks Nov. 22 to the conservative group Americans for Constitutional Integrity.

He said the federal money should be used "as a bonfire to keep the homosexuals warm who concentrate around here."

Crockett, an NRA member, also said he supports efforts to protect rights of gun owners.

"I'm like my daddy," he said. "They'll never get all my guns. I'd bury them all, but I don't have enough land."

The federal ban on assault rifles is impractical and useless, Crockett said.

"I know what I'm talking about because I have stood in the blood of murder victims," he said. "We've had people killed with every type of weapon conceivable, but I have never seen anyone killed by an assault rifle."

Crockett traced the problems of intrusion by the federal government back to 1964 when prayer was banned in schools, President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society reforms began and the Civil Rights Act was passed.

"The Civil Rights Act, in my opinion, was a divisive force between the races which resulted in hatred," Crockett said.

CDC Warns Against Anti-Gay E-Mail

ATLANTA (AP)—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned employees against using the in-house electronic mail system for Gay bashing.

It started after Michael Brown, president of the Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Employees, used electronic mail Nov. 1 to announce creation of the group.

He said he received about 100 direct responses, most supportive, but others openly hostile.

More than 6,500 federal employees have access to the CDC electronic mail system.

Several messages characterized homosexuality as a perverse sexual deviancy and made jokes about the group's formation, said Brown, an environmental scientist.

Dr. David Satcher, director of the CDC, sent out a memo Nov. 2 urging employees not to react to the negative messages.

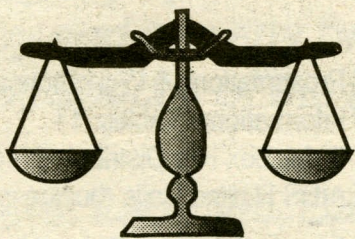
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Ovett Shoney's Suffers Over Rumor

LAUREL, Miss. (AP)—Business isn't that great at the Shoney's Restaurant in Laurel since a rumor surfaced that it had been sold to members of an Ovett Lesbian retreat, restaurant officials said.

Shoney's manager Terry Breland said even though he has not been sold to Camp Sister Spirit, there has been a "substantial" drop in customers over the past two months.

Camp Sister Spirit members have nothing to do with the Shoney's Laurel franchise, Breland said.

"We've heard the rumor and it's totally untrue," Breland said.

Camp Sister Spirit members last year bought a former pig farm in rural Jones County with plans of building a retreat for women. The plans have been fought by some members of the community.

Residents at Camp Sister Spirit said they haven't even eaten at the restaurant.

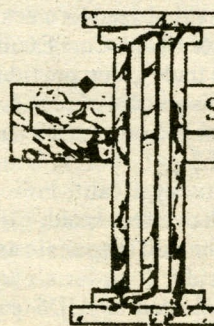
Laurel Mayor Susan Vincent said her office received several calls from people who wanted to know if the restaurant had changed hands.

"I checked and there's been no change through the city license department, and I've told people that," she said.

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Post-Election Poll Finds Consensus On Gay Issues: GOP, Democratic and Independent Voters Support Equal Rights

WASHINGTON—An election-night poll of people who voted in the 1994 midterm elections showed that the voters who changed the face of Congress continue to support ending discrimination against Lesbian and Gay Americans. In the first ever post-election poll that measured voter attitudes toward Gay people, majorities of Republican, Democratic and Independent voters supported equal rights for Lesbian and Gay people, who face widespread and legal discrimination with no protection from federal law. Voters also strongly supported increased efforts against HIV/AIDS, and expressed worry about a "religious right wing agenda."

"These findings show broad support for equality for Lesbian and Gay Americans in the midst of the Republican sweep," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), which commissioned the nationwide poll. "Voters of all political stripes value fairness and in-

clusion, and key blocks of swing voters are especially supportive of Gay people. In voting booths and opinion polls, voters have sent a clear message that their vision of change includes equal rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans."

The poll, conducted Nov. 8 and 9 by the independent firm of Mellman Lazarus Lake, Inc., surveyed a random sample of 800 people who had voted in the midterm election. The margin of error is +/-3.5 percent. Among the findings:

- 70 percent of those surveyed said Gay people should not face unfair job discrimination, but rather have "equal rights in hiring and firing"—with 77 percent of Democrats, 71 percent of Independents and 64 percent of Republicans supporting the idea;

- 57 percent supported the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a federal bill that would "extend current civil rights law in the workplace to cover Gays and Lesbians" to pro-

tect people from job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;

- 78 percent favored "increasing efforts for AIDS research, prevention, and care;"

- 40 percent were more worried about a "religious right wing agenda" than a "Gay agenda" (21 percent);

- 54 percent opposed efforts to exclude "homosexuals from teaching in elementary and high schools" and

- 54 percent opposed "eliminating from public schools and libraries any books or course materials that teach about homosexuality."

Voters support the value of hard work, and believe no one who wants to do their job and pay their taxes should be singled out for discrimination," McFeeley said. "These findings reflect election results in Idaho and Oregon, where voters rejected anti-Gay initiatives that would have singled out Lesbian and Gay people for unfair treatment. Virtually all of

the incumbents who cosponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act won re-election, and new supporters have joined the ranks of those in Congress who favor equal rights in the workplace for all Americans."

Voters in Oregon and Idaho rejected ballot initiatives that would have imposed discrimination and denied basic rights to Lesbian and Gay people by repealing or blocking laws prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination. In Congress, of 32 Senate cosponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, all 13 who were up for re-election won their races. Of 120 House cosponsors running for re-election, 110 won, and 10 newly elected members have pledged to support the bill.

A study released prior to the election by the respected *Times Mirror* Center for The People and the Press reported that the most important swing voters in the electorate—representing 20 percent of registered voters—are "highly tolerant of homosexuality." Among the general population, *Times Mirror* said, "We found at least one important change in public tolerance in the last four years—a sharp decline in homophobia."

"These polls and election results show a continuing trend among voters in support of fairness and equality," McFeeley said. "We look forward to working with the new Congress to further these values."

Trouble

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Helen. "I learned a long time ago that my fellow straights can be pretty damn closed minded when it come to the subject of Gay rights. Especially around this city and especially where schools and children are concerned."

Paul looked around helplessly not knowing what to say. He turned to Bobby. "Well, tell me everything. How did it happen?" He moved to the stool next to Bobby and put his arm around his lover's shoulders.

"Well, the principal called me in as I said and told me a complaint had been lodged against me by one of the team members' parents who claimed that I had been making sexual overtures to his son, asking him out, watching him as he showered, and trying to touch him. I couldn't believe it."

"That's ridiculous. Who was it?" asked Paul.

"The kid's name is Ralph Stoball. Everyone calls him Moose. He's a senior, sort of stupid and on the verge of flunking out, always struggling to keep his grades up just to be able to play on the team. The problem is his father is this powerful Baptist preacher with one of the biggest congregations in the Raytown area. He wields a lot of power."

"What's the father's name?" asked Paul. "Is it Adrian Stoball? Is the church the Great Paradise Baptist Church?"

"Yes, I think so," said Bobby not looking up. "Why?"

"That kid is Shelia's, my ex-wife's nephew. Her older sister

Shirley is married to this buffoon of a preacher. I only met them a couple of times, but I remember him. He's a liar and a petty thief. No one will believe him."

"Well, apparently my principal and superintendent both believe him. At least enough to fire me."

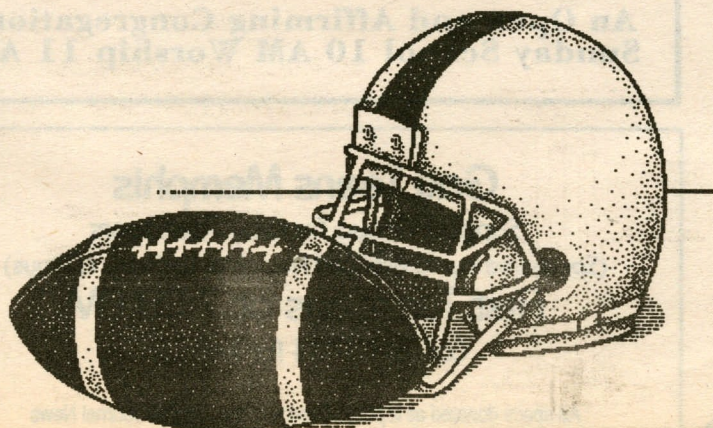
"Helen, do you know an attorney?" asked Paul looking at the bartender. "We're going to fight this. I know Shelia and her mother put the kid up to this just to get back at me. I don't care what it costs. Shelia took most of my money, but I'll go out and make more and sell insurance 24 hours a day to pay legal fees. We have to find an attorney."

