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Gloom Turned To Euphoria At AIDS Gathering

By Daniel Q. Haney
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The 11th International Conference on AIDS opened July 7 with something entirely new in the brief history of the epidemic: a barely containable sense of optimism.

The euphoric shift in mood is as dramatic — and as surprising — as the scientific breakthroughs that triggered it. For the first time, the idea is beginning to sink in that HIV might not be a death sentence after all.

“People are much more enthusiastic about what we have to offer,” said Dr. John G. Bartlett of Johns Hopkins University. “We have had an avalanche of new drugs. The perception is that we can much more effectively deal with the virus.”

There might even be — and this word is at last being said out loud — the possibility of a cure.

Moreover, experts see the first glimmer that AIDS can be turned back in the developing world, too, even in places where the new AIDS drugs are too expensive to make much difference. Condom campaigns at last appear to be slowing the spread of the virus in Africa and Asia.

Such changes were virtually unimaginable two years ago when the conference was last held in Yokohama, Japan. The outlook then could hardly have been more bleak. The available AIDS medicines worked poorly, if at all, and nothing much better seemed likely.

But in the last six months, the momentum has turned; the news

has suddenly become astonishingly good. As 15,000 people gathered in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 125 countries to talk about AIDS, almost anything seemed possible.

The key discovery is the power of combining AIDS medicines. Alone, none of these drugs does much. Together, they seem to stop the virus cold.

“We now know that the drugs we have can work far better than we had hoped. For many patients, this will be a much more treatable illness,” said Dr. Cal Cohen, who treats AIDS at the Harvard Community Health Plan in Boston.

How treatable? Many of those on the front lines of AIDS seem to agree with Dr. William Paul, head of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research.

“I can imagine that the drug therapies will put us in the position where AIDS becomes a chronic, manageable disease,” he said.

In these doctors’ view, AIDS may well become something like diabetes or high blood pressure, illnesses that can be kept in check with careful, lifelong treatment.

In all, nine AIDS drugs are on the U.S. market, five of them introduced in the past half-year. The most important are three in a new class called protease inhibitors, which block one step in HIV’s reproductive cycle. When combined with two older AIDS drugs, the virus appears to stop reproducing.

People have been taking various three-drug combinations for about 18 months, and in many —
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Gay and Lesbian Community Center Closes; Board Vows To Reopen

On July 6, The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center elected a new board of directors, closed the doors of its current location, and vowed to reopen as soon as feasible.

The Center has been plagued with low usage and lack of adequate funding for the past several years. The Center’s new leadership has pledged to work toward long-range development strategies and programming.

“The Center is not just about a location,” said Pera. “Even though there aren’t a lot of people actually coming to the center, no one believes it should just go away.”

Monthly potluck dinners will continue at various venues and the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard will continue operations, albeit with a different phone number.

A Potluck picnic will be held at the Overton Park Pavilion (East Parkway entrance) at 7 p.m. on

Aug. 17. Center supporters are urged to bring a dish offer their assistance in continuing the Center’s operations.

Elected to the Center’s board of directors were Brian Pera, president, Chet Overstreet, secretary-treasurer and Allen Cook, member at-large.

This is not the first time, the Center has operated without a home. Begun as an outgrowth of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Coalition in 1989, the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center first opened at 1291 Madison. While there, the Center served as an incubator for Holy Trinity Community Church and the Lambda Men’s Chorus.

Two years later, it closed for a few months, then moved to 1665 Madison. It’s most recent location was opened Aug. 1, 1993.

All the furnishings of the Center have been placed in storage

pending a re-opening.

At the July 6 meeting, about 10 people attended. Among the options presented were a closing of the Center or the dissolution of the organization. None present wanted to see the organization dissolved, so the main discussion centered around how to move forward. Because the current balance in the Center’s treasury would only cover about two month’s expenses and a new lease was due to be signed, it was decided that it would be imprudent to commit to a long-term lease without adequate funding.

The Center’s main fundraiser, the Memphis Pride River Ride, has suffered from flat attendance and rising costs in recent years. This year’s River Ride netted less than \$1000 for the Center.

The next meeting of the Center’s board of directors will be at Java Cabana, 2170 Young Ave. at 1 p.m. on Aug. 3.

No Statewide Anti-Gay Ballot Initiatives to Appear On November Ballots

WASHINGTON — For the first time since 1992, no statewide anti-Gay initiative will appear on the election ballot in any state, the Human Rights Campaign announced in July after extremists in Idaho failed to qualify in that state.

“This marks a political sea change, and the well-deserved death of an extremist tactic,” said Cathy Woolard, HRC’s national field manager. “We can now focus our resources pro-actively on electing fair-minded members of Congress and defeating our opponents.”

Statewide anti-Gay ballot initiatives — which would have overturned existing and prohibited future civil rights protection for Lesbian and Gay people — have

appeared on election ballots twice in Oregon, and once in Colorado, Idaho and Maine since 1992. Each statewide initiative has been defeated at the ballot box with the exception of Colorado’s Amendment 2, which passed in 1992.

In May, however, the U.S. Supreme Court found Amendment 2 unconstitutional because it denied Gay men and Lesbians equal protection under the law. After that important decision, the Supreme Court also asked a lower court in Ohio to re-examine an anti-Gay ballot initiative passed in Cincinnati.

“After losing at ballot boxes and now at the Supreme Court, anti-Gay groups are shifting their focus to other venues, including state legislatures where they continue their

political attacks against Lesbian and Gay lives,” said Woolard. “Sadly, we must continue to defend ourselves as these groups try to deny us the liberties that most Americans can take for granted.”

HRC credited the diligent work of the Decline to Sign Campaign for helping to rebuff the Idaho ballot initiative. In July, the anti-Gay Idaho Citizens Alliance announced that it was abandoning its drive, having submitted fewer than 6,000 of the 41,000 valid signatures it needed to qualify for the ballot by July 5.

Earlier this year, the Oregon Citizens Alliance quit a similar campaign in that state, citing the Supreme Court’s decision as the reason.

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He Who Hesitates May Be Lost

By Allen Cook
TJN Co-Editor

Far be it for us to bite the hand that feeds us, but we were intrigued by the story on page 24 that indicates one of the viatical companies is no longer going to buy life insurance policies of people with AIDS — all because the promising new drug combinations are probably going to allow people with AIDS live longer.

Viatical companies have provided a much-needed relief for people with AIDS — people who have lost their jobs, run out of savings and could well use the money to buy medicine or just be secure in their final days.

But don't think these companies have been all that altruistic. They're there to make money.

Viatical companies typically will purchase the life insurance policy of a terminally ill person and give the policyholder a percentage of the face value of the policy. In return, they get the full amount on the person's death. For example, say you had a \$50,000 life insur-

ance policy. They might give you 75% of that amount or \$37,500. Upon your death, they would collect \$50,000 reaping a 25% return on their investment (less the cost of their money for the time you hung in there).

And there's the rub — the longer a viatical customer lives, the less enticing the investment becomes to whoever buys the policy. It will cost them more for the front money and they will have to wait longer for the return. With the advent of new drug therapies, that wait could extend for years — hopefully even decades.

Of course, there are other things to consider: Do you need to leave money to take care of a lover? Do you need to provide for minor children?

Our advice to those in need is clear. If you have AIDS (or any other qualifying disease) and are thinking of selling your life insurance to help pay for your medications or to keep your current standard of living, do so now.

If this one company's action is the harbinger of what is to come in the industry, you can be sure that this opportunity is not going to be there forever.

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Sad To Say Reaction

Regarding the "Sad to Say, Happy to Hear" column of July 1996, I suggest the author do a little research before he belittles the animal rights movement.

On the contrary, we animal rights activists are well aware that there are laws designed to protect animals used in laboratories. However, we are also very aware that inspection of laboratories and enforcement of these laws is disastrously limited, allowing many "scientists" to use and abuse animals as they please. The USDA, which oversees enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, is grossly underfunded and understaffed, making adequate oversight impossible. Not only that, dogs, cats, primates, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters are the only animals covered by the AWA, while 85 percent of the vertebrate animals used in lab experiments are birds, mice and rats, which are not covered by the AWA. Add to that the fact that the AWA covers only housekeeping standards and does not regulate in any way what is done to the animal.

Contrary to the claims of "scientists", and those who have been brainwashed by such people, very little improvement in human health has been achieved through animal experimentation; however, the millions of animals used in "scientific experiments" do suffer immeasurably: dogs' vocal chords are routinely cut so the researchers don't have to listen to screams of pain; cats are held in immobilizing devices and dissected while fully conscious. These experiments are invariably conducted without use of anesthesia, sedatives or pain-killers as researchers claim such drugs would skew their results.

What is usually overlooked is the fact that every animal on earth (including homo sapiens) is different from every other animal: physiology is different, chemistry is differ-

ent, reactions to drugs are different (The common aspirin is fatal to cats as is the equally common acetaminophen tablet). Very few results of animal studies can be applied accurately to humans. It is also impossible to measure the side effects of any drug when used on an animal: they cannot report dizziness, nausea, headaches or hallucinations as we humans could. I grant you, there are some similarities: the primates are in many ways similar to us, but *not alike!* I might point out at this time that Thalidomide was tested extensively on animals and pronounced "safe," yet 15,000 human babies were born with severe deformities because of this "safe" drug.

There are plenty of alternative methods available. We can use highly developed mathematical models, computer models, cell cultures and tissue cultures, all of which are more accurate than animal tests. Yes, it's expensive to discover and perfect other methods; and yes, it's expensive to switch from animal experiments to computer models, cell cultures, etc., but results are much more accurate, and doesn't that make it worth it?

It is true, we are very different from other animals; it is also true that each animal is different from any other animal. But we are *not* so different when it comes to feeling pain, fear and pleasure. WE consider ourselves a civilized species, yet we perpetrate all this violence on helpless creatures who feel the same pain, fear and pleasure as we do. I believe animals have just as much value as humans, and just as much right to a pain-free, fear-free, happy life. Do we really have any right to harm them in the name of human health when our very survival depends on the good health of the entire planet?

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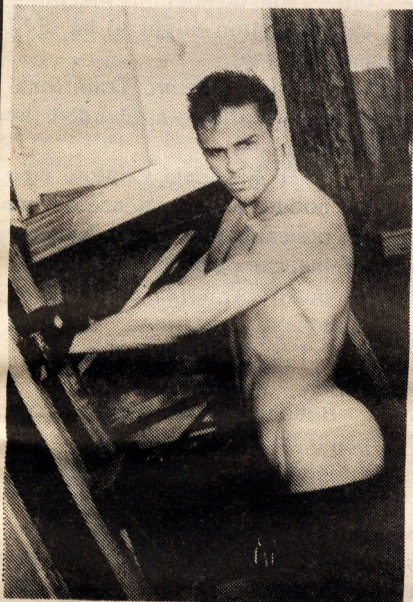


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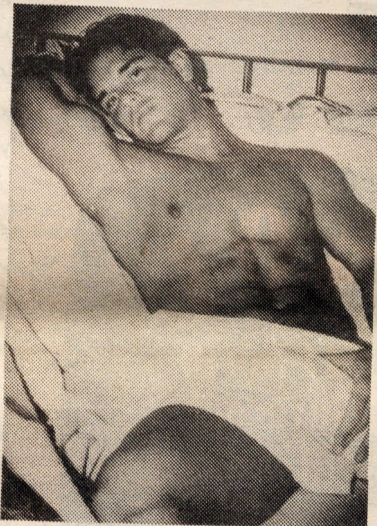


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House Votes To Bar Gay Marriages In Federal Law

By Cassandra Burrell Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two noisy days of Bible quotes and Gay-baiting charges, the House voted overwhelmingly July 12 to define marriage in federal law as a legal union of one man and one woman — no matter what states may say.

The measure, approved 342-67, would underline federal refusal to recognize same-sex marriages, keeping Gay couples ineligible for spousal benefits under Social Security, Medicare or other programs.

Though the vote was lopsided, it came only after a bitter debate in which the Republican sponsor spoke of "the very foundation of

our society being at risk" while some Democrats accused the GOP of stirring up a divisive issue to help presidential hopeful Bob Dole's campaign.

"Why are we so mean?" asked Rep. Steve Gunderson, an openly Gay Republican from Wisconsin. "Why are we so motivated by prejudice, intolerance, and unfortunately, in some cases even big-

otry? Why must we attack one element of our society for some cheap political game?"

President Clinton will sign the bill if it should pass the Senate, although he, too, believes it was politically motivated, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"I think, in fact, it is Gay baiting, pure and simple," he said.

"This will prevent or stop nothing, but it does effectively divide people in America," said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.

Republican supporters, on the other hand, said the measure was needed on both moral and legal grounds.

"The flames of hedonism, the flames of narcissism, the flames of self-centered morality are licking at the very foundations of our society, the family unit," said sponsor Bob Barr, R-Ga.

The federal government traditionally leaves regulation of marriage to the states, but supporters said the legislation was needed to head off the possible results of a Gay-rights court case that could lead Hawaii to legalize Gay marriage.

If that happens, the Constitution may require other states to recognize Gay marriages performed in Hawaii, they said. Conservatives said a single panel of judges in Hawaii shouldn't be allowed to decide whether the whole country accepts same-sex marriages.

Under the bill, states would be free to legalize Gay marriages within their own boundaries, but other states would have authority to refuse to honor them.

"The vote today reflects exactly what the people of this country feel, and that is America is not ready to change its definition of marriage, America is not ready to

change the concept of marriage," Barr said.

During the debate on the House floor, some members quoted passages from the Bible to support their contention that God meant marriage to be a union of a man and a woman. Anything else threatens the survival of American culture, they said.

"A God-given principal is under attack," said Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind.

But Rep. Barney Frank, R-Mass., one of Congress' three openly Gay members, said many of his colleagues are in their second and third marriages despite other passages that prohibit divorce or remarriage after divorce.

"There are clearly members in this chamber — supporters of this bill — who do not think that biblical injunction ought to be civil law," he said.

The conservative Traditional Values Coalition applauded the vote.

"Even President Clinton, who has nodded to every demand from the radical homosexuals, has now left that camp and joined the mainstream of America in opposing homosexual marriage," said the Rev. Lou Sheldon, head of the group.

But the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political group, said the House had hit a "new low."

"The House committed an ugly, cowardly and unconstitutional act by passing this bill, and history will remember it as such," said Elizabeth Birch, the group's executive director.

The House bill is H.R.3396. The Senate bill is S.1740.

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Senators Square Off Over Same-Sex Marriages

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said July 19 that Democratic opponent Victor Morales went too far in criticizing the Republican senator as "homophobic" and "a bigot" over the issue of same-sex marriages.

On July 18, Gramm opened the exchange by implying that Morales was un-Texan because he wouldn't say how he stands on federal legislation to deny Social Security and other benefits to same-sex partners.

Morales responded by saying the issue is just divisive politics on an issue that will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. He called Gramm's attack on him the action of a bigot.

"I'll grant him that, he's been consistently a bigot in terms of the Gays," Morales said. "Homophobic I'd even call it."

He said Gay spouses might deserve the benefits, but that he has doubts about the bill because of his Roman Catholic upbringing.

