

Memphians Form Coalition to Protest National Affairs Briefing

By Vincent Astor
TJN Correspondent

Two events the weekend of January 19-20 were sponsored by the Memphis Coalition for Diversity to speak out against the conservative, religious, right wing National Affairs Briefing held at the Pyramid. The National Affairs Briefing was an attempt to rally and coalesce ultra-conservative religious individuals to exercise voter influence over national affairs according to an agenda proposed by ultra-conservatives such as Ed McAteer, Pat Buchanan and Jerry Falwell. There was a strong Republican Party presence both in the invitations to speakers and in the speakers present.

An estimated 150 candle-bearing protestors braved biting winds on Friday evening to make a statement opposite the meeting going on at the mostly-empty arena. Media cameras and reporters were present and law enforcement was on the alert for a confrontation. Such a confrontation was, according to spokespersons, never intended and never took place. Dr. Arnold Drake, representing Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, read the statement of the Coalition for Diversity on Friday evening. This action was held not far from the site of the Bell Tavern, the place where the founding of Memphis took place.

A rally was held at noon on



Over 300 people protested against the National Affairs briefing on Jan 20. Shown here is the contingent from Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church, one of among more than 20 organizations comprising the Memphis Coalition for Diversity.

Sat., Jan. 20, in Civic Center Plaza. Participants numbered over 300 who listened to a variety of speakers. Drumbeats assembled the crowd which included Wiccans from Arkansas, representatives from Nashville and Middle Tennessee and the first public appearance of Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY). Leslie Hester, of Memphis NOW, stated the purpose of the rally was "against merging organized religion with the democratic process."

Speakers included representatives from Women's Action Coalition, Safe Harbour Metropolitan

Community Church, P-FLAG, Memphis Environmental Action Coalition, Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church, Women of Commitment, the Public Issues Forum and Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness at the University of Memphis. Rita Harris of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center quoted the old saying: "All tyranny needs to take hold is for people of good conscience to keep silent."

Media coverage was present although some estimates appear to have been taken from a group who returned to the site of the candlelight action and were not aware of the other rally site. Media reports also stated that turnout at the Pyramid event was far below that expected.

The statement of the Coalition for Diversity includes: "We feel it is vital that the separation of church and state be preserved in keeping with the tradition of freedom and equality upon which the United States of America is founded. We believe the goals of the National Affairs Briefing are contrary to the American tradition...The National Affairs Briefing does not reflect nor represent the guiding principles of the United States...or its peoples."

Member organizations included four National Organization for Women (NOW) chapters, Gay/Lesbian organizations, Gay/Lesbian community churches, several other Christian congregations, Native American groups, environmental and animal rights groups, non-Christian organizations, Meristem bookstore, the Public Issues Forum, the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, and Amnesty International, Group 506.

Transplant Patient's Sister Says Brother is Doing Well

HOPKINTON, N.H. (AP)—An AIDS patient injected with a baboon's bone marrow is recovering well, but uncertainty remains whether it will be successful in restoring his immune system, his sister says.

Kim Getty of Hopkinton recently returned from visiting her brother, Jeff, in San Francisco. Jeff Getty, 38, underwent surgery two weeks ago.

"He's doing very well, remarkably well," said Kim Getty. The procedure "is obviously not going to kill him immediately."

Some doctors predicted Jeff Getty would not survive the injection of baboon bone marrow, which is immune to AIDS.

"I can't tell you how many times I've said goodbye to him and thought I wouldn't see him (again)," said Kim Getty. "But he keeps holding on."

Kim Getty, her sister and two of Jeff Getty's friends gathered Christmas Eve in his hospital room.

Kim Getty gave her brother New Hampshire maple syrup and Vermont cheddar cheese to remind him of his native New England.

Kim Getty, a real estate agent,

flew back to New Hampshire the same night. She celebrated a second Christmas with her 5-year-old son.

Jeff Getty was diagnosed with HIV in 1980. He has had AIDS for six years and fought for government approval of the baboon bone marrow therapy.

Getty's doctors hoped that injecting baboon bone marrow into his bloodstream would give him the tools his immune system needs to live longer and better, but some feared it would kill him.

That worry has eased. Getty has improved since the Dec. 14 procedure, his sister said. He was released from the hospital in early January, but returned for a battery of tests.

Getty gets 30 to 40 pieces of mail at his room at San Francisco General Hospital every day, and the nationwide interest is so intense that the hospital set up a hotline with regular updates on his condition.

"Now the next question is... 'Did the bone marrow from the baboon grasp?'" Kim Getty said. "If that's the case, then we have a major deal here."

The Jeff Getty hotline: (415) 476-4082, ext. 84123.

Nebraska Proposal Would Allow Same-Sex Marriages

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Same-sex marriages would be recognized in Nebraska under a bill offered to the Legislature by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha.

"These are issues that are not going to go away if we ignore them," Chambers said. "Someone needs to bring them into the arena of public debate ... to force the Legislature to deal with 21st century issues."

Chambers' proposal (LB1260) changes only a few sentences of current law.

"A marriage between a man and

a woman, between a man and another man, or between a woman and another woman solemnized as provided (by law) is valid in this state," the bill said.

Chambers said his plan was prompted in part by a legal case in Hawaii in which same-sex marriages were recognized by a court.

"Nebraska law recognizes any marriage that is valid in another state," Chambers said. "I'm not certain if that case is being appealed."

He said he expected the measure to draw substantial opposition.

Aloysius Home Ready to Accept First Resident

After almost three years of applications, apprehensions, inspections, dissensions and contentions, Aloysius Home is poised to accept its first resident at the former St. Francis Convent near St. Joseph Hospital in downtown Memphis.

According to Aloysius Home Client Services Coordinator David Whitehead the first resident should arrive about a week after the license is in hand.

Whitehead indicated that there is already a waiting list for people needing the 12 beds the facility will be able to provide.

According to Dr. Jim Shaw, Aloysius Home's executive director, the latest delays have been at the government level.

For several months two departments of state government debated over which should have jurisdiction. To make things worse, each depart-

ment had its own set of requirements for safety and construction.

Unlike many other states, Tennessee has no licensing law specifically for AIDS facilities. State Sen. Steve Cohen (D-Memphis) has been working on a bill which would develop such licensure.

Aloysius Home has a one-year lease on the convent at 273 North Parkway. It was originally envisioned that this facility would be used while the building at 28 North Claybrook is being renovated.

Shaw hopes that a longer-term lease for the North Parkway facility would allow Aloysius to operate two buildings with a total of 21 beds.

A few months ago the Aloysius Home Adult Day Care operation was moved to the 273 North Claybrook facility where it operates five days a week. It had been operating at Holy Trinity Community Church.

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Where the Hell Are All the Gay Plumbers?

by Allen Cook
TJN Co-Editor

If you are anything like me, you try to keep your business within the Gay community whenever possible. Unfortunately, while I know intellectually that Gay and Lesbian people are *everywhere*, I have asked this question for years... do you know a Gay (or Lesbian, for that matter) plumber? And the answer always is no.

Problem is I have leaky faucets all over the place... upstairs bathroom, downstairs bathroom, the outside spigot. That last one is particularly tricky when the temperature starts to drop below 32°... I get the home equivalent of a Peabody Hotel wedding reception ice sculpture on the side of my house.

I even have a leak coming from somewhere I haven't figured out yet. Could be the hot water heater or the washing machine. Or an artesian spring could have erupted under my garage. In any case, there's this puddle that forms right in the middle of the floor.

Now you wouldn't think that finding a Gay plumber would be that difficult. After all, you would have to be terminally

stupid not to be able to find a Gay or Lesbian hair dresser, interior decorator, desk-top publisher (ahem!), graphic designer or florist. I mean it simply does not take a genius to find one of those within our community. I'm pretty sure I even have a Lesbian pest control technician.

But a plumber? That's a different story. A sane person would have hired a straight plumber and be done with it. Not me.

For years we at the *Triangle Journal* have prided ourselves on our resource directory. We've been told that it's a valuable resource that many people (John and me included) use to find professionals within (or at least sympathetic to) our community. All it takes is for someone with a service to ask to be listed and it will be done. You'd think people would be jumping at the chance for a free listing like that. Truth is, considering our numbers in the Memphis community and the number of us in business for ourselves, there are precious few listings... and not one for a plumber!

And that's not the only problem. It would be nice to get the house painted this spring? Anyone know of a Gay or Lesbian house painter? And if we wanted to

get our concrete driveway cleaned, anyone know of a Gay or Lesbian power cleaner person? What about pointing up some of the brickwork? Got a line on a brick layer (no tacky comments, please)?

Now if I were a closeted professional, here's what I would do. I would put a listing under a false name (makes real references a little difficult, but it would keep the closet door in place). That way any time someone called for that name, I would

know immediately that this was a Gay or Lesbian client. Neat, huh? Not honest, but neat.

I guess I'm writing this piece for two reasons. First, to encourage Gay and Lesbian entrepreneurs to list their services in our pages (actually, advertising them wouldn't be bad either). Secondly, I really do need a plumber and would prefer a Gay one. Call me.

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The *Triangle Journal News* welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be as short as reasonable and typed if possible. Although names may be withheld on request, all letters should be signed and include a phone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be printed. All letters are subject to editing for spelling, punctuation and grammar. However every effort will be made to maintain the original intent of the writer.

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essay about their loved one. This will allow so many wonderful memories, and recipes, to be remembered and shared with others.

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All I ask is for your help in telling your readers, friends and associates about this worthwhile project. Contributor are asked to include their name, their loved one's name and favorite recipe, and a brief essay (or a special memory) about their loved one. A late 1996 publication is planned. Correspondence should be forwarded to: David R. Oliver, 205 W. 38th Street, Norfolk, VA 23504.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

David Oliver
Norfolk, Va.

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I am asking for your help on a very unique project. I am collecting recipes for a cookbook being published to remember loved ones who have died from AIDS. Similar to the NAMES' Quilt Project, the cookbook will allow parents, children, siblings, spouses, friends, lovers, neighbors and co-workers to remember those who they have lost to AIDS. Each recipe will also be accompanied with a first-person



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Log Cabin Republicans Wage Their Own Version of GOP Revolution

DENVER (AP) — Log Cabin Republicans in Colorado and across the nation want to wage their own version of the GOP revolution.

"We don't want to be represented by extremists who handcuff themselves to fences," said Don Herman, acting president of the Colorado chapter of the national organization

for Gay Republicans.

"We want to be rational, reasonable and focused on issues."

The group is the model of conservatism — Grand Old Party supporters who want to limit government and slash taxes. With 10,000 members nationwide, they may be hard to miss by old line Re-

publicans.

Herman said the Colorado chapter has only a few dozen members.

"We are Republicans who believe in limited government, a strong defense and in equal opportunity under the law," said Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans of Colorado.

The group's name refers to the first Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, and the roots of the movement to abolish slavery.

In 1994, the group raised more than \$200,000 for candidates.

A \$1,000 contribution to the presidential campaign of Sen. Bob Dole brought Log Cabin Republicans international attention. Dole returned the money in August, even though he and his staff had worked with the group before.

Critics said Dole's decision cast some doubt on his leadership abilities and on Log Cabin Republicans' role in national politics.

Members say 1996 could be the year the Gay community goes mainstream as it tries to extend its influence across the sociopolitical spectrum. No longer are AIDS funding and anti-discrimination campaigns the only considerations on the

Gay community's agenda.

Political changes also are affecting the other end of the political spectrum. The Gay Colorado Stonewall Democrats say they are trying to build coalitions and restructure attitudes toward Gays as well.

"We have to appeal to voters, not confront them or combat them," vice chairman Craig Dietz. "We have to understand where they're coming from. We have to be better at politics."

The Democratic group has mostly been accepted by the mainstream party. But members of Log Cabin say they are still battling for acceptance by both the Republican party and the Gay community itself.

"I've been called more names by Gays upset that I'm a Republican than by straights upset that I'm Gay," Herman said.

Battle Turns From Ballot Box to Legislature in Washington State

By David Ammons
AP Political Writer

OLYMPIA (AP) — The battle over Gay rights, including a proposed ban on same-sex marriages, has turned from the ballot box to the Legislature, both sides agreed Jan. 10.

About 100 Gay rights activists rallied on the Capitol steps and later visited individual legislators with their message: "Don't legalize discrimination."

Speakers included the state's only openly Gay legislator, Rep. Ed Murray, D-Seattle, and Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a Lesbian whose successful court challenge of her dismissal from the Washington National Guard was the subject of a recent made-for-TV movie.

Murray said he had just introduced a "Gay civil rights" bill — the 18th year it has been filed — and has dubbed it the "Cal Anderson law against discrimination" in honor of the Seattle senator who died of AIDS last fall. The bill would add homosexuals to the state's anti-discrimination laws.

With the state House controlled by conservatives, that measure is expected to die without a hearing.

Indeed, Gay rights activists said their real work for the session is defensive, trying to beat back at least three measures.

Rep. Bill Thompson, R-Everett, and a dozen colleagues have introduced a bill to ban same-gender marriage, expecting the Hawaii Supreme Court to legalize the practice in that state.

Thompson and Rep. Val Stevens,

R-Arlington, said the state should head off the possibility of homosexuals getting married in Hawaii and returning to Washington to demand the rights of heterosexual couples. That could get expensive for businesses and government, particularly for extra health care costs, they said in interviews.

Stevens said her main objection is on moral grounds.

"If our society deteriorates to where we no longer honor marriage as an institution as it was intended, we are on a slippery slope," she said.

Many of the speakers at the rally said same-gender marriage is a way for Gay people to affirm long-term commitments and to receive the benefits and protections they deserve as citizens of equal standing with heterosexuals.

Other legislation anticipated includes a ban on Gay adoptions and on public schools teaching about homosexuality in a positive light. Citizen initiatives on both those issues failed to qualify for the ballot last year.

Backers of both ballot measures said they have no plans for further initiative campaigns.

"You know the line about winning the battle, but not the war?" said Jan Bianchi, the Seattle attorney who heads the board of Hands Off Washington, the main campaign group for Gay rights. "As of this week, the war moves from the initiative front into the statehouse."

Stevens, a leader of the religious conservatives in the state, said the same-gender marriage issue has the most steam and is probably the only one that will pass the House this ses-

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Budget Stalemate Halts Admissions to Big AIDS Research Program

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — No new patients will be accepted into the nation's largest AIDS research program until the federal budget stalemate ends, and doctors say they fear lasting repercussions.

The federally funded AIDS Clinical Trials Group, which tests drugs and therapies on more than 13,000 patients at 32 sites nationwide, enrolls only one or two dozen people a day, administrators said.

But the ban on new admissions, which the government announced Jan. 4, could delay implementation of new programs aimed at treating and finding a cure for HIV, a leading researcher said.

"This is just infuriating," said Dr. Michael Saag, director of the AIDS clinic at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "I'm very concerned that our whole research effort, particularly over the next six months to a year, could be severely hampered if this continues."

The partial government shutdown began Dec. 16, leaving 280,000 federal employees out of work from jobs at unfunded agencies and halting paychecks to thousands more.

Dr. Jack Killen, the director of the AIDS division of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which funds the Clinical

Trials Group, said today's agreement to return furloughed workers would not end the admissions ban.

"This doesn't affect the fundamental problem that caused us to take the action we took," he said. "We still don't have a budget or a continuing resolution."

Killen said there was no choice but to halt admissions. "We feel our first obligation is to the people already in the system being followed," he said.

A Gay activist and supporter of Birmingham AIDS Outreach said he was shocked by the ban.

"They are playing with people's lives," said David White, director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama.

The research clinics, located primarily at universities, have enough money to continue seeing patients for awhile, Killen said. But individual institutions must pick up the bill if federal funding runs out.

"With the absence of a budget, it's impossible to do any planning," Killen said.

Saag, a national director of the research group, said the admissions ban resulted from the inability to pay Social & Scientific Systems of Bethesda, Md., a contractor that coordinates research nationwide.

