

Panel Kills Attempt to Legalize Homosexual Acts in Arkansas

By James Jefferson
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — For the third time in six years, a Senate committee killed legislation Feb. 24 that would make private, consensual homosexual acts legal in Arkansas.

The state sodomy law makes sexual acts between people of the same sex a misdemeanor, along with sex with an animal.

Sen. Vic Snyder, D-Little Rock, has sponsored legislation to remove private homosexual acts from the law in three consecutive regular sessions.

He said Feb. 24 that heterosexuals in Arkansas can privately engage in any kind of consensual sex they choose without state interference.

"But if you are Gay or Lesbian, the state has a right to go in your home and arrest you," Snyder said. "We're just one aggressive, misguided prosecutor away from having an ugly incident in this state."

Former Sen. John Pagan, a constitutional lawyer, said the issue was not whether the Legislature approves of homosexuality, but whether lawmakers believe in the rights of privacy and equal protection.

Some states have repealed similar sodomy laws and the courts have invalidated them in other states, he said.

"There's nothing at all radical about this bill. This bill is very much in the mainstream of current American legal thought," Pagan said.

About a dozen spectators in the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting wore lapel stickers supporting Snyder's bill, including the Rev. Bryan G. Fulwider of the Interfaith Council, a group of 14 faiths representing about 450,000 Arkan-

sans.

A United Methodist minister, Fulwider said his denomination has struggled with the issue of homosexuality for many years.

"Many of us believe and understand it as one of the ways God creates God's human beings," he said. "We don't believe the state has any business legislating or dictating what consenting adults do in the privacy of their own homes."

Shirley Herndon of Little Rock described her daughter, whom she did not name, as an upstanding citizen of the state and good person who for a decade has been involved in a Lesbian relationship.

Ms. Herndon criticized the sodomy law as an unconstitutional infringement on her daughter's right to live her life as she saw fit.

But opponents of the measure noted the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' affirmation of the law in 1983.

"Our law is constitutional and, basically, we ought to just leave well enough alone," said Jerry Cox, director of Arkansas Family Council, a conservative group that focuses on family issues.

Larry Page of the Christian Civic Action Committee said the law was an important public policy statement "that some behavior is not appropriate, regardless of how politically incorrect that view would be."

The committee voted the bill down on a voice vote. The only member other than Snyder to voice support for it was Sen. Mike Everett, D-Marked Tree.

Two years ago, Everett revealed in emotional testimony he had accepted his son after learning he was a homosexual.

Med Cutting Back, AIDS Clinic Threatened

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Regional Medical Center at Memphis is no longer providing special clinics for cancer and heart disease and AIDS may be next because of a state decision to end supplemental TennCare funding.

The proposal by The Med officials also calls for cutting 600 of the hospital's 3,000 workers and dropping 100 of 488 beds. Three hundred workers were fired in early March, but a court order halted additional firing until at least April 1.

"We have no choice. If the state isn't going to pay for patient care, we will have to change what we do," Burt Waller, The Med's chief executive, told *The Commercial Appeal*.

The full board met Feb. 22 to consider the proposed cuts but deferred a decision until a week later. The initial cuts, including the clinics for cancer and heart disease, have been implemented.

Marie Knight, a spokeswoman

for The Med, said it was a difficult meeting.

"The staff was there talking about how they felt, about how patients will be affected. That's difficult to listen to," she said.

In January the state ended \$217 million in supplemental TennCare funding to 112 hospitals. The Med's share was \$42 million, which was used to pay for indigent care and medical education.

TennCare supplemental funding had to be dropped because of budget problems, state officials said in January.

A few concerned persons with HIV and their friends gathered for a candlelight action on March 14. Print and video media covered the event and one Med employee exclaimed "Why aren't we all out here?" Members of ACT-UP and the newly organized "Helping Our Own People" (HOOP) were separately interviewed by media representatives.

Activists Applaud Restored AIDS Funds, Ask for More

By Nita Lelyveld

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS activists lauded the House Appropriations Committee on Mar. 3 for its decision to restore \$36 million that it previously had decided to cut from AIDS programs this year. And they asked lawmakers to try also to win back money for an emergency housing program for people living with the disease.

"Too many people with AIDS in this country find themselves shuffled between acute health care hospitals, medically unsafe shelters and the streets," Aimee Berenson, legislative counsel for the AIDS Action Council, told a Capitol news conference.

On Mar. 2, before passing a GOP spending cuts package of more than \$17 billion, members of the House panel voted to rescind two cuts — \$13 million for the Ryan White CARE Act and \$23 million for AIDS prevention programs run by the Centers for Disease Control.

But an amendment by Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio that would have re-

stored \$100 million for the housing program failed. Activists asked lawmakers to try again when the spending cuts package reaches the House floor.

They said people with AIDS face numerous barriers in getting housing — from discriminatory landlords to financial crises — and have enough to worry about in their illness without the looming threat that they will soon be on the street.

The National Commission on AIDS has estimated that 15 percent of all homeless people are HIV positive and that that number is rising fast.

About 33,000 people with AIDS now depend on the housing program, according to the National Organizations Responding to AIDS, a coalition of AIDS groups.

The program, which Congress created in 1990, provides grant money to state and local governments to help meet the housing needs of people with the HIV virus and AIDS. It is administered by the Department of the Housing and Urban Development.

Gays at the Oscars

Gay winners at the Oscars Mar. 27 were not altogether unexpected. First, Lizzie Gardiner and Tim Chappel won the Best Costumes category for *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. Then, *Trevor*, a story of Gay teen suicide won Best Short Subject followed by Elton John and Tim Rice for *Can You Feel the Love Tonight* as Best Song.



Sharon D. Wray

Sharon Wray Selected as Tsarus 'Man of the Year'

One of the few secrets kept in the Gay and Lesbian Community is the identity of the Tsarus "Man of the Year." Sharon D. Wray was honored as this year's recipient Mar. 15 at WKRB. She was taken totally aback as she had been scheduled only to speak. The title is awarded annually to an organization or individual (male or female) for conspicuous community service.

This year, for the first time, Tsarus solicited nominations from the Gay and Lesbian community for its award. Sharon was chosen from among 18 groups and individuals in membership balloting that took a marathon 8 hours to complete.

Illness prevented last year's winner, Dennis Kijowski, from attending, but a letter saluting Sharon was read to the audience. Holy Trinity Community Church's associate pastor Ed Hammett also spoke and Tsarus president Skeeter Hamby hosted the ceremonies.

Sharon's sister Betty Wray told the audience that Sharon was always a risk-taker, although sometimes Betty was the one who bore the brunt of Sharon's childhood adventures.

Vincent Astor, the Memphis Gay/Lesbian community's *de facto* historian, recounted his first meeting with Sharon in 1976 and performed an impromptu monologue as Ernestine, the [Gay] Switchboard operator. [See Astor's *Heritage column on Sharon Wray on page 19.*]

Sharon herself thanked everyone responsible and remarked that, being a former president of Tsarus, she appreciated the honor on a more intimate level than most people could. She is the only woman ever to be a member of Tsarus and recently retired to honorary status. This made the award possible as full Tsarus members are ineligible for the award.

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No Guarantees—No Question

By Allen Cook
TJN Co-Editor

The threatened closing of the Adult Special Care Clinic at The Med has spurred some activist activity of late.

A new group, Help Out Our People (HOOP) has announced a multi-million goal to save the unit.

ACT-UP held a candlelight vigil Mar. 14 protesting the cuts and the proposed closing.

People are being called on to write or call their state legislators urging a bail-out.

The impression we get is that AIDS patients (not to mention the heart and cancer patients affected by other clinic closings) will no longer be able to receive treatment for their conditions. While that makes great copy, it is not really true for the vast majority. People with AIDS will not be out on the street without any hope of medical care.

Since the inception of TennCare, most patients at Adult Special Care who qualify have been enrolled. Many others are already covered under existing private insurance arrangements. If they are still working, they must pay a portion of the premium. It is TennCare which has been paying their bills at The Med. With a cut in funding, The Med says it may no longer be able to operate the clinic. The real result is

that people who formerly used the Adult Special Care Clinic will now have to find other providers of health care. It won't be easy, but it won't be impossible.

What is really being lost here is the level of expertise gathered in one place to tackle the problems encountered by people with HIV disease. As alternatives, private hospitals and physicians may or may not have a similar level of knowledge. After all, they have relied on the Med's clinic to deal with the problem.

There's a theory being circulated that perhaps the Adult Special Care clinic is not the drain on The Med's finances one might suppose. In fact, compared to the heart and cancer clinics, the patients at Adult Special Care might be better off insurance-wise than most. HIV patients, more often than not, do not come to Adult Special Care in a crisis like a heart attack or brain tumor. Theirs is, as we have come to realize, a progressive chronic condition — one which allows for some planning. The theory further asserts that Adult Special Care might even be bringing in some money for the hospital and that if The Med chooses to close it down, a private hospital might consider opening a similar clinic.

All that, of course, is speculation.

What is real is that The Med's AIDS clinic is widely considered the best place for a per-

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son with HIV to be seen, evaluated and treated. Despite deficiencies in other areas, The Med has done a good job with this clinic.

There is, however, a sense of betrayal in the Gay community at this potential closing. As a community, we have supported The Med financially. We have raised money for the clinic. Have we been pissing in the wind or have we been deceiving ourselves into believing that the administration of The Med cared? Are they using the clinic as a pawn in the political game of funding or are they really willing to let a large number of people fend for themselves medically?

As president of Friends For Life HIV Resources, I have been reluctant to criticize efforts to raise money for AIDS organizations other than my own. All AIDS organizations play on our internalized guilt, our sense of loss for loved ones, or our collective attitude of "We've got to do something now!"

But how often do we look closely at the organizations we're raising money for?

The money raised for the Adult Special Care Clinic is funneled through The Med Foundation—a charitable arm of the hospital. While the foundation routinely dispenses money to care for the indigent and provide some hospital facilities, it cannot guarantee that money donated for the specific purpose will, in fact, be used for that purpose. So the question becomes, was the money donated to support the Adult Special Care Clinic used for that purpose or was it diverted to some other "more important" use?

If HOOP succeeds in raising the millions needed to keep the clinic open, will the money be used for that purpose? We have no guarantees.

Money donated to "AIDS research" at St. Jude is funneled through ALSAC, St. Jude's fund raising arm. While St. Jude is a truly wonderful institution and worthy of your support, donations to ALSAC are not designated for particular purposes either. In fact, ALSAC is not sanctioned by the Better Business Bureau as a charity with an appropriate cost-to-funds-

raised ratio.

Aloysius Home is another AIDS charity worthy of support, but one has to question the wisdom of having to raise over a quarter of a million dollars to renovate an \$80,000 building which will house fewer than a dozen people with AIDS at any given time. It is designed as temporary housing for people who are ambulatory and is not going to be, as widely believed, an AIDS hospice. While such a facility is necessary, the estimated annual cost per bed is likely to exceed the cost of keeping someone in their own home provided with home health care.

If all of these options are on the one hand, Friends For Life HIV Resources is on the other.

Friends For Life predates Adult Special Care, St. Jude's AIDS program, Aloysius Home and all the rest. When money ran dangerously low for financial assistance a few years ago, it sought and won a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide emergency housing assistance. For the past two years, it has distributed HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS) money to assist clients in maintaining adequate living quarters.

It offers a bi-weekly dinner for people with AIDS, their caregivers and friends. It provides professionally-facilitated support groups to assist people in coping with HIV and AIDS. It operates a food and grocery pantry for its clients. Its holiday toy drive provided the children of HIV-infected parents with presents regardless of their ability to buy. It provides educational outreach in the area of safer sex and HIV prevention. It even provides free condoms and dental dams to anyone needing or wanting them. In short, it's been there for us—never wavering and always accountable.

Friends For Life has maintained an incredible presence in our community. When we give to Friends For Life, we know the money will be spent to provide new or expand existing services to people with HIV and AIDS. No question!



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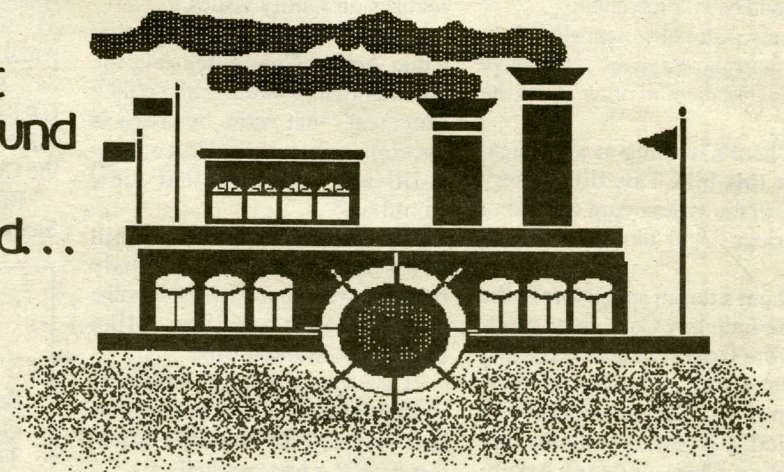
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Gores Entertain Gay Activists at Home; Voice Support for Gay Causes

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, reached out to the Gay community and entertained 150 of its political activists at a party in their home.

A pianist played show tunes and a pet Labrador begged at the buffet table as officers and members of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a Gay lobby, rubbed elbows with the Gores on Mar. 3.

"It's a wonderful thing to do what you're doing, and that's devoting your lives to others," Gore told the guests. "This dedication is an outgrowth of the way you live your entire lives."

"We very deeply share your vision of a society that is fair and free of discrimination for Gay and Lesbian people, and we want you to know that," Mrs. Gore said.

The vice president took note of what he called "a tremendous victory" Mar. 2 when the House Ap-

ropriations Committee voted to restore \$36 million that it previously had decided to cut from AIDS programs this year.

The Human Rights [Campaign] Fund "was instrumental in this victory and we understand very well why it is so important to have an organization that fights for the rights of Americans to be free of discrimination and to have a self-government that responds to the challenges that we face," he said.

The reception was an effort by the

administration to reach out politically to the Gay community, which has been somewhat disappointed by President Clinton.

Among their complaints have been the president's inability to overturn the ban on homosexuals in the military and the Justice Department's refusal to support legal challenges to anti-Gay initiatives.

But there have been advances as well. Several of Clinton's openly Gay appointees — including Bruce Lehman, head of the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office, and Assistant Housing Secretary Roberta Achtenberg — were also at the party.