Senate In No Hurry To Take Up Bill On Same-Sex Marriages

By Carolyn Skorneck Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation that would deny any federal sanction to same-sex marriages is getting low-priority treatment in the Senate despite its easy passage in the House and President Clinton's general endorsement.

The 342-67 House vote followed a spirited debate in which proponents argued that it was essential to douse the "flames of hedonism" that Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., said are "licking at the very foundations of our society, the family unit." (see related stories on pages 4 and 6.)

Critics contended that the bill — the Defense of Marriage Act — scapegoats homosexuals for problems of traditional mar-

riages.

"In all due respect, Lesbians have no interest in making you their husbands, and Gay men have no interest in pursuing your wives," said Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., one of three openly Gay members of Congress and the only Republican to vote against the bill.

Barr, the bill's chief sponsor, predicted the Senate would act "very expeditiously" to approve it, given Clinton's support and the fact that Bob Dole, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, cosponsored a similar measure in the Senate.

But Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., Dole's successor as Senate majority leader, said it wouldn't come up before September. Mandatory spending bills and Democratic attempts "to try to gridlock

everything that needs to be done" might get in the way, he told reporters.

In addition, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., will try to add an amendment prohibiting job discrimination against homosexuals. If that rider passed the Senate, the two chambers would have to negotiate a final version, and Barr said he expected the House to oppose that change.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who led the floor fight against the measure and is openly Gay, referred to the act's title, Defense of Marriage, and turned the accusation around.

"The people who denigrate marriage are the people who argue that the marital bonds are so fragile between man and woman that knowing that two men can marry each other will somehow

erode them," he said.

No-fault divorces now allow people to "walk out for no good reason," Frank said. "Scapegoating Gay men and Lesbians for the failure of marriages in this society is very good politics but very terrible social analysis."

On the other side, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry

Hyde, R-Ill., argued: "Two men loving each other doesn't hurt anybody else's marriage. But it demeans, it lowers the concept of marriage by making it something that it shouldn't be and isn't and celebrating conduct that is not approved by the majority of the people."

Congress Urged To Protect Gays In Workplace

By Cassandra Burrell Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extending federal civil rights protection to Gays in the workplace could not only save careers but also prevent injury or death, witnesses told a House hearing.

"I look to Congress for leadership in stopping the pain and the prejudice," said Ernest Dillon, a Detroit postal worker who said he was beaten unconscious by a co-worker who suspected Dillon was Gay.

But Rep. Glenn Poshard of Illinois, the subcommittee's highest-ranking Democrat, said fair-minded citizens have legitimate concerns about legislation outlawing on-the-job discrimination against Gays.

He cautioned those in the audience who supported the legislation against assuming their opponents are bigots.

"I struggle with a faith that teaches me that the homosexual lifestyle is essentially unacceptable and a faith that teaches me at the same time to do justice," Poshard, who is Baptist, said July 17 during a hearing before the House Small Business Committee's government programs subcommittee.

"Will the passage of a law such as this allow teachers in schools who happen to be homosexual a greater comfort zone in advocating that the homosexual lifestyle is on an equal footing with the more traditional family structures?" he asked.

Routine discrimination reaches far beyond philosophical and religious disagreements, activists said.

Dillon said he suffered years of on-the-job insults and taunts to keep his job — even a bloody beating at the hands of a man who previously was a friend.

Dillon said he finally gave up after another colleague threatened to kill him.

Supervisors didn't help, and neither did the courts, he said. A final ruling from a federal appeals court said no federal law prohibited the hostility he suffered.

Dillon, who now works at another post office, was one of five people citing similar experiences and asking the panel to pass the bill.

"I could not believe that people were allowed to torment you on the job and get away with it," Dillon said. "The discrimination was so intense it had forced me from my job. It just wasn't fair."

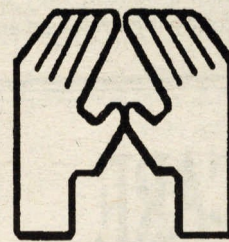
Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., plans to introduce the bill as an amendment to the Defense

of Marriage Act, which is sponsored by conservatives who say "homosexual extremists" are trying to force all Americans to accept Gay marriage.

Employers in 41 states are free to fire any employee because he or she is Gay, said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, one of the nation's largest Gay political groups. The remaining nine states forbid on-the-job discrimination.

No one spoke against the bill at the hearing although opponents were invited to testify, subcommittee Chairman Peter Torkildsen, R-Mass., said.

In a written statement, however, the conservative Family Research Council denounced the legislation as a "Gay jobs bill" that "will not only endanger the freedom of millions of Americans to conduct their businesses according to their most deeply held moral beliefs, but ... will entangle businesses of all types in expensive litigation."



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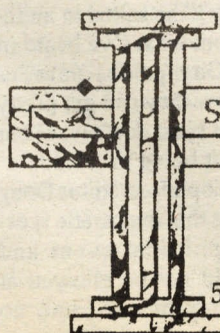
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Senate Bill Not Loaded with Anti-Gay Language

WASHINGTON — The Senate version of the 1997 defense authorization bill, passed by a vote of 68-31, is free of hateful, anti-Gay amendments, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"The Senate bill is a stark contrast to the House version, which extremist members of Congress loaded with ugly, anti-Gay measures," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative deputy. "We are

confident that when the two bills go to conference, that these House measures will be stripped out, as they should be."

In May, when the House considered the defense bill, extremists led by Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., used the legislation to push their obsessive, anti-Gay social agenda, rather than deal with the nation's vital defense interests.

At Dornan's behest, they attached the following irrelevant and

inappropriate measures to the 1997 defense authorization bill:

A mandate to discharge, within two months of diagnosis, all members of the armed services with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. A similar measure, enacted in January, was repealed by Congress on April 25;

A gratuitous reopening of the ban on Gays in the military and a reversion to the old anti-Gay policy, including reinstating the policy of asking recruits their sexual orientation and sanctioning witch hunts of suspected Gay men and Lesbians.

The Senate version of the defense bill makes no mention of the policy on Gays in the military. It also includes an amendment, introduced by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that would instruct the services to treat all service members with chronic illnesses uniformly.

"The Dornan provision singles out service members with HIV and treats them differently from those with other chronic medical conditions," said Stachelberg.

Currently, service members with HIV are allowed to serve their country as long as they can per-

form their duties, but they are not deployed overseas. The same policy applies to service members who have other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease or cancer.

"Congress spoke on this issue already when it repealed Dornan's HIV discharge measure in April," Stachelberg said. "Spite and bigotry are the only conceivable reasons why Bob Dornan would have reintroduced this measure after seeing it resoundingly defeated."

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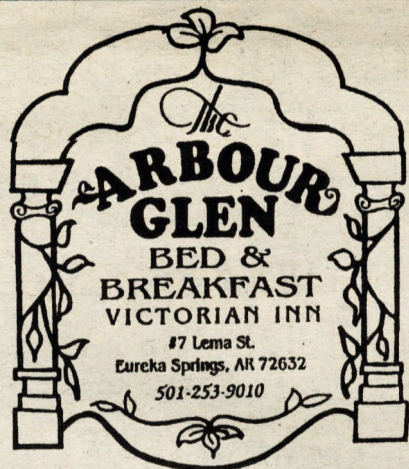
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Washington Governor Lashes Clinton For Stance on Gay Marriage Measure

By Hal Spencer
Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gov. Mike Lowry says President Clinton should reverse himself and veto congressional legislation to ban federal recognition of same-sex marriages because it's "clear discrimination."

Lowry usually mentions Clinton, a fellow Democrat, as an ally and friend. But in this case, the governor called a news conference July 16 to denounce the legislation and to say Clinton has thrown in with "demagogues" bent on stirring up the public with misinformation about a minority group.

Lowry said he told the president of his objections during a recent White House visit. He said he intends to write the president a letter urging him to reconsider.

"I probably won't be invited back (to the White House)," he said, drawing laughter from report-

ers.

The legislation would create the first federal definition of marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman and allow states to reject Gay and Lesbian marriages performed outside their boundaries.

The federal government would refuse to recognize Gay marriages performed in states that legalize them, as Hawaii may do because of a Gay-rights court case.

Clinton "is a much better person than" somebody who would support the legislation, Lowry said.

Clinton has said he would sign legislation passed by the U.S. House and pending in the U.S. Senate.

The House voted 342-67 for the bill July 12. The Senate may not act on its version until September. (See related stories on pages 4 and 5).

Lowry said Republican backers of the measure "are people read-

ing political polls." The polls, he said, are based on misinformation, fear and hatred "spread by demagogues."

He said the sole reason for the legislation is to give politicians a forum for political gain.

"If you will discriminate against people because of what the polls tell you . . . that is scary," he said.

Lowry said he told Clinton during a recent meeting in Washington that "I thought he was very wrong," and the president should oppose the legislation.

Lowry, rolling his eyes, said Clinton's response was: "I hear you."

He quoted Clinton as saying he had agreed to sign the legislation only to "head off worse legislation" aimed at restricting the rights of Gays and Lesbians.

"I don't buy that," he said. "I'm voting for Bill Clinton . . . but I just don't buy that."

'Butch' Parade Appearance Prompts Complaints

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — An appearance by Washington State University's Butch the Cougar mascot in a Seattle Gay-pride parade has sparked complaints from some alumni.

After a picture was published in the school newspaper, the *Summer Evergreen*, several alumni wrote that they felt the mascot's appearance in last month's parade was inappropriate. The newspaper devoted a column to condemning the mascot's use in what is viewed by some as a political event.

But Harold Gibson, associate athletic director, defended Butch's parade appearance. It was in keeping with the practice of lending out cougar costumes for events involving official school groups, he said.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies Program borrowed one of the three Butch costumes, worn by an alumna who is a Lesbian.

"This is a sanctioned, accepted organization within WSU — they're part of our family," Gibson said. "So they're going to be treated like anyone else."

That policy didn't sit well with Wes Taylor, a WSU alumnus, who wrote the newspaper to say he was "personally offended" by Butch's appearance in the parade.

"Would the Gay-pride parade be an official sanctioned event of the university?" he asked in an interview. "From what I've heard of the other (Gay pride) parades around, I know they can get pretty raunchy. And I just don't want our school mascot being involved."

Evergreen opinions editor Doug Hughes wrote that the parade is essentially a political event and Butch "should not be allowed at political events of any kind, no matter how benign they may seem."

Bobbi Bonace, outgoing director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies Program, insisted Butch's appearance upheld the school's spirit.

"WSU is a place that is inclusive and stands behind its definition of diversity: that we care about the safety and welfare of students who identify as sexual minorities . . . and we're proud of it," she said.

She said the parade was a apolitical.

"If we offended anybody, that saddens me," she said. "We didn't offend anybody at that parade, I'll tell you that."

Bonace said she made clear to WSU officials what the uniform was to be used for and agreed when she borrowed it to have its wearer refrain from smoking, drinking and speaking.

MTV'S Gay Dating Game: Not Ready For Prime Time?

By Scott Williams
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — MTV moved a Gay dating game out of prime-time and into a late-night slot, angering at least one Gay-rights group.

"There was some content we felt should air at a later time," said MTV spokeswoman Tina Exarhos. "It has absolutely nothing to do with outside pressure from any group. We're proud to present the show."

The special all-Gay episode of *Singled Out* aired at 10 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The 10 p.m. slot is usually reserved for a rebroadcast of the daily show.

The decision was criticized by GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a Gay media watchdog group that has previously honored MTV: Music Television.

"MTV's backpedaling on this and their defensive posture is almost as distressing as their moving it," said Alan Klein, a GLAAD spokesman. "It shows a profound lack of trust with their audience and their viewership, particularly their Gay and Lesbian viewership."

MTV took out a two-page ad for the episode in the July issue of the Gay magazine *Out*, and usually does not shy away from Gay issues.

Its *Real World* roommate series featured Pedro Zamora, a young, HIV-positive Gay man, who died hours after the show's season finale.

"To say as they did that their audience is not ready for this type of material is outrageous," Klein said. "It leads me to believe, as we've been told by sources inside MTV, that outside forces put pressure on MTV."

He would not elaborate.

Gays Protest Offensive T-Shirts

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP) — A store will stop selling T-shirts with anti-Gay slogans — if the protesters who demanded it get other stores to go along.

The concession by The Shirt Factory on Ocean Boulevard was won by about 30 protesters who picketed the store July 9.

"Gay, straight, Black, white. Same struggle, same fight," they chanted. One man handed out fliers asking people not to shop at the store.

"I think it's ridiculous they're allowed to sell them," said Karen Latford of Kingston, who marched in the picket line. "This is a family beach."

Bystanders generally sympathized with the protest.

After the picket, the protesters crowded into the store and demanded that owner David Maleh remove the offensive shirts.

"You'll be looked at very positively," organizer Carl Bletzer told a frowning Maleh. "We will shop

here; we'll give you new customers."

It was the Malehs' 17-year-old son, Danny, who called a truce.

"In that case, we'll be proud to say we'll take them down," Danny said.

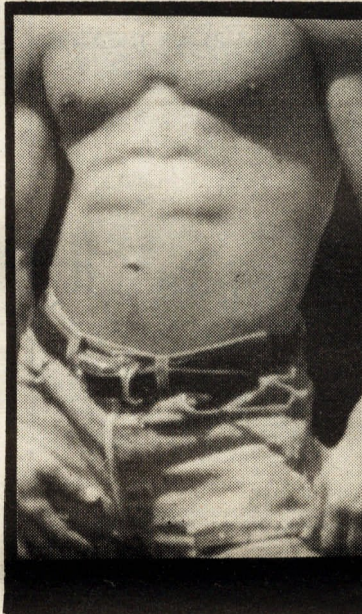
Cameras flashed. Protesters cheered, whistled and applauded. A television camera zoomed in for a shot of Danny and Bletzer shaking hands.

Bletzer declared the protest over.

But 10 minutes later, after most of the protesters had left, the owners told Bletzer he had two days to stop all the other T-shirt shops on Hampton Beach from selling the shirts.

"I don't want nobody else taking my business," said Shirley Maleh, one of the owners. "We were forced to do it. ... We will not be singled out."

Bletzer promised to picket the other stores selling the T-shirts.



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Hollywood Scouts Flock To Gay And Lesbian Film Festivals

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There was a day not so long ago when Hollywood scouts wouldn't be caught filling seats at a Lesbian and Gay film festival.

Now it's schmooze city as such festivals gain stature as marketing tools and sources of new films and directing talent — not unlike Rob-

ert Redford's Sundance Festival has done in the past few years.

"The bottom line is that it's a business, and it's all about money," says Amy Schoenborn, development director at Frameline, which organizes the long-running San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, one of the largest festivals of its kind.

Never mind that some studios, including Disney's Miramax unit,

have gotten flak from religious groups for distributing Gay films. Industry experts estimate that Gay or Lesbian films now can gross \$2 million to \$6 million — and \$10 million if they cross over to non-Gay audiences.

Add a big-name star like Robin Williams, who starred as a Gay man in MGM's *Birdcage*, and the numbers quickly multiply.

Miramax executives concede that they may shy away from controversial movies such as their Gay-cleric film *Priest*, which became just one reason Southern Baptist ministers called for a Disney boycott.

"The irritation (for *Priest*) wasn't worth the financial upside," said a former Miramax executive, who didn't want to be identified. "But I don't think that indicates a trend on the whole."

