

Judge Overturns State's Sodomy Law

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Circuit Court judge Feb. 2 overturned Tennessee's law banning homosexual sex acts between consenting adults, saying it violates the constitutional right to privacy.

Judge Walter Kurtz said the state had failed to show a "compelling state interest" for upholding the law.

"Private sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex is protected by the state constitutional right of privacy," Kurtz wrote in his ruling.

Five homosexual Tennesseans had challenged the law's constitutionality.

The state attorney general's office argued that the Legislature wanted to protect the public health and safety, specifically preventing the spread of AIDS, when it adopted the law in 1989.

Kurtz wrote that the state had failed to prove that contention. He also deemed the law "overbroad" because it provides criminal penalties for lesbian sex acts and for sex acts between men "which do not sig-

nificantly contribute to the spread of AIDS."

Violation of the law had been considered a felony prior to the state's recodification of all the state's laws in 1989. At that time, it was reduced to a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$50 fine.

State Attorney General Charles Burson has not decided whether to ask the Tennessee Supreme Court to review Kurtz' ruling and to keep the law in effect, a spokeswoman for the attorney general told *The Tennessean* newspaper Feb. 2.

According to Susan Mackenzie, the attorneys working on the Homosexual Acts Litigation team are volunteering their time. Even so, the litigation has cost more than has been received through donations. With an expected appeal by the state, the team is asking for donations. These donations should be sent to Abby Rubinfeld and Associates, 2505 Hillsboror Rd, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37212. Indicate in the memo portion a donation to Homosexual Acts of Litigation.

Project Inform's Founder Set for AIDS Treatment Issues

An innovative town meeting on AIDS treatment and research issues will be held in Memphis on Mar. 29. Project Inform, a national, San Francisco based HIV treatment information and advocacy organization, and Friends For Life HIV Resources will sponsor the meeting featuring Martin Delaney.

Delaney is the founding director of Project Inform. He is known as a leading promoter of FDA reform, one of the architects of the "Parallel Track" system, and is a featured voice in the media on these issues. He is a frequent speaker before national, community and AIDS orga-

nizations, and has testified before the Presidential AIDS Commission and several Congressional committees.

The 2-2 1/2-hour meeting will cover new drugs and therapies, recent information about HIV pathogenesis, taking care of your health, and a question and answer session.

HIV-related agencies wishing to assist with distributing fliers or wishing to have an informational exhibit at the town meeting should contact Virginia Stallworth at Friends For Life, 272-0855.

The town meeting will be held at the American Red Cross, 1400 Central Avenue, from 6-8:30 p.m.



Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, left with actress Glenn Close on the set of *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*.

Lesbian Colonel Expects Life Will Get Back to Normal

By Peggy Andersen
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Career Army nurse Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer was hoping life would get back to normal on Feb. 7.

At least, as normal as life can be for a woman whose private life has become that most public of spectacles — a made-for-TV movie.

But Cammermeyer knew she was putting privacy at risk when she decided to sue the military for reinstatement after the Washington State National Guard discharged her in 1992 for acknowledging she is a lesbian.

After big-screen previews in Los Angeles, New York and Seattle, NBC telecast *Serving in Silence: the Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*, based on the book she co-wrote with Chris Fisher.

Cammermeyer said she was waiting for Tuesday (Feb. 8) with an expectation of no phone calls, no media "... and that I'm going to go back to my little office and pretend that the past eight months were a dream and the past five years never happened," referring to months of film production and the years since she acknowledged being a lesbian during a 1989 interview for security clearance.

The movie, starring Glenn Close, ends with Cammermeyer's decision to fight for her military career. It focused on her relationship with an artist named Diane, played by Judy Davis. It also addressed the impact of her realization that she is homosexual on her professional life and her family.

"I think what is nice is if the movie reaches people who are in need or who in some way feel that they're alienated and alone," Cammermeyer said.

Her story appeared to be accom-

plishing that even before the telecast.

After a late-February screening in New York, she said, a young member of the audience came up and told her that "this is going to keep people my age from committing suicide."

"It caught my breath and even now brings tears," Cammermeyer said.

"We can't help but have a knee-jerk response" to labels, she said in a telephone interview from her office at the Veterans Administration Hospital at American Lake, near Tacoma and the guard's Camp Murray.

"Football player, policeman — every time there's a noun there is the first gut-level response."

Change only occurs "when you have some experience that challenges that stereotype."

Cammermeyer recalled her frustration when she testified in Congress about military policy toward Gays and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., "kept saying, 'Dr. Cammermeyer, you're different.'"

"I kept saying, 'Senator, I'm not. How can I be different when there are probably 100,000 Gays in the military?"

"What makes me different is that I'm sitting across from you."

Cammermeyer marveled at the contradictions of human nature, "that everyone we happen to know in a stereotype group is different, and yet we cannot extend that to 'perhaps each person is different and perhaps the stereotype is wrong.'"

"It's very important to have the option of retaining the stereotype so you can have a closed mind," she joked grimly. "I remember that clearly from Vietnam. How can you have a war without a bad guy?"

The 26-year veteran, whose exemplary career includes a Bronze

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Senate Approves Bill Making AIDS Spread a Felony

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Senate has approved a bill that targets AIDS-infected Mississippians who spread the disease.

The bill passed without debate Feb. 6 makes it a felony to knowingly expose another person to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The punishment would be at least three years in prison but no more than six.

The penalties would apply to someone who knows about the AIDS status but still gives blood, shares used needles or engages in "intimate contact" with another person.

The district attorney in such cases would have to prove that the other person did not realize the exposure and did not consent.

Sen. Johnnie Walls, D-Greenville, has said the law would be rarely used.

The bill is Senate Bill 2062.

Who Will Be Tsarus' 'Man of the Year'?

Don't be fooled by the "Man of the Year" title. Past recipients at the 10 previous banquets have been men, women, groups, pastors and bar owners. The only requirement is that the individual or organization be worthy of a show of appreciation for a service to the Gay/Lesbian community.

This year's banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wed., Mar. 15, at WKRB.

For the first time, nominations from the public were solicited by the members of Tsarus for consideration of the award.

Among the nominations were:

- Mark Whitehead for volunteer work and community service — Board member of Friends For Life, founder of the annual Auction for AIDS.

- Dabbles Hair Co. for fund-raising — \$7000 this year for Aloysius Home

- Charles Butler for community service — Board member of MGLCC, spearheaded drive for tax exempt status for the center, obtained an operating grant for Gay and Lesbian Switchboard from American Express Employee Foundation.

- The Brothers and Sisters Bowling League for community service and providing our community with competitive sports

- Larry Williams (Loretta) for community service and benefits for Adult Special Care Unit at The Med

- Frank Cooper and David da

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Friends For Life — 10 Years Later

By Allen Cook
President, Friends For Life HIV Resources

In January of 1985 a group of Gay and Lesbian Memphians met to form a new organization to help the people with AIDS in our community. Even then, over ten years ago, people we knew were dying — not just in New York and San Francisco, but in Memphis as well.

The result of that meeting, the Aid to End AIDS Committee, is now known as Friends For Life HIV Resources. It is arguably the largest, longest-lived community organization to come out of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian community. Although, not strictly a Gay organization, it still derives much of its support from the Gay and Lesbian Community.

As organizations age, they mature. Friends For Life, by most standards is still a young, but maturing organization. Last year its budget exceeded \$200,000 for the first time.

In an ideal world, it might be possible to run a completely volunteer organization and serve your constituency. Unfortunately in the real world, you need to hire people, house them for eight hours a day and pro-

vide them with the tools they need to do their work. Throughout the years Friends For Life has been blessed with committed people who worked too hard for too long and too little money.

The organization has also been blessed by several benefactors — first St. James Episcopal Church which housed the first offices and then by St. John's United Methodist Church which owns the property FFL currently uses rent free.

This past year has been a really successful one. But success is a double-edged sword. Friends For Life has just received funding from CDC to double its number of caseworkers. In addition, the state is funding an additional education specialist and three interns are on line to start this spring. The problem— there is no place to put these folks.

For the past year Friends For Life has been actively seeking new space to accommodate both increased staff, an increased caseload and services as well. Ideally, they'd like to get another rent-free building, but as time has gone by, it looks like they're going to have to lease.

On the positive side, it's a renter's market in Memphis. On the negative side, rent

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is an expense Friends For Life has never before had to spend.

To give you some perspective, Friends For Life needs about 5,000 square feet for current operations. A 5,000 square foot building at \$5.00 a square foot (which any real estate person will tell you is not high priced digs) will run about \$2100 a month — not counting utilities.

As I write this, the Med has announced that it may have to close the Adult Special Care Clinic in a cost cutting move to offset a \$42 million cut of state funding. There is no doubt such a move would bring even more clients to Friends For Life for assistance and advice.

I was reminded that the Dallas Gay Community Center which houses that city's premier AIDS service organization, also runs a clinic in that space. While I never envisioned Friends For Life offering medical care, it is not totally beyond the realm of possibility.

We all know, after thirteen years of dealing with AIDS, that a magic bullet is not just around the corner. Friends For Life, be-

gun when we all naively thought it'd all be over in a year or two, is in it for the long haul.

No other Memphis organization has helped more people of our community in more ways — food, clothing, rent assistance, education, counseling, support groups, condoms, dinners, and much, much more.

Friends For Life is not the same organization it was in 1985. It has expanded and professionalized its staff. It has expanded its client base and its accompanying services

It has, perhaps, lost some of the warm and fuzzy feeling of the early days — a defense mechanism you develop when you deal with literally hundreds of people dying by degrees in front of your eyes.

But a more compassionate organization you will never find. Scratch the surface and you will find people working for less than they could elsewhere. You'll find volunteers who are there because they want to make a difference. You'll find donors who give not only their money, but their goods and services as well.

Why? Because there, but for the grace of God, go we all.



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In response to the letter to the editor in the January issue of the *Triangle Journal*, I am writing to you, the readers, to clarify any misunderstandings. The advertisement in the December issue for the "CAMP DRAG SHOW" said that the show was sponsored by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Bowling League. We apologize for any misrepresentation that may have been caused. The advertisement was submitted by someone who volunteered his time and energy to put the benefit together. It is with such volunteers that we can make the tournament in March a success for the approximate 100 to 150 out of town bowlers who will

be traveling to our city for that weekend.

The benefit show was actually sponsored by the *St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament* committee, all of whom are members of the *Brothers & Sisters Bowling League*, which is a *Gay & Lesbian bowling league*. The league and the tournament are separate organizations and both are members of IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization), consisting of approximately 23,000 members worldwide. IGBO's principle ideals are *unity, fellowship and communication*. We, as a tournament committee, strive to follow these ideals, because without them we cannot survive, nor could the tournament survive without the unity, help and support of the league and the community as a whole.

We need you, the local community, to help support our efforts to put Memphis on the map with all the other major cities who are host to such tournaments each year. The more successful we are, the more prospective business we can help to bring to you, the Memphis Gay and Lesbian community each year. Thank you for your continued support.

Andy J. Cain

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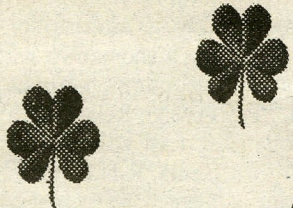
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Gay Activists Girding for Setbacks in New GOP Congress

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay rights activists are bracing for setbacks in the Republican-controlled Congress, their fears fueled by legislation introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms and promises of a hearing on schools and homosexuality.

"The early signs are not good, and the Republican leadership has a fundamental decision to make, and that is whether they are going to lead with hate and discrimination or with

common sense," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay lobby.

On the first day of the 104th Congress, Helms, R-N.C., introduced a bill to stop government agencies from using taxpayer funds "to encourage its employees or officials to accept homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle."

He also dropped in a bill to protect federal employees from being fired for speaking out on their own time against the federal

government's policies toward homosexuals.

Helms says the two bills are necessary because the Clinton administration has extended homosexuals "special rights in the federal workplace, rights not accorded to most other groups and individuals."

Earlier this month, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said he had promised the Rev. Lou Sheldon, head of the Traditional Values Coalition, a hearing on whether the federal government should provide money to school districts that "promote" homosexuality.

Sheldon, leader of the conservative national church network based in Anaheim, Calif., says he does not know how much federal money is spent for such purposes. But, he added, "It isn't so much the money as it is ... that the first- and second-largest school districts in America are promoting it: New York and Los Angeles."

Then on Jan 27, House Majority Leader Dick Armev of Texas, the second-ranking Republican in the House, called Democratic Rep.

Barney Frank of Massachusetts "Barney Fag" during an interview with reporters. Armev quickly apologized and said the comment was a slip of the tongue.

Frank, who is Gay, told Armev he understood the remark was not intentional. But after listening to a tape of the interview, he said, "I could not accept that it was wholly accidental."

Even before the incident, Frank said the congressional landscape is looking desolate for Gay and Lesbian Americans.

"If you project the way the Republicans have always voted, it looks pretty bleak," Frank said. "The Republican majority has been consistently and overwhelming anti-Gay."

The first two years of the Clinton administration provided Gay activists exposure on such issues as Gays in the military and job discrimination based on sexual orientation. They didn't win on either issue and expect to spend the next two years on the defensive, fighting off anti-Gay amendments to legislation.

"I believe this year the homo-

sexual agenda will be seriously curtailed," Sheldon said.

In December, President Clinton abandoned plans to propose philanthropist James C. Hormel, who is Gay, as ambassador to Fiji, avoiding a showdown with Helms, then incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Last year, Helms and Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., attached an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that would have cut federal funds to school districts that teach acceptance of homosexuality. A similar measure was tacked onto the House version by Rep. Mel Hancock, R-Mo.

Democrats stripped the measures from the final version of the bill.

Sam Coring, a spokesman for Hancock, said the congressman had not decided whether to pursue the issue again this year. "His first responsibility is to do the work on the Contract with America," Coring said. "I think you're going to see him and probably most of the rest of the Congress focusing on that ... but he's keeping his options open."

House GOP Leader Refers to Rep. Frank as "Fag"

By Jim Drinkard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armev, the second-ranking Republican in the House, called Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts "Barney Fag" during an interview Jan 27. But when asked about it, he quickly apologized and said the comment was a slip of the tongue.

"This was nothing more than an unintentional mispronunciation of another person's name," the Texas Republican said later in an emotional statement on the House floor. He

also excoriated the news media, saying they had turned the incident into a "firestorm."

Frank, who is homosexual, said he told Armev he understood the remark was not intentional.

"But I could not accept that it was wholly accidental," Frank said after listening to a tape of the interview. "... I just had to believe that it was somewhere in the back of his mind."

After watching Armev's floor statement, Frank told reporters: "This is an obviously unpleasant business for all of us. I do appreciate in part what Dick Armev said. ... The fact that Dick Armev considered

this to be a really negative accusation ... is some sign of progress."

In the midst of a tinderbox political atmosphere on Capitol Hill, the remark brought withering counterattacks from Democrats. "Mr. Armev is too damn careless with his mouth," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who called the comment part of a Republican "strategy of hatred and division."

Armev told reporters earlier: "I do not want Barney Frank to believe for one moment I would use a slur against him. I had a trouble with alliteration. I was stumbling, mumbling. ... Barney Frank is a friend of mine. I don't use the word in personal conversation. I would not use such an expression and I don't approve of anyone who does this."

The comment occurred when reporters asked about a book he is writing. To avoid the criticism House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., faced over his book deal, Armev said, he would give all the proceeds to charity.