A company official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said about 40 employees were laid off at the direction of the government.

Those workers formed what Saag called the "central nervous system" of the government's largest AIDS research effort by coordinating communications and managing projects.

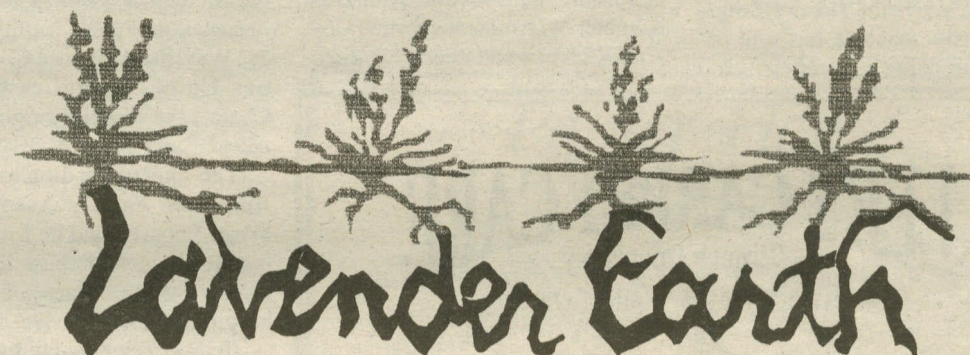
"If this goes on for any length of time, they will lose key people who

are going to be very difficult to replace," said Saag. "All the new stuff we were planning is just dead in the water until something happens."

Killen said the adult branch of the Clinical Trials Group anticipated a \$68 million budget this year, and the

pediatrics division was supposed to be given \$50 million.

Social & Scientific Systems has a five-year, \$22 million contract to manage both programs, which feed data to a statistical center at Harvard University.



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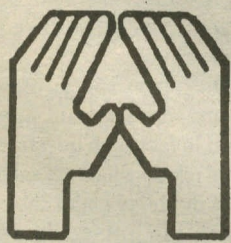
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Groups Support Texas Gay Newspaper in Face of Boycott

By Peggy Fikac
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A Gay newspaper under attack by the conservative American Family Association of Texas is getting support from clergy members and advocacy groups.

The American Family Association, which says the *Texas Triangle* has offensive content, has sent letters to the paper's advertisers and

church pastors. It has urged a boycott of businesses advertising in the weekly newspaper.

In response, *Triangle* supporters urged people Jan. 16 to instead make a point of doing business with those advertisers.

"We need to work for a different climate — one that finds this kind of cruel and divisive activity unacceptable," said Cecile Richards, daughter of Democratic former Gov. Ann Richards and executive direc-

tor of the Texas Freedom Network.

The network, which bills itself as "a mainstream alternative to the radical right," coordinated a Jan. 16 news conference in front of a bookstore that advertises with the *Triangle*. Participants later planned to lunch at a restaurant that's an advertiser.

Among those attending were representatives of the clergy, Gray Panthers, Texas Family Planning Association, People for the American Way, the American Civil Liberties Union, Catholics for Free Choice, the disability rights group ADAPT and Texas AIDS Network.

The executive director of the American Family Association, Wyatt Roberts, said he isn't targeting the *Triangle* because it's a Gay publication but because of material his group finds offensive.

He said *Triangle*-published cartoons he has sent to advertisers along with letters expressing concern "have to do with pedophilia and homosexual incest, full frontal nudity (and) making fun of little Christian children."

"Our interest is making advertisers aware of this kind of material that they are promoting vis-a-vis their ads," said Roberts, who also has a

weekly radio program.

Kay Longcope, editor and publisher of the *Triangle*, said Roberts is "simply missing the point of the cartoons."

"People who are Gay and do cartoons, some of the material they work with are these incredible myths and stereotypes that abound about the Gay community. Sometimes the way we deal with them is to look them in the face and laugh, because that's just not the way we are," she said.

"There is nobody in their right mind in the Gay-Lesbian community, or any community for that matter, who would ever advocate pedophilia. It is one of the most abominable things in the universe," Ms. Longcope said.

She said while her newspaper is published 51 times a year and has been in business since 1992, Roberts has found only "four or five examples" with which to take issue.

"What we publish is never pornographic," Ms. Longcope said. "It's a very mainstream paper, and our advertising reflects that."

By Roberts' count, 24 advertisers that previously advertised in the newspaper haven't run ads since his

campaign started.

"That is a blatant lie," said Ms. Longcope. "I figure that we have lost at the most four. We have gained about three times as many."

Also speaking out for the *Triangle* Jan. 16 was the Rev. Jim Rigby, a Presbyterian minister and representative of Texas Faiths United for Religious and Social Tolerance.

Rigby said he's heard his "Christian brothers and sisters" on the radio station for which Roberts works "constantly preach condemnation and misinformation about homosexual persons."

"You claim if Gays and Lesbians are shown respect and acceptance that America will fall. How can I say to you in love that these are not the teachings of Christ, but are the rhetoric of the Nazis?" he said.

"What did Jesus say in condemnation of homosexuality? Not one word. What did he say in condemnation of judgmental religion? Plenty," Rigby said.

Roberts responded, "Using Rev. Rigby's logic, we then would be forced to accept pedophilia, because Jesus never addressed pedophilia, either."

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Council Ponders Demand That Lesbian Officer Name Lovers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The City Council on Jan 10 agreed to examine allegations that the city violated civil rights by demanding that a Lesbian police officer name her lovers.

The council voted 14-0 to discuss a workers compensation lawsuit filed by Officer Virginia Acevedo.

Acevedo is on disability for stress she claims was caused by harassment over her homosexuality.

The city filed a motion to end her workers' compensation benefits when she refused a demand by the city attorney's office to name her friends, associates and past sexual partners, said Taylor Flynn, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The city contends Acevedo's stress may stem from her relationships.

"That's absolutely, unbelievably outrageous," Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, a self-described Lesbian, said Jan. 9. "I am more offended than I've been since I've taken office."

"They'd have better asserted this in every case of psychiatric disability for every heterosexual man," she said. "I know darn well they haven't asked this question."

Charles Dickerson, special assistant to the city attorney, said in an interview that in fact such questions about personal relationships are asked in every stress disability claim case.

"The question raised in the ACLU brief, the subject area as to inquiring about relationships, is always asked. And that is the case regardless of the sexual preference and the gender of the person" making the claim, he said.

In a friend-of-the-court brief filed Jan. 9 with the state Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, the ACLU of Southern California said questions about Acevedo's sex partners violate their constitutional rights of privacy and association.



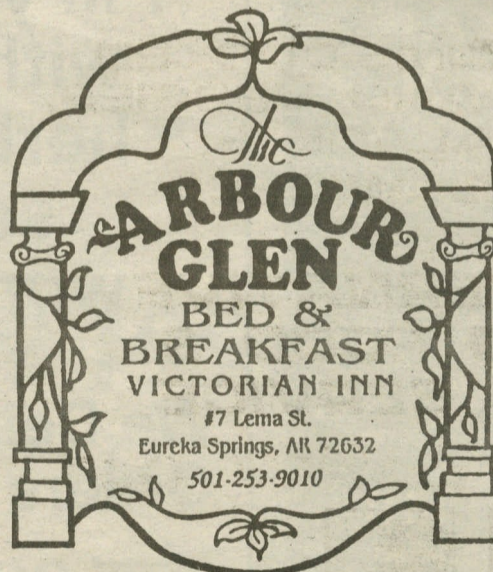
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Gay Conference Planned for Alabama Campus Riles Lawmakers

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Most campus conferences at the University of Alabama come and go with little public notice. But a regional meeting for homosexuals next month already is stirring controversy.

The Fifth Annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference is planned for Feb. 16-17 at Alabama, and topics are to include a workshop on safe sex.

Tom Savage, vice president of the University of Alabama Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance, said he expects between 100 and 150 people to attend from about 130 colleges and universities that were invited.

University spokesman Keith Ayers said the alliance was a recognized student group. Because of that, he said, conference attendees will be able to use dormitory rooms at the rate given all student groups and will be allowed to meet on campus.

But state Sen. Bill Armistead said the gathering would violate a 1992 state law aimed at prohibiting homosexual organizations from receiving state money. The law bans the use of public resources to promote activities prohibited by the state's sodomy and sexual misconduct laws.

Armistead, R-Columbiana, said the university is helping subsidize the event by providing low-cost, on-campus housing for conference visitors.

"It's a flagrant violation," he said.

Armistead said he has spoken to state Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who agreed the conference may violate state law. The legislator said he may file suit to block the meeting.

Bryan Fair, an associate professor at the law school, denied there was anything illegal about the meeting.

"It is a conference to discuss issues of importance to this country, not just a segment of society," said Fair, who plans to speak at the conference. "I can't think of a better place for it to happen."

The conference has been held at Vanderbilt University the past four years.

Armistead led a failed effort to stop the University of Alabama at Birmingham from presenting the film *Showgirls*, which he called pornographic. He was among 44 legislators who signed a letter requesting a halt to the show, which had been scheduled for the last week in January.

MGM Offers Health Benefits for Gay Employees' Partners

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. has joined the list of entertainment companies offering health-care benefits to live-in partners of Gay employees.

Same-sex domestic partners will be eligible for medical and insurance coverage beginning on Feb. 1, MGM spokeswoman Anne Corley said Tuesday.

The coverage will be available to the 800 full-time workers at MGM and its subsidiaries, which include MGM Pictures, United Artists Pictures and divisions involved in everything from television to telecommunications.

The benefits will not cover unmarried heterosexual couples because "heterosexuals have the option to marry, when homosexuals cannot," Corley said.

The announcement came a day after the Walt Disney Co. began offering health coverage to live-in partners of Gay employees, joining entertainment giants such as Universal, Paramount Pictures, Sony and Warner Bros.

Disney's announcement of its intention in October prompted criticism from the Traditional Values Coalition, a conservative Christian

movement based in Anaheim, Calif., the home of Disneyland.

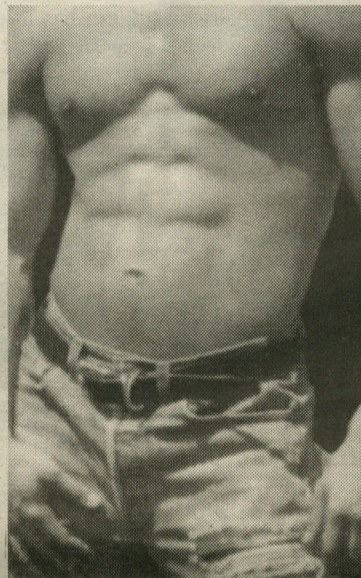
But MGM said it did not anticipate similar reaction.

"We don't expect any kind of

negative backlash," Corley said. "We don't cater to the family market like Disney. We don't target that niche specifically."

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Two Gay Discrimination Complaints Filed

By Janet Kerlin
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Love the Gay rights law or hate it, the state has added discrimination against homosexuals to the complaints that are investigated by its Commission on Human Rights.

Two people have filed charges since the controversial law took effect seven months ago. Rhode Island is the ninth state to pass a law banning discrimination against homosexuals in lending, housing and employment.

The small number of complaints is typical in other states, said Sen. Will Fitzpatrick, D-Cranston, the

bill's Senate sponsor.

Fitzpatrick, who is Gay, interpreted the few formal charges to mean that the law was working by educating landlords, lenders and employers.

"The main advantage of the law is that it is on the books, and most people respect that it is on the books, and it's more a psychological benefit than a litigious vehicle for people."

One of the arguments opponents made against the bill was the concern that it would open a floodgate of lawsuits charging discrimination.

"That did not pan out in Rhode Island," Fitzpatrick said, nor has it in Wisconsin, which has had an anti-discrimination law since 1981.

Sen. Michael Flynn, R-Smithfield,

opposed the bill when it was introduced and believes the law is unnecessary.

"In my district, I saw no cases of discrimination that a law was needed," Flynn said.

Supporters of the law had a broader agenda: to get the homosexual lifestyle endorsed, he said.

The first complaint came in September from a Providence man who said he was harassed by coworkers because of his sexual orientation and his supervisors didn't do anything to stop the harassment.

The next complaint came in October from a North Providence woman who worked in Central Falls and said she was denied assignments because customers didn't want a Lesbian.

The number is small, but not unexpected, said Cynthia Hiatt, legal counsel for the commission.

Based on statistics from other states, the commission expected about five cases a year, she said.

"It's only been half a year, so it's not surprising. But just because there aren't a lot of charges doesn't mean the law isn't working. A lot of employers know the law is there, and they will follow it," Hiatt said.

"Even the ones who don't know about it, their employees can tell them, 'You can't discriminate against me.'"

The process of seeking relief through the commission is a time-consuming one that may dissuade some from filing, Hiatt said. At least a year could pass before an investigation determines whether there was probable cause of discrimination, Hiatt said. If probable cause is established, the commission makes a decision whether or not discrimination occurred.

If the three commissioners find that discrimination occurred, they can order that the person be awarded the next available job, back pay, attorneys' fees, or damages for pain and suffering. Commissioners can also order the respondent to take steps to eliminate discrimination such as training or establishing procedures.

Supremacists Challenged During New Hampshire Statehouse Rally

By Lisa Singhanian
Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A handful of white supremacists, rallying to "congratulate" New Hampshire for remaining the only state without a legal Martin Luther King holiday, was shouted off the Statehouse steps by angry protesters.

A group calling itself the National People's Campaign charged the four members of the Learned, Miss.-based Nationalist Movement outside the Statehouse and knocked down the group's podium and flags.

The white supremacists retreated into the Statehouse and returned only when the state agreed to set up barricades between the two groups.

Shouting "Nazism must go," the 30 protesters accused the white supremacists of being anti-Gay and anti-black.

Richard Barrett, who received permission from the state to hold the rally, demanded the state order the National People's Campaign to leave the area. The protesters had a city permit to gather, which does not include Statehouse property.

"The show will go on," said Barrett, head of the Nationalist Movement. "It's interesting on the so-called Civil Rights Day, the civil rights people won't let me speak. I'll face them down. ... The minority's day is over. The majority's day is here."

The National People's Campaign is composed of students, union members, Gay and Lesbian activists and others.

The Nationalist Movement group

moved inside the Statehouse after the confrontation shortly after their 8 a.m. rally began.

Barrett accused Statehouse security chief Steve Nedau of violating his group's civil rights by allowing the protesters onto state property and not allowing Barrett's group to be heard.

Attorney General Jeffrey Howard said anyone is allowed to go onto state property, but "they're not allowed to interfere unduly with anyone who has a permit."

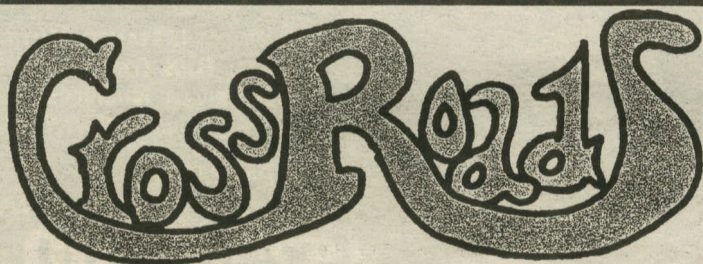
But he said the right to free speech does not guarantee the right to be heard "if your voice isn't strong enough to be heard."

Jim Van Dongen, spokesman for the House of Representatives, also said the group has a right to free speech, but noted the Legislature voted in January to condemn Barrett's group and its reasons for congregating.

The Legislature has defeated a bill to give New Hampshire a Martin Luther King Day seven times since 1979. However, lawmakers approved a Civil Rights Day in 1991 on the third Monday in January, the same as the federal holiday.

Lawmakers who oppose naming a holiday after the slain civil rights leader argue that no American should be singled out in the fight for civil rights, and they pointed to stories of King's adultery, his opposition to the Vietnam War and his association with communists.