And it certainly hasn't stopped other studios, which one executive from New Line Cinema calls "very hungry machines" when it comes to acquiring films.

"Any time a niche is under-represented on the screen, there's a certain amount of money to be made," said Chris Pula, New Line's president of marketing. "The Gay audience is certainly one that is under-represented."

After some success with the Lesbian teen film *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*, New Line's Fine Line Features unit plans to release *Love! Valour! Compassion!* based on a Gay-themed play.

Meanwhile, Gramercy Pictures — which distributed the Australian drag queen film *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* — is forging ahead in the Gay genre with the movie *Bound*, a mob

thriller with Lesbian lead characters.

Considered a likely crossover hit with non-Gay audiences, *Bound* was featured at last month's San Francisco festival and also played at Outfest, in Los Angeles.

"Film festivals are now seen as a wonderful launching pad that gets that vital word out," said Morgan Rumpf, executive director of Outfest, which began as a film festival at the University of California-Los Angeles 14 years ago.

San Francisco's festival began 20 years ago with 200 people jammed into a community center that was supposed to hold 80. The films, mostly shorts, were rough and often shot on 8mm film.

This year's San Francisco festival, which ended Sunday, attracted 65,000 visitors, including executives from Paramount, Warner Brothers and Fine Line Features, among other studios.

The growth of Gay film festivals is a sign of good things to come, says Schoenborn.

"With more money, more access and visibility, (Lesbian and Gay filmmakers) could be Academy Award winning directors in five to 10 years," she says.

But it's still not easy. "For the one or two successes, there've been a helluva lot of failures," said Gary Fitzpatrick, who produced the British film *The Art of Cruising Men* with his boyfriend-director Peter Litten. "But there's also been a lot of leg work done in the last 20 years."

The pair spent \$750,000 on their last film, *Heaven's a Drag*, which has brought in \$100,000 so far.

"Festivals are great. But they don't earn any money," Litten said. And some studios still shy away

from Lesbian and Gay film festivals. Sony Classics, for example, has held the British movie *Beautiful Thing*, a Gay teen dating film, away from festivals in hopes that it will be a crossover hit, the pair contends.

Director Cheryl Dunye, who lives outside Los Angeles, thinks it might be better to work "outside of the Hollywood mode" in marketing her film, *Watermelon Woman*, the story of a Black Lesbian. The film played at the San Francisco festival and also will be featured in Los Angeles.

"You're going to battle with discrimination when you deal with Hollywood. It's not that easy," Dunye said. "(And) they're not really taking the kind of cinematic risks that I think independent cinema was about."

She also wants to make sure her movie is seen and doesn't trust that distribution from a bigger studio will achieve that.

Fine Line Features, for example, spent big bucks to advertise the teen-age Lesbian flick, *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*.

"They tried to reach the local cineplex in the suburbs. And it wasn't that type of film," Dunye said. "We're all conscious of the possibility of this crossover thing. But I'm not sure we all know what it means."

However, Pula, whose New Line Cinema is Fine Line's parent company, says he thinks *Two Girls* has made more inroads for Gay and Lesbian films — even more than box office blockbusters like *Birdcage*.

"Frankly," Pula said, "I think it's a larger victory because you're not relying on a bankable star."

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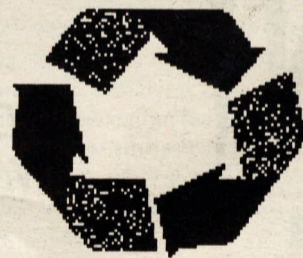
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Peter Adair, Pioneering Gay Filmmaker, Dead At 53

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Peter Adair, a pioneering filmmaker who focused on Gay and Lesbian issues, has died. He was 53. Adair died at his home June 28 of an AIDS-related illness.

He was best known for his 1977 documentary, *Word is Out*, a positive portrait of 27 Gay men and Lesbians.

"Ask a Gay man or Lesbian over 35 what film most affected their lives as Gay people — like as not they'll answer *Word Is Out*," novelist Fenton Johnson said.

A native of Santa Monica, Adair graduated from Antioch College.

His films included *Stopping History*, a 1983 Public Broadcasting Service documentary about anti-nuclear activism, and *Absolutely Positive* about 12 men and women, including himself, with the HIV virus.

He co-directed the 1986 documentary, *The AIDS Show*, with Academy Award-winning director Robert Epstein.

Adair is survived by his partner, Rudy Norton; his father, John Adair; and two sisters.

NOW Leaders: Far Right Has Forced Unification Of Diverse Activists

By Michelle Dearmond
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A new, diverse coalition of Gay, minority and women's organizations is working to defeat the very same far-right politicians that drove them together, National Organization for Women leaders say.

"In a strange way, the radical right has done a lot more than anything else to put all of us on the same path together," said Mandy Carter, a Black Lesbian activist. "The forces from outside ... have put us in the same room together."

Carter, who spoke at NOW's national conference at Bally's hotel-casino in late June, is working with groups of Gays, Lesbians and Blacks to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms, a vocal opponent of Gay rights.

Helms, R-N.C., is opposing Black Democrat Harvey Gantt — for the second time — in November's election, and Carter hopes to rally enough voters to bring Gantt to victory.

"We're going to actively campaign to retrieve the Congress," NOW President Patricia Ireland told a feverish crowd that gave her several standing ovations.

"I think (House Majority Leader) Dick Arney is afraid we're coming after his job — and I hope he's right," she said.

Ireland joked that Arney considered Congress too "fem-centric," despite women's continued under-representation there. She

said Arney must feel threatened by the gains of women candidates in 1994.

Ireland, who also has spearheaded recent protests against Mitsubishi, contends men at a Mitsubishi plant in Normal, Ill., sexually harassed women workers there because they felt threatened by them.

"We've faced resistance from men who don't want to compete with women," she said. "The men at Mitsubishi sexualized contact (with women workers) because they didn't want to compete against them."

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed a lawsuit against the automaker, alleging that hundreds of women workers were groped and subjected to obscene remarks by male co-workers.

NOW Vice President Rosemary Dempsey has led protests in Japan, and NOW protesters have been joined at some of the protests in the United States by members of the Rainbow Coalition, the Rev. Jesse Jackson's civil rights organization.

About 1,000 people attended the three-day conference here, which also is a celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary.

Ireland praised the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that found the all-male 157-year-old Virginia Military Institute could no longer discriminate against women and receive federal funding.

"Men have found that the average tests scores went up at places when women were allowed. That's the basis of the VMI outrage," she said, explaining the inclusion of women will raise entrance exam standards.

Ireland said not all efforts to fight discrimination are as dramatic or well-publicized as the VMI ruling, but are always important and far-reaching.

During one of her many anecdotes,

Ireland told the audience that she experienced her first significant case of discrimination as a young flight attendant for the now-defunct Pan-American Airlines.

She was working and supporting her student husband when she learned he needed oral surgery. Upon speaking with her benefits office she was told the company only provided insurance for male employees. Ireland contacted her

local NOW office who told her that policy was illegal.

Ireland called the Labor Department, who contacted her employer and shortly thereafter she received the insurance coverage her husband needed, she said. A fellow flight attendant later thanked Ireland for what she did, she said.

"By fighting for what I needed ... I had helped all of the women in the company," Ireland said.

Woman Accused Of Killing Mother's Lover

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Donna Faye Evans thought her relationship with Kathy Smith would be a sexual experiment.

It ended with her onetime lesbian lover dead and her daughter, Adriana Blair Butler, accused of murder.

The trial for Butler, 23, began July 9. If convicted, she faces life imprisonment. Evans is to be tried at a later date for accessory to murder.

Defense attorney Leroy Phillips said during opening arguments that Smith, 31, brought about her own death by stalking Evans after she wanted to break off the relationship.

The two women met at the Dept. of Safety where they worked together issuing driver's licenses. He said co-workers did not know of the relationship.

The two began their affair after Evans separated from her husband,

but Evans soon decided she wanted to end the relationship. When she did, Phillips said Smith started following Evans, went through her mail and threatened to tell their bosses about their relationship.

Smith "thought of herself as a man. Unfortunately, she thought the role of the man included being abusive, possessive and vicious," Phillips said.

On the night of Oct. 1, 1994, Evans was at her daughter's home and Smith called and asked if she could visit. She said no.

Smith came over anyway. Phillips said the mother and daughter were fearful because they knew Smith carried a gun with her.

He said Smith forced her way into the home, cursed Butler for

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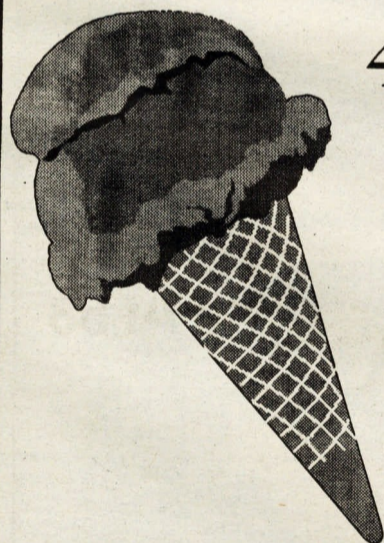
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Jeffrey to Play at Circuit Playhouse Starting Aug. 22

by Kevin Jones

I have the rare opportunity as an actor to play a role twice. Even rarer in show-biz is recreating a role you liked personally. But be that as it may, I have lucked out and will appear, for a second time, as Jeffrey in the play *Jeffrey* by Paul Rudnick at Circuit Playhouse, Aug. 22 – Sept. 22.

When I first played Jeffrey, I went into the project thinking of it as just another job. When you are a starving artist, this is easy to do. But the job was in Florida, and I can think of worse places to

stumble around dazed from hunger. So, off I went to Tampa's Off-Center Theatre.

I'd heard that other companies of *Jeffrey* were very chummy and I expected we'd all get along, but I had no idea how well. During rehearsals the cast began to discover that we really knew these characters in our lives and in discovering them we also found each other and became close personal friends. This generally made the work of acting a lot easier and more enjoyable. I was having a great time and by opening I only thought about how little I was earning when I

couldn't afford my beer after the show. But those Tampa boys didn't let me go thirsty and any financial woes were soon drowned in their tab.

That was in 1994 and I'd been HIV+ for almost 6 years. Even though my perspective on AIDS and life had changed since I'd been diagnosed, I never woke up thinking "Gee, AIDS and safe sex, there could be a comedy in this." I'd lost too many friends. People fighting for their lives is serious business and if latex really felt better do you think there'd be any shows dealing with this — *at all*. As an actor I've played a number of characters who were dealing with AIDS, a dying brother named Carl in *The Baltimore Waltz* at Theatre Memphis; Drew, the superficial but noble designer, in *Eastern Standard* also at Circuit Playhouse; and most recently as Prior, the prophet, in Playhouse's *Angels in America, Part 1*. In each case I've had to confront a part of myself that is a bit darker than conjuring up my run-of-the-mill past psychology for Neil Simon's latest batch of one liners. All of these shows excited me professionally and personally, but my experiences with *Jeffrey* stand out, and oddly enough it is

because it's a fall-down laughing comedy about safe sex and the fear of AIDS.

With a cast of seven other men and one woman, I became caught up in Jeffrey's quest. Although Jeffrey and I are very different, he's HIV- and I'm HIV+, he becomes celibate when confronted with AIDS while I continually discover the joys of water soluble lubricants — we have a commonality in his mission to remain happy and content with life in a compromised, fallen world. It's sort of the realization for me that "100 percent guaranteed satisfaction" is a business ploy not a personal maxim. Jeffrey showed me what a resilient bunch of people we homos really are. This might kill me, but I'm living till it does. (You can all start singing "You Can't Take That Away From Me" at any point in this.) Anyhow, the show in Tampa was sold out almost every night and the producers held the show over for three weeks. That put just enough wind in my sails to think that my theories about Jeffrey might be true for a great many people, Gay or straight. Had I realized the profound nature of my discoveries before I signed this contract, I very well might have

paid them to hire me.

Fortunately this article is being published *after* I've signed a season contract with Playhouse on the Square, so we've already negotiated who's paying who in their upcoming production of *Jeffrey* at The Circuit Playhouse. The director, Ken Zimmerman, and I have already had some spiritual encounters in *Angels* (and at his fourth of July party). We both hope that those who've seen the movie will still come see Circuit's production. The scenes Hollywood cut from the original script for middle-America are hysterical and not to be missed.

Coming back to *Jeffrey* in 1996 I think its humor about AIDS is ingenious and, oh so, appropriate. I may have lost my professional perspective but this play is important to me. It isn't just another job anymore. Rudnick laughs at death and defiantly creates more life in *Jeffrey*, and when I'm playing Jeffrey I get to deliver a few of those punch lines and give AIDS a bloody nose.

Jeffrey is sponsored by Amnesia and can be seen at Circuit Playhouse Aug. 22 – Sept. 22. Call 726-4656 for reservations.

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CPS Members Attend National Convention in San Francisco

by Ron Thomas

Fourteen members of the Memphis club, the Cotton Pickin' Squares (CPS), recently went to their national square dance convention in San Francisco! What a convention and what a town!

Cotton Pickin' Squares is a member of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (I.A.G.S.D.C.) Each year the I.A.G.S.D.C. hold a square dance convention for Gay and Lesbian dancers in a different host city. This year the host club was in the city by the bay - San Francisco! Many CPS members went out early, before the actual convention, to enjoy the sights of S.F. And what sights they were... On Sunday, June 30th, was the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade. This year's parade was five hours long and attendance numbered over 500,000! The parade ended in a huge street party lasting into the early evening. From there the crowds moved on via subway, trolley and cable car to the Castro for the most Gay experience this author has ever been privy to. The parade was led by over 400 Dykes on Bikes and included groups such as local politicians, marching bands, firemen, policemen, the West Hollywood Cheerleaders (in drag of course), PFLAG, local community groups and of course I.A.G.S.D.C. dancers. Some of Memphis' CPS members marched in the parade, while others cheered the parade on (taking many

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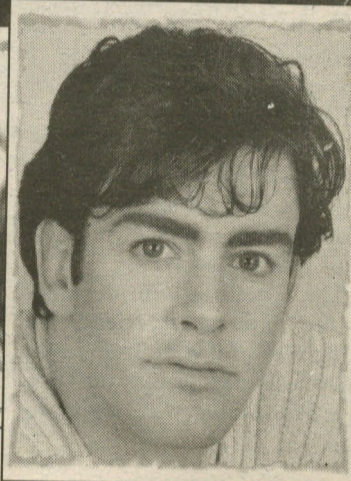
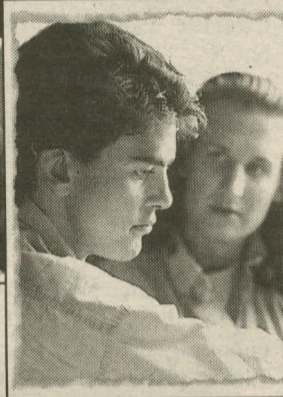
The I.A.G.S.D.C. convention was held at the beautiful Embarcadero Hyatt in the heart of downtown. This year's convention was entitled "Stars, Thars and Cable Cars." 1200 dancers from around the U. S., Canada and the U.K. attended. Conventioneers danced to some of the best callers in the country. Events included the Grand March; multi-level dancing; vendor displays; precision dance teams; a banquet; a brunch; a delegate's meeting; special dances for women, leathermen, bears, etc. and each evening ended with country-style two-steppin'. A highlight of the convention as always was the Honky Tonk Queen Contest. This year's contest was won by a member of Memphis' own Cotton Pickin' Squares! *How's that for making our mark in San Francisco?* Next year, at the convention in Las Vegas, the CPS Honky Tonk Queen and club members will host the contest. Wish us luck... Also this year, our club premiered beautiful new vests for the Grand March. Thanks to Jeff and Dutch for a terrific job with needle and thread. This year marked the 13th I.A.G. S.D.C. convention and the fifth to be attended by Cotton Pickin' Squares.

