

## Utah Lawmakers Pass Anti-Gay Club Bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah lawmakers approved a measure that bans Gay student clubs in high schools and aims to curb what a backer argued was homosexual "recruiting" for a deadly lifestyle.

Despite the promise of a legal challenge, Republican Gov. Mike Leavitt said he would sign the bill into law.

"In our society, sometimes you just have to go to a court to resolve the finer points," Leavitt said Apr. 18. "Many people in the state, and I'm among them, wish that this did not have to play out in our schools. This is obviously a much larger national debate.

"I wish it were finished. I don't suppose it is," Leavitt said.

Under the bill, which cleared the Senate 21-7 and the House 47-21, schools must deny access to clubs encouraging criminal or delinquent conduct, promoting bigotry or involving human sexuality.

It is the only measure of its kind in the nation to win passage, said Jencie Anderson of the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Not only does it violate the rights of Lesbian, Gay and straight students, but everyone associated with a Utah high school, including teachers, administrators and volunteers," said Carol Gnade, executive director of the ACLU in Utah.

State and school officials have been looking for a way to ban Gay clubs since late last year when students at East High School in Salt Lake City said they were forming a Gay-Straight Alliance.

The Salt Lake School Board reacted by banning all nonacademic extracurricular organizations, such as the chess and Latin

clubs, believing that under the 1984 federal Equal Access Law that was the only way it could prevent the Gay students from meeting.

Supporters of the new bill believe it skirts those prohibitions.

Democratic Sen. George Mantel, an opponent, denounced it as "another moral witch-hunt in our state."

During the debate, Republican Rep. David Bresnahan, said his brother, who died of AIDS, had been misled into believing he was born a homosexual.

"Statements were made that (youngsters) aren't recruited, and they sure are," he said, his voice breaking with emotion. "Free speech does not include recruiting them into a homosexual lifestyle that can kill them."

But some opponents said the measure would do little but open the state to expensive litigation.

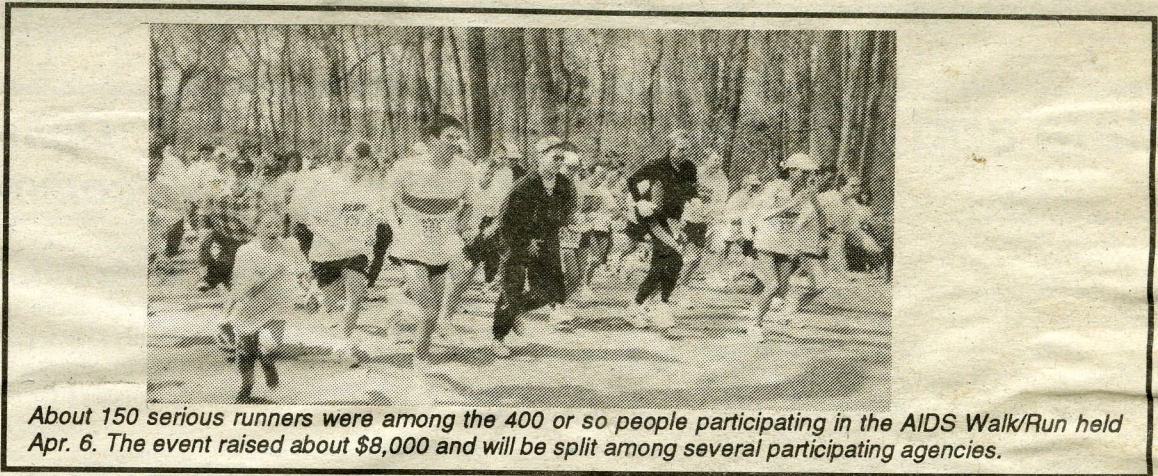
Republicans control both houses of the Legislature. Nearly 90 percent of the lawmakers are members of the Mormon Church, which considers homosexual acts grounds for excommunication.

Earlier this year, a similar measure that would have barred teachers from espousing or supporting illegal activities on or off campus was vetoed by the governor over concerns it infringed on teachers' freedom of speech.

But Leavitt — who agreed with the bill's intent — placed the matter on the agenda for a special session that began Wednesday.

Leavitt had wanted to give schools the option to ban the clubs, but the Legislature enacted a bill with a statewide ban on the clubs.

Utah is about 76 percent Mormon, by calculation of the church



About 150 serious runners were among the 400 or so people participating in the AIDS Walk/Run held Apr. 6. The event raised about \$8,000 and will be split among several participating agencies.

## Woman Fights Court Sodomy Law Ruling

DAYTON, Tenn. (AP) — A female preacher fighting to retain the state's same-sex sodomy law has filed a brief with the Tennessee Supreme Court announcing her intention to appeal a ruling declaring the law unconstitutional.

Fundamentalist June Griffin has requested permission to file an appeal of a Tennessee Court of Appeals ruling on Jan. 26 that determined a state law making homosexual acts a crime violated the right to privacy.

Ms. Griffin said April 10th she

expects the request to file the appeal will be granted. She said the state has filed a separate request.

In January, a three-judge appeals court panel ruled the state law unconstitutional. The state had appealed an earlier ruling by Davidson County Circuit Court Judge Walter Kurtz in a lawsuit by five citizens who said they had violated the law in the past and feared prosecution.

The appeals court upheld Kurtz's ruling that private sexual activity between consenting adults

of the same sex was protected by the state constitution. Ms. Griffin had intervened in the case in favor of the law and argued before the appeals court.

The state argued that the Legislature was attempting to protect the public health and safety when it enacted the law in 1989. State attorneys said Gays have a much higher incidence of AIDS and other problems, including depression and alcoholism, and public aid is sometimes used to treat those diseases.

## Softball League Play Begins

The Bluff City Sports Association Softball League began official league play on April 14. The first day of play began with opening ceremonies in the form of presentation of league officers, teams, coaches and team sponsors and umpires followed by the National Anthem.

The first game featured Amnesia Knights taking on the Pipeline Pirates, with the Pirates taking an opening day win by a score of 12-

8. Next was Cole Haysten Clippers versus Amnesia Haze with the Haze coming out on top 16-2. The Jaguars took on Amnesia Knights next and came away with a 19-4 victory. The final game pitted the Mid South Vision Peepers against WKRBee's with the Peepers winning 18-2.

All games are played at Audubon Park at the corner of Southern & Goodlett, beginning at 12:30 on Sunday afternoons. The

stands were full of fans watching games, taking in the atmosphere and enjoying the fun. After the games teams gather at a sponsoring bar to relax and enjoy themselves as their way of saying thanks for your support of our league.

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## Hawaii Senate Stifles Challenge on Same-Sex Marriage Bill Referral

By Bruce Dunford  
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — The state Senate's majority Democrats on Monday stonewalled an effort by Republican Sen. Michael Liu to challenge steps taken apparently to block resurrection of a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

The confrontation saw Liu and fellow Republican Whitney Anderson walk off the Senate floor in protest. It also saw a scolding of the majority Democrats by one of their own.

"The Senate Democratic leadership must be viewed for what

they are, hypocrites with no respect for the law," Liu said in a statement issued after the April 15th stormy Senate session.

"A week ago, Democrats were arguing about a breach of Senate rules. Yet, when it comes to a constitutional provision allowing for recall of a bill, Senate Democrats have no qualms about breaking it without any conscience or concern for the public," he said.

Liu challenged Senate President Norman Mizuguchi's action of last week to additionally refer the amendment bill that is before Judiciary Committee to the Health Committee.

Some Senate leaders contend that

it restarted the 20-day clock before at least nine senators (one-third of the 25 members) could move to recall the bill to the floor, although there apparently is no such move afoot. Mizuguchi later on Monday denied that was the purpose.

Liu challenged that step as a violation of Senate rules and the state Constitution.

"If your ruling is that the 20-day clock begins anew on a rereferral, I would say that this essentially eviscerates the constitutional right for recall to nothingness and should not be accepted," Liu said told Mizuguchi.

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## Hate and Marriage

by David Clarenbach

In February, a veritable who's who of religious political extremists held a rally in Iowa to kick off their "National Campaign to Protect Marriage." As GOP presidential candidates tripped over each other in their rush to sign the group's homophobic "Marriage Protection Resolution," Melbourne Mayor Bill Crews (an openly Gay, church-going Republican) led a candlelight vigil to protest the politics of hatred and fear.

This same scene — professional politicians pandering to a mean-spirited minority while an openly Gay-elected official appeals to the fair-minded majority — is now being played out in legislatures across the country. Same-sex marriage is the radical right's latest call-to-arms, and openly Gay and Lesbian officials are on the front lines against this hateful assault on our community. As Wisconsin's openly Lesbian state representative Tammy Baldwin told reporters, "This isn't about Gay marriage. It's about stirring up hatred and fear for the sake of political expediency."

Bills prohibiting same-sex marriage have already been introduced in 20 states, and more are in the works. Although most of the bills are blatantly anti-Gay, some legislators are experimenting with a stealth approach.

A Rhode Island state representative recently introduced a "Solemnization of Marriages" bill to recognize marriages

performed in other states as long as they "comport with and meet all conditions and requirements" of Rhode Island law. When Rhode Island's openly Gay State Senator Will Fitzpatrick asked the purpose of this vaguely worded legislation, the sponsor indicated it was aimed at nullifying marriages between first cousins wed in another state. In fact, Rhode Island is one of the few states that allows first cousin marriages. Fitzpatrick immediately contacted human rights activists and the press, calling the bill "a wolf dressed in sheep's clothing" and suggesting that the sponsor should "come clean with his real reason for submitting this bill." The sponsor finally admitted that the bill was filed in response to the likely legalization of same-sex marriages by the Hawaii Supreme Court, and the House Judiciary Committee abruptly shelved the bill... for the time being.

The marriage battle makes it crystal clear that electing qualified openly Gay and Lesbian officials must be an integral part of our struggle for equal rights. As the Rhode Island case shows, our Gay officials are an early warning system when anti-Gay attacks are imminent. Because they have a place at the table, they can use the legislative process to diffuse an attack; by stalling a bill until lawmakers have time to examine the consequences, for example, or by shepherding a bill into Gay-supportive (or at least less hostile) committees. And they can help neutralize the other side's anti-Gay

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propaganda by keeping the public and press focused on what the real issues are.

Even more important in the long run, openly Gay legislators are in a unique position to educate the public and their fellow lawmakers on what homosexuality is and isn't. No matter how Gay-friendly a straight legislator is, when the debate turns to Gay marriage, he or she can never stand up and say, "You're talking about me."

When openly Gay officials personalize the debate in this way, it has an amazing effect on their colleagues. As California's openly Lesbian state assembly member Sheila Kuehl notes, "Having to confront this issue with a real person there, face to face, is causing my colleagues to really think about this at a level that used to be just kneejerk."

All the polls show that people who know someone Gay are less likely to support anti-Gay legislation, so the high visibility and positive public image of openly Gay officials make it much harder for professional Gaybashers to demonize our community. Because their personal and community values are consistent with those of the average American (values like hard work, civic responsibility and respect for others), each of our openly Gay and Lesbian officials is a

living, breathing contradiction to the radical right's stereotype of homosexuals as antisocial deviants.

Unfettered by the traditional values they pretend to preach, religious political extremists are exploiting the same-sex marriage issue to legislate hatred and bigotry. The good news is that our openly Gay and Lesbian state legislators are doing everything they can to put an end to these political hate crimes. The not-so-good news is that out of the 7,600 elected officials currently serving in state legislatures, only 17 are openly Gay or Lesbian, and they hold office in just 12 of our 50 states: Arizona, California, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

The challenge we face is unequivocal. We *must* elect qualified openly Gay and Lesbian legislators to every state house and every state senate in the country. The greater the number of openly Gay and Lesbian legislators, the sooner we can stop the superbigsots and their never-ending battle for untruth, injustice and un-American ways.

[David Clarenbach is the Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national organization dedicated to increasing the number of qualified openly Gay and Lesbian officials.]

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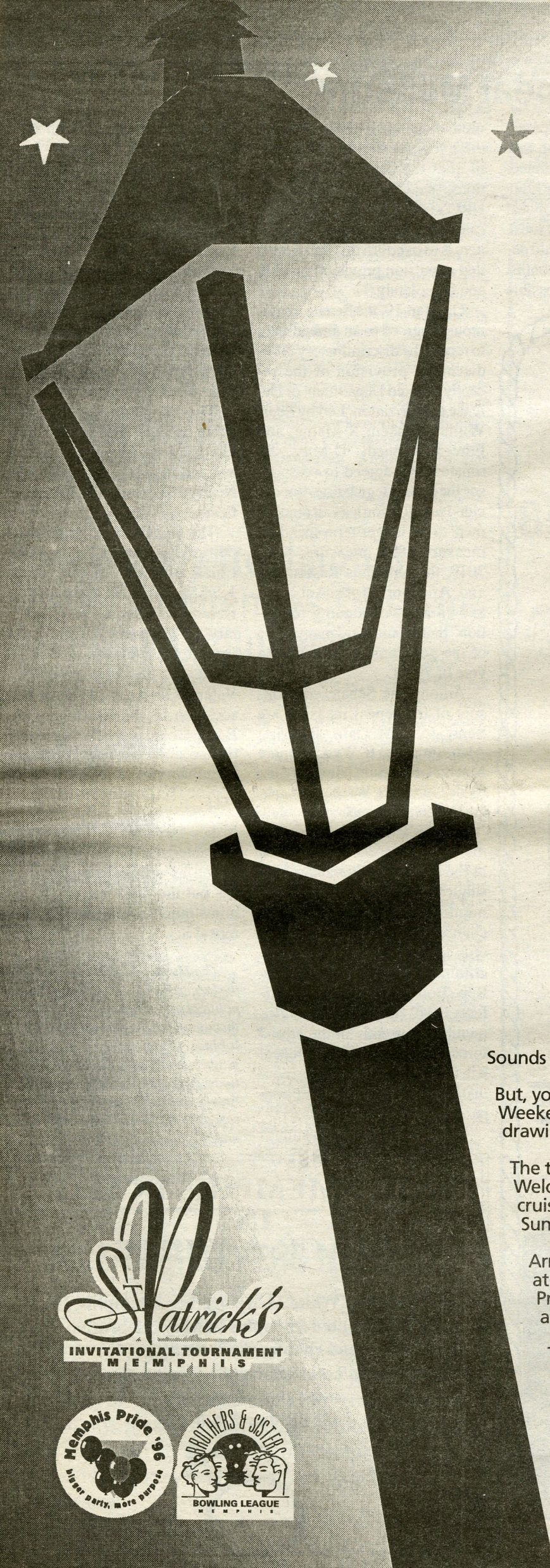
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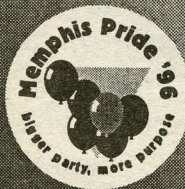
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## Congress Defers Decision on HIV Repeal Measure

WASHINGTON — Congress put off deciding the fate of legislation Friday that would repeal the discriminatory HIV-discharge provision of the recently enacted Department of Defense authorization.