"I like peace and quiet," Armev said. "And I don't need to listen to Barney Fag (pause), Barney Frank, (emphasis on 'Frank') haranguing in my ear because I made a few bucks off a book I worked on. I just don't want to listen to it."

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said, "It's dispiriting when that type of extreme language is used in the public discourse. But I believe Representative Frank has had a retort to that that is probably an apt response."

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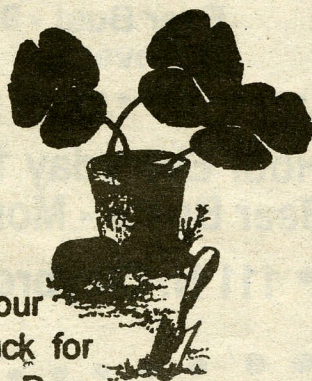
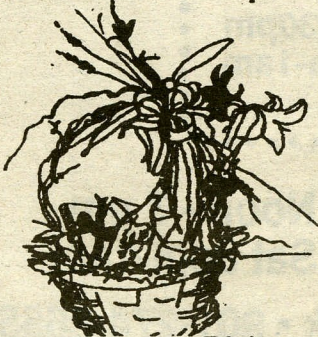


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Gingrich Intervened with Regulators on Behalf of Drug Companies

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to hurry Food and Drug Administration approval for products made by companies that donated to a foundation with close ties to him.

The Georgia Republican intervened twice last year, once contacting the White House and once in a letter to the head of the FDA.

In both cases, the companies involved made contributions to the Progress and Freedom Foundation, which supports a televised college course taught by Gingrich and advocates reorganizing the FDA to speed up approval of new products.

"We're not going to respond point by point for all the thousands of correspondences that have gone out" during Gingrich's congressional career, said his spokesman, Tony Blankley. "Gingrich makes his

decisions regarding all of his official actions ... purely on the merits of those individual cases."

In the most recent case, Gingrich on Sept. 2 wrote White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta asserting that "the delay must end immediately" and the FDA should approve a home AIDS test made by Direct Access Diagnostics, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Gingrich wrote Panetta after a lobbyist for the company gave him an article alleging delays in the test's approval.

Direct Access Diagnostics, its president, Elliott Millenson, and parent Johnson & Johnson all are listed as contributors to the foundation.

The foundation did not list the amounts or dates of the contributions, but noted that the average gift in 1993-94 was \$17,625.

In the other case, Gingrich and Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., wrote FDA Commissioner David Kessler on July 22 to ask why the agency had not approved a new drug for use in patients with obsessive compulsive disorder.

The drug, Luvox, is made by Solvay Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of the large Belgian chemical

firm Solvay SA. The company also is on the list of foundation donors.

"Time delays of months or even weeks are critical to a small company in this industry," the lawmakers wrote.

Gingrich's interventions on behalf of the Solvay donors were first reported in the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call* and in the *Wall Street*

Journal.

The FDA approved Luvox in December. The home AIDS test kit is still under review. "This product must meet the same regulatory standards of product consistency, safety and effectiveness that any other FDA-regulated product must meet," Kessler said.

Teen Claims Students Harassed Him Because of His Gayness

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A former Ashland High School student contends in a federal lawsuit that classmates beat and harassed him for more than four years because he is homosexual.

Jamie Stuart Nabozny, 19, claims in a lawsuit filed Feb. 7 in U.S. District Court in Madison that his repeated requests for protection were ignored by school officials.

Nabozny, who dropped out of school as a junior in December 1992, is seeking \$350,000 damages from the district. He also wants a court order allowing him to attend a graduation ceremony and receive a diploma.

The lawsuit said word of Nabozny's sexual orientation spread quickly after he was sexually assaulted in 1987.

When name-calling escalated to physical assaults, Nabozny and his parents said they reported the harassment to middle school Principal Mary Podlesny.

Podlesny told the Naboznys that "boys will be boys" and blamed the incidents on Nabozny for acting "openly Gay," the suit contends.

Podlesny and other district officials never investigated Nabozny's harassment complaints, the suit contends.

Ashland Superintendent Steven Kelly was out of the office Feb. 8 and unavailable for comment, a secretary told The Associated Press. Tim Foley, curriculum director, said the district had been advised by counsel not to comment.

Kelly said that the district investigates and disciplines proven cases of sexual harassment.

The lawsuit said the district's alleged failure to respond to Nabozny's complaints enabled students to step up their acts without fear of discipline.

Afraid to go to school, Nabozny twice attempted suicide and was hospitalized for observation, the suit said.

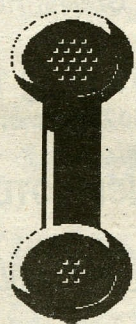
"Regardless if Jamie flaunted his sexuality or not, you can't put the onus back on the child," said Nabozny's lawyer, Rae L. Randolph of Minneapolis. "That's not an appropriate response by school officials when a physical assault complaint is brought."

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Family Remembers Victims of Double Killing

By Gina Holland
Associated Press Writer

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — A jury cast a symbolic vote for two slain men despite a controversial defense intertwined with the victims' homosexual lifestyles and their HIV status, friends and relatives said.

Joseph Shoemake and Robert Walters were killed last Oct. 7, and their bodies left in thick brush outside Laurel. Shoemake was shot under the left eye, Walters in the temple.

In convicting 17-year-old Marvin McClendon, the jury rejected claims he was only trying to ward off their sexual advances.

"There's still a lot of the Old South embedded here, but I felt they (jury) would have an open mind," said Gary Walters, who found out his son had the HIV virus when the judge announced it in the courtroom Feb. 9.

In describing his son, Walters solemnly said "he had the type of personality to just light up the house or wherever he was. He didn't have a mean bone in his body.

"He never so much as got a parking ticket," he said. "He was just at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The Walters family sat through

the entire trial, stress visible on their faces. Cousins of Shoemake also attended, and friends of both quietly celebrated the verdicts in an emotional moment.

McClendon will be in prison until at least 2015.

"It's not enough, but that's as much as we can hope for," said Shoemake's partner, Billy Joe Murry.

Murry said every time someone asks about the victims "it's like cutting yourself over and over and over."

"I'm glad there is still law and order in this world, and when somebody murders two people, they're going to have to pay for it," Laurel Mayor Susan Vincent said. "I worried that these side issues would distract from the fact that two people lost their lives."

Numerous times during the three-day trial, the men's sexual preferences were discussed.

"I've heard snickers in the back of this courtroom as men who proclaimed their homosexuality took the stand," assistant District Attorney Gray Burdick said during closing arguments. "But these men all had jobs and all contributed to this community."

He called the defense "a wholesale exhibition in the exploitation of

the Gay lifestyle.

"Why? It was the defense attempting to reach out and touch your prejudice, your bias," he said.

Brian Levin of the Center for Study of Ethnic and Racial Violence called the verdicts "symbolic."

"It sends a message that in Mississippi stereotypes will not obscure justice being done. Anyway you slice it, this is a case of a brutal double murder," Levin said.

"If this trial had taken place a generation ago, it perhaps would have ended differently," he said.

Walters, 34, in the commercial art business, and Shoemake, 24, a computer programmer, were discreet about their lifestyles, Murry said.

From accounts of both families and friends, they were talented — Walters in art and Shoemake in technology.

"I would almost classify him as a computer genius," Murry said of Shoemake. "He was just a very loving person, very quiet. He kept to himself most of the time."

Defense attorney J. Ronald Parrish called the men "sexual

predators" repeatedly during the trial and said that if McClendon had not shot them, the jury would instead be handling a rape case.

"He may be dirty, but he's good," Murry said of Parrish. "If I ever get in any trouble I hope I have him on my side. He almost got away with getting that guy off. If it wasn't for the closing statements, I think Marvin would have walked."

Burdick, in closing statements, said: "An old law professor once told me: 'If your man is guilty make an issue out of something else.'"

Lawyer For Convicted Teen Plans to Run for DA

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — J. Ronald Parrish, the lawyer representing a teen-ager convicted of killing two Gay men, plans to run against Jones County District Attorney Jeannene Pacific.

Parrish's announcement came less than 24 hours after his client's conviction. Pacific, who prosecuted the case, would not comment.

"I have been planning to seek the office, but delayed my announcement until after the trial," Parrish said.

Parrish had lost to Pacific in 1991 elections.

Marvin McClendon, 17, was convicted in the shooting deaths of Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake.

Pacific said she will run for re-election. Candidates for this year's elections must qualify by the end of the month.




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Panel Declines Kaposi Drug Recommendation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cancer advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration decided Feb. 14 against recommending a drug called Dox-SL for FDA approval to treat AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma.

"The committee was in consensus that the data to date do not demonstrate the product's effectiveness sufficiently to qualify for normal approval at this time," the FDA said.

Dox-SL, designed to linger in the blood stream and to target the cancer site better, had been tested on 77 patients, the advisory committee was told.

"The FDA did a very conservative analysis and could determine that according to data presented, at least six patients experienced some clinical benefit, either reduction in the size of lesions or associated pain," said Arthur Whitmore, a spokesman for the agency.

"But that's only 6 of 77," he said. "They are looking for better results." All the patients involved were in an advanced stage of HIV infection.

The committee, however, recommended that Liposome Technology, Inc., the manufacturer, consider submitting an application for approval of the product under the FDA's accelerated approval mechanism.

Under that procedure, which is restricted to treatment for life-threatening diseases, less information is required for FDA action.

Colorado Family Values: Homosexuality Not Equal to Heterosexuality

By Jennifer Mears
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — A legislative proposal that would add sexual orientation to the list of hate crimes is counter to the belief of a majority of Coloradans, Will Perkins, president of Colorado for Family Values, says.

In a statehouse press conference in which he outlined a recent survey conducted for CFV and discussed goals for the upcoming year, Perkins attacked HB1257, by Rep. Ken Chlouber, R-Leadville.

"HB1257...is alarming to Colorado for Family Values. The spirit of (anti-Gay rights) Amendment 2 still exists with fervor in Coloradans. It is a spirit that does not wish to see homosexuality given legitimacy and affirmation," he said.

All Americans are protected under civil rights laws and so protected class status is not needed, Perkins said. The concept of hate crimes laws in general are faulty because the government should not prosecute people

for their beliefs, he said.

"HB1257 is purely a homosexual advantage bill. The bill is designed to give homosexuality one more brick for building a wall of affirmation," he said.

Perkins said CFV planned no organized lobbying effort against HB1257 except for the statewide education campaign. The campaign, he said, would involve educating Coloradans "as to why homosexuality should not, in any way, be made equal to heterosexuality."

Chlouber said he has gotten calls from people opposing his bill. "They say we already have laws on assault. But this kind of intimidation does go on, and it should be addressed," he said.

Colorado For Family Values spearheaded Amendment 2, passed by voters in 1992, which bans governments from passing laws protecting homosexuals. It has been ruled unconstitutional by state courts and is now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Perkins unveiled a statewide survey showing there is a moral opposition to homosexuality and that "Amendment 2 would pass by a greater margin than it did in 1992."

The survey, conducted by a Virginia polling firm, sampled 600 Coloradans in December and cost around \$20,000. There was a margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 percent.

The poll questioned a high number of Blacks because homosexuals have tried to equate their situation with the plight of Blacks in 1950s and 1960s, Perkins said.

Sixty-three percent of those polled said sexual orientation should not be added to the list of protected classes, Perkins said. He also said that 62 percent of those polled believed homosexuality had a negative impact on society.

About 65 percent of those polled said they would be more likely to support a candidate whose chief priority was to stand up for traditional moral standards.

U.S. Gay Officers Accused Local Straight Cops of Gay Bashing

By Eva Llorens
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The head of a group representing 1,000 Gay New York City police officers accused the local police of harassing them at a popular Gay bar in San Juan.

"We are offended at the Nazi, storm trooper manner in which the Puerto Rican police has treated its own fellow New York officers," said Carroll Hunter, president of the Gay Officers Action League, on Sunday.

League members were in San Juan for their first ever convention, which began Feb. 10. The League is made up of officers from the various police departments operating in New York City, including the city, Transit and Housing departments.

Their arrival unleashed a flurry of remarks rejecting homosexual officers. The Puerto Rican Police Department has rules intended to keep Gays and Lesbians off the force.

Hunter said some 15 local police officers went into Cups, a small Gay and Lesbian bar, and harassed some 125 persons attending a party in their honor.

Cups' owner, Rosalinda Ramos, said the incident happened at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, about 11 hours after she and League members participated in the videotaping of a television news show to discuss the topic of homosexuals in the force.

Other guests in the program included leaders of the two police

unions competing to represent the 15,000 police officers in this U.S. commonwealth.

The police officers went into the bar and demanded to see the liquor license and all permits pertaining to its operations, something that has never happened in the past.

"Over 10 came in carrying automatic weapons while about four others stood outside," Ramos said. "A police car blockaded the street so no one could get out because it is a one-way street."

Ramos told Associated Press in a telephone interview that patrons at the bar stood still because no one wanted to provoke an incident.

Hunter said he believes the "Gay bashing" incident was in retaliation for his group's stance against the local police department's policy of keeping homosexuals off the force.

He said the League has 14 chapters nationwide and intends to open another one in Puerto Rico. The local chapter will start with some 15 members.

"We are offended that Gay police officers in Puerto Rico are treated like second class citizens by their own fellow officers," Hunter told Associated Press.

Police Superintendent Pedro Toledo has said his department has not kicked out an officer because of his or her sexual orientation.

Puerto Rico's current law suspends, demotes or fires police officers who associate "with homosexuals, prostitutes, or persons of ill repute."

Although Toledo has acknowledged that the laws could be outdated, he has sided with colleagues who contend Gays and Lesbians are not cut out for the perils of the police work.

"Our code of conduct is different from those of other professions," Toledo told the *San Juan Star*.

"Civilian employees won't have to pass through the same tests police officers do, because police officers tackle a series of situations civilian employees won't," he said.

Samplings of the Most "Challenged Books"

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — *Daddy's Roommate*, a children's picture book showing a Gay parent family, once again topped the list of books people tried to ban in 1994, the American Library Association said.

It was the second consecutive year the book by Michael Willhoite made it to the top of ALA's "most challenged" list.

Another author generating considerable controversy was Alvin Schwartz, whose three books of ghost stories and folktales earned him the spot as most challenged author, the organization said.

Other titles at the top of the list reflect a concern with Gay materials, witchcraft, the occult and sex.

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman, a picture book

about Lesbian parents, and *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Schwartz tied for second.

The ALA received reports of 760 challenges to books in schools, school libraries and public libraries last year. The majority involved school library materials, the group said.

Other titles on the list include *Forever* by Judy Blume; *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Schwartz; *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson; *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier; *The New Joy of Gay Sex* by Charles Silverstein; *Scary Stories III* by Schwartz; *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain; *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger; and *Running Loose* by Chris Crutcher.

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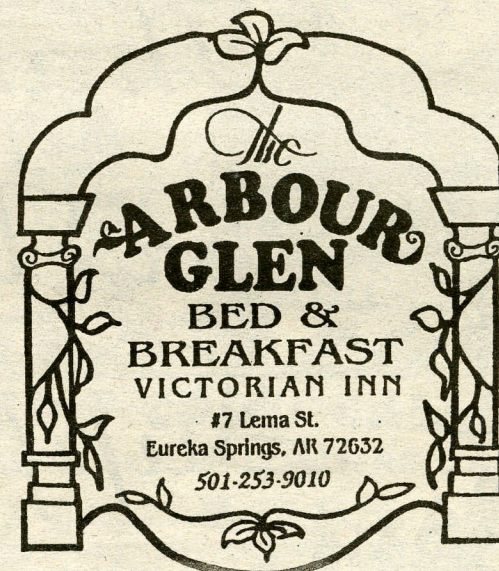
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Homosexuals Argue for Discrimination Ban

By Bob Anez
Associated Press Writer

HELENA (AP) — Ben Erickson said he used to pray every night, asking God to change him. But he remains a homosexual.