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Tsarus members and members of the community nominate individuals or organizations who merit recognition for their efforts and the recipient is selected by secret ballot. The club members arrange for

speakers, print and sell tickets, furnish and serve a four-course meal. All proceeds from ticket sales are donated to the charity of the recipient's choice. The recipient is not disclosed until the night of the banquet and is always a carefully guarded secret.

Nominees for 1996 include: Bill Andrews, co-chair of the 1995 High Hats fundraiser for Friends For Life; Shelia Tankersley, founder and executive director of Loving Arms; Allen Cook, co-editor of the *Triangle Journal News* and Executive Director of Friends For Life; David DaPonte and Frank Cooper, owners of Amnesia, for community support; Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN); David Whitehead (Aloysius Home, Bluff City Sports Association, AIDS Mastery Workshop);

Hope House, day care center for HIV-AIDS affected children; Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC); Memphis Pride; and the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

Previous recipients have been: Allen Cook and John Stilwell for *Gaze* newspaper (1985); the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite for their blood donor program (1986); Tommy Stewart, president of ATEAC (now Friends For Life) (1987); Bettye Griffin, president of Human Response Council (1988); Heart Strings volunteers (1989); Vincent Astor, columnist and historian (1990); the Waggettes (Jim Easter, Harold "Granny" Weaver, Mattie Sanchez and Jerry Attaway) for fund-raising (1991); the Pipettes (Jim McCain, Jere Douglas, Mike Ferguson and the late Sandy Hutchins and Dwayne Branham) for fundraising (1992); Rev. Ethan Pruett and Rev. Ed Hammett from Holy Trinity Community Church (1993); Dennis Kijowski, activist and fund-raiser (1994) and Sharon Wray, Lesbian pioneer and fund-raiser (1995).

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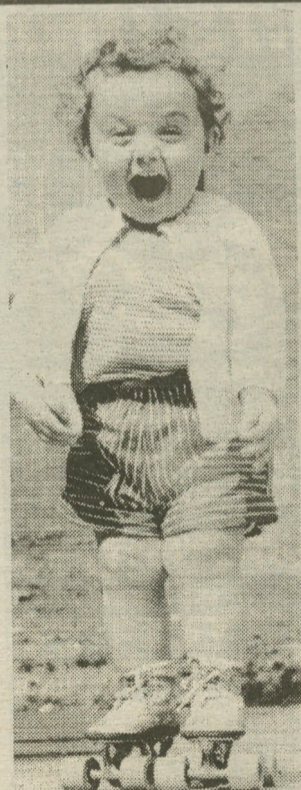
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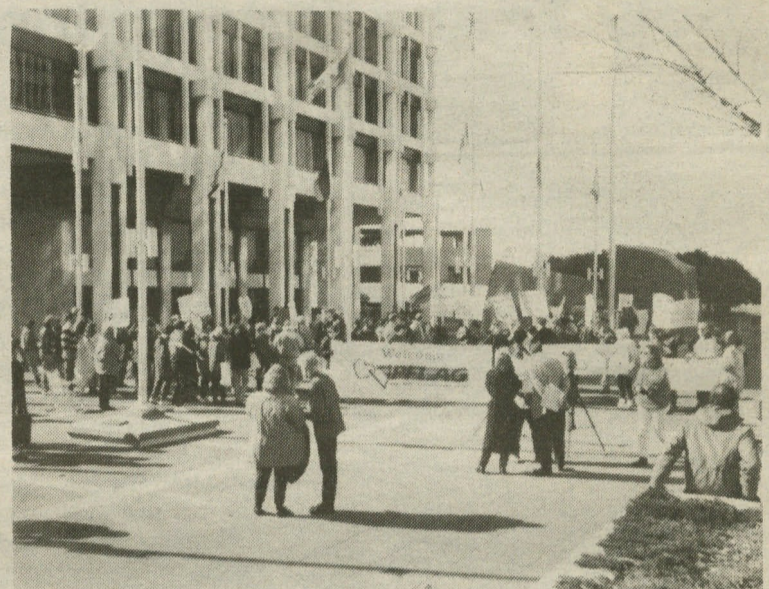
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Memphis Will Host Nat'l NOW '97 Conference

The National Conference of the National Organization for Women will be held in Memphis during the 4th of July weekend of 1997.

The 1997 conference is an election conference for NOW and national officers will be chosen for terms through 2001.

Memphis NOW hopes to increase its own chapter membership and bring in new members as a result of the increased attendance and media coverage of the national conference.

Memphis NOW will meet on Sun., Feb., 18, at 1 p.m. at the YWCA on Highland. Susan Mackenzie and Virginia Stallworth are co-chairs for the conference and will be setting up committees for making the conference a reality.

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Submitted by Alliance

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Appeals Court Hears First Challenge to 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court is trying to decide whether the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military is a great compromise or a violation of free speech.

The judges heard the dueling depictions Jan. 16 as the challenge of the policy reached the appellate level.

"The government can't shut up the speech because somebody doesn't like the message," Matt Coles, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, told the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Government lawyer Edwin Kneedler argued the policy was not designed to suppress speech, but to preserve cohesiveness among the troops.

Sexual attraction between soldiers, he said, could lead them "to form bonds that would break down

cohesiveness."

The judges had plenty of questions for both sides during Jan. 16's hearing but gave no clear indication which way they were leaning. They took the case under advisement.

Under the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, commanders may not ask service members their sexual orientation, and Gays may serve as long as they do not volunteer information about their sexual orientation or engage in homosexual acts.

The Clinton administration adopted the policy in 1993 as a compromise replacement to the post-World War II policy of ousting homosexuals as a threat to morale and fighting ability.

Last year, after the challenge became the first to go to trial, a federal judge declared the policy unconstitutional and barred the Pentagon from discharging six homosexuals. U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson called the policy "noth-

ing short of Orwellian," saying it equates sexual orientation with misconduct.

In the appeals court hearing, Judge John M. Walker questioned whether it was the role of the courts to interfere with a policy that had been created carefully at the legisla-

tive level.

"In this case, the district court failed to protect the balance that Congress struck," Kneedler replied.

Kneedler said the policy was written in a way to get the "degree of skill and unity cohesion necessary to insure the nation's defense."

The plaintiffs want the policy replaced with a rule that states sexual orientation is "not germane" to performance and that all service members must be held to identical standards.

Jury To Decide If HIV-Positive Man Can Call Himself Healthy

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A jury will decide whether a man who knew he was infected with the AIDS virus answered honestly when he told an insurance company that he believed he was in good health.

Berkshire Life Insurance Co. wants to void Richard Owens' coverage on the grounds he misled the insurer.

The insurance company had asked the former fashion designer in 1992, when he applied for coverage, whether he could "represent that I ... am in good health to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Owens, who had tested positive for the AIDS virus a year earlier, answered yes.

Owens, 54, eventually developed

AIDS and applied for disability benefits in 1993. Berkshire moved to rescind his policy; Owens, in a countersuit alleging breach of contract, argued that testing positive for HIV is not synonymous with AIDS or certain death.

On Jan. 11, Judge Lewis A. Kaplan refused to find in favor of either side, and approved the case for trial.

Kaplan said that the question posed by the insurance company called for Owens to offer an opinion, not a statement of fact, and that Berkshire cannot rescind the policy without proof Owens actually committed fraud.

The judge said the insurance company could have avoided the problem "simply by asking whether the applicant ever had tested positive for HIV."

Court Restores Lesbian's Original Visitation Rights

ST. PAUL (AP) — A Lesbian mother's visits with her two children are not harmful to them and should not be limited, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled Jan. 16.

In an unpublished opinion, the three-judge panel said a lower court's decision appeared to imply "that any contact by children with Lesbians or homosexuals is per se harmful to the children's emotional health or development."

Such an implication, they ruled, "is palpably untrue."

When Kelly McKay, 38, of Aus-

tin, Texas, and her husband, Gerald Johnson of Bemidji, were divorced six years ago, Johnson got custody of their children, now 8 and 12.

McKay was allowed to see them during summer and spring breaks and at Christmas. Since the divorce, Johnson, a police officer, and McKay, have had legal disputes over the amount of child support she pays. They also argued over McKay's activities with the children.

Last spring, Johnson sought to limit visitation, maintaining in court

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Opinion Says Schools Can't Stop Gay Clubs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There is little Utah public high schools can do to stop students from forming Gay, Lesbian and bisexual clubs, according to a new opinion by the Utah attorney general's office.

The Utah State Office of Education had asked for an opinion more than two months ago after a group of students at East High School petitioned to start such a club.

State attorneys responded with a letter faxed Dec. 22 to the education office. It said the only way to stop the students would be to ban all other student clubs that don't directly relate to curriculum or to give up millions of dollars in federal funds.

Douglas F. Bates, coordinator of school law and legislation for the education office, said districts also could petition Congress to repeal the Equal Access Act, which prevents schools from stopping students meeting merely for religious, political or philosophical reasons.

All of the options are impractical if not impossible, Bates said.

It is a "fairly clear call," said Palmer DePaulis, spokesman for the attorney general.

"Once Congress acted, it took it right out of the hands of local officials," he said, referring to the Equal Access Act. "This pre-empted all

discretion by local school officials."

Gayle Ruzicka, president of the conservative Utah Eagle Forum, has promised to fight the club in court or the Legislature.

On the other hand, Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union have vowed to back efforts to organize the club.

Students at East want the club to

be a support network.

One student said that Gay teenagers are more likely than other students to commit suicide, fail at school or drop out.

"We know that there'll be an idea that this will be a bad thing," said the student, who was not identified, "but in the long run, I think it will be better for everybody."

Gay Teacher Speaks About His Fight To Keep His Job

DETROIT (AP) — A west Michigan teacher who nearly lost his job after he acknowledged being Gay broke his near-silence about the ordeal in an interview in a statewide newspaper for Gays and Lesbians.

Gerry Crane, a music teacher at Byron Center High School, recounted his story in the January issue of *Between the Lines*.

Several parents and religious leaders in the town 11 miles south of Grand Rapids demanded Crane's ouster after it was learned that he had "married" a male partner in October.

The Byron Center Board of Education decided in December that Crane could keep his job, but issued a statement condemning his homosexuality.

In the interview, Crane said he was told on the first day of this school year that several district officials knew he was Gay and that they hoped the controversy would pass.

Crane said he believes a disgruntled student distributed a copy of the program from his October ceremony. Questioned about it later, Crane said he sidestepped the issue by asking students, "Does it matter?"

Crane said he later spoke to more students.

"What I said was, 'I know you've heard rumors about me. You have to ask yourself two things: Is it true? And should it matter? If not, then I have a job to do, and you have a job

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Teacher Can't Quit NEA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The National Education Association refuses to let a high school teacher immediately quit the organization because of its support of Lesbian and Gay History Month in public schools.

Jeffery Hudgins, a social studies teacher at Glencliff High School, says he is being forced to pay \$400 annual dues to an organization he politically opposes.

He has tried unsuccessfully to drop out of the NEA since last October when he learned that the group adopted a resolution supporting the celebration of Lesbian and Gay History Month.

"As a social studies teacher, I feel that further polarizes our society by drawing attention to our differences rather than our similarities," Hudgins said.

"If any American had made a major contribution to society, I think that should be taught, but I don't feel it's particularly meaningful based on the sexual persuasion of that person. I don't think it's the role of the teacher to say, 'Hey, we need to know about this person because he was famous and Gay.'

"I don't personally have anything against Gays and Lesbians. I just don't think the classroom is the place to celebrate sexual persuasion."

He's been prevented from dropping his membership because he holds a "continuing membership," which cannot be canceled after Oct. 1 in any given year.

"I felt like there was no budging on their part," Hudgins said. "Why would a membership want to have a disgruntled member anyway? It just doesn't make sense."

Juanita Lockert, president of the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association, the local affiliate of the NEA, said the organization was simply following its own bylaws.

"Every organization has bylaws they have to abide by and follow," Lockert said. "I think (the board and the assembly) felt that if there are guidelines in the bylaws they should be followed, rather than to waive them back and forth."

The bylaws are being changed this year so a person can resign from the MNEA anytime between April 1 and May 31.



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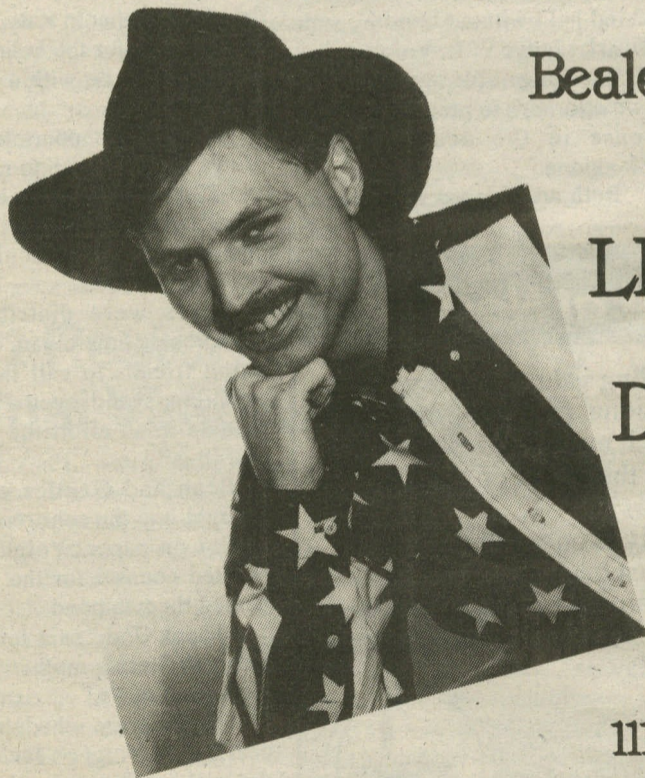


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Hawaii Governor: Replace Marriage Laws With Domestic Partnerships

By Bruce Dunford
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's legal quandary over same-sex marriages could be resolved if the state got out of the business of issuing marriage licenses and went to a system of domestic partnerships for both homosexuals and heterosexuals, says Gov. Ben Cayetano.

"The institution of marriage should be left to the church. The

government needs to explore its role in marriages," Cayetano said through his press secretary. "The government should not be in the role of sanctifying marriages. That's when they run into problems."

However, don't expect the Legislature to act this year on Cayetano's suggestion, according to two key lawmakers, who said they had not previously heard of the governor's position.

"I think he's going farther than I

or the Senate would support," said Sen. Rey Grauly, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I don't think there's a lot of public support for something like that."

"I wouldn't go that far at this point," said Terrance Tom, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. "I think there are legitimate reasons for the state to keep marriages under state licensing," he said. "There are many impacts and ramifications that need to be explored."

"Before we take such drastic measures, we need to see if we are creating bigger problems than the ones we are trying to resolve," said Tom.

Tom and Grauly both said they intend to pursue during the coming legislative session the possibility of domestic partnerships for homosexual couples, leaving the state's marriage law intact.

The Rev. Marc Alexander, director of the Hawaii Catholic Conference which represents 232,000 Roman Catholics in the islands, said while Cayetano's proposal might resolve the state's legal problem, it would be counterproductive to society.

"I think it fails to recognize that

the reason the state gets involved in marriages is the importance marriages have as the foundation of our society," Alexander said, adding that "lower relationships," such as those between homosexuals, don't rise to the same level as a marriage commitment by couples of the opposite sex.

Cayetano's not well-known position was endorsed by American Civil Liberties Union attorney Dan Foley, who represents the three same-sex couples who challenged the state's refusal to grant them a marriage license.

Hawaii was pitched into the debate with a surprising ruling by the state Supreme Court on May 27, 1993 that denial of marriage licenses to the three Gay couples by the state Department of Health in 1990 was gender discrimination under the Hawaii Constitution.

The Supreme Court remanded the case to the Circuit Court, saying that unless the state can show compelling state interests to ban same-sex marriages, marriage licenses should be issued to the same-sex couples.

After much heated and emotional debate, the Legislature in 1994

passed a bill that asserted that state policy is that marriage is the union between a man and a woman and that any change in that policy is a matter for the Legislature, not the courts.