"How about me? I'm an attorney and a damned good one." Paul stared in astonishment as Frank opened his purse and took out a card that read "Franklin Delano Langworthy III, Attorney at Law."

"You're an attorney?" said Paul. "A drag queen who's an attorney?"

"And why can't a drag queen be an attorney? I'm a graduate of Ole Miss Law School; was second in my class. I'm licensed in this state as well. I joined my father's law firm in Tupelo, Mississippi after gradua-

tion, but somehow the firm didn't take too well to me wearing a dress around the office even if I didn't wear it in court. I have an office downtown and a small practice, mostly uncontested divorces, DWIs and bankruptcy cases. With what I get from my family and this practice, it keeps me in clothes and makeup. I'd love to have a crack at this case. We'll haul the kid in, see if we can get a lie detector test on him, quiz the hell out of him, bring in other members of the team and the faculty. We have things to talk about here. I can't promise anything, but we'll sure give it a damned good try." He looked at Paul's incredulous look and said, "Don't worry, Paul. I still have a couple of men's three-piece suits in my wardrobe that I use for instances like this and they're not pink either. Hell, I'll even cut my hair. *Vogue* magazine is showing a lot of boyish cuts right now, and I'm due for a new hairstyle. But I do insist on one thing. That's the right to wear a pink necktie. Pink is my color, you know. That'd be acceptable wouldn't it? Lawyers can wear pink neckties, can't they?"



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Stream of Consciousness

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Lest we forget, even though Hanukkah has almost ended, happy what's left. For those looking forward, Merry Christmas, Happy Solstice, Good Yule and Seasons Greetings for everybody else.

Last Month Department

Congratulations to Deidre Lewis, Miss Xscape.

High Hats, etc., raised nearly \$12,000 to benefit Friends For Life.

Gemini and Morris tied for this year's Miss Mess Memphis title at Amnesia.

Oops had a grand opening but later closed for good. Rumour has it that the space will reopen under radically new ownership after the first of the year.

Beyond Tea II at 505 raised over \$1,100 for the Adult Special Care Clinic at the MED.

The Alliance club Chicken Shit Bingo at 501/505 raised \$800 for Aloysius Home. A nice surprise was an appearance by Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer (whose name Mule forgot but we'll bet Scottie didn't) who decked himself out as a money tree with clothes pins and folding money. Was this wearin' of the green in

November?

The House of Zeta benefit for Aloysius Home raised \$80 and was organized by Destiny Chanel, Miss Memphis At-Large. Tennisha Cassidine, Miss J-Wag's and LaPortia Sanchez, Miss Black Gay Tennessee, appeared. The benefit was held as club Xscape.

The chili dinner served by the Lambda Men's Chorus at MGLCC raised over \$800 for the chorus' music fund and was wonderful in every way. We saw several dear persons there we see all too seldom.

Aphrodite raised over \$2,900 for their basket fund at their *That's Entertainment* fundraiser at Amnesia.

Memphis Pride raised over \$300 at its club night fundraiser at the Pipeline.

A benefit performance of Ann Marie Hall in *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* at Playhouse on the Square raised over \$300 for Friends For Life and Aloysius Home.

Grand Openings Department

We will wax windy next month after we have seen the transformation of three very empty rooms (it was kind of like peeling an onion to get back down to the cinderblocks)

into the new Mad Dog Mary's. The grand opening is scheduled for Dec. 16. They are promising lots of consistent country in one area, disco 'til you drop in another area, a pride gift shop and a sit-down restaurant which will be an entity unto itself.

We did enjoy the current transformation of the former Hut space into a pleasant new bar called Crossroads. Descriptions will also follow later but its grand opening will be Dec. 9.

And there's that other rumour....

Note of Passage

Kris Hanley, 51, who made his mark on the Memphis community as costumer for Opera Memphis, many ballet companies, the Memphis in May Tattoo and Southern Opera Theatre died suddenly of heart failure Thanksgiving weekend. Many will remember his contributions to the old club balls of the 70's, his active participation in the Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy benefits and his talents in many artistic and culinary areas. Few in Memphis knew of his earlier participation in the Mattachine Society in Ohio as a human rights pioneer. It was my friend Kris who made the costumes I have worn so many times in Pride parades in Washington, New York, Nashville and elsewhere.

There will never be another like.

John M. McCrary, 32, known to all his acquaintances as John-John, died of AIDS-related complications in November. He was the current partner of James "Jucie" Shankle, manager of 501/505.

Entertainment for the Holidays

The next HIV Tea Dance will commence at the Pipeline on Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. Alliance will hold an early evening Homo for the Holidays club night at the Sunshine Lounge at 7:30 p.m. One may continue the evening at the Construction Site for a Camp Drag Show benefiting this years S.P.I.T. (St. Patrick's Invitational) Tournament sponsored by Brothers & Sisters Bowling League at 10 p.m. or back at the Pipeline where Tsarus will hold a Santa's Bad Boys club

night at 11 p.m.

Whew.

There will be a Christmas Craft Class during which one may decorate one's very own holiday t-shirt at the MGLCC at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Later that evening, the Lambda Men's Chorus will perform its annual Christmas concert at St. Therese the Little Flower church at 7 p.m. Even later that same evening, Miss Holiday Spirits will be chosen at 501/505.

The pageant will benefit the AIDS food pantry.

Double whew.

Holy Trinity Church will hold its Christmas Concert on Dec. 21st and 22nd at 8:30 p.m.

And, of course, one may take in Ann Marie Hall performing Jane Wagner's *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, originally performed by Lily Tomlin, at Playhouse on the Square through Jan. 7. There is also an adaptation of two Truman Capote short stories entitled *Holiday Memories* playing at Circuit Playhouse through Dec. 22.

Check the ad elsewhere in the paper for times and locations of Christmas Dinners in the community. One commences on the 23rd and another includes breakfast and runs all day.

Whow.

Festive Moments Department

Shelia Tankersley, founder of Loving Arms, had a grand smashola of a birthday celebration at the Palm Court to celebrate number 48. We would like to see the female duo (of which we, of course, mislaid their names) perform again. They had a large repertoire and a very fine upbeat style.

Another "big pot in the little one"

birthday event was a lovely function in honor of Matt Presley's birthday. We are not sure if his mother's comments, his daddy's zingers or the presents from Tsarus club brothers were the most entertaining. Useful quip number 327: "When Mozart

was your age, he was dead!" This is particularly useful for

people in their early to mid thirties. Retort: "When Mozart was your age he was dust!"

Lest we be thought biased or ungrateful, we must mention, in retrospect, a perfectly swell birthday/

hoedown in honor of Gill Lane whose most memorable moment was the discovery of a new song which fits the line dance Six-Corners. This resulted in the dance being taught anew and now it is being done more often.

We find it most convenient and expedient to give our own birthday party. Ah! But you must remember the birthday to find out where it is! Here's a hint: George Jr. has the same birthday.

In the spirit of the season, we will here include that Holy Trinity Church will hold both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The evening service on Christmas Day will be a time of reflection, music and personal prayer rather than an organized formal service.

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New AIDS Chief Draws Praise From Activist Groups

By Christopher Connell
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran Washington aide Patricia S. Fleming won praise from major AIDS groups after President Clinton tapped her as his choice for national AIDS policy director.

But one activist group expressed disappointment Nov. 10 and said Clinton should have elevated the post to his Cabinet.

Fleming, until recently a special assistant to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, said confidently, "I have power. I have authority. I have access. I can make things happen."

Her predecessor, Kristine Gebbie, a former Washington state health official, left under fire last summer.

Although often dubbed a "czar," the AIDS policy director actually has virtually no authority over the government's \$2.5 billion AIDS research and treatment budget. Federal spending for AIDS has increased 30 percent under Clinton.

Fleming, 57, took the job temporarily three months ago. A veteran congressional aide and appointee in the Carter and Clinton administrations, she prodded the Reagan and Bush administrations over their response to the AIDS epidemic while working on a House oversight committee for the late Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y.

"She'll have direct access to me,

to members of the Cabinet," Clinton promised at a ceremony attended by leaders of a score of AIDS groups. He ordered a detailed report on the increase among adolescents.

Daniel T. Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council, said Fleming "understands the needs of the AIDS community." Dr. Mervyn F. Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said Fleming possesses the skills and savvy "to mobilize the nation's HIV effort."

But Wayne Turner, a spokesman for the Washington office of Act Up, an AIDS activist group, dismissed Fleming as "a midlevel public health bureaucrat" and complained that Clinton had failed to give the job Cabinet rank.