The 19-year-old freshman at Montana State University pleaded with legislators Feb. 10 to give him the same protection from discrimination afforded other people because of who they are.

"My sexual orientation was not a choice, nor is it for any other Gay person," Erickson told the House Judiciary Committee. "Anyone who would choose to be hated and ostracized and declared sinners by our society would have to be a very stupid person. And I'm not a stupid person."

He was one of several Gays and Lesbians urging passage of House Bill 388, which would prohibit discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation.

A similar proposal was killed in the 1993 Legislature and many of the same arguments were heard again this time.

Those objecting to the measure said the state should not protect the

civil rights of people whose unique characteristic is that they break the law. Homosexual sex is illegal as deviant sexual conduct.

Laurie Koutnik of the Christian Coalition maintained homosexuality is a matter of choice and people should not be protected from discrimination because of their "unacceptable behavior" that violates the Judeo-Christian ethic.

Arlette Randash of Helena, representing Eagle Forum, said homosexuals are not discriminated against in housing and employment so the bill is not needed.

"This bill provides no more protection to homosexuals than they currently enjoy," she said. "It would only serve to legitimize homosexual behavior."

Randash warned that forbidding discrimination of homosexuals will lead to hiring quotas and force organizations like the Boy Scouts to hire Gays and Lesbians.

She also claimed HB388 is part of a broader homosexual agenda to eventually legalize same-sex marriages, allow adoption by homosexual couples, repeal sodomy laws and promote the teaching of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle

in schools.

Rep. Bob Ream, D-Missoula, said critics of his bill were responding out of fear.

"It simply astounds me that some of my fellow Montanans are in such fear of somebody different than they, that they develop such deep-rooted hatred for other fellow Montanans," he said.

Ream said his bill does not endorse homosexuality, but only forbids discrimination against people because they love someone of the same sex. The measure provides no special rights to homosexuals that other people do not enjoy, he added.

Christine Kaufmann of the Montana Human Rights Network said Gay men and Lesbians do have an agenda — they want to be treated fairly under the law.

Suzanne Grubaugh of Missoula said she and her partner Carol Narrance have the same needs as heterosexuals and only the expression of those needs is different.

"I am not urging that every person attempt a homosexual lifestyle, only that we all allow ourselves to experience without fear and hatred and anger and blindness, the differentness of each human being," she said.

Erickson said he, too, is asking for no special privileges.

"By birth, I already have received my share of special treatment," he said. "I ask only for justice. Anything less would be giving the less-informed members of our society a license to hate and that's not fair."

Gilmore Endorses Bork Brief on Colorado Case

RICHMOND (AP) — Attorney General James S. Gilmore III has joined two other state attorney generals in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a Colorado referendum that would block legislation favoring homosexuals.

The 1992 referendum attempted to amend the Colorado Constitution so that the state and its localities could not pass laws allowing homosexuals "to have or claim any minority status quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination."

Six individuals, three cities and the Boulder School Board challenged the constitutionality of the referendum in the Colorado Supreme Court. The state court ruled that the referendum was unconstitutional because it interfered with the right of homosexuals "to participate effectively in the political process."

The amendment "alters the political process so that a targeted class is prohibited from obtaining legislative, executive and judicial protection or redress from discrimination absent the consent of a majority of the electorate through the adoption of a constitutional amendment," the Colorado court said.

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gilmore and his counterparts in Alabama and Idaho filed a friend-of-the-court brief written by Robert

H. Bork in support of Romer and the validity of the referendum.

Bork is a conservative former member of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals whom President Reagan nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court in 1987. The Senate rejected the nomination.

In his brief, Bork said, "The Colorado Supreme Court has misinterpreted several of this court's equal protection decisions to create an unprecedented and revolutionary fundamental right of any and every independently identifiable interest group to have its regulatory agenda insulated against the countervailing interests of others."

Gilmore spokesman Mark A. Miner said Gilmore endorsed the brief because "this case is about the freedom of the citizens of the various states to limit the size and powers of government. Invoking the federal Constitution, the Supreme Court of Colorado struck down voter-approved amendments to the state's constitution limiting the law-making power of state and local government."

"Because the law of this case could have repercussions for Virginia and potentially be used to strike down current or future limits on Virginia state government, this office responded to the request of the Colorado attorney general to join an amicus brief seeking review by the U.S. Supreme Court," Miner said.



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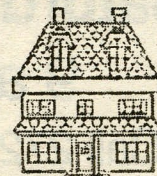
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Colorado Coach Accused of Harrassing Gym Teachers Over Homosexuality

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — Longmont school officials have hired outside fact-finders to investigate Longmont High School's wrestling coach, accused of harassing female gym teachers over sexual orientation.

About 200 students and parents attended a Longmont school board meeting Feb. 8 to express their support for coach Dave VanderMolen. At the same time, most of Longmont High School's teachers stood in silence as a statement was read supporting the school's female coaching staff.

VanderMolen, who reportedly has been sympathetic with female students who complained that female gym teachers watch them dress, was placed on administrative leave without pay.

School Board President Michael Shaw said VanderMolen has been named in harassment complaints accusing him of creating a "hostile working environment" for his colleagues.

Besides investigating the complaint against VanderMolen, the outside fact-finders will look at the female students' complaints about being watched in the locker room.

"We are not sure what is fact and what is rumor," said Shaw. "We have heard quite a bit of both."

At the school board meeting, English teacher Rhonda Hovandick read a statement supporting the female coaching staff as 72 teachers stood in silence. The school principal said the teachers represented 95 percent of the faculty.

"The undersigned wish to adamantly state that we believe the women members of our physical education department to be consummate professionals," according to the statement read by Hovandick.

The statement said teaching is "a sacred

position of trust" that VanderMolen has misused. VanderMolen was not at the meeting and has stopped expressing his views about the controversy.

No further action in the matter is expected for at least a month.

Gay Man Sues Over Becoming Foster Parent

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A Grants Pass man wants the state Children's Services Division to give him a chance to be a foster parent regardless of his sexual orientation.

Despite assurances from the state agency that they would work with him, retired businessman Brian Copey has filed a lawsuit in federal court charging he was the victim of discrimination because he is homosexual.

The lawsuit hinges on a letter Copey received last August from Dean Nunnemaker, a foster home certifier with CSD, saying that in light of "community standards," the agency couldn't support his application.

"I read it, then I reread it and thought, 'This can't be true.' I mean, this is the '90s," said Copey, 52, who raised his own son and his sister's five children.

"It's somewhat rare that you have a smoking gun," said Copey's lawyer, Robert Ackerman of Salem.

They filed a lawsuit Feb. 7 in U.S. District Court in Eugene, charging that Copey's civil rights were violated.

The lawsuit seeks no monetary damages, just a court order that CSD reconsider Copey's application.

John Vaagen, CSD branch manager in Grants Pass, said there are no community standards used to review foster parent applications.

"I think perhaps what Dean was referring to (in the letter) was community reaction, rather than community standards," he said. "However, whether a person is Gay or not is not part of our denial process."

"When I found out about the letter, I said we need to get back on track with this and have Mr. Copey treated like anyone else."

CSD spokeswoman Karen Lee said homosexuals elsewhere in Oregon have been foster parents.

"I've never heard of this happening," she said. "It's never been a big issue because of the federal laws."

AIDS Activists Plan Court Battle to Keep Anonymous Testing

DURHAM (AP) — AIDS activists plan to ask the courts to decide which AIDS testing system will best serve the public's health after a state panel's decision to end anonymous HIV testing.

The same policy-making state panel had voted in November to continue offering anonymous testing across North Carolina for two more years. The decision Feb. 9 by the state Commission for Health Services left local activists bitter.

"We're livid about this," said Steven Harris, a leader of ACT UP Triangle, the local chapter of the national AIDS activist group. "I thought we had reached a gentlemen's agreement that we would work together."

The vote upset some members of the commission, which voted 6-5 against the compromise that gave anonymous testing a two-year extension.

"I was so surprised when the vote was taken," said commission member Barbara Huberman of Charlotte.

"I'm concerned that those who feel very strongly about keeping anonymous testing left the meeting in November thinking: 'This is no longer an issue; it will be extended.'"

On Feb. 9, the two-year extension was canceled when one commissioner changed his vote from the November meeting and another commissioner who was absent in November voted against the extension.

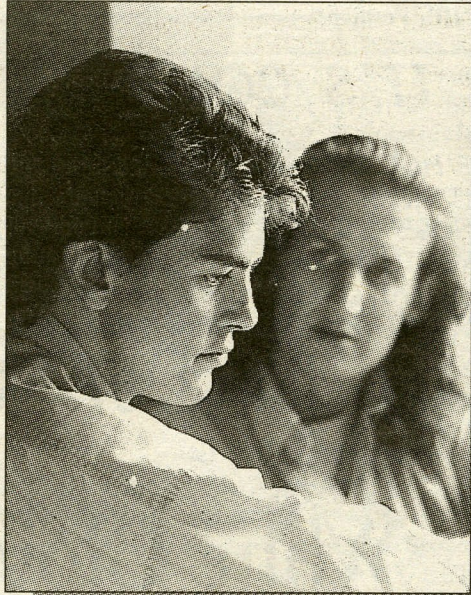
The commissioner who changed his vote was William Rippey, a retired Elon College family physician.

"I looked at the figures that the disease is now the number-one reason for death among young men and decided it was time to try something else to see if we can't get it under control," Rippey said.

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Benetton to Appeal Fine Imposed for AIDS Advertisement

PARIS (AP) — The Benetton clothing chain plans to appeal a Paris court's order to compensate three people carrying the AIDS virus who claimed they were offended by an ad campaign showing bodies tattooed with "HIV Positive."

The court Feb. 1 ordered the Italian-based company to pay 50,000 francs (\$9,470) to each of the three plaintiffs who protested the advertisements that were widely displayed across France in 1993.

The court rejected Benetton's

contention that the ads were empathic toward AIDS sufferers and said the campaign instead was a "provocation" that risked causing hostility and exclusion.

Benetton, announcing its plans to appeal, said it was "astonished that the court gave no consideration to the many messages of support and even enthusiasm coming from AIDS associations."

"Haven't the judges limited the freedom of expression of a company that has been engaged for a long time in the fight against AIDS?" Benetton added.

The "HIV Positive" campaign had been preceded by a long series of provocative, controversial

Benetton posters — an AIDS sufferer dying amidst his family, a kiss between a man and woman

dressed as a priest and nun, an array of close-up photos of male and female genitals.

Bishop Addresses Homosexuality in Valentine's Church

TERNI, Italy (AP) — Speaking in the church that contains the remains of St. Valentine, the bishop of Terni said during a Mass in the saint's honor Tuesday that homosexual unions were outside God's will.

"It is the union of man and woman, with procreation and the upbringing of children that it brings, which is written in nature and God's plan," said Monsignor Franco Gualdrini.

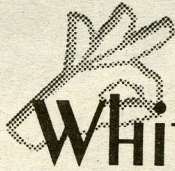
Gualdrini added that homosexuals should be treated with dignity, respect and equality, the ANSA news agency reported.

His comments reflected Church teaching on homosexuality. Valentine was martyred in this Umbrian town in 273 A.D.

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AIDS Protestors Spatter French Premier's Office

PARIS (AP) — French AIDS activists splattered red paint on the entrance of Premier Edouard Balladur's office Feb. 9, demanding more action to stop the spread of the HIV virus among drug addicts.

About 20 demonstrators of the group ACT UP gathered outside Hotel Matignon, splashed the paint on the doors and walls of the building and shouted, "Fight AIDS, not

addicts."

Police removed the demonstrators and no arrests or injuries were reported. A work crew was busy removing the paint with a high-pressure spray.

Activists said they were protesting the prime minister's refusal to decriminalize drugs, despite a commission's recent recommendation to legalize marijuana and

hashish but keep harder drugs illegal.

According to one member, efforts by health officials to control the disease in Liverpool, England, brought down the rate of HIV infection to 1 percent among the city's addicts.

In France, ACT UP said, the percentage of HIV-infected drug addicts is 30 to 40 percent.

U.S. AIDS Activist Dies in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Lawrence Berner, an American with AIDS who went public with his condition to try to promote AIDS awareness in Japan, died Jan. 25 at a Tokyo hospital from complications from the disease. He was 54.

Last year, Berner became one of few with the AIDS virus in Japan to publicly announce his condition. Discrimination against people with HIV remains com-

mon in Japan, and most people with the virus hide their condition.

But Berner, an English teacher who also offered counseling to people with AIDS, said he wanted to change that.

Berner told an interviewer with the *Asahi Evening News* last year that his boss at an unidentified international organization tried to fire him after he announced he had AIDS.

"Most Japanese don't know

anybody with AIDS, so they see us as being like monsters," he said in the interview.

A native of Arkansas, Berner came to Japan in 1984 after working as a volunteer AIDS counselor in San Francisco at the Lesbian and Gay Counseling Agency.

He died at Tokyo University's Institute of Medical Science. He was diagnosed as HIV-positive in 1988.

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This year's events will include many activities such as concessions, floats for the parade, information and

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If you would like to take part in any of these events or participate in committees, we can use your help.

Our next meeting will be March 4 at 10 a.m. at the MGLCC. See the *Triangle Journal News* for updates and further information or contact: Dennis Kijowski, 726-5263, 726-4867 or Tommy Simmons, 725-9179. Take part, be proud.

Women's Action Coalition Organized at U of M

A new women's action group has been formed at the University of Memphis. Women's Action Coalition (WAC) is an open alliance committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women.

According to its mission statement, members of WAC "are witnesses to the current economic, cultural and political pressures that limit women's civil and human rights and to the horrifying effects of these limitations."

"We support the immediate enactment of current legislation to re-

flect the experience of women and achieve a more egalitarian society."

"WAC insists on economic parity and representation of every woman's right to quality health care and reproductive freedom. We will exercise our full creative power to launch a visible and remarkable resistance. WAC is watching. We will take action."

Meetings are held every Sunday at the Coffee Cellar, 3573 Southern, at 2 p.m. or WAC can be reached at P.O. Box 1203, 3566 Walker, (901) 678-3339.

Switchboard Training Set

A training session for potential volunteers for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard is scheduled for Wed., Mar. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Volunteers should be comfortable with being Gay or Lesbian, knowledgeable of the community and be available at least one evening a week.

Name That Bar — for \$100

Tommy Stewart has a problem. He has a bar with no name — and can't seem to come up with one he likes.

Stewart has purchased the old Oops space at 1349 Autumn and plans to renovate and open a new bar there soon.

That being the case, Stewart is offering \$100 to the person who comes up with a bar name he likes. His decision, of course, will be final. In the case of duplicate submissions, the earliest submission will win.

Entries can be dropped off or mailed to J-Wag's, 1268 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Entries must include the name, address and zip code of the person submitting the name. Deadline is March 15.

Women: Celebrating Our Selves Set March Events

Women: Celebrating Our Selves will present two events during March commemorating Women's History Month.