A seven-member state Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law that was established by the Legislature last year issued a report Dec. 9, recommending on a 5-2 vote that same-sex marriages be legalized or, if that is unacceptable to lawmakers, that there be a comprehensive "domestic partnership" law.

If Cayetano's proposal was implemented, it could resolve the legal case because it would eliminate any gender-based bias under domestic partnerships, Foley said.

"It remains to be seen if the governor is going to go to the Legislature and push for the legislation," said Foley. "We would have no problem with the governor's position," he said of his clients.

Hawaii's public might also support the concept, Foley said, noting that recent polls indicate 2-to-1 support for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians but 2-to-1 opposition to same-sex marriages.

First Deputy Attorney General Steven Michaels said Cayetano's newly revealed position will not alter the state's vigorous defense of the existing marriage law in the same-sex marriage case.

Being constitutionally independent of the governor's office, the attorney general's office is not bound by the policy shifts made by the governor, Michaels said.

Cayetano is suggesting that the state repeal the existing marriage laws that apply only to heterosexual couples and instead establish a system of domestic partnerships that would spell out the rights and obligations of the partners, whether they are of the same sex or opposite sex, said press secretary Kathleen Racuya-Markrich.

Marriage ceremonies would be left to the churches, according to Cayetano.

Hawaii is an extremely tolerant state and was the first to legalize abortions, Cayetano noted.

"Exploring the establishment of domestic partnerships would carry on that trend," he said.

Alexander said the tradition of marriages being between a man and a woman predate either state or church.

"It's part of who and what we are as human beings," he said.

Substituting the marriage law with a domestic partnership law could "open the way to all kinds of relationships and would be counterproductive to the importance we as a community place on the marriage between a man and a woman," he said.



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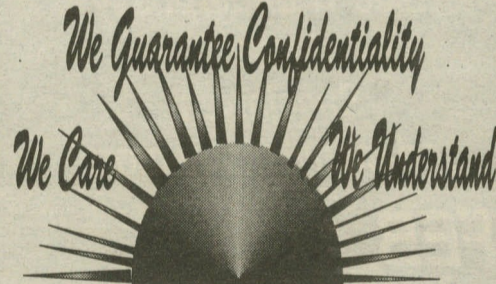
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
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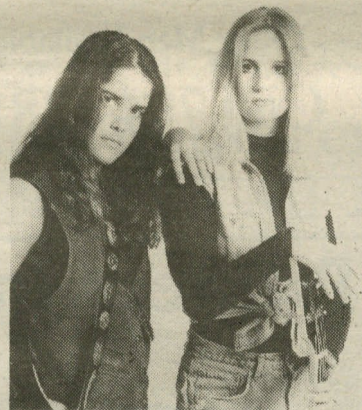
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Saliva Test For HIV Passes FDA Milestone

By Paul Recer
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A saliva test that could be used to confirm infection by the AIDS virus is nearing approval by the Food and Drug Administration, a biotechnology firm says.

Epitope Inc. said in a statement Tuesday that it had received an FDA letter calling the firm's application

to market an HIV test using oral fluids "approvable."

An FDA spokesman declined to verify that a letter had been sent to Epitope, but explained that in the normal process of agency action, such a letter was "tantamount to approval, provided the company meets the requests contained in the approvable letter."

Epitope last year received FDA approval to sell an oral specimen

HIV test to health care providers. That test uses a treated cotton pad placed between the gum and cheek to collect oral fluid. The pad is then placed into a container with a preservative and sent to a laboratory for an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, or ELISA test, which can detect antibodies to HIV.

To confirm the ELISA test, blood samples must be taken from a patient and run through a more sensitive lab test called the Western blot.

The new test Epitope is seeking permission to market would be the Western blot test using oral fluids instead of blood.

Both tests detect antibodies, not the virus itself. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, usually is not found in saliva.

In its announcement, Epitope said the FDA was asking for additional information and a facilities inspection. The firm said it does not expect any difficulties with any of the FDA requests.

Adolph J. Ferro, president of Epitope, said receipt of the letter was "a significant milestone in our efforts to offer reliable HIV testing without blood or needles.

"The ability to offer an HIV testing system based solely on an oral specimen will result in broader access to HIV testing," Ferro said in the company's statement.

Efforts to reach the company for additional information were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Epitope, of Beaverton, Ore., markets the HIV oral test under the brand name OraSure.

If the new test is approved, it would be distributed through diagnostic clinics and health care professionals.

Epitope's announcement had an immediate effect on its stock. Epitope was the most active stock on the American Stock Exchange and climbed \$4.50 a share to close at \$17.87 1/2.

Desert Bush Used by Indians May Yield AIDS Drug

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona and Maryland researchers say they've extracted a potential AIDS-fighting chemical from a desert bush long touted by Indians for its healing powers.

Test-tube experiments show the chemical, distilled from the leaves of the creosote bush, has blocked the reproduction of the HIV virus in human cells, said researchers from the University of Arizona and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The HIV virus causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

The test-tube results have led to experiments with infected human cells in live mice as the next step towards developing a new AIDS drug, said molecular biologist Ru Chih Huang of Johns Hopkins.

Huang and six other researchers reported their findings on the creosote-bush chemical in the November issue of *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. Contributing to the report were University of Arizona chemist Robert Bates and five researchers from John Hopkins and the NIH.

The creosote-bush chemical appears to be effective against both common and mutated strains of the HIV, Huang said. The virus' ability to mutate into drug-resistant strains has been a problem for the first generation of AIDS drugs, he said.

Research is still in its early stages, scientists said. They noted many chemicals that have seemed promising at first in the fight against AIDS have not developed into drug candidates.


Also known as greasewood, and formally as *Larrea tridentata*, the creosote bush is common in the deserts of the Southwest and in northern Mexico. Some scientists believe individual plants have survived thousands of years.

According to Pima Indian legend, the creosote was the first plant created. Pimas and other Indians have been using the plant for centuries in a bitter brew or as a compress to treat everything from diabetes to coughs and stomach pains.

The creosote chemical that scientists believe helps block the spread of HIV is a cousin of nordihydroguaiaretic acid, or NDGA, a commercially used chemical first identified in creosotes about 50 years ago.

NDGA has been used in plastics, lubricants, perfumes and other products. It was also used as a food preservative until 1970, when federal regulators banned its use in food because rats that were fed NDGA developed kidney damage.

While Huang's group found that NDGA could block HIV reproduction, a variant, called NDMA, was even more effective.



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Study: Men with Older Brothers Are More Likely to be Gay

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP)— The more previously born brothers a man has, the greater his chances of being Gay, a study says.

The reason might involve the mother's immune system acting on the developing male fetus, researchers speculated. Or, they said, it could be a psychological effect on a boy of growing up with older brothers.

Several earlier studies found that Gay men tended to have more previously born siblings than heterosexual men did. The new study says this effect comes only from brothers, not sisters.

Previously born brothers are not necessarily living older brothers; the study also counted brothers who died before study participants were born.

Psychologist Ray Blanchard, head of the clinical sexology program at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, reported the work in the January issue of the *American Journal of Psychiatry* with Anthony Bogaert, who has since left the institute.

The study used questionnaires filled out by 302 Gay men and 302 heterosexual men. Each Gay man was matched for year of birth to a heterosexual man. Both groups were

about 39 years old on average. The men were asked to record all siblings born to their mothers.

Previously born sisters made no difference in a participant's chance of being Gay, nor did siblings born after the participant.

But previously born brothers did. While 50 percent of the overall sample was Gay, the rate was 45 percent for men with no previously born brothers, 53 percent for men with one such brother and 64 percent for men with two such brothers. Five of the seven men with four or more such brothers were Gay.

Blanchard said those rates pertain

only to the sample and not the general population. The researchers did not calculate what the corresponding figures would be in the general population, he said, but the study shows each previously born brother would raise the probability of a man's being Gay.

The prior studies have spurred a variety of psychological and social explanations for the sibling effect. The leading one is that the effect was caused by sex play between brothers in childhood, with younger brothers more likely to be affected, Blanchard said.

Blanchard said he does not favor

that view.

He and Bogaert proposed the immune-system hypothesis. The immune system recognizes one or two particular proteins that males but not females have on cell surfaces, Blanchard said. Maybe these proteins progressively alter the mother's immune system response to male fetuses, and this somehow affects the fetal brain in a way that predisposes to homosexuality, Blanchard and Bogaert wrote.

Blanchard said he could not be confident that the immune system explanation is accurate. In any case, the effect of previously born broth-

ers would not explain homosexuality by itself, he said. Other factors, including genetics, are involved, he said.

Michael Bailey, a Northwestern University psychologist who studies homosexuality, said the finding that Gay men have more previously born siblings than heterosexual men has been shown "beyond a shadow of a doubt."

But "right now we have little idea what it means," Bailey said. "There's no direct evidence for any explanation."

Most Children Of Lesbian Mothers Didn't Become Gay Adults

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A study of 25 children raised by Lesbian mothers found that only two became Gay adults, despite the popular belief that such youngsters have a high chance of being homosexual when they grow up.

The study, done in England, is the first to track children reared in Lesbian families from childhood to adulthood, said Susan Golombok, a professor of psychology at City University in London.

The 25 children grew up with their Lesbian mothers, most of whom had a female partner. For comparison, the study also tracked 21 children who grew up with unmarried heterosexual mothers, most of whom had a male companion.

None of the children in this comparison group considered himself or herself to be Gay when interviewed as adults. The difference between that finding and the result for the Lesbian families was not statistically significant.

"There's a very strong view among the lay public that these chil-

dren have a very high chance of being Lesbian or Gay when they grow up," Golombok said. "The evidence from this study does not support this myth."

But the study had so few participants that Golombok said she could not rule out the possibility that there really is a difference in the rate of homosexuality in people from the two kinds of families.

She reported the work in the January issue of the journal *Developmental Psychology* with colleague Fiona Tasker.

Michael Bailey, a Northwestern

University psychologist who has studied the sons of Gay men, said the finding that most children from Lesbian families grew up to be heterosexual adults fits in with previous studies.

Golombok also found that adults who had grown up in Lesbian families were more likely to have had a same-sex relationship at some time than were adults from heterosexual families. That's probably because their upbringing made it easier to pursue such relationships if they were so inclined, Golombok said.

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A Neighborhood of Diversity Welcomes Women Entrepreneurs

By Debra Hale
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The Swedes say *valkommen*; the Persians, *khosh amadeed*; the Spaniards, *bienvenidos*; the Japanese, *yo okaso irashai mase*.

And they're saying it to women entrepreneurs in Andersonville's North Clark Street, a street of dreams for women in a potpourri of Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods.

The North Side community, a mecca for cultural and ethnic di-

versity, has opened its arms to sexual diversity — businesses owned and operated by women, some of them openly Gay.

Go on a shopping spree at women-owned stores, and you'll find pet supplies, imported dolls, jewelry, pottery, an American Indian skin painting, Lesbian erotica, Swedish pastries, Christmas decorations.

You can take your pet to the vet, see a play or sip cappuccino while planning an overseas trip. You can take home a rented movie — maybe *Thelma and Louise*.

Women have set up shop amid an eclectic serving of ethnic restaurants, grocery stores and "Valkommen" banners that line about a mile-long stretch of North Clark.

"Women are making incredible strides in this neighborhood," said Angela Turley, co-owner of Studio 90, a boutique offering artists' handmade creations, including clothing designed by Turley and co-owner Jill Hilgenberg.

Andersonville has about 200 businesses and Alderwoman Mary Ann Smith, the neighborhood's fourth female City Council member since 1971, says about 70 percent of them are owned or managed by women.

One popular spot is the feminist bookstore Women & Children First — not far from the Spanish Speaking Bookstore.

Co-owners Linda Bubon and Ann Christophersen, lured by the tolerant atmosphere and low rents, moved the bookstore here in 1990 from pricey Lincoln Park.

Women & Children regularly brings in authors like Amy Tan and Gloria Steinem for autograph signings, and offers story hours for young children. Its books appeal to women of all sexual orientation, from novels by Tan,

Sarah Paretsky and Anne Rice to books on cooking, motherhood and homosexuality. It has a sizeable collection of books by and about Lesbians.

"I think it's important that we let people know this is a welcoming place for Lesbians," said Bubon.

"A lot of different people live with each other, not only in terms of tolerating each other but also liking the mix," said Christophersen.

But customers also include people like grandmother Rita Roth, who attends a monthly women's book discussion group at the store. "I try to support women entrepreneurs," she said.

A few doors away at WomanWild, owners Nancy Perrone and Janet Soule offers gifts made solely by women artists — pottery, stained glass, jewelry, candles and more.

"There are a lot of Lesbian and Gay businesses here," said Perrone. "We are part of that diversity."

The upscale gallery's name comes from Lesbian feminist writer Sonia Johnson's *Wildfire* — a reference, Perrone said, to "the creative energy in women."

Named after farmer John Anderson, the four-square-mile neighborhood about five miles from downtown was settled by Swedes moving north after the Chicago fire in 1871. About 25 years ago, several Middle Eastern businesses began locating there. Today, both ethnic groups are prominent, along with Japanese, Italian and Filipino eateries.

The Landmark, a cooperative of 18 shops — all but one owned by women — helped pave the way for women entrepreneurs when it opened in 1987. That same night two other women-owned businesses opened nearby.

The history of the artsy Kopi

— A Traveler's Cafe is a story in itself. It opened in 1991 after two women on a backpacking trip in Southeast Asia met a third woman from Andersonville.

The trio decided to open a coffeehouse with a travel theme where people could buy maps and travel books, find destination points on globes, and check the time in faraway places like Timbuktu by glancing at wall clocks.

They took out a \$12,000 loan, named the business "Kopi" — coffee in Indonesia — and paid off the loan in six months.

"The whole idea behind Kopi is we don't see sexual preference, race, culture or religion," said Rhonda Welbel, one of the two remaining owners. "We look at this neighborhood as open to everyone."

Says Landmark building owner Jan Baxter: "There is something in the water that grows strong women."

Others say Andersonville is so welcoming to women because of its Scandinavian roots and multi-ethnic history.

"Here we have people from every corner of the world," said Swedish immigrant Kurt Mathiasson, owner of Svea Restaurant.


Even businessmen whose native lands have yet to embrace sexual equality seem comfortable with their female counterparts.

"It's America, and it's the land of liberty," said Reza Toulabi, the Persian owner of the popular Reza's Restaurant.

Packed on weekends with customers of every ethnic origin, Reza's also welcomes a Persian women's discussion group every few months. About 50 to 60 Persian women meet there to "talk about the society; they talk about anything," Toulabi said.

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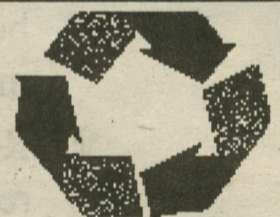

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By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television has discovered safe sex: Gay and Lesbian characters are just dandy as long as you leave out the passion and substitute punchlines instead.

Howls of protest once greeted homosexual story lines. Now, a growing number of Gay characters populate TV series, especially sitcoms, but are drawing scant fire from conservative critics.

And, they are provoking little apparent skittishness among advertisers or station owners.

The secret? Keep it light and try to avoid the physical stuff. And, just maybe, count on familiarity to breed viewer acceptance.

In 1990, ABC lost half its advertisers and \$1 million for an episode of the drama *thirtysomething* showing two men in bed. More recently, Roseanne was slammed for smooching with Mariel Hemingway and Fox, under pressure, cut a Gay kiss from *Melrose Place*.

In 1994, two TV stations pulled an episode of *Northern Exposure* that featured a Gay wedding.

If there's one thing that makes a network lose its vertical hold, it's

controversy. Yet the Gay and Lesbian presence on TV is greater this season than ever before.

On Jan. 18, *Friends* celebrated the marriage of Ross' Lesbian ex-wife to her partner. Lesbian activist Candace Gingrich — sibling of House Speaker Newt Gingrich — officiated as minister.