Clinton noted that a quarter-million Americans have died from AIDS. One million have been infected with the HIV virus, with 40,000 new infections each year, and more than 400,000 have developed the disease.

Fleming said half of all HIV infections occur before age 25, and one in four who become infected contract the virus before their 20th birthday.

"The trends are particularly troublesome among women, people of color and adolescents," Fleming said at the White House ceremony. "While the rate of increase among Gay men has lessened, AIDS still tears at the core of that population, particularly young Gay men."

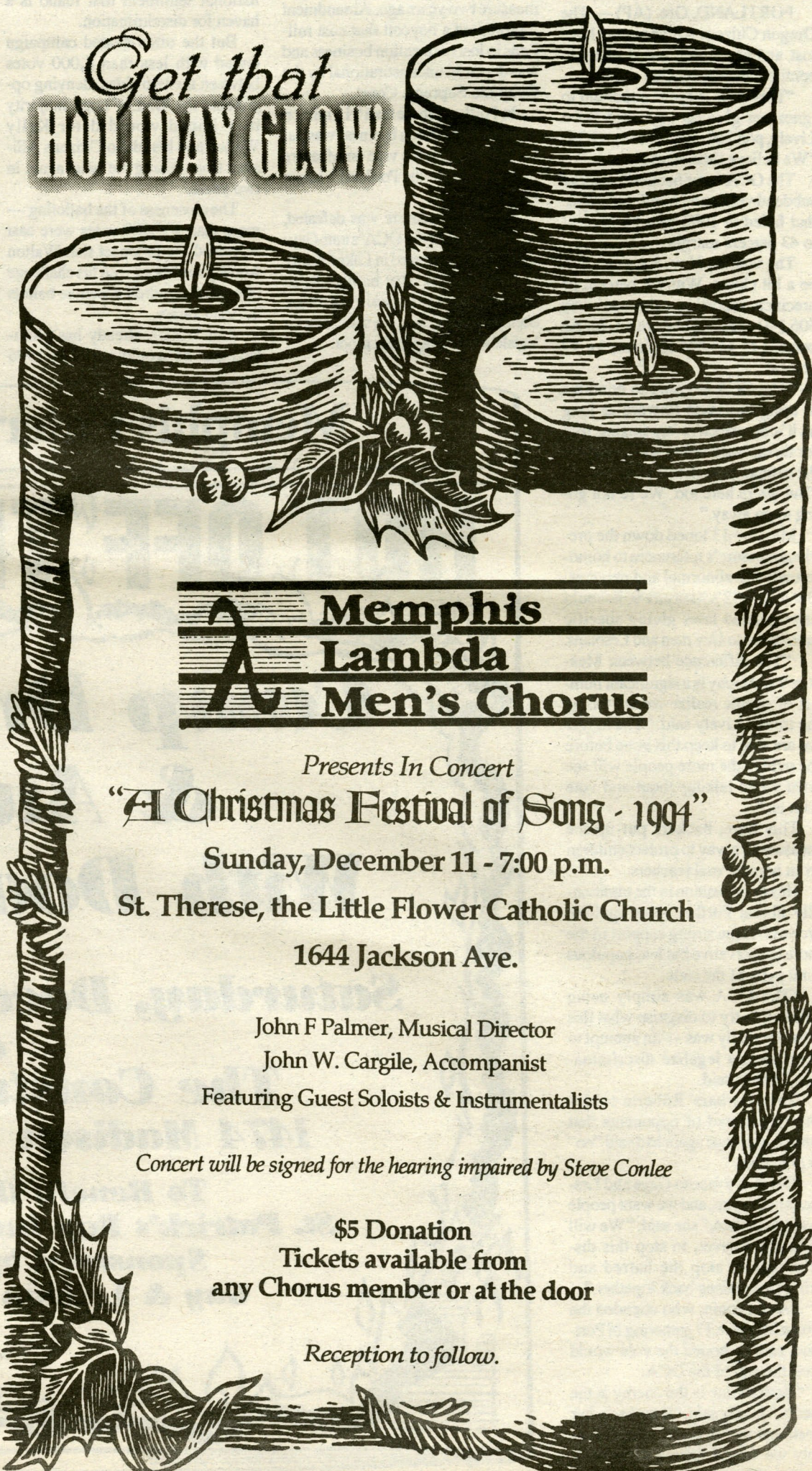
Fleming, who has three sons in their 30s, tiptoed around a question about teens and sex. "I think kids today have to delay having sex as long as possible to protect them-

selves," she said in an interview.

She counsels safe sex and says women must be given the tools to protect themselves instead of relying on their partners.

Shalala, her mentor, said Fleming has "a sensitive ear, a quiet resolve and a backbone of steel, which is exactly what the AIDS issue needs in the years ahead."

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Governor's Aide Apologizes for Anti-Gay Remark

PHOENIX (AP) — A top aide to Gov. Fife Symington has issued an apology for making a disparaging remark about Gays and Lesbians.

In a letter, Jay Heiler said he does not remember making the comment Oct. 31 in the state Capitol press room, but "several members of the press corps have informed me they heard me use the word (queer)."

Heiler also mockingly asked a male reporter to marry him.

"I regret any offense to you or anyone, and I offer sincere apologies for any unkindness on my part," Heiler said in the letter delivered to Bill MacDonald, head of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, and to Jeff Ofstedahl, a writer for *Echo* magazine.

MacDonald, whose organization promotes Gay and Lesbian rights, said he still would like to meet with Symington to discuss the issue.

Ofstedahl said *Echo* will publish Heiler's letter in its next edition.

"I think this is probably as good as we're going to get," Ofstedahl said. "We'll let readers decide if they're satisfied or not."

Heiler's comments came hours after Symington's Democratic gubernatorial rival, Eddie Basha, said he would sign a bill authorizing same-sex marriages if such legislation were enacted by the Legislature.

The comments, which were reported later, caused an uproar among Phoenix-area Gay and Lesbian activists.

In an editorial, *Echo* called for Symington to publicly rebuke Heiler or to fire him.

Oregon's Anti-Gay Rights Fails Again; Both Sides Ready to Keep Fighting

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon Citizens Alliance has lost another battle, but it plans to continue its war on Gay rights.

"This issue is far too important to ignore or give up on," said Scott Lively, political director of the OCA. "We believe time is on our side."

The OCA came back with a more subdued version of a ballot measure that failed in 1992 by a 56 percent to 43 percent margin.

The vote on Nov. 8 appeared to be a bit closer. With 94 percent of precincts reporting, the vote was 506,140 against Measure 13, for 53 percent, to 445,545 in favor, for 47 percent.

"The OCA is going to continue to bring this issue forward as long as it's an effective organizing tool for them," said Julie Davis, who led the campaign to defeat Measure 13. "But we're here too. We're not going to go away."

Measure 13 toned down the previous measure's references to homosexuality as abnormal and perverse. But like 1992's Measure 9, it would have banned laws giving specific protections to Gay men and Lesbians.

"The difference between Measure 9 and today is a significant number of people realize we are telling the truth," Lively said. "The longer we are able to keep this issue before the public, the more people will see what we're talking about and vote with us."

This time, backers put up the measure as a way to protect children from homosexual teachers.

Heavy opposition in the traditionally liberal Portland metropolitan area overcame strong support in the more conservative but less populous rural parts of the state.

"The OCA was simply using children to try to disguise what this measure really was — an attempt to permanently legalize discrimination," Davis said.

Gov. Barbara Roberts told a cheering crowd of opponents that Oregonians once again had said "no" to prejudice.

"There is a face to Gays and Lesbians in Oregon, and we want people to see your face," she said. "We will fight this forever, to stop this discrimination, stop the hatred and bring Oregonians back together."

Bruce Cronin, who attended the No on Measure 13 gathering in Portland, said he hoped the vote would spell the end of the OCA.

"Bottom line is the enemy is the media," Lively said. "If we had a fair treatment by the press, unquestionably we would have a 60 percent vote on this issue."

The vote came after Oregonians had a chance to see what happened when Colorado passed a similar measure two years ago. Amendment 2 prompted a boycott that cost millions in lost convention business and was declared unconstitutional by the Colorado Supreme Court.

In Portland, more than \$15 million worth of convention business was put on hold pending the vote on Measure 13, according to the Portland Visitors Bureau.

While the measure was defeated, local versions of the OCA's anti-Gay-rights measure passed in Lake County and Grants Pass. That brought to 26 the number of local measures that have been adopted around the state, despite legislation making them moot.

Idaho Voters Narrowly Reject Prop. One

By Bob Fick
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A narrow majority of voters rejected an anti-Gay initiative that civic and political leaders feared would reignite national sentiment that Idaho is a haven for discrimination.