"Women: Speaking through Images," WCOS's third annual invitational art exhibition will open Sat., Mar. 4, at the Memphis College of Art. An artist reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; closed Sat., Mar. 11. The exhibit runs through Mar. 16.

The free exhibit will showcase the creative talents of established and emerging local artists of diverse cultural backgrounds and professional art experience. Working in a variety of media, the artists share their unique vision and experience as women.

The exhibit will also include selected pieces by student artists aged 8-14 who participated in "Girls:

Speaking Through Images," an after school arts program sponsored in part by the Memphis Arts Council/Target Innervations.

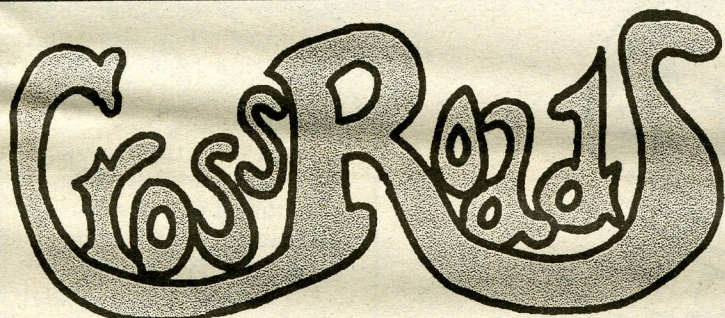
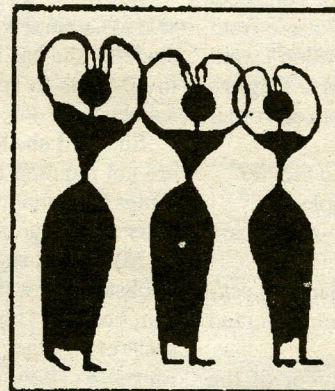
In addition to the exhibition, WOCS will stage its third annual Women's Spirituality Festival Mar. 11 at Memphis Botanic Gardens.

The day-long event is a creative participatory experience which will include group ritual, storytelling by Delta Rising, and a variety of workshops.

Workshop topics include: Native American Spirituality, Women in Christianity, Journaling, Speaking Through Images, Creating Ritual Space, Dance, Chanting, Herbal Garlands and Drumming. Workshop registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Admission is \$12 which includes lunch from the Coffee Cellar.

For more information on either event, call Women: Celebrating Our Selves, c/o Meristem Books, 276-0282.



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X-Rated Movies, Visit to Adult Book Store OK for College Course

VIRGINIA BEACH (AP) — Students in a human sexuality class at Tidewater Community College can fulfill the course requirements by watching an X-rated film or visiting an adult bookstore or Gay bar.

Instructor Suzette Hughes Caton handed out a syllabus Jan. 27 telling students that they must complete "five outside readings," aside from the textbook. But if they don't want to do the readings, Ms. Hughes wrote, they can substitute one or all of the following:

—"Watch an X-rated movie."

—"Visit an adult bookstore."

—"Go to a Gay bar — compare to a 'straight' bar."

—"Visit a family-planning center or an STD (sexually transmitted disease) clinic."

—"Speak to a member of the clergy concerning the church's philosophy regarding sexuality issues."

Kristine Cabral, a 24-year-old student from Virginia Beach, dropped the class in disgust. "I feel there's a very unbalanced approach to sexual issues — many of the issues are being discussed in a biased fashion," she said. "I really feel there's an agenda, and it's inappropriate."

"What is going to an adult store going to do to increase my sexual responsibility?" she said. "And especially because she claims to be an advocate for women's issues, how can she in good conscience suggest that we watch pornography when it's been known to exploit women?"

Ms. Caton, a part-time instructor, said Ms. Cabral was the first of 1,500 students she has had in sex classes in 10 years to complain about the syllabus.

She said she stresses that "they are not required to do any of these things" and that they must be 18 to enter a Gay bar or adult bookstore.

Ms. Caton suggests visiting the bookstore or watching an X-rated film because "I want them to get a sense of how they feel about pornography — should it be available, where do we need to draw the line? That's one of the purposes of the whole course — to expand their knowledge of human sexuality."

"We are an educational institution, and my philosophy is to provide information to students, and not to impose a particular value system on anyone."

Margaret A. Miller, who oversees academics in Virginia colleges as

associate director of the State Council of Higher Education, said the syllabus "sounds perfectly legitimate," especially since students are not required to watch the movie or go to the bookstore or Gay bar.

"Certainly, the kinds of phenomena she is asking students to study are within the purview of the course," Ms. Miller said. "I can't imagine any student has the right to complain."

Ms. Cabral is a liberal studies student who had intended to take the course to fulfill her graduation requirement in the health area. In addition to the syllabus, she objected to the textbook, *Becoming a Sexual*

Person, which she bought before deciding to drop the class.

The book includes sketches of couples in sexual positions and of individuals masturbating, as well as a list of activities preferred by members of sadomasochistic clubs. But Ms. Cabral said it gives short shrift to the notion of "abstinence," which is not listed in the glossary.

"It conflicts with Judeo-Christian values," she said. "I don't feel any parent could look at this textbook and feel it's appropriate for any age — kindergarten through graduate school."

Ms. Caton said that was the first complaint she'd heard about the

text. "By discussing certain issues, it allows them to hear other viewpoints. It certainly isn't to change anyone's values. That isn't my purpose at all."

Maxine Singleton, division chairwoman for social sciences at the Virginia Beach campus, said she would not ask Ms. Caton to change the course.

"I think Mrs. Caton presents the material as an education tool, and she does it well," Ms. Singleton said. "Our objective is to get material to students as objectively as possible and not to cover any particular side of an issue."

UCONN Committee Declares War on ROTC

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — A special panel at the University of Connecticut wants to give the Reserve Officer Training Corps its marching orders — right off campus.

The panel, created last spring by President Harry J. Hartley, is recommending the ROTC be banned from campus because of the military's policies regarding homosexuality. The panel was

formed in part to fight discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Pentagon's current policy says homosexuals may serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation a secret.

But Frank St. Martin, an assistant professor of military science, said that without the ROTC, UConn could lose more than \$600,000 in scholarship money and \$50 million in grants from the

Department of Defense.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that the military's 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy is constitutional," St. Martin said. "Making cadets pay for what their leaders have or haven't done is wrong."

The Army ROTC and the Air Force ROTC share a center on the Storrs campus, which is the only one of its kind in the state. UConn's ROTC also serves students from Rhode Island.

About 200 UConn students currently serve in the ROTC.

Professor Brenda Shaw, a member of the panel, said there was no agonizing over the recommendation because the panel merely followed resolutions created five years ago.

In 1990, trustees and the UConn Senate set deadlines for the Department of Defense to change its practice of excluding homosexuals from the military.

"You have to start small. If all schools start doing this, it's going to say something," said Leigh Kempinski of UConn's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association.

But ROTC officials said a ban would hurt students.

"I think the unfortunate thing is that, while the University Senate is trying to send a message to the government about the law, the message it sends to the university student is, 'We don't care about you,'" said Col. Laddie Sacharko of the Army ROTC.

Connecticut Superior Court Judge Frances Allen issued a permanent injunction against military recruiters on the UConn Law School Campus last year.

A student welfare committee, which made the recommendation five years ago, is pressing for setting a deadline of June 2000 for ousting the ROTC so students in the program can graduate, said Thomas Jacoby, chairman of the welfare committee.

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Gay Resorts Race to Bebuild After Flood in Time for "The Season"

By Elizabeth Weise
Associated Press Writer

GUERNEVILLE, Calif. (AP)—The flood waters are gone and the rumbling yellow backhoes have cleared away the piles of sodden plasterboard and ruined appliances that filled the streets.

Now comes the race to repair, repaint and rebuild in time for "the season" in what is sometimes known as Fire Island West.

Guerneville, a quaint town on the Russian River two hours north of San Francisco, has become the summer watering place for Gays from the San Francisco Bay area and around the world — and it's a mess.

Sonoma County officials think the January flood was their most expensive disaster. The cost to public and private property as of Thursday was \$56.7 million, a figure that does not include still untallied damage to businesses, county auditor Rod Dole said.

It all started some 30 years ago, when Peter Pender bought a restaurant, and later a resort called Fife's, and invited San Francisco's Gay community to visit.

"There was a little bit of a stir. This was in the '60s, after all," said Rich Wilson, owner of the Russian River Resort — the Triple R — just

down the street from what's left of Fife's.

Come summer, this town of 7,500 can swell with as many as 25,000 visitors. And on weekends when Gay-oriented events are scheduled, it's as if Castro Street in San Francisco had been transplanted 65 miles north.

With close to 25 percent of the local businesses Gay friendly if not Gay owned, Guerneville has come to terms with its mixed population.

"One thing about the community that we are most proud of is that those distinctions are less and less important," said Judy Boyce, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce and one of many straight members of the Gay and Lesbian Business Association.

Wilson had only owned the Triple R for two seasons when the river started to rise in January.

"We'd just redone the restaurant," he says, tromping through the slowly drying buildings in rubber boots and a jacket in the rainbow colors symbolizing Gay freedom and pride.

"I guess this is our chance to make it all wheelchair accessible," he said as another load of trash headed for the pile outside.

"Right after the flood, we came in with 15 people. You have to start

hosing everything off, you can't let it dry out. The mud sinks into the carpet and turns it into adobe. Once it dries it's impossible to get it off."

Next, the crews tore out ruined sheetrock so the walls could dry. All over town, a thin white layer of dissolved plasterboard looks like the dirty remains of a freak snow storm.

"I wanted flexibility — now I've got a lot of flexibility," Wilson says, contemplating rebuilding from the shell out. "The biggest priority is the bar. The locals want to come back. Then the restaurant, then rooms..."

He hopes to have the bar ready in three weeks, the restaurant in 45 days or so and at least a few rooms by late April.

Down the road at Lalita's Cantina, rain pelted the tavern two weeks after the river had dropped to normal. Patricia Sargent's makeshift desk beside the bar looked like an extension of a Federal Emergency Management Agency office — plus cigarettes, a piano-playing waiter and a bassist tuning up in the front window.

Sargent manages the restaurant for owner Lalita Patron. She's awash in FEMA applications, Small Business Administration short-term loan paperwork and the day-to-day labor of running a business whose clientele has been turned down by

the floods.

Government workers order from a new breakfast menu in the morning while flooded-out locals, straight and Gay, come for a drink or something off the new menu at night. Lalita's has the only functioning pool table in town these days, and Lalita herself has her hands full keeping her regulars and the displaced from other bars polite and neighborly.

Right now the weekly take is down 20 to 30 percent, but winter isn't the

season everyone's worried about. Sargent figures come summer they'll be doing a land office business.

"I've talked to some locals. The summer of '86, after the last flood, was fabulous. It was a boom time, people came for curiosity's sake."

She takes another drag off her cigarette and stares at the rain still falling outside the bar.

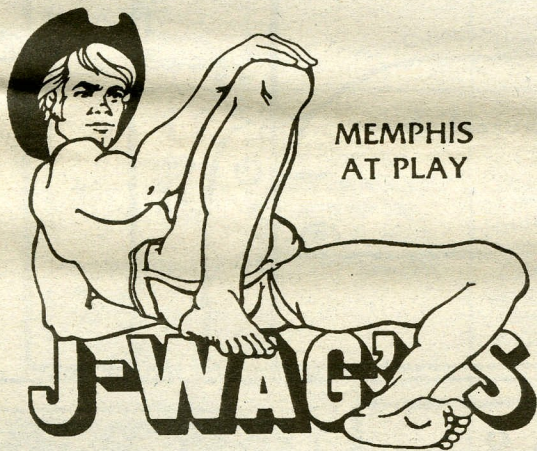
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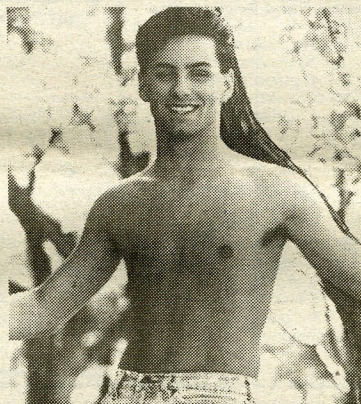


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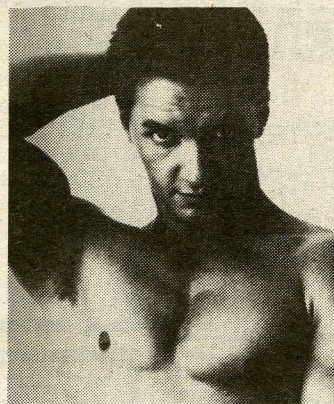
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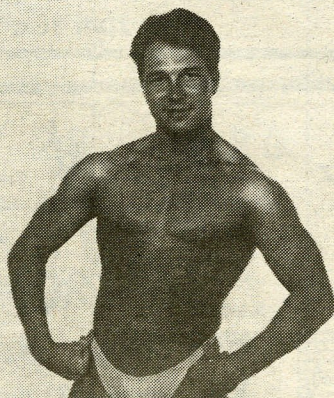
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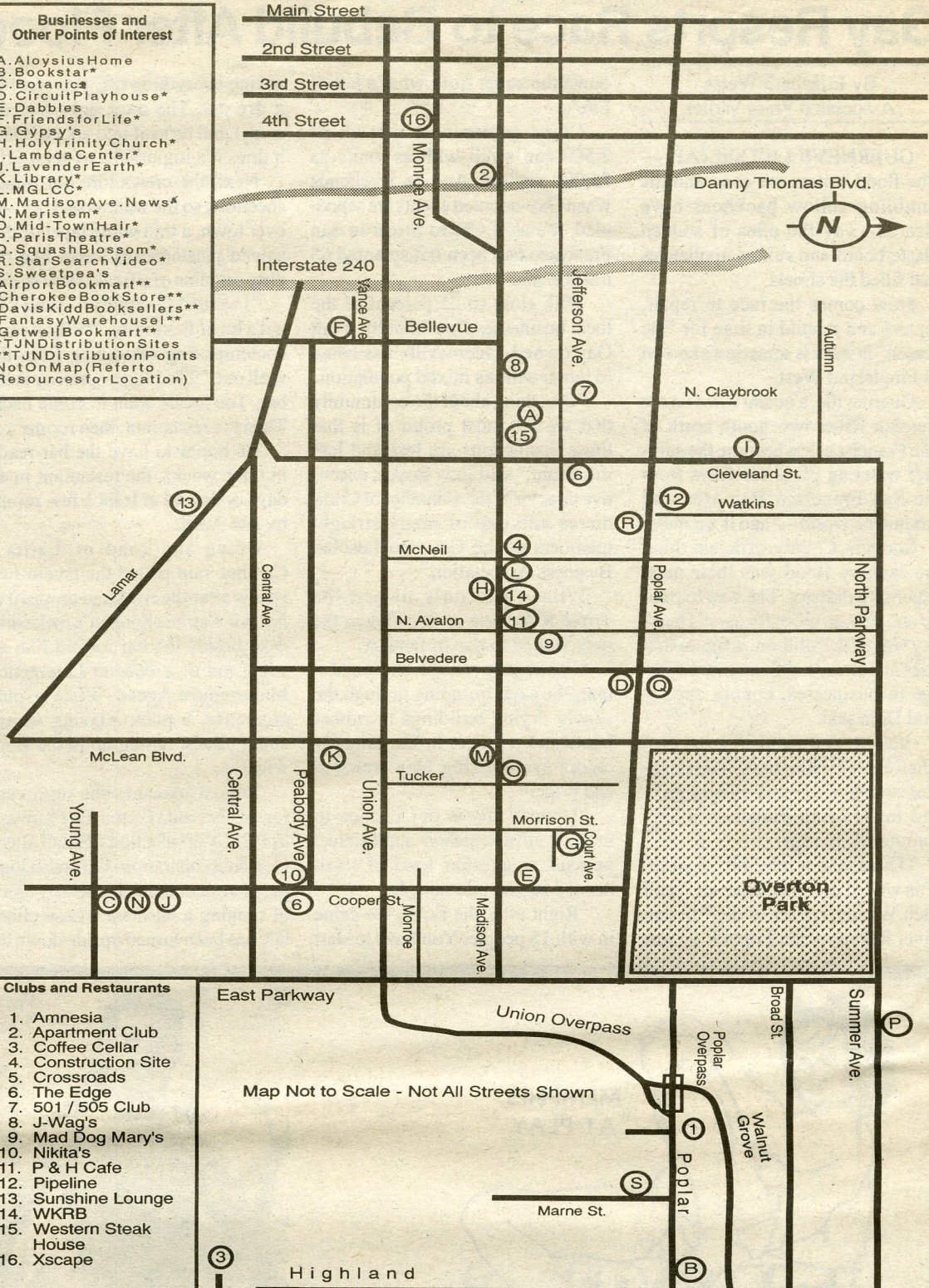
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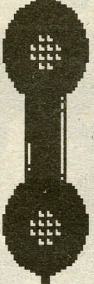
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Out to Eat With Mule

There seems to be a new breed of bar owner and bar employee out there these days, as well as some old-timers who've done it all along, who simply refuse to play "bar wars." Rather than dragging our community through endless scenes of police raids, ID checks, fire marshals... you name it... some of these folks seem to exist to benefit us all, not just themselves and their selfish interests. This is a very positive and long overdue remedy for a lot of the problems that have plagued Gay Memphis for too, too many years. These folks had rather cook for you than have you harassed for going to an establishment other than the one they own. We praise them for their community involvement and for attempting to reinstate Memphis as a Gay tourist destination once again.