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the campaign fund, acknowledged that the reception, while festive and pleasant, had political undertones.

"Evenings like tonight and reaching out in significant ways between now and 1996 will be absolutely necessary gestures as part of an overall calculation for political victory," she said.

"I think the president feels extremely unappreciated, and whether or not the administration has legitimate reasons for feeling that, the fact is that Gay and Lesbian people are somewhat disenchanting."

Gay and Lesbian voters were widely credited with helping Clinton win election in 1992. David Mixner, a Clinton friend and political adviser who is openly Gay, raised millions of dollars in that community for the campaign.

Jeff Sachse, a Chicago attorney, said he is already planning to vote for Clinton again in 1996, should he run. "I think there's some dismay (among Gays), but I think you have to be politically realistic," he said.



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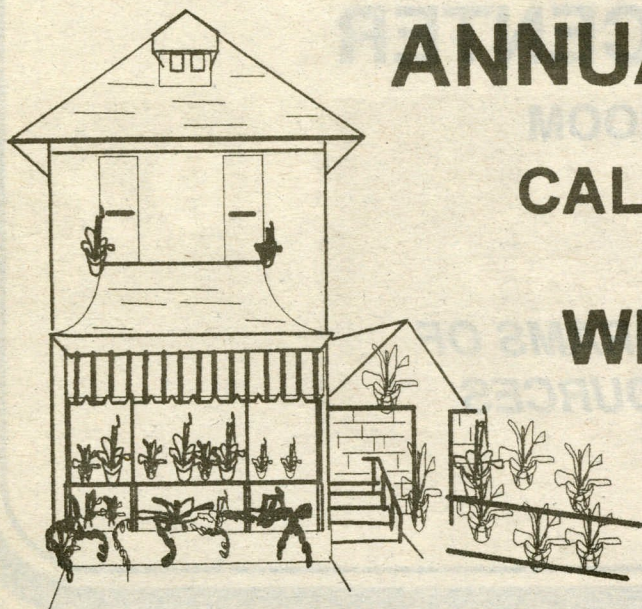
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Speaker's Half-Sister Lobbies Congress for Gay Rights

By Nita Lelyveld
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich's Lesbian half-sister joined Gay activists lobbying Congress Mar. 6. The two of them had a friendly chat at day's end, though she said the ascendancy of his party was what drove her into greater activism.

She said he is not anti-Gay but "maybe uninformed." He said he loves her and doesn't "mix my family with my politics."

"The Republicans being in control means that some of the support that we've been used to with the Democrats isn't there anymore," Candace Gingrich said as she made her lobbying rounds. "So it's kind of time for all of us to renew our commitment to the things that we find important."

Ms. Gingrich, 28, of Harrisburg, Pa., was invited to join the lobbying effort of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political group. She visited her brother briefly after a day of visits with Pennsylvania lawmakers.

The family meeting was arranged at the speaker's request by another half-sister, Roberta Brown, 44, a home economics specialist from Camp Hill, Pa., who was in town to attend a conference. Reporters and camera crews were invited in as the three siblings sat together briefly on Gingrich's porch overlooking the Mall.

Asked about his relationship with his sister Candace and her politics, Gingrich said, "I don't know that one has anything to do with the other. I have a sister who I love a lot, who is my younger sister, period. I don't necessarily mix my family with my politics, period."

He readily acknowledged their different views. "She's a liberal Democrat. I'm a conservative Republican."

Asked repeatedly during her day on Capitol Hill if she felt her brother was anti-Gay, Ms. Gingrich said no.

"He's just maybe uninformed," she said. "Maybe he hasn't had people from both sides giving him information."

Asked if she approved of his political agenda, she replied diplomatically, "I certainly admire his efforts to try to mend things economically. I haven't really dissected his method yet, but I think his intent is good."

But she stuck to her guns when asked about a comment she has made that she probably would not vote for him.

"It's not a family thing. It's not personal," she said. "But unfortunately we're completely in disagreement on 90 percent of the issues. And I wouldn't vote for somebody that disagreed with me, so no, I wouldn't vote for him."

The activists visited dozens of lawmakers to draw attention to key concerns — from threatened cuts in AIDS funding to problems of job discrimination. Ms. Gingrich met with Pennsylvania Republicans Sen. Arlen Specter and Rep. George Gekas, as well as a staff member of Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

Her brother told reporters he believes "AIDS research is very important" though not more important than research on heart attacks, breast cancer or other forms of cancer that might affect children. "I think any viral epidemic is very very dangerous," he said of AIDS.

At a breakfast gathering, Ms. Gingrich thanked her fellow activists for "not waiting until you have a brother that was speaker to become active."

She said she began telling people about her Lesbianism at age 20, but had never spoken to her brother about it.

"I personally did not discuss it with him. But my mother called him

because she thought he should know," she said. "And through her, I found out that his reaction was pretty much one that kind of empowered me — because his response was that it's my life and I have every right to live it the way that I feel I should."

But Ms. Gingrich said her brother's attitude wasn't adequate as a policy stance.

"My position is that tolerance is not enough," she said. "At this point we have no federal protections. At any point on the job we can be fired just for being Gay or Lesbian, and that's completely unrelated to job performance or ability."

"That's discrimination. That's not tolerance. That's something wrong. And most American people

believe that it's wrong."

Ms. Gingrich, who usually spends her days as a sorter for United Parcel Service, appeared unfazed by the half-dozen camera crews surrounding her as she walked to a Senate office building.

She said she could stay only a day because she had rugby practice back home in the evening.



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DA Charges Topeka Anti-Gay Minister with Assault, Battery

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Shawnee County District Attorney Joan Hamilton is trying again to prosecute Fred W. Phelps Sr. for actions associated with his anti-Gay crusade picketing.

Hamilton charged Phelps and five members of his Westboro Baptist Church with disorderly conduct, criminal restraint, assault and battery in connection with what she alleged in seven misdemeanor complaints were violations that occurred between Jan. 20, 1994, and Jan. 31, 1995.

Phelps, a disbarred attorney and Primitive Baptist minister, branded the charges "total fabrications," and vowed to fight them as he has previous complaints lodged against him by the district attorney's office.

Phelps and the other five, including two members of his family and three members of another family, were booked into the Shawnee County jail Mar. 9 morning, then released on bond.

Phelps himself was charged in two complaints, one alleging assault and battery and the other alleging disorderly conduct.

Charged with Phelps Sr. were his son, Jonathan Phelps, and a grandson, Benjamin Phelps, along with Charles W. Hockenbarger, his son, Karl Hockenbarger, and his grandson, Charles F. Hockenbarger.

Hamilton, a former legislator, said she charged Phelps under state criminal statutes, not a city ordinance that prohibits picketing of a home.

Hamilton said Phelps has picketed her home three times, and said she believes it is because of her previous efforts to prosecute him.

Hamilton brought charges against Phelps last year under a state criminal defamation law, but U.S. District Judge Sam Crow declared that law unconstitutional. However, Hamilton said, Crow's decision did not prevent her from bringing other charges under criminal statutes.

The district attorney said she hopes Phelps steps up his picketing of her home now. "I hope he comes out to my house each and every day, because that means he isn't picketing some other victim," she said.

Phelps, who has staged numerous anti-homosexual demonstrations

in Kansas and elsewhere, including picketing the funerals of persons suspected of dying from AIDS, is known for his vitriolic preaching, verbal attacks on and faxes to people and groups he and his church oppose.

His group has a regular schedule of picketing several sites in Topeka daily, and are a familiar sight to Topekans. He labels as "sodomites" those who do not agree with his anti-Gay position, including members of the news media and other churches.

Parents Protest Intervention in Student Petition

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — Several parents of students at Longmont High School say students' free-speech rights were violated when administrators stopped them from circulating a petition concerning two alleged Lesbian coaches at the school.

The petition claimed the women coaches were watching girls undress in the locker room. The petition was seized by administrators.

The students claimed they were subjected to hostile interrogation by school officials.

An investigation by St. Vrain Valley school district administrators concluded the questions were justified, although parents should have been notified of the petition.

The incident in January led to the transfer of a male coach who sided with the girls. Wrestling and assistant football coach David VanderMolen was transferred to an alternative middle school two weeks ago.

Parents who support VanderMolen were outraged that the petition was seized and that the students were interrogated.

"I felt the school administration handled it very poorly," said Henry Hoshiko, a parent who has spoken to the school board in favor of VanderMolen before. "I believe they violated their First Amendment rights."

But Superintendent Roger Driver on Mar. 21 said two students skipped class to pass the petition. He said the petitions could have been passed at an appropriate time.

Driver also said the petition was defamatory of the female coaches.

The district also is drafting a policy on privacy in the locker rooms, Driver said in a memo to the board.

Number of U.S. AIDS Cases Being Revised

ATLANTA (AP) — The government's estimate of the number of Americans infected with the AIDS virus is being revised for the first time in more than five years. But the new number may not change much, a top AIDS researcher says.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated at the end of 1989 that 800,000 to 1.2 million Americans had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The CDC began re-evaluating the figures last year, after it expanded the definition of AIDS to reflect the toll on women, those who have tuberculosis and those who have depressed immune systems.

Estimates from an AIDS workshop in February ranged from 600,000 to more than 1 million, but the scientists said then that they needed to do more research before reaching a definite number, said Dr. James Curran, director of the CDC's Division of HIV-AIDS Prevention.

"We are starting to reanalyze

Owner Says Bar Under Attack by Residents, Sheriff

DALLAS (AP) — The owner of a fledgling Gay nightclub claims the business is under attack by residents and sheriff's deputies because of what goes on inside the former Baptist church.

Owner Tim Foster claims Wilderzone is under attack because "it's a Gay club with nude male dancers."

Since opening in January, the club in a remote area of northeast Dallas County, has drawn enthusiastic crowds and complaints from neighbors about loud noise, lewd activity and traffic congestion.

Because it is in an unincorporated area, there are no ordinances regulating its activity and no zoning to prohibit its location near homes, Dallas County officials say.

But Dallas County Commissioner Mike Cantrell said his colleagues are expected to consider a proposal soon to prohibit parking along county streets near Wilderzone.

Wanda Brown, who lives across the street from the club, called the situation "real volatile."

"It's got to be defused," she said. "I think it's horrible because I can't sleep at night."

Meanwhile, Foster said

some of the data and attempting to come up with some final estimates. We think that by midsummer we'll be able to summarize the information and publish it," Curran said March 13.

Curran said he would not be surprised if the new number is similar to or slightly lower than the 1989 estimate, because the number of Americans dying from AIDS each year may now be greater than the number of people getting the infection.

The new estimate may be significant to researchers, but it shouldn't affect government funding for AIDS research and treatment, he said.

Curran said researchers are taking three major approaches to make the new estimate: mathematical models, a national household survey in which residents are asked to volunteer for HIV testing, and blind tests of all infants born in the United States.

sheriff's deputies have routinely stopped his customers without justification, blocked club access by closing nearby streets, verbally harassed employees and towed cars that were legally parked.

But the sheriff's department denies any harassment.

"We're not trying to drive this person out of business," sheriff's department spokesman Jim Ewell said in Mar. 10 editions of *The Dallas Morning News*. "If any deputies have gone beyond the law, then we need to hear about it."

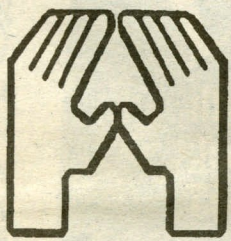
Only one citation has been issued to a club patron, that for parking a car in the middle of the road, Ewell said, adding deputies had to block a road before the car was impounded.

Each weekend, deputies answer numerous calls from residents near the club, he said.

Complaints prompted a recent inspection by the Dallas County fire marshal's office.

Seven minor violations were found that the club has until Mar. 3 to correct, officials said.

While some residents say they're not bothered by clubs' clientele, others say homosexuality is against their beliefs.



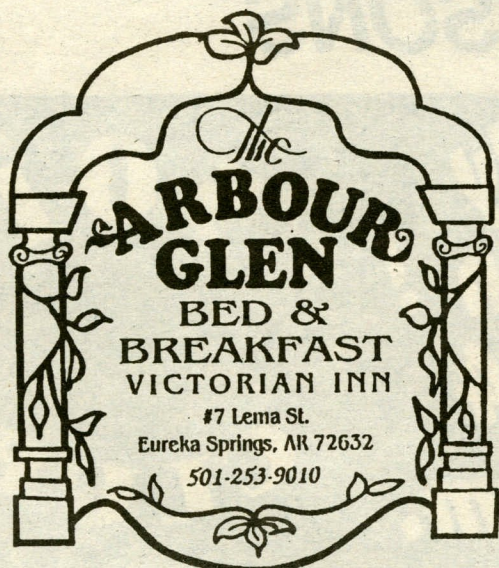
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Navy Allows Midshipman Picture for CD-ROM Book Illustration

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Navy reversed course Mar. 15 on a recruiting poster featuring a midshipman later discharged for being Gay, saying it would allow the image to illustrate a book on homosexuals in the military.

ApolloMedia had asked permission to use the 1972 poster in a CD-ROM version of *Conduct Unbecoming*, the late Randy Shilts' book on the history of Gays and Lesbians in the armed forces.

"It showed us we could stand up for what we believe is right," said the company's president, Clinton Fein.

The poster depicted two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen, one of whom was Lt. Ed Graves, the first black featured on a Navy recruiting poster. Graves was later discharged

as a homosexual and gave the poster to ApolloMedia for use with Shilts' book.

The Navy initially refused permission to use the poster but company officials pledged to include it anyway and said the software would reach store shelves by Mar. 10.

Naval Academy spokesman Noel Milan in Annapolis, Md., said last-minute negotiations resolved the issue.

Along with the poster, ApolloMedia will include a disclaimer and two letters from the Navy saying use of the image was not authorized.

The company says the CD-ROM package includes the full text of Shilts' book plus 2,000 additional images, government reports on Gays in the military, and video interviews.

Jenny Jones Producer Defends Segment that Preceded Slaying

DETROIT (AP) — A television producer has defended a *Jenny Jones* show segment in which one man revealed his secret feelings for another man. The object of the affection now is accused of murdering his admirer.

The producer said Mar. 14 that the Chicago-based show's participants had been told the secret admirer might be male or female.

Jonathan Schmitz, 24, is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail. He is charged with first-degree murder in the Mar. 9 shooting death of Scott Amedure.

Police say Schmitz shot Amedure three days after the two men from Oakland County's Orion Township taped an appearance on *Jenny Jones* in which Amedure, 32, described his crush on Schmitz.