But the often-heated campaign ended with less than 4,000 votes between the two sides, denying opponents the kind of large majority they hoped would deter Kelly Walton and his Idaho Citizens Alliance from raising the issue again in two years.

The closeness of the balloting — more than 404,000 votes were cast — raised the prospect that Walton would press ahead with his challenge of several hundred absentee ballots in Ada County.

And Walton already has promised that he would return in 1996

with the ban on state and local laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination if it failed this year.

"The Citizens Alliance has made a lot of claims about what they're going to do in the past," opposition leader Brian Bergquist said. "I think we'll wait and see what they actually do rather than what they're telling us they'll do."

The alliance and its leading critic, the No On One coalition, split the state's 44 counties. But opponents won the most populous, Ada County, by over 3,000 votes to solidify its slim victory.

Initiative sponsors counted on voters backing the pre-emptive strike against what they called the Gay agenda even though those surveyed refused to admit their support in public opinion polls. And indeed, those polls pointed toward a significantly larger defeat than the initiative actually suffered.

Retiring Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus typified opposition that spanned nearly the entire political spectrum. He called the proposition divisive, unnecessary, and grounded in bigotry and hatred. He cited the decade-long campaign northern Idahoans waged to overcome the stigma of the white supremacist Aryan Nations being based south of the Canadian border.

Only three candidates for major office backed the proposal — newly elected Republican Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth, unsuccessful GOP auditor candidate Ralph Gines and independent gubernatorial candidate Ron Rankin — during a campaign that avoided the kind of violence and national media attention many feared.

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Mixed Verdict for Diversity in New York Races

By David Bauder
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — New York voters appeared to be of two minds about diversity this year, electing the first Black to a statewide office but rejecting a Lesbian who had been a clear favorite in the polls.

H. Carl McCall's election Nov. 8 as state comptroller was not only a historic moment for the Black community, it also left him as one of the few Democrats left standing in Albany after a GOP near-sweep.

In a victory speech early Nov. 9, the former state senator from Harlem dedicated his win to New Yorkers who were held back because of their race, sex or nationality.

Supporters of the Democratic candidate for attorney general, Karen Burstein, think those linger-

ing prejudices explain at least partly her loss to Republican Dennis Vacco. Burstein, an avowed Lesbian, had been leading in all pre-election polls.

"I think that was a factor but I don't think it was the only factor," said Dick Dadey, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a Gay and Lesbian lobbying group. "It was one of the reasons."

McCall, 59, was appointed comptroller last year but had to win a bitter campaign against Republican Herbert London to keep his job. McCall had accused London of trying to inflame racial fears about him.

With 99 percent of the vote in, McCall had 2,329,051 votes, or 51 percent. London had 2,174,794 votes, or 47 percent.

A bigger test in New York will be a Black person's candidacy for a job that has a much more direct im-

pact on New York's social ills, said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who ran twice unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate.

That test may be on the horizon. A McCall supporter greeted his victory speech Nov. 9 morning by saying, "McCall for governor." The newly elected comptroller quickly hushed him.

In the attorney general's race, with 99 percent of the returns in, Vacco had 2,252,050 votes, or 50 percent. Burstein had 2,126,000 votes, or 47 percent.

Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari is convinced he won the election for Vacco. It was Molinari who touched off a debate last month when he said he believed a Lesbian shouldn't be elected attorney general.

"I think it played a major role," he said Nov. 9. "That's what I heard from people on the street. To a lot of

people, (Burstein's homosexuality) didn't make a difference. But to some people it did — not just the fact that she was a Lesbian, but the Gay and Lesbian agenda she announced on her literature."

Vacco, a former federal prosecutor from the Buffalo area, said he did not believe homophobia was responsible for his victory.

A philosophical Burstein, who

took a low-key approach to Molinari's comments when they were made, seemed to regret that strategy.

"Some things you must never stop refusing to bear," she said on Nov. 9.

"One day people will reach back through their fears of differences to the things that join us as a community," she said.

Activists Expect Cuts in Election Aftermath

BOSTON (AP) — They expect cuts in federal support, but hundreds of AIDS patients, caregivers and activists are trying to develop plans to improve services to victims of the fatal disease.

Those affected by AIDS will have to work more closely together for what they need to survive, said organizers of Boston AIDS Consortium's two-day AIDS Summit, which opened Nov. 14.

"The Newts and Al D'Amatos are going to kick our butts," Michael Cook, who works with addicts who have AIDS in Gloucester, said of November's election results.

"Our goal is to look for the com-

mon ground," said Michael Cronin, chairman of the consortium's steering committee and an organizer of the conference.

Many at the session said improvement is needed in housing, transportation and access to outpatient treatment, home health care and drug treatment programs.

"We've got to get Medicaid to step up to the plate and help people with AIDS," Cronin said. "We want these services on an entitlement basis. If not, we're going to be in real trouble."

Speakers called for Medicaid payment for family members to care for sick relatives and for reimburse-

ment for such things as chiropractic and massage treatments.

They also advocated compassionate release of prisoners who have AIDS, housing for AIDS victims who have criminal records, and programs to treat addicts who don't want to give up their habits.

"Addicts have a right to services whether or not they want to stay sober," said Jonathan Scott, a drug treatment provider.

"The reality is that we have to be very sensible," said Tim Palmer, director of the consortium. "Pleasing everybody is an impossible task. We're here to decide what is essential."

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text of saying, 'I oppose discrimination, but ...,'" Bergquist said. "So I think it's significant that people around the state have spoken out against discrimination."

In a state of 600,000 registered voters, Walton spent more than a year trying to gather the 32,000 signatures needed to put the issue on the ballot. He needed a major push in the final days to meet the deadline.

Since then the campaign has generally been a race by both sides to see how many members of the clergy they could attract to their camps. Fundamentalists lined their congregations up behind the alliance while major churches like the Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish, Presbyterian, Methodist and Unitarian joined the coalition against it.

Idaho's biggest denomination, the Mormon Church, took no position.

The attorney general's office twice issued opinions that the proposition would not withstand a consti-

tutional challenge. And opponents warned that what they saw as an attack on homosexuals was only the first step in forcing the more far-reaching views of the religious right on Idaho, which was severely torn four years ago by the debate over abortion.

Despite his repeated claim that a vast majority of Idahoans support the initiative, it fell to Walton and his family construction business to finance half the campaign that raised less than \$200,000.

Opponents drew financial support from across the nation, raising more than \$500,000 and spending half of that on statewide television advertising to defeat the proposition.

They said homosexuals did not want any special treatment in Idaho and the conservative Legislature was not about to give it to them anyway. Same-sex marriages are not legal now so the initiative's ban was superfluous, they pointed out, and the major provisions would actually clear the way for discrimination against homosexuals.

The sides battled to no resolution over how much it would cost to enforce the initiative requirement to keep library material on homosexuality away from minors as well as over the wisdom of enacting a proposition that will cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to litigate.

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Opera Memphis Costume Designer Dies

Kris F. Hanley, 51, died suddenly the weekend following Thanksgiving of apparent heart failure. He had been active for over 20 years as artist and costume designer in the Memphis performing arts community.

He was costumer/designer for Opera Memphis, a position he had held for 20 years, and had also designed costumes for Southern Opera Theatre, Ballet South, Tennessee Ballet, other local theatres and individuals. He provided costumes, masks and props for the first two Memphis in May Tattoos.

Mr. Hanley was an artist as well as a costume designer and his paintings have appeared in opera productions and in the Tattoo. Painting primarily for his own pleasure, his subjects were frequently allegorical. A devout Catholic, he also painted religious themes. As

Jeffrey Dahmer Killed in Prison

Jeffrey Dahmer, who admitted to killing 17 men and boys was beaten to death in a bathroom at a maximum security prison in Minnesota Nov. 28.

Christopher J. Scarver, an inmate serving a life sentence for murder, is being held in Dahmer's slaying. Authorities wouldn't speculate on a motive.

Dahmer, 34, suffered massive head injuries possibly inflicted by a broom handle. He was on clean-up duty in the gymnasium at Columbia Correctional Institute in Portage, Wis. Prison officials said he died at nearby Divine Savior Hospital.

Dahmer had been in prison since July 1991, when a handcuffed man who had escaped his clutches led police to an apartment containing body parts packed in oil drums, skulls saved as souvenirs, and one or two hearts Dahmer said he had set aside to "eat later."

Dahmer drugged, strangled and dismembered his victims, having sex with at least one corpse and eating parts of others.

Steffan

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an admission of homosexual conduct or intent," said the majority opinion, written by Judge Laurence Silberman.