Our name, Mule, was given to us not only because of our God-given anatomy, but our tremendous appetite as well! We took full advantage of it this month! We were invited to the G.O.C.S. breakfast one Sunday morning at the Sunshine Lounge and were astounded by the place! They had a full house (yes... at nine in the morning!). There were strategically placed pitchers of Bloody Marys and screwdrivers all over the room, and enough food to rival Shoney's breakfast buffet... except this was all

homemade! We sat next to the community coffee pot and enjoyed some of the finest slab bacon we have ever tasted. Scrambled eggs, French toast, home fried 'taters, biscuits, and real sawmill gravy were all delicious. We sat next to Bonnie, manager at Crossroads, who really is a grandmother from Arkansas, and whose conversation and delightful country manners made the morning repast one we shall cherish in our memories for a long time

Speaking of Crossroads—you know, the remodeled Hut at Cleveland and Jefferson—we popped in there at Charlie's invitation for Super Bowl Sunday. Our idea of football joy has more to do with a particular locker room we visited while posing as a reporter for *S.I.* than screaming at a television for a bunch of millionaires to knock each other down on plastic grass, but we went anyway.

These guys and gals really threw down! All the traditional favorites were served in abundance: pizza of every imaginable variety, deviled eggs, chili, hot dogs, chips, those cute little smoked sausages, Chex Mix, beer and more beer! Some little round things in bowls on the bar were quite yummy and prepared by some troll in a cowboy hat named "Greenswine" or something. We

enjoyed the service, and are overjoyed to learn that Big Mary is once again behind that bar. We are sorry, but we got drunk as hell and missed everything else that day.

On yet another Sunday afternoon, we wandered into the Pipeline, which has had a Sunday buffet for its patrons for years, and discovered some very forkworthy spaghetti prepared by Sylvia Dollar herself (more cushion to the pushin') who is obviously no stranger to the kitchen... easier to get to the butter-flavored Crisco I guess, huh Sylvia? Some chimichangas served there on a different Sunday cooked by Randy were flawless as well. We missed the sour cream though. That fresh salad was perfect with that mild salsa dressing and the beans quite unusual. Dennis' recipe, right? I think I tasted chicken somewhere. Widow McCain really put out a spread for a pool tournament there one Monday night, too. Stuffed shrimp, seafood salad and some beautiful egg rolls were piled tastefully on that little island near the dance floor.

501 Club showed its culinary prowess with some tremendous BBQ at one of its Sunday buffets. Exquisitely tender, well-cooked ever so slowly, this stuff melted in our mouths. Poof, the reigning "Ms. You Ain't Right," was the chef and gets four stars for this one. (He does a mean carrot salad, too.) The ham,

baked beans... all the works... the week before... were also noteworthy. Lorretta always has dessert and will hold you down and make you eat whether you are hungry or not. Must be all those years living 73.2 yards from two major truck stops in West Memphis... so many years. Mike's mom was a waitress and we all know how skill rubs off. Tater tot of death Big-Daddy!

Feast for Friends happens every other Monday (see calendar) and we intend to be there for this one. The food is great, the cause intensely worthy, and the entertainment... well... brave. It is a tough audience.

Holy Trinity Community Church has a potluck after services on Sunday, I am told. The lunch is such a joy-filled and variety-packed affair that we are tempted to go see what they are all about, just to sample the food. (We've had leftovers from there, of course.)

If anybody out there is doing food that we don't know about, then advertise it so that we will. The munchies are getting better and better out there, and we have a reputation to maintain.

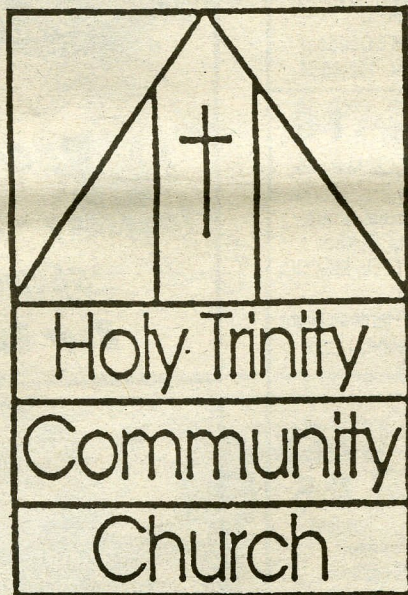
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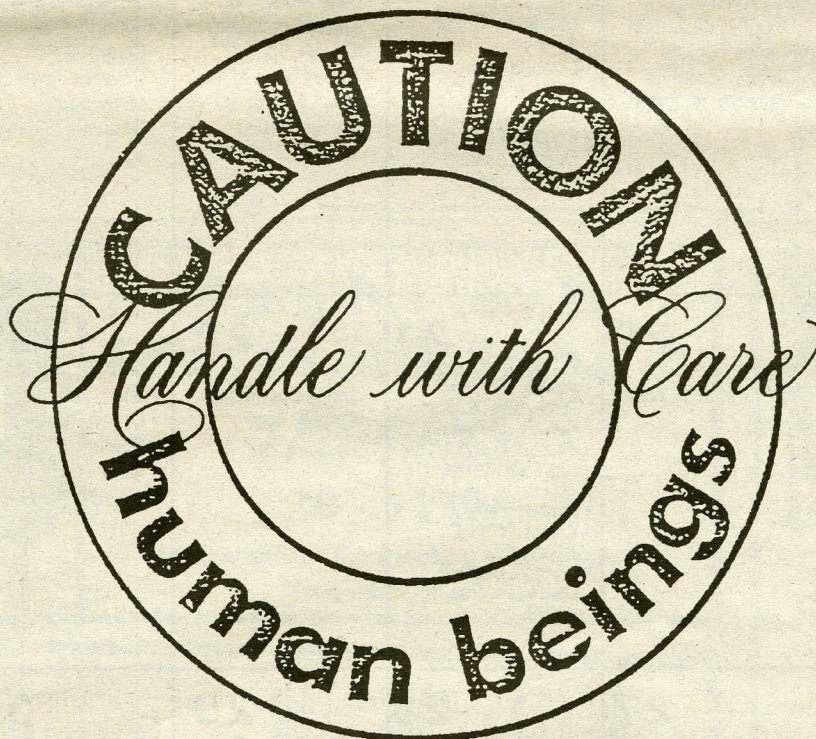


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Part Eleven

Frankie and Johnnie

The telephone rang. Helen Sherman reached out from the covers, picked up the receiver, and snarled, "I don't know who in the hell you are, calling this early in the morning, but unless my bar's on fire, I'm not talking!"

She slammed it down then and nestled deeper in her bed. Her elaborate hairdo was wrapped in several layers of toilet paper to preserve it from disarray; to further protect it, she didn't lie flat in bed, but slept in a half-reclining, half-sitting position, propped up by several satin pillows stuffed behind her.

The telephone rang again. Helen cursed, but finally picked up the receiver. "Who the hell is this?"

"Helen, it's Frank."

"Leave it to a drag queen to call at this ungodly hour. I don't get home until 4:00 a.m., and I need my rest. What do you want?"

"Helen, this is important. I need to talk. I met the most wonderful man yesterday. I'm in love."

"You met him yesterday, and you're in love? Girl, let me tell you, you're just in heat," said Helen, yawning.

"His name is Johnny, and he's a policeman."

"So? I've known a lot of queer cops in my time."

"Well, this one is... is different," Frank stammered. "He's straight, and doesn't even suspect that I'm not real."

"OH, MY!" said Helen. Her eyes, devoid at the moment of the green mascara she always wore, snapped completely open. She pondered for a moment. "In that case, maybe you'd better come over. You know where I live, don't you? The Alps Apartments on 33rd, number 201."

"I'm on the way."

Helen got out of bed and turned on the radio. She pulled on a leopard kimono, pushed her feet into heeled slippers with marabou trim, and started unwinding the toilet paper from around her mercurochrome-colored hair. A little later in the kitchen, she put two cups of water in the microwave to make instant coffee.

Frank was there momentarily. "I want you to know, you're the only person I've ever let come here," said Helen. "I don't mix my home life with bar life."

Frank, dressed in a Donna Karan pants suit with pink silk blouse and carrying a small lizard-skin bag, was bubbling with excitement. After entering the room, he grew silent, however, overwhelmed by the many arts and crafts projects scattered about the room.

On the tables and on the floor was a veritable menagerie of ceramic animals — dogs, cats, monkeys, bunnies — even a large lavender hippo with rolling eyes. There were crocheted doilies on the chairs and large macrame plant hangings in

every corner of the room. Cross-stitched pillows depicting portraits of the entire Flintstone family were strewn about, and hand-painted ashtrays encrusted with shells sat on the tables by lava lamps. He noted a chorus line of teddy bears bedecked in lace dresses of various colors, all wearing a hat to match. A hand-hooked rug hanging on one wall showed several dogs involved in a hot game of poker. Floral arrangements were everywhere and of all kinds, made from various recycled materials like Pepsi bottle caps, old egg cartons, pipe cleaners, and shredded plastic soap containers. At the end of the hallway leading to the bathroom was a ponderous swaying curtain made of beads and driftwood, done in neon colors.

However, the large publicity-type picture of Helen that hung over the sofa was what held Frank's attention. In the photograph, Helen, wearing only high heels, pasties and a G-string, plus a string of pearls around her waist, was smiling seductively into the camera. Under the picture was the caption: HELLEN BEDD, STRIPPER EXTRAORDINAIRE.

Helen saw him staring. "Do you like the name? Thought of it myself. I did mention that I used to shake the beads, didn't I? You know, travel the strip circuit... Made good money, but had to give it up when my tits dropped to my belly-button. When I started tripping over 'em on stage, I knew it was time to get out of the business. So, I bought the bar."

"And you've never told anybody that story," said Frank, noticing another picture, a smaller framed photo on an end table beside a lamp made from an old Jim Beam bottle. This was of a still younger Helen, wearing a white dress and veil. Standing beside her, one arm around her waist, was a skinny, diffident looking young man with a cowlick. He was wearing an ill-fitting dark suit and a gaudy necktie; his coat sleeves were obviously too short. Helen, following Frank's gaze, reached over and turned the picture face-down on the table.

"Some things I never talk about," she said. "Now, sit down and tell me about this wonderful straight policeman who doesn't know about you. Is he blind?"

"No," said Frank, indignant. "You know I can pass for real. Anyhow, yesterday, while I was at my office doing paperwork on the sperm donor case for Paul and Claudia..."

"Is he going to donate or not?" Helen asked.

"Who knows," said Frank, exasperated by the change in subject matter. He sat down at the table. "You know how old-fashioned Paul is. He keeps having these morality attacks, and can't make up his mind. He came out to his father last week,

Fiction by Jim Norcross

and there was a terrible scene. They wound up having a big fight. Bobby is excited about the baby, though. Says he hopes it's a boy so he and Mike can play football with him... But I want to talk about Johnny." Frank accepted the cup of instant coffee Helen handed him, took a sip and made a face.

"Helen, this stuff is terrible!"

"Hell, I never claimed to be a cook. That's why God made restaurants — for me to eat in. Get on with your story."

"It's all too wonderful. It's a sign — our names, that is. You know, like the song 'Frankie and Johnny.'"

"You've never been called Frankie, and you've always been adamant that you'd never use a feminine name," said Helen, sitting down across from him. She pushed aside her latest creative project which was spread out over one end of the table, a large black velvet paint-by-number picture of Elvis, which she was embellishing with bright colored stones.

"My grandmother calls me Frankie," Frank said, trying a second sip of the coffee. He made another face and pushed the cup aside. "I was at my desk when Johnny walked in. Thank goodness, it was a good hair day, and I was looking good, wearing that new pink Lillie Rubin I picked up in Memphis when I went home to visit my grandmother at Christmas. She's the only family member who accepts me, you know."

Helen rotated one hand, suggesting he speed up the story.

"Well, I was working away when in walks this gorgeous man. Got my name out of the phone book, he said. So handsome, and was he something in his uniform! He's trying to get custody of his ten-year old son who's with his ex-wife in Humboldt, Tennessee. Johnny's from there originally. The ex-wife is terrible — bad as Paul's last wife, plus she's carrying on with this used-car salesman — has the boy with her, and won't let Johnny see him. He's devastated." Frank looked out into space for a moment.

Helen frowned. "Go on." She turned her attention to placing some stones on the cape Elvis was wearing.

"Well, anyhow, Johnny — his full name is John Steven Deberry... Did I mention he's a Sagittarius? Born December sixth... You know how compatible I am with Sagittarius! That's another omen. Well, we talked and talked, and finally went out to dinner. When he came in initially, he asked for Franklin Langworthy, which is on the door of my office. He probably thought I was the secretary, so just out of the

King's belt buckle.

"Well, that just came to me. I had to think of something. Anyway, we went out to eat, and talked almost the whole night. We just hit it off." Frank leaned over closer to Helen. "Something else. You won't believe this, but can you guess what song they were playing when he walked in?" See *Frankie & Johnnie* on page 22

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Soldier: Lesbian Allegations Retaliation for Harassment Complaint

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An Army private who filed a sexual harassment complaint against a fellow soldier says the military retaliated against her by accusing her of being a Lesbian and having engaged in

sexual misconduct.

Pfc. Shannon Emery's claims have gained the attention of both the state's U.S. senators. Republican Slade Gorton and Democrat Patty Murray have written Army brass

about the case, and Gorton's office has opened an inquiry into the matter.

The Army has denied any retaliation.