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson has said the show "ambushed (Schmitz) with humiliation."

"In retaliation, the defendant ambushed the victim with a shotgun," Thompson said.

Paratore denied the show "ambushed" Schmitz.

Schmitz specifically was told before the Mar. 6 taping that the secret admirer could be a man or woman, according to Paratore.

But Schmitz' attorney Fred Gibson told WDIV-TV that a representative from the show had assured his client the admirer was a woman.

"A certain individual ... confirmed ... that the person he was to meet the following day in that broadcast was in fact a female," Gibson said Mar. 14.

Also Mar. 14, *A Current Affair* broadcast interviews from several people who were in the studio audience at the *Jenny Jones* taping.

Mark Langschwager of Lansing said Schmitz expected the admirer to be Donna Reilly, a mutual friend of Schmitz and Amedure who also was at the taping.

Schmitz was "in a state of complete shock" after learning his admirer was Amedure, according to Langschwager.

Paratore said Mar. 14 that the show already has provided the entire unedited segment featuring Schmitz and Amedure.

Nike Ad Features HIV-Positive Runner

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Once again, Nike has broken new ground in advertising, this time by featuring a marathon runner who learned he had the AIDS virus in 1987.

"Finally, at least one mainstream marketer is acknowledging reality — that there are millions of people living with HIV," said Bradley Johnson, a Los Angeles editor of *Advertising Age* magazine.

Nike began running the ad featuring Los Angeles runner Ric Munoz in February.

Advocates of HIV-positive people say the campaign can help remove the stigma that the disease carries by portraying those who have it in a normal, everyday light.

The 30-second commercial shows Munoz running through Malibu Canyon State Park in Los Angeles. As the scenery changes, captions say: "Rick Munoz, Los Angeles; 80 miles every week; 10 marathons every year; HIV positive; Just Do It."

"This ad is not only gutsy on Nike's part, but quite useful to educating viewers," said Sean Strub, editor of *POZ*, a magazine for and

about people with HIV. "People who are HIV-positive have to deal with exercise, getting fired, breaking up and falling in love... all the things everyone else in society has to go through."

The ad fits well with Nike's "Just Do It" slogan, said Jack Cox, a member of the Portland-based HIV Advocacy Council who was diagnosed with the virus 10 years ago.

"It's an affirmation that says, 'Do what you can. Just do your life,'" he said. "The message is right on."

John Schouten, a professor of marketing at the University of Oregon, said Nike is flying in the face of traditional advertising wisdom.

"I think what they're counting on here is that people will see through the HIV to the courage and that the associations people make won't be Nike and HIV, but Nike and courage," he said.

Advertisers have carefully avoided the AIDS issue, except for pharmaceutical companies whose ads have run in publications that deal specifically with the issue.



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Gov't Says It Needs 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Rule

Richard Pyle
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" military policy for homosexuals is irrational and unconstitutional, said a lawyer for six Gay and Lesbian service members seeking reinstatement.

But attorneys for the government said the military is a special environment that could be damaged by the open service of homosexuals.

The attorneys' arguments Mar. 16 ended four days of testimony in federal court in Brooklyn in the first legal test of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson said he would rule before March 31.

"Don't ask, don't tell" allows

Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military as long as their sexual orientation doesn't become known. In that case, they are subject to honorable discharge.

The plaintiffs — three Navy men, two soldiers and one female Army officer — sued after their sexual orientation became public and they were discharged.

A favorable ruling by Nickerson would reinstate all six, but lawyers for both sides indicated they expected the case to be appealed, possibly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

During closing statements Mar. 16, attorney Matthew Coles charged that the Defense Department had ignored the findings of four studies, all showing there was no need for a special policy on homosexuals.

"They did the same thing with every one of them — they threw

them in the trash because they didn't like the answer," Coles said.

"It's their lives that are important here," Coles said of the Gay and Lesbian service members. "They are being forced to choose between serving their country or living a lie."

The government's lawyer argued that the special demands of military life — including living in close quarters and working as a team — require a policy that excludes known homosexuals from the services.

Margaret Plank of the Justice Department said that in approving the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in 1993, "Congress recognized that the military is an all-encompassing environment" in which individuals gave up "time, liberty, privacy and possibly even life."

During the three-day hearing, several experts, including two retired generals and a former senior Pentagon official, testified for the plaintiffs. Government lawyers presented no witnesses but asked Nickerson to review the record of congressional hearings on the issue.

Plank disputed the plaintiffs' argument that congressional concern about reaction to Gays was similar to worries about trouble when the military forces were desegregated in the 1940s.

She said there was "nothing significant" about a person's race in determining fitness for military duty.

"But this is not the case with Gays and Lesbians," Plank said. "It is this behavioral component that Congress determined was an unacceptable risk."

Gay Lieutenant, Facing Expulsion, Awarded Medal by Navy

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Tracy Thorne says he's surprised and pleased that the Navy gave him an achievement medal even though it has been trying to kick him out since he went on national television in 1992 to say he's Gay.

"I'm still befuddled by it all," he said after the ceremony Feb. 28 at which he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. "My commanding officer said, 'What are we doing here? On the one hand, we're kicking you out; on the other, we're giving you a medal.'"

Thorne, 28, said about 25 of his former colleagues attended the ceremony at Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, Va., his last active-duty posting. Now a reservist living in Richmond, Va., Thorne has been waiting since July for Navy Secretary John Dalton to rule on the discharge recommendation.

Thorne said he did not know exactly how far up the chain of command the medal recommendation went. But he noted that the citation was signed "For the Secretary" by Vice Adm. W.C. Bowes, commander of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Ross, a Navy spokesman, said Thorne's award "reflects what he did at that command and what his commander thought of his work."

The citation recognizes Thorne's "professional achievement in the su-

perior performance of his duties" between January and October 1994, while he was director of the Help Desk at Naval Air Systems Command information and technology division.

Thorne said his former commanding officer, Cmdr. Craig Luigart, recommended him for the medal.

"My commanding officer had a lot of integrity and all that mattered to him was whether you did your job in a professional manner and advanced the needs of the Navy," Thorne said.

Earlier Mar. 7, a group that supports lifting the ban on Gays in the military issued a report asserting that military officials are violating the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a Washington-based group that assists men and women affected by the military's policy on homosexuals, compiled what it said were 340 violations of the policy. A Pentagon spokesman said the Clinton administration's defense advisers view the policy as a success and declined to comment on the unofficial data contained in the report.

Last July, a naval board of inquiry recommended that Thorne be discharged for violating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. He has been waiting ever since for the Navy secretary to rule on the recommendation.

Thorne has said that if Dalton upholds the discharge, he will go to federal court to challenge the administration's policy on Gays in the military.

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Group Protests Against Attempt to Punish Student

By Mitch Weiss
Associated Press Writer

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A member of a Gay-rights group said he was disappointed that only six activists turned out for a protest near a Roman Catholic high school.

But Damian Mason said the group will stay active.

"There is an active Gay community in Toledo," Mason said Feb. 28. "But just how active is another question. It seems they are scared to express themselves in the public eye. We have to show we are active and not afraid to take a stand."

Six members of the Toledo Gay and Lesbian Coalition protested outside Central Catholic High School because a teacher tried to discipline a student who wore a Gay-rights T-shirt to class on Feb. 8.

School officials encouraged students to stay away from the protest. They made parents pick up their children in a special parking lot and students had to board buses at a side entrance.

The protesters had to stand outside the school's main entrance near several Toledo police officers.

"They did everything they could to make sure we didn't hand out condoms to the kids," said Mason, a University of Toledo student. "I mean they did everything they could to make sure they didn't see us. What was the school so afraid of?"

About 10 students met with the protesters. They took the condoms and told them they supported their right to protest.

"I think they are just afraid of how it might hurt the image of the school," Marc Haney, 17, a junior, said about the school's reaction. "That's all they seem to care about."

Sara Gerasimiak said some students were angry about the protest.

"They said they were going to go outside and beat them up," she said.

Some passing motorists shouted obscenities at the protesters.

The Rev. Michael Billian, a spokesman for Central Catholic, said the 16-year-old boy was never punished for wearing the T-shirt that read "Boycott Homophobia." The school has not identified him.

A teacher thought it was promoting homosexuality and gave him a one-hour detention. The boy said the message was to be more tolerant of Gays.

Central Catholic agreed with the student and lifted the detention.

The coalition learned of the detention from the boy, who attended its first meeting two weeks ago seeking support because of his experience.

"They're a new group and I think they are doing this to establish themselves in the limelight," Billian said.

Coalition spokeswoman Lair Scott said his group handed out condoms and information about AIDS to teach the students about safe sex.

The boy's father has described his son as having a "social conscience" and said his son is not Gay.

Mel White Still Fasting to Get Meeting with Robertson

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Mel White says he is prepared to continue his fast until Pat Robertson agrees to a meeting to discuss Robertson's views on homosexuality, which White believes fuel intolerance against Gays and Lesbians.

"How can we prove our sincerity unless we are willing to die?" he said Mar. 8 from his jail cell.

White has been fasting since mid-February, taking only a cup of milk in the morning, a cup of Tang in the evening and water.

Officials at Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network — where White once served as Robertson's ghost writer and a 700 Club guest — call his fast and voluntary jail stint a "publicity stunt" and a "desperate media campaign." They say White is trying to increase his prominence as a Gay leader and sell his autobiography.

"Mel White has always had control over when Mel White leaves the jail. It's not Pat Robertson who has control," said Robertson's spokesman, Gene Kapp. "He is attempting to use intimidation, I guess that would be the word, to impose a meeting."

White was a ghost writer for a Robertson book in 1986. He said he acknowledged his homosexuality in 1991, the year all ties with Robertson were severed.

White, a leader in the Metropolitan Community Church, a 32,000-member Christian denomination for Gays and Lesbians, was arrested two weeks ago on trespassing charges when he sought to meet with

Robertson at CBN. He has told his supporters not to post the \$1,000 bond and free him.

Robertson wrote White a letter refusing to meet with him. Robertson, who condemns homosexuality as a sin, nonetheless wrote in the letter that the Bible directs him to "have love in my heart toward homosexual and Lesbian people."



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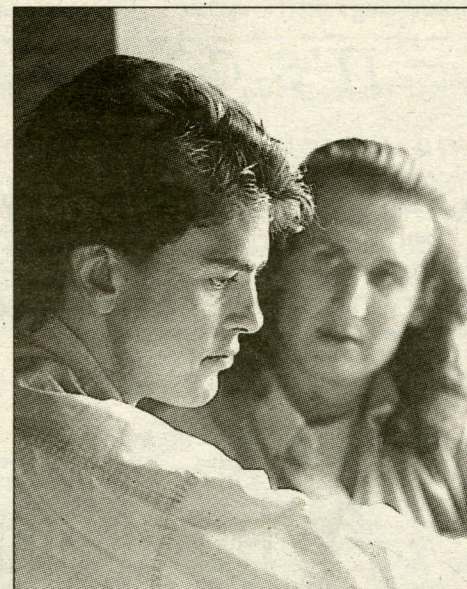
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Street Dedicated to AIDS Activist Pedro Zamora

By Tom Wells
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Microphones emitted earsplitting screeches before the sound system failed altogether, and many chattering children wouldn't shut up during speeches Feb. 28 dedicating a street to the late

AIDS activist Pedro Zamora.

Zamora would have loved every minute of it. His world was the real one. Chaotic. Imperfect. That's probably why he was such a hit on MTV's *Real World*.

"I'm sure he's looking down on us, and he's very happy. It's the best present he could ever receive," said

his sister, Mily Zamora.

Pedro's father, Hector Zamora, bleary eyed and fighting back tears, faced a gaggle of reporters in ceremonies at Howard D. McMillan Middle School. He answered questions patiently as three television cameras stared relentlessly at him from 2 feet away and microphones were thrust in his face.

Later, when most reporters had descended on someone else who knew Pedro, his father found himself remembering when Pedro was just 4 or 5 and had fallen and cut his forehead.

"He cried a little, you know. He was just a little boy. I scooped him up in my arms, and we headed for the hospital. I loved him so much. He was such a good boy. Always caring about others. Excuse me for breaking down like this," he said, brushing away tears with a knuckle.

The ceremony was to give 59th Street in northwest Miami the added name of Pedro Zamora Way.

Ten residents a block from the school were asked if they knew who Zamora was.

"Someone who fought for liberty?" asked Maria Lets.

"A baseball player for the Florida

Marlins?" guessed Jose Diaz.

"A city councilman?" said Ken Cespedes.

Only one knew Zamora was a gifted speaker, traveling around the country talking to young people and others about AIDS. He died Nov. 11 at 22.

But the fact that those living on the street named for him didn't know who he was wouldn't have bothered Zamora. He was never looking for fame, just trying to get the message across about AIDS, his friends always said.

Marc Crispi, 18, a member of the Braddock High School marching band that performed at Feb. 21's ceremonies, recalls hearing Zamora speak four years ago.

Crispi said many people wept that day, and the speech made Crispi "think twice about how precious life is, that I'm not invincible after all. It made me realize that it can happen to everyone, that no one is singled out with a sign that says, you know, they've got AIDS."

Marching bands played "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "Jacked," two bouncy tunes as they and two platoons of majorettes made their way down Pedro Zamora Way past 14

police cars, four police motorcycles, an overturned grocery cart, two orange school buses and nine charter buses that brought pupils from other schools.

The largest applause was for Pam Ling and Judd Winick, two stars of the *Real World* series in which the ensemble cast played themselves. Zamora showed the conflict and compassion that surfaces when a group finds that a roommate has AIDS.

Ling, with hair dyed neon red, burgundy lipstick and a dangerously short miniskirt, was greeted with squeals of delight when she took the podium. The crowd became more sober as she reminded them that "Pedro proved to me and millions of people each week that people with AIDS are not bad people."

She encouraged the youngsters to demand that their schools and their parents educate them about AIDS.

Ling and Winick sat on a platform stage with three of Zamora's little nieces on their laps. Winick wiped away tears throughout the ceremony.

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Gay Support Group Selects Recipient of First National Bravery Award

HOUSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old auctioneer from Jacksonville, Tex. will be the first recipient of a national bravery award given by a support group for Gays.

Wesley Beard was named on Saturday to receive the Human Rights Award for Bravery from the organization Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The award will be given

during a conference on homophobia scheduled for March 31 and April 1 in Houston.

Beard will be recognized for his efforts following the brutal slaying of a Gay man in Tyler in November 1993. That man was abducted from a park by several men, driven to a sand pit, beaten and shot nine times.