He wrote that Gays and heterosexuals are treated differently "because the means at the military's disposal for dealing with the natural phenomenon of sexual attraction differ for the two."

The six judges joining him in the opinion were appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush. Two judges appointed by President Carter and one appointed by President Clinton dissented.

Last year's ruling ordering Steffan's reinstatement was issued by three Carter appointees, including Judge Abner Mikva, who left the court Oct. 1 to become President Clinton's White House counsel.

The Clinton administration, which has initiated a "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding sexual orientation, appealed the three-judge panel's earlier ruling under the old policy. But the judges in the majority Nov. 22 suggested their decision would have been the same if the new policy had been in place when Steffan was forced out.

a hobby and sideline, he was a gourmet cook.

Mr. Hanley donated numerous works of fiction and vintage magazines to the MGLCC library from his extensive collection. He was an active participant in the Gay/Lesbian community Muscular Dystrophy benefit shows before the advent of AIDS. He was a former member of the Mattachine Society in Ohio and a human rights pioneer. He provided designs, costumes, regalia and consultation for several of the club balls of the 1970's.

Burial was in Pittsburgh, Penn., after a service in Memphis. He leaves his mother, Edna Hanley of Pittsburgh, and a sister, Linda Wilson of Ashland, Ky. The family requests that any memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Friends For Life HIV Resources.

Bowles

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38, in Silver Springs, Md. The loan processor for the World Bank Group credit union in Washington was seen leaving a Gay bar with a man matching Bowles' description.

Morris was found shot and choked at his Hilliard home May 19, and his abandoned car was found three days later in Jacksonville. Bowles had stayed with Morris a week or more, police said.

Bowles also admitted killing John H. Roberts, 60, an insurance salesman with whom he shared a room in Daytona Beach, on March 15.

He also admitted the Mother's Day slaying of Alverson Carter Jr., 47, in Atlanta.

All of the victims suffered numerous injuries in what police have called "overkill." They were severely beaten, bludgeoned, shot or strangled.

Gingrich

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don't want to see police in the men's room, which we had when I was a child, and I don't want to see trying to educate kindergartners in understanding Gay couples."

Gingrich has confronted homosexuality in his own family. His sister, Candace, 28, has said that she is Gay.

The Republican Party and society are moving toward the position that "consenting adults can have private relations without in any way the political system being involved," Gingrich said in the interview. But he called it "madness" to suggest that families are anything other than heterosexual couples.

"Over time, we want to have an explicit bias in favor of heterosexual marriage," Gingrich said. "If you look at the pathologies and weaknesses of America today, re-establishing the centrality of marriage and of the role of a male and female in that relationship is a very central issue of the next 20 years."

The newly influential congressman volunteered in the interview that he believes homosexuality is "an orientation in the way that alcoholism is an orientation."

Gingrich also said he has no trouble being friends or working with homosexuals.

"Any individual who is in broad agreement with our effort to renew American civilization should be brought into the Republican Party," he said.

Florida Supreme Court Hears Challenge to Gay Adoption Plan

By Bill Bergstrom
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gay couples should have the same rights anyone else does to adopt children, attorneys for a Sarasota man told the state Supreme Court.

But state attorneys argued Nov. 4 that lawmakers have the power to bar Gay adoptions, and social services authorities are entitled to delve into the sex lives even of heterosexuals planning adoptions.

"There is simply no basis to conclude that homosexuals are in any way less capable than heterosexuals of being good parents," Nina Vinik, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney from Miami, argued on behalf of James W. Cox.

The court is considering an appeal by Cox, who, with his companion, Rodney M. Jackman, also of Sarasota, sought to adopt children with physical, mental or emotional handicaps.

The two, who acknowledged their homosexuality, were told by HRS officials in 1991 that state law prohibited homosexuals from adopting children.

Cox, 32, a professional pianist, and Jackman, 28, a state Dept. of Revenue collection specialist, challenged the law in Circuit Court in Sarasota. Circuit Judge Scott Brownell declared it unconstitutional in March 1993.

But Brownell's decision was overturned in December by the 2nd District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.

The state Supreme Court didn't rule after hearing oral arguments, and the justices have no deadline for making a ruling.

"Our Legislature has imposed a per se exclusion of only one class," Vinik told the justices.

That violates Cox's state constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law, she said. "We ask that HRS make an individualized determination in his case like any other."

"In excluding members of a particular class, wouldn't one need to show that all members of the class are unfit to adopt?" Justice Gerald Kogan asked Anthony DeLuccia Jr., attorney for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

"Suppose you said anyone who is Black can't adopt, or anyone who is Jewish can't adopt?" Kogan asked.

DeLuccia responded that race and religion are constitutionally protected, but "the Supreme Court of the United States has said homosexuality is not one of those fundamental rights that are deeply rooted in the nation's history."

Vinik said the law also violates constitutional guarantees of privacy.

By making adoption conditional on sexual orientation, she said, "This statute violates Mr. Cox's right to

intimate decisionmaking."

For purposes of the adoption law, DeLuccia said the state defines homosexuals as those currently engaged in homosexual behavior.

Justice Harry Lee Anstead then asked if the agency could question the sexual practices of a heterosexual couple seeking to adopt a child.

Officials would be entitled to do so if they thought a couple's sexual conduct could be harmful to a child, DeLuccia said. "If the reason for the rule and the statute is to protect the ultimate and best interest of the child ... the answer would be yes."

Co-Op Settlement Sends 'Powerful Signal' on Gay Couple

By Catherine Crocker
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Harry Kirkpatrick died last year, but a legal settlement allowing him to posthumously inherit his companion's apartment carries a strong message about Gay rights, officials said.

In the agreement, the late 56-year-old investor, who was Gay, was granted possession of a studio apartment on upscale Sutton Place on Manhattan's East Side. He had shared the home with Martin Weiner, who died in 1989.

Since Kirkpatrick died last year, the settlement will benefit his companion of recent years, Marc Tosca, who received rights to the apartment.

The settlement was reached by the city Human Rights Commission and the co-op board of 60 Sutton Place South, which had appealed a finding by the commission that it had discriminated against Kirkpatrick.

The case was resolved before being heard by the Appellate Division.

It will not establish a legal precedent, since it was concluded in an out-of-court settlement. But commission officials and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which joined the commission in the case, said it reinforced anti-discrimination law for Gays and Lesbians.

"A lawyer advising a co-op which finds itself in a similar situation would be very well advised and very likely to advise that the law is what is reflected in this settlement," said Robert Hammel, deputy human rights commissioner.

He said the settlement sends "a very powerful signal" to co-op boards that they will be sued if they violate the city's anti-discrimination law.

Arthur Weinstein, a lawyer and vice president of the Council of New York Cooperatives, said he is draft-

ing an article for the council's quarterly publication, advising members of the settlement and recommending they treat Gay and Lesbian life partners the same way they treat spouses.

He said most co-ops already follow such rules.

Under the terms of the settlement, the 60 Sutton Place co-op board — which said it never discriminated against homosexuals — agreed to transfer ownership of the apartment to Tosca and amend its leases so that domestic partners can inherit apartments, as spouses do, without the board's consent.

The agreement also stipulated that single owners be allowed to transfer their apartments to joint ownership with partners of the same sex, without the board's consent.

Under the Sutton Place agreement, domestic partners are defined as those who have registered their relationship with New York City by signing an affidavit that they: are at least 18 years old, not related by blood, have a close and committed personal relationship, and have been living together on a continuous basis.

If such an affidavit has not been filed with the city, domestic partners are defined as those who fit the definition under existing court rulings and housing regulations.

The settlement does not touch on the related but more difficult issue of shareholders who do not bequeath their apartments to their domestic partners in a formal will. That is covered by state law and is the domain of Surrogate Court.

"If you don't have a will, a Gay life partner is essentially not on the map of people to whom your property will go," said Beatrice Dohren, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, a national Gay and Lesbian legal rights organization.



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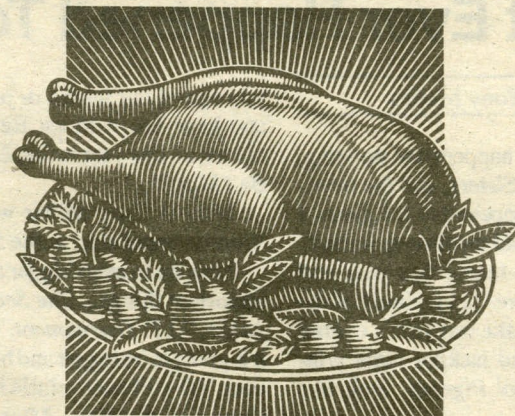
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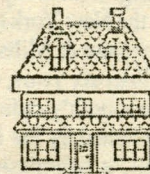


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Arts Group Leader Defends Withdrawal of Grant for Dancer

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Withdrawal of a \$10,000 state grant to help bring dancer and choreographer Bill T. Jones to the Waterloo area next fall was not prompted by the Gay dancer's controversial works or lifestyle, according to the head of the Iowa Arts Council.