Cotton Pickin' Squares dances weekly at Prescott Church at 499 Patterson on Thursday evenings. We offer an opportunity to meet new people, get a little light exercise via dance, and serve the Memphis Gay and Lesbian community through participation in

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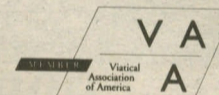
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Lesbian and Gay Marriage Forum Set for Aug. 25

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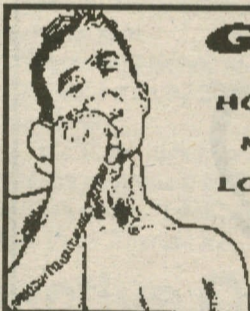
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FFL Starting Two New Support Groups

Friends For Life is sponsoring two new support group designed to help families, friends and caregivers of people living with HIV and AIDS.

The first group, designed for partners of those who are HIV-positive, is scheduled for Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 7. FFL case manager Michael Reading will facilitate the group.

Reading says that group members may be HIV-positive or HIV negative and group discussion will focus on issues in relationships affected by HIV.

The second group, designed for family members, friends and caregivers of people living with AIDS, will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Aug. 13.

According to Friends For Life case manager Alice Scott, the group discussions will focus on the emotional and practical aspects of caring for someone living with AIDS. This group will be facilitated by Ms. Scott and FFL's lead case manager, Charlee Blankenship, M.S., N.C.C.

Friends For Life offers a number of support groups dealing with AIDS as part of its client services program. Support groups will be held at the Friends For Life AIDS Resource Center at 1450 Poplar Ave.

People interested in participating in either of these groups are encouraged to call Friends For Life at (901) 272-0855 for more information.

Fourth Annual Miss Southern Elegance Pageant Set for Aug. 10 at Theatre Memphis

Submitted by
Kay Entertainment Productions

The Fourth Annual Miss Southern Elegance Pageant is set for Aug. 10 at Theatre Memphis, 630 Perkins Ext. Pre-judging begins at 7 p.m. for evening gown and creative fashion, and the pageant begins at 9 p.m..

Admission is \$10 and tickets can be purchased in advance at Star Search Video, Meristem Books or WKRB as well as at the door.

There will be a \$100 cash drawing with your ticket stubs. Beet and set-ups will be available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For additional ticket information or an application, call (901) 368-0308.

Contestants for this year's pageant are coming from all across the nation to take part in what is quickly becoming one of the country's most prestigious pageants with over \$3000 in cash and

prizes. The winner of this year's pageant and first alternate will represent Miss Southern Elegance and Kay Entertainment Productions at this year's Miss Gay America Pageant Oct. 16-20 in Charlotte, N.C.

Entertainment for the pageant will feature Miss Nicole DuBois, Miss Southern Elegance 1996; Kerri Nichols, Miss Gay America 1996; Jacquelyn DeVaroe, Miss Black Universe 1996; Alison Tate, Miss Southern Elegance 1994-95; Mr. John Beese, Mr. Gay All America 1996; Thom Malone, Mr. Gay Tennessee 1996; Pebbles, Miss Gay Tennessee 1996; Miss Beverly Hills, Miss Southern El-

egance Emeritus, and special cameo appearances by Patti Le Plae Safe, Miss Gay America 1996, and John Gordon, Mr. Gay All America 1992.

Kay Entertainment Productions, the producers of the Miss Southern Elegance Pageant, take great pride in bringing a contest of this caliber to Memphis. It gives us an opportunity to work with several communities throughout the country as well as giving us an evening to go out as couples or individuals to a predominantly straight venue and be ourselves.

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Sunday Softball

The Bluff City Sports Association continues its Sunday afternoon softball games at Audubon Park's softball field. The games start at about 12:30 p.m. Typically there are four games on each Sunday.

While relatively modest, the Audubon field has shaded stands and soft drinks, water and sports drinks are available.

The softball field is located on the north side of the park, just east of the picnic pavilion.

Standings have remained relatively static since last month with the Pipeline Pirates dropping to fifth place and the Amnesia Knights rising one place to fourth.

Bluff City Sports Association Standings

(as of 7/21/96)

Team	Wins/Losses
1. Amnesia Haze	11-0
2. J-Wag's Jaguars	8-3
3. Mid-South Vision Peepers	6-5
4. Amnesia Knights	6-5
5. Pipeline Pirates	5-6
6. Cole-Haston Clippers	3-7
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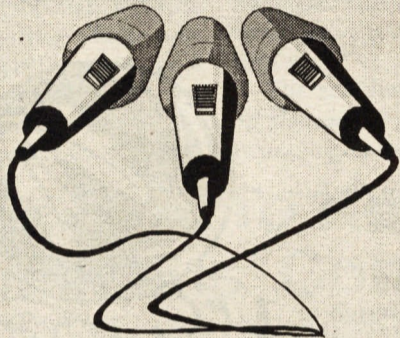
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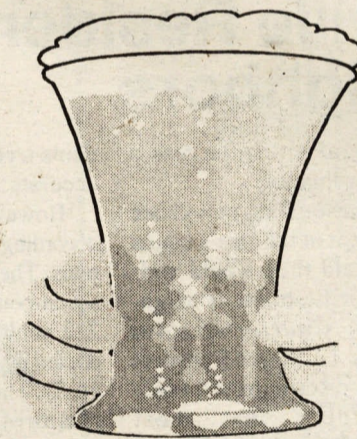
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Report Finds Violence, Discrimination Against Homosexuals

By Erich Smith
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Gays and Lesbians suffer from discrimination and suffer from violence more than other Pennsylvanians, the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force said in June.

"Lesbian and Gay people continue to experience widespread discrimination in employment, housing and especially public accommodations," the task force said, in a report based on a survey of 3,086 individuals.

"While there is cause for relief that the levels of violence have not increased since our last study, Lesbian and Gay people continue to be singled out for violent victimization at rates far beyond those experienced by the general U.S. population," the study concluded.

As remedies, the task force recommended new civil rights legislation, laws against hate crimes and better programs against discrimination in the schools.

The task force conducted similar studies in 1984, 1988 and 1991.

For this study, it distributed more than 20,000 questionnaires between May 1995 and February 1996. Questionnaires were sent to people on mailing lists and handed out at Gay Pride festivals.

Of the questionnaires returned, 1,389 were from Philadelphia, 583 were from the four counties surrounding the city and 1,114 were from the rest of the state. Responses were received

from 52 counties in Pennsylvania.

"Unfortunately, the picture that we have to bring to you today the accounts, the stories, the numbers — are still grim. They are stories of conditions that are unacceptable in the United States at the end of the 20th century," said Larry Gross, a professor of communication at the University of Pennsylvania and a co-author of the study.

Nearly a third of the survey respondents said they had experienced employment discrimination because of sexual orientation in their lifetime.

About 25 percent of Lesbians and 20 percent of Gays said they had been discriminated against in public accommodations in the past year.

"We are all too often ready targets of hate and discrimination," Gross said. "While relatively few Lesbian women and Gay men have been the victims of homicidal attacks, there are few if any of us whose lives have not been touched by homophobic violence and heterosexist discrimination."

"Those of us who have not been victimized directly, can testify all too readily to the experiences of friends and lovers who have not been so lucky."

Of those responding, 22 percent of Gays and 13 percent of Lesbians in Philadelphia said they have been the target of violence in the past year. The comparable figures were 13 percent of Gays and 6 percent of Lesbian women in the Philadelphia suburbs and 16 percent of Gays and

10 percent of Lesbians in the rest of the state.

By contrast, a U.S. Justice Department survey cited by the task force found just 4 percent of all females in the country and 6 percent of all males said they had been the target of violence in 1993.

The report found continuing high rates of abuse against Gays and Lesbians in schools, which Gross said was particularly distressing.

"The schools are the incubators of the attitudes that lead to discrimination and violence," he said, noting that most Gay-bashing is committed by young men.

"We are concerned that in the schools, where attitudes are formed, children are not being taught about the importance of diversity and pluralism in a multicultural, multiracial society," he said.

Melinda Paras, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said the study documented in detail "what every Lesbian and Gay man in the United States already knew."

But she said it was necessary to compile such a report as part of a strong campaign against those who argue that Gays and Lesbians are seeking "special rights and extra things that no other American has."

She urged Gays and Lesbians to organize politically, to vote for politicians who would promote civil rights and protection against ethnic intimidation for all.

"These rights have never been given to us," she said. "They aren't special, and we don't even

have them yet."

James Charles Roberts, executive director of the Minority AIDS Project of Philadelphia, said the study reminded him of an HIV-positive cousin who died.

He learned of the cousin's death six months after the man died. He also learned that the young man's father refused to visit him in the hospital and re-

fused to attend his funeral.

"I don't know where that falls in between violence and discrimination, but it's certainly up in that neighborhood," Roberts said.

Parents and the clergy should understand the information in the study, Roberts said, "so that people who are now suffering, don't have to suffer any more."

Apologies Issued For Jokes at Police Chief's Retirement Party

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — All 75 people who attended a retirement luncheon for Littleton police chief Craig Camp recently have been sent apology letters from the acting chief and two commanders.

That's because of the "jokes" about homosexuality by a police sergeant at the event.

Sgt. Bill Black described one of the chief's programs as "dykes on bikes," and joked about finding missing homosexuals by putting their photographs on the side of Vaseline jars, officials reported.

"I was shocked," said Dawn Shepherd, Littleton's housing authority director who attended the party. "My jaw dropped, and it's still not completely recovered."

Acting Police Chief Robert Brandt was so embarrassed he and two commanders sent apol-

ogy letters to everyone who attended.

"Your attendance helped make this a special event for Craig," the letter said. "We also wanted to mention that there were some inappropriate comments made by a member of the Littleton Police Department. ... We hope you will accept our apology if you were offended."

City Manager Andy McMinimee sent a scathing letter to Black.

"I find it extremely tasteless, uncalled for and regrettable that your comments were uttered in a setting where there were guests present from the public, from other police departments throughout the state and from the district attorney's office," the city manager wrote.

Black said he was sorry if his quips offended people.

"I thought it was a roast for the police chief," said Black, a former comic who performed in a comedy group in Texas before becoming a Littleton officer. "All I can say is there was an awful lot of laughter. Some people like it and some people don't. I wasn't trying to make fun of anyone."

McMinimee wrote that were it not for the fact the officer was off-duty, "You would be facing formal discipline rather than simply reading a letter from me telling you how irresponsible and stupid your comments were."

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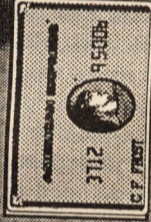
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Gay Men and Lesbians Win Discrimination Awards

BOSTON (AP) — A Gay man and two Lesbians who were ejected from a nightclub after kissing and dancing with same-sex partners have been awarded \$10,000 apiece by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

MCAD Commissioner Charles E. Walker Jr. said heterosexual couples were behaving in similar ways, but it was the Gays who were physically thrown out of the now-defunct nightclub.

Commission officials said the award was the first in a case of anti-Gay discrimination in a public place.

"What we're saying is, if you open your business to the public, then you must serve the public and not just one segment of the public," Walker said.

The three who were ejected were among about 12 Gay men and Lesbians at the Stocks & Bonds Restaurant and Dance Bar on State Street in Boston Oct. 6, 1990.

They went there to increase the visibility of homosexuals at the predominantly straight bar, and to have fun, said Richard Cresswell of Scituate, the Gay man who was ejected.

"We were doing exactly what the straight patrons at the bar were doing," he told the *Boston Herald*. "We touch-danced, hugged and

kissed. Nobody else was treated like we were."

He said Boston Police Officer Paul Gains, who was working a paid detail at the club, told a Gay couple who were kissing that they could not do that in the club.

Cresswell said he and his lover, Jamie Pierce, said, "Yes, we can," and kissed in front of the officer.

"That's when the cop exploded and threw me against the stairs," Cresswell said. "Then other secu-

rity guards joined in, and they threw us into the street."

One of the Lesbians ejected, Kelly McSorley, said she quickly tried to leave the club after she saw an officer grab Cresswell by the throat, according to *The Boston Globe*.

She said a bouncer shoved her from behind and she landed on stairs and hurt her back, an injury she said left her bedridden for two weeks.

Gay Chorus Festival

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The protesters never really materialized and when a lone heckler began waving a Bible, the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus broke out with: "Jesus loves me, yes I know, for the Bible tells me so...."

The festival has been somewhat controversial because voters in 1992 repealed a portion of the city's human rights ordinance that banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The law was restored by the courts in 1993.

Business and city leaders have touted the festival as a boon for city tourism during the slow summer months. The quadrennial music festival featured 90 choral groups — about 5,000 to 6,000 singers — from North America, Europe and

Australia.

The main address Sunday was delivered by poet Maya Angelou.

"If I could give you one thought, it would be to lift someone up, lift a stranger up, lift her up," Angelou said.

Earlier, an estimated 10,000 marchers waved flags and held balloons to celebrate the opening of the festival.

At the convention center, the crowd cheered as emcee Harvey Fierstein planted a kiss on the cheek of Tampa Mayor Dick Greco.

"Who the hell picked this place? It's hot!" said the Tony Award-winning actor.

"Thank you for picking Tampa," Greco said. "Thank you for being you."

The other Lesbian, Jacqueline Stoll, said she also was hurrying to the door when a bouncer grabbed her shoulders and shoved her outside.

George Varoudakis of Danvers, who owned the Stocks & Bonds, was ordered to pay each of three who were ejected \$10,000, and an additional \$550 to McSorley for her medical bills.

Varoudakis did not attend the discrimination com-

mission's hearing on the case last February and could not be reached by Boston newspapers for comment.

His brother and former business partner, John Varoudakis, told the *Herald* that George Varoudakis has filed for bankruptcy.

Cresswell said he will donate his \$10,000 award to a Gay and Lesbian legal advocacy group.



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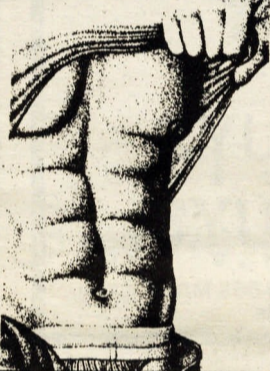
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BY DAVID BIANCO



What was the "Lavender Menace"?

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, some straight feminists, most notably National Organization for Women founder Betty Friedan, worried that feminism's public image would be marred by a too-visible Lesbian presence in the movement. In Friedan's choice phrase, Lesbians represented a "lavender menace" to American feminism.

It was a loaded slogan. From the perspective of the mid-1990s, it is easy to forget the mindset of the Cold War, and the hysteria linked to such phrases as the "red menace." Although Friedan later backed off and said the Lesbian issue was just a "lavender herring" to divert attention from the real issues facing women, Lesbians un-

derstandably felt stung by both phrases.