Beard organized a "Stop the Hate" rally in Tyler in January 1994

in the same park where the victim was abducted.

A national panel of judges, including a lawyer, former legislator and journalists, selected Beard for the award which honors a U.S. resident who was taken risks to further the cause of equality for Lesbians and Gays.

Louganis Gets Studds Award in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, in town on a book tour, picked up an award honoring him as a Gay man and a leader.

The famed Olympic diver, who recently told the world he has AIDS, accepted the Congressman Gerry Studds Visibility Award from

Studds, D-Mass., an openly Gay member of Congress. The award honors Gay men for leadership.

"Secrets hold you prisoner, and now I am free," Louganis told 600 people Mar. 12 night at a fund-raising dinner for the Fenway Community Health Center, which serves Boston's

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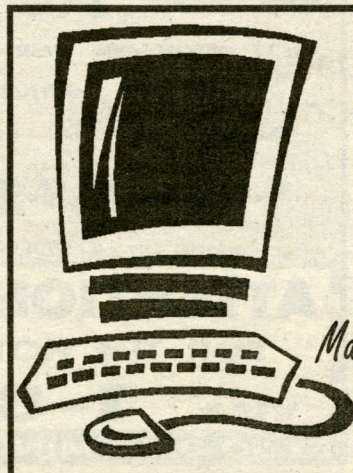
Louganis, who is in the middle of a book tour promoting his autobiography, said his co-author Eric Marcus was thrilled when *Breaking the Surface* topped O.J. Simpson's new book on the bestseller list.

"He said, 'Oh boy, the sissy beat the football player,'" Louganis joked.

Louganis is negotiating a movie deal based on the book. And while he doesn't plan to play himself, he hopes to play his own stunt-man for the diving scenes.

But when the excitement dies down, he hopes to spend more time breeding and showing and playing with his Great Danes and his Corgi.

Also receiving an award was Jonathan Scott, executive director of Victory Programs, an agency that helps people recover from drug addiction and alcoholism.



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Gay Comics on Tour Again

The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye comes to The Comedy Zone Comedy Club Sun., Apr. 23.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye are two of the hottest stand-up comedians working at comedy clubs and colleges across the country. They have headlined most major comedy clubs in the U.S. from Seattle to Miami including: The Improvs, Laff Stops, Puchlines, Funny Bones, Comedy Works, and Las Vegas showrooms. They have also opened in concert with superstars such as: Garth Brooks, The Temptations, The Four Tops, David Sanborn and Judy Tenuta.

You may have seen them on the Comedy Channel or A&E's *An Evening at The Improv*. The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour is sponsored by *The Advocate*

newsmagazine. The tour began in 1994 and sold-out in almost every major market. 1995 is bringing more tour dates that will include international dates as well as many more college performances.

Kevin Maye says, "I know that 25 years ago to have an openly Gay performer at a "mainstream" venue was unheard of. Today, we are selling out shows all over the nation!"

Maye continues, "Scott Kennedy and I are very excited to be a part of this history-making event. "To add a twist to the plot, Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye share not only the stage together but also their lives offstage as well. They are domestic partners and enjoy life in Houston, Texas, when they are not on tour with the show.

The Gay Comedy Jam is gaining national attention as it tours world-

wide as the "first Gay comedy show of its kind." The show is structured for a Gay audience, but is even widely enjoyed by the non-Gay crowd as well. Scott Kennedy says, "We were both accomplished comedians before we came 'out' professionally. Funny is funny, whether it is Gay or straight, people laugh."

The venues that this show is produced in are primarily top rated nationally recognized comedy nightclubs and theaters. These are Gay-friendly businesses who are supporting this explosive effort to bring Gay comedy to the forefront of the entertainment industry. Reviewers try to describe this unique show, but see it for yourself.

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Two Softball Teams Entered In League

By Chuck Saylor

Memphis will have at least two confirmed teams and possibly a third competing in the Music City Softball League in Nashville this year.

When practice started the number of participants was larger than expected, but most certainly welcome. It was at that time that a second team seemed the logical and intelligent thing to do. Recruiting tables with sign-up sheets blitzed local bars for one weekend gathering names of those interested in helping to fill out both rosters with enough players. There is also a possibility of a third team playing, but as of press deadline there has not been official word from the sponsor.

The two confirmed teams this year have sponsors: J-Wag's Jaguars and Pipeline Pirates. Sponsorship

was an important step for the teams. This gave the sponsor some additional name recognition not only in Memphis but also in other parts of the country as the teams will be traveling to different tournaments throughout the summer. This also establishes a "home" for the team and its supporters. Owners of J-Wag's and the Pipeline need to be congratulated for stepping forward and agreeing to sponsor these teams.

The league this year looks to be very competitive with several teams from Nashville taking on new players and assigning others from past years to different teams. With the Memphis teams added, there will be some great softball played this summer. The first games are slated for April 9 in Nashville. The following weekend there is a tournament in Birmingham, Ala. Games follow-

ing that will be played in Memphis and Nashville on a rotating basis. The full schedule of games has not been completed yet, but will be listed in this paper in next month's issue. Times of play and field locations are not finalized. Call 682-9928, 274-3857 or 324-4865 for information. Both teams are looking for some great fan support this year as J-Wag's Jaguars and the Pipeline Pirates get set to take on teams from The Music City Softball League.

Upcoming fund-raising events for both teams listed below:

- Sat., April 1 - Pipeline - April Fool's Pipeline Bash, 10 p.m.
- Thurs., April 6 - J-Wag's - Spaghetti Dinner, 6-9 p.m.
- Fri., April 21 - J-Wag's - Amateur strip night, 10 p.m. Cash prize to winner.

Memphis Flyer Ranks Amnesia #2 Place to Dance

Amnesia was chosen one of the three best places to dance in the *Memphis Flyer's* second annual Best of Memphis readers' poll.

Six-1-Six came in first in the balloting, but Amnesia beat out Coco Loco for the number two spot.

This is the second time in recent months that Amnesia has received a similar honor. *Memphis* magazine had previously selected Amnesia as one of the best dance clubs in the city.

Amnesia was the only Gay club honored in these two surveys.

Owners Frank Cooper and David daPonte were very pleased to have Amnesia voted one of the best dance locations again, and appreciate the votes cast for the club in the *Flyer* polling.

Lambda Center Moves

Memphis Lambda Center, the Gay and Lesbian Community's headquarters for various 12-step programs including Alcoholics Anonymous groups, has moved to 1488 Madison Ave.

The space is next door to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the two groups are exploring the possibility of cooperative events. The MGLCC recently reaffirmed its policy that the Center will remain alcohol-free.

The Lambda Center formerly occupied space above the United Paint Store on Cleveland.

The move brings to five Gay and Lesbian-related locations on that block of Madison. In addition to the MGLCC and the Lambda Center, the block is home to the Construction Site, WKRB, and Holy Trinity Community Church.

Sharon Wray

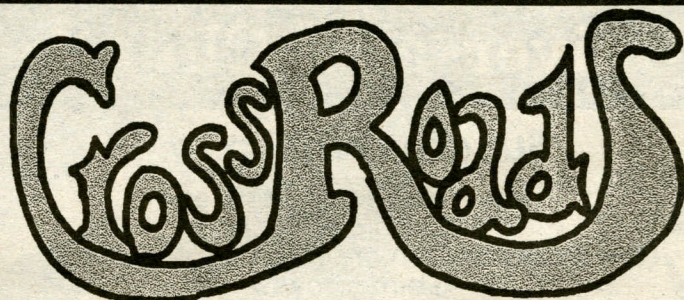
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140 tickets were sold for the dinner, all proceeds of which were donated to a charity of the honoree's choice. Sharon elected to split the \$700 in donations between Friends For Life HIV Resources and the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Tsarus Benefit Donates to Med

Tsarus' benefit dedicated to Women of Influence netted \$594 for the club. One hundred dollars was donated by Holy Trinity and passed to the Med.

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New York Man Targets Clarksburg, West Virginia with Letters

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP)—Residents of Clarksburg don't know J.T. Colfax, but they're getting an introduction to a Gay man from New York through letters sent at random. "My first reaction was, 'What was the reason behind this?'" said Cindy Pugh, co-owner of a hair salon, who received a letter around Christmas.

Colfax, 31, a Denver native who lives in a Staten Island rooming house, describes himself as an artist, a recovering alcoholic and a former prostitute who lives off a small inheritance and is confronting his alienation from the world. He said he wanted to choose a small, one-Zip code town and, for one year, send letters daily to resi-

dents at random describing his Gay lifestyle. He says his eventual goal is to write a book about the project.

Meanwhile, Colfax's letter became a subject of discussion for Pugh's friends. Pugh said she has Gay friends and was not offended by what Colfax wrote.

But the Rev. John Masto, an Assembly of God minister who also received a letter, said he believes Colfax is a confused person.

"Homosexuality, in the Bible, is an abomination," Masto said. "The thing is, as a minister, I don't hate the man. It's just the way of life. It's not biblical."

Barbara Steinke of the West Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights does not support what Colfax is doing.

"I think that the people of Clarksburg are receiving unsolicited sexually oriented material, and it's

an invasion of their privacy," Steinke said. "I would not want to get mail that contained somebody's sexual encounters, Gay or straight."

Colfax said he chose West Virginia, looked it up in an almanac and settled on Clarksburg, a town of 18,000 in the north-central part of the state, after also consulting a guidebook that said the city has no Gay bars.

He hung a map of Clarksburg on his wall and copied the city directory from a Manhattan library.

"In many ways, I fear they'll think I'm making fun of them for being hicks, when the reality is I'm not very happy with where I live in New York and I wish I could live someplace like that," Colfax said.

Colfax said he knows caskets are made in Clarksburg and that it's home to the new FBI fingerprint center, but said he doesn't want to know

much more about the community.

He began writing in December, and sent a single letter to each person.

In one letter, he complained about a noisy neighbor and said he sometimes uses a soft-drink container for a toilet so he won't run into his neighbors on his way to the common bathroom.

"I feel trapped in my room. My future is bleak, so you see, I need you Clarksburg," Colfax wrote.

In other letters, he also talked about going to the theater and spotting celebrities.

"I'm looking at it as the fact that these things are true and really happened," Colfax said in an interview with the Sunday *Gazette-Mail* of Charleston. "Most straight people, even people that are very open and have many Gay friends, never hear these kinds of details."

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Two Men Charged in Beating of Gay Man in Wisconsin Softball Field

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A state law against crimes motivated by prejudice is being used to prosecute two young men accused of

beating and robbing a victim identified as homosexual.

The hate crime law allows judges to increase the penalty if an offense

is influenced by reaction to a victim's race, religion, life-style or disability.

Ryan D. Meiller, 18, of Madison and Erik Jacobson, 20, of Waunakee were charged Feb. 23 in Circuit Court with robbery and aggravated battery. Each was released on a \$1,000 signature bond.

In this case, a conviction could add five years to a 10-year sentence.

The pair is accused of luring a 33-year-old man to a softball field early Feb. 22. He said he met the pair at a pornography store and agreed to follow them to the field.

The men kicked and beat him, breaking three ribs, a criminal complaint said.

"All right, I did it," Meiller reportedly told authorities. "I don't like homosexuals and anything like it."

They robbed the man of \$7 and his automatic teller card, "kicked and hit him until he revealed his personal identification number," the complaint said.

Jacobson held the man in the park while Meiller went to use the card, it said.

Meiller returned to say the card didn't work and the two kicked and beat the man again, authorities said.