The grant was rescinded because Cedar Arts Forum Director Renata Sack could not guarantee that Jones' visit would occur during the fiscal year that ends next June 30, Iowa Arts Council Executive Director William Jackson said.

"We gave her strong encouragement to re-apply next year. She ba-

sically was a year ahead of schedule," Jackson said.

The Iowa Arts Council granted \$5,000 for Jones' two appearances in September in Iowa City. The \$10,000 grant for next year's Waterloo appearances was unanimously approved in May but rescinded in June by the board, which had given the local arts group 30 days to get a formal commitment for Jones' appearance dates.

Sack said it was impossible to meet that deadline because Jones was in Europe.

The \$10,000 grant was approved in May after Iowa Arts Council dis-

cussion about Jones, who is HIV positive. Some of his dance creations have included nudity.

"We shouldn't reject the application simply because we feel someone might be offended," one unidentified Iowa Arts Council member said at the meeting, according to official minutes.

Sack said the Jones project has escalated from a one-week residency to a month-long stay with his dance company and a gospel music group. The cost will be \$269,000, including contributions of theater space at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

James Dean Biographer Sues Over Implication of Gay Affair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Dean biographer William Bast has sued another author for implying he and the late actor were lovers.

The lawsuit, filed Nov. 9 in federal court here, accuses Paul Alexander of libel and seeks unspecified damages.

It also seeks a court order for Penguin Books to stop publishing this year's *Boulevard of Broken Dreams: The Life, Times and Legend of James Dean*.

Dean, who rose to fame for his roles as troubled loners in *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Giant*, was killed in a 1955 car wreck near Salinas, Calif. Like Marilyn Monroe, he has become a posthumous cult idol.

Alexander's book implies that Bast and Dean, who at one point shared a penthouse apartment, had a sexual relationship and portrayed their relationship as an "on-again, off-again love affair, akin to a troubled marriage," wrote Charles

Coate, Bast's lawyer.

Bast says in the lawsuit that he never had a sexual relationship with Dean.

The lawsuit also charges copyright infringement, claiming Alexander stole passages from Bast's 1956 book, *James Dean*. Alexander even plagiarized some passages that include "certain errors inadvertently made by Bast," Coates claimed.

What Ever Happened To—

By Tony Matics

What ever happened to bowling, Brothers and Sisters, and the bowling beat? I happened to it I guess. I just haven't had the time to write it. There are 16 teams this year and *Whips & Chains* is far ahead of the pack. They make last year's overall champions and jackpot night winners, *The Stool Pigeons*, look like pigeon crap.

The league members are having a great time and we are even hoping for some team expansion when we begin the second part of our season in mid-January. So come on out and

join one of our teams, or just watch and have fun with us. Remember, our motto this year is *Eat, Drink and Be "Mary"*.

Why is Troy Miller wearing a Wonder bread shirt at the 501?

Now on to even bigger and more important things... *The Second Annual S.P.I.T. Tournament*. This year it is going to be bigger and better than ever. We still need a little help with some volunteering. After all, you don't have to bowl to volunteer, but only a few more donations are needed to pull this thing off.

The reason behind my excitement is because once again Coors

has come through for us and this time with more money than ever before. They're practically throwing money at our feet, which means we can give away more money and awards than ever before. Thank you, Coors!

Thank all of you for your patience and sticking behind me and not kicking me in the behind when I got behind. I know we all will continue to have a wonderful time at Park Lanes and I hope others will come out and join us.

I bid you farewell until next month.

Gay Airwaves Group Settles Magazine Dispute

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), a national Gay ham radio association, and the American Radio Relay League have announced a settlement of LARC's discrimination complaint against the League for refusing to publish the Gay group's notice in its classified advertising section. The favorable settlement commits the league to adopt a non-discrimination policy and provides LARC with attorney's fees, remedies for non-compliance, and free advertising.

"This settlement shows that


Connecticut's civil rights law is an effective tool for remedying discrimination," said Suzanne B. Goldberg, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who represented the radio club along with cooperating lawyers from the New York law firm of Brown Raysman & Millstein.

For more than six years, the editors of *QST*, a monthly radio-issues magazine published by the League, rejected LARC's submission of a classified advertisement that read: "Lambda Net' club for gay hams

with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write..."

Under the terms of the agreement, the League is to publish a non-discrimination statement in each subsequent edition of *QST*, run four one-eighth page advertisements, and print six classified advertisements, all at no charge to LARC. In addition, American Radio is to pay \$25,000 in attorney's fees, and commit to a policy of non-discrimination towards other Lesbian and Gay ham radio associations.

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Memphis **DRIVE ME HOME:** Larry, 27, like to have a good time, well endowed, slim, 5'11 150 long blond hair, willing to drive to meet someone, give me a call-We could have alot of fun guys- ☎10730

Memphis **ERIC, 24 BM** wish to meet other 21-40 for poss rel, or just hang out- ☎11322

Memphis **MAN ENOUGH** 5'8 23 blond, 160 hot masc btm intell conservative w/a wild streak over 5'10 in shape secure top who knows how to treat a man right- ☎11349

Memphis **LOVE THAT KHAKI:** like to meet one strong, tall, manly man, upscale, military welcome, gym goer- ☎11398

Memphis **GWM 41, 5'9, 140,** salt and pepper, must hairy chest pref bear types want to find 21-45 for friendship poss rel like old cars and music- ☎11609

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Memphis **JIMMY,** travel to Nashville, vers into softball, tennis, and bowling want to met someone not into bars all the time, lkg for poss rel, take it slow- ☎11620

Memphis **RON,** student, looking for someone to go out with be a friend have a rel with, get to know not into anything kinky, just want a real man 6'2 165 brn/green swimmers build, pretty nice fellow, give a call- ☎11856

Memphis **SOUTHERN BOYS:** soft bl sophisticated male seeking one tall manly, strong handsome upscale manly man for friendship, rel can be anywhere in the south- ☎11398

Memphis **JIMMY, 5'10** 190, 35, vers, lkg for someone in the area to meet go out with, hairy chest, blondish hair, like to have fun- ☎11620

Memphis **NEW TO AREA** Chris, GWM 31 6' 180, med bld, blond/blu, lt smoker, drinker, like sports, outdoors, lkg for a GWM ages 25-35 slim to med bld, honesty means alot, don't really know anyone, so would like to meet some friends ☎12011

Memphis **MIDTOWN:** GWM young attr prof seeking GWM 18-24 to treat and pamper for

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Memphis **STEVEN** looking for a GBM mature, live in the med ctr area call me anytime 6'2 brn/blu over 21- ☎12030

Murfreesboro **DON,** looking to meet guys in the area, ☎12091

Nashville **I'M ALL TIED UP RIGHT NOW:** 24, dk/hzl good build, lkg for WM 24-28 bi curious, looking for that special attr guy to show me the ropes-teach me interesting things- ☎12186

Johnson City **NOW SERVING #45:** SWM young, smooth body, lkg for other men 18-65, for anything goes, open to all-Tri Cities area-daytime meetings ok, tell me what you looking for pref aggressive, demanding men- ☎9818

Memphis **WHAT, NO GREEK?** Tony, French and Spanish teacher, looking for that special someone, like travel and reading- ☎8798

Memphis **EASING INTO IN GRADUALLY-** BM, like to meet white She male, TV or TS age not imp- new at this, like to give it a try, have a nice time- ☎9041

Memphis **I THINK I'LL STAY ON THE GROUND AND WATCH:** Justin, WM 26, int in a friendship, someone to do stuff with, adventurous things, skydiving, hiking, outdoors, stuff like that- very healthy (+) ☎9042

Memphis **ATTR** GBM 6'1 195 looking for dom GBM 25-35, mature, considerate, masc, likes to have fun- ☎9474

Memphis **FREE TO BE ME:** Classy successful prof'l recently divorced, looking for a meaningful rel like to hear from you- ☎9847

Memphis **KENNETH,** SBM 29, seeking other BM s 24-50, prof'l masc appearing athletic, discreet, don't let the distance scare you- let's talk ☎9918

Memphis **GREG-** looking for an older man 40+ Bl wm looking for a gay or bi male, 5'11, blond/blu 185, btm looking for a top, discreet, masc, lv a message- ☎10086