House and Senate negotiators failed to reach agreement on a

long-term spending bill and instead passed another stopgap measure to keep the government running through April 24. The Senate version of the long-term spending bill includes language, passed unanimously on March 19, that would overturn the mandatory expulsions.

The Human Rights Campaign, which has played a leading role in the fight to repeal this unnecessary provision, warned Friday against an alternative proposal being floated by several House budget negotiators that would delay the expulsions by six months. Obviously, the only possible

motive would be to put off firing these loyal service members until after the congressional elections," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's senior health policy advocate. "The moral course of action here is to overturn this mean-spirited expulsion provision quickly and completely."

On Mar. 19, the Senate unanimously agreed to an amendment to repeal the discriminatory HIV-discharge provision of the recently enacted Department of Defense authorization. Led by Sens. William Cohen, R-Maine, and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., 56 senators had agreed to co-sponsor the repeal legislation, but decided to put it forth as an amendment to the longer-term spending measure. That measure, H.R. 3019, the Omnibus Rescissions and Appropriations Act, also known as a "continuing resolution" that would fund many parts of the government, passed by a vote of 79-21.

Among the Senate co-sponsors of the repeal measure are Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., Connie Mack, R-Fla., Sam Nunn, D-Ga., Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and Robert Bennett, R-Utah.

The Cohen-Kennedy amendment would repeal the provision in the defense authorization that singles out HIV-positive service members for mandatory discharge and cuts off health benefits to their families. That discriminatory measure, written by Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., affects 1,049 HIV-positive service members currently in the armed forces. A similar effort to repeal it in the House currently has more than 155 co-sponsors from both parties.

The Dornan provision singles

out service members with HIV and treats them differently from those with other chronic medical conditions. Before it was enacted, service members with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, were allowed to serve their country as long as they could perform their duties, but they were not deployed overseas. The same policy applies to service members who have other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease or cancer.

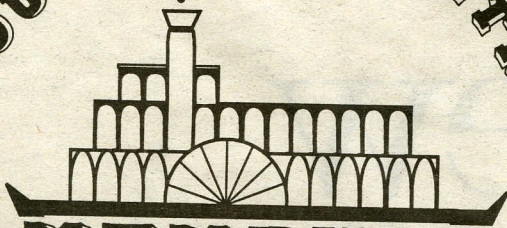
The Pentagon has said that about half the HIV-positive service members are married, and on average, have served for a decade. Nearly 20 percent of them are officers.

The repeal effort has the support of President Clinton, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Air Force Association. In addition, former Sen. Barry Goldwater and conservative columnists Charles Krauthammer and George Will oppose the Dornan provision.

Based on legal advice from the Justice Department, Clinton has characterized the discharge provision as unconstitutional, and has put the full force of his administration behind the drive to repeal it.

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## Colorado For Family Values Seizes Same-Sex Marriage in Bid to Revive Itself

DENVER, CO — Shaken by a phone-sex, child molestation scandal involving its “ex-Gay” minister Colin Cook and lacking an executive director ever since Kevin Tebedo departed four months ago under a cloud, Colorado For Family Values is seeking to revive itself with scare tactics over the issue of same-sex marriage.

In its first communications since the Tebedo departure, CFV within the last month has sent out a fund-raising letter and a newsletter addressing same-sex marriage.

In the March 1996 *CFV Report*, Executive Board Chairman Will Perkins writes an article headlined, “Gay Marriage is a Play for Power and Minority Privileges.”

Perkins demonstrates that ho-

mosexuals are not the only people discriminated against by marriage laws by pointing out that “you can’t marry an animal.”

“But maybe the best argument against granting legal status to homosexual ‘marriage’ is that it would affirm homosexuality to an extent we never have before,” Perkins writes. Such affirmation, Perkins frets, would then open the way for the “power and minority privileges” that Perkins claims homosexuals are really after.

“Once society affirms homosexual ‘marriage,’ how will we refuse them the rest of their agenda,” Perkins writes. “How do we deny them minority status, or affirmative curricula in the schools.”

“Perkins manages to spin absolutely everything and anything into

his ‘special rights’ argument,” said Rick Cendo of Gays and Lesbians Against Immoral Lifestyles. “By Perkins’ reasoning, any equal rights for Gays are really special rights because equal rights have the potential to eventually lead to a

claim for special rights. This ‘my way or the highway’ position leaves no room for compromise, mutual understanding and fairplay, which are really the only ways these issues will ever be resolved.”

“One has to question why Will

Perkins is so insecure in his anti-Gay beliefs that he constantly needs forced affirmation by government of his personal prejudices,” Cendo said.

## New Jersey Restaurant Owner Challenges Obscure Anti-Gay Ordinance

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — The city council is taking steps to change an obscure, unenforced 1950 ordinance that prohibits Jersey City night clubs from employing or catering to Gays.

“I was shocked. I just couldn’t believe it,” said Domenic Santana, who found the ordinance recently after he applied for a license to stage live music at his downtown Hard Grove Cafe. “I reread it and reread it.”

Under the ordinance, “no known criminals, prostitutes, pimps, procurers, homosexuals or persons impersonating homosexuals or persons of immoral character shall be employed or permitted to remain on licensed premises or have a rendezvous on any licensed premises.”

The city council on Apr. 10 unanimously approved an amendment offered by Mayor Bret Schundler that would eliminate the sexual orientation reference.

It could become part of the

city’s code following a second reading of the measure and a vote in two weeks, said Schundler spokesman Thomas Gallagher.

Gallagher said he was unfamiliar with the circumstances that led to the ordinance but said no one could remember when it was enforced in this city of 229,000.

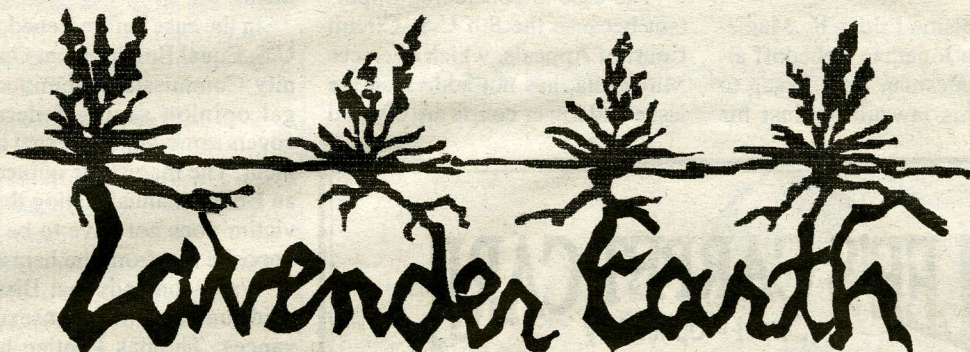
“You can almost take solace knowing we’ve come this far, that an ordinance like this is not only offensive and discriminatory but on its face is ridiculous,” Gallagher said. “No one would try to enforce an ordinance like this in this day and age.”

But Santana, a 33-year-old Cuban immigrant who brought the ordinance to Schundler’s attention, said the issue was a matter of principle.

“I’ve grown up in this society where all humans are created equal,” he said. “I have some Gay friends. Some of my customers are Gay and for them I did this.”

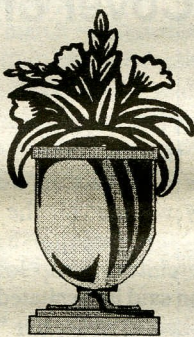
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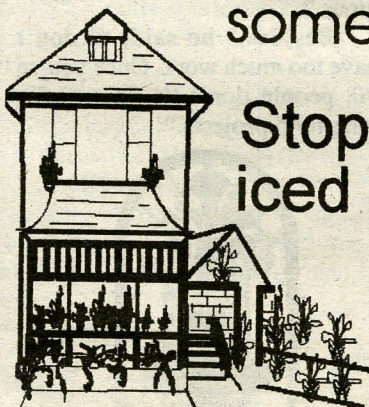
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## Judge Rules Employees Protected from Same-Gender Sex Harassment

ST. PAUL (AP) — A federal magistrate has ruled that employees are protected against sexual harassment by a member of the same sex, adding to a series of conflicting court rulings on the subject.

The decision Friday by Magistrate Judge Jonathan Lebedoff allows car salesman Roal Waag to continue his lawsuit against his

former employer, Thomas Pontiac of Coon Rapids. Waag quit in 1994, alleging that he was sexually harassed by the dealership's general sales manager, Tom Bistodeau.

The case is considered important because the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which oversees Minnesota, has not addressed the issue and lower courts are divided

over it.

Last month, a Dakota County judge ruled that the Minnesota Human Rights Act does not protect against "heterosexual-male-to-heterosexual-male sex harassment."

In the case before Lebedoff, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission submitted a legal opinion saying federal law covers same-gender sexual harassment. The magistrate quoted from an EEOC manual stating that "the victim does not have to be of the opposite sex from the harasser."

Waag contends that Bistodeau made unwelcome homosexual advances. Thomas Pontiac has asserted that Bistodeau is not Gay. Mark Palma, an attorney for the dealership, called Waag's charges "a total fabrication."

## Philip Johnson Hits Cover of Out

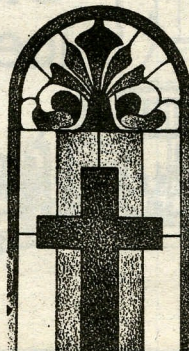
NEW YORK (AP) — The cover of the Gay and Lesbian magazine *Out* had an unusual cover boy when it hit the newsstands — the distinguished 89-year-old architect Philip Johnson.

Johnson said he hesitated when he was asked to pose, but "then I asked myself, 'Why not?'" he told *The New York Times* in an interview published Apr. 11. "People know I'm Gay, so what am I so scared of? After all, I would let *Vogue* do a big picture of me, and this is a perfectly respectable magazine."

The magazine has an article on a Johnson design for the Cathedral of Hope, a Gay and Lesbian Metropolitan Community Church congregation in Dallas.

"It has taken me many months to come up with a design I like," Johnson said. "It is a fascinating project that will take many years because it's very large, and they need money. But I've never had so much fun in my life. I love cathedrals, even though I'm not religious."

"Besides," he said, "I don't have too much work. Once you're 90, people don't tie you up for long-term projects."



## Catholic Gays Criticize Boston Archdiocese Newspaper for Refusing Ad

BOSTON (AP) — An organization of Gay and Lesbian Roman Catholics says the *Pilot*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, unfairly barred the group from buying advertising space to advertise Holy Week services.

"We may not agree on all the issues, but we're just as Catholic as the folks at the *Pilot*," said Peggy Hayes, past president of Dignity-Boston.

Dignity-Boston, a 23-year-old organization with about 100 members, said the *Pilot* sent a letter in late March refusing to run the ad for Holy Week and Easter Sunday services, but did not explain why.

Joan T. McAllister, the *Pilot's* advertising manager, told the *Boston Sunday Globe* that she referred the group's ad request to the paper's editor, Rev. Peter V. Conley, who rejected it without explanation.

Officially, the Catholic Church does not condone homosexual be-

havior but has denounced discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Dignity-Boston holds Sunday services in St. John the Evangelist Church, an Episcopal parish on Beacon Hill.

The group said the *Pilot* previously had accepted paid ads from other organizations whose beliefs differ from those of the church.

Last December, the *Pilot* printed an ad submitted by The Catholic Alliance, an offshoot of the conservative Christian Coalition. The alliance has drawn criticism from several U.S. bishops, who said the group did not represent the church's position on social issues like welfare reform and capital punishment.

When the ad ran, John Walsh, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Boston, had called it a routine paid advertisement.

"We'd love the chance to purchase a routine paid advertisement," said Michael Leclerc, president of Dignity-Boston.

## Protesters Outnumber Participants 20 to 1 at Anti-Gay Lecture

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Protesters who organized a "March for Tolerance" outnumbered by more than 20-1 those who came to a Madison church to hear the message of a man who contends homosexuals inspired the Nazi movement.

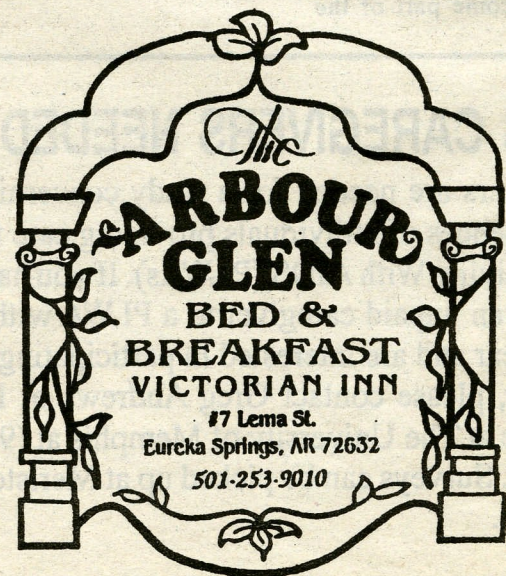
Police said fewer than 20 people showed up at Trinity Evangelical Fellowship Church Friday April 12th to hear Scott Lively, author of *The Pink Swastika: Homosexuality in the Nazi Party*.

Police allowed about 100 protesters in the church, while an es-

timated 300 remained outside. Ralph Ovadal, whose Wisconsin Christians United sponsored the lecture, asked police to remove one man who held up a sign and shouted inside the church.

The church's pastor, Ron Greer, is a Madison firefighter accused of distributing anti-homosexual pamphlets on the job. Greer faces possible disciplinary action in that case.

Capt. Luis Yudice of the Madison police said Ovadal requested tight security for the Apr. 12 lecture after receiving death threats.



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# Thousands Gather for March Against the Right

By Kathryn Hunt  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If 1994 was the year of the angry white man, then 1996 will be the year of the majority, according to National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland.

That was the message Sunday April 14th during a NOW-sponsored "Fight The Right" march and rally in San Francisco that drew a colorful crowd of thousands of men, women, Blacks, whites, children, conspiracy theorists, Gay men and Lesbians.