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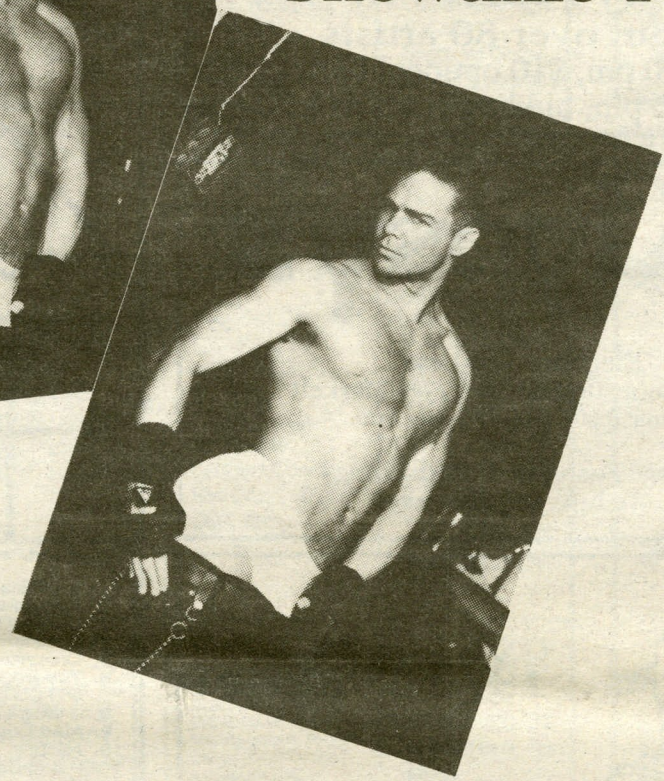
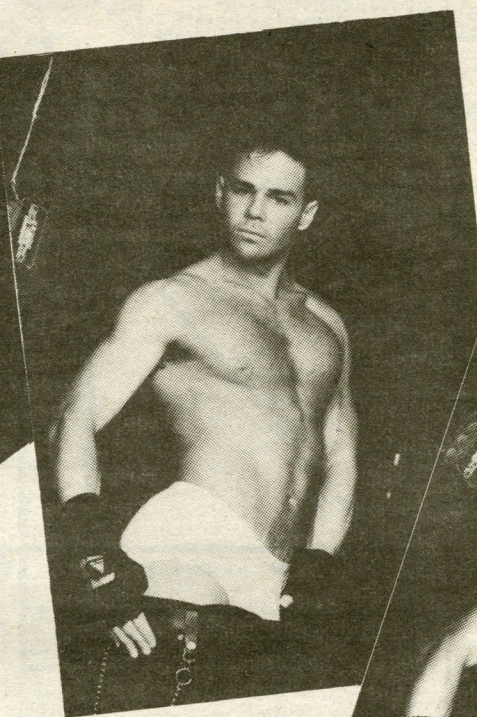
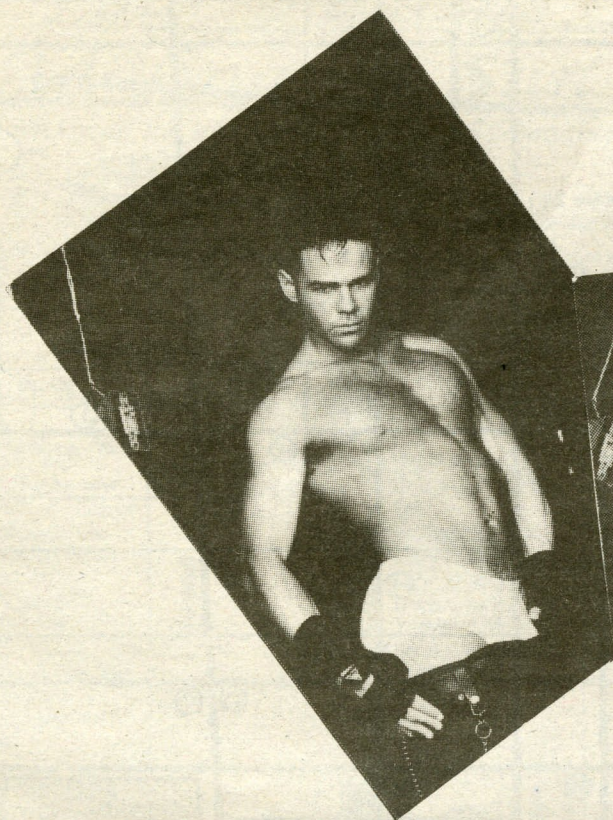
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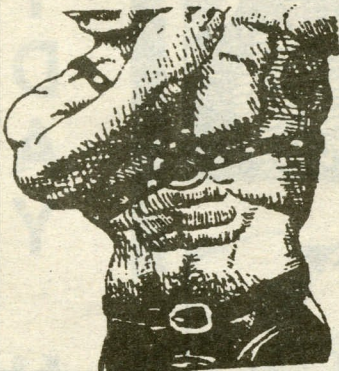
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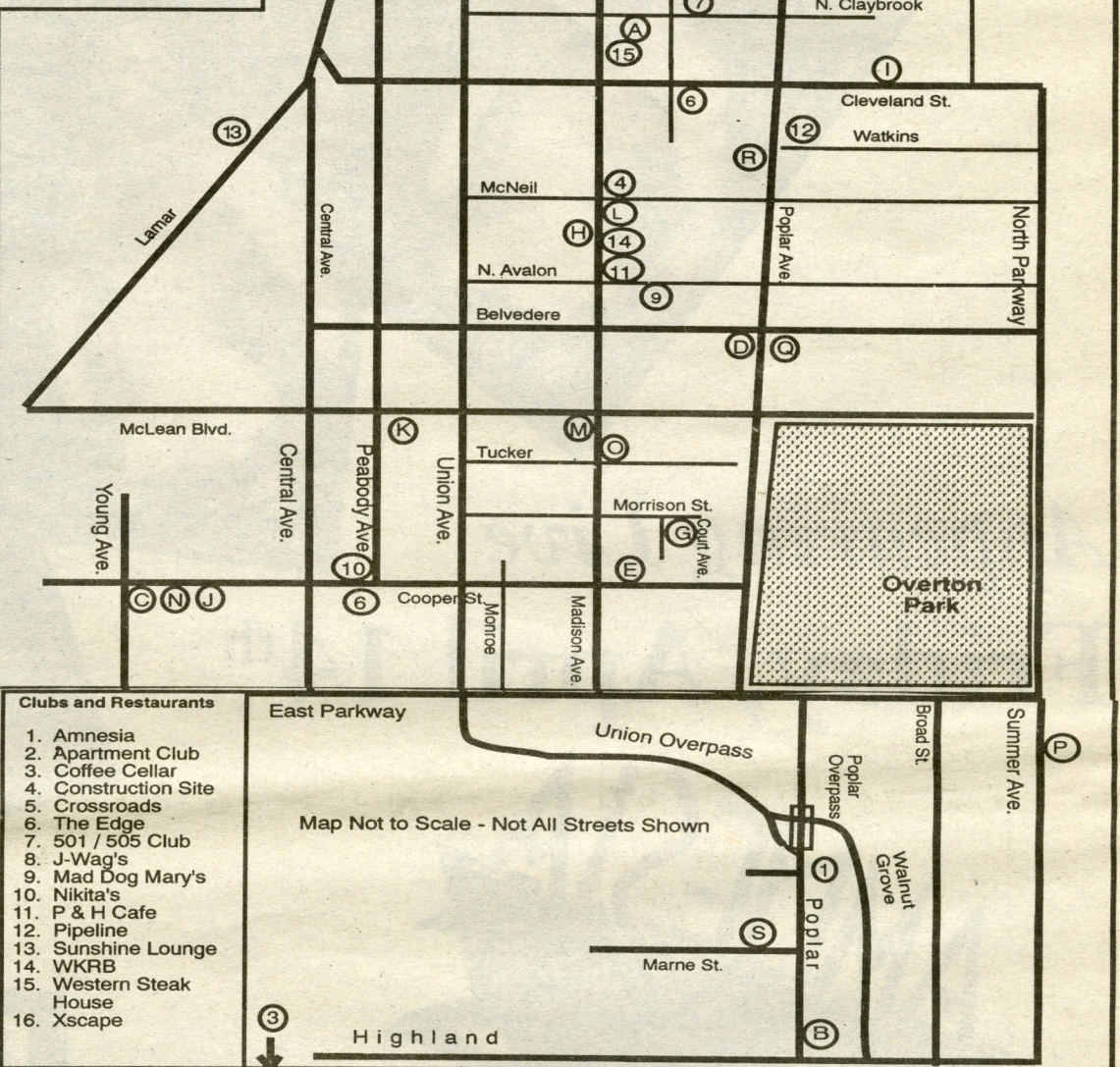
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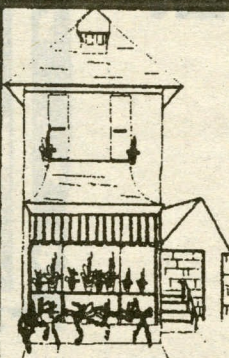


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PALM SUNDAY 9 • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am, & 7pm • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • MCC, MGLCC, 5pm • Switchboard Training, MGLCC, 7pm • Spring Offensive Against Violence, Washington, DC	10 • Gay Alternative Hour FM 89.9, 6pm • Friends For Life Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm • Reading & Book Signing w/Patricia Bell-Scott, Meristem, 7-9pm	11 • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7pm • Lambda Men's Chorus, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	12 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm	13 • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	GOOD FRIDAY 14 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Bowling League, Park Lanes • Southern Country Hoe Down, 501/505 Club, 9pm	PASSOVER DEADLINE 15 FOR MAY '95 TJN • MGLCC Yard Sale, 10am-5pm • HIV Tea Dance, Pipeline, 5pm • Bisexual Group, MGLCC, 4pm • Pot Luck, MGLCC, 7pm • Arkansas Gay Rodeo Benefit, Club 501 • Bunny Tail Contest, Pipeline
EASTER SUNDAY 16 • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm • MCC Worship Service, MGLCC, 11am • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • MCC, MGLCC, 5pm • Easter Bonnet Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Pipeline	17 • Gay Alternative Hour FM 89.9, 6pm	18 • Integrity Eucharist & Healing Svc., 6pm; Dinner/Mtg., 6:45pm, Calvary Episcopal • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7pm • Lambda Men's Chorus, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm • Reading & Book Signing w/Kay Turner, Meristem, 7-9pm	19 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm	20 • GRACE Mtg. Call John, 725-5237 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	21 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Bowling League, Park Lanes • An Evening w/Pat Hoornstra, the Women of S'ivals, & Delta Rising, Meristem • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501/505 Club, 9pm • Softball Fundraiser, "Amateur Strip Night," J-Wags, 10pm	22 • Transgender Alliance, MGLCC, 6pm Change, 7pm Meets • Officers Club of Little Rock Club Night, Pipeline
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Marijuana Club Offers Pot to People with AIDS or Cancer

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Behind the nondescript door is no ordinary smoky dive. If your nose doesn't detect the sweet smell of marijuana, the sign behind the bar says it all: "Thank you for pot smoking."

At the San Francisco Cannabis Buyer's Club, AIDS, cancer and glaucoma patients come to buy and smoke the illegal weed they say is one of the few things that give them relief.

"This is about love," said Dennis Peron, who founded the club after his partner died of AIDS in 1990. "People in the autumn, in the sunset of their lives, have a right to any medicine that helps them feel better."

Although Peron knows he is risking arrest, the 3,200-member club has yet to be busted.

In 1992, the city Board of Supervisors, in a unanimous resolution signed by Mayor Frank Jordan, ordered police and the district attorney to make enforcing laws against marijuana as medicine their lowest priority.

"The mayor supports medicinal

use of marijuana as long as it's under the supervision of a doctor," said Jordan spokeswoman Meredith Halpern.

To join the club, you have to produce a photo ID and a doctor's letter certifying a condition that could be alleviated by pot. Members are issued a prosaic-looking membership card (and if you lose it twice, you're out.)

The club, on the second story of a drab building near the Castro, San Francisco's mostly Gay district, buys in bulk and sells at a small markup.

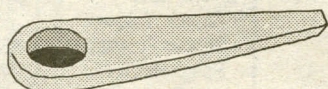
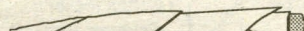
Since the drug is purchased underground, it's more expensive than growing your own, and members are charged \$5 to \$25 a gram. But Peron said that's about 50 percent cheaper than street prices.

Similar clubs have been formed in major U.S. cities in recent years, said Bob Randall of the Washington-based Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics. But he wouldn't say where or how many, because the clubs are illegal.

On a recent morning, the clientele at the nonprofit San Francisco Cannabis Buyer's Club reflected

the democratizing power of disease.

Old, young, Black, brown, white, well-dressed and grungy were all represented in the 50 to



100 people sitting at small tables or lounging on couches as candles glowed dimly through the haze and a stereo pounded out '70s hits.

Hazel, a 75-year-old retired office manager, said she takes a couple of tokes a day, just enough to relieve the pressure in her eyes from glaucoma but not so much that she gets that "very uncomfort-

able" feeling of being high.

Michael, who has Hodgkin's disease, stops by every two weeks for the only cure he's found for the waves of nausea that follow his chemotherapy.

Bob, a 36-year-old AIDS patient whose face is covered with the dark lesions of Kaposi's sarcoma, said he comes to the club for the marijuana that keeps his appetite up and the support that boosts his spirit.

"I love the interaction. I draw from it. I've met some of my best friends now from this club," he said.

"A lot of times, you can't turn things off. It's like I have all these problems and I have to deal with them all the time. With marijuana, I just kind of drift away. It's my only way to turn it off sometimes."

At one counter, volunteers sold food made with pot for those who can't smoke, including brownies, cookies, spice cake and Merry Pills, high-grade marijuana soaked in olive oil and encapsulated.

Security is tight. Two doormen guard the stairs leading to the club. Supporters of the club include

Angela Alioto, a member of the Board of Supervisors whose husband died of cancer four years ago.

"I think it is of utmost importance that people who are dying be able to get any kind of medication that makes even five minutes of their life better," she said.

Advocates say marijuana eases nausea and loss of appetite caused by cancer and AIDS treatments, relieves muscle spasms in people with spinal cord injuries or multiple sclerosis and alleviates the pressure that blinds glaucoma sufferers.

Opponents say those assertions are unverified. Last summer, the Clinton administration upheld the ban on the medicinal use of marijuana. In California, an effort to legalize such uses was vetoed in September by Gov. Pete Wilson.

Randall, one of only eight people in the United States legally allowed to smoke marijuana, would rather see marijuana dispensed by prescription.

"I appreciate the service that's being performed" by the marijuana clubs, he said. "But in terms of being a rational solution to a very serious medical problem, they aren't it."



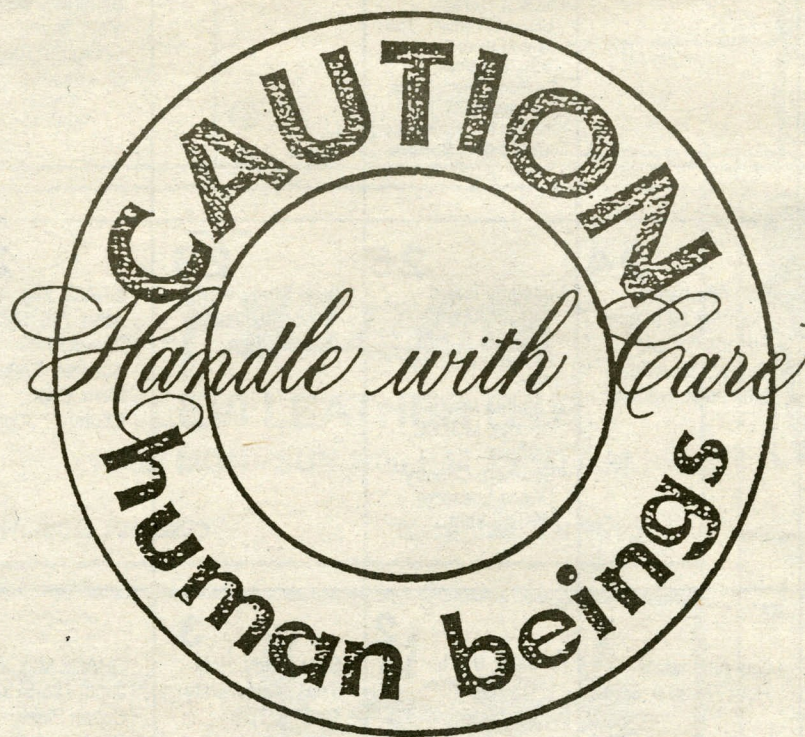
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Part 12

Frank applied a coat of bright red nail polish to his thumb nail, and held it up to admire the color. "Helen, look at this. Isn't it marvelous?" He examined the lacquered nail intently. "It's called..." he looked down at the several bottles of polish on the bar before him, "Frou-Frou Red."

"Frou-Frou Red," Helen repeated. "Sounds like the name of a second-rate drag queen to me." She studied the bottles and finally selected one. "Here, Frank, try this. Pink's your color. This shade is called 'Persnickety'." She handed the bottle to Frank, who inspected it thoughtfully. Then, brushing a strand of long blonde hair from his eyes, he proceeded to remove the red with polish remover and to apply a coat of Persnickety pink. "Yes, this is more like it," he said. "It's me. Where did you get all these, anyhow?"