On Jan. 16, over on *Wings*, the estranged Gay son of Roy Biggins (David Schramm) returned for his father's birthday party and a chance to re-establish their relationship.

That was just one week. There's a laundry list of 1995-96 series that include continuing Gay characters or have used homosexual plot lines.

On *NYPD Blue*, a Gay precinct receptionist has met with antipathy from Dennis Franz's Detective Sipowicz and counseled a may-be-coming-out female detective.

There is an openly Gay ("I have sinned ... my boyfriend will kill me") secretary on *High Society* and an apparently Gay one on *Murder One*.

The now-canceled *Pursuit of Happiness* featured an attorney who came out in the pilot episode. And count in the music teacher on *Party of Five*, Nora Dunn's character on *Sisters* and David Burke's flight attendant, Paul, on *The Crew*.

Live Shot has a Gay reporter who

in one episode clashes with a professional athlete who wants out of the closet. *Courthouse*, a short-lived drama, featured a Lesbian couple.

There are more fleeting references as well. A favorite joke this season has been Gay mistaken identity: artist Richard (Malcolm Gets) on *Caroline in the City* briefly hides his heterosexuality after being included in a Gays-only gallery show, but then confesses his straightness.

Chandler and Joey (Matthew Perry, Matt LeBlanc) of *Friends* are baby-sitting Ross' infant for a day and are mistaken as an adoptive Gay couple by a bystander. Ross (David Schwimmer) appears on *The Single Guy* and he and star Jonathan Silverman get the wrong idea about each other's sexuality.

On *Homicide: Life on the Street*, mistaken identity takes a tragic turn when a straight man is mistaken for Gay and dies in a hate crime. When detectives tell the victim's father they believe his son was Gay, he tells them, "Queers are sick ... If what you say is true, it's better he's dead."

Later, a sympathetic detective says: "Hetero, homo, what does it matter? He's dead."

On *Roseanne*, the star talks her former boss Leon (Martin Mull) through wedding cold feet when he

questions his homosexuality: "You couldn't be any Gayer if your name was Gay Gayerson," Roseanne assures him.

The celebratory kiss was more suggested than shown; on *Friends* Jan. 18 there was no kiss. (OK, there was a Lesbian smooch this season on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, but that was with an alien who used to be a man. Extenuating circumstances.)

For potential critics, the muted outcry does not mean they are content with the situation. One group suggests the restraint, in part, reflects the fact that protest equals publicity for TV.

The conservative watchdog Free Enterprise & Media Institute has been keeping an eye on the increase in Gay depictions. It says viewer rebellion at more graphic sexual displays forced the networks to retreat, but only so far.

"I think the entertainment industry collectively thinks the rest of the world needs to accept this lifestyle," said Sandy Crawford, who monitors Hollywood as the institute's entertainment division director.

"They realized they couldn't make the lifestyle palatable by shocking people" so they turned

up the volume, she said. Political pressure from Gay activists has been a factor, Crawford contended.

Wrong, respond *Wings* producers Mark Reisman and Howard Gewirtz.

"I don't know any producer who would either do an episode or not do an episode because they're lobbied," said Gewirtz. Of this episode on *Wings*: "We're just proud of it as an episode that deals with a father and a son, and we think it's touching and honest."

While the Gay and Lesbian community welcomes its increasingly high TV profile, members have their own complaints.

The picture "is brighter, but there's an asterisk there," said Tamra King of the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Gays and Lesbians are definitely more visible in prime time television," she said. "The disclaimer that needs to follow is the overwhelming majority of Gay and Lesbian representations are usually on sitcoms and usually just for an episode."

The goal, she said, is continuing Gay characters, and ones whose major distinction is not their sexuality.

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Drug Study: Amount of HIV in Blood Good Predictor of Health

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—A drug company added evidence Jan. 17 for something doctors have long suspected: The amount of the AIDS virus in a patient's blood is a good predictor of how long he will stay healthy.

Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. found that patients who lost about 70 percent of the virus floating in their bloodstream cut in half their risk of worsening or dying quickly.

Doctors now rely on another measurement to gauge AIDS progression — patients' level of an immune cell called CD4. The HIV virus kills CD4 cells, and many pa-

tients change their AIDS medication when their CD4 levels drop.

But some people have no AIDS symptoms despite very low CD4 levels, prompting doctors to look for additional ways to monitor the disease.

Last year, doctors got a new test allowing them to measure "viral burden," the amount of HIV in the blood. It's an expensive test — anywhere from \$150 to \$500 — that must be repeated every few months, so doctors wanted to know how to use the results.

The Pharmacia data, revealed to AIDS activists and reporters Jan. 17, indicate viral burden is important in tracking patients' changing health, said company investigator Dr. Mark Pierce of Vanderbilt University.

While patients should watch this technology's development, there is no proof yet that they need a viral burden test more than CD4 monitoring, emphasized Troy Petinbrink of the National Association of People With AIDS.

The Food and Drug Administration will continue to ask how all AIDS drugs affect both CD4 levels and viral burden, said spokeswoman Ivy Kupec.

Salvation Army Wins Grant After Pledging Not to Discriminate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Board of Supervisors has approved a \$65,000 grant for a Salvation Army homeless shelter, two weeks after a flap over whether the agency discriminates against homosexuals delayed the grant.

"I want to give the opportunity to the Salvation Army to reform, improve and strive for a greater degree of excellence," Supervisor Carole Migden said Jan. 16 before the board's 8-1 vote.

Earlier last month, the board balked at the funding after several supervisors said they were concerned about anti-Gay remarks.

A letter from a local Salvation Army administrator published in November in the *Bay Area Reporter*, a newspaper serving the city's Lesbian and Gay community, stated that the Salvationists, the Army's religious umbrella group, believed homosexuality was "deviant behavior."

The Salvation Army's division commander, Jerry Gaines, later wrote to the paper, calling the first letter "wrong in that it inaccurately confused the social mission of the

Salvation Army with what we see as internal religious beliefs."

On Jan. 16, Migden said the local Salvation Army chapter had pledged not to discriminate against Gays in hiring or in housing.

In addition, she said, the chapter agreed to request a review by the national office of its position on homosexuality; arrange Lesbian-Gay sensitivity training for staffers; commit to reviewing all programs for human rights contract compliance; and appoint Lesbians or Gays to two positions on its advisory council this year.

But the conciliatory efforts didn't impress Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who cast the lone vote against the funding.

"It's a little backwards to say, 'We will change in the future,'" he said in arguing against appropriating the money. "I want to see the change now."

The local Salvation Army receives \$3 million from San Francisco each year and houses more than 600 people each night in rehabilitation or homeless shelters.

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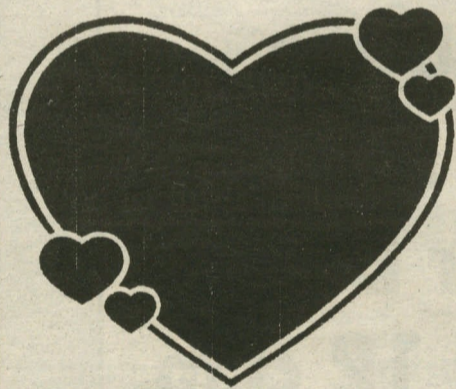
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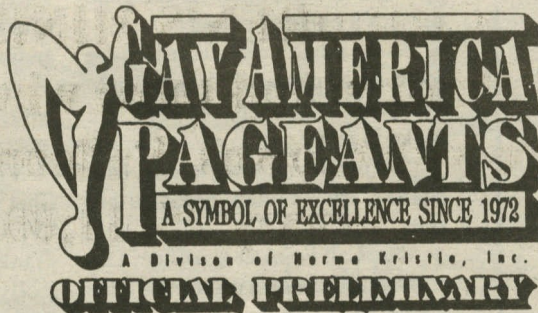
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TELEPHONE CALLS

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Part 22

Mike came in from working on the boat, went to the refrigerator, got a beer, and flopped down on the sofa. Then, she dialed the number of Lynne and Stacy who lived across the lake.

"Hi, Lynne. How are things going? Hope the mood is more upbeat over there than here. I've been depressed this entire day. I have to talk with someone—preferably of the lesbian persuasion." Mike giggled. "Since you and Stacy are the only lesbians around in these parts I'm giving you a call." Sighing, she added, "I just need some female bonding, I guess."

"Mike. Good to hear from you. Stacy and I thought you'd be up at

the hospital with Claudia and the baby."

"Not today. We're so busy here at the lodge and it's just too far to go every day. You know my sister, Marynell and her two girls are here now. Marynell tries to help out at the front desk, but she doesn't know the routine, and then she has things to do like getting the kids enrolled in school and getting her cosmetology license transferred here." Mike sipped her beer. "Did I mention she's going to work with David in his barber shop. It should work out for everyone."

"Great. Say, Mike why don't you jump in the boat and come over? The Chiefs' game is starting soon, and it's going to be great. Stacy is grilling burgers. Come eat with us."

"I'd love to. But I can't. I have to

get some things done here."

"Have you named the baby yet?"

"Yes, Michael Vernon—Mikey. Vernon after Claudia's father."

"Michael, after you eh?"

"Yes," said Mike with a touch of pride. "It's also Claudia's grandfather's name."

"When are Claudia and the baby coming home?"

"S o o n . Sometimes I sort of suspect Dr. Brady of keeping them longer than necessary—just so he can gaze at his grandchild."

"How's Paul around the baby?"

"Disgustingly macho. Stands around handing out cigars and acting like he was the only one who did anything. Claudia's mother is foolish too, while Dr. Brady keeps talking about how his grandson is going to be this great surgeon. I guess since he wasn't able to make a doctor out of Paul he wants to make one of Mikey now. It's enough to drive you crazy. But, at least the baby has softened up the situation between Paul and his father. They're speaking to each other now."

"See. Stacy and I told you everything would work out. How are Marynell's girls adjusting?"

"All right I guess. It's been hard on them, moving across the country and they miss their daddy. However, they're not really old enough to understand it all."

"They'll young and they'll adjust. Stacy and I are really anxious to see the baby. Say, that's Stacy's calling me to eat. Now, you'd better turn the television on or you'll miss the kick-off."

"Okay. Thanks, for talking with me. We'll have you and Stacy over to see the baby as soon as Claudia gets home."

Chet Murdock was breathing with difficulty. The life support tube in his chest was disconnected for the moment. The once boyishly handsome face of the former nurse was now drawn and pallid. He weighed perhaps a hundred pounds.

As the nurse's aide came into the room he brightened. "Vivian, help me dial the telephone, will you?" He spoke in raspy gasps.

"Sure. Do you want to call, Miz Helen?" said Vivian, going to his side.

"No. Call Frank at his office. The number is there on a pad by the telephone."

Vivian dialed the number, waited until there was an answer, and then handed Chet the telephone. She left the room to refill his water container.

"Hello, Frank. It's Chet. I need a favor."

"Sure, Chet Baby." Frank was alarmed by the weak voice coming across the wire. "How's it going today?"

"Not too good. Listen, I want you to go by my apartment and bring me the last two Limoges plates. They're all I have left of my collection. You

have the key don't you?"

"Yes," said Frank.

"I want to give one to Vivian. She's been so good to me. The other one's for Helen. I'm not

going to be around much longer. I want to give them the plates now, while I'm still here."

"Chet, you can't tell about these things. I just read about a new drug that's being developed." Frank fought to keep his emotions under control.

"Besides, you promised me we were going to MCC Church as soon as you got better. It's—"

"I'm not going to be here much longer, Frank," said Chet interrupting. "Bring the plates about three, will you?"

"If that's what you want. Just don't give up," said Frank.

Chet hung up, and fell back into the bed exhausted, but summoned up enough strength to ring for Vivian again.

He requested she dial the number of the Metropolitan Community Church and to ask for Reverend Marvin Smother.

Vivian reached Reverend Smother and handed Chet the telephone.

"Hello, Reverend Smother. This is Chester Murdock. I've met you a few times at church. Do you remember?"

"Yes. Chet, of course. I've been planning on getting to the hospital to see you. How are you doing?"

"Not too well. Could you come by my room at three today? I'm in 213 at St. Joseph's. It's really important."

"Let me check my calendar." The line went silent for a few minutes. The Reverend came back. "Yes, Chet. I can move some things around and be there. What's going on?"

"Nothing much. I just need to talk with you, and uh—I want you to meet someone."

Vivian hung up the telephone. Chet sank down in the bed smiling. "Vivian, I've made a love match. Frank and Reverend Smother are really right for each other. I just know it."

"Hello, Flo. This is Donna Ruth. I know it's late but I have to talk to someone, and I suddenly realized I don't know a lot of people. I've al-

ways just worked for Dr. Brady and didn't do much else. I've been sitting here sipping wine, and —. There's so much on my mind."

"This is about Dr. Brady, isn't it?"

"Yes. I know you're younger, but you're more knowledgeable about these things. I truly believe he's going to marry Orlena Howard. I've heard them talking and have been watching them with Claudia's baby. Since that grandchild of theirs came, Dr. Brady has changed." Donna Ruth paused, and fought back tears. "He's cut back on his work schedule and doesn't seem interested in anything but the baby. What am I going to do?"

"I don't know what to tell you," said Flo.

Donna Ruth continued. "You're the only one who knows how I feel. I've been in love with him for years. I thought after his wife died, well—I thought maybe he and I—but now there's Orlena. I just know he's going to marry her."

"Maybe not. After Claudia takes the baby back to the lake, things may be different?" Flo said in consoling tones.

"But, they may not. I feel so alone all of a sudden. I don't have anyone but Amos, my cat. He listens, but cats aren't people." She paused again trying to build up enough courage to make a request. "Could I come out there for the night? I don't want to be alone. We could have a slumber party and talk."

"Well—eh. Sure. But this new subdivision where I live is out in the country. The roads are terrible, even in good weather, and it's starting to storm. If you'd wait until Monday, we could go out for lunch and talk then."

"Oh, Flo. I need to talk to someone now. Please let me come tonight," said Donna Ruth.

"Okay. But be careful. I tell you these roads are tricky when it's raining."

Donna Ruth set down her glass of wine, looked at it for a moment, then refilled it as she went about putting out food for Amos. "Here you go, boy." Picking up the yellow cat she held him to her cheek for a moment. "I know it beginning to storm a little, Baby. But, don't be scared."

Donna Ruth packed an overnight case, got an umbrella and ran to her car, got in and started driving East of town. It was getting dark, and the wind and the rain were increasing.

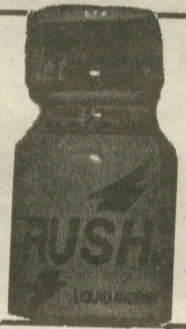
She drove crouched down, trying to see through windshield. Blinking back tears she turned off the highway onto a gravel road.

There was a sudden crack of thunder, and flashes of lightning fingered its way across the sky. Startled for a moment, Donna Ruth took a deep breath, and wiped her eyes.

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Opinion Says Schools Can't Stop Gay Clubs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There is little Utah public high schools can do to stop students from forming Gay, Lesbian and bisexual clubs, according to a new opinion by the Utah attorney general's office.

The Utah State Office of Education had asked for an opinion more than two months ago after a group of students at East High School petitioned to start such a club.

State attorneys responded with a letter faxed Dec. 22 to the education office. It said the only way to stop the students would be to ban all other student clubs that don't directly relate to curriculum or to give up millions of dollars in federal funds.

Douglas F. Bates, coordinator of school law and legislation for the education office, said districts also could petition Congress to repeal the Equal Access Act, which prevents schools from stopping students meeting merely for religious, political or philosophical reasons.

All of the options are impractical if not impossible, Bates said.

It is a "fairly clear call," said Palmer DePaulis, spokesman for the attorney general.

"Once Congress acted, it took it right out of the hands of local officials," he said, referring to the Equal Access Act. "This pre-empted all

discretion by local school officials."

Gayle Ruzicka, president of the conservative Utah Eagle Forum, has promised to fight the club in court or the Legislature.