The theme of the day was inclusion. Some 600 groups, ranging from abortion rights organizations to civil rights advocates, participated to support a laundry list from affirmative action and women's reproductive freedom to Gay rights. Carrying signs and chanting, marchers also protested racism and violence against women.

"An extremist ultra-right wing has taken control of one of the two major centrist political parties. They are racist, they are sexist, they are homophobic," author Gloria Steinem told the crowd at a pre-march rally. "But they are useful in a way because they help us make our coalition because they

are for everything we are against." Following the march, Ireland said attacks on abortion clinics, arson fires at African American churches and other hate crimes would not intimidate those fighting for the cause.

"They only make us more committed to stand together in unity," Ireland said. "Our lives are on the line. Our future and our families' futures are on the line."

"We are a majority," she added later. "If 1992 was the year of the woman and 1994 was the year of the angry white man, then 1996 is going to be the year of the majority."

With sunny skies and reggae music backbeat, the marchers strolled along the shores of the San Francisco Bay to the Presidio in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge. They were led by Ireland, actor Danny Glover, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and farm worker activist Dolores Huerta.

Marchers carried signs with slogans such as: "Stop the War on the Poor," and "Get Your Rosaries Out of My Ovaries." Several distributed conspiracy literature about the Kennedy assassination and the CIA.

People came from across the state and the country, including a

delegation of 17 from Idaho and at least seven from Maine. While the U.S. Park Police estimated the number at 13,000, NOW organizers said more than 40,000 came and went throughout the day.

"It's wonderful to know there's so much support out there. You can feel so isolated sometimes when you're bombarded with the bad news from Washington," said Sandra Holland, 32, of Brunswick, Maine.

The men had their say, too. San Francisco Supervisor Kevin Shelley said he hopes he never becomes what he called a "mean-spirited white male."

"As one white guy who never wants to be a narrow-minded old white guy, I say to those of you here that you must stand firm for justice," he told the crowd.

The event was aimed at uniting groups that organizers said should work in tandem, rather than cross purposes.

Twelve-year-old Nils McCune, who came from nearby Napa, applauded that idea.

"This march is needed because we need to organize people so we can get stuff done," he said.

One issue central to Sunday's march was the anti-affirmative action California Civil Rights Initia-

tive, scheduled to be on the November ballot. Marchers opposed the initiative.

But the Pacific Research Institute, a think tank that supports the initiative, issued a statement Sunday saying the march was on the wrong side of that issue.

"The truth will be their politi-

cal undoing," said Sally Pipes, president of the institute, "as women in particular recognize that they have a vested interest in protecting a free society that recognizes individual rights, not group rights."

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# Gay Man Awarded Custody of Girl He Raised Since Birth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mentally disabled girl raised since birth by a Gay man not related to her may continue calling him daddy, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Martha Goldin on Thurs, Apr. 11, awarded sole custody to Kevin Thomas and limited the visitation rights of biological mother, Catherine Thomas, to a weekly phone call.

Ms. Thomas may have supervised visits with her daughter in Orlando, Fla., where Thomas plans to live with his companion.

Goldin upheld her 1993 ruling that Thomas, who changed his last name from McCain to Thomas to match the girl's last name, was the child's legal father because he had raised her since birth.

"There's only one person in the world who, relative to me, owns the word 'daddy,'" said Thomas, 46, manager of a Van Nuys bill collection agency.

"And now I'm daddy as far as the court is concerned."

His lawyers said the judge's ruling was based on a determination it would be harmful to the child to be taken from the only father she has ever known.

The Second District Court of

Appeal ruled Feb. 8 that Mr. Thomas was not the girl's legal father and sent the case back to Goldin to determine whether it would be detrimental to award custody to Catherine Thomas.

Ms. Thomas, who lives in Las Vegas, said, "I think she would have had adequate care (with me)." Her attorney, Michael Goch, said: "I think the child's

interest is paramount now." He refused further comment.

Thomas contended he and the child's mother had agreed to jointly raise the girl. He sought paternity rights after the adults' friendship ended.

The child requires special education and medical care for a rare congenital condition that left her mildly retarded.

# Gay Church Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

HONOLULU (AP) — A Honolulu church that serves the Gay and Lesbian community is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The Ke Anuenue O Ke Aloha Metropolitan Community Church is one of 290 congregations of a Christian church founded in 1968 for worshipers not accepted in other denominations.

The Rev. John Bullock, pastor of the 55-member Honolulu congregation, said it is not a Gay church, but a Christian church with a particular ministry to Gays

and Lesbians.

The church's services are traditional and not much different from mainline churches, he said. It holds a weekly service at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Crossroads.

The Honolulu congregation will hold its anniversary celebration Saturday night at Harris United Methodist Church. The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches, will be the guest speaker.

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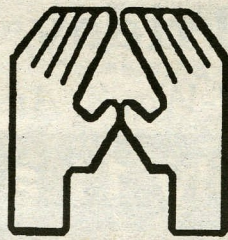
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## Mother Battles for Same-Sex Marriages

By Ralph Thomas  
Anchorage Daily News

JUNEAU (AP) — For the past two decades, 71-year-old Mildred Boesser has been on what she calls a pilgrimage, a quest to convince others that homosexuals deserve the same rights as everyone else.

The Juneau woman spent the past few weeks of that journey in Alaska's Capitol, fighting legislation aimed at prohibiting homosexual marriages.

In committee hearings, Boesser listened as fellow citizens pinned all sorts of labels on homosexuals: sick, perverted, an abomination. She heard one man claim as fact that the average Gay person has 500 sexual partners in a lifetime. And she sat quietly as legislators themselves questioned her Christianity and her knowledge of the Bible.

For Boesser, such statements always hit home. The eldest of her four daughters, 44-year-old Sara, is a Lesbian. And her husband of 48 years, Mark, is an Episcopal minister.

"I just have to close my eyes and tell myself they really believe what they're saying," Boesser said in a recent interview. "They truly believe that (homosexuality) is sin-

ful and that it must be stopped. ... But they're wrong. They just don't know."

Over objections from people like Boesser and despite legal concerns raised by state lawyers, the bill strengthening Alaska's ban on same-sex marriages has raced through the Republican-controlled Legislature. Introduced last month, the measure cleared the Senate in just two weeks and is expected to easily pass the House.

"It's important for this Legislature to make a strong, compelling argument that there is a public policy in this state prohibiting same-sex marriages," said Rep. Norm Rokeberg, R-Anchorage, one of the bill's main backers.

Rokeberg and others say the bill is needed to fend off court challenges by homosexual couples who want to marry. Alaska is being sued by one such couple. But the case that really worries some people is in Hawaii, where a ban against same-sex marriages appears on the verge of falling in state court. If that happens, some say, homosexual couples nationwide will travel to the island state to wed, then return home and insist that because their marriage is legal in one state, it is legal in all.

The bill on the House floor to-

day includes a provision declaring same-sex marriages performed in other states or countries void in Alaska. In a recent memo, one of the Legislature's lawyers said the clause might violate the U.S. Constitution, which requires the states to give "full faith and credit" to each other's laws.

Sara Boesser, a building inspector in Juneau, said she has been with the same partner for 15 years. But, up until about two years ago, the couple didn't talk of marriage.

"As a child, I grew up expecting I would marry someday," Sara Boesser said. "When the person I fell in love with was a woman and not a man, I put that expectation away."

Even now, the extent of her optimism is that "within my lifetime I will have the right to marry."

At first, her mother was uncomfortable with the idea. Mildred Boesser said she had always viewed marriage as something sacred and she was afraid of letting anything change that.

"But I've come to realize that I don't want to change the idea of marriage, I want to add to it," Boesser said. "What a happy, affirming kind of thing it would be if they could be married."

Like others, Boesser contends

that it is blatant discrimination to deny homosexuals the benefits that accompany a legal marriage, which, aside from the commitment by the two people to each other, include tax breaks, medical insurance and inheritance. And, as happened with discriminatory laws against Blacks and women, they say laws banning same-sex marriages must be tossed out.

But during the recent hearings on the issue, several people argued that allowing homosexual couples to marry will erode the value of traditional man-woman marriages. Others suggested it will open the door to other sorts of marriages — between three or more people or even between blood relatives.

Inevitably, the scriptures were invoked.

"The Bible says God created man and woman ... and that they shall become one for life," Kenai resident Joanne Jencks said last week during a House committee hearing. "It doesn't say a man and a man or a woman and a woman shall become one."

Moments later, Mildred Boesser told the panel that she believes homosexuality is a "gift of God" and that the time has come for society to recognize and support "other kinds of families."

Her comments didn't set well with Rep. Joe Green, R-Anchorage. From his committee seat, he used the Bible to back up his views.

"When people come forward and testify that ... they are Christians and that they are in favor of homosexual marriages, I think they need to refer to the book that we Christians consider divinely inspired," Green said. "It is very plain in there that homosexual relationships are not the will of God."

As the hearing ended, another lawmaker leaned across the table and informed Green that the woman he had taken to task is a minister's wife.

"I didn't put her down," Green responded. "I put down the fact that she may not have read the Bible properly. She needs to read Romans."

Boesser said she doesn't question the faith of those who question hers. But she said the Bible is a book of many interpretations and shouldn't be used by government to help shape laws.

"There seems to be one group of people who feel that the Bible says only one thing and that it's perfectly clear," Boesser said. "Are we headed toward a theocracy, where there's only one way of viewing any of these issues? That, to me, is scary."

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# Att'y General Rules South Carolina Has Right to Ban Same-Sex Marriages

By Robert Tanner  
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina legally can ban marriages between people of the same sex, state Attorney General Charlie Condon said Apr. 12 in an opinion that relies on legal rulings from around the nation.

"The institution of marriage is a union of man and woman ... (and) is as old as the book of Genesis," Condon wrote, quoting from a 1974 Washington State appeals court case.

Legislators who want to ban same-sex marriages and not honor any that are recognized by other states requested the opinion.

The efforts began after Hawaii's Supreme Court ruled that denying marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples is unconstitutional unless the state proves a "compelling interest" to do so.

"A same-sex marriage defies western culture," said Sen. Joe Wilson, R-West Columbia, one of those backing the ban. "If a society were to use (same-sex marriages) as their foundation, certainly Sodom and Gomorrah come to mind. You'd have a destruction of family."

Bills to ban same-sex marriage and not

recognize those from other states have moved quickly through the legislative process. Judiciary committees in both the House and Senate have approved them.

Opponents and a few supporters said such a ban would open South Carolina to a constitutional challenge on grounds the state could not refuse to recognize a marriage made legally in another state.

"What the Legislature is doing and the attorney general is doing is nothing more than inviting a lawsuit where South Carolina will again be proven they're wrong," said Tige Watts, executive editor of *In Unison*, a newspaper that reports on Gay and Lesbian culture in South Carolina.

"It's the rights of people no matter who they are to enjoy the freedoms guaranteed by our forefathers," he said.

Condon said that is not the case and quoted the U.S. Supreme Court to back that up: "A state 'will not lend the aid of its courts to enforce contract found upon a foreign law where to do so would be repugnant to good morals ... or in other words violate the public policy of the state.'"

He said state law, and opinions by the state Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, make clear that South Carolina already does

not recognize marriages between men or between women.

"From time immemorial, the marital relationship has been the backbone of society and the bedrock of the family. Since South Carolina was established three centuries ago, the marriage relationship has always signi-

fied and been defined as the legal joinder between member of the opposite sex, but never the same sex," Condon said.

Members of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement did not return telephone phone calls seeking comment.

# Arizona House Approves Bill Banning Same-Sex Marriage

By Eun-Kyung Kim  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — House lawmakers have approved a bill that would reaffirm Arizona's ban on same-sex marriages, ignoring concerns by opponents who say the measure is probably unconstitutional.

Although Arizona does not issue marriage licenses to couples of the same sex, it recognizes marriages performed in other states. Supporters say the bill (SB1038) would ensure Arizona isn't forced to recognize same-sex marriages because of a 1993 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling.

That ruling said Hawaii could not prohibit same-sex marriages unless it showed a compelling reason. A trial at which the state must show that compelling interest is scheduled for August.

Rep. Ken Chevront, one of the five legislators who voted against the bill Friday, said he questioned the need for a measure that bans same-sex marriages in Arizona, since the state already does so.

"I feel this bill is not needed. It is redundant," the Phoenix Democrat said. "What we're doing is telling people that we don't feel comfortable with or that we don't like, don't come to Arizona."

Rep. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, agreed, adding she had concerns about the proposal's impact on the state law books.

"I have faith in the Arizona Revised Statutes the way they're written today and this is already covered," she said.

Rep. Paul Newman, D-Bisbee, said he did not feel the bill's passage would harm anyone in Arizona since same-sex marriages already are illegal here.

Newman, whose district includes rural parts of southeast Arizona, voted for the

measure, but he criticized the motives of its main sponsors.

"I feel the bill is being brought by people who wish to eradicate homosexuals, who fear homosexuals," he said. "That fear, unfortunately, reminds me of the same kind of scapegoating attitude that existed prior to World War II in Germany."

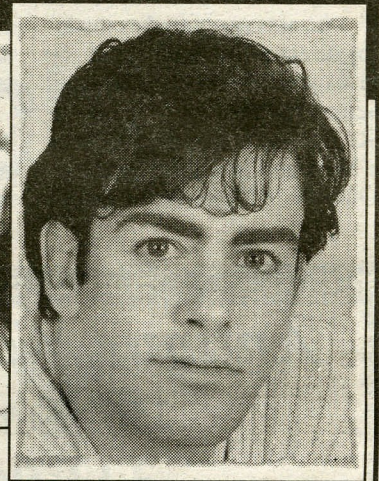
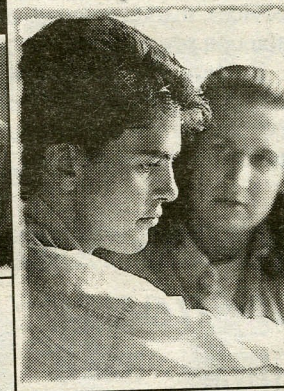
Newman said he also had concerns about the constitutionality of the bill, referring to a provision in the U.S. Constitution that requires states to recognize each others' laws.

The bill was killed twice this session in the House before being successfully resur-

rected. It now goes for final approval in the Senate, where it is expected to pass.