Memphis **GALLOPING GOURMET:** Donald, 27 BM dancing, decorating, cooking, singing, looking for friends to hang out with to become companions race not important- ☎10366

Nashville **WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?** Ron, 35 6'1, 190, brn. like to meet in my area, like to meet someone for dinner, movie, then take it from there- ☎9276

Nashville **MASCULINE NEED NLY RESPOND:** 32, GWM 5'10 160, work out blond/blue, like outdoors, low key, I don't know men who act like men here, if you do I'm looking forward to hearing from you- ☎10004

Nashville **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION?** 32 male, 5'10 160 brn/blu must work out, looking for another down to earth guy-int in anything we can get into, experimental, adventurous- ☎10004

Nashville **BEAM ME UP** Scotty, 27 GWM 6'2 200, brn/green looking for someone in my area, masc, but passive, wild man in the privacy of my home, looking for a rel, let's get together- ☎10518

615 Area Code **PECS FOR DAYS!** Kevin 6'2 195 25 blk/brn, broad shoulders, 48 chest lkg 25-35 not into the bar scene-25 int in prof'l men- ☎2689

Chattanooga **LEATHER FOREVER:** Chad, 6'3 180 blond/grn into the leather scene, would like to meet someone to help me get to know it- ☎6371

Chattanooga **LEARN BY DOING:** Paul, 6'3, 180, new to scene, int in having someone teach me, I'm home on the weekends-lv a message in my mailbox- ☎5125

Eastern TN **LET'S PLAY VELCRO:** GWM 41, 5'9, 140, dk hair, brn eyes, must hairy, like the same, 25-35 butch, give me a call, ☎8492

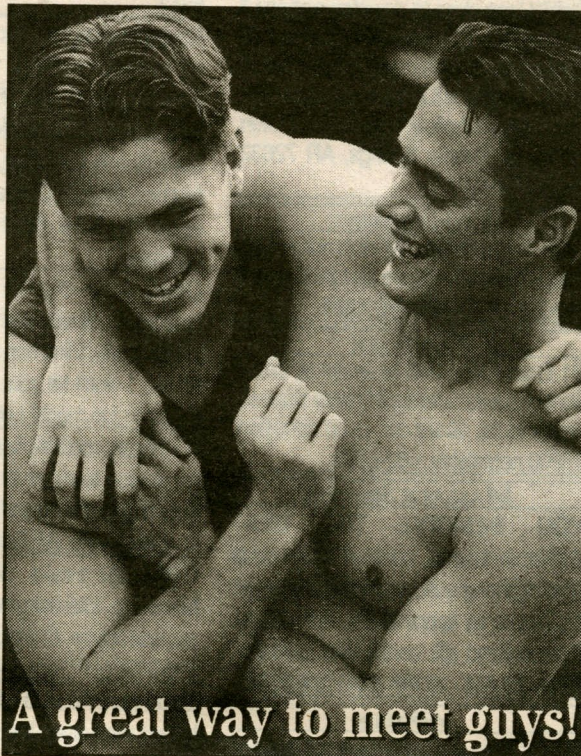
Greenville **HEY, DUDES-** Randy like to have fun slim dk skin blonde Calif boy look - btm like to meet for friendship or poss rel- call me guys, lets party! ☎3372

Memphis **SIX PACK OF FUN:** 26, 5'10, 170 dk/dk hairy looking for a bud, someone 21-28 to pal around with- discreet, private, masc, conservative, likes sports, swimming, boating, weekend trips- ☎6049

Memphis **ONE SIZE FITS ALL:** Ted, 6'3 180, men who like leather, pref men my size and weight not afraid to try anything ☎6371

Memphis **SAVE ONE HAND FOR THE REMOTE:** Raymond, 6'1 165 40, like full body massage and watching adult movies- ☎6798

Memphis **GBM** 22, med build, seeking another ages 25-30 slender dk cxion, for rel and friendship- must be financially resp- ☎7066



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Memphis **THE MAN WITH THE TAN:** 5'11 30 180, blond tan attr, a lot of fun looking to meet in my area who want to have some fun- ☎34353

Memphis **12 STEPPER:** GWM 27, 6' 190, brn/green, non-smoker, drinker, sincere, handsome, iso GWM 23-35 drug and smoke free, looking for a long term rel- ☎7610

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Nashville **BRETT,** 23 5'9 130 blk/hazel lkg for attr, 18-23 blu 5'6 5'10, 120-145, non smoker, atheist, ☎5584

W. Memphis **SOLE MAN:** Steve, 6' blond/blu, mustache, 32w, 180, 32, masc, like to have a good time, eves at home, foot fetish, affectionate, indep- looking for 28-38, facial and body hair a plus, prefer aggressive- ☎7446

Chattanooga **MARK** 23 6'1 175 blu/brn non smoker looking for same, race not imp, age 20-35- new to the area- ☎4332

Knoxville **IT'S ALL OUT IN FRONT:** Kevin 6'2 195 blk./brn college student, broad shoulders, 48" chest looking for 25-35 prof'l, not a part of the bar scene- ☎31607

Knoxville **SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH** William 5'10 230 brn music, dancing, plays and romantic walks in the park- ☎3348

Memphis **WILLING TO COMMUTE:** 6'1 blond/blu 170 looking for 25-35 like to get together and enjoy life live 30 mins outside memphis- like to meet w/someone and get together ☎1871

Memphis **SINGLE AGAIN:** Mike 29 6'1 188 enjoy eves at home old movies theatre tennis- ☎2058

Memphis **VINCE** GWM 27 6' 190 brn/grn sincere passion monog non smoker should be 23-35 not into bar scene, non smoker iso ser long term relationship educ secure confident int are movies dining out art by Erte music by Enigma ☎2259

Memphis **BLACK TO BLACK:** Sam discr Bi BM enjoy quiet eves want to meet other discr bi BM interested in sharing qual time with others- ☎2493

Memphis **READY OR NOT:** 6'1 195 brn/blu int include dining, theatre, books, especially tennis ☎2058

Memphis **20 GBM** lkg for attr masc BM 20-25 for friendship, poss rel- ☎4143

Memphis **SHELBY** - 5'9 190, musc, hairy, vers int in getting together for good times, sharing experiences- ☎4731

Memphis **GWM** 27, 6' 185 brn/grn, sincere passionate, handsome, monog- smoke free, educated and confident for a long term rel- call on the weekends- leave a disc of yourself- ☎4835

Nashville **LOOKING FOR A BIG TIP:** Ron 5'11 br/grn must smooth live in Nashville, I'm a waiter-like someone to talk to- like dining, fishing, theatre- like to hear from ya! ☎2241

Nashville **I KNOW WHAT BOYS LIKE:** Donald GWM 6'175 brn/blu smooth, masc, like to meet gay or bi men early 20's -30's- like cuddling, kissing- looking for friendship and fun- ☎3444

615 Area Code **KEVIN** 20 6'2 195 blk/brn int in meeting men 20-30 ☎1787

Chattanooga **CPLS//SWM,** 43, 5'9, clean healthy and safe-enjoy videos, lingerie seeking SWF or couples where man is straight- ☎20561

Chattanooga **JOHN** 31 tp hairy prof'l masc seek some 4 going out to eat, movies, spending quiet times- ☎2414

Memphis **IDEAL LOVER:** Michael GBM 23, 5'9 180 looking 4 considerate intelligent and handsome man. ☎34857

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Attractive GWM, 30, 5'6", 130#, blond, graduate student, likes: computers, alternative music, progressive politics, New Age, physical fitness, cute dudes. Write: Jim, Rt. 1 Box 18, Gassville, AR 72635.

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50 only. Stable, honest & sincere inquiries only. MBA from Ole Miss—Music, movies, dinners, etc. Please respond to Michael, 2700 West Mary, Apt. 4, Tupelo, MS 38801 or contact me at work (601) 842-6428 - 8:30a.m. - 6 p.m., Mon. - Sat.

Attractive GWM, 46, 5'4", 158#, Brown/Green seeks same, 30 - 50 for companionship and serious dating. No mind games. Let's talk. Call John: 732-5212.

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GWM, 24 seeks GWM, 25-60 for friendship. Interests must include music, art, and drama. Contact Michael at (501) 630-0727 or PO Box 140, Colt, AR 72326.

Javier from Alliance—Is it true that gray-haired men keep it up longer? Signed, Mule.

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Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)

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- 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 ☎ 278-2835.
- Lee's Carpet Care**: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.
- White Glove Services**: Home or Office ☎ 388-3781.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP Memphis**: ☎ 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**: 1929 Evelyn Ave. ☎ 272-3875.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares**: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.
- Friends For Life—HIV Resources**: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 ☎ 278-AIDS or ☎ 272-0855.