On the other hand, Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union have vowed to back efforts to organize the club.

Students at East want the club to

be a support network.

One student said that Gay teenagers are more likely than other students to commit suicide, fail at school or drop out.

"We know that there'll be an idea that this will be a bad thing," said the student, who was not identified, "but in the long run, I think it will be better for everybody."

Gay Teacher Speaks About His Fight To Keep His Job

DETROIT (AP) — A west Michigan teacher who nearly lost his job after he acknowledged being Gay broke his near-silence about the ordeal in an interview in a statewide newspaper for Gays and Lesbians.

Gerry Crane, a music teacher at Byron Center High School, recounted his story in the January issue of *Between the Lines*.

Several parents and religious leaders in the town 11 miles south of Grand Rapids demanded Crane's ouster after it was learned that he had "married" a male partner in October.

The Byron Center Board of Education decided in December that Crane could keep his job, but issued a statement condemning his homosexuality.

In the interview, Crane said he was told on the first day of this school year that several district officials knew he was Gay and that they hoped the controversy would pass.

Crane said he believes a disgruntled student distributed a copy of the program from his October ceremony. Questioned about it later, Crane said he sidestepped the issue by asking students, "Does it matter?"

Crane said he later spoke to more students.

"What I said was, 'I know you've heard rumors about me. You have to ask yourself two things: Is it true? And should it matter? If not, then I have a job to do, and you have a job

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Teacher Can't Quit NEA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The National Education Association refuses to let a high school teacher immediately quit the organization because of its support of Lesbian and Gay History Month in public schools.

Jeffery Hudgins, a social studies teacher at Glencliff High School, says he is being forced to pay \$400 annual dues to an organization he politically opposes.

He has tried unsuccessfully to drop out of the NEA since last October when he learned that the group adopted a resolution supporting the celebration of Lesbian and Gay History Month.

"As a social studies teacher, I feel that further polarizes our society by drawing attention to our differences rather than our similarities," Hudgins said.

"If any American had made a major contribution to society, I think that should be taught, but I don't feel it's particularly meaningful based on the sexual persuasion of that person. I don't think it's the role of the teacher to say, 'Hey, we need to know about this person because he was famous and Gay.'

"I don't personally have anything against Gays and Lesbians. I just don't think the classroom is the place to celebrate sexual persuasion."

He's been prevented from dropping his membership because he holds a "continuing membership," which cannot be canceled after Oct. 1 in any given year.

"I felt like there was no budging on their part," Hudgins said. "Why would a membership want to have a disgruntled member anyway? It just doesn't make sense."

Juanita Lockert, president of the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association, the local affiliate of the NEA, said the organization was simply following its own bylaws.

"Every organization has bylaws they have to abide by and follow," Lockert said. "I think (the board and the assembly) felt that if there are guidelines in the bylaws they should be followed, rather than to waive them back and forth."

The bylaws are being changed this year so a person can resign from the MNEA anytime between April 1 and May 31.



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CBS Drops Golf Commentator Over Lesbian Comments

By John Nelson
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Sports dumped longtime golf commentator Ben Wright on Jan. 9, nearly eight months after he was quoted as saying that lesbians hurt women's golf and women golfers are handicapped by having boobs.

Wright won't be a part of the broadcast team for CBS' first tournament of the season — the Pebble Beach Pro-Am on Feb. 3-4 — or any other broadcasts, CBS Sports president David Kenin said in a statement.

CBS agreed to honor the rest of his contract rather than buying him out. Wright signed a four-year extension last November. The amount of the contract wasn't immediately known.

In a statement, Wright apologized to CBS, the Ladies Professional Golf Association and Valerie Helmbreck

of *The News Journal* in Wilmington, Del., whose May 12 story led to his departure.

"Despite the fact that I have been widely misquoted, there is no doubt that I have been guilty of making some insensitive remarks," Wright said.

A golf analyst with CBS since 1972, the 63-year-old Wright was quoted by Helmbreck as saying "Lesbians in the sport hurt women's golf" and women golfers "are handicapped by having boobs."

The remarks drew protests from lesbian and women's organizations and made him persona non grata on the LPGA Tour.

After the story was published, Wright denied the remarks and was backed by CBS. *The News Journal* stood by its story. Helmbreck also was accused of trapping Wright into making the statements, a charge she denied.

In an interview from her newspaper's office, Helmbreck said she considered it "a backhanded apology for him to say that he'd been misquoted and then in the next breath to attempt to apologize to me."

She also wondered what took CBS so long.

"I think it's a little bit shabby that it took CBS this long to figure out how they were going to deal with someone who doesn't tell the truth," she said.

Bennie Ivory, executive editor of *The News Journal*, praised the move, but

added: "I would have dealt with something like that a lot swifter."

LPGA commissioner Jim Ritts agreed, adding that LPGA players, who were outraged by the remarks last spring, "have been unfairly bur-

dened" during the past eight months.

In New York, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation released a statement calling CBS' action "a blow against prejudice and bigotry."

Wright was in London, en route to his home in Flat Rock, N.C., and unavailable to elaborate on his statement.

Lesbian Trooper Files Bias Suit Against State Police in Connecticut

By Strat Douthat
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A lesbian state trooper has filed a civil rights lawsuit accusing state police of shuffling her duties and barring her from speaking out in retaliation for her coming out as a Gay law enforcement officer.

The lawsuit, filed last week in U.S. District Court, seeks millions of dollars in damages from the state and state police officials, including Public Safety Commissioner Kenneth Kirschner.

Trooper Stacey P. Simmons, 29, who works out of Troop F in Westbrook, has been the victim of discrimination and harassment ever since she disclosed she was a lesbian in 1991, her attorney, James Brewer, said Jan. 16.

Simmons joined the state police in 1988.

The lawsuit claims she was discriminated against because of her gender and her sexual orientation.

Simmons claims she was denied permission to wear her uniform in a Gay pride parade, and was not permitted to identify herself as a lesbian while speaking publicly to private groups about intolerance and the state's hate-crimes law.

Her attorney also said that Simmons was discriminated against when she was denied permission to help provide security at a rock concert because she is a 130-pound woman and "not a 250-pound man."

The lawsuit names Kirschner because "as commissioner of public

safety, he is responsible for the conduct and acts of all Connecticut state police officers."

Kirschner and state police officials were attending an awards ceremony Jan. 16 and were unavailable for comment.

In addition to Kirschner, the lawsuit names retired Col. Joseph Perry, Lt. Col. William McGuire, Lt. Paul Fitzgerald, retired Lt. Col. Robert Root and retired Lt. Peter Plant.

Simmons alleges that because of her sex, sexual orientation and her speaking out, the defendants treated her as an inferior officer and denied her rights and privileges that she would have otherwise enjoyed.

She says she was shuffled from troop to troop and subjected to "outrageous conduct including sexual

harassment, discrimination based on her sex, discrimination based on her sexual orientation, defamation of character and intimidation."

"The defendants knew, or should have known, that their conduct was an illegal and repugnant policy towards Gay and Lesbians and that such conduct constituted sexual harassment, discrimination, defamation, retaliation and intimidation," the lawsuit says.

Simmons says she repeatedly protested her treatment, but to no avail.

As a result of the actions of the defendants, she said, her reputation as a law enforcement officer has suffered. She said she has also suffered "emotional harm and distress as well as a disruption of her social life."

Two Held in Hate Killing of Gay Men Denied Bond

HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge has denied bond to two Montana half-brothers held for the murder of a Houston man witnesses say was killed because he was Gay.

Daniel Christopher Bean, 19, and Ronald Henry Gauthier, 21, of Columbia Falls, Mont., were ordered held without bond by state District Judge W.R. Voigt on Jan. 8. The judge also appointed the two attorneys to prepare their defense in the death of Fred Mangione.

Both are charged with murder

and face up to life in prison. The FBI is investigating the case as a hate killing.

Mangione, 46, died in the arms of his companion of 16 years, Kenneth Stern, after being attacked Jan. 10 night outside a west Harris County bar.

Bean and Gauthier were visiting their mother in Katy, just west of Houston, for the holidays. The two claim to be with a neo-Nazi group.

Stern and supporters went to Voigt's court Jan. 8 to make sure the \$200,000 bond on each man wasn't reduced before the trial. Instead, the judge denied them both bond.

Fliers were distributed at Mangione's funeral Jan. 7 encouraging friends to call the judge, politicians and even President Clinton in an effort to keep the pair in jail.

Bean and Gauthier were not brought into the courtroom.

But on paper, Voigt had appointed counsel for the pair and denied the two bond.

"Thank God," said Julia Stern, Kenneth Stern's mother. "This is such good news."

The two were scheduled to appear before Voigt on Jan. 22 for a pre-trial hearing.

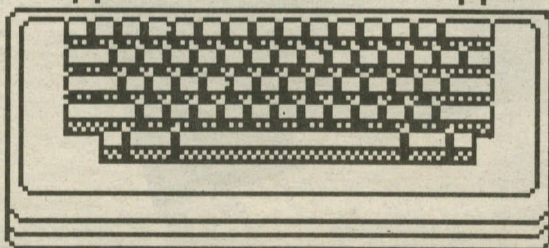


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Dr. Bob Wood Continues Personal, Public Fight Against AIDS.

SEATTLE (AP) — Dr. Bob Wood says his life is AIDS.

Professionally, he's starting his second decade as director of the Seattle-King County Health Department's AIDS Control Program.

Personally, he's a Gay man with HIV.

Colleagues say Wood's tenacity and compassion have given science the upper hand over politics in this region's public-health debates over how to respond to the AIDS epidemic, which is now the No. 1 killer of young men aged 25 to 44.

He has worked closely with community organizations to bring education, condoms and clean needles to street youths, drug addicts and prostitutes — the people most at risk, yet least likely to have access to health services.

"I think Bob's real contribution has been recognizing the importance of not waiting for the people who are most at risk to come into the clinic," said Martin Fishbein, the chief of behavioral intervention in the division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"He's been able to keep a sustained, focused interest in controlling the disease long after the sexy media coverage has disappeared," added Dr. Bill Lafferty, former chief epidemiologist for the state's HIV-AIDS office. "I really think that if we hadn't had the outreach programs we've had, it would be much worse here."

When Wood took the job in 1986, he said he didn't expect he would be able to keep it long. Most people live only 10 to 12 years after they are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

But Wood still works 60-hour weeks, overseeing a division with an annual budget that has grown during his tenure from \$650,000 to \$13

million.

"I joke with people that the stress of this job has kept my immune system strong," he said.

Dr. Hunter Handsfield, who recruited Wood, said he was a natural for the job: an openly Gay physician who was one of the first doctors in Washington to see AIDS patients in 1982; a University of Washington medical school professor; and a proven researcher who separated himself from the emotion surrounding AIDS and used science to fight for sound public health policies.

When Wood wanted to start a needle-exchange program to prevent drug addicts from sharing HIV-contaminated needles, critics charged it would promote drug abuse and was perhaps illegal.

"Bob was the bridge" to getting opposing factions to agree on a program, said Patricia McInturff, who headed the health department's regional division then. "Everybody knew how much Bob cared about this. He wasn't just another bureaucrat who thought it would make a great research topic."

Not all of his efforts have gone as smoothly.

In 1993, Wood supported a state proposal that would have required medical labs to notify local health departments when patients' blood tests indicated they had AIDS. At stake was the amount of federal funding the state would receive for AIDS care.

But AIDS activists protested, arguing people would be less likely to get tested because their confidentiality would be compromised.

It was during that debate that Wood revealed publicly he was HIV-positive, to make the point that the activists did not speak for everyone suffering from HIV or AIDS.

The state board of health ultimately adopted a compromise in which laboratories conceal the iden-

tity of patients with a code before notifying health departments.

"This very vocal minority vilified Bob for being a traitor to the Gay community," Handsfield recalled. "It was very courageous of him to reveal his HIV status then. It allowed him to counter some of the more extreme views of AIDS activists, but it wasn't something he had necessarily wanted to be totally public."

In another case, some King County Council members balked at a grant to pay prostitutes to give free condoms to other prostitutes to prevent the spread of HIV. But ultimately, after hearing testimony from Wood and others, the council allowed the health department to keep the grant.

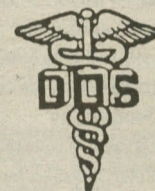
Wood says he finds it discouraging to have to fight for programs he believes were proven valuable years ago.

"Politics often have more sway over public health programs than science, and the losers are disenfranchised communities," he said, noting the disease hits disproportionately among homosexuals, drug users and poor minority populations.

"Who is going to organize the poor and the disenfranchised? I don't know."

Wood said his greatest fear is the complacency that seems to be settling in about AIDS. When he first began his job, he was asked to speak to community groups about the disease two or three times a week. Now he gets a request about once a month.

But he still has faith that public-health professionals can help change behavior and save lives, and that AIDS could be contained if youths are consistently bombarded with the message to use condoms.



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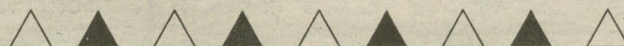
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Picking Up Momentum

We encourage all of our gentle readers to note the list below. We have certainly informed Piggly Wiggly stores that our shopping will take place elsewhere.

We also came to the conclusion that after 5, count 'em, 5 years that a fresh name for disyere colyum was in order. It will arrive next month. This month's photo is courtesy of Phoenix Photography and is of our evening attire at last year's Southern Country annual Throw-Down.

Statement of Purpose: the original name for disyere colyum was *Quick Clips* which was a space for little interesting happenings not big enough for a whole article. We endeavour to note all special events (not changes in schedule for regular things) and contests, pageants u.s.w. We do not promise to read the minds of event promoters, business owners or opinionated queens. We do intend to give our gentle readers a piece of our own mind when we feel the need. Everyone seems to think that this effort is some sort of gossip feast of the month.

Weeeee!!!!!!...maybe if you read between the lines...

Social Calendar

Lady Rae', a performer of 25 years duration, is currently only seen on very special occasions. She has created a special occasion of her own to celebrate her silver anniversary as a performer. This will take place on Sunday, Feb. 25, at WKRB and will feature performers of the same high calibre as herself and many tributes to famous performers of the past.

Jimmy Gray and Dee Dee Whitaker have been hard at work organizing the 4th annual King and Queen of Hearts Benefit for Sunday, Feb. 11, also at WKRB. This is a benefit for Friends For Life and will feature a show and auction. New re-

galia, new scenery, a memorial wall of snapshots and a 1000 Points of Light Memory Ribbon will be included. Miss Whitaker and Miss Gray have been delighted at many new supporters for this year's benefit and it promises to be a lot of fun. Snapshots (large pictures will be difficult to hang) will be accepted for the memorial wall until Friday the 9th and will be displayed the night of the benefit only.

Tsarus' annual Man of the Year awards banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at WKRB. This is a chance to honor a member of our community who has been conspicuous in community service and get a good meal as well. This event is, and always has been, open to all members of the community and is always a fun evening, especially as there is a bit of roasting as well as praising of the winner. All expenses are paid by the club so all door proceeds go to the charity of the honoree's choice.

We must happily concur with our colleague Mule that the Sunshine Lounge has produced the best queer-friendly burger we have tried. The onion was grilled to perfection (we are quite partial to grilled onion) and we couldn't have asked for better. Mule did not mention that the same care in preparation extends to BLT's, grilled cheese and several other delectables. We are always ready to try those cooks who think that their

burgers (or other victuals) have improved worth noting (remember the 14 pots of chili we judged with great relish). We will be happy to sample (we pay as we go) and inform Mule as well.

Bits and Snatches

We are extremely happy to have been part of the Coalition for Diversity action which organized Memphians of many styles to speak up against, oh what's his name, oh, yes, Ed McAteer, Jerry Falwell et al. Our little black heart bleeds big red drops that they

couldn't even make a good showing on the main floor of the Pyramid, much less fill it. Apathy can be to good advantage sometimes. Perhaps, even with our activist church members taking such a stand, some enthused individual will organize a secular activist organization for our Gay/Lesbian community. Hint...hint.