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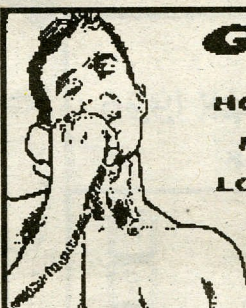
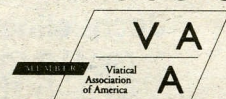
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## Friends For Life Selects New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Friends For Life AIDS Resource Center has selected Tom Roden as its new executive director.

Roden replaces Allen Cook, former president of Friends For Life, who was appointed as the interim director last June when the then-executive director Michael Coleman resigned.

Roden has a BA degree from Ole Miss and is a 1985 graduate of Ohio State University's gradu-

ate program in Hospital and Health Services Administration.

He formerly served as Vice-President of Planning for St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro and has extensive experience in grant writing, program services, market research and satisfaction surveys.

Roden was selected from among 38 applicants for the executive director's position and assumed his duties on April 29.

## Pride Festival Boat Ride Returns Bigger and Better

MEMPHIS — On Fri., June 7, in conjunction with the Memphis Pride Festival, the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) is proud to sponsor a riverboat cruise down the Mississippi River on the famed "Showboat." The event will kick off the weekend which celebrates the diversity of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community.

In the past this event has proven to be one of the most entertaining of the Pride celebration. The boat-

ride has been moved to the day prior to the Pride Parade & Festival in order to allow everyone to enjoy the activities without feeling that have to rush off to the boat. Other changes this year include the use of the "Showboat" which holds 500 people. In addition, appetizers and dry snacks will be provided, at least two cash bars will be available and live entertainment will be provided by The Belle Curves.

Boarding will begin at 8 p.m. at the Monroe Street docks and the

boat sails at 9 p.m. The cruise will last three hours.

Tickets are available through the MGLCC and will be on sale at area bars at various times before the event. Advance tickets are \$20 with tickets being sold at the dock for \$25.

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## B-GALA Protests U of M Policy

Students for Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Awareness (B-GALA) held a protest at the University of Memphis Administration Building on Apr. 24.

The demonstration was staged to protest the failure of the university to implement as policy, the "value statement" adopted recently. That statement specified equal opportunity for all qualified individuals without regard to sexual orientation, among other classifications.

The university, however, has failed to include the statement in its equal employment policy. In response to protestors threatening to stage a sit-in in his office, Dr. V. Lane Rawlins, U. of M. president, pledged Apr. 24 to consider the proposal.

B-GALA has led a six-year campaign to promote an inclusive policy at the university.

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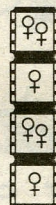
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# School Board Fights Teacher Reinstatement

NEW IPSWICH, N.H. (AP) — A high school teacher's recommended reinstatement is being challenged in court by the school board that fired her for using books with homosexual themes against the principal's orders.

An arbitrator last month recommended that Penny Culliton be returned to her English teacher's job next September but without the back pay she lost in the year she missed.

But the seven-member Mascenic School Board on Apr. 15 declared that the arbitrator's decision only encourages insubordination, allows for unpaid leaves of absence and it will take its fight to Superior Court.

Last May, Culliton distributed two books — *Maurice* by E. M. Forster and *The Education of Harriet Hatfield* by May Sarton — to junior and senior English classes

at Mascenic Regional High School.

The school board fired her last September for insubordination, saying she assigned the books knowing they had not been approved by the school administration. Culliton appealed the decision and requested arbitration.

"We have lost control of our public schools in this nation," said board member Charlie Saari. "Unions and arbitrators have more power than the parents and citizens who send their children to school."

Culliton declined to comment. Last week she had said that "the arbitrator basically said both sides were in the wrong. I went too far using the books, they went too far with the dismissal.

The board's contract with the local union calls for binding arbitration. But Lizotte said the contract also allows for appeal of an

arbitrator's decision.

The district has spent about \$17,000 so far on the firing.

About a dozen school district citizens addressed the board. They were evenly divided, with some warning the district was in for a long, costly fight.

"She admits she made a mistake. Education is making mistakes and learning from them," said Daniel Stimans. He said Culliton's former class has seen seven teachers so far this year and has been thrown into chaos.

"The only education kids are getting is how politics works and how to wheel and deal."

But others encouraged the board for fighting on. "I don't care if its censorship or not. I think its time," said Elaine Hoiska. "I'd like to end 'PC-dom' Many of us are very traditional. We grew up in the 50s and read good books."

# Georgia Tech Newspaper Reverses Position, Will Run Anti-Gay Ad

ATLANTA (AP) — Editors at Georgia Tech's student newspaper have given in to the state attorney general and decided to run an anti-gay ad they initially rejected.

The student editors of *The Technique* changed their position late Apr. 10 following a Mar. 27 opinion issued by Attorney General Mike Bowers saying the state-funded paper had no right to refuse any ad unless there's compelling state interest.

Three different ads were submitted by Campus Crusade for Christ that included testimonials from Christians who had turned away from homosexual lifestyles. The ads were part of a national campaign on 50 campuses. The only other school newspaper to refuse to run them is at Purdue University.

Dave Richardson, a metro Atlanta director for Campus Crusade, said he would resubmit one of the ads for publication in the next couple of weeks.

"We are just grateful they were able to go through the review process and reconsider and change their position," Richardson said.

Campus Crusade threatened legal action when the ads were refused last October.

*Technique* editor Stephanie Goff earlier said the ad was rejected because student editors "felt it would be hurtful to a portion of our campus community."

Campus Crusade and Georgia Tech officials had asked Bowers for the opinion and he cited the dissenting opinion in a Mississippi case in which the courts ruled student newspapers do have the right to refuse an ad.

# School Pulls Out of Spring Parade After Gay Float is Allowed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A local high school band has withdrawn from the city's annual Springtime Tallahassee parade after learning a float sponsored by a Gay community newspaper would be included.

"We believe in a community standard, and the standard in this town has not been to flaunt the Gay lifestyle in a community parade," said the Rev. Randy Ray, president of the North Florida Christian School which withdrew its band.

"Participating in a parade that appears to embrace and support that lifestyle flies in the face of our mission and what we stand for," said Ray.

North Florida Christian is run

by Temple Baptist Church and is known for strong football, baseball and girls' softball programs.

The school decided to withdraw from the Sat., Apr. 13 parade after officials of the annual event announced a float sponsored by a monthly newspaper for the Gay and Lesbian community would be included.

"We are a community festival, and we want everyone to be included," said Holly Floyd, executive director of the parade. She said several calls of support were received after about three dozen complaints a day earlier.

"While the fact of a Lesbian-Gay presence in the parade makes certain individuals in this community uncomfortable, we don't think it constitutes any type of offense," said Ian Granick, publisher of the *Community News*.

"I felt our opportunity to have a float in the parade gives us a chance to promote our paper and the ideas represented in our motto: 'Love, Life and Liberty For All.'"

Meanwhile, Granick said he would invite the North Florida band members to march under his banner.

"It's a shame to see such talent go to waste over fear and bigotry," he said.

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# Sister Wonders If She Could Have Delayed Man's Early Death

By Phil West  
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The medicine Gregory Hollis needed as he lay in bed dying of AIDS was on a shelf in a drug store four blocks away.

His doctor had prescribed it, the drug store had filled it and the insurance company had approved it. Hollis never got it.

His death Feb. 23 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis might have gone relatively unnoticed, mourned only by the family and friends the 38-year-old floral arranger left behind.

But Hollis' case, his death hastened when he ran out of antibiotics for more than two weeks, was singled out by the Tennessee Medical Association as another example of the problems with TennCare —

the state's health care plan for 1.2 million poor and uninsured.

When the TMA sought to affix blame in the death of Gregory Hollis, the job became trickier than the association of 6,700 doctors knew.

An AP investigation of Hollis' death found mistakes, miscommunications and instructions not read or followed:

— Hollis changed insurance providers and had to pay a \$250 deductible beginning Jan. 1. The instructions were clearly outlined on information he received in December.

— When his sister offered to pay for his medicine, Hollis refused, saying his company was supposed to pay for it.

— Confusion mounted for Hollis' sister, Tommie Stanley, when she said pharmacy workers told her his insurance company had not approved payment for the medicine.

The events add up to the kind of TennCare story many are weary of hearing, especially those in state government who run the \$3.2 billion program.

TennCare was created in 1994 to replace Medicaid and to stop the spiraling health care costs draining the state budget of money Gov. Ned McWherter, the state Legislature and others wanted for classrooms and roads.

Eleven other states have gone a similar route.

But the spread of managed care has left some states considering legislation that would undermine the premise of managed care, that costs can be controlled by restricting how and where people seek medical attention.

They would force managed care programs to pay any doctor or hospital a client uses, or allow clients to see specialists without pre-approval, or pay for emergency room care even if the emergency was imagined.

TennCare brought costs under control, but it also created a system of approvals and checks that require careful communication among doctors, patients, pharmacists and insurers.

As Gregory Hollis' family discovered, mistakes can be fatal.

Eleven companies offer managed care services to the 1.2 million poor and uninsured Tennesseans served by TennCare.

Hollis changed from one company, Access MedPLUS, to Blue Cross-Blue Shield on Jan. 1. At that time Hollis had been treated for almost a year for the HIV virus.

Dr. Jeff Warren said he began treating Hollis last spring for mycobacterium avium intracellulare, or MAC complex, a sign of full-blown AIDS.

Hollis, who had always lived near his mother except for a time operating a liquor store in Orlando, Fla., told his mother he had HIV but never told her he had developed full-blown AIDS.

His sister, Tommie Stanley, suspected that was the case.

When he switched to Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Hollis mistakenly thought the new managed care service would need to re-approve his prescriptions. TennCare's contract provides for pre-approval when switching MCOs.

Warren, Hollis' physician, requested approval anyway, and records show Blue Cross-Blue Shield gave that approval the same day.

But circumstances prevented Hollis from getting critical antibiotics for more than two weeks in January and early February. That was long enough for infection to overtake his frail body.

Hollis would have lived three to six months longer had his antibiotics medication gone uninterrupted, Warren said.

"When he quit taking the medicine, the infection began to overgrow and went from his bowels into his blood stream. At that point, he developed total system failure, developed pneumonia. We could not elevate his white blood cell count to fight his infection and he died of overwhelming infections, medical term sepsis," Warren said.

"The thing with AIDS patients is you just try to suppress their infection," said Warren. He initially blamed Blue Cross-Blue Shield for not approving the antibiotics.

Stories carrying that accusation were criticized by Blue Cross-Blue Shield executives as unfair. That criticism and state officials' condemnation of the TMA survey as biased prompted further investigation by AP.

Warren changed his mind after being presented with the chain of events AP uncovered.

"Again, the confusion you've got in instituting a managed care program is the difficulty," Warren said.

After his death, Hollis' family pored over his files and mail to help clear up that confusion.

He paid TennCare \$10.94 for his January premium, which rose to \$21.88 a month in February. He also had a 6 percent copayment after meeting a \$250 deductible, said his mother, Mary H. Driskell.

She and her daughter, Miss Stanley, had no idea Hollis had to meet the deductible before his 1996 medical expenses would be covered.

If Hollis knew, he didn't tell them, and he was insistent that Miss Stanley not pay anything for his antibiotics when she went to Walgreens in January and Febru-

ary.

Mrs. Driskell came across a letter from Blue Cross-Blue Shield outlining that when going through her son's things on March 20.

Hollis' sister said she got a different story from the pharmacy.

Miss Stanley, who picked up the prescriptions because her brother was too ill, said she was told repeatedly in January that the prescriptions had not been approved.

The key prescription for Hollis was Biaxin, an antibiotic that fights bacterial infections.

"One person at the pharmacy would tell the other one the insurance company hasn't approved it yet. As far as the Biaxin, I waited a week, a week and a half. I picked up the Cipro and Tylenol, and there were several other bags there with his name on it. The Cipro and pain medicine wasn't covered, but I paid for it anyway," she said.

"I saw it there in the bag, the one that hadn't been covered. I don't know what it was. But I lie there in bed at night wondering if that's what it was. We never got the medicine. That's why Greg's dead."

Michael Polzin, a spokesman at Walgreen's Deerfield, Ill. headquarters, said the company had no "firm record" of conversations with Miss Stanley.

"All I can say is, information we received (from Pharmacists Cardholder Services, a clearinghouse for pharmacy benefits) required a payment of \$140.56. How that was explained to the patient, I don't know and I don't have any record of," Polzin said.

Miss Stanley said she asked a pharmacy worker which medicines had not been approved, and he wrote the names — Cipro, which cost \$61.62, and Biaxin, at a cost of \$140.56.

Pharmacy records show the Walgreen Co. filled monthly prescriptions for the antibiotic Biaxin from April 1995 through Dec. 16. That was two weeks before Hollis changed MCOs, nine weeks before Hollis died and 10 weeks before the Tennessee Medical Association called its news conference to criticize TennCare.

Doctors see TennCare as an unwelcome intrusion in their practices, limiting treatment options, the drugs they may prescribe and the fees they are paid.

Some big drug companies also are unhappy with the program. Pfizer Inc., which paid for all but \$2,000 of the TMA survey's \$30,000 cost, has no products on TennCare's list of preferred drugs.

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# Olympic Torch Won't Pass Through Cobb County

By Karen Hill  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP)— Bowing to activists still incensed over a 3-year-old anti-Gay resolution, Olympic organizers said Apr. 19 that the torch relay will bypass suburban Cobb County on its way to the Summer Games in Atlanta.

The decision was made because the Cobb County Commission has declined to change the resolution, said Dick Yarbrough, a spokesman for the Atlanta Committee for the

Olympic Games.

"We're concerned about anything that takes away from what should be very positive, joyous, uniting time," Yarbrough said. "We just got no expression of interest in change in Cobb County, and that didn't show inclusiveness, which is what we're trying to do."

Gordon Wysong, the county commissioner who sponsored the controversial resolution, shrugged off the news.

"You can't lose what you didn't have. I don't really see it as a ma-

ior issue," he said. "ACOG should do what they feel is best for their event. We wish them every success."

Gay rights activists had threatened demonstrations if the county were included in the torch relay,

which begins Apr. 27 in Los Angeles, arrives in Georgia July 9 and concludes in Atlanta July 19.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose half-sister is a Lesbian, said in a statement Apr. 19 that ACOG's decision "serves to pun-

ish all residents of Cobb County, on both sides of the issue" and that ACOG "has decided to perpetuate a protest that divides us."