Complicating Friedan's statements was evidence of actual discrimination within NOW, where Lesbians in positions of leadership were being silenced or forced out of office. A group of women from the Gay Liberation Front felt that the feminist movement needed some consciousness-raising, and planned an incident that would mark a turning point in the relationship between Lesbians and the women's movement. It would also be one of the most creative direct actions in the early history of what was then called the "Gay liberation movement."

On Friday night, May 1, 1970, the lights went out on the hundreds of women gathered for the second annual Congress to Unite Women. When they came back on, 20

women in purple T-shirts whichst proclaimed "Lavender Menace" stood in front of the auditorium, and there were signs along the walls which read, "Take a Lesbian to Lunch" and "Is the Statue of Liberty a Lesbian?" The "Menace" demanded the microphone from the stage and accused the women's movement of internalized sexism, and of discriminating against Lesbians.

The rest of the scheduled speakers were canceled, and the assembled women spent the rest of the evening listening to the concerns of Lesbians. Although the event had its angry and emotional moments (such as when some Lesbians came out publicly for the first time), for the most part the "Lavender Menace" kept a sense of humor about what they were doing, which helped relax many women present who had never been exposed to open discussions of Lesbianism.

When the Lesbians who had prepared remarks finished speaking, an open microphone was declared, and one of the women who chose to come forward and talk about her struggles with her own sexuality had actually been a scheduled speaker (on another topic) for the evening. She was the well-known professor and author Kate Millett, who herself would later become a lightning rod for debates over sexuality in the women's movement.

During the rest of the weekend, the Lavender Menace put together well-attended discussions and workshops on issues related to sexual orientation and feminism.

On Sunday, the congress even passed a tongue-in-cheek Menace resolution declaring, "Be it resolved that Women's Liberation is a Lesbian plot."

The Lavender Menace action was a landmark in an ongoing struggle within the Lesbian movement. Lesbians in the early 1970s were feeling increasingly like tokens or showpieces in male-dominated groups like the Gay Activists Alliance and the Gay Liberation Front. Yet at first the National Organization for Women, the Redstockings, and other groups had tried to silence Lesbian issues. After the 1970 Congress to Unite Women, the women's movement was more open to Lesbian concerns, and just 16 months later NOW passed a resolution declaring "the oppression of Lesbians as a legitimate concern of feminism."

It took Friedan many more years to come around to support of Lesbian rights, and she is said to have told a reporter in 1973 that Lesbians in NOW had been sent there by the CIA.

As for the Lavender Menace themselves, they did not disappear after their highly public debut. They marched in that summer's first-ever New York City Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, and (under the name RadicalLesbians) published an influential essay, "The Woman-identified Woman."

What was the first Gay-themed TV movie?

That Certain Summer, which aired Nov. 1, 1972 on ABC. The movie stars Hal Holbrook, whose 14-year old son comes to spend the summer with him and discovers that Dad is in love with Martin Sheen. It appeared at a time when television was beginning to explore controversial topics — including, later that month, the decision by the title character on *Maude* to have an abortion.

But *That Certain Summer* was extremely tame, especially when compared to films that had recently played in the cinemas such as *The Boys in the Band* and *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*. Sheen and Holbrook played the very model of an "acceptable" Gay couple — they never touched, denounced open displays of affection, and wondered out loud if homosexuality was a sickness. At the end of the film, the son leaves his weeping father, and — unlike in the original script — doesn't even show any regrets.

Gay and Lesbian reaction to *That Certain Summer* was mixed. Some Gays and Lesbians were thrilled to see any portrayal of their lives on television, and relished the opportunities for conversation with their families that the show — and the surrounding controversy — afforded. Others were offended, such as the man who wrote the *New York Times* to complain that Holbrook's character's tears at the end of the film were a "repudiation of the life he had chosen for himself."

That Certain Summer also provoked the usual protests from offended religious conservatives. But it was probably more important for alerting Gays and Lesbians to the power of television to shape straight perceptions of Gays and Lesbians. Two years later, the Gay Activists Alliance and the National Gay Task Force were protesting a homophobic episode of *Marcus Welby* before it even aired — and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation continues such activities today.

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Tempest Over Mormon Same-Sex History Delays Publication

By Vern Anderson
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It isn't often that a respected university publishing house replaces 5,000 book covers, razors out a page of photographs and fields nasty calls and letters about a scholarly work its critics haven't even seen.

But a long, hot summer at the University of Illinois Press could get hotter once *Same-Sex Dynamics among Nineteenth-Century Americans: A Mormon Example* hits bookstores in August, months behind schedule.

"I knew that this would be troubling to some of the Mormon community," said Liz Dulany, associate director of the press in Champaign, Ill. "I didn't anticipate these kinds of mine fields."

Neither did the book's author, D. Michael Quinn, a Yale-trained historian and former Brigham Young University professor who was excommunicated from the church in 1993 for research on women and Mormonism's male priesthood.

"There is a level of hatred among otherwise good people in Mormon culture that is very dis-

turbing," said Quinn, who still considers himself a believing Mormon. "It's a gut reaction they have to these issues, and it's a blind spot for them."

Likely to enhance the high feeling is the 53-year-old Quinn's first public statement about his own sexuality in the August issue of Gay-oriented *Out* magazine. Though once married for 18 years and the father of four children, Quinn said, "I am overwhelmingly attracted to men."

The brouhaha over the book was touched off in early March by an Associated Press article based on a pre-publication copy of the work, which examines all types of same-sex relationships and attitudes among early Mormons, both erotic and platonic. The story triggered a flood of angry calls and letters to newspapers in Logan and Ogden, which had 25-30 subscription cancellations apiece.

"It's the most letters we've received about a single news story in the two years since I've been here," said *Standard-Examiner* Managing Editor Ron Thornburg in Ogden.

"I've had that kind of reaction on subjects before, but I've never had it last that long," said Bruce

Smith, publisher of *The Herald Journal* in Logan. "I received some nasty, vile comments, both written and verbal. Most of those kinds of comments were anonymous."

Later, the newspapers printed guest columns and letters, several from relatives of the late Evan Stephens, composer of many of Mormonism's most cherished hymns and director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for 26 years.

Stephens, who died in 1930, never married and spent much of his life with a succession of young male companions he called his "boy chums," all of whom later married. In his book, and in an excerpt printed last winter in the independent Mormon journal *Dialogue*, Quinn raises the possibility Stephens had erotic interest in other males. He stressed, however, that the composer may never have acted on the impulse.

"When I encountered the (*Dialogue*) article my first reaction was that I had before me a 'case study' in the use of innuendo to vilify the dead," George L. Mitton of Provo wrote Dulany in a letter urging the press to cancel publication of the 416-page book.

Mitton, a grandson of one of Stephens' young friends, Samuel

Bailey Mitton, called Quinn's premise "categorically false," and accused him of misconstruing and taking quotations out of context and of "finding homosexual allusions wherever he looks."

Mitton also pointed out a problem with the book's dust jacket, or cover. It featured a photograph of Stephens and one of his companions, Noel S. Pratt, that had been cropped to exclude a woman, Stephens' longtime housekeeper, Sara Davis, standing at Pratt's side.

Although the photograph was obtained by Quinn from the Utah State Historical Society, which cropped it at his request, it originally had appeared uncropped in a laudatory 1992 biography of Stephens. When the owner of the picture, Stephens relative Don Noble, learned of its intended use, he threatened the press with legal action.

The result: The U of I Press faces the tedious task of removing the dust covers from 5,000 already printed books and replacing them with another title-only cover. It also is cutting out of the book a single page of photographs that includes the disputed portrait.

"We didn't want to further delay the book" by seeing the copy-

right issue settled in court, Dulany said, even though copyright law generally gives ownership to the photographer, not the owner.

Quinn said the cropping was intended merely to illustrate Evans with one of his chums, not as evidence of the nature of their relationship, which he said was amply supported in the text and notes.

But Mitton and others cite the cropped photo as proof of what they claim is Quinn's use of innuendo "to reinforce the false premise on which this work is based."

If Quinn is receiving rough treatment in Utah, early reviews of his book elsewhere have been glowing. *Publisher's Weekly* called it "a model of critical religious history" and *Library Journal* "nothing short of astonishing."

But Quinn's quarter-century of Mormon scholarship, often sharply at odds with official histories of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is viewed by many mainstream members as anti-Mormon. And in the case of *Same-Sex Dynamics*, the author's homosexuality is now fodder for his critics.

Even before the *Out* interview, Rhett James, another Stephens

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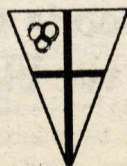
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Lawmaker To Propose Amendments To Ban On Gay, Lesbian Student Clubs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah state lawmaker will propose amendments to a law banning Gay and Lesbian student clubs from Utah schools in an effort to address faculty concerns that the law will limit their ability to help students.

Rep. Grant Protzman, D-North Ogden, said the law needs to be amended to "specifically make it clear that students with gender identification problems can be assisted in a variety of ways includ-

ing support groups, peer counseling and group therapy, all supervised by professionals."

The issue surfaced last winter when a group of East High School students petitioned their principal to form a Gay-straight alliance at their school. Students said the club would serve as a support group and forum.

The new law prohibits school employees and volunteers from encouraging or supporting criminal

conduct — even in their personal lives, if such actions do or could disrupt or interfere with normal school activities.

The issue has many educators and school counselors hesitant to openly discuss their concerns about applying the law, for fear their actions would be construed as endorsing homosexuality, Protzman said.

"I'm not advocating a lifestyle," Protzman said. "I'm saying we

have kids at risk and we need to give professionals the ability to help them."

The bill, intended to regulate school clubs, was passed during the Legislature's special session in April. Its sponsor, Sen. Craig Taylor, R-Kaysville, said the new law provides sufficient latitude to educators in dealing with troubled students.

Taylor said he wanted to eliminate Gay and Lesbian student clubs

because he feared the students would not get adequate professional support.

"I want them to get professional help but make it clear it's not Gay affirmative," Taylor said. "I want more than anything that these kids have professional help. Kids need to know they're not born that way, that there is a way out."

Taylor also hinted that the proposed amendments may be construed as political posturing.

Gunderson To Keynote Log Cabin Republicans' Convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not every Republican in San Diego next month will be there for the party's national convention. The Log Cabin Republicans, a group of Gay and Lesbian conservatives, will arrive early for a convention of their own.

The sixth annual convention of the Log Cabin Republicans will be held Aug. 9-11 in a San Diego ho-

tel, ending just in time for the GOP national convention opening the next day.

Republican Rep. Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin and his partner, Rob Morris, will deliver the joint keynote address. Gunderson and Morris will discuss their upcoming book, *House and Home*, about family values "by those who happen

to be Gay," the group said in a press release.

The Log Cabin Republicans claim more than 10,000 members nationwide. The group, which takes its name from Abraham Lincoln's log cabin birthplace, says it seeks to educate the Republican Party on issues of concern to homosexuals.

Company Will No Longer Buy Insurance Policies Of People With AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A company that buys life insurance policies from AIDS patients so they can get money before they die is suspending the business, acknowledging that new medicines may take away its customers.

The announcement by Dignity Partners Inc. sent its share price plummeting 77 percent, down \$4.68 3/4 to \$1.37 1/2 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Dignity was one of the first "viatical settlement" companies that have sprung up since the AIDS crisis hit.

They buy insurance policies of terminally ill people at a discount, giving the insured a portion of the policy's value in cash up front. In exchange, they get the right to collect on the entire policy's value after the person dies.

The company said that medical developments, such as recent news of the success of protease inhibitors that reduce levels of the AIDS virus in the body to undetectable levels, could hurt business.

While such developments in AIDS treatment are "welcome news for many, if the treatments are effective in the long term, the company's results will be adversely affected," Dignity officials said.

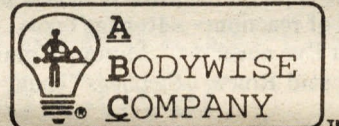
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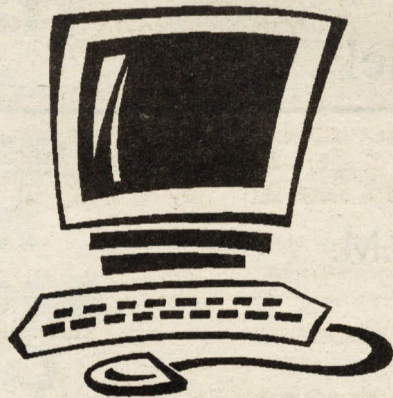
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By Tim Meadows, Pastor
Holy Trinity Community Church

Here we go again trying to fit into "normal" society. We're confronting the civil, religious and social constructs of matrimony. Like the day the French stormed the Bastille in Paris, all of society, the world as we know it, is about to happen on a new truth that will change us. The question being raised is whether two adults of consenting age can celebrate their commitment to one another and be recognized by the state. The other component swirled into the marriage ice cream cone is when will the church give its blessing adding their normalcy stamp upon adult Lesbian committed love relationships. Are we members of society with the guarantees of life, liberty and happiness (marriage?) or are we perverts on the fringe of society?

For some of us the thought of

being this normal presents some conflict. After all, the mumbo-jumbo called heterosexual marriage is an institution ideally celebrated yet realistically stands on patriarchal ownership and is plagued with more divorces than long-term anniversaries. Who wants to inherit this antiquated fop? The institution of marriage is in deep need of an overhaul. It is no wonder that among Lesbians and Gays there is a split on the issue. Maybe this is one spouse of hetero institutionalism that we would be happy for the Religious Right to drag around. We are all aware of Adam and Steve jokes to the point of nausea. Stirred deeper into the right wing sicko stew is that we are after children, and in league with pornographers, child molesters and rapists in our efforts to destroy the family. Served to the American public, including you and me, we might begin to think that marriage only belongs to those who can re-

produce children. After all, every kid should grow up in a family, right?

A lot of Americans can handle equal rights but jumping the broom is going too far. For many Gays and Lesbians a rejection of the matrimonial tradition is considered cutting edge Queer politics. Perhaps the expectation of a committed love relationship is frightening because it would require too much responsibility. Or maybe our self esteem is so racked by the negative messages we have heard all of our lives, that we do not trust or believe we can have a lasting relationship. Granted there are few models for lasting marriages and content marriages! Few of us know what to do in our relationships when the emotional feelings have waned. Nonetheless we still fall in love, we still hope that it is long-lasting, and we do crave trust and commitment in our relationships. It is difficult to

accept ourselves when we are given a steady diet of "sicko, fagot, I wish you were dead." How many people go searching for self-worth in the next drink because they never were included in the world anyway? For Lesbian and Gay people, marriage represents that we are part of the mainstream. Frankly, for many of us being in the mainstream feels uncomfortable. We know what not being normal is all about.

Maybe what this battle for matrimonial rights and privileges is all about is a recognition that consenting adults fall in love, are married and may choose to celebrate that as they will. It is also true that consenting adults are jilted and do get divorced and experience that side of the relationship coin. It all sounds so easy, so *normal!* Whenever you are in the marriage debate, it would be nice if we could choose whether to marry or not get

married. If you don't believe in marriage, don't get married! If you want to get married, get married in a bar, a park, an affirming church/synagogue or wherever. Just don't expect the state of Tennessee, or the United States for that matter, to accept your relationship. And when it comes to "Until you are parted by death" have a medical power of attorney, power of attorney and a will; otherwise, your spouse has no rights and your relationship did not exist.