"They're samples. That little nelly queen who works in the cosmetics department of Dillard's brought them to me. You'd know him if you saw him. He has one of those designer names — Damon, Darren, Derrick, Devlin... That's it, Devlin. No wonder he turned out gay with a name like that."

"Well, I don't think names have anything to do with it. Frank is a pretty butch name, and I turned out a drag queen."

Helen looked at him, reached over the bar and patted him on the shoulder. "Guess you're right."

They both laughed, and then continued the quest to find the absolutely perfect color from the dozens of bottle of nail polish scattered about on the countertop.

Shortly before 4:00 in the afternoon, when it was almost time to open her bar, The Colony Club, for happy hour, Helen had telephoned Frank at his law office to tell him about the samples. He had come immediately to check out the colorful goodies.

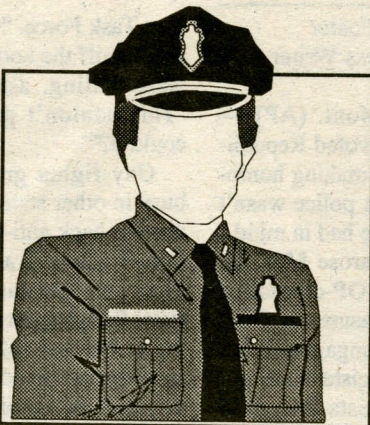
Just after 4:00, the front door flew open, and Bobby Cheatam bounded into the bar. "Hello, girls," he said. Bobby was six-three, and moved with the grace of an athlete. He had been a football coach before he was dismissed in recent years by the local school board after they learned he was Gay. Now Bobby and his lover Paul worked together in Paul's insurance agency.

Bobby was highly excited. "Hey, everybody, I did it. I closed the Allied account after selling coverage on their entire fleet of more than two hundred vehicles. Plan to go for their hospitalization coverage next. I've been in the insurance sales business less than a year now, and I'm already on the way to being a member of the Million Dollar Round Table." He paused and smiled broadly at Helen and Frank, "Of course, I do sleep with the owner of the agency, and that helps."

"It just might," said Helen.

Bobby's smile broadened to a grin. "I called Paul; he's on his way over." He laughed heartily. "Set up the house, Helen. Champagne... good champagne. Some of that good stuff you save back for those young guys you're so partial to. We know how you straights use booze on the young ones so you can seduce them and have your evil way with them."

"Up yours," said Helen, holding



one Frou-Frou Red adorned finger firmly up. "You tight SOB, coming in here setting up the house when you know nobody's here but Frank and me. Just for that, I'm getting out the best. And I'll bill you later so I don't have to see you

pass out when you find out how much it costs."

Helen went to the cooler and took out a magnum of champagne. She got glasses, opened the champagne, and poured a round of drinks, taking care all the while not to damage

her freshly polished nails.

Bobby raised his glass. "A toast... to friendships like ours," he said. Frank and Helen raised their glasses

and took a sip as Bobby added, "There's something else I need to tell you—another reason to celebrate.

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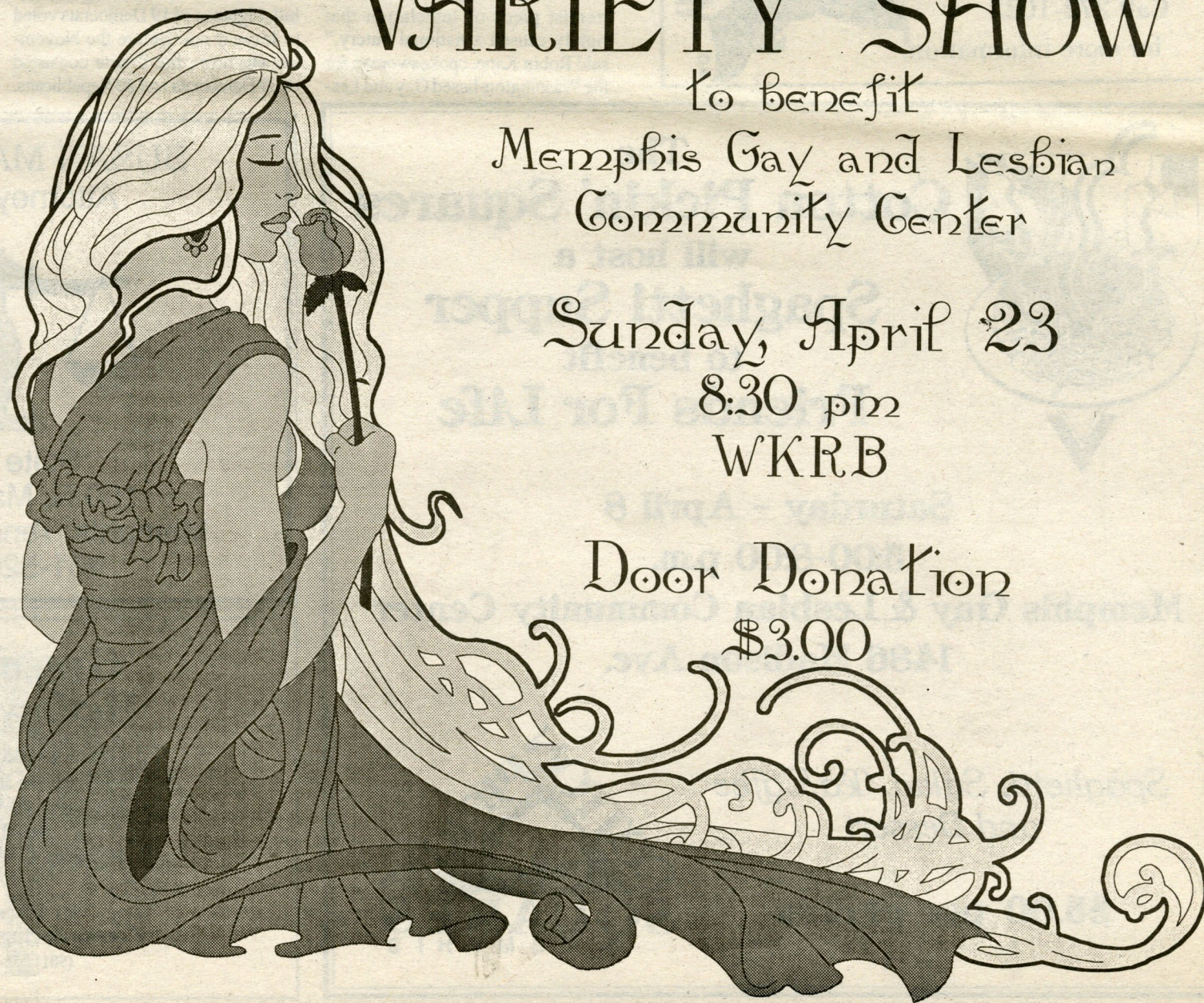
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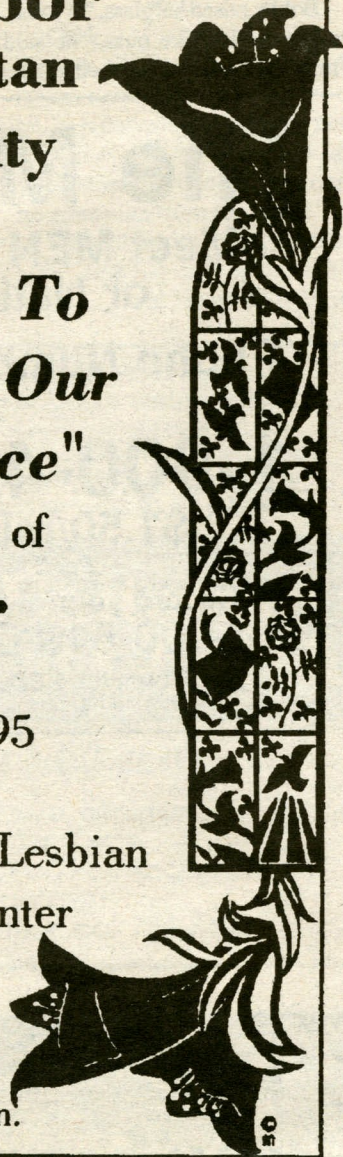
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Montana Senate Kills Proposal to Register Violators of Gay Sex Ban

By David Foster
Associated Press Writer

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) — When Larry Hilton voted Republican last November, making homosexuals register with police wasn't the kind of reform he had in mind.

That possibility arose Mar. 22, when Montana's GOP-controlled Senate passed a measure requiring people convicted of engaging in homosexual acts to register with police along with rapists and child molesters. But after a barrage of angry calls from around the nation, the Senate hurriedly rescinded the measure Mar. 23.

Good riddance, said Hilton, who owns a motel in Hamilton and favors Republicans because they're fiscally conservative.

"I think Gays are morally wrong," he said. "But it's a personal choice. I don't feel the state's got any business trying to regulate it."

Gay-rights activists say voters like Hilton are typical, and they hope the legislature's quick retreat sends a message nationwide to politicians whose agendas stray too far right of the mainstream.

"It was an unprecedented, extremist piece of legislation that rightly caused a national outcry," said Robin Kane, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Gay and Les-

bian Task Force. "Our phones were ringing off the hook all day. People were calling, asking frantically, 'This couldn't possibly be true, could it?'"

Gay-rights groups have been busy in other states in recent years, beating back anti-Gay initiatives in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. They say Montana — one of 20 states that prohibits sodomy, according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund — is no more anti-Gay than the rest of the country.

"From our perspective, it's a reflection of the tenor of national politics," said Ken Toole, president of the Montana Human Rights Network. "It's not unique to Montana."

Before last month, Montana activists had focused on trying to repeal the state's deviate sexual conduct law, which makes homosexual acts between consenting adults a felony. Nobody on either side of the debate can recall a case in which the law has been applied, but it has become an important symbolic issue.

The debate shifted when all 31 Republicans in the Senate voted to include homosexual conduct in a criminal sex-offender registration bill. Eighteen of 19 Democrats voted to leave it out. Before the November elections, the Senate consisted of 30 Democrats and 20 Republicans.

After the entire bill passed the Senate 41-8 on Mar. 22, opponents quickly organized protest rallies in Helena, Billings and Missoula, where speakers likened the proposal to measures taken by Nazis before the Holocaust.

Republican Gov. Marc Racicot's office fielded more than 100 angry phone calls from around the country, many from tourists threatening to boycott the state.

By noon, lawmakers were in full retreat.

Racicot promised a veto, and the Senate, on a voice vote with no debate, deleted the homosexual provision from the bill. Republican Sen. Al Bishop even apologized for saying Gay sex is "worse than a violent sexual act."

Hours after the Senate rescinded the provision, Democrats tried to seize the momentum and repeal the underlying sodomy law that makes homosexual acts a crime. The proposal failed along party lines.

That action revealed legislators' true colors, said Sandra Hale, executive director of PRIDE!, Montana's largest Gay-rights group.

"Although they might have changed their votes," she said, "they certainly didn't change their hearts and minds about Gays and Lesbians and our rights to be first-class citizens in Montana."



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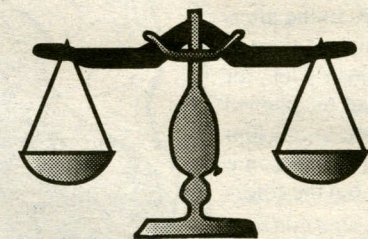
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Sharon Wray—This is Your Life A Woman of Influence

by Vincent Astor

I have a personal debt to Sharon, though indirectly. I was one of the many invited to participate in her gala 50th birthday party (she was born in 1937). I didn't know so much about her life and history at the time and drew a total blank. Fortunately, there were plenty of others who did and by the time the evening was over, there were few secrets anymore. I was one of the youngest people attending who realized that this would be the last great gathering of the pioneers of Gay/Lesbian Memphis. A photo of four of the headliners, Sharon, Dennis Massey, George Wilson and Billie Jo Casino, has only one survivor today. This gathering was the inspiration for the Heritage columns which I write for this newspaper.

I must have met Sharon Wray nearly 20 years ago. I remember the situation with crystal clarity. If you go to the Construction Site, at Madison and McNeil, you will be inside a place which has spent most of the last 25 years as a Gay or Lesbian bar. It has been called Jackie's, Barbara's, and even Sharon's but at the time, it was named Kelsey's. One of the early Muscular Dystrophy benefits, in 1976, was to open there and play later at the Front Page (formerly at Cleveland and Linden). Next to what is now the office was (and is) a storeroom containing, back in the 70's, some rather intimidating fuse boxes. Well, right before curtain, something blew. I threw my beads over my shoulder, hiked up my gown, climbed over several obstacles and fixed the fuse. The show, with me in the opening number, began immediately thereafter. A rather formidable woman was watching and we have been friends ever since. In 1989, she was the first to congratulate me on the evening I was selected Tsarus Man of the Year. It is my great pleasure to return the favor.

She tells me that "I will probably be running a bar from a wheelchair. I've loved 'em all because I got something different from each—they were all unique. They are kind of like children, some bad and some good." She has operated three of the best-loved bars in the Memphis community: the Psych-Out, Sharon's and WKRB in Memphis. She also operated or had an interest in many others: the Annex, the Eighth Day, the Famous Door, the Pendulum, Backstreet and the Psych-Out II. She has been named as partner in many more, some truly and some not. Her influence has been great in many situations, and her support has been solicited for every major organization formed in Memphis in the last decade. She has seldom declined.

Sharon Delight Wray herself has been in the bar business 25 years. She first hit the Memphis bar scene in company with her lover Katie Vaughan who got involved with a little saloon on Cleveland near Jefferson. Katie and her son Johnny had been involved in several bars but Katie had a better reputation. Johnny's best known bar was The Closet, located in the Pinch in a tiny Reformed Jewish Temple building. It was during this time that the same-sex dancing ordinance was overturned due to a raid on The Closet. Katie and Sharon ran a bar they called the Fruit Jar but it had an old sign and name which refused to ever go away—the Psych-Out (called by certain wags the Dyke-Out).

This saloon was run by Lesbians but was not in the beginning primarily female. Later it became so. Katie died in 1975, and Sharon continued the business. The Psych-Out had a very long run and was the site of many benefit shows and a landmark during the years of police harassment and the slow climb to respectability. "In those years, if two policemen even came in the door you could feel the tension in the air," she says. "If a police car was pulled up in front of a bar, you would make the block once, twice, maybe three times before considering going inside." There are photos of stages being draped about with sheets, stories of dressing rooms in rented trucks backed up to the rear entrance, tale after tale of those who became legends in Memphis having performed early on at the Psych-Out. Many patrons lived in the neighborhood close by; when the neighborhood changed and other bars became more attractive it finally closed its doors.