The announcement did not say where the torch would go on that final leg. Yarbrough said it will be announced around the first of June.

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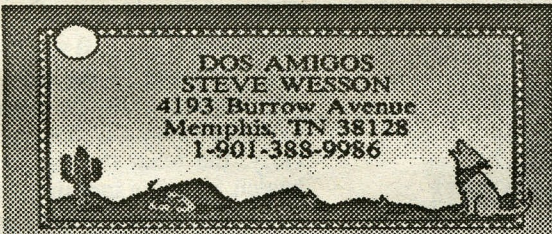
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## S.P.I.T. Raffle to Help Benefit Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival

The St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T) committee has announced a Weekend Escape Raffle from which a portion of the net proceeds will be donated to Memphis Pride. The S.P.I.T. committee has organized the raffle as a major fund-raiser for their 4th annual Gay/Lesbian bowling tournament to be held March 14-16, 1997.

The raffle, to be drawn at the end of the Pride Festival on June 8, will be for a round-trip for two

to New Orleans for the annual Southern Decadence Festival traditionally held during Labor Day Weekend. The winning package includes tickets for two aboard the Amtrak train from Memphis to New Orleans and back, departing Friday, Aug. 30; three nights at the St. Pierre Hotel; a welcoming cocktail party; a walking tour of the Gay History of New Orleans; an all Gay/Lesbian dinner cruise aboard a rented yacht and a New Orleans jazz brunch. Return from

New Orleans will be Mon., Sept. 2. The package, purchased through French Quarter Reservation Service, a company that puts together Gay/Lesbian holiday trips, is valued at \$850.

Tickets for the raffle will be sold for \$3 each with 75 percent of the net proceeds donated to Memphis Pride. In conjunction with the raffle sale the S.P.I.T. Committee is also sponsoring a contest for those Gay/Lesbian organizations who sell the most tickets. A \$250 cash prize will be given to the organization which sells the most raffle tickets. This prize will also be given away at the Pride Festival.

This year's S.P.I.T. Committee


has designated its fundraising efforts as a community awareness campaign to help the committee become more involved within the local Gay/Lesbian community. This campaign is modeled after the goals and purpose of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) which was formed to foster unity, fellowship and communication within the Gay/Lesbian communities. IGBO has a membership base of over 20,000 Gay/Lesbian bowlers throughout the United States, Canada and New Zealand. This past year the S.P.I.T. Committee hosted its third annual bowling tournament which was attended by more than 110 bowlers

and their companions from around the country. The committee's goal is to bring a national IGBO tournament to Memphis which will attract about 600-800 bowlers. The S.P.I.T. Committee is now in the planning process for other fundraisers for the remainder of the year; each of which portions of their proceeds will be designated to assist a community organization.

For more information regarding the raffle contest, organizations are urged to contact Andy Cain, Co-chair of Memphis Pride, (901)393-7500 or Tony Matics, Director of the St. Patrick's Invitational Committee, (901) 272-3875.

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## Softball Tournaments Signal Start Of Season

### Memphis & Birmingham Tournament Wrap Ups

Mother Nature tried to put a damper on the Bluff City Sports Association Softball League inaugural tournament on Mar. 31, with rain prevailing the night before the scheduled event. Not to be outdone, the league tournament was held in spite of the muddy fields and unseasonably cold temperature. Teams battling it out were Pipeline Pirates, Amnesia Haze, J-Wag's Jaguars, WRKBee's, 501 Boys, Mid-South Vision Peepers, Cole Haysten Clippers and Amnesia Knights, in the first ever Gay softball tournament held in Memphis.

First round games began play at 9 and 10 a.m. with the second rounds following, after which a short break in play was taken. The afternoon games were filled with plenty of action and excitement as several teams fell by the wayside during the double elimination tournament. After all the dust (mud) had settled, the two teams left standing to claim the rights to the tournament title were Amnesia Haze and J-Wag's Jaguars. The Haze team had made it through the day without a loss and the Jaguars had the difficult task of defeating them two games in a row. Six

games in one day proved too much for the Jags to overcome as they fell to an onslaught of Amnesia Haze runs by a score of 19-5. The top four teams placing in the tournament were as follows, Fourth - Mid South Vision Peepers, Third - Pipeline Pirates, Second - J-Wag's Jaguars, First - Amnesia Haze.

For most teams this was their first time participating in a tournament of this type and the competitiveness of the teams was very intense, friendly and most of all fun. Thanks to the fans who braved the cold temperatures to come out and watch.

### Birmingham Southern Shootout Tournament

The J-Wag's Jaguars and Amnesia Haze teams hit the road to participate in the 14th Annual Southern Shootout Tournament in Birmingham on Easter weekend. Both teams started on the winning path with the Haze defeating the Eagle Talonz from Atlanta 16 - 4 and the Jags dumping the Atlanta Falcons by an 11 - 1 score. Next on the schedule for the Haze was Nashville Express as this game featured a seesaw battle with the Express team grabbing the win 14 - 12; Hit N Run from Nashville was the next opponent as the Haze fell

by a 12-9 score. The Jaguars second game was against I-95, with this hotly contested game going down to the last inning only to see the Jags lose by an 11-10 score. Next was the Chicago Pumps as they pumped up and drubbed the Jaguars 18-6.

Sunday's games were a do or die situation. In other words, your team loses and you're out of the tournament. The Jaguars took on the Eagle Talonz and went down to defeat by a 14-6 score as their defense and bats fell silent. The Amnesia Haze battled back from a 7-0 first run deficit against the Bad Boys from Atlanta to win in extra innings 12-11. It was the most exciting game of the day. Their next opponent was the Falcons as the Haze lost by a 12-8 score. Ironically, the team the Jaguars had beaten Saturday morning was the team that ousted the Haze and the team the Haze beat Saturday morning booted the Jaguars from the tournament.

Both teams from Memphis represented themselves well in this tournament as Amnesia finished 8th overall and the Jaguars 9th out of 21 teams. All teams participating in the tournament now know there is a softball league in Memphis, one which the city can be proud of and will represent well during these tournaments. The next tournament scheduled is Atlanta, on Memorial Day weekend. Look for results as they become available.

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## Second U.S. Judge Declares 'Don't Ask' Policy Invalid

By Bob Egelko  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates the Constitution by discriminating against homosexuals, the second such ruling in the nation.

The discharge of a California Army National Guard officer, who disclosed his sexual orientation in a letter to his commanding officer, was ordered under a policy that "impermissibly relies on irrational prejudices against homosexuals as a group," said U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong.

The federal law and regulations "target and punish service members who simply acknowledge who they are," Armstrong said. "This is impermissible under our Constitution."

She dismissed the government's argument that the policy was necessary to keep military units cohesive, calling it a thinly veiled attempt to justify prejudice.

Armstrong ordered the Guard to reinstate 1st Lt. Andrew Holmes. It was the first time a judge had overturned a discharge under the policy, said Paul Wotman, a lawyer for Holmes.

Last year, a federal judge in New York blocked the discharge of six homosexuals who had challenged the policy.

Federal appeals courts have heard arguments in the New York case and a case from Virginia in which a judge upheld the policy. Wotman said four or five other federal judges have also ruled in favor of the policy.

Holmes said he was fighting for "tens of thousands of Gay and Lesbian service members who have served their country with courage and distinction, yet whom the government would willingly toss out

because of its collective homophobia."

Prosecutors could not be reached for comment. The ruling was obtained after business hours.

Holmes went on active Guard duty in 1991, and won several medals while serving in Germany in support of troops in the Persian Gulf war.

In June 1993, after President Clinton took office with a promise to eliminate discrimination against Gays in the military, Holmes wrote to his commanding officer, saying, "As a matter of conscience, honesty and pride, I am compelled to inform you that I am Gay."

About six weeks later, the administration announced its new policy, which was later accepted

## Meinhold Leaves Navy After 15 Years

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (AP) — A petty officer who made Navy and legal history with his announcement that he was Gay has retired after 15 years of military service.

Keith Meinhold, 33, said his decision not to re-enlist had nothing to do with his status as an openly Gay sailor.

"The decision was difficult for me," Meinhold said. "Emotionally in my heart I really wanted to stay in the Navy, but my head tells me ... it's time to start a second career."

He pledged to continue his fight for the rights of Gay servicemen and women.

"I've been in for three years after making my statement," Meinhold told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. "I don't see what another 4-5 years would prove, since my case was resolved."

The Navy lost two federal court decisions in its efforts to oust Meinhold from the service. He was

by Congress. It repealed the previous ban on homosexuals in the military and prohibits officials from asking about sexual orientation, although it allows discharge for homosexual conduct.

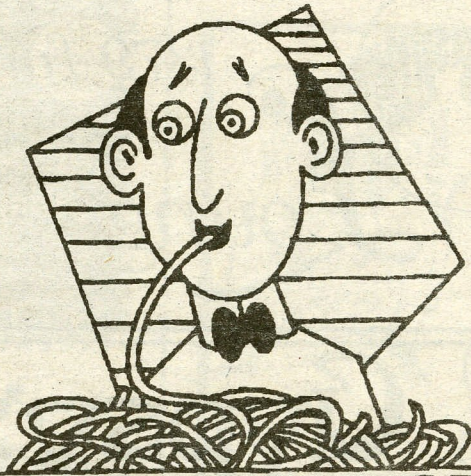
A declared homosexual can avoid discharge only by proving that he or she will not engage in homosexual conduct while in the service.

Holmes was discharged as a federal officer in October 1994 and as a state National Guard member in January 1995. He did not try to prove that he would refrain from engaging in homosexual conduct, a requirement that Armstrong said was illusory and discriminatory.

eventually allowed to continue to serve as an air warfare specialist crewman on the P-3C Orion patrol aircraft.

Meinhold's squadron transferred from Moffet Field, Calif., to

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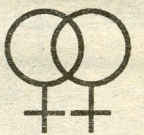
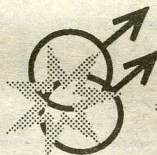
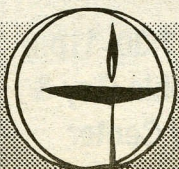
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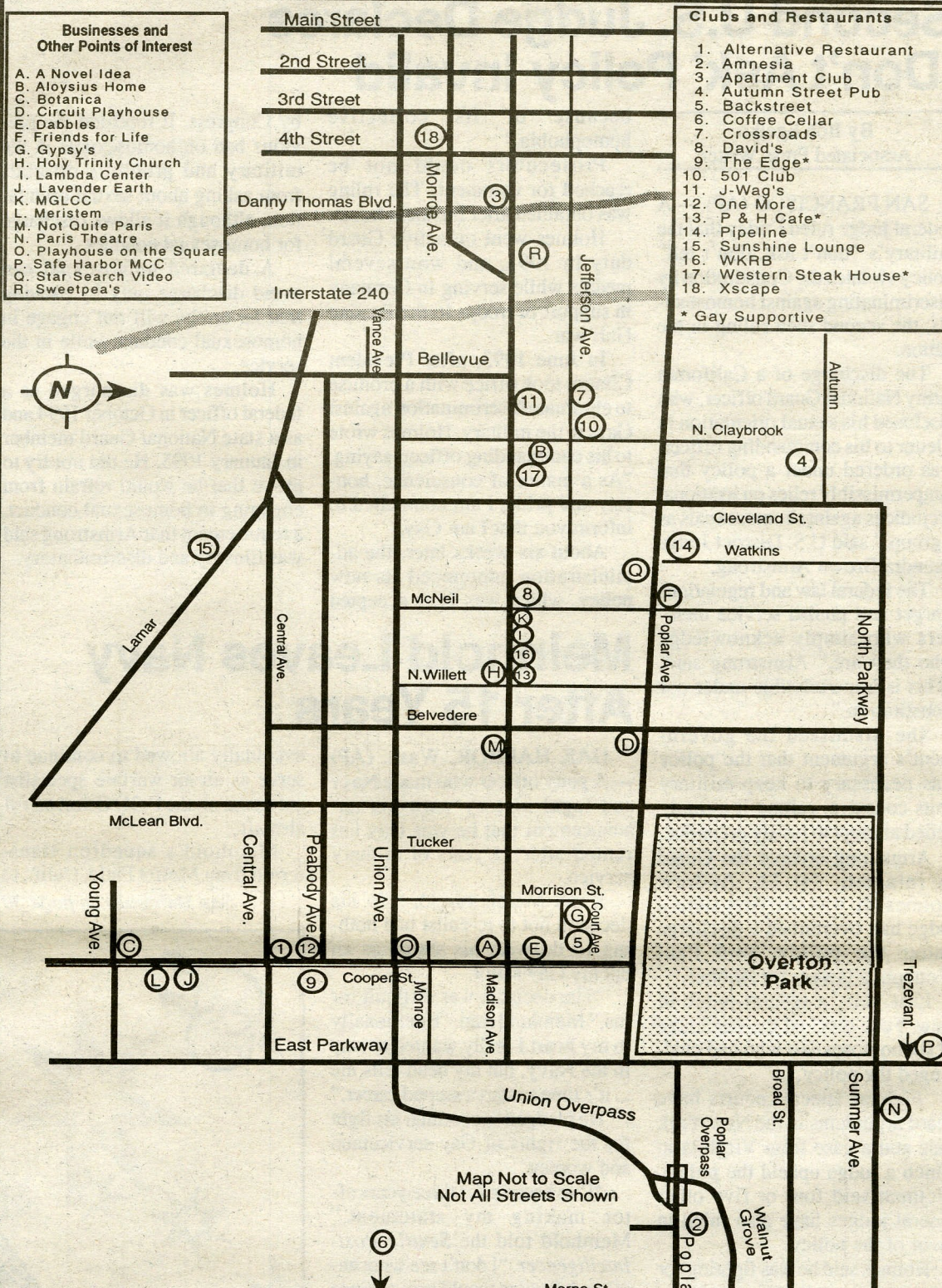
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<b>5</b> • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm-Special Remembrance Service • Living Word Christian Church, Services, 10am & 6pm • MCC, Worship Services 7pm • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • Memphis Pride, MGLCC, 2pm	<b>6</b> • Feast for Friends Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm • Gay Alternative Hour, FM 89.9, 8pm	<b>7</b> • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	<b>8</b> • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm	<b>9</b> • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • NOW Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Gay Skate Night, Skateland, 8pm	<b>10</b> • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501 Club, 9pm • JoAnn Badey Live, Alternative Restaurant, 9pm • Miss J-Wags, J-Wags, 10:30 • Adam Heat, Amnesia	<b>11</b> • Pride Night at Amnesia, 10pm
<b>MOTHER'S DAY 12</b> • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Services, 10am & 6pm • MCC, Worship Services 7pm • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • M&M Awards, Club 501, 7pm	<b>13</b> • Gay Alternative Hour, FM 89.9, 8pm	<b>14</b> • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	<b>DEADLINE FOR JUNE '96 TJN 15</b> • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm • Grand Re-opening, Autumn St. Pub	<b>16</b> • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • NOW Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	<b>17</b> • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501 Club, 9pm • Millino Dollar Men, Amnesia	<b>ARMED FORCES DAY 18</b> • MGLCC Fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner, MGLCC, 7pm, \$5 Donation • Wings Club Night, Little Rock
<b>19</b> • Church Services (See Above) • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • Memphis Pride, MGLCC, 2pm • Fish Fry & Show Club 501, 4:30pm • Aphrodite Benefit, WKRB, 8pm • Friends for Life Benefit, Backstreet, 10pm • Fundraiser & Party for BCSA, Autumn St. Pub, 8:30pm	<b>20</b> • Friends for Life Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm • Gay Alternative Hour, FM 89.9, 8pm	<b>21</b> • Integrity Eucharist & Healing Svc., 6pm; Dinner/Mtg., 6:45pm, Calvary Episcopal • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	<b>22</b> • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm	<b>23</b> • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • NOW Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	<b>24</b> • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501 Club, 9pm • Men of Structure, Amnesia	<b>25</b> • Transgender Alliance, MGLCC, 6pm Change, 7pm Meeting
<b>26</b> • HTCC Sunday School, 10am; Services, 11am & 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Services, 10am & 6pm • MCC, Worship Services 7pm • WAC Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 2pm • The "Over 50" Girls, Club 501, 7pm	<b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED 27</b> • Gay Alternative Hour, FM 89.9, 8pm	<b>28</b> • Integrity Board Mtg., 6:30pm • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm • Lambda Men's Chorus Rehearsal, MGLCC, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm	<b>29</b> • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm	<b>MEMORIAL DAY 30</b> • GRACE Meeting/Liturgy, Call John, 725-5237 • NOW Meeting, Coffee Cellar, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm	<b>JUNE '96 TJN DUE OUT 31</b> • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501 Club, 9pm	<b>JUNE 1</b>