"The stupid ironic thing is, I like my country," Emery, 22, of Spokane told *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper in a story published Feb. 7. "I've learned the military's not that just."

Emery says her problems began when a male soldier in her platoon at Camp Carroll in South Korea grabbed her Sept. 16 and asked her to make a pornographic movie and have sex with him.

Emery said she kneed the man in the crotch and another soldier pulled him away. She said her female roommate was grabbed by a different male soldier the same night.

Emery said she complained to her superiors two days later. Then three months later she was accused of sexual misconduct with other women.

The two male soldiers were transferred to another platoon — standard Army practice in such cases, said Army spokesman Maj. Mark Newell. He said he did not know if other steps were taken against the men and declined to discuss specifics of Emery's case because it is ongoing.

Newell was the only Army official in Korea who would talk about Emery's case, the *Spokesman-Review* reported. Emery's lawyer, one

of 10 Army defense lawyers handling cases in Korea, refused to discuss the matter, the newspaper said.

Judy Johnston, an Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon, said Tuesday she could not immediately comment further on the case.

Two days after the men were transferred, Emery heard rumors that she and another woman in the platoon were being investigated for indecent acts, and that the probe also focused on their sexual orientation.

In December, the Army charged Emery with sexual misconduct, accusing her of fondling a Korean woman in a bar and having sex with a female soldier, Pvt. Dawn Scoville.

The charges were based on statements from two platoon witnesses. A male soldier said he saw women from the platoon fondle Korean women in bars. Under further questioning, he wrote that he saw Emery watch another woman grab a Korean woman, the *Spokesman-Review* reported.

The other witness was Scoville's roommate, who said she saw Scoville in bed with someone and that Scoville told her later the person was Emery. Scoville also faces charges of sexual misconduct, accused of having sex with Emery.

Emery, who remains at the base in South Korea, denies any sexual misconduct and says she is not a Lesbian. She wants to remain in the Army, finish five years of service and go to school on the G.I. Bill.

Scoville said she wants out of the military and plans to return home to Arizona as soon as her discharge papers are signed. She acknowledged she is a Lesbian but denies any sexual misconduct.

Emery and Scoville say Army officials initially asked them to plead guilty and to identify other Lesbians in the platoon.

Emery said the Army recently dropped the original charges against her, but wants her to acknowledge she is homosexual and face a less-than-honorable discharge. If she refuses, she could face a dishonorable discharge.

A hearing on the matter hasn't been scheduled.

Emery said she believes others in the platoon were encouraged to accuse her of sexual misconduct after she complained of sexual harassment.

The Army denies that was the case.

Emery's mother, Debbie Emery of Spokane, is helping her daughter fight the accusations and has contacted the state's congressional delegation.

Gorton has begun an inquiry and written the Army's Congressional Affairs Office.

Murray wrote the Secretary of the Army in early February, saying she was concerned about the alleged retaliation by the Army.

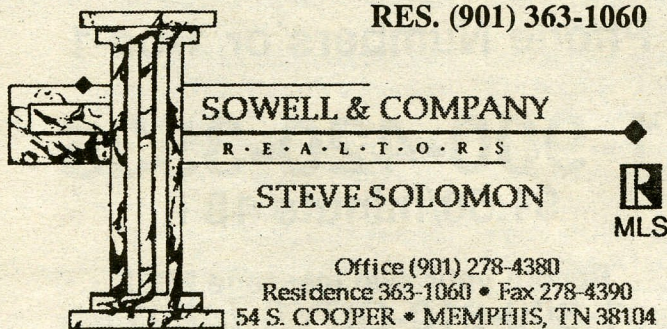
"We're taking these allegations very seriously," said Murray spokeswoman Carole Grunberg.

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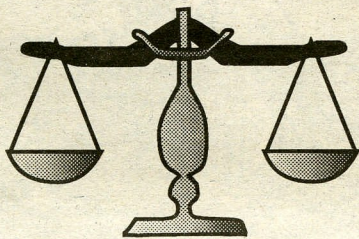
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Military: AIDS Research Necessary for Battlefield Preparedness

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare public scolding, the White House told the Pentagon on Feb. 10 not to hold up money earmarked for

breast cancer and AIDS research.

Chief of Staff Leon Panetta released a letter he sent to Defense Secretary William Perry in which he said that President Clinton was very disturbed by a report that the military might not spend \$180 million allocated for the research.

The Washington Post reported Feb. 10 that \$30 million earmarked for AIDS research and \$150 million for breast cancer research might not be spent because the Pentagon did not consider them essential parts of the military's medical program.

The Pentagon's chief budget planner, appearing before the Senate Budget Committee, said the Clinton administration supports continued military financing for AIDS research.

Comptroller John Hamre said such research is proper since it is geared toward military needs in wartime. Because blood transfusions need to be conducted on the battlefield, an accurate AIDS test must be developed, he said.

However, Hamre said the Pentagon does not support the \$150 million provision for breast cancer research, which has been criticized as unrelated to the military. The

comptroller said that money was added by Congress and was not part of the administration's plan.

Clinton, whose mother died of breast cancer last year, made clear his sentiments through Panetta.

"The president believes that research to combat these deadly diseases is vitally important to all Americans, and it is of special significance to him," Panetta wrote. He said 46,000 women die of breast cancer each year and 40,000 Americans die of AIDS.

"The president believes that we cannot afford to allow these tragic losses to continue," Panetta said. "And that is why breast cancer and AIDS research is a high priority for this administration."

White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano acknowledged the public rebuke to Perry was a little unusual, but she said, "The president feels strongly about both of these issues and thinks financial support is important and he wanted to reiterate that to Secretary Perry."

Emphasizing the message was directed at Congress as well, she added that the White House "feels it's important for those on Capitol Hill to know" the extent of Clinton's support.

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Scientists Create AIDS Vaccine That Self-Destructs on Cue

By Daniel Q. Haney
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— Scientists searching for a safe AIDS vaccine said Jan. 31 they have created one with a built-in time bomb — a gene that will cleanse it from the body on cue.

Researchers believe the most effective AIDS vaccine is likely to be a live virus, which will prime the body to mount a spirited reaction to HIV. Many, though, worry about giving healthy people even a weakened form of the AIDS virus, since it might cause cancer, immune suppression or even AIDS.

So now a team from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has come up with a novel strategy: a live but weakened AIDS virus that can be killed off once it does its job.

A team headed by Dr. Kuan-Teh Jeang created a form of the AIDS virus that carries an extra gene taken from the herpes virus. Because of this gene, cells that become infected with the virus can be selectively destroyed with ganciclovir, a widely available herpes medicine.

"We attempted to improve the safety of an HIV vaccine using a suicide gene," said Dr. Stephen M. Smith, who presented the results at an AIDS meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

Smith said the approach looks promising in the test tube. But much more testing, including extensive use in monkeys, will be necessary before it can be tried on people. He said human studies are at least three years away.

"It's a terrifically imaginative

approach and one we need to follow closely," said Dr. William Paul, director of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research.

While other experts at the conference found the idea intriguing, some were skeptical.

Dr. Ronald Desrosiers of the New England Regional Primate Center is one of the country's leading advocates of a live AIDS vaccine. He is developing versions that will pro-

duce a chronic infection, but not sickness, because one or more of their genes have been crippled.

Desrosiers said he doubts the suicide gene will work. HIV is likely to mutate quickly inside the body and lose the extra gene, thereby making it unkillable, he contends.

"When the virus has a gene that it doesn't need, it will just spit it out," Desrosiers said.

Dr. Lawrence Corey of the Uni-

versity of Washington, a herpes expert, raised the possibility the vaccine might not work in people who already have herpes. He worried that the body might kill off an AIDS virus that carries a herpes gene before it can trigger an immune response.

In testing so far, Smith said, researchers have shown that ganciclovir can destroy the virus-infected blood cells if given quickly after the cells are exposed. But

within 48 hours, the virus has already begun to shed its extra herpes gene through mutation.

He said the next step is to re-engineer the virus, putting the extra gene in a spot that is less likely to be dropped through random mutation.

Paul questioned whether one exposure to the weakened virus will be enough to produce long-lasting immunity against AIDS. Smith said it may be necessary to give booster shots from time to time.

AIDS Passes Accidents as Leading Killer of Young Adults

By Daniel Q. Haney
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— AIDS has surpassed accidents as the leading killer of young adults, experts said Jan. 30.

The new figures show that in 1993, HIV infection became the No. 1 cause of death among Americans 25 to 44 years old.

Dr. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said that more than 441,000 Americans have gotten AIDS since 1981, and more than 250,000 have died.

"Because AIDS is predominantly a disease of young adults, the impact of AIDS deaths on our society goes far beyond their absolute numbers," Jaffe said.

Jaffe outlined the latest statistics at an AIDS meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

In 1993, about 35 of every 100,000 young adults died from AIDS. The same year, about 32 per 100,000 died from accidents, fol-

lowed by cancer, heart disease, suicide and murder.

AIDS' impact is greatest in large cities, such as New York, Miami and Atlanta, where the disease accounts for between one-third and two-thirds of deaths in young men. However, it has become a significant health problem among the young in many smaller places, as well.

Jaffe said that AIDS is now the leading killer of young adults in 79

U.S. cities, including such places as Springfield, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; Tulsa, Okla., and Raleigh, N.C.

The young people with AIDS are largely black and hispanic, especially those who caught the disease heterosexually.

Overall, new AIDS cases being reported to the CDC have leveled off at about 20,000 every three months.

However, Jaffe cited geographic differences in how AIDS is spread-

ing. For instance:

—In the Northeast, AIDS is continuing to spread among needle drug abusers, while it has leveled off among Gay men. The incidence among people infected heterosexually is increasing very gradually.

—In the South, most new cases occur in Gay men.

—In the West, the incidence among Gay men seems to be decreasing.

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It seems that many significant events are taking place in this community all the time. People whine all the time that there is *no* true Gay/Lesbian et. al. *community* because we band together so seldom. It's possible, but usually either for something AIDS related, a serious crisis, or in June (if three to seven people throw a parade and several more decide to come.) We are hear to tell you that it is all a matter of perception. Most people have their favorite entertainment spots, clubs which they join, entities which they support. Each separate one of these tries to hold on to participants by programming and socializing. The result is a list of options very extensive and very diverse. It also produces shorter range perception.

We endeavour to present a larger picture, though we have our favourites also. It always impresses moi to locate some new experience or some facet of our community heretofore unknown. Eventually, some of these get their own space (as a full story) but we try to spot them here in a more timely manner. But note, gentle readers, the increase of cooperation among these diverse groups.

Ok, ok. Now the tea.

As an extra added attraction during our recent return to Rhodes Col-

lege (you know our first appearance in drag took place exactly 20 years ago last fall on that selfsame campus) we tasted some of the Gay/Lesbian social life there. Their Gay/Straight Alliance is small but feisty. It is allowed by the college but not officially recognized (so what else is new). Their advent forced the college to redefine its policy of recognition of certain organizations such as political groups and the fight still goes on for inclusion in lists of campus organizations. We have faith that Alma Mater will wise up and get used to the idea soon. We became the very first alumnus member of the GSA and we plan to spread the word among other alumni.

It is high time soon to do a nice piece (well, yes, maybe that kind too) on the student organizations both at Rhodes and University of Memphis. B-GALA over there has gotten a lot of press about its fight to include sexual orientation in the university's non-discrimination clause. We neither attend U of M or Rhodes so somebody needs to update us. Candlelight and activism do go so well together, ne c'est pas?

Holy Trinity Community Church tells us that they will vote as a congregation during the month of March to call their new senior pastor. Sev-

eral candidates were invited to preach and to celebrate at regular Sunday service and the search should come to an end soon.

Speaking of cooperation, Holy Trinity and Memphis Pride will collaborate on this year's Pride Festival. This year's bigger than ever Pride parade will begin in Overton Park (so very significant to Gay life in so many ways) and end at the church parking garage. The Festival promises to be the biggest ever with speakers alternating with entertainment until the sun goes down. More cars and floats are expected this year and volunteers are needed to do just about everything. Check the calendar for meeting times. The popular "Party with a Purpose" buttons and other information will turn up in many of your favorite watering holes this coming month. Events are also being planned in the religious community and the women's community.

Speaking of church, the MCC Study Group has metamorphosed into Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Memphis. This group meets at MGLCC each Sunday at 5 p.m. and will host a forum on Homosexuality and the Bible with guest speaker Rev. Felicia Fontaine from Greater Huntsville MCC.

Speaking of MGLCC (see how nicely this segues) those of you TOQ's who like to remember days of yore can drop in (by appointment) and peruse a near complete set of *After Dark* magazine which has been acquired by the MGLCC library. Sometime in March, MGLCC will have a new next door neighbor, Memphis Lambda Center. New cooperation between these two organizations will make for good neighbors. No date yet, but you will hear next month.

R.I.P.—Club Hide-A-Way

Nope, no new bar this month. It is rumoured that many Black Lesbians are frequenting another location besides the Apartment (open weekdays) and Club Xscape (open weekends) but we haven't really nosed about too much. As a first, Club Xscape sent a couple to participate in the King and Queen of Hearts contest and placed third. We are very excited to see such participation from them, historically, Black-oper-

ated Gay/Lesbian businesses have run parallel to the larger community but very seldom joined in any cooperative efforts.

Tommy Stewart has a blurb elsewhere seeking a name for his bar-to-be. No date yet for opening. We wonder if anyone can think of a nickname-proof name.

Remember the Dyke Out? The French Inflection? The Frog Pond? J-Fag's?

We have to get a kick out of Mule's (oh, that was low, wasn't it)

monthly culinary exposés. He has such boundless enthusiasm and seemingly will swallow anything put in front of him. Then he'll critique it. By percentage, Memphis must have some of the eatin'est saloons in Queerdom. Read it for yourself, or read Mule for yourself, or just...

March will be a socially full month with two major weekend functions.

Southern Country Memphis will host its 4th annual Throw Down with events at WKRBB and 501/505. This is a three day event which will begin on Friday, Mar. 10 with the regular monthly Hoe Down at 501/505. Meals, dance swaps and entertainment will round out the event and participation from many out-of-town boot-scooters is expected. Get the drop on some new dances this weekend.

Mar. 24-26 are the dates for the second annual St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T.). Gay and Lesbian bowlers from all over the region will converge on Memphis for a weekend tournament. Bowling takes place during the day so expect many new faces out and about that weekend. We hope they won't all disappear to Tunica this time around. The host hotel is in Midtown this year but St. Patrick's Day was not moved for the occasion.

This year's Tsarus Man of the Year has been revitalized. A front page story includes many of the

nominees which were accepted from the larger community as well as club members. It is an honor to be nominated (anybody who is nominated for some mainstream statue will never let you forget it) but the recipient is still a closely guarded secret, even from moi. The

event is scheduled for March 15 (does that date ring a bell with any of y'all?) at WKRBB at 7 p.m.

Tsarus will hold a club night at the Pipeline Mar. 11 and a benefit at 501/505 on Mar. 26.

We suppose Betty Boop could be termed

a "Woman of Influence" but Blondie Bumstead has had a longer career. Or even Lois Lane, no, she's younger but more diversified. At least Blondie caught herself a husband.

Congratulations to Mr. Andre Starr and Miss Diedra Lewis, the new Mr. and Miss Black Gay Tennessee. Our sources say that Candy Andrews, former major titleholder and frequent talk show guest died in February as well as local favorite LaToya St. James.