You are invited to an action and awareness forum on Same Sex Marriages at Holy Trinity Community Church, 1559 Madison Ave., Memphis. Aug. 25, Sunday at 7 p.m. Legal, political, sociological and religious professionals will be available to discuss the issues and angles with you. This forum will seek to produce an advocacy statement on behalf of matrimonial reform.

Philip Johnson's Concrete Cathedral: Very Much A Work In Progress

By Rick Hampson
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Johnson, the resolutely irreligious grand old man of American architecture, celebrated his 90th birthday July 8 by unveiling a model of what he called "the important job of my life" — a concrete iceberg of a church, surrounded by a sea of asphalt.

The Cathedral of Hope was commissioned last year by the Dallas church of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian religious denomination.

In its rough model form, the cathedral rises, in waves and wedges, from the entrance toward a peak over the altar, suggesting an elongated Rock of Gibraltar. It would be longer than two football fields, taller than Notre Dame Cathedral, seat 2,500 and cost \$20 million.

Priest Hopes To Offer Perspective On Disney's Troubles With Critics

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A theologian and educator named to the Walt Disney Co.'s board of directors hopes to use his experience to help the company when religious values clash with popular culture.

Father Leo J. O'Donovan, president of Georgetown University, was named to the board, not long after Southern Baptists and other religious conservatives accused Disney of adopting "anti-family and anti-Christian" positions.

"I hope I would have some perspective as an educator and a theologian that would be helpful to the company," said O'Donovan, a Jesuit priest.

O'Donovan, 62, said it was "utterly accidental" that his election to the board was announced soon after the company was hit with protests by religious groups. He said he was asked to join the Disney board in February by Chairman Michael Eisner, who only last year had completed six years on the

board of Georgetown, the nation's oldest Catholic university.

Regarding the Southern Baptists' principal criticism — Disney's extension of insurance benefits to partners of Gay employees — O'Donovan called that a humane policy.

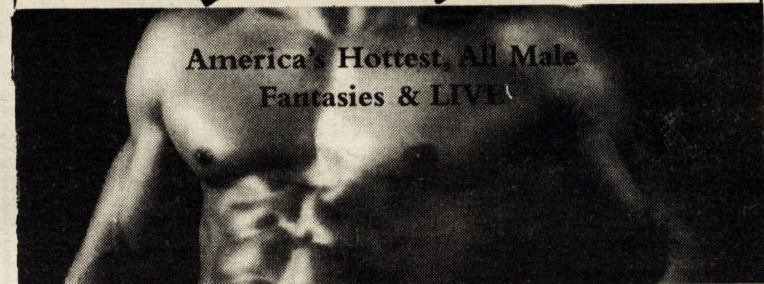
"It's my understanding from Michael Eisner that the company was following industry standards and that it apparently applies to a relatively few number of people," O'Donovan said.

"We'll be lucky to do that," Johnson cautioned, adding with a devilish smile, "I don't have more than 15 or 20 years left."

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August Reruns

Well friends, it's been a long time since I've had to write a *Quick Clips* column, so let's see if I still can. Lady A is taking a well-deserved vacation and we have heard that she's been hunting bears. Caught one, too! So here are this month's ramblings

▼ Even though the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center has closed at this point, the organization is still around and we can guarantee *it will be back!* Anything worth its salt is worth working for, we say, so we've just jumped into the frying pan.

The monthly potluck dinners are continuing. This month's will be a picnic at Overton Park. Bring a dish to the picnic area at the East Parkway entrance on Sat., Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. Beware of arm-twisting to get you involved, however.

If you are a get-involved type of person, the MGLCC board meeting will be at Java Cabana, 2170 Young Ave. at 1 p.m. on Sat. Aug. 3—don't wait for the potluck.

▼ If it's August, it must be time for the Miss Southern Elegance Pageant. This year they're publicizing two start times: the preliminary judging will begin at 7 p.m. with the pageant beginning at 9 p.m. if they're lucky! Seems like it took longer than

that last year to do the preliminaries. In fact, the pageant ran so long last year, Theatre Memphis' environmental computer (read clock timer) shut down the air conditioning. Maybe it was trying to tell us something.

Hope this year's pageant goes better.

▼ That same night Club X-Scape is staging the Mr./Ms Bluff City Pageant? Is this another case of missed signals or by design?

▼ We've made note that the Lambda Men's Chorus is now billing itself as the River City Men's Chorus. What this name change portends we do not know. A call from one of their members revealed that at least he still believes it is a Gay men's chorus—we wouldn't know it from the name, however!

Heard the name change was an effort to attract more closeted Gay men to the chorus, giving them an out (so to speak).

Also heard that the new director doesn't want his name publicized because he's afraid he might lose his job—reportedly at a very straight, very conservative church. One wonders how they're going to ever perform—with bags over their heads?

▼ Speaking of churches, I find

it interesting—shall I even say healthy—that Memphis has not two but *three* functioning Gay and Lesbian churches. Maybe it proves that Memphis really is the buckle of the Bible Belt.

And two of the three pastors have articles in this month's *TJN!*

▼ Memphis is a city of dancing fools. If you don't like the retro disco at most of the bars, you can try square dancing (a misnomer for these folks) or country dancing!

Southern Country hosted a regional event a few months back and continues its weekly dance lessons on Tuesday at WKRB and Fridays at 501. Next door at Crossroads, they've designated Saturday night as country music night with Southern Country members getting in free (an-

other reason to join!)

If square dancing is your forte, then you'll want to attend the Aug. 29 Cotton Pickin' Squares' 4th Annual Ice Cream Social and Intro to Square Dance. It's a mouthful, but promises to be fun. They're always looking for members and this would

be a painless way to see if this is what you'd like—all with chocolate fudge syrup!

▼ If black light and man-made fog are your things, then try the Cosmic Bowling on Aug. 16. According to insiders, it will feature "glowing lanes, light-up pins, lasers,

fog and music." Can't be any worse than that MTV show where the contestants swing off a platform to knock down floating pins in a pool. On second thought, they aren't wearing the niftiest bowling shirts.

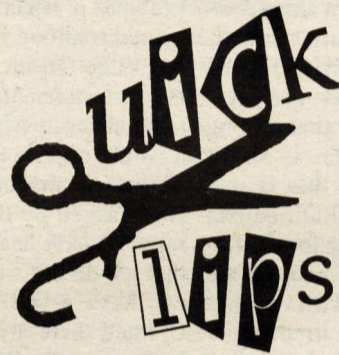
▼ Sure was wonderful seeing that the Feast For Friends 4th Annual Dinner went so well. They had about 250 people (Standing Room Only) there to enjoy the food and Joyce Cobb's entertainment.

Not only that, they raised about \$4,000 to keep those dinners going.

Many people don't realize it, but those dinners don't happen by themselves. Somebody has to coordinate the menu, get the food, prepare the food, set up the tables and prepare the room as well as serve. Kudos go to Ed Brandon who has done a great job for the past couple of years. Also kudos to Butch Valentine who has done so much to encourage people to come to the dinners. Well done, guys!

Well, I've come to the end of my space, so I guess I'll sign off. If I ever let Lady A take another vacation, I guess I'll see you in this spot.

Ta, Ta
Allen Cook
(the substitute Lady A)



The Truth

By Greg Bullard, Pastor
Safe Harbor MCC

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
(John 8:32, NRSV)

Jesus is speaking to the disciples about becoming free. Jesus is the truth, that which frees us from bondage to sin and death. The truth comes in more than just a

human form though it truly is a way of hearing the honesty of the world and God in a way that makes us better people. That is the function of truth, if we are willing to listen to it and be informed by it.

Over the next few months I want to give you some tools for learning what the truth is, especially as it pertains to homosexuality and the Bible. I will look at

the passages that are used against us and give some detail about the language really used there, the history, and the real intent of the passage. It is enlightening and informative to know this information. Most important though, the knowledge we gain will help us to combat those that use the Bible as a means of justifying hate.

I am taking my information from research that I completed for a debate that I participated in with a Church of Christ minister. Interestingly enough many know this information, and yet refuse to hear the truth. Please read and allow your lives to change from justification to fully celebrating your life as God created you. I hope to continue this with a celebration of Queers in the Bible as well.

First though, get a Bible. No, make that several Bibles. Make them several versions. A King James Version, New Revised Standard Version, any that are translations, no paraphrases, such as the Good News Bible. That Bible is not precise in its wording and comes from previous translations, not a new one. The best is the New Revised Standard Version, more up-to-date English and more up-to-date scholarship. Remember that all who translate do so from their perspective, and they read that into their work. That does not mean that the version is not good, we just need to be aware of that fact.

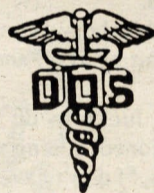
So stay tuned. I will do my best to be true to the text and to God.

Stay true to you. You are as God made you, good and loved, now and always. The law did not set us free, but the sharing of the truth will make us free indeed.

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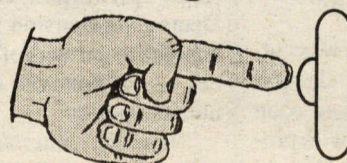
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Gay Travelers Prove A Plum, Infusing Money In Travel Industry

By Hillary Chura
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO (AP)— At a time when most people are taking off on their yearly family vacation, Jeff Tidd is planning his fifth getaway — a nine-day trip to Seattle.

The 31-year-old clothing store manager is one of many well-traveled Gay men to whom an increasing number of companies are eager to cater. Industry experts agree Gay travelers are a travel company's dream with their traditionally high incomes and propensity to travel. Most also don't need to worry about being back to drop off the 10-year-old for a Boy Scout jamboree.

Tidd says he's been to New York at least twice a year for the past 12 years, and he estimates he spends \$4,000 a year on holidays to the Big Apple, California, Miami and national parks.

"Yes, I can save money, but I don't have to plan for a family — not in a sense that I have kids to put through college," he said.

It's not that Gays and Lesbians suddenly have taken to the road. But more travel companies

are trying to attract them — be it airlines that let domestic partners use special waiting lounges if their partners are members, or American Express that advertises its two-name travelers checks with two male or female signatures, said John D'Alessandro, president of the International Gay Travel Association in Key West, Fla.

The American Society of Travel Agents — the world's largest travel-trade organization — polled 3,000 of its 28,000 members, and 70 said their specialty is catering to homosexuals, said spokesman Steve Loucks. He admitted the number was small but said it would continue to grow.

"This is clearly where a lot of money is, and that is why you see more and more travel organizations trying to tap into the Gay and Lesbian market," Loucks said.

With travel a \$400 billion a year national industry and homosexuals about 6-10 percent of the population, they contribute \$17-28 billion to hotels, airlines, restaurants and automobile rental

agencies, D'Alessandro estimated. What they lack in number, they make up for in volume.

"It's not how much they spend on a trip but how many times they go on another trip. Mainstream travelers may go on one trip a year if they're lucky. Gays and Lesbians do it two to four times a year," he said. "This is truly the market of the '90s."

Save a tendency for higher pay checks, homosexual travelers are no different than those in the mainstream, he said.

"If you're at a concierge at a hotel, as a straight person, and say 'We want to go out tonight,' they can tell you. They should be able to tell you the same thing about a Gay bar or a Lesbian bar," he said. "We don't need anything special."

D'Alessandro, whose 13-year-old group has grown from a handful of members to 1,200, estimated that Gay-oriented marketing began about two years ago.

Selma Belajec, who owns Marks Travel Service in Oak Park, has seen the number of Gay travelers increase in the last three years. She estimates she has ar-

ranged travel for 400 Gay or Lesbian couples and that men use her service more than women.

"You have two men living together, making a lot of money, so they're not afraid to spend it," she said.

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Minneapolis travel wholesaler that caters to homosexuals, booked one cruise for 700 passengers in 1986 one year after it opened. Nine years later, it booked cruises for 6,000 passengers, said company president Charlie Rounds.

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AIDS Gathering

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disappears from the bloodstream.

"We are talking about a brand-new paradigm, which is to completely suppress virus replication," said Dr. Douglas D. Richman of the University of California-San Diego.

If the virus cannot make new copies of itself, it cannot destroy the immune system. So in theory, patients should be able to live reasonably healthy lives, if AIDS has not already done irreparable damage.

Even though undetectable, however, the virus is not gone. It lingers quietly inside cells. But in time, many of these infected cells will die off.

"If the patient suppresses it long enough, will the last embers of the virus become extinct so the virus is cured?" Richman asks. "We don't know if it can be or not."

A cure. So seemingly unachievable, the word became all but taboo, and it still gives some researchers the shivers.

"I refuse to say that word at this point," said Dr. Richard D'Aquila of Massachusetts General Hospital. "But people are beginning to think about how much you can suppress the virus and how long you can keep it sup-

pressed to begin to think about experiments to do that."

Some believe the best chance of a cure is to start treatment as soon as people know they are infected, ideally within weeks of catching the virus. This may head off HIV before it becomes established in the brain and other hard-to-treat parts of the body.

Some worry, though, that exhilaration about recent advances will raise hopes too high, especially considering HIV's uncanny ability to sidestep scientists' brightest ideas.

"One possibility is that the virus, which we know is very cunning, may figure out a way to build resistance in another year or 18 months," said Larry Kessler, head of Boston's AIDS Action Committee.

He, like many in the fight against AIDS, is not ready to declare victory. "We see a glow at the end of the tunnel," he said. "But we don't see the light."

Nevertheless, many at the meeting were buoyed by patients like Brian Rosenberg, 31, of Boston, who learned a few days ago that HIV had disappeared from his bloodstream after probably eight years of infection.

"It was great news," he said. "It has put time into my future, so I will be around and healthy enough to take advantage of whatever comes next."

History

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relative, had accused Quinn in guest newspaper columns of engaging in Gay apologetics.

Asked about the magazine interview and its timing, Quinn said that when he began research on the book he decided he would make no secret of his sexuality if asked, and *Out* asked first.

"I just assumed that was common knowledge already," said state archivist Jeffery O. Johnson. "It's hard for me to see this as anything more than creating interest in the book."

Johnson, who will critique Quinn's book at the Sunstone Symposium, has not yet seen

a copy. But he doesn't believe Quinn's research in the *Dialogue* excerpt proves Stephens was Gay.

"I have deep respect for Mike's historical work," Johnson said. "I believe, though, to prove his point or issue, he will sometimes not be careful about whether the sources really prove what he's saying."

Though Quinn concedes his book is fair game for critics, he believes some have been quick to ignore the weight of his sources in favor of folklore, poor research methods and claims of personal bias.

"Inevitably you have to interpret at certain points," he said, "but on controversial issues I do my best to lay out the evidence and let the readers come to their own conclusions."

Murder

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hanging up the phone on her and hit Evans in the face, damaging her glasses. Butler then threatened Smith with a gun, hoping she would leave.

He said Smith told the women she would go to her truck for her gun and kill both of them.

The mother and daughter followed Smith out to her truck. Butler apparently grabbed Smith from behind, spun her around and shot

her.