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## Mugabe Unrepentant on Anti-Gay Campaign

By Angus Shaw  
Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Coming off an election victory that should lengthen his one-man rule six more years, President Robert Mugabe denied that he suffers throat cancer and hinted that he may, at age 72, soon announce marriage plans.

Mugabe also commented that

“the world can go to hell” if it doesn’t like his widely reported anti-homosexual views.

In his first face-to-face interview with U.S.-based news organizations in several years, Mugabe said that many people inferred last year that he had throat cancer when he was seen using a breath spray to treat a severe throat infection. Rumors that he had a non-malignant polyp removed from his throat

were untrue.

“I never had an operation to my throat. I am in perfect health,” Mugabe told journalists from The Associated Press, *The New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Newsweek*.

Mugabe drew widespread international criticism last August for repeatedly denigrating homosexuals, describing them as “worse than dogs and pigs” and undeserving of human rights.

Unrepentant, Mugabe agreed that many now view him as a bigot and his standing as a statesman may have suffered.

“I don’t care at all on that ques-

tion,” Mugabe said. “The world can go to hell. If the world goes homosexual, goodness me, I don’t deserve to live on this world.”

As for President Nelson Mandela of neighboring South Africa, who backed a constitution banning Gay discrimination, Mugabe opined:

“He might have gone along with a politically accepted view expressed by a subsection of his people. But at heart I know he doesn’t accept it.”

Homosexuals “have no human rights at all as homosexuals,” Mugabe said, but deserved “alongside everybody else, rights to life, freedom of expression as individuals but not when they talk about sodomy and homosexuality.”

Only 32 percent of Zimbabwe’s voters turned out to vote in the elections March 16-17, but Mugabe denied that apathy had robbed him of a mandate to rule. He blamed the low figures on the last-minute boycott by the opposition — which his elections officials rejected.

Mugabe came to power in 1980 after a bitter bush war to end white-minority rule in what was then Rhodesia. One of the most hard line of Black liberation leaders, his socialist policies were blamed for wrecking a once-stable economy.

Free-market changes imposed by Western donors in recent years have worsened hardships for Zimbabwe’s 10 million people.

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## Canadian Gay Legislator Introduces Rights Legislation

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, under dual bills introduced in both houses of Parliament.

Gay legislator Svend Robinson introduced the latest bill Apr. 16 in the House of Commons, seeking to pressure Prime Minister Jean Chretien to fulfill

a 1993 campaign pledge to outlaw discrimination against homosexuals.

“It would extend to Gay, Lesbian and bisexual people in Canada not special rights, but equal rights,” said Robinson, who represents a British Columbia district as a member of the left-of-center New Democratic

Party.

Chretien reiterated last month that his government will keep its promise, but he has been vague about a timetable.

In March, Max Yalden, the federal human rights commissioner, described the government’s inaction as “little better than acquiescence in intolerance.”

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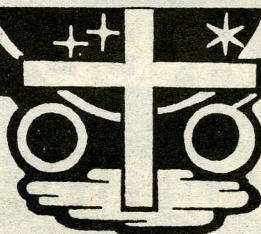
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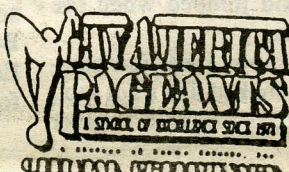
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# CLOSING TIME

Fiction by Jim Norcross

"Hey, Helen, who do you have to screw to get a beer over in this corner?" yelled someone the rear of The Colony Club.

The bar was unusually crowded, and one of the waiters hadn't shown up for his shift. "Hold on. I'm doing the best I can," Helen called back. She was still depressed about Chet's death earlier in the week, and she had a splitting headache.

"Hello, Babe." Helen turned and came face to face with Ernie, standing across the bar, grinning his gap-toothed grin.

"I thought I told you not to call me Babe. What the hell are you doing here? You said you'd never set foot in a queer bar."

"Well, when the woman you

love runs one, you don't have a hell of a lot of choice if you want to see her. I'm off this weekend, and I'm taking you home tonight. I'm not taking no for an answer." He leaned over the bar. "I'm driving my own car tonight."

"I appreciate the offer. I'm really tired." She looked for a moment at the taxi driver and then said. "Thanks again for being there for me when Chet died."

Embarrassed, Ernie ducked his head. "Ah, Babe, that's what I'm here for. I want to help you any way I can."

"Helen, this table needs to be cleared," someone bellowed from the back. "We need some beer here," yelled another voice.

Helen handed Ernie a tray and tossed him a bar towel. "Hey, I'm

running a business here, and I can't stand around jawing with you. Go clear that table." She winked at him. "Just so I won't be too tired in case I do let you take me home tonight."

Ernie shrank back. "I can't do that. What if someone saw me, and what if—you know—what if one of those people make a pass at me?"

Helen laughed. "I assure you that *those* people aren't interested in you. You're too old and ugly for anyone in that group. Now get over there and get that table cleared." Then she licked her lips, blew him a kiss and turned back to mixing drinks. "Maybe I'll give you a chance tonight to prove you're not too old for me."

Ernie took the tray and went to clear the table. He came back with an order. "Let me have three Buds, two vodka collins, a bourbon and water, and—," he thought a minute.—and a bourbon and coke, a scotch and soda and two Miller Lites. Now how much do I charge?"

Helen shook her head. "Listen, this is the way to call in orders. Always call bourbons first, then the mixes, like bourbon and water, bourbon and coke, scotches come next, then vodka and the juice drinks, and beer last. Okay?"

"Got it, Boss."

Two hours and several trips to the bar later Ernie was getting the hang of it. "Would you believe I've made almost twenty dollars in tips already?"

"Keep it up, boy, and I'll put you on regular. Bet if you wore some tighter pants you'd improve your tips. You really don't have a bad ass on you for an old fart."

Ernie grinned in embarrassment. "But, I'll say one thing. Some of those guys back there know a hell of a lot about opera. The one in the red sweater sings in the Municipal Opera group."

She smiled, but then nodded toward another table and said sternly, "That table wants something. Get over there. I can't stand here talking about opera." Ernie took off with his tray, humming something in Italian, or she thought it was Italian; Helen didn't know.

As the evening wore on and the orders dwindled down, Helen glanced at the clock behind the bar. An hour to go. She took a deep breath and wiped her hands on a bar towel. Then, she noticed a young blond youth with smooth clear skin that appeared to have never seen a razor who had just come through the door. He stood looking around diffidently. Obviously uncomfortable, he looked as if he would bolt for the door any time. Helen motioned to him. "Come sit here at the bar." The kid jumped when she spoke to him.

"I don't know. I was just coming by. This looked like a hot spot, so I decided to come in. I've never

been here before."

"No kidding." She smiled. "Well, my name is Helen and I own this joint. Make yourself at home. This is the best gay bar in the city."

"Will they raid the place? I can't get in trouble. I still live at home."

"Don't worry about it. What can I get you to drink?" She had already decided not to card him. She stared at him, drawn by his pale blue eyes. It was close to closing, and even if he was of age, he would probably be reluctant to show his identification with his name.

"I'll have a coke." Helen rolled her eyes but got him his order. "Here you go. But I warn you this is not a goddamn Dairy Queen. What's your name son?"

"Timmy."

Son. Helen realized she had called him son. Why? Was it because he has light blue eyes like Tommy, the son who when he'd told her he was Gay, she had taunted and goaded into joining the Marines. Be a man she'd told him. He had enlisted and was sent immediately to Viet Nam. He was killed there before his 21st birthday.

Helen continued to study the young boy's face and became aware that she was starting to make him nervous. He started for the door.

Helen reached out and held his arm. "Don't go. Stay awhile. I'll introduce you around." She looked at him again mesmerized by his eyes. Then she smiled. "Let me guess. You're a florist, aren't you?"

"How did you know?"

"Just guessing. Say, Randy over there is a florist." She nodded towards another young man on the opposite side of the bar. "I'll introduce you. He's just broken up with his lover, and you two can sit and talk roses or pansies or whatever the hell you posy pokers talk about." Helen went to the other side of the bar, said something to Randy, and moved him next to Timmy. Soon the two were talking and laughing, engrossed in conversation with each other.

"Say, Helen," said an older man who'd approached the bar and was staring at Timmy. "Who's that cute little number who just arrived? Don't think he's been in before. How about an introduction?"

"Not on your life, Floyd. You old chicken-hawk. I'm not about to have my customers bothered by the likes of you. Stick with your hustlers." Her tone was acerbic, and Floyd moved back to stand in the shadows by the dance floor.

"Two bourbons and water, a bourbon and coke, a scotch and soda, two screwdrivers and four Buds. How am I doing boss?" said Ernie, grinning, proud of his new found proficiency.

"Pretty good. Maybe I'll cook

you breakfast after all."

"No way! The guys have been telling me about your cooking and double-warned me about your coffee. We'll go out."

"Coward. But I can't be up all night. I want to go to church tomorrow."

"What church? I'm Catholic myself."

"I go to MCC. I have a lot of friends who go there."

"What's MCC?"

"It's a church made up mostly of Gays."

"Well, I'll be damned. They have their own church. Mind if I go with you? I heard that guy that sings in the opera group is going to be singing there tomorrow."

"Man, when you come around, you come around, don't you?" She set the drinks on the bar. "Now get these over to the people. I'm ready to make last call. By the way, how much have you made tonight? Enough to take me out to a movie Sunday?"

"You bet." Ernie again displayed his gap-toothed grin.

He hurried through the crowd, yelling, "All right, you guys. I'm bringing the drinks. Now, by damn, there better be a good tip in this for me. Please keep your hands to yourself, boys. I know it's hard but I'm saving myself for Helen tonight."

"Good night, Helen." It was Timmy. "Randy and I are going for coffee. I'm helping him with a wedding next weekend. He's short-handed." He grinned a schoolboy smile and said, "I'll be back."

Helen blinked the lights. "All right, you people, this is last call. It's hotel-motel time. Get your tricks and get out of here. Mama got her a live one tonight."

Someone from the back corner yelled. "Helen, you look like you have a headache. Let me have Ernie tonight. You go home and rest."

"Not on your life. Get your own trick. Let's go, Ernie."

Ernie ducked his head, but grinned as Helen turned the lights on and started shooing people outside. Ernie came up and stood beside her and then slipped his arm around her waist. When everyone was out, Helen turned the lights up and said, "Well, Big Boy. Guess I'm not as tired as I thought I was going to be." She gave him a pat on the back. "You were a big help tonight. Thanks. Guess I'll give you a chance to see if you can keep up with me."

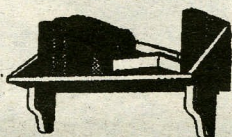
"Like I've told you, you're going to wake up smiling."

They walked out of the bar together, and he slipped his arm around Helen's waist as she locked the door.

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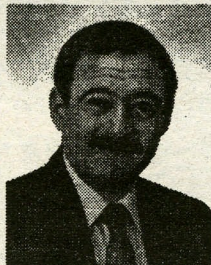
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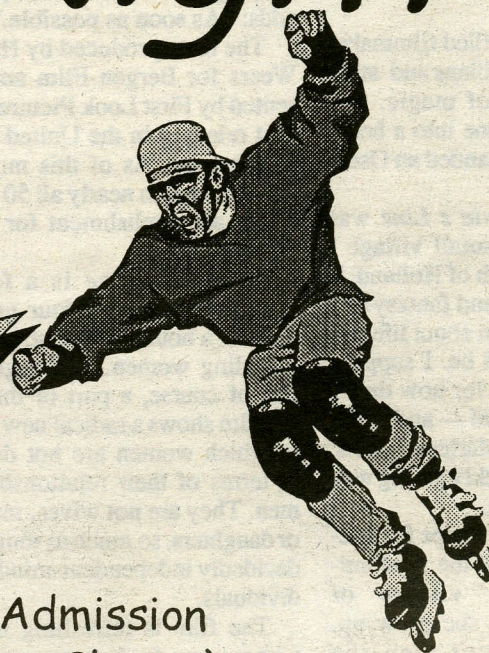


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By Katherine Roth  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Nothing ever happened in Marleen's village. It was downright dull, she says adamantly. She had to liven its story.