Yes, Virginia, Crossroads is relocating. It will be removing to the 505 section of club 501. Details as they are available, moving day is in March.

Details are being firmed up but the fabulous Belle Curves have been confirmed for this year's MGLCC/Switchboard Pride River Ride in June. They tentatively will be among the entertainers at this year's Pride Festival also.

Dear girls of glitter: there is ever an increasing amount of creativity being used in one's stage name. It is an ever-increasing challenge to figure out how to spell these names and we try to take pride in correct spelling. Please, dahlings, if you win a title or do something wonderful and want to see your name in print get somebody to write it down or spell it properly for us over the phone. We have had angst for years over some of these tricky stage names that even get misspelled in ad copy from the person giving the show! Case in point: it is constantly amazing to us that, as many years as she has been performing, that so few people realize Lorretta Williams spells "Lorretta" with 2 r's.

End of an Era: the Flower Market has flown east. The party space in which so many wonderful fundraisers and parties were held is now vacant. Our psychic sources tell us that someone was critical of so much



merrymaking and now this resource is unavailable. Or is it just fallow?

Our favorite J.A.P. in GHOUN (Germantown Housewives of Uniform Naugahyde) informs us that the VESPA (Very Expensive Sordid Phallic Adventures) run will metamorphose this year into Little Rascals go-carts or soapbox derby race cars or something in that vein. We will take note from the vehicles whether she remembers the *silent* version or one of the talkies.

We enjoyed the loud, brash Jerry Halliday at Amnesia. His Bette Davis was our favorite and by far his wittiest and best selection. We would have loved to enjoy him afterwards but we didn't make it to the Pipeline. The performances were a benefit for Aloysius Home and Friends For Life.

We wrote a review elsewhere about *Angels in America* which is now open at Playhouse on the Square. We will not restate it all here. Just go. There are four very positive aspects which we will emphasize. 1. It moves like the wind, one is not aware that it is a long play. 2. It does not leave one depressed at the end despite the serious issues. 3. Several incidents are used for emphasis but nothing is done for mere sensationalism. 4. The play is masterful and the acting superb.

Thanks from MGLCC to Alliance for the donation from the Hairy Chest Contest at their Janu-Hairy club night at 501.

Coming in March, Southern Country annual Throw-Down and

St. Patrick's Invitational Bowling Tournament. The tournament (SPIT) will hold a benefit at Backstreet on Saturday, Feb. 17, which will include a Gay Dating Game and Fairy Feud. Details in ad, it's just too complicated.

Holy Trinity Community Church is celebrating its 5th anniversary in 1996, see article.

Senior Pastor Greg Bullard of Safe Harbor MCC will be installed on Saturday, Feb. 24, at a special evening service. The location will be the former Springdale Methodist Church on North Trezevant between Overton Park and Jackson Ave. We have been given to understand that MCC has discussed regular use of this facility.

The Runaround

Mardi Gras will hold annual court at the Pipeline the weekend after Valentine's Day. Numerous surprise happenings are planned as well as the traditional King Cake and Jazz on Fat Tuesday.

Alliance will also celebrate Mardi Gras on Saturday, Feb. 17 with a Maladjusted Mardi Gras including floats (there is a competition, see Dutch at 501) and a buffet.

Singers Lisa Blurton and Derek Dean will perform at 501 on Friday, Feb. 9, in a prelude of Beale St. Country Nights (see ad) later in the month.

The Dorothy Quinn Jam Band will also perform at the Ritz on Beale St. on Saturday, Feb. 3, as the first of a regular first Saturday of the Month appearance at the club.

Amber Starr will return to Amnesia for two special shows Feb. 3 & 4 and Scott Baldwin returns on Feb. 16.

Final Round

Oh yes, our first person plural is always the royal "we."

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Lady A.

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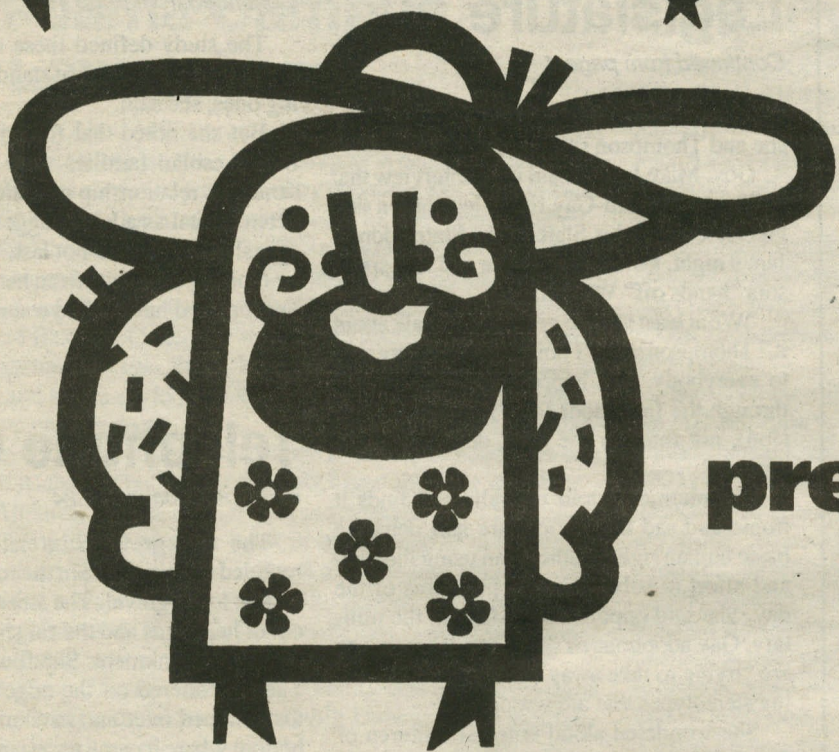
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Ballot to Legislature

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sion. The bill probably will die in the Senate, she and Thompson said.

Gov. Mike Lowry said in an interview that he'll veto any anti-Gay rights legislation that hits his desk. In his State of the State address Jan. 9 night, he raised the issue and told sponsors "hands off" Washington.

"We at least need to get it out and talk about it," Thompson said. "Frankly, this is pretty new to everybody. If it happens, it should come through the front door (as a legislative decision), not through the back door (from the courts)."

Cammermeyer told the rally she finds it ironic and sad that people are still debating basic human rights, rather than using the time and effort to solve pressing problems of the day. She said opponents of Gays in the military, Gay adoptions or same-gender marriage are "trying to take away our humanity by using stereotypes that are wrong."

She wondered aloud whether children of Gay and Lesbian parents, or those who could otherwise be adopted by them, will be rounded up and put in "orphanages like Newt Gingrich has proposed" for welfare children.

Said Murray: "We cannot be satisfied as long as we live in fear of losing our jobs in Spokane and Bellevue, Yakima and Olympia. We cannot be satisfied so long as the majority can use the ballot to vote away the rights of any minority."

Gay Teacher

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to do. Let's get to it."

According to *Between the Lines*, school board attorney Patrick White asked Crane in December, "What will it take for you to go quietly?"

Crane said he declined two offers to pay his salary if he would leave.

Crane could not be reached for comment Tuesday by the *Detroit Free Press*, which published excerpts from the *Between the Lines* interview.

Reporter Mary Banghart said Crane granted her the interview because he trusted her to treat the case with sensitivity.

"He's a friend of mine and he wants the truth to come out, but he wanted to be very careful of how that truth comes out," Banghart said.

White told the *Free Press* that he could not confirm or deny the *Between the Lines* report, adding that the publication had not contacted him. He also said school board and district officials would not comment on Crane's case.

Children

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The study defined these relationships as anything from one-night stands to longer-lasting ones, she said.

But she noted that four of the six adults from Lesbian families who reported a past same-sex relationship considered themselves heterosexual as adults, suggesting the homosexual attraction did not last.

None of the adults from heterosexual families reported having had a same-sex relationship.

Telephone Calls

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The rain grew in intensity and as she rounded a sharp curve in the road the car skidded on loose gravel. The steering wheel spun out of her hands and the car slid to the edge of a steep embankment. She fought for control. The car tottered on the edge for a moment, then slipped over and careening towards the bottom where it came to rest upside down in a swollen stream.

"Oh, whatever will happen to Amos?" Donna Ruth muttered before she blacked out.

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Visitation

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documents that McKay demonstrated poor judgment that was "likely to endanger both the children's physical or emotional health."

The Beltrami County District Court had agreed, saying McKay could visit her children only in Beltrami County, where Johnson lives. The court's action Jan. 16 lifts that limit.

In a court affidavit, Johnson objected to McKay taking showers with her partner and with their daughter, then 7. He objected to the women taking the children to Gay rights events such as a parade in San Francisco and the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York, and he objected to McKay's partner taking his son, then 11, on a three-day, cross-country trip without McKay and without his knowledge. He also complained that his young son received an unsolicited letter from a Gay male friend of McKay's.

McKay's attorney told the court that the boy had asked the man — a deacon at a Gay and Lesbian church that McKay attends in Texas — to write to him. Regarding the showers, a therapist who interviewed the girl said she "did not indicate any fondling or inappropriate touch occurring," according to the court record.

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Angels in America—Just Go, You'll See

A Review
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Four excellent reasons, first off, to see *Angels in America* at Playhouse on the Square: 1. It moves like the wind, one is not aware that it is a long play. 2. It does not leave one depressed at the end despite the serious issues. 3. Several incidents are used for emphasis but nothing is done for mere sensationalism. 4. The play is masterful and the acting superb throughout by all concerned.

Angels in America is an ensemble piece. Only a single actor has only one role. The characters, too, intermingle in unique and surreal ways.

The year is 1985. The play deals basically with two couples and relationship problems. One heterosexual couple (played by Rodney Peck and Josephine Hall) is stolidly trying to deal with a decline in intimacy and sexual relations which has created emotional problems for both parties. The Mormon background of the spouses plays a large role. One Gay couple (played by Jeff Goldman and Kevin Jones) is dealing with the problems brought on when one spouse is HIV-negative and the other is beginning to deal with Kaposi's Sarcoma and related symptoms. One is of a strong Jewish background and the other bears an old family name and a long historic lineage. Fidelity is the issue in both cases, fidelity physically and emotionally.

The infamous Roy Cohn (played by Jim Ostrander) is a sort of Mephistopheles in denial who tempts and manipulates but denies his own AIDS diagnosis and the label "homosexual" in a perversely logical manner. Admitting to his manipulative "triumphs" and yet refusing to believe in associations he cannot deny he comes off as totally unsympathetic.

The play makes some very strong statements and deals unstintingly with serious issues graphically but without rank sensationalism. A "sex outside in the park" scene melds with the story logically. A brief nude scene happens in such an expected context that one wonders why anyone would even mention it. The surreal aspects of the play are introduced very logically and become a unique link among the characters in a play that becomes surreal almost without one noticing. The entire play is witty without being flippant and therein lies one of its greatest strengths. The credit for maintaining this balance must go as much to director Ken Zimmerman as to the masterful casting.

Ann Marie Hall and Jenny Odle rise to the challenge of multiple, diverse roles and quick character shifts, and each has fascinating character studies to showcase. DeJon Mayes shifts quickly from an abso-

lutely believable real portrayal to a figment of another character's imagination. Ostrander plays Cohn in a brash, abrupt, smarmy way that leaves no room for sympathy. Peck expresses his sexually ambiguous and emotionally troubled character still retaining the remains of the scruples given to him by a Mormon upbringing. Hall carries the large load of being one of the turning points of the fantastic, and then shifts gears into a totally unrelated minor character and keeps the level of quality high throughout. Goldman works his way through long speeches of convoluted logic by his character and maintains the character's ambivalent convictions. Jones alternates between the raw emotion of a seriously ill man and strange, yet curiously wonderful, fantasies that his character cannot decide whether are real, imagined or drug-induced. The quality of the acting throughout is the highest.

Michael Brewer's dully painted but highly versatile set provides the assistance required, with set pieces

aptly handled by the cast and four precise and efficient stagehands). Steven Crick's lighting and Ross Rice's original music continue the absolute ensemble atmosphere along with costume coordination by Max Goforth. A nod to Stage Manager Richelle Harrington for expert guidance of the complex effects.

I have purposely been ambiguous about the specific lines, situations and instances in the show. I want to entice... no, insist that you go see it for yourself. This play has been called the best piece of American drama written in the last three decades. It very well might be. Just go, you'll see.

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Charles Clark, musical director of the chorus, says he is seeking members for the chorus, soloists, small group singers or even self-contained groups to participate. Different styles (including rock, country, blues, soul, etc.) are welcome for the solo and

small group performances.

"Anyone who would like to entertain and help create a positive image for our community is invited to join us," Clark said.

If you enjoy singing, the chorus would appreciate seeing you at a chorus rehearsal on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison Ave., or call Charles Clark at 274-0636 for more information.

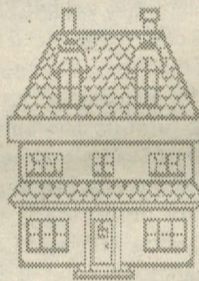


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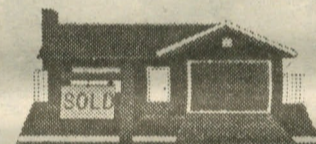


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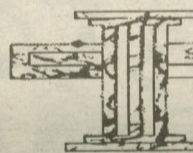


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Southern Country to Present Sneak Preview Featuring Beale Street Country Nights Performers

Fri., Feb. 9 at 10:30 pm., Southern Country will host a mini-concert featuring recording artist Lisa Blurton and Derek Dean, male vocalist and Southern Country member. The event will actually be a sneak preview of their performances at Beale Street Country Nights, to be held the following week at the historic New Daisy Theater on Beale Street. The sneak preview will enable Club 501 patrons a chance to sample some of the local talent we are sure to be paying top dollar for in the very



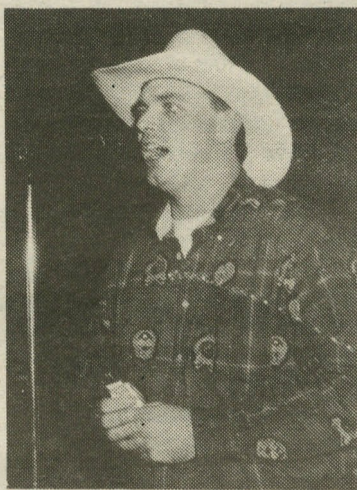
Derek Dean and Lisa Blurton

near future. Although not confirmed at press time, there is a possibility Miss Blurton will even perform in the regular show later that evening.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy some of the live talent that is beginning to join the casts of showbars around the city. Another male vocalist, Phillip Garris, will also be singing live in the Beale St. show, as he does regularly at 501 and other clubs around the city.

The Beale Street Country Nights show will break new ground in Memphis as T.R.I.M. records takes country music to the birthplace of the blues. It's a combination of the musical traditions Memphis is famous for and a chance for fans to sample some of the best music the city has to offer. Particularly gratifying is the opportunity for the Gay and Lesbian community to be a part of this event.

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Phillip Garris

ducer. The show will be televised (check local listings) and a video copy of the show will be available. Ticket prices for this fantastic night of entertainment have purposely been kept affordable (\$5) to assure a great turnout.

For more information about Beale Street Country Nights contact T.R.I.M. records at (901) 358-0295. For more information about the sneak preview Fri., Feb. 9, at Club 501, contact any of the Southern Country officers.