Sharon's began as a rather quiet and non-committal neighborhood bar. It was then, in the late 70's, that another facet of Sharon Wray's personality finally began asserting itself. "I bought my first biker's cap about 1971," she says, "When I first took notice of leather people [in the James Dean/Marlon Brando era] I thought—these people are doing exactly what they want. I thought it was neat." She took a risk and welcomed leather men and women into Sharon's. "People wouldn't come in because they were afraid of what might happen to them. They didn't realize that leather isn't necessarily about S/M [sado/masochism], and it isn't. I feel friendships go a lot deeper in the leather scene; there is a bonding there."

Sharon's became successful as Memphis' first leather-friendly Gay bar. At first, old style leather good ole boys tolerated her out of necessity. Then, she became beloved. She is the only woman ever to be admitted into Tsarus, Memphis oldest

leather/levi club, and has served several terms as president. Sharon's was Tsarus' first home bar. This year they have bestowed upon her their, and perhaps Gay/Lesbian Memphis' highest honor, Tsarus Man of the Year.

The third of these famous bars is still operating, WKRB in Memphis (sometimes known as Benefit Central). Not only is it the focal point of the women's bar-going community, but there is seldom a month without a benefit at WKRB. The dance floor side has hosted countless events sponsored by Aphrodite, Southern Country, MGLCC, Memphis Pride, Human Response Council, and many, many individuals. And, of course, Man of the Year. A run of *Boys in the Band* turned this bar into a theatre and sold it out. It has, at times, been visited by crowds of leather folk, hoards of drag performers, rows of country dancers, pub crawl revelers, male impersonators, Busch league pool players from non-Gay bars, and newcomers.

People always find welcome. Sharon has that knack of being outgoing and friendly toward everyone. It isn't always easy. "You try to be everything to everybody—mother, friend, psychologist, psychiatrist—that never changes. I hesitate to give advice because you never know how that's going to affect people. People come to a bar to drink, or because they're lonely and are looking for somebody. You can't be everything to everybody, but you're there and people need someone to listen to them."

She has always supported women's roles in the community and has been a founding member of both the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite and



Sharon & Friends: Top l. to r. Wayne "Phyllis" Newsome & George Wilson Juanita from Nashville, Gee Gee Parola, Barbara Pierce. Bottom l. to r.: Sharon presiding as Tsarus president, advertising a benefit with Warren Kohl, George Wilson and Dennis Massey at her 50th birthday..
From the TJN Archives.

Women of Leather. She also founded Ladies Plus as a fund-raising group and was on the original board of ATEAC/Friends For Life.

She has also exercised influence in other areas. She attended Agape New Life Church and has lent support to Holy Trinity. She championed the short-lived Human Response Council because, in her words, "many Gay men had said good things about Bettye Griffin and I thought there couldn't be too many people to do all that was needed to

be done. It was too bad."

She sums her career up herself. "I've had fun, worked hard—I didn't get this given to me—but it's been good. Everybody isn't going to like you, but I would like people to say, 'I didn't like her, I didn't love her, but I sure did respect her.' And if I had it to do over again, would I do it? ...Yeah!"

I hate to use her own words to describe her, but they fit better than any of mine:

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Lots To Done, More To Do

We spent at least four Saturday evenings out at five different saloons (not our normal haunts) in the name of Pride participation. One runs up on the most fascinating things.....

In case you haven't already heard, Sharon Wray was chosen this year's Tsarus Man of the Year, much to her genuine surprise. She is the first and only female member of Tsarus and has served several terms as president. Recently, she accepted honorary member status in order to devote more time to personal matters. By coincidence, this made her eligible to be nominated for (and selected) Man of the Year. We wouldn't have traded our seat next to her for \$100 cash. You too can learn all about Sharon and why she won by reading the handy Heritage column (thoughtfully provided by moi) elsewhere in disyere paypah.

In the normal ritual of spring cleaning, Nikita's has completely revamped the bar/kitchen area for a nice new look. Shirley tells us that remodeling continues and that Nikita's will become an even nicer setting for the cookin' that always seems to be going on.

Speaking of cookin' we discovered J-Wag's Sunday noon buffet just in time to be treated to some very hefty home made burgers, cooked outside. This buffet takes place at the noon/after church hour, which means smart leisure diners may enjoy more than one community buffet on any given Sunday. One lard-butted diner complained about the darkness of the finished burger (it had been glazed with sauce) and we remarked that in Louisiana the same lard-butt would have gladly paid extra to have it blacker than that.

The Crossroads Dreamgirls have been putting a lot of effort into production numbers; Chelsea Valentine is overseeing a lot of the preparations and their first production opus *For the Love of Men* was very well received. Their goal is one major production show per month. Our dear sister Hunter Johnston happened to be staffing the Pride table for one of their Saturday evening events and had very pleasant things to say about Danyell, Chelsea and Portia La Beiga. Glamour was present in the audience in the persons of several members of the Memphis

Transgender Alliance on a night out. The Dreamgirls have toured to Club Xscape and hope to perform other places.

Speaking of Pride, Memphis Pride would like to thank the supporters which lent space during March to advertise the June 10th Parade and sell the popular "Party With A Purpose" buttons: Amnesia, Crossroads, J-Wag's, Mad Dog Mary's, WKRB and 501/505. Others who assisted were Kirby Kincaid (a welcome sight), Trixie Thunderpussy, Jackée, Southern Country Memphis and all of the lovely people who bought buttons (and made them!). Don't forget, the parade is scheduled to commence at the Doughboy statue in Overton Park at 2 p.m. on Sat., June 10, and will end at the Festival in the Holy Trinity garage on Madison. Afterwards, long about 9 o'clock, MGLCC will hold its annual Pride River Ride.

Speaking of MGLCC, there will be a Kulchural Series event on April Fool's Day at 7 p.m. A Night at de Opra will have overture, cartoon—*Pigoletto* starring Porky Pig, short subject—Anna Russell explains "the Ring" and feature—*Aida* starring Sophia Loren in the title role. This month's regular meeting will be held on Sat., Apr. 8, at 1 pm. There will be a Yard Sale at the Center on Sat.,

Apr. 15. All donations (except clothing) are welcome. The newly forming Metropolitan Community Church will be honored at this month's Pot Luck, also on the 15th.

Speaking of church (doesn't this all string together nicely?) welcome to Holy Trinity's new pastor Rev. Tim Meadows. More about him next month.

On a totally unrelated subject (whew!) the first annual Misty McEntire awards had several worth mentioning. All of the honorees are important, mind you, but, after all, this is our colyum and we only have so much space. Bill "Fancy" Goodman received the Golden Shovel award (wonder why?) and Mike Smith Jr. was dubbed the combined Bar Manager and Slut of the Year. The best was saved for last as James "Juicie" Shackle was the first person admitted to 501's Hall of Fame for his many years or community involvement in the 70's and 80's. The

awards were nifty too.

Southern Country's annual Throw Down (as opposed to the monthly 'Ho-Down) was highlighted by the Southern Country Nashville Dance Team. They required the entire floor at 501 to perform three exhausting numbers during which two petite women were slung toward all points of the compass by two large men. See, Miss, you can work jitterbug moves into country music format.

The softball teams in G/L Memphis are proliferating. The newly dubbed J-Wag's Jaguars are to be joined by the Pipeline Pirates and maybe others. If Mayumphiy ends up with four we can have a G/L recognized league of our own.

Alliance is planning its next anniversary celebration for June 2,3 & 4. It will be an inexpensive event which will include lots of free time as well as lots of brother/sisterhood (and all of the other usual things).

It is not permitted to plead boredom on Sun., Apr. 23. Persons of Gay/Les may travel to the Cook Convention Center for this year's Friends For Life Auction at 4 p.m. Later, Aphrodite will devote this month's show to the Community Center and G/LSwitchboard. The show will be held at WKRB at 8:30. Or, Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye will return to the Comedy Zone at 9 p.m. for the second visit with the Gay Comedy Jam.

WKRB will also host the Hollendales and Hollendolls from Atlanta on April 2.

501/505 will host two rodeo titleholders at a benefit on April 15 for this year's Rodeo on the Rock.

The Cotton Pickin Squares will hold a fundraiser at MGLCC on April 8. You may eat spaghetti until you pop and benefit Friends For Life.

Easter weekend will be very special at the Pipeline with a Bunnytailing (?) contest on Saturday evening and an Easter Bonnet Contest and Easter Egg Hunt the next day. The Officer's Club of Little Rock will hold a Club Night on Saturday, Apr. 22. There is a rumour of an Underwear/Flashlight Night return in May.

Last, but assuredly not least, will be the return of Jamie Anderson, Lesbian singer, songwriter, comic and parking lot attendant. She last visited us in 1993 to benefit the March on Washington scholarship fund and was a treat in every sense of the word—Apr. 30, New Daisy.

Did we cram everything in or what? (On the page, pottymind.)

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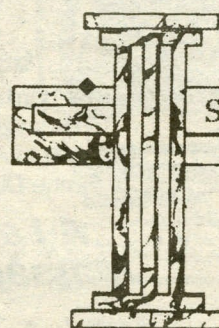


Loretta Williams and Paul Kennedy welcome Bill Kendall back to Memphis. Bill was a founder of the first Miss Memphis pageant. Photo by Phoenix Studios

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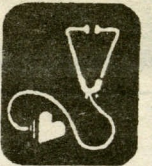
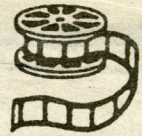
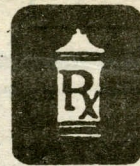
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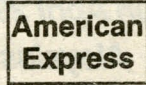
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I'm going to be an uncle—or something. Paul made his first deposit to the sperm bank today."

"How gross!" said Frank.

"Well, anyway, he did it. He and Claudia went to the doctor's office today — separately, of course. I mean, that's how it's done. She's been keeping temp charts for weeks now. She called last night to say she'd be driving up from the lake today. Today is the day her chances should be highest for conceiving."

"So, he finally agreed to do it," said Helen. "I never thought he would."

"I know. Paul's old-fashioned, you know, in so many ways. One moment he's all for this baby thing, and the next moment he has pangs of guilt. Anyhow, he donated today. He's nervous as hell, so please don't say anything about it."

"Well, personally, I think you Gays have it all wrong. You take all the fun out of getting pregnant. I prefer the old fashioned way. All these test tubes and turkey basters, or whatever the hell they use, bore me."

"I'm glad for you and Paul," Frank said, "and Michelle and Claudia. The kid's going to be damned lucky having two mommies and two daddies. I can't wait to be an aunt."

"Thanks, Frank," Bobby said, sipping his champagne, "but it may take the kid a little while to figure you out. Speaking of which, how's it going with that straight policeman you've been seeing? Have you told him yet?"

"No!" Helen volunteered. "Frank hasn't told him that he's *not all woman*, and I'll be damned if I can figure out how he's going to get out of this one."

"I don't know either," said Frank. "Johnny... that's his name... is still working the graveyard shift, but this is his *last* week on it. We've talked on the phone, but we haven't really been out. When he's on days, we'll have more time to spend together. I'm in love, guys. I really am," Frank said, looking a little embarrassed.

"But what the hell are you going to do, Frank?" said Bobby. "That cop's in for a big surprise."

"I don't know. Honestly, I don't. I'll just

have to have *faith*. That's what my grandmother in Memphis always says. If a thing is right, God will find a way, she says. I know this is right, so it's bound to work out. It has to." Frank looked out into space a moment, and then said, "I've been giving some thought lately to having surgery."

"Well," said Helen, "You're not going to be able to accomplish that in the one week's time you've got before he starts working days."

"I know, Helen, but right now, I just don't want to think about it." Frank went over and put a quarter in the jukebox. Bette Midler's *Wind Beneath My Wings* began to play.

Helen looked askance at Bobby. "You won't believe how many times I've had to listen to that song. I'm not sure I can count that high. Frank plays it all the time, every time he's here. That song was playing when he first met Johnny, so he thinks it's some kind of omen. He says it's 'their song.' I'm sick of it."

Helen waited until the record was almost finished; then she reached over and flipped on the television set. "Oprah's on," she announced. "I think her guest today is a two-headed moon monster who claims to be the love child of Elvis. I'm sorry, Frank, but I just can't listen to that song one more time."

The last of *Wind Beneath My Wings* was winding down as the television came on. Suddenly the regularly scheduled show was interrupted by a news bulletin. "There's been a shooting at a Seven/Eleven store at Forty-Seventh and Main," the announcer read. "A city policeman, off duty at the time, happened upon a robbery in progress. In the melee that ensued, the policeman was shot. He was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is reported to be in critical condition. The policeman's identity has not been released, pending notification of the family. An on-the-scene witness said the robber got away in an older model green Oldsmobile."

In the background, the final notes of *Wind Beneath My Wings* faded away. Frank, his skin pasty white and glistening, moaned, "It's Johnny! I know it is. So handsome... so neat in his uniform... It's my Johnny." Frank slid off the bar stool and fell to the floor in a formless heap. "He's been killed. He's dead... he's dead... I know he is..."

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Food, music, candid dialogue,

and fun will be components of each workshop presented and the workshops will focus on removing barriers to practicing safer sex to prevent infection and reinfection.

The workshops are free and open for both couples and singles. Both workshops will be offered in the latter part of April. For dates and details, please contact Anthony Reed at 272-0855.

Participants of workshops conducted in 1994 gave high praise to the relevance and level of information presented in that program. We have updated and enhanced that program for 1995. If you are concerned about the impact that HIV disease has had on your sex life, attend a workshop. You will learn some new tricks and have fun at the same time.

Enthusiastic, appreciative, eager, interesting, receptive, glad, fun, excited, successful ... just a few terms Friends For Life volunteers and the bar patrons used in describing 1995's first quarterly AIDS Awareness Night Outreach effort. On the weekend prior to Valentine's Day, the volunteers performed outreach to six local bars - Amnesia, Club 501, Cross Roads, Mad Dog Mary's, Pipeline, and Club X-Scape. They came bearing flowers, gifts, buttons, bumper stickers, safer sex Kits, and literature.

During this outreach, they also conducted a survey targeting men who have sex with men. The information obtained from the survey will be used to improve Friends For Life services to this group. The response from the bar patrons was overwhelming according to volunteers. People were very receptive in assisting in collecting the data.

The next quarterly AAN outreach is scheduled for June 10th in conjunction with Memphis Gay Pride 1995.