So the strong-willed filmmaker tossed in a few Lesbians and atheists and a touch of magic. She molded the mundane into a brave new world — and landed an Oscar in the process.

The film *Antonia's Line* was inspired "by the small village I grew up in the south of Holland. It is a mix of reality and fantasy and of ideas and opinion about life and about how it could be. I suppose I've taken revenge for how dull it was when I was a kid — and it was really dull," said Marleen Gorris, her brief pause quickly giving way to a hearty chuckle.

She says that her recipe for spicing up the story of the predominantly Catholic village of Roermond, where she grew up, worked even better than she dreamed.

Last month the movie she both wrote and directed was awarded an Oscar for best foreign film, making Gorris, 46, the first woman ever to win an Oscar for direction of a full-length feature film.

"Winning an Oscar is quite special on top of everything else that is special. It's absolutely marvelous for a European film director to get an Oscar nomination to begin with. It's a truly great honor. It's a different league," she says in her lilting Dutch accent.

Asked why no woman was awarded an Oscar for a full-length feature before now, the tone of her voice turns serious.

"There have obviously been less women who make films, and I don't know how good their films were. As in many other things, women are a step behind the men. Hopefully this can be changed," she says. And then she quickly adds: "As soon as possible."

The film, produced by Hans de Weers for Bergen Film and presented by First Look Pictures, was first released in the United States in February. As of this month it was showing in nearly all 50 states, a rare accomplishment for a foreign picture.

*Antonia's Line* is a family chronicle spanning four generations in a household of strong and sparkling women. Although men are, of course, a part of the tale, the film shows a radical new world in which women are not defined in terms of their relationships to men. They are not wives, mothers or daughters, so much as tough and decidedly independent-minded individuals.

The film is refreshing in that without any fanfare or preaching or even comments about injustice, each individual freely chooses her own way of life without regard for societal norms, and with apparently little social resistance.

"I started with the concept of my very Catholic village. Then I added a Protestant, and then an atheist, and then a Lesbian. And I just kept adding things and inventing things until my fairy tale was born."

"My answer to my memories of Roermond is this film, where I could make a lot happen by simply inventing it. It isn't in the least bit autobiographical, really. It's just that I made up everything that I did without. It's the way I wish I

had grown up," she says. "I invented everybody."

As the film opens, Antonia lies peacefully in her bed in a farmhouse somewhere in rural Holland. The old woman slowly begins to stir awake. In a calm and matter-of-fact voice, the narrator says that this is the last day of Antonia's life.

As Antonia prepares for her last day of life, she remembers the day that she and her 16-year-old daughter, Danielle, returned to the village Antonia left as a young girl sometime just before World War II.

As they enter the town, they pass a sign reading: "Welkom to Our Liberators," apparently intended for American soldiers but also perhaps a hint of the radical changes that take place in the town with the arrival of the two women.

As the two women settle into the village, they welcome into their lives and nurture the odd souls of the town: An aging and cynical atheist who never leaves his shack, where he wallows in the works of Schopenhauer. The retarded and sexually abused daughter of a landowner. Mad Madonna, who howls at the moon because she cannot marry her great love because he is Protestant.

Antonia takes absolutely everything and everyone in stride. When her daughter Danielle, a Lesbian, says out of the blue one day that she wants a child but not a husband, Antonia doesn't flinch.

In her unshakeable pragmatism, she says simply that the sperm must not come from a villager, because that would be too complicated later. Then she goes with Danielle to the city to help her find a suitable donor.

"I suppose I came to the time in life where I recollected con-

sciously or unconsciously. You think back to childhood with warmth, anyway I did. As you grow older you feel the need to reflect on where you come from and what your childhood was or wasn't like, and I suppose *Antonia's Line* is the result of that," says Gorris.

"Roermond was a Catholic village in a Catholic province, south of the big rivers. The north was Protestant and the south was Catholic. But if you're a small kid and you grow up in a Catholic village, and there is one Protestant family, that is quite something. That is an event."

She attributes part of the film's success to the fact that she doesn't let her clearly feminist message get in the way of her story, but lets it present itself in the process of the storytelling.

"If you want to make a film that tells a story, you have to see to it that you tell a very good story. That is your main concern. Whatever else you want to tell comes second. It has to be an excellent story above and beyond having a message."

Despite the unabashedly radical tilt of the film, she says she has encountered very few angry reactions to the "fable."

The humor and the unexpected acts of magic in the film are part of Gorris' genius. The way the story is told is so warm and dis-

arming that it seems to mellow the reality of the facts she presents.

It is nearly impossible to resist smiling when the corpse of Antonia's mother, Allegonda, is lying in a coffin in the village church and Danielle suddenly sees the body sit up and make a face when an altar boy drops his bell.

Nobody sees the quirky incident but Danielle, and the vision comes and goes with little ado, as if such visions are a normal part of reality.

Gorris' consistently understated humor delivers her story deftly and with compassion.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at the warm reactions. They give me hope. This is very definitely a film with women as main characters. In my exploration of female identity in a male-defined society, I always overdo things slightly in order to make my point.

"I know that there are interesting and warm and gentle and sweet men in the world, but if those were the only men around, women would have no problems, and they so obviously do," she says.

"The strange thing always is that if your main characters are the men, nobody comments on that," she says. "But as soon as your main characters are the women, everybody comments on that. People are still not used to seeing women as being as important as men."



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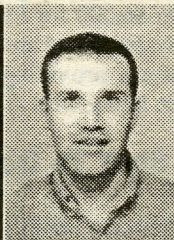
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# PAST/OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO



**When did American Gays, Lesbians, and others first start calling themselves "queer"?**

The term "queer" has been used by at least one segment of the Gay and Lesbian community for more than 80 years. The word's exact origin is unclear, although it may have developed from the Old English "cwer," meaning "crooked, not straight" or the British slang "quare" meaning unusual. Some say the word originally referred to 18th-century counterfeit money, which explains the phrase "queer as a three-dollar bill."

There is plenty of historical evidence that as early as the 1910s, a subset of American men who we might call Gay preferred to call themselves queer. Historian George Chauncey, in his book *Gay New York*, explains the overlapping and ever-shifting lexicology of men who had sex with other men in the early 20th century in the nation's largest city. Men who adopted a feminine style in mannerisms and sexual behavior called themselves "fairies." "Trade" were conventionally masculine men who pursued effeminate men for sexual encounters. And "queer" was used by men, of both the middle and working classes, who categorized themselves as different because of their affection for members of the same sex, regardless of their masculinity or effeminacy.

By the 1930s and 1940s, though, all these terms began to be eclipsed by "Gay," which was particularly preferred by younger and middle-class men. As Gay became more popular, many men began to reject "queer" as a term that highlights difference and strangeness. By the 1950s, the term was heard much more often by belligerent or condescending heterosexuals than self-referentially by Gays themselves — although some prominent figures such as Christopher Isherwood and Gore Vidal continued to prefer the term to "Gay."

By the late 1980s, though, queer was making a comeback, particularly among younger activists. And in 1990, the group most responsible for cementing it as a primary term used by a subset of the Gay and Lesbian movement appeared: Queer Nation.

Queer Nation was founded in New York City in the spring of 1990 by activists who wanted to use ACT UP-style tactics on issues

other than AIDS. Their first major public splash came in June 1990, when they distributed an incendiary pamphlet entitled "Queers Read This," which was best known for its mantra "I hate straights." The pamphlet, soon faxed and xeroxed across the country, struck a chord with many — especially young Gays, Lesbians and bisexuals — who didn't feel the traditional Gay-rights movement spoke for them.

Queer Nation soon became known for its irreverent strategies — from pasting "Queers Bash Back" stickers in public places to invading nightclubs and shopping malls not identified as Gay or Lesbian for "Queer Nights Out."

Central to Queer Nation's public persona was its members' determined advocacy of the word queer as opposed to "Gay and Lesbian" or "homosexual." Queer, they said, was inclusive of Gays, Lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people, and (sometimes) supportive heterosexuals. Unlike Gay, they argued, queer recognized that their difference didn't always make them happy. Many were unaware of the word's history, and felt they were reclaiming a pejorative term and using it in a positive sense for the first time.

This "new" use of the word queer brought sharp criticism from other segments of the Gay and Lesbian community. Some worried that the word would only play into the hands of the Gay and Lesbian movement's enemies. Others felt the term simply evoked too many painful memories to be used to name something they wanted to feel proud of.

Mostly because of internal divisions and organizational exhaustion, Queer Nation largely ran out of steam by 1992. While the group is no longer the visible force it once was, the term queer appears to be here to stay. Students and professors debate Queer Theory in the universities, computer users discuss topics of the day on "queernet.com," and thousands of Americans use the term to refer to themselves — either interchangeably with Gay, Lesbian or bisexual — or as a primary identity.

**Was Eleanor Roosevelt a Lesbian?**

She certainly would not have used that term to refer to herself. Nonetheless, we do have ample historical records to confidently

state that Roosevelt had at a passionate romantic involvement with at least one woman — Lorena Hickok.

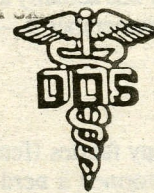
Hickok was a reporter for the Associated Press assigned to cover Roosevelt when her husband was elected president in 1932. The two became close very quickly. While much of the correspondence between them was later burned by Hickok's family, many letters remain, including an oft-cited one in which Hickok writes of how she remembers "the feeling of that soft spot just north-east of the corner of your mouth against my lips."

In addition, many of Roosevelt's friends, particularly in the years following the First World War, were involved in romantic relationships with other women. Many of these women were involved in women's organizations that fought for world peace and social justice.

Do these friendships and her relationship with Hickok "qualify" Roosevelt as a Lesbian? Some historians have angrily said no — insisting on proof of sexual intercourse with another woman before any woman can be called a Lesbian. Even without this standard (which is never applied before labeling someone as heterosexual) we should certainly be careful not to casually label as Lesbian someone who not only married a man and had children but also carried on a long-term romantic relationship with a younger man, her bodyguard Earl Miller.

With evidence of her erotic involvement with both men and women, it is tempting to simply categorize Roosevelt as "bisexual." But since none of these labels was ever embraced by Roosevelt, it may be safest to avoid labels altogether — and point to Eleanor Roosevelt as a clear example of the fact that many of those whom history has traditionally assumed were "straight" had enormously complex romantic and sexual lives.

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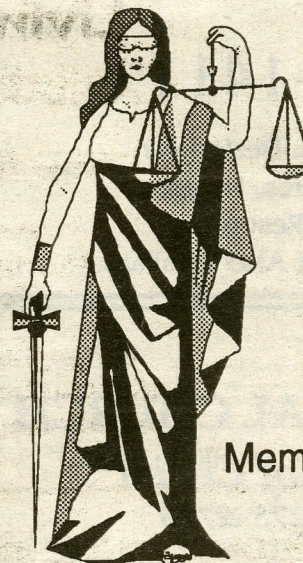


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## Tea Time in May

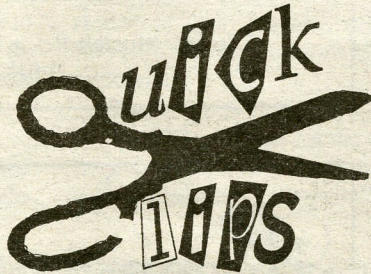
R-A-G-G-M-O-P-P Ragmop—ragmop. (There was actually a song by that name during the nonsense song era. If you remember it—well, do you really want to admit it?)

### Benefit Recap

Dabbles Hair Company's 6th annual World of Passion raised \$8,400 for Hope House. We were able to attend the biggest part of this yearly whimsy, hair and fashion extravaganza. Tom Prestagiacombo was MC and auctioneer. It seems that this man is everywhere. He needs must be classified in the Bill Andrews cute, sweet, warm and "God, girl, he's straight" department. Maybe we should recognize him sometime. We find him much handsomer than some of the more notorious DJs about town.

But, back to the show. The vignettes (that's skits or dramatizations set to music, booby) were a lot of fun. You all know that we don't follow contemporary music so don't expect us to remember who sang what. Our two favorites were one named "Housewerk" in which, you guessed it, a fairie (who bore a wonderful resemblance to Jacob, the black houseboy in *La Cage au Folles I*) brought all the mops and brooms etc. to life while the average housewife was transformed into a model. Our other favorite was "Bumblefizzer's Dream" during which a number of

nubile, wispy faeries (female this time) transformed a nerd (with a



Michael Donahue hairdo, no less) into a very passable boy toy. Mo Alexander was also there from the Comedy Zone for a standup segment with several very funny Gay jokes and poking fun at almost everybody. Just how many Pookies can be found at Club Xscape on any given weekend? Be sure to ask for the five ways to know that you're too big for spandex.

Lots of black and white vinyl was showcased throughout and some pretty funky shoes. There was a metallic wig in one number that looked exactly like Wanda Wilson at a Star Wars party. Also to be thanked are Puss-N-Boots, Graffiti Graphics, Happy Trees and Botanica.

The AIDS Walk/Run raised

more than \$6,000 for Friends For Life, Aloysius Home and six other organizations providing services for people living with AIDS.

### Stuff To Do

Den-Nickolas Smith's new play *Transition* will have a run at TheatreWorks from May 3-11. We will not reiterate what is in the article, it is too well described there. It stars the playwright, Marc Surles, Hal Harmon, Anthony Flessas, Brett Cullum, David Copeland and Ron Gephart. The Saturday, May 11, performance will benefit MGLCC, which the company has used for rehearsals.

The glitter event of the spring will be held at Holy Trinity on May 4. The Miss Gay Tennessee America Pageant is being revived by Kay Entertainment after a several year hiatus. Special entertainers will include Nicole DuBois, Miss Southern Elegance; Kerri Nichols, Miss Gay America; Loreal Chilaie; Hetti McDaniels, the current Miss Gay Tennessee; Thom Malone, Mr. Gay Tennessee All American; and Beverly Hills, an organizer of the pageant. It is a preliminary to Miss Gay America and begins at 10 p.m.

A special service entitled *Hope Outshines the Darkness; A Service of Joyful Remembrance* will be held on Sunday, May 5, at Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to remember all of our brothers and sisters who have passed on, not only due to AIDS but due to a great many reasons. Persons are encouraged to contribute to a Wall of Remembrance by dropping the name of your special person at Friends For Life, Holy Trinity, Meristem, Safe Harbor MCC and Club Xscape. Many of our special memories are of those gone to rest years ago and those will be included as well as many of our Black brothers and sisters who have gone too long unremembered.