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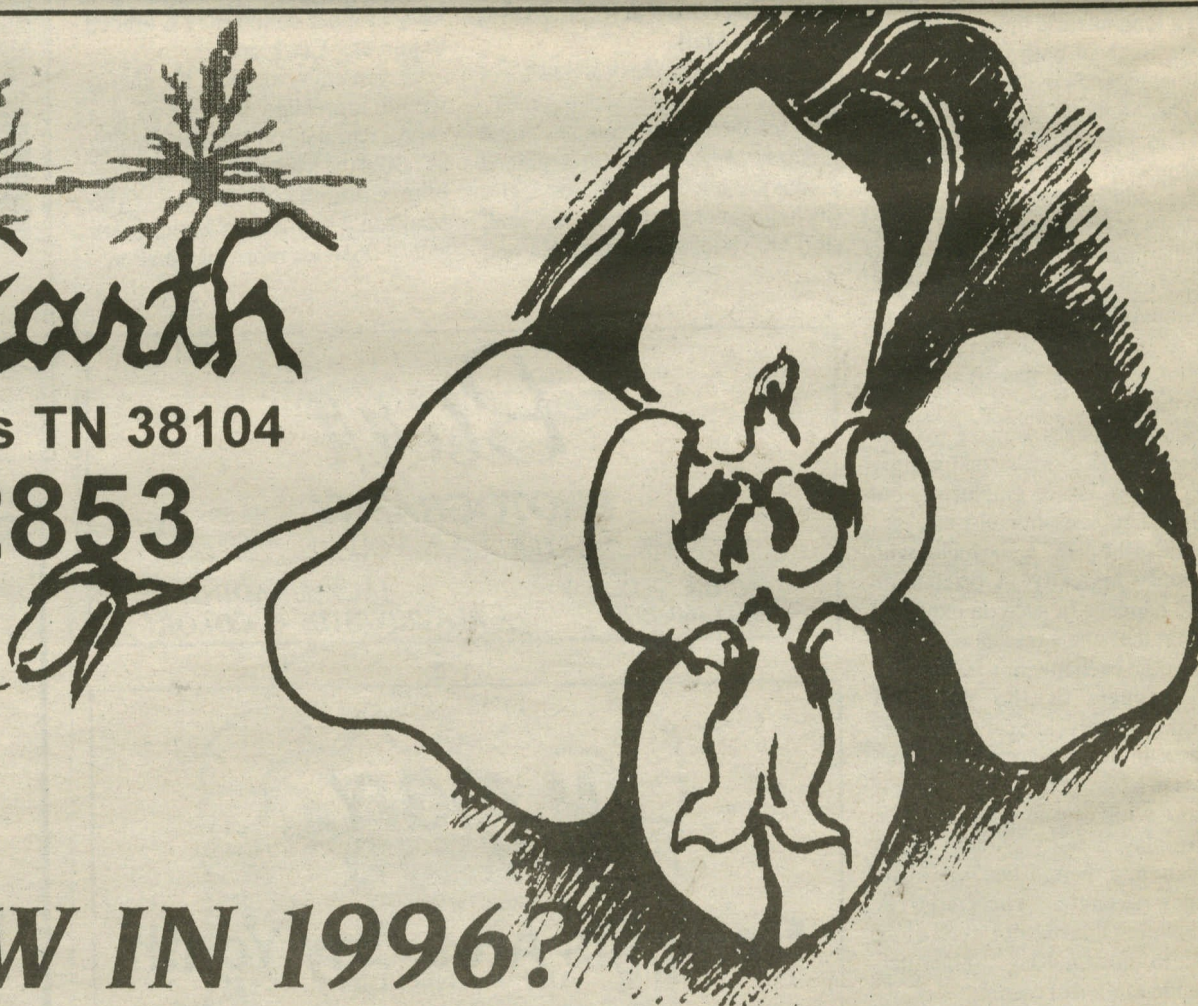
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Henderson **GROUP ACTIVITIES:** GWM, 5'7", 163, 43, well built, seeks single WM or couples, for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☎27561

Henderson **CHRISTMAS IN TENNESSEE:** GWM, 21, 5'9", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, new to are, variety of interests, seeks GWM's, 20-26 and HIV-, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎25893

Knoxville **GROUP GROPE:** GWM couple, attractive and masculine, late 20's, well built, seeks same in single guys or couples. Please leave a message. ☎25531

Knoxville **VERY OPEN AND SOCIAL:** GWM, 24, 6', 150, seeks other guys, under 40, for friendship, companionship and more. Please leave a message. ☎25758

Knoxville **READY AND WILLING:** GWM, 38, masculine, 5'8", auburn hair, blue eyes, recently divorced after 11 years, seeks others for friendship and wild times. Please leave a message. ☎26082

Knoxville **PIPELINE TO PARADISE:** GWM, 28, 5'11", 170, blonde hair, brown eyes, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎37785

Knoxville **BIG JOCK ON CAMPUS:** Bi WM, 33, 5'10", 180, seeks aggressive and athletic guys, in the local area, for fun and adventure. Please leave a message. ☎43428

Memphis **LET'S MEAT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS:** GWM, 28, 160, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, good shape, professional, varied interests, seeks others, 23-33, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎17259

Memphis **LET'S HAVE FUN:** Bi WM, submissive, 35, 5'9", 150, seeks others, 35-50, singles or couples, for fun and more. Safeness and discreteness a must! Please leave a message. ☎26622

Murfreesboro **LONELY IN MURFREESBORO:** GWM, 30, brown hair and eyes, 'stache, 155, 5'11", varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎25089

Murfreesboro **BLACK MALE ME:** Bi Curious WM, 18, 5'9", attractive, seeks GBM, 18-24, for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☎27366

Nashville **TOP THIS:** GWM, 30'S, varied interests, seeks dominant guys, 25-45, for pleasure and more. Please leave a message. ☎26746

Nashville **LET'S MEAT:** GWM, 150, 6'1", blonde hair, green eyes, athletic, seeks others, who are inexperienced, to explore life with. Please leave a message. ☎20998

Nashville **TIRED OF BARS:** GWM, 36, 5'10", 145, brown hair and eyes, in shape, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎26954

Nashville **FUN SEEKER:** GWM, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, muscular, varied interests, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎27027

Nashville **I AM NOT PICKY:** GBM, 27, 5'8", 230, big guy, seeks others for fun, friendship and possibly more. No fem's or men over 30! Please leave a message. ☎27162

Nashville **LET'S REPEAT THIS:** GWM, masculine, 5'10" 170, late 40's, hard body, dominant and hairy, seeks same for sweaty and masculine bonding. Leave a message. ☎27210

Nashville **LET'S TALK:** GWM, seeks others for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☎27467

Tennessee **ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?:** GWM, 30, brown hair and eyes, 5'11", 165, varied interests, seeks other GWM's, 25-35, for friendship and maybe more. Please leave a message. ☎25089

Chattanooga **WELL ROUNDED:** GWM, 26, professional, 5'10", 185, green/blue eyes, hairy, varied interests, non smoker, drug free, seeks others, 25-35, well built and fit, for fun, travel and more. Please leave a message. ☎18436

Clarksville **TENNESSEE TWISTERS:** GWM, mature, average build, seeks other GM's or Bi males, aggressive and dominant, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎18085

Clarksville **MASCULINE ONLY:** GWM, 30, 160, seeks GWM into outdoors and more. No fem's or fat's. Please leave a message. Must be masculine, straight appearing and acting. ☎20823

Cookeville **DO YOU KNOW YOUR GENDER?:** Bi WM, 25, seeks male, female or couple, for friendship first then possibly more. Please be sincere and honest. Please leave a message. ☎21279

Knoxville **KNOXVILLE KUTIE:** GWM, 21, attractive and intelligent, varied interests, seeks others for friends and more. Please leave a message. ☎18120

Knoxville **BUDDY BONDING:** GWM, 34, 6'1", 205, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks local guys, masculine and sports minded, for friendship and more. Please call! ☎18989

Knoxville **BOY FOR BOY:** GWM, 5'8", 125, brown hair, green eyes, 20, college student, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎20915

Murfreesboro **NAUGHTY IN NASHVILLE:** GWM, 23, 5'11, 145, brown hair, green eyes, variety of interests, seeks others, 25-30, masculine, attractive and aggressive, local preferred, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎42489

Murfreesboro **ANY PORT WILL DO:** GWM, varied interests, romantic, seeks others, 18-28, for friendship, fun and much more. Please leave a message. ☎19297

Nashville **THIS IS BRAD:** GWM, 27, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, 155, varied

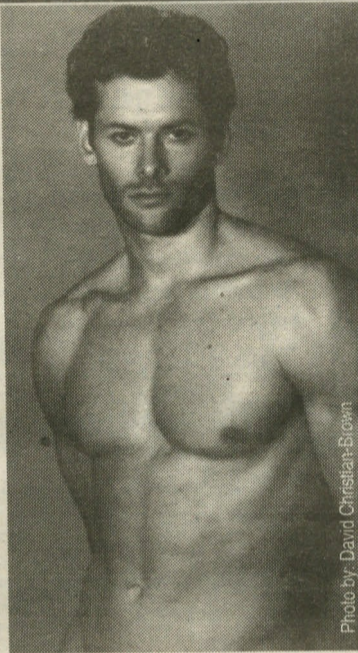


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interests, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. ☎18193

Nashville **LET ME TREAT YOU RIGHT!** GWM, 30 something, brown hair and eyes, beard, 6', 180, seeks working class GWM's for friendship and fun. Please leave a message. ☎19001

Nashville **WANNA PLAY DOCTOR?:** GWM, 6', 185, brown hair and eyes, beard, home owner, registered nurse, seeks working class man with a dominant attitude. Please leave a message. ☎20701

Nashville **LET'S TEACH EACH OTHER:** GWM, 6'1", blonde hair, green eyes, 150, swimmer's build, inexperienced, seeks same for fun and friendship. Please leave a message. ☎20998

Smyrna **TENNESSEE FUN TIMES:** GWM, 5'11", 165, brown hair and eyes, 'stached, seeks others for friendship and more. Must be drug/disease free. Please leave a message. ☎19043

Gallatin **GOOD TIME MEN:** GBM, 26, 5'6" 132, varied interests, seeks same for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎16802

Knoxville **THIS IS RICHARD:** Bi WM, seeks other Bi WM's or straight white males for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎16393

Knoxville **NO FOOLIN' AROUND:** GWM, 5'7", blue eyes, brown hair, 'stache, good looking, varied interests, seeks others, 29-40, well established and masculine, into one on one relationship only! Please leave a message. ☎16465

Memphis **TEXAS TRANSPLANT:** GLM, 32, 5'9", 175, new to area, bottom, varied interests, seeks dominant men under 35 for one on one relationship. Please leave a message. ☎16906

Memphis **MEMPHIS VARIETY:** GWM, 28, 5'11", 160, good looking and good shape, medium shape, varied interests, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎17259

Murfreesboro **TALK TO ME!** GWM, 20, 5'7", 205, blonde hair, blue eyes, lots of varied interests, outgoing, seeks others, 18-25, for friendship and more with similar qualities. Please leave a message. ☎17007

Nashville **HUNKY HUNGER:** GWM, 32, good looking, seeks well endw'd men for fun and pleasure. Please leave me a message. ☎16588

Nashville **SALT AND PEPPER:** GBM, 36, professional, varied interests, 6'2", 210, seeks GWM, 26-35, masculine and attractive, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎16756

Nashville **LONELY HEART:** GWM, 200, 26, varied interests, seeks a special person for my life. Please leave a message. ☎17047

Nashville **IVORY HUNTER:** GBM, 40, seeks passive and submissive GWM, 35-50, for pleasure and discrete encounters. Please leave a message. ☎17181

Nashville **FRIENDS FIRST:** GWM, 35, into working out, movies and reading, seeks others, masculine preferred, for friendship first then possibly more. Please leave me a message. ☎17209

Nashville **THIS IS HARRISON:** GWM, 26, 5'9", 210, seeks other guys, 20-30, for friendship and more. Must be disease/drug free. Let me make you feel special. Please leave a message. ☎17225

Nashville **I ENJOY LIFE:** GWM, 29, varied interests, HIV+, seeks same for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☎17718

Tennessee **GOOD TIMES ALL AROUND:** GWM, 5'10", brown hair, green eyes, good build, seeks others for friendship and good times. Please leave a message. ☎16805

Tennessee **MIDDLE EASTERN MADNESS:** GWM, 23, 5'9", 150, seeks Middle Eastern males, India referred, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎23090

Memphis **COMING IN FOR A LANDING:** GWM, 6', 175, brown hair and eyes, top, seeks a very experienced bottom for good times. Leave a message. ☎12711

Memphis **GOOD OLE' BOY:** GWM, 6'1", 210, 44, blonde hair, blue eyes, into camping, sporting events and other things, seeks a red neck buddy for adventure and pleasure. ☎12961

Memphis **HUNKY AND HEAVY:** GWM, bearded, middle-aged, masculine top, seeks GWM, 18-50, chunky and husky a plus. Please leave a message. ☎14109

Memphis **ELVIS IS DEAD, I'M NOT:** GWM, 40, seeks friends for dinner and other entertainment. Please leave a message. ☎13021

Memphis **BUDDY WANTED:** GWM, 26, seeks friends and someone special. Please leave a message. ☎13146

Memphis **MASCULINE MEATING:** GWM, 35, very masculine, good looking, seeks other GWM's into sports, outdoor activities, and general fun. No bar flies please. ☎13188

Memphis **GROUP GROPE:** GWM, 36, masculine and attractive, seeks masculine and discreet GWM's, couples or groups a plus, for entertainment and excitement. I can travel or entertain. Please leave a message. ☎13260

Memphis **BLACK IS BACK:** GBM, 21, college student, clean cut and shaven, 5'9", 185, seeks other GM's, 18-24, for pleasure. No drugs/alcohol. Please leave a message. ☎13310

Memphis **BOY TOY WANTED:** GWM, very dominant and aggressive, seeks a masculine and muscular boy for a serious relationship. Attitude is everything and limits respected. Must be serious and extremely passive. Leave a message. ☎37008

Memphis **LONELY IN TENNESSEE:** GWM, 5'10", 160, seeks friends and relationship. Please leave a message. ☎13477

Memphis **NAUGHTY IN NASHVILLE:** GWM, 26, 6', 160, excellent shape, seeks GAM/GWM/GHM, 18-30, smooth, under 150, and under 6', for relationship and friendship. Please leave a message. ☎13891

Memphis **NASHVILLE NIGHTS:** GWM, 26, 6'1", 210, seeks friends in the local area. Please leave me a message. ☎14097

Memphis **FUN IN THE SUN:** GWM, 6'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks other GM's for fun. Please leave a message. ☎13080

Nashville **STRAIGHT BI DAY:** Mike, 32, reg. bi guy, iso other reg. guys, educated and discreet iso same for encounters during the day- ☎9424

Nashville **AM I THE ONE?:** John, 18, 5'11, blonde/blue, like guys fun spontaneous, like to spend time with me, and someone not always real busy, and looking for someone 18-20, high self esteem, and single- ☎9430

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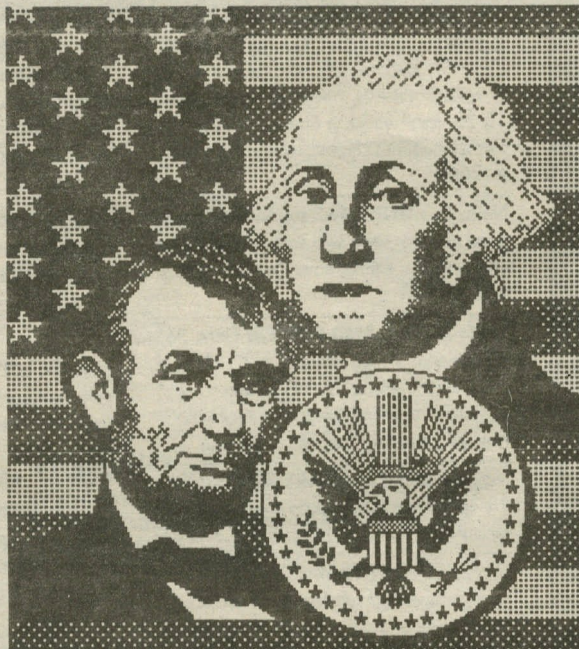
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