This year's King & Queen of Hearts benefit raised over \$3,000 for Friends For Life. WKRBB's Couple, Kaye and Diane, were awarded the crowns; alternates were the Pipeline, Club Xscape, and 501/505. Not only were many current performers represented but we stepped out in an ole dress we think will be remembered. Other out-of-retirement appearances included Lady Rae and Leslie Cartier. We couldn't stay for the whole thing but we also heard that Ophelia Twatte was scheduled to perform as well as Juanita from Nashville and Maggie Soppentina. Evidently the crowd enjoyed it. This annual event is the brainchild of Jimmy Gray/Dee Dee Whitaker.

The first King and Queen of Crossroads are Miss Chelsea Valentine and Mr. Sean Massey. Alternates were Kiera Mason and Mr. Jazz. The Crossroads Dreamgirls are putting a lot of effort into a show called *For the Love of Men* on Mar. 5.

Ergo, my dears, there is a great big old Lesbigan community out there. What we need is some fiery organizers with some class and savvy to meld us a little closer together.

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Mississippi Coast Transgenders Struggle with Identity

By Sharon Fitzhugh
The Sun Herald

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Every Friday night, he comes home and puts the work week behind him.

He feeds the dog, maybe grabs a beer and wonders what to wear for the night out.

The red dress or that black skirt? Which hose and with which shoes?

Other men along the Gulf Coast, he knows, are facing the same sort of decisions. He is Noelle, a middle-aged working man by day and a middle-aged dressed-up woman by night — many nights — but almost always on the weekends.

"The clothes, the wig, the heels, the makeup and the hose, it's a big part of it," said Noelle, the name he chooses to be called when dressed as a woman. "It's a fairly dramatic transformation. Something happens inside, too."

Generally speaking, he is called a cross-dresser. Many people, however, would call him — and her — much worse, starting with "freak" and ending with unprintables.

"One thing that stresses people most about us is that switch back and forth," Noelle said. "It helps to cultivate a macho attitude (when not in dress) because you don't want any-

one to know."

But male cross-dressers also cultivate a feminine side, one which is somehow comforted when they are in their finest of clothes.

"Something we've learned with society is to go all of the way," Noelle said. "To be too casual would be risky."

It could give it all away. They'd be found out.

"We call it reading. People read you," Noelle said. "The danger, of course, is that you get that Billy-Bob and Bubba who would like to kick your face in."

As many as a dozen men on the coast regularly go out in public dressed as women. They are cross-dressers, transsexuals or transvestites — all which they say fall nowadays under an umbrella term: transgenders.

Coast transgenders guard their privacy and live their lives in the shadows, and even dressed as women, only a few are willing to talk freely about their lifestyle.

They're not a part of any "in" crowds, for sure, but they know of others along the Gulf Coast who are "of their kind," as they say, and of others who will accept them.

"Most of my friends know," said Katie, another Coast transgender. "I got tired of running for the jumpsuit"

— to cover up.

"They come over and know that I'm not attempting to seduce anybody," Katie said.

The transgenders are not new to the Coast. They have lived and worked here for years, even before casinos brought in loads of new people to the Coast.

Most are middle-aged men, with differing sexual preferences — from Gay to straight to bisexual.

Some are married, some divorced.

"To find a woman to accept this would be very rare," said Noelle, who lost 20 years of marriage after his wife discovered his secret.

But Denise, another Coast cross-dresser, is still married, more than two years after his wife, a high-school sweetheart, found out.

Years of going on business trips, buying women's clothes to wear while alone at hotels and then throwing them away before returning home were over.

"I just went nuts. When I went to pack up, I said, 'I can't do this, I can't throw away any more women's clothes,'" Denise said.

The unsuspecting wife was told.

"She had every right to tell me and Denise to pack up and get the hell out. ... She accepts it, but she wants no part of it."

Darlys Alford, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach and a counselor, said at the root of society's hate of transgenders, is that they are endangering "real men" roles.

"In order to keep men as real men, meaning the real men role, we don't let them try out other things," Alford said.

"We see this with young boys. As soon as they start playing with dolls, everyone gets so excited about that. People are very frightened of males outside of their roles."

Alford said, not since 1973 has the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association deemed homosexuality, cross-dressing and bisexuality as deviant behavior.

"In other words, based just on sexual identity, we do not categorize them as having an abnormal behavior. ... The only time that we would see that as an abnormal behavior is if they report they feel uncomfortable with the behavior," Alford said.

For coast transgenders, there is a little-known but well-established outlet through the Gulf Gender Alliance, a Gulf Coast support group based in Louisiana. The alliance, which began about 10 years ago, also is like a social club, complete with

elected officers and membership dues.

They say their membership spans from Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

"If you're transgendered, your best friends are transgendered," Noelle said. "They have some of the same problems. They're going through what you're going through."

Some of the Coast transgenders attend conferences on transgender rights. Not surprisingly, there are hardly any rights for this very small segment of society.

Even the Americans with Disabilities Act offers no protection from discrimination for a number of conditions, including homosexuality, bisexuality and sexual disorders such as transvestism and transsexualism.

Less than half a dozen cities nationally have adopted transgender civil rights protections to their laws. San Francisco, which estimates to have 3,000 to 5,000 transgenders, was the most recent. In December, the city approved and added an anti-bias clause to its books.

But Coast transgenders are not kidding themselves. They say they don't expect to see nationwide transgender rights in their lifetimes. Still, they talk about the issues and take very small steps.

"Many times I've wondered," Noelle said, "Am I the biggest freak of nature, or what? Or have I finally found what's really me?"

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Star for her service during the Vietnam War, has made a stunning poster child for those seeking to end the ban on Gays in the military.

"I feel so privileged and ... it's such a strange place to be," she said of her moments in the limelight.

"On the one hand, I've had the opportunity to speak to some very prominent people. On the other hand, I feel as though I need to represent everyone who can't speak for themselves."

The TV-movie project, launched last spring with support from Barbra Streisand — one of its five executive producers — has intensified the spotlight on Cammermeyer.

Streisand spoke of her "great dignity and integrity" in a *New York Times* article. Close, reached at the theater where she is starring in *Sunset Boulevard*, was quoted as saying she was "very, very impressed" by Cammermeyer.

How does the subject of all this hyperbole keep herself in perspective?

"Well, for one thing, it doesn't have anything to do with me," Cammermeyer said.

The movie ends where the public story began.

Cammermeyer was reinstated to her VA job last year after winning the first two rounds of her legal battle. A federal judge and a two-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed the military ban on homosexuals in effect in 1992 was based on prejudice and violated the Constitution's equal-protection guarantees. The Clinton administration is appealing the finding to the full court.

But her case "is old news," Cammermeyer conceded.

The ground rules have changed.

Gays in the military now are subject the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise worked out in 1993 by the Clinton administration and Congress. That policy also is being challenged; a March hearing is scheduled for a new class-action lawsuit in New York, Cammermeyer said.

"What is important is what hasn't changed," she said.

The new policy does not end discrimination and "sort of mandates lying," Cammermeyer said.

"That is what the country is supporting and defending."

MOY

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Ponte for continuing community service

- Audrey May of Meristem for community service and her work concerning Lesbian/Gay rights.

- Ed Brandon for community service and establishing the HIV Positive Tea Dances at the Pipeline

- Jimmy Gray (Dee Dee Whitaker) for ongoing community service and fund-raising

- St. John's United Methodist Church for its generosity in helping Friends For Life and its ministry for those who are HIV positive

- Sharon Wray for continuous community service

- First Congregational Church for its work in promoting World AIDS Day and its open

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- Tim Sampson, editor of *Memphis Magazine* and columnist for *Memphis Flyer*, for his voice in the straight community

- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays for community service

- Southern Country for community service and its continuing charitable works

- The Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite for its continuing charitable benefits and its Thanksgiving/Christmas basket program for the needy

- The Memphis Lambda Center for providing much-needed facilities to help those in our community.

Tickets for the banquet, which will feature a four-course meal, are available for \$5 from any Tsarus member or from WKRB. Because of previous sell-outs and limited seating, advance purchase is recommended.

Frankie & Johnny

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"I haven't the foggiest," said Helen.

"*Wind Beneath My Wings* by Bette Midler. You know it's my favorite song in the whole world. It's my best number when I perform for benefits, too. It's all just too much!"

Silent, Helen studied the beads in front of her. Finally, she said, "Well, you obviously didn't do the big nasty last night, else he would have noticed a little something extra in your No-Nonsense panty hose. How are you going to explain that? He may be from Humboldt and not too bright, but I think they'd notice

that, even in Humboldt."

"No, we didn't do anything. He's a gentleman, and so romantic. He kissed me good night, and said he'd call me next week when he got off the graveyard shift. What am I going to do then, Helen?"

Suddenly, from the radio in the bedroom came the beginning strains of *Wind Beneath My Wings*.

"Oh, listen, Helen... Listen to the song. It's a sign. I know it is!"

Helen shook her head, giving rapt attention to the gems before her. She selected a blue one and put it on Elvis' cape.

"I'm really getting too old for this crap. Maybe I'd better go back to stripping. Life in the bar business is just too weird."

To be continued...

Anonymous

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her name, address and telephone number. But state health officials note that a person's identity is protected by state and federal laws.

State health officials favor confidential testing. They say it enables health workers to con-

tact more of the people who may have been infected by someone who tested positive for the disease.

But ACT UP and many Triangle AIDS experts say requiring people to leave their names will scare away those who belong to the groups at highest risk for the disease: Gays, bisexuals and intravenous drug users.

Volunteers for AIDS Education Focus Groups Sought

Focus groups will be formed to assist the Education Dep. of Friends For Life in effectively providing educational services to targeted populations. Currently, FFL is seeking participants for AIDS Awareness Night focus groups. Two focus groups will be formed. One group will consist of men who have sex with men, with members ranging in ages of 35-50, who are patrons of the Pipeline or Crossroads. The other group will consist of men who have sex with men, 21-34, with 50 percent or more being men of color, who are patrons of Club X-scape and Amnesia.

The focus groups will be used to provide qualitative insight into how well our AIDS Awareness Night program is performing the stated goal of preventing or reducing behavior or practices that place men who have sex with men at risk for HIV infection or place others at risk. The focus groups will be interactive group interviews convening for approximately one hour. Confidentiality is ensured. The information gathered in focus groups will assist in evaluating efforts and identifying outreach strategies and other possible outreach services. Focus groups will meet once each quarter, no more than two weeks after each AAN outreach is held.

AIDS Awareness Nights will be held at

least quarterly at the following bars: Pipeline, Crossroads, Club X-scape, and Amnesia. AANs involve one-on-one contact with bar patrons in order to distribute safer sex kits and informational brochures, and to disseminate pertinent information on HIV prevention to the patrons. During an AIDS Awareness Night outreach effort, teams of 2 or 3 volunteers will be available for the patrons of each respective bar for about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

If you regularly attend either of these bars and are willing to participate in a focus group, please contact Anthony at 272-0855. Again, your participation will assist us in effectively providing this much needed service to the targeted community.

Also, the Education Dept. will provide quarterly AAN training for volunteers interested in performing AAN outreach. The first training is scheduled for Feb. 9. The 2-hour training will include review of basic HIV/AIDS information with emphasis on correct usage of protective barriers against HIV infection, agency services, educational updates and outreach strategies.

If you are interested in attending this training or being a part of an AAN outreach team, please contact Anthony Reed at 272-0855.

New FFL Client Services Director Plans To Expand Services

Friends For Life has announced Erica Marion's promotion to Client Services Director.

Erica joined the agency in August, 1994 as a Case Manager and has been instrumental in improving and increasing the quality of services available through the Client Services Department.

She is pleased that her new position will provide the opportunity to further increase services for clients and their families.

"My goal is to build on the positive changes

Client Services has made in the past few months by creating new programs and continuing to improve the ones currently in place," she says.

Under her direction, client services and programs to be developed or expanded include a family camp, support groups, the volunteer Support Team Program, and Seminars for Better Living. Also a priority will be the development of a needs assessment program to identify and address clients' needs not being met by present services.

HIV Publications Available at FFL

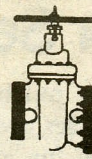
Friends For Life HIV Resources currently has three HIV/AIDS publications available for our clients and friends of the agency. These magazines are very positive, informative and uplifting. As supplies allow, the publications are free to those who request them.

POZ magazine and *Art & Understanding, The International Magazine of Literature and Art About AIDS*, are published bi-monthly. Both offer upbeat articles by or about people living courageously with HIV disease. Also,

you can find interesting articles on people involved in the AIDS struggle. *Positively Aware* is published quarterly. All three publications offer information on the latest developments and current discussion in the HIV/AIDS field. You will also find varying strategies and options for people living with HIV disease.

If you are interested in getting one or all of these publications, please stop by or call the office, 272-0855. They will be happy to supply you with a copy.

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Cruisers Softball Gearing Up for Season

By Chuck Saylor

The Memphis Cruisers men's softball team is about to set sail into its third year of play.

Interest has progressed steadily since the start from players and fan support. We are hoping to get enough interest generated in order to form two teams. This year we will again be playing in the Music City League in Nashville. Games are played in Nashville and Memphis on a rotating basis. Last year was our inaugural season with the league and their eagerness to have a team from Memphis was evident from the start. Great friendships and rivalries were formed between players and teams and this year will be even better.

Practice is tentatively set for the beginning of March, or possibly sooner depending on weather conditions, with league play beginning April 9.

We are presently working on several fund raising activities for league and player fees, and would like to find a business or individual to sponsor the team. This

is a great way to advertise your business from Memphis to Nashville. Also there are several tournaments throughout the season we are planning to attend in Birmingham, Atlanta and Nashville. Break out that glove that you

have put back, stretch those muscles and get ready for some great fun and excitement with another year of Cruisers softball. If you are interested in playing please call Chuck at 682-9928 or Jimmy and 324-4865.

St. Patrick's Bowling Tournament Set for March 24-26

The St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament Committee will hold its second annual Gay Bowling Tournament to the Memphis area. The Committee has worked over the past year to bring this sporting event to the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community.

The event, to be held March 24-26, brings approximately 160 participants and their friends to the Memphis area from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Registration and a hospitality suite will be at the Holiday Inn at Union and McLean. Singles, doubles and team events will be held at Park Bowling Lanes at Park Ave. and Getwell. 501/505 will be one host bar for Saturday evening.

The pre-banquet cocktail party and awards banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn.