"Whether it's voluntary or not, I don't know. (The bullet) hits her in the mouth; kills her," Phillip said.

Prosecutor Lee Davis said the women did not call for help, but phoned city officer Clifford Butler while he was on-duty and asked him to come home. He was the live-in boyfriend of Butler at the time and is now her husband. The two have a 3-month-old baby and he is no longer on the police force.

He reported the shooting to police after finding Smith's body in the driveway.

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New Wave Of AIDS Infections Strike Young Gay Men Worldwide

By Daniel Q Haney
AP Medical Editor

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A generation of young Gay men across the industrialized world, tragically ignoring the lessons of the AIDS epidemic, risk a new wave of HIV infection by engaging in dangerous sex, researchers reported Monday.

The trend means that substantial numbers of Gay men who came of age after the AIDS epidemic was recognized are already infected, and many more will get the virus in the near future.

First spotted in San Francisco a few years ago, the pattern has now been documented across the United States, Europe and Canada.

"The epidemic of HIV among young Gay men is not only an individual tragedy but is certainly also a major public health concern," said John de Wit, a psychologist at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands.

In some parts of the United States, as many as one in 10 Gay men under the age of 25 carries the

virus, and the risk seems to be especially high for nonwhite minorities.

"The figures are high, very high, especially if we consider that these young men have become sexually active in an era in which massive effort was exerted to increase awareness of HIV risk behaviors and to promote safer sex," he said.

De Wit outlined the accumulating evidence of youthful AIDS infection at the 11th International Conference on AIDS.

"The young feel invincible and that they won't get sick from anything," said Dr. Michael L. Rekart, the conference co-chairman.

A variety of surveys have found that about one-third of young Gay men in their 20s engage in anal sex without condoms, the riskiest form of homosexual behavior.

The research suggests that young Gay men are two to three times more likely than older Gay men to get infected with HIV, the AIDS virus. In San Francisco, about 3 percent of young homosexuals catch the virus annually.

Surveys in other U.S. cities show that Gay Black youngsters are about twice as likely as whites the same age to be infected this way.

In the United States and other Western countries, homosexual sex is still the leading cause of HIV infections, although the numbers of Gay men getting the virus have fallen dramatically since the start of the epidemic. It now accounts for just under half of all newly reported U.S. AIDS cases.

Dangerous sex fell dramatically among older Gay men after the epidemic emerged in the early 1980s. Experts believe one reason risky behavior continues among the young is that they have not yet seen their friends die of the disease.

Another is simply the kind of risk-taking common among the young, the same impulse that prompts teenagers to drive fast or take up smoking.

At the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, epidemiologist Linda Valleroy has studied Gay men in their teens and 20s in seven areas of four states. She found that seven

of every 100 are infected. By comparison, the infection rate among youngsters who apply for the federal Job Corps program is two per 1,000.

"This is just coming to light," she said. "It is really surprising."

De Wit said new AIDS prevention strategies should be aimed directly at the young and go beyond

simply telling them what's safe and what isn't. One idea is to train young Gay men who are influential among their peers to set an example and spread the message.

De Wit said a generation of homosexual men is already being destroyed by HIV. "Let us prevent this from happening to a second generation of Gay men," he said.

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21 Million People Worldwide Living With HIV

Every day, 8,500 more people become infected with the AIDS virus.

Around the world, the United Nations AIDS program estimates that 21 million people are living with HIV, 90 percent of them in developing countries.

However, the worldwide spread of the virus may be yielding at last to human intervention.

Dr. Peter Piot, head of the AIDS program, said evidence is building that condom campaigns in Asia and Africa have begun to slow HIV transmission.

"There is the first light in the darkness, the first hope that prevention may work on a massive scale in developing countries, not just in white middle-class men in San Francisco," Piot said.

In Thailand, where HIV has

spread explosively, largely through prostitutes, an AIDS education program began in earnest in 1991. Surveys show men are visiting prostitutes less often, and use of condoms with prostitutes has doubled to 60 percent of encounters.

In Uganda, the prevalence of HIV infections in pregnant women has declined 30 percent since the early 1990s.

Unlike the United States, where AIDS spreads mostly through homosexual sex and needle drugs, at least three-quarters of the cases worldwide are transmitted heterosexually.

In five African countries — Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda and Malawi — more than 10 percent of the population is infected.

CDC Rethinks Measles Shots For PWAs

By Tara Meyer
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The government is rethinking its policy on giving measles shots to people in the late stages of AIDS because one infected man became extremely ill after getting the vaccine and later died.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Prac-

tices will make its recommendation later this year, the agency said.

In March, the CDC studied the 1993 death of an HIV-infected man who developed pneumonitis after getting the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine a year before, said Will Schluter of the CDC's National Immunization Program.

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Sad to Say, Happy to Hear



By Butch Valentine

Happy to Hear... Thanks to the *Triangle Journal News* and the *Memphis Flyer* for the wonderful articles on the Feast For Friends 4th Anniversary Dinner. Joyce Cobb was the featured entertainer and about 250 people attended, including HOPWA and Ryan White officials from Nashville and Washington, DC. It was a good time, with much love in the room and many open wallets as close to \$4,000 was raised. The August dinners are the 12th and 26th.

Sad to Say... The San Francisco Zoo has to protect the skin of their new albino kangaroo, Mulali, with a lotion that has an SPF of 50. He uses three or four tubes a week.

Happy to Hear... Viruses, fungi, and bacteria, Oh my! Now there's a protozoa to worry about called cyclospora cayetanensis. This recently identified strain, usually found in Nepal and Peru, has been causing a new and mysterious intestinal infection in hundreds of people in the U.S. and Canada, mostly in states east of the Mississippi.

Happy to Hear... Health officials say to wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly to avoid cyclospora. An earlier warning on strawberries has been lifted, but caution is advised to people with AIDS or anyone undergoing chemo. Now they suspect raspberries from Guatemala.

Sad to Say... 1994 was the year the music died for the Gay community. That is when Nut Gingrich and the Republican Righteous Wonders took over the House and Senate and all the nasty, cold-hearted and mean-spirited politics really began.

Happy to Hear... People were asleep during the off-year elections, but now they are waking up and smelling the coffee. Democratic voter registration is way up and they have a better than 50-50 chance of recapturing both the House and Senate. Do your part, please, and vote. Aug. 1.

Sad to Say... There are approximately 11-14,000 Tennesseans who are HIV+ as of 1995 with about 1,000 new cases yearly, according to the state health department. One in four of these cases are between the ages of 13 and 25.

Happy to Hear... The Health Dept. says the "incidence and prevalence" appear to be stable at this time.

Sad to Say... The Presbyterian Church (USA) has always had an ambiguous policy regarding the ordination of Gays — some churches and presbyteries would and some wouldn't — because of the church believes that homosexual sex is a sin.

Happy to Hear... Take a lesson in compromise: The governing body recently approved a policy allowing the ordination of Gays as long as they remain celibate. At least they're not discriminating as single straights must remain celibate also.

Sad to Say... A new strain of HIV has made its appearance in the U.S. "Group O" is extremely rare and is undetectable through normal blood tests.

Happy to Hear... The patient in which the strain was found has had only one sex partner since she came here from Africa, though he has yet to be located. The nation's blood supply is not in danger yet, but new tests are being developed to detect the unusual virus.

Sad to Say... There are 21 million adults infected with the AIDS virus worldwide, with India having the highest number for a country at 3 million, compared to the USA's 780,000. Sub-Saharan Africa is hardest hit with 14 million cases.

Happy to Hear... Australia is the least affected region with 13,000 people infected. No man is an island, but I guess it pays to live on one.

Sad to Say... Mycobacterium avium complex, also called MAC, is the most common systemic bacterial infection in persons with advanced AIDS. The CDC estimates that one in every four PWA has MAC. (Symptoms: fever, night sweats, fatigue, abdominal pain, chronic diarrhea and weight loss or "wasting.")

Happy to Hear... The FDA has approved the broad-spectrum antibiotic Zithromax (azithromycin) on a *once weekly* dose to help prevent MAC and to lessen the symptoms. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all HIV/AIDS medications could be in once-weekly doses?

Sad to Say... Republican POTUS contender Bob Dole is having trouble picking a V-POTUS (Vice-President of the U.S.) candidate to make up for his many shortcomings.

Happy to Hear... To balance the

ticket, I'd like to nominate Barney the Dinosaur. He sings cute songs, therefore he could attract the younger voters; he's family-oriented, therefore he could attract the voters who aren't already boycotting Disney; and Lord knows, he's a closet case, therefore he could attract some of the Gay vote.

Sad to Say... Combination or cocktail drug therapy was originally tested only on the sickest of AIDS patients. There were many who could not tolerate the powerful drugs, but those who respond to the therapy had a remarkable drop in their viral load.

Happy to Hear... It's not easy finding people with brand new HIV infections, but researchers did manage to find nine men who had been infected for no more than 90 days. They have been on cocktail therapy ever since, and researchers can't find a trace of virus in their blood.

Sad to Say... *This is not a cure!* More research is needed to see if the virus is hiding in the lymph nodes and other body tissue, out of reach of both drugs and blood tests,

Happy to Hear... Now more than ever, people should want to be tested on a regular basis so that if they do test positive, they can take the triple-drug therapy early to suppress the virus. Moral to the story: If you haven't been tested because you don't want to, you just read the reason why you *need* to know. P.S. There will be a cure.

Sad to Say... Ancient Greeks used sporting events as an opportunity for men to meet boys. *National Geographic* (July 1996) reports that the root word for "gymnasium," gymnos, has nothing to do with sports, but means "nude." Yessiree boys — the Olympians competed buck naked before an audience limited to males. Oh what a vision that is, Methinks me needs to light up a cigarette.

Sad to Say... Viatical companies are in a quandary right now because of the protease-inhibitors — people are living longer! The companies have to be more choosy about those policies they buy and they may be paying less. It is ghoulish, but the quicker someone dies, the more money these companies make. Several viatical brokers' earnings have dropped 50-77 percent.

Happy to Hear... Finally a part of corporate America is *losing* money because of the continuing

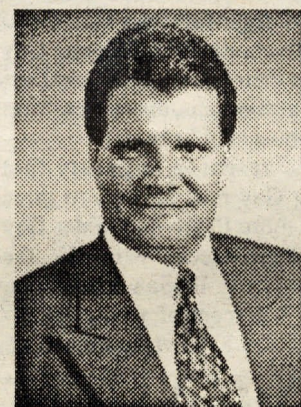
success in the battle against AIDS. (I wish it weren't the viaticals because they are the financial saviors for many PWAs.) Industry watchers predict they will survive, thankfully, after a period of a "little softening of the market."

Sad to Say... Republican Righteous Wonder Steve Largent (R-Okla.) made the following statement during the recent Gay marriage debate in the House: "No culture that has ever embraced homosexuality has ever survived."

Happy to Hear... Time to dust off the soap box! Basic human and equal rights for all members of a

population ensures a society will not only survive, but will thrive. Has nothing been learned from the Civil Rights movement? The Women's movement? The very people who were denied rights are now some of the most productive members of our society. If you suppress, you depress. It's a waste of a nation's time and energy — not to mention the toll it takes on a nation's heart — to keep a populace down because they are not white, heterosexual or males, as they will eventually and assuredly rise up and capture their rightful place in society. 'Nuf said — for now.

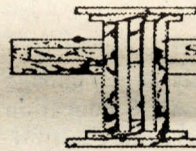
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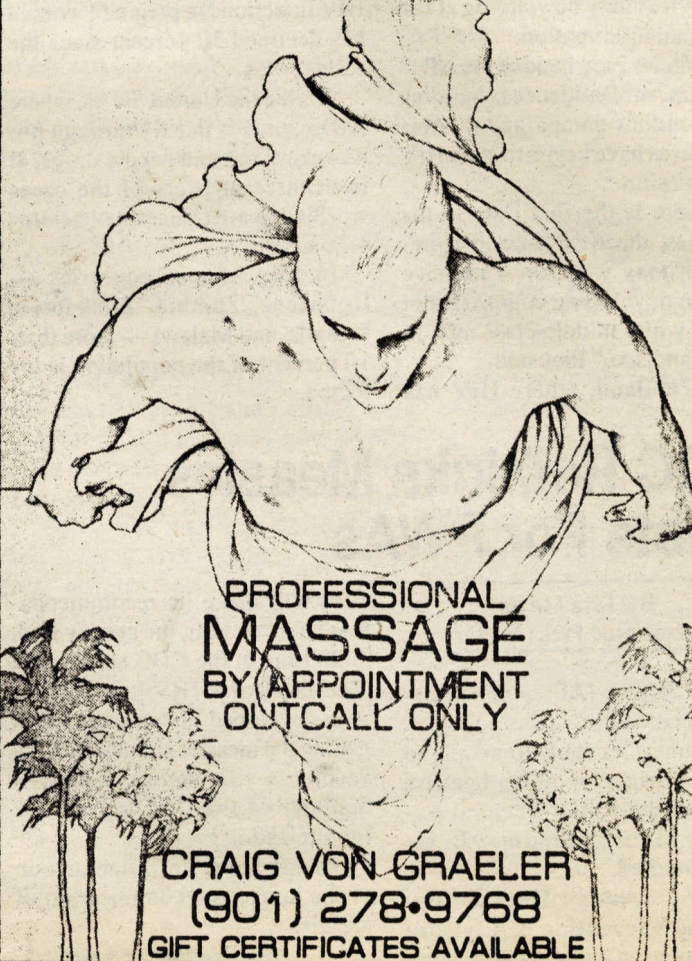


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ADVENTURES IN TWO-STEPPING

Fiction by
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Summary of Part 1

Neil Korenski, a closeted Memphis real estate agent, breaks up with his doctor boyfriend Douglas because he is too openly gay. They are both members of Western Stars, a gay country western dance club. Determined to continue dancing, but to avoid Douglas, Neil talks his friend Deland into joining a straight dance club, disguised as a heterosexual couple—with Neil in drag. The first episode ended outside the Lariat Club, where the straight club meets. After Deland reassures him he looks the part, Neil finds the strength to go through with the charade.

Part 2 of 3 Parts

In the dark lobby, a representative of the Two-Steppers greeted them. She wore a cowboy hat, a suede fringed vest, a skirt, and boots—all in pristine white. When Neil and Deland strained to hear her name above the music from the dance floor within, she pointed to a plastic tag pinned to her vest. "Linda McCoy" was swirled inside a black lariat. Deland pulled out his wallet to pay the cover charge indicated above the cashier's booth, but Linda clutched his hand and screamed something about the club hosting first-time visitors. Neil noticed that Linda seemed careful to balance every touch she bestowed on Deland with one on him. She also made over Neil's purple blouse with its black piping.

She led them through a doorway towards the tables set up near a massive wooden dance floor. Dancers arranged into three lines were already stomping to "Boot Scootin' Boogie." Panic tightened Neil's chest when Linda interrupted a group seated at a table to introduce "Deland and Chloe Rogers." He waited for someone to yell "imposter" but everyone just smiled and nodded. In the same perky manner, Linda announced their names at several more tables. When they'd made the rounds, a large woman under a miniature castle of yellow hair gripped Neil's shoulders.

"Honey, you two come over and let me and my husband buy you a beer." She nodded towards a table near the bar where a congenial looking man raised a bottle at them.