- Gay and Lesbian American Indians**: Information ☎ 725-4898.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America Memphis Chapter**: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402.
- Gay Teen Support Group**: Tuesdays 7-8:30, Gerry Wright ☎ 388-6110.
- 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. 7:30 pm; 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.
- Integrity Memphis**: Meets the 3rd Tue., 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.
- Mature Gays/Prime Timers**: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave., Ste. 4, Memphis 38104-2402.
- Memphis Center for Reproductive Health**: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC)***: 1486 Madison, Mailing Address: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 726-5790.
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Sports Association**: c/o MGLCC, Box 41074 ☎ 728-GAYS or 458-6023.
- Memphis Lambda Center***: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store) ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.
- Memphis Pride, Inc.**: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 3956, Memphis 38173 ☎ 320-9015 Vincent Astor.
- Memphis TransGender Alliance**: TV/TS support group • Box 11232, Memphis 38111-0232 ☎ Barbara Jean 353-2612 (evenings).
- Mid-South Men's Council**: Box 11042, Memphis 38111-0042 ☎ 278-0961.
- Minority Prison Project (MPP)**: Information: John Prowett, 1517 Court #4, Memphis, TN 38104-2402.
- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite**: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
- National Organization for Women (NOW)**: Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.
- New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG)**: Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.
- Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center** ☎ 454-1414.
- Riot GRRL**: Womyn interested in feminism • Box 22354, Memphis 38111 ☎ 276-0282 (Meristem).
- 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.
- Transexuals in Prison (TIP)**: For information: John Prowett, 1517 Court Ave. #4, Memphis 38104-2402.
- 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.
- Wings**: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

- Bear Trappers BBS**: Serving Nashville & surrounding area ☎ (615)360-2837.
- Flesh Illusions BBS**: We have P.O.D.S. & Nait Net Available thru requests only. Also carries Fidonet, 2400-14,4 baud. ☎ 357-5483.
- The Personals**: Gay computer bulletin board • 300 or 1200 baud ☎ 274-6713.
- Second Wind BBS**: PO Box 280415, Memphis 38168-0415 ☎ 382-9466, StudsNet, DoorNet, ThrobNet Free Access ☎ 388-8358.
- Straight/Bi/Gay Adult Computer Bulletin Board**: Free Membership, Adult pictures, messages, & free E-mail. Male/female. ☎ 797-8006
- Two's Company**: Gay computer bulletin board and computer support. "Handles" accepted. 1200/2400 baud. ☎ 726-4073.

COUNSELING SERVICES

- Kerrel Ard, BSW**: Personal growth, spiritual counseling, alternative healing ☎ 725-4898.
- Joel Chapman, PhD**: 1835 Union ☎ 726-1284.
- Martha Foschini, PhD**: Individual & Group Therapy • 1835 Union Ave., Suite 203 ☎ 726-1284.
- 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.
- Joyce Schimenti, LCSW**: Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.
- Susan Taranto, MPS**: Individual & group therapy • Fully Alive! ☎ 323-2078 • Sliding fee scale.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Ronnie Bingham, CPA**: Taxes, accounting, estate planning ☎ 756-4449.
- Charles Butler, CFP**: Financial Planner ☎ 274-2524.
- Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service**: 3340 Poplar Ave, Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.
- Wilma Vandermeer, CPA**: Taxes, accounting services ☎ 726-9082.

FLORISTS

- Botanica**: 944 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.
- Sweet Peas**: 3175 Poplar ☎ 324-6873.

GRAPHY/PHOTOGRAPHY

- Barr Photography**: Call 12-7 • Jackie/Nadine ☎ 366-7920.
- Bonehead Creative**: 1271 Poplar, Ste 103, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-2101.

- Graffiti Graphics**: 1985 Madison #7 ☎ 278-5002.
- It's Done!**: Typing, word processing/printing service-resumes, thesis, manuscripts, etc. ☎ 795-4308.
- JRP Specialties**: Photo business cards & distinctive nature photography • Joe Pfeiffer ☎ 272-1207.
- Printers Ink**: Box 11485, -0485 ☎ 454-1411.
- RK Photo**: B/W & Color photo services. Business, event, personal photography, & post card advertising ☎ 452-2766.
- 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. Gulledege, 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.
- Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law**: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518 ☎ 526-0809.
- Robert Ross, Attorney At Law**: 100 N. Main, Ste 3310 ☎ 525-0417.
- Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law**: 44 N. Second, Ste 600, ☎ 521-9996.
- Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law**: 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.
- Jason O. Young, Jr.**: 147 Jefferson, Ste 806, ☎ 523-8912

MASSAGE SERVICES

- Bodycare By Jordan**: Deep tissue massage, therapeutic touch and preparation for movement. By appointment only. ☎ 527-2273.
- Bodyrights**: Therapeutic/sports massage by appointment. ☎ 377-7701.
- Jim Brymer, LMT**: Muscle & deep tissue therapy, reflexology, Swedish massage ☎ 521-6044, pager: 391-3176.
- Dave Everitt**: Full body Swedish massage Shiatsu, Medical Massage ☎ 722-5522, Pager ☎ 533-9492.
- Tom Pitman**: Rejuvenating full-body massage by appointment. ☎ 761-7977 or Beeper 575-1230.
- Craig von Graeler**: Professional full body massage by appointment. Please call 10am-10pm ☎ 278-9768.

MEDIA

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

- Dabbles Hair Co.**: 19 N. Cooper ☎ 725-0521.
- Dolls & Bears**: Doll Shop • 3263 N Watkins ☎ 357-8600.
- Kyla J. Dillard, DVM**: Housecall Veterinarian, Memphis Area ☎ (901) 465-2699. For emergency care call ☎ (901) 533-5084.
- David Gairhan**: A/C, refrigeration & appliance repair ☎ 274-7011.
- Great American Cruises, Inc.**: Cruise Travel Agency, Sherman Perkins, 52 N. Second ☎ 525-5302.
- Gypsy's Vintage Fashions and Antiques**: 2018 Court, (In the Mid-Town Flea Market).
- Have Bar Will Travel**: Bartending for private functions • Lisa Gray (The Peabody Hotel) ☎ 726-5910.
- Bob Hughes, EdD**: Yoga, relaxation & meditation classes ☎ 682-0855.
- John In Charge**: Household & office cleaning, errands, a personal valet • ☎ 272-2316.
- Kings Interior Painting**: ☎ 278-2835.
- Lavender Earth***: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853.
- MT's Bakery**: Gay and Lesbian Wedding Cakes A Specialty, Mary Jane or Theresa, 2127 Frayser Blvd. ☎ 358-6689 or 388-2376.
- Mid-Town Hair***: 1926 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-2199.
- Midtown Galleries & Auction, Inc.**: Antiques, Art, Painted & Unusual Furnishings • 960 South Cooper ☎ 725-0049.
- Pass Pets**: Hickory Ridge Mall ☎ 366-4428.
- Pet Care Unlimited**: Pet sitting and/or house sitting by competent, caring couple ☎ 726-6198.
- Quality Electronics**: Gary Lewis, 1490 Getwell ☎ 363-5554.
- Quality Furniture**: Gary Lewis, 1490 Getwell ☎ 363-5554.
- Enrica Ramey**: Insurance Memphis ☎ Business: 377-1075, Home 375-9584
- Sanders Facilities, Inc.**: Catering & party facility rental • Michael Sanders ☎ 948-3998.
- Star Search Video***: 1411 Poplar Ave ☎ 272-STAR.
- Tom Webb Ins.**: Insuring in the Gay and - Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar ☎ 682-2170.
- Tropical Impressions**: Pet Shop & Grooming Salon • 3700 S. Mendenhall ☎ 794-3047 or 365-9716.
- Whittington Tree & Lawn Service**: Sandra & Troy Whittington ☎ 685-8410. Free estimates, 24 hr. service.

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- Russell Armstrong, Developer, Looney Developments**: 194 Looney Ave. ☎ 525-3044.
- Glenn Moore, Broker, Owner, Woodland Realty**: ☎ 854-0455.
- Steve Solomon, Affiliate Broker, Sowell & Company**: 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380, Fax 278-4390.

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- Bookstar**: 3402 Poplar Ave. ☎ 323-9332
- Circuit Playhouse**: 1705 Poplar Ave. ☎ 726-5521
- Davis-Kidd Booksellers Inc.**: 397 Perkins Rd. Ext. ☎ 683-9801.
- Madison Ave. News & Tobacco, Co.**: 1865 Madison ☎ 726-5118.
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- P & H Cafe**: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
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