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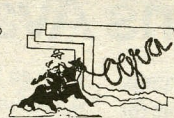
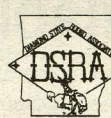
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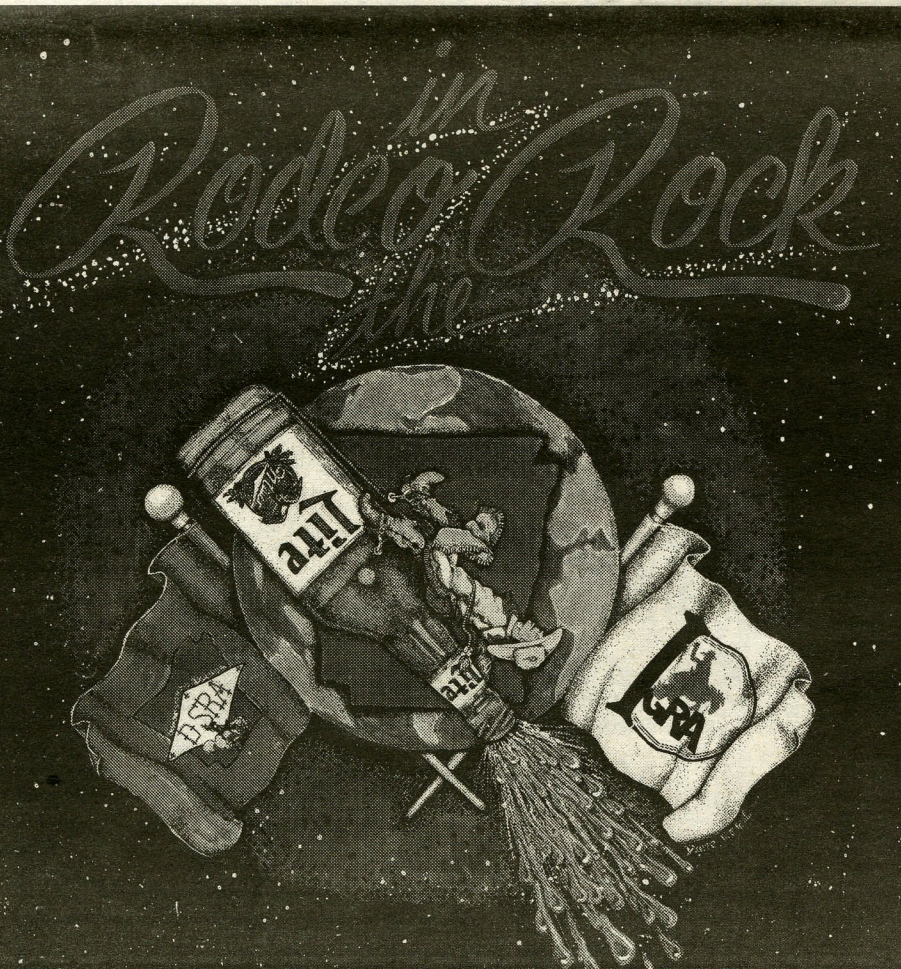
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Knoxville **YOUNG HOT GUYS:** Mark, int in meeting young hot guys for discreet time, 5'11 175 brn/blnd 36 lv a message- ☎28774

Nashville **TIGHT SWIMMERS BUILD,** Todd, 27, brn/grn, 155, very gdllg well educated prog, iso gWM 21-30 with musc hard body into working out sense of adv- ☎30006

Chatanooga **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE:** 21 6'2, 180 brn/brn student at UT, int are theatre art movies, dont really like the bars, discreet, iso someone built gdllg discreet, bi gay or bi curious 18-25 with sim interests- ☎30025

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Memphis **FOOT FETISH:** Dress sock and foot fetish GWM 30s, 5'9 150 iso attr gay or bi WM ht/wt prop 25-35 preppy cln cut type if ur int lv a msg- ☎30094

Knoxville **ATHLETIC BUILD:** Chris, 24, blnd grn smooth 5'10 170 athl build, iso guys in the age range of 20-35 lv a message and I will call you back ☎30569

Western Tennessee **MEET ME FOR A BEER:** Dave, like to meet you just for a beer and who knows what else 6' 180 brn blu, smooth athl build, iso rel like to meet you anytime, you name it- waiting to hear from you! ☎30713

Nashville **DAVID WM** 5'6, 110, attr, int in someone honest trustworthy gdllg 18-30 give me a call- ☎30732

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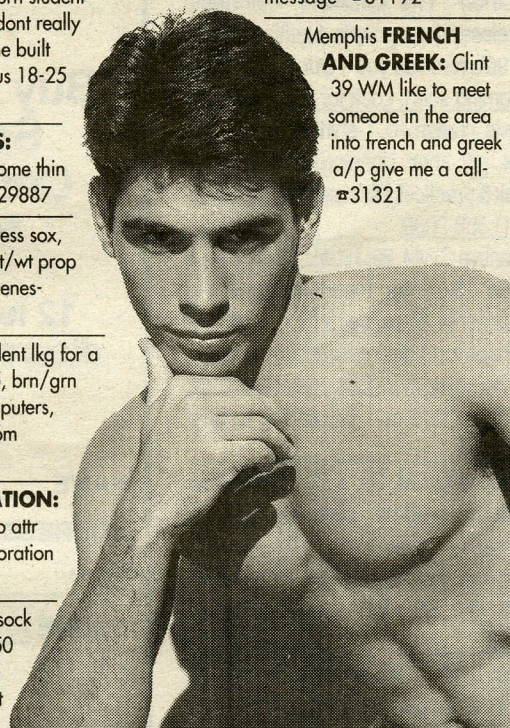
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Dresden **DINNERS OUT:** Ronnie, like meet other men up to 50 like to go out to eat quiet eves at home some sports, traveling in the area- give me a call- ☎25386

Knoxville **19 STUDENT** brn/grn 120 5'9 int in quiet eves to going out on the town reading computers iso 19-32 male with sim int in area- ☎25562

Nashville **FURRY ATHLETES:** David, masc WM prof'l, athl, like to work out swim every day 39 6' 175 dk hair/dk eyes smooth chest non smoker/drinker iso guy whos athl, hairy chest a plus- iso guys in the area poss rel- ☎25855

Collierville **MATT 21:** int in finding companion, like someone to help me get in shape, and havefun, give me a call- ☎26070

Greenbriar **NEW TO AREA:** David, GWM 40 5'10 145, attr salt n pepper hair iso rel, 30s 40s new in town, outdoors animals and other special int call me- ☎25839

Knoxville **LOOKING FOR A BEAR:** Like to meet guys in E. TN or S. Ky area, GWM 42 salt and pepper 5'9 into cars, looking for the bear type, under 45, give me a call- ☎26486

Nashville **MOVIES AND DANCING:** Bruce 32, brn/blu grn 5'2, lkg for GWM for friendship and whatever else, enjoy movies, reading, dancing, and listening to music- ☎26526

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Knoxville **ON THE WILD SIDE!** GBM 23, 6', 270, int in sports dancing and spontaneous, quiet eves at home iso GWM 21-40, call me and take a ride on the wild side! ☎26715

Johnson City **MASCULINE DESIRES:** Alan, 25 blnd hazel, bodybuilder, gdllg iso same to satisfy my masc desires- ☎24349

Knoxville **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE:** GBM U of T, sports, movies, dancing, anything outdoorsy, int in a gay or bi BM 25-40 open to anything new- ☎26715

Memphis **WHATEVER COMES UP:** Chris, GWM 24 6'1 185, dk brn/green hzl eyes iso someone to get to know 23-33, special someone, alot of fun to be with, cooking, outdoors travelling whatever may come up! ☎27056

Memphis **LIFE ON A FARM:** 30 GWM 5'10 165, work out several times a week, brn

hair shoulder length hair, must goatee, blu love farm life iso a guy who can shoot straight, ride a horse, wanna have some fun, rel poss, in shape, give me a call- ☎27191

Knoxville **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE:** Kyle, U of T, 6' blk/blu iso prof masc GBM nights out and eves at home- ☎27877

Chatanooga **EX-ARMY:** Sean, ex army just got out single GWM 6'1, 185, athl, lkg for same to get together and have a grt time give me a call- ☎27355

Knoxville **SALT AND PEPPER BEAR:** GWM 42 salt and pepper like working on cars and like music iso bear, im a bear too up to age 45, write me! ☎27649

Memphis **EAGER AND WAITING:** Jason iso someone fulfilling and intimate and also someone dying to meet that eager and waiting person lv name and # and brief message- ☎27995

Chatanooga **PREPPY TYPE:** Jeff, just moved here 26 6'5 195, lkg for someone prof'l preppy type, music dancing travel and alot of diff things- ☎28003

Memphis **MUSCULAR TAURUS:** Will BM Taurus 6'1 160 iso BM very masc musc, would enjoy a friend and hopefully more like tennis and bowling- ☎23067

Knoxville **CJ GWM GRAD STUDENT,** 23 iso cosmopolitan European gay or bi male, honest handsome and affectionate, 20-30 ☎23090

Nashville **20 GBM** 149, 5'9, looking for anyone int in rel, likes to travel, go out have a good time, quiet eves, iso that special guy iso someone in the area- ☎23141

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Nashville **FOOTBALL PLAYERS BUILD,** Bruce, 21, shrt blk, grey broad shoulders 48c 196 iso young sophisticated mature male 21-25 goal oriented and discreet as well-int give me a call- ☎23283

Charleston City **HAIRY OUTDOORSMAN:** Jeremy, dk brn hair, dk brn, med build, 189, 5'10, ext hairy like outdoors, like socializing, prof'l enjoy lots of outdoors social activities, hike, ski, everything like to meet with sim int - friends poss rel- ☎23

Chatanooga **SMOOTH ATHLETIC BUILD:** Wayne, 6', 175, smooth body athl build, enjoy anything, vers, like to hear from guys in the area- ☎23510

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Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

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Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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- Amnesia***: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.
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- The Edge***: 532 South Cooper ☎ 272-3036.
- WKRB in Memphis***: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
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- Meristem***: Feminist Book Store • 930 S. Cooper ☎ 276-0282.

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

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP Memphis**: ☎ 226-6502.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Al-Anon (Co-dependency)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Alliance**: Leather/levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
- Aloysius Home, Inc.**: 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41679, Memphis 38174-1679 ☎ 274-8321, Dr. Jim Shaw.
- American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis**: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT)**: Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 452-5894.
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League**: 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 ☎ 272-0855 or

- ☎ 272-0855.
- Gay and Lesbian American Indians**: Information ☎ 725-4898.
- 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 Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.

- Into The Light (Women's AA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Lambda Men's Chorus**: 1698 Belvedere Ct., Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-1190 (Aaron Foster).
- Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med)**: Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.
- MCC of Greater Memphis**: Rob Morgan ☎ 272-1022.

- 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 AIDS Mastery Group**: David Whitehead ☎ 324-4865.
- Mid-South Men's Council**: Box 11042, Memphis 38111-0042 ☎ 278-0961.
- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite**: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
- National Organization for Women (NOW)**: Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.
- New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG)**: Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.
- Phoenix AA**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.
- 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 transexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.
- Stonewall Mission Church**: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.
- Tennessee Leather Tribe**: Men's & Women's leather org. 3293 Renners Cv. ☎ 372-4426.

- Tsarus**: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.
- U of M Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA)**: BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, U of M 38152.
- WAC (Woman's Action Coalition)**: PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.
- Wings**: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

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- Kent D. Fisher, LPC, BCSAC**: Group & Individual Therapy ☎ 458-7164.
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- 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.
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- K. A. Moss, MS**: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.
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- Wilma Vandermeer, CPA**: Taxes, accounting services ☎ 726-9082.

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- 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.
- Sweetpeas**: 3175 Poplar ☎ 324-6873.

GRAPHICS/PHOTOGRAPHY

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- 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. ☎ 761-2990.

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 & transexuals).
- 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

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- 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 Times**: Free monthly newspaper focusing on addictions & recovery. Distributed in Memphis, Jackson, & Nashville TN ☎ (901) 377-7963.
- Triangle Journal News**: Monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411.

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- Great American Cruises, Inc.**: Cruise Travel Agency, Sherman Perkins, 52 N. Second ☎ 525-5302.
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- McPherson Appliance Clinic**: Sales, service & repair, Heating & A/C. • 1447 National, ☎ 327-6887, 327-7395.
- Mid-Town Hair***: 1926 Madison, Memphis 38104. ☎ 278-2199.
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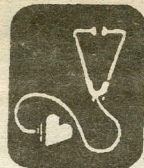
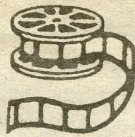
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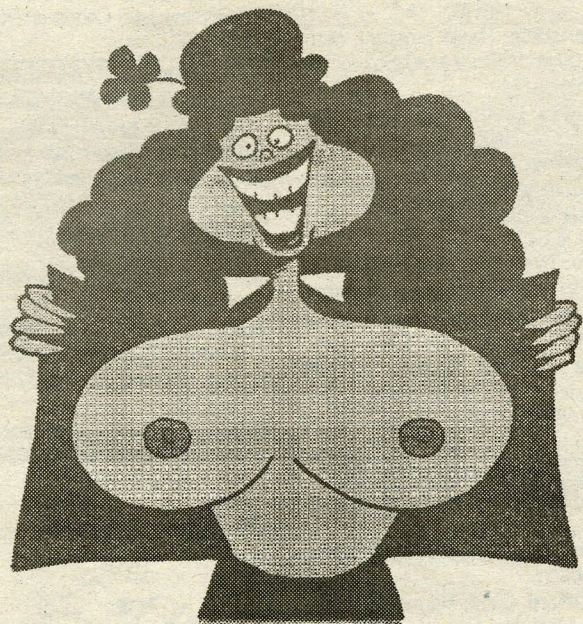
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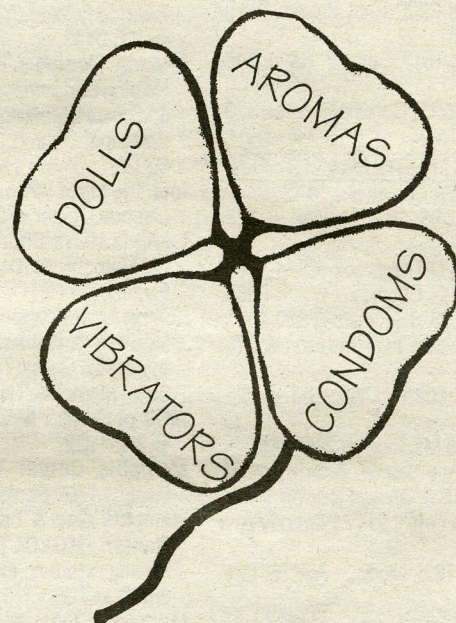
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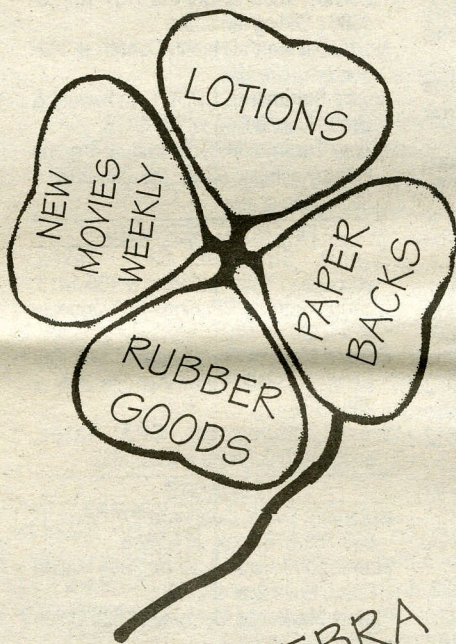
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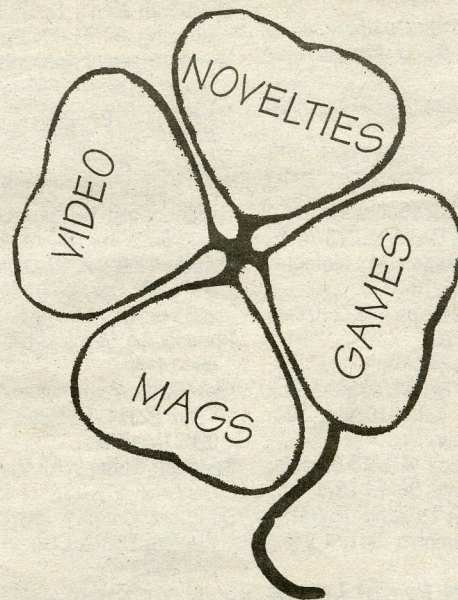
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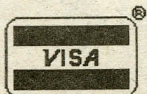
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