If you are interested in being a part of this and other outreach efforts, the Friends For Life Education Department will be conducting an AIDS Awareness Night Volunteer Outreach Worker training in May. This will be a three to four hour interactive training covering agency services, outreach strategies, a review of basic HIV/AIDS information with emphasis on correct usage of protective barriers against HIV infection, and educational updates.

Upon completion of the training, participants will be placed in teams to provide outreach to assigned bars.

As a component of our AIDS Awareness Night Outreach, FFL supplies the local bars with a steady supply of safer sex kits.

Please call Anthony Reed to get additional information about or to volunteer for AIDS Awareness Night Outreach.

In A New Light: Sex Unplugged

Young people in America are having sex in record numbers, and it's not too hard to see why. Everywhere young people turn, messages bombard them about passion and sexuality. These messages are rarely coupled with lessons on the risks and consequences of being sexually active in the 90's.

Teen pregnancies are on the rise, as are the rates of sexually transmitted diseases among young people. AIDS is now the leading killer of people ages 25-44, many of whom were infected as teens.

On Thurs., June 1, people across

the country will gather to watch *In A New Light: Sex Unplugged*, a cutting-edge, one-hour ABC television special about young people caught between so many conflicting messages. Included among the topics will be safer sex, early detection and intervention, disease prevention, an yes, abstinence.

In A New Light: Sex Unplugged, promises to attract a diverse viewing audience. It is definitely something you would not want to miss! Check your local TV guide for more information concerning time.

Mother's Day Campaign Targets Congress

Mothers' Voices' fourth annual Mother's Day Card Campaign is underway. Specially designed Mother's Day cards, demanding more AIDS research, holds up to fifteen signatures. Bring them along for signing wherever you go—work, meetings, school, church or synagogue, support groups, sporting events, volunteer activities, where you shop and where you have your hair cut. Each card will be hand delivered to Congress by moms in time for Mother's day. Last year more than a quarter of a million signatures were collected. Stop by the Friends for Life office and pick up a card and any information needed to ensure that your voice and others will be heard in Washington on Mother's Day. Mailing deadline is April 28.

-from EPI-News, January 1995.

New Treatment Info Service Available

The Department of Health and Human Services has established a new telephone and computer AIDS treatment information service which can be reached Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.(EST). The services is staffed by health information specialists fluent in English and Spanish. These specialists will provide information-but not advice- on all federally approved treatments for

HIV and AIDS. Telephone users can access the service by calling 1-800-HIV-0440. Computer users with a modem can access the data base by calling

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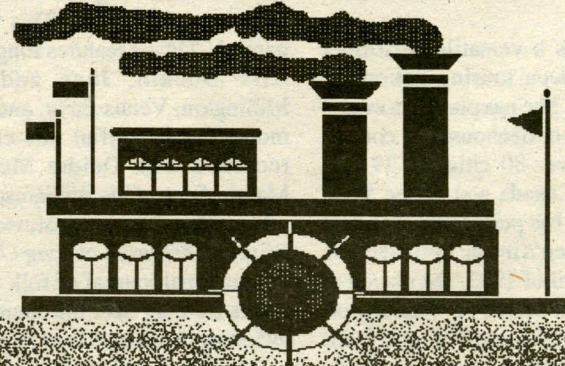
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Jamie Anderson's Bad Hair Day

"Her voice is strong and her songs can be powerfully political and very funny," says *New Directions for Women*. For the past four years, she's been voted a favorite by the readers of *HotWire*, a national journal of women's music and culture; in 1993, she was voted in six categories - including all-time favorite performer, favorite emcee, and the one she's most proud of, best baton twirler. Jamie was featured on the September 1992 cover of *HotWire*.

Jamie is a versatile performer who has been touring nationally since 1987. She has played in everything from coffeehouses to concert halls, in over 80 cities in 39 US states, in Canada and in the West Indies; she has performed at almost every women's music festival in the US. In April of 1993, she played at the National March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rights (with over one million people in attendance); her performance was featured on CNN. She figures she's out to everyone now.

Jamie's newest recording, *Bad Hair Day*, is a great collection of her funniest songs. Included is the tongue-in-cheek "Love Song" and

the slick Nashville-style song that asks the important question "Wynona Why Not?" Both cuts were produced by Lisa Koch (of *Dos Fallopi* and *Venus Envy*). Also included is the demented folk song "Sweet Maiden," and several songs from Jamie's first two albums.

A Family of Friends, an exciting sampler of women's music released in spring 1993, was co-produced by Jamie. She also co-wrote the title song and contributed one song of her own. This variety packed CD/tape features songs from Alix Dobkin, June and Jean Millington, *Venus Envy*, and many more. The beautiful title cut was recorded with Deidre McCalla, Margie Adam, Cris Williamson, and others. This song was featured in the Winter 1993 issue of *Sing Out!*, an international journal of folk music; choirs from all over the country are including the song in their repertoire.

Jamie's soothing alto voice and personable stage manner is an asset to any stage. She loves to perform — Just don't ask her to park any cars.

Jamie Anderson is scheduled to be in concert at the New Daisy Theatre on Apr. 30. Concert tickets are available at Meristem.

Actor Danny Grant Dies

Danny Grant, 35, died Feb. 22 at Rosewood Manor of complications from AIDS.

An actor, Grant won Nashville's First Night Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play for his performance in the Nashville production of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*. In other Nashville performances, he starred in *Closer Than Ever*, *Eastern Standard* and *Torch Song Trilogy* at Actor's Playhouse, as well as *Peg* for Circle Players and *Psycho Beach Party* at Poverty Playhouse.

Grant was also a member of the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus.

Grant is survived by his lover, John Alan Herbers; his son Andrew Shakespeare; his parents, two sisters, and a brother.

A memorial service was held Mar. 5 at First Congregational Church in Memphis with another planned for Apr. 23 at Hollywood United Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made to Friends For Life HIV Resources, Aloysius Home or Nashville CARES.

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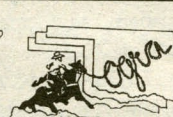
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Nashville **THE RIGHT THIRD:** Gary and John, we are monogay couple looking for poss three way with the right one, no age barrier, like to give us a call- we'll talk to you then- ☎36415

Chattanooga **TENNIS AND TRAVEL:** Scott 26 GWM prof'l 5'11, 195, grn/auburn hairy med build, like to travel, outdoors, tennis non smoker, occ drinker quiet eves, at home iso GBM or GHM prof 24-34 good build, energetic sport with sim int- give me a call

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Coupeville **SPORTS AND QUIET EYES:** Jim, 34 iso rel oriented guy, non smoker iso same, 6', 180, like sports, quiet eves, iso someone to settle down, like to take care of myself, work out iso serious type of person not into bar scene, age not impt- ☎3

Martin **OUTDOORSMAN:** Jeff, like outdoors, hunting and fishing, like to get to know someone in the area call me- ☎36756

Nashville **LOOKING FOR A 3RD:** GWCouple iso 3rd mutual party for get together drinks dinners fun, 47 and 22 mustaches/beards, iso tps/btm with must/beards 5'10 and 6' poss into leather scene, give us a call - thanks- ☎36874

Chattanooga **HAIRY DADDY BEAR:** Paul, 38, looking for an older 40-50 aggr hairy daddy bear over 6'+ beard/mustache, a plus give me a call for friendship, poss more- ☎36893

Chattanooga **SHARE TIME WITH ME:** GWM 30, looking for someone between 18-36, 185, 6', dk/hzl, lkg for someone to share time with, friends first, new to area, pls call- ☎36908

Nashville **20 GBM** looking for men 20-25, int are dining out movies, clubs, having a great time looking for a rel also if you'd like give me a call - ☎36953

Memphis **GOOD FRIENDS:** Good friends make the best lovers iso a good friends, Jerry, 163 Black Bi Male, lkg for a fit BM Bi between 30 and 40 like to work out with this person, spend time and have a good relationship, serious only pls! ☎36892

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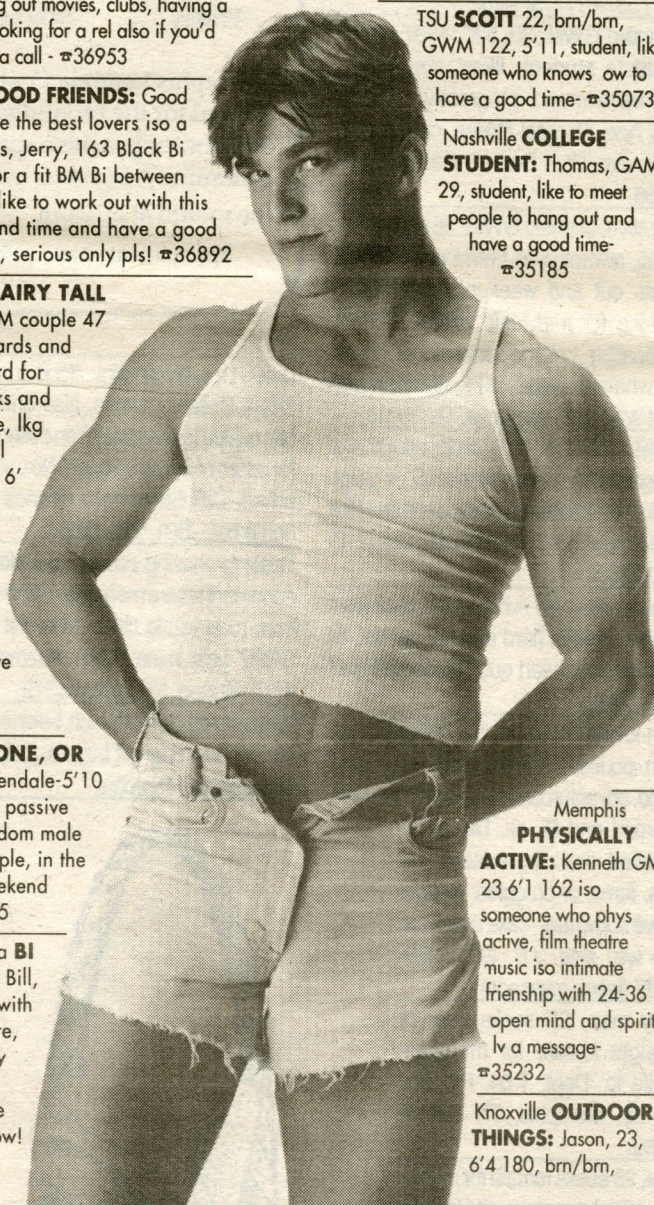
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Nashville **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Thomas, GAM 29, student, like to meet people to hang out and have a good time- ☎35185



Memphis **PHYSICALLY ACTIVE:** Kenneth GM 23 6'1 162 iso someone who phys active, film theatre music iso intimate friendship with 24-36 open mind and spirit lv a message- ☎35232

Knoxville **OUTDOOR THINGS:** Jason, 23, 6'4 180, brn/brn,

wanting to meet guys in the area, active outdoors things, around my age, give me a call- ☎35275

Knoxville **INTIMATE TIMES:** Charles, 39, 5'9, 155, dk hair, mod build, like movies dining, and intim times @ home, lkg for a good time, lets see what we can get int0 ☎35383

Clarksville **BRENT** 35, looking for a male between 27-35, if interested give me a call- ☎35561

Nashville **CHRIS GWM** 19, iso GBM 18-25 for a ser monog rel - ☎35415

Cleveland **FILL ME UP:** Phil, like to be filled and touched, 26, want to meet 18-26 bi or gay, ☎35426

Knoxville **HOT AND SLIM:** Mitch, gdlkg 34 bi, int in meeting hot young slim guys for encounters only- ☎35440

Memphis **WALKS AND TALKS:** GBM, 6'1, 155, slim build, honest caring and secure, iso serious men enjoys walks talks and dining out, btm iso tp for friendship or rel- ☎35544

Nashville **FEMININE CD:** very soft fem and CD looking for a big man, huge man, muscle bound give me a call- discreet- Corbett, vers for a big boy- ☎35675

Nashville **AMERICAN INDIAN:** David, iso American Indian/Mexican/Military 30-45, for companion or rel, let's talk- ☎35694

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Chattanooga **LOOKING FOR ROMANCE:** Mark, 32, 6'2, 142, blnd/grn int in older men, from the area for romance poss rel, just a good hearted man with a sense of humor- ☎30912

Knoxville **LOVES SPORTS:** Darrell, 6'1, 205, brn/hzl, into running all kinds of sports, looking for 25-35 if ur int lv a message in my box- ☎35848

Nashville **COUPLES TOO!** Keith, int in meeting some guys to have some fun, like couples too! ☎36207

Chattanooga **I KNOW YOU'RE THERE:** Jay, know youre out there 18-40 masc love life + 28 gwm 5'6, 128 brn/blu hairy and all of the above iso a qual person to enjoy life with, I know weve been looking but we just havent found each other yet- ☎36216

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Nashville **MATURE MEN:** Don, late 40s, grt shape work out love to meet someone in the area around 30, appreciate mature older men, give me a call if ur interested give me a call ☎35857

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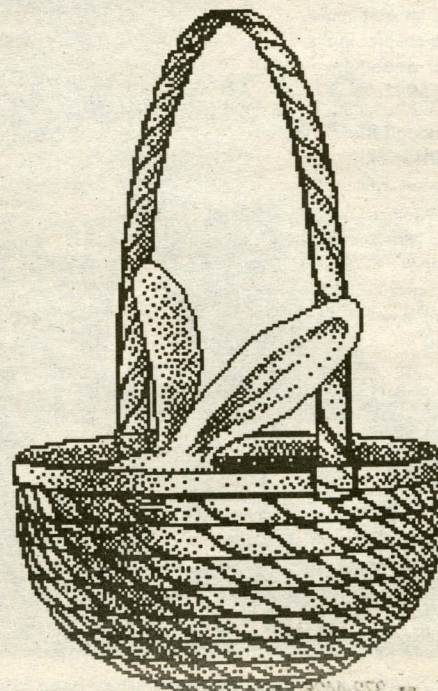


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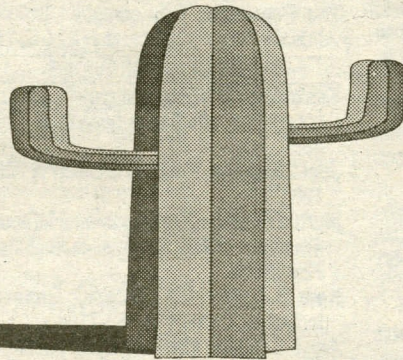
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