Neil found himself gazing toward Deland in a wifely way.

"Well, thank you." Deland offered his best cowboy tone. Neil almost expected him to add 'Much obliged, Ma'am.'

After downing a couple of beers

with the Ellisons, Neil relaxed significantly. It didn't even bother him that Deland, who rattled on nonstop when he drank, had talked for fifteen minutes about the advantages of planting japonicas. "They're a lot prettier than most bushes because of that reddish tint. They'll dress up your fence." Of course, May Ellison had asked the question about landscaping when she learned of Deland's knack for it, and Don seemed sincerely interested, too. Neil wondered if a more sober, less easy-going couple would have found Deland's gardening lecture a little strange, despite his redemptive zeal for the fetching wife seated next to him.

May, it turned out, had just opened a hair salon in her home, something she'd wanted to do "since the beginning of time." Now that the kids were out of the house, she was determined to invest in her own dream instead of slaving at a local styling factory. She oversaw the addition to her house, painted the room magenta, and filled it with yellow furnishings.

"My clients followed me like baby ducks." She emitted a gravelly chuckle and coughed, creating folds beneath her fleshy pink face.

"Well, Mama Duck, what do you want from the bar?" Don stood up and pulled a pack of cigarettes from his breast pocket. Although he was tall and lanky, his stomach sagged over his silver and turquoise belt buckle. He had long graying sideburns and a full head of suspiciously black hair, slicked back and perfectly parted.

May ordered bottled water and a bag of chips. Neil nudged Deland under the table, while Don lit a cigarette. Deland grasped the meaning of the cue.

"Another beer, honey?" He squeezed Neil's shoulder with convincing affection.

"Just a diet cola, dear." Neil had mastered feminine intonations by now. "And some pretzels." Neil worried that with the boys gone, May would try to draw him into girl talk, but instead she asked about his job. Neil saw no reason to lie for the occasion. He boasted about closing on a Tudor-style mansion in Central Gardens—an elite neighborhood in the 1920s—and about winning the agent-of-the-month award twice in a row. May arched her plucked eyebrows to show how impressed she was.

As the evening advanced, Neil

wondered at how easy it was to pull off the charade. Despite the strange sting of cold air on his nyloned legs when he danced by an oversized fan, he felt perfectly at home following Deland's lead around the ample floor. He was even confident enough to dance with Don, whose bouncy strides surprised him. Of course, the line numbers were old hat, except for a few variations here and there. In sync with 50 pairs of boots, adhering to



strict choreographic formulas, he felt as inconspicuous and unrestrained as he did at Stallion's.

Still, Neil missed preening as a man before other men. He missed the campy repartee with Javier, the Puerto Rican bartender. And certainly he missed Douglas. But most of all, at least towards the end of the evening, he resented his obligation to accompany May to the ladies room. The size of her bladder seemed remarkably out of proportion with the size of her body. At 10:30 the girls excused themselves for the fifth time.

While May disappeared into a stall, Neil checked for telltale razor stubble in the mirror and smeared more foundation under his nose. For the fifth time, he stood back under the florescent lights and approved of what he saw. The shapely bosom under the purple blouse. The cute face—thank God for petite features. The coiffure that not even an expert could detect as an Ava Gabor wig. For the fifth time, when he and May emerged from the powder room, Neil felt reassured that he was convincing.

However this time he balked as they approached their table.

"Oh, damn, I left my compact in the ladies room."

"Let's go back." May started to turn back.

"No. I'll get it. You go ahead. They're starting the electric slide."

Neil tried to catch Deland's eye, but his partner was dazzled by the man who'd just doubled Neil's heartbeat, John Sanders, a real es-

tate agent at his office. Neil gave up. He retreated to the john and locked himself in a stall.

Not only did Neil work with the square-jawed weightlifter, but the two of them had hit it off from the beginning. Neil got some sort of vicarious male buzz out of hearing about John's sexual exploits over their lunches at Yan's Chinese restaurant. He prided himself on the way John took him into his confidence, slapping him on the back, just like he was one of the boys. He also prided himself on the fact that he could pass for straight. He confined most of his own discussion to real estate deals and sports memories he had authentically collected from his high school days in track. To ensure the bonding, he also revealed some of the loneliness he felt since moving to Memphis. That had gained him John's company at many a happy hour in a cozy

pub. John was as butch as they came, but also warm, sympathetic, and affectionate.

Neil shifted on the toilet seat. He couldn't stay there forever, but what should he do? His "Chloe" convinced strangers, but could it convince John? Especially since his colleague was fairly observant, at least in details about homes he showed and about women in general. He once pointed out face-lift scars on a woman 10 feet away. No, Neil could not risk it. He would have Deland paged, tell him to make some excuse to the Ellisons, and meet him at the front door.

He was saved a step when he ran into Deland outside the men's room. He quickly explained his plight.

"Now listen." Deland grabbed Neil's shoulders. "You wanted to do this, and you're going through

with it. Besides, I'm not going to dump May and Don. Don't you plan on coming back here?" Deland had beer breath, but he was perfectly sober.

"They'll understand if you say I'm sick."

"Even if you were sick, they'd expect you to come say goodbye."

"I can't face him like this, Deland."

"He'll never know. He's talking to somebody else now anyway—thanks to you." Deland feigned a martyr-like sniff of pain.

"Okay. Lead me to the firing squad."

Neil sat out the final two line dances to avoid John's notice. Most of the time that wasn't hard to do. Linda was steering him from table to table. May mentioned that it was John's first time at the club—which explained why he'd never brought up western dancing to Neil. She chortled over his shyness. Apparently he'd worked up his nerve all evening before showing up.

While May and Don danced the last couple's number, Neil kept his eye on John, who was talking to a tall redheaded woman at the bar. From the back he was particularly hot. His buns were packed into tight black jeans. The striped yoke of his red shirt accentuated his broad shoulders. The woman was evidently smitten by him too. She found every opportunity to touch his sleeve and affectionately slap his chest when he made her laugh.

When the DJ began making club announcements, Neil and Deland slipped into their coats and mouthed goodbyes to May and Don. They had just cleared the sitting area when Linda, accompanied by John Sanders, headed them off near the exit.

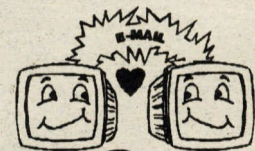
"I'm glad I caught you two. I wanted you to meet another new member, John Sanders. John, this is Chloe and Deland Rogers."

"Glad to meet you." John shook Deland's hand and turned to Neil.

Neil said nothing, but forced himself to look at John to avoid

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calling attention to his discomfort. In the semidarkness, he felt John looking directly into his eyes before returning his attention to Linda, who explained club perks and directed them all to membership forms at the front desk. Trapped, Neil stood by while Deland and John completed the forms. Finishing first, John drew back and smiled at Neil. Was it a smile of recognition? Neil chased the thought from his mind and nodded politely. John was about to say something, when Linda resumed her sales pitch and promised everyone that name tags would be waiting for them at the front desk

the following week.

As soon as Neil and Deland were inside the car, Neil unleashed a histrionic moan. His breath clouded in the cold car. "I can never face him again."

"Oh, lighten up." Deland turned the fan on high before the heater had warmed up.

Neil pushed it back down. "Please, the legs!" He stretched his skirt over his knees. "I bet he recognized me."

"You know he couldn't have. You know it, Neil." Deland turned to Neil, who was rubbing his arms. "First of all, it was too dark to see anything. Then he barely looked at you. You might be cute, but a siren you're not—Chloe."

Neil resented Deland's insight

into his obsessiveness, just when he most wanted to indulge it. "Would you start driving?" He pouted toward his window.

Deland clicked on the headlights and pulled out of the parking space. He waved at Don and May as he waited for them to roll by in their boat-like Bonneville.

"Even if he did recognize you, it wouldn't have to mean anything. You could tell him it was a game. You wouldn't even have to use the G word."

"Right. Like straight transvestites hang out with nelly cowboys."

Deland stuck out his tongue at Neil and drove out of the lot.

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Measles

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"It appears as though the virus that caused the pneumonitis was the one in the vaccine," Schluter said. "This is the first time that there was a serious complication or reaction to the vaccine."

It was the man's second measles shot — he needed it to enter college — and the CDC said he had few, if any, helper T cells, a crucial arm of the body's defenses against disease.

Within months of the vaccine, the man also developed breathing trouble, chills and fever. But it isn't clear whether those symptoms were a result of the vaccine or were part of the progression of AIDS, Schluter said.

People with HIV need the vaccine because they have a higher risk for more severe cases of measles because their immune systems are compromised. The CDC still recommends that HIV-infected children and others in the disease's early

stages get the shots.

"They are re-evaluating this because even though someone may have severe HIV, we wouldn't want them to have complications on top of other things," Schluter said.

A drop in the number of measles cases in the United States also is reason for the CDC's reconsideration, he said. Doctors reported just 301 cases of measles in the United States in 1995, the lowest number since the government began keeping count in 1912.

Happy to Hear

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Sad to Say... The minor league baseball team in Palm Springs, Cal. scheduled a "Clothing Optional Night" to boost attendance. Alas, they had to cancel it for "safety" reasons.

Happy to Hear... Instead they have scheduled a drag-queen night. (Can you just imagine?) Yes, some Gays like baseball, or at least they will that night. Memphis Chicks... how about it?

Sad to Say... The 21 million worldwide HIV infection rate mentioned earlier represented a doubling of the number from only five years ago. Another doubling is expected by the year 2000.

Sad to Say... This is how *Parade* magazine explains Magic Johnson's popularity even through he is HIV+: "While many with the AIDS virus may have been shunned because they are Gay, Magic is heterosexual and married." Sad... but probably true.

Happy to Hear... A reduction of HIV rates is being reported in some areas, such as Uganda, Thailand and amongst Gays in New York City and San Francisco because of education and prevention measures.

Sad to Say... Here's a thought... Out of the 11,000 athletes from 197 nations around the world who are competing in the Olympics, how many of these healthy specimens would test positive?

Happy to Hear... Greg Louganis was one of several past Olympian gold medalists honored during the superb opening ceremonies for the Centennial Olympics. Looking good, Greg. Where was the gold medalist, heterosexual and married Magic Johnson?

Happy to Hear... Rosie O'Donnell: Rumor has it Bob Dole wants to cut the funding for PBS because he thinks it's something women get once a month.



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ATTENTION! MEN IN MEMPHIS! I'm a Gay White male, 26 years old, Blonde hair, and Blue eyes. I'm looking for guys 19 to 35 to have fun with. Lets do it. Call now. (Memphis) #23938

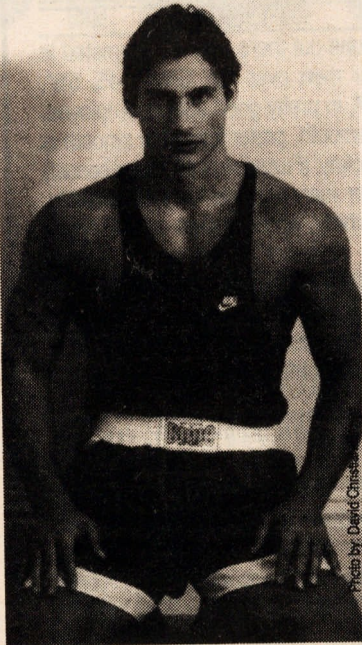
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Thursday	7:00 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)
Sunday	12 Noon	Discussion (Open)

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Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)
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Thursday	5:30 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)

(Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month, Birthdays last Tuesday)

Freely Speaking (All 12-Step Programs)

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ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

Sunday	6:30 pm	Discussion (Open)
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- Getwell Book Mart*: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
- Paris Adult Entertainment Center*: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
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- Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
- Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

BARS / RESTAURANTS

- Alternative Restaurant & Lounge: 553 So Cooper ☎ 725-7922.
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- The Edge*: 532 South Cooper ☎ 272-3036.
- The Other Side: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN. ☎ 1-901-668-3749.
- WKRB in Memphis*: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
- Western Steak House & Lounge: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.
- X-scape*: 227 Monroe ☎ 528-8344.

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- A Novel Idea*: Book Store • 2113 Madison in Overton Square ☎ 276-8535.
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- White Glove Services: Home or Office ☎ 388-3781.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP/Gay Liberation Movement: ☎ 226-6523 Call for meeting place & schedule.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- AI-Anon (Co-dependency): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Alliance: Leather/levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
- Aloysius Home, Inc.: 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41679, Memphis 38174-1679 ☎ 274-8321, Dr. Jim Shaw.
- American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 276-0168, 274-8658.
- Bluff City Sports Association: Box 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 274-3857.
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 3139 Choctaw Ave. ☎ 323-3111.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/Lesbian

- Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm Prescott Memorial Baptist Church • 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.
- Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1450 Poplar, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS.
- Gay and Lesbian American Indians: Information ☎ 725-4898.
- Gays Off Cleveland Street (GOCS): Social Group • c/o Sunshine Lounge, 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.
- Gays Rejoicing & Affirmed in a Catholic Environment (GRACE): Support group for Catholics & their friends • Meets every Thurs. with Liturgy 2nd & 4th Thurs. Information: ☎ 725-5237. John.
- Holy Trinity Community Church*: Worship Service: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.
- Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.
- Into The Light (Women's AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Living Word Christian Church: Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 340 N Garland ☎ 276-0577.
- Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med): Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.
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- Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 324-4297.
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Sports Association: c/o MGLCC, Box 41074 ☎ 728-GAYS or 458-6023.
- Memphis Lambda Center*: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 1488 Madison ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.
- Memphis Pride, Inc.: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 3956, Memphis 38173 ☎ 726-4867 or 276-5263, Dennis Kijowski.
- Memphis Transgender Alliance: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jasen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.
- Mid-South AIDS Mastery Group: Ronnie Gardino ☎ 767-2182 or e-mail at msaidmstry@aol.com.
- Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.
- National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.
- New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG): Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.
- Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.
- River City Men's Chorus: Box 12837, Memphis 381182-0837 ☎ 276-3471 (Charles Friedman).
- Safe Harbor MCC: Pastor Greg Bullard, 751 North Trezevant ☎ 458-0501.
- Seriously Sober (AA): Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.
- Southern Country Memphis: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 278-9321 or 274-8655.
- Southern Sisters: Support group for transsexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.
- Stonewall Mission Church: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.
- Tennessee Leather Tribe: Gay men's/

- women's leather org. Box 1034, Collierville, TN 38027-1034.
- Tsarus: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.
- U of M Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA): BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, U of M 38152.
- WAC (Women's Action Coalition): PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.
- Wings: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.
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- Second Wind BBS: Memphis, Adult bulletin, computer modem speeds to 16,8000 BPS ☎ 276-8027.
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- Road, Suite 2 ☎ 452-0803.
- Flower Market of Memphis: 1523 Union Ave. ☎ 274-8103.
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- Sweetpeas: 665 Madison ☎ 523-8635.
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- Bonehead Creative: 1271 Poplar, Ste 103, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-2101.
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- HELP & INFORMATION LINES**
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- AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.
- Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transexuals).
- Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.).
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- Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.
- Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.
- Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

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- David Hooper, Attorney At Law: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.
- Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518 ☎ 526-0809.
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- Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law: 44 N. Second, Ste 600, ☎ 521-9996.
- Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law: 5118 Park • Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.
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