Wings informs us that their next club night will be in Little Rock at the Filling Station on May 18. Male and female games &c. will

be showcased and we imagine that the cover charge will be discounted (especially if one drives all the way from Mayumphius).

This month's Pot Luck night at MGLCC (Saturday, May 18) will be a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Center. Doesn't that bring back a host of parochial school memories?

Two benefit shows are scheduled for the next night, May 19: Aphrodite's second show of the year, *Summer In The City* to benefit Loving Arms, will be held at WKRB at 8ish (see ad) and the second benefit, the 1st annual Benefit For Love, is being organized by the employees of Backstreet to benefit Friends For Life at 10. Involved in the Backstreet show is WKRB entertainer Butch Chastity. There will be drink specials and performers should contact Diane Starr at 276-5522.

As always, May is the big anniversary month for Black and White Men Together in Memphis. They have a large schedule of events and can be contacted through Club Xscape or the number in the Resources section.

The Tennessee Leather Tribe is planning a benefit for the PWA Assistance Fund at Friends For Life for June 9 at WKRB. It will be the first annual TLT Drag Races in which leather clubs will compete with drag performers. The winning side will have raised the most money. Their flyer exclaims that the show will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., not drag time but leather time. We laughed a lot about that. We admit that drag time exceeds the boundaries of "ish" on many occasions but the wearing of leather or the doing of fetish has nothing whatever to do with punctuality. Get over it, Josephina.

This is a terrific lead-in to a plug for Memphis Pride. Memphis Pride will hold a bar night at Amnesia on May 11 at which time schedules of events, the gorgeous new T-shirts and buttons, and other propaganda will be available. Meetings are scheduled twice in the month of May, on Sunday, May 5, and Sunday, May 19, at

MGLCC. Pride would like to thank the S.P.I.T. tournament and Holy Trinity Community Church for their support (check the ad). Many hands are needed to run the parade and festival activities so all interested parties are welcome.

The parade will use the same route as last year from Overton Park to Holy Trinity's covered parking area. The parade will step off at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. It will culminate at Holy Trinity with a larger, jazzier Pride Festival with more vendors, more food and drink and plenty of live entertainment.

The Pride River Ride will take place the night before. The fabulous Belle Curves will provide the music and the MGLCC will provide nibbles and the Showboat with a larger dance floor, plenty of room and better drink service.

Memphis Pride is also available at MPHSPride@aol.com.

### The Runaround

Well-known Memphis performer JoAnn Badey will perform live, (something she does quite well) at the Alternative Restaurant in May.

The Amnesia Haze Softball Team will sponsor a Gay Skate Night on Thursday, May 9, at Skateland on Summer. Adam Hart will appear on May 10 and Men of Structure will appear on May 24 at Amnesia itself.

May 15 is the grand re-opening party for Autumn St. Pub, now serving mixed drinks. Management is touting the plentiful parking in the area and the fact that Autumn St. is definitely not the same bar as its predecessors. A fundraiser for the Bluff City Sports Association at which participants may meet the teams is scheduled for May 19.

The Miss J-Wag's pageant will be held at J-Wag's on Friday, May 10.

One More, in the former Nikita's space, has opened. We found it to be pleasant and fresh, again a significant improvement. We will tell you about the crowd when it jells.

501 is specializing in unusual entertainment. The "Over 50 Girls" will perform again on May 26. Mr. 501 will be held June 2 and the M & M Awards will be held Sunday, May 12.

### Final Round

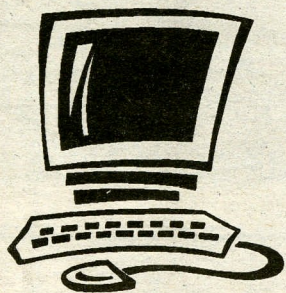
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Then go ask Nancy Stevens where the mop sink is.

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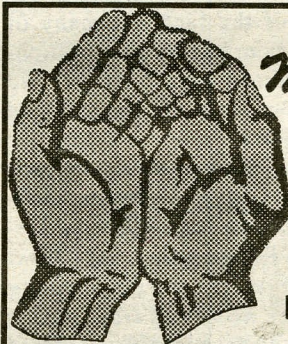
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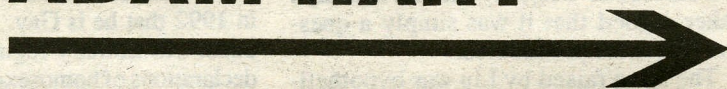
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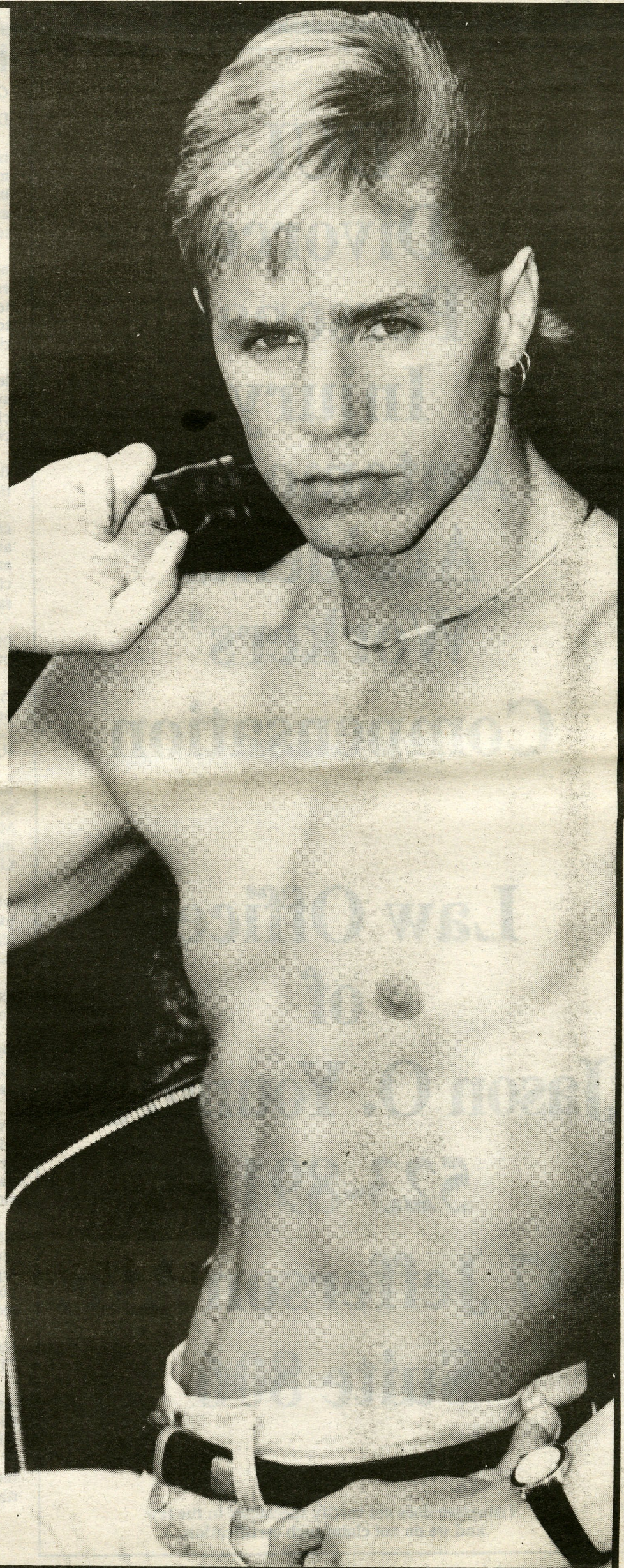
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## Hawaii

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Democrats.

When they emerged, Liu argued that the issue went beyond the same-sex amendment bill and went to the question of giving the Senate president the power to block any effort to recall any bill from committee.

Supporting Mizuguchi's ruling would negate the constitutional right for lawmakers to recall bills from legislative committees, Liu said. "This is an issue that goes to the very heart of openness and integrity of the legislative process," he said.

However, when the vote on Liu's challenge was to be taken, Mizuguchi had switched the question from the Senate rule cited by Liu to another rule dealing with committee jurisdiction of bills.

Democratic Majority Leader Rosalyn Baker argued that it was simply a question of Senate procedures.

The issue raised by Liu was hypothetical because the issue of recalling the amendment bill was not before the body and therefore the application of the rule challenged by Liu does not apply, Baker said.

Liu protested repeatedly and was repeatedly ruled by Mizuguchi to be "out of order."

When the roll call vote began, Liu and Anderson walked off the floor. Mizuguchi prevailed on 22 affirmative votes, with Liu, Anderson and Democratic Sen. Randall Iwase listed as absent.

Liu returned to the floor and made a motion to recall the same-sex amendment bill from the two committees, but Mizuguchi quickly shot him down, declaring Liu did not have the nine votes needed. Liu again walked off the floor.

Democratic Sen. Richard Matsuura, who had supported Mizuguchi in the vote, took the floor and scolded his party colleagues for sidestepping the rule issue raised by Liu.

"I can understand why the minority leader walked out," Matsuura said. "We gave him the reason to walk out."

It will now look to the public like the Democrats were being unfair to Liu by refusing to vote up or down on the issue Liu had raised.

"We gave him the ammunition and now we look like hell," Matsuura said. "They will come back tomorrow, the public will be on their side ... and we're digging our grave deeper and deeper, and it's time to stop, and it's time to be fair."

After the Senate session, Mizuguchi insisted the bill's rereferal to both committees was done because marriage is regulated by the Health Department and not to restart the 20-day clock before a recall would be allowed.

"No one is saying that the bill is dead for good this session," Mizuguchi said. "That option is available."

Last week, Judiciary Committee Chairman Rey Graulty said the rereferal had been undertaken to preclude any recall effort in hopes it would cut off a deluge of faxes to lawmakers from supporters of the amendment to ban same-sex marriages.

Liu said he may take the matter to court.

## Meinhold

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Whidbey Island Naval Air Station two years ago.

After he made his sexual orientation public in 1993, the Defense Department enacted its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gay service members.

The Navy honored Meinhold at an hour-long ceremony Wednesday attended by his squadron and about 40 guests, said base spokesman Howard Thomas.

Service members can opt for retirement after 15 years' service, which will allow Meinhold to embark on other projects, one of which is a nationwide speaking tour next month for the Servicemembers' Legal Defense Network, a nonprofit organization that supports Gay and Lesbian military personnel.

Meinhold revealed on national television in 1992 that he is Gay. He was discharged under old military regulations that treated declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld a federal court judge's decision to reinstate Meinhold. But the 9th Circuit overturned the judge's nationwide order banning military discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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

## Sister

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million TennCare spends every year on prescription drugs.

The TMA survey prompted an angry letter from TennCare bureau chief Rusty Siebert, who called it biased and a misleading.

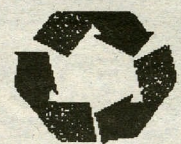
The survey "was structured in such a manner that only one answer could be derived," Siebert wrote to Dr. Robert E. Bowers, TMA president.

The survey's conclusion: TennCare's drug program interferes with doctors' ability to treat patients.

Miss Stanley wonders what could have been done to prolong her brother's life. She regrets not reaching into her pocket to pay for his medicine.

Someone — Walgreen's or Blue Cross-Blue Shield — should have called him to explain why he was being charged, she believes.

"But nobody ever got in touch with Greg and said a solitary thing ...," Miss Stanley said. "My brother is dead and he could have been here a lot longer."



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## New Play to Be Produced in May

The first performances of Den-Nickolas Smith's new play *Transition* will be produced at TheatreWorks May 3 through 11. This hard-hitting drama about the damage caused by jealousy, deceit and rage, is the second installation in a trilogy of plays centered around a group of Gay characters. The first in the series, *Battle Scars* was produced to much acclaim in March 1990. It introduced the audience to some of the same people we encounter in *Transition*.

Den-Nickolas Smith began writing at an early age, and at 16 was cast in his first stage role. Since that time he has appeared on many stages throughout the Mid-South. Audience will remember him as Oedipus in *Oedipus Rex* produced at Shelby State Community College and most recently as Dr. John Douglas in *Miss Evers Boys* at Circuit Playhouse. He also has a small part in the upcoming movie about Larry Flynt. In 1987 Smith received the Golden Poet Award from World of Poetry Press for his poem "Guilt." It was also published nationally. In 1993 his poem "A World of Passion" placed second nationally in Sebastian's Poetic Justice Contest. He is currently finishing the third part of this trilogy, *Divided by Zero*, along

with his first comedy.

Besides writing the play, Smith will be co-directing with Gregory D. Boyd. Memphis audiences have seen Boyd's directing with *Wash and Dry* at the Little Theatre at Theatre Memphis, *Oedipus Rex*, *Not Too Far From The Station*, and *Runaways* at Shelby State Community College and *The Wiz* with the Beale Street Ensemble Theatre. His scenic and lighting designs have been seen at Circuit Playhouse, Jewish Community Center and Germantown Community Center. Smith and Boyd both feel this work will be one of the stronger new plays presented in Memphis in quite a while.

This new work follows a distressed man, August, five years after the shooting death of his friend, Ben (Den-Nickolas Smith). We find August (played by Marc Surles) lost in thought about his former friend and the incident leading up to his death. An almost frenetic search for former lover Drey (portrayed by Hal Harmon) leads to disaster in his relationship with his current lover Troy (Anthony Flessas). As August begins to search for closure, former antagonist Taz (Brett Cullum) and a local bartender (David Copeland) assists in his search for Drey. Af-

ter a fiery encounter with Ben's father Steve (played by veteran actor Ron Gephart), August comes face to face with former lover Drey. Accusations, denials and confrontation ensure as the argument about their final night breaks out.

The audience is pulled into the conflict, only to realize they too have been deceived. The surprise ending leaves many wondering about the wedge driven between friends and lovers by jealousy and deceit.

Performance dates are Fri., May 3, through Sun., May 5, and Thurs., May 9, through Sat., May 11. All performances are at 8 p.m. at TheatreWorks at 2085 Monroe. Tickets can be purchased in advance from cast members or at Dabbles Hair Co., Reservations can be made by calling 725-0521 or 72209302. Tickets are \$8 except for Sat., May 11, when they will be \$10 to benefit the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. This performance is sponsored by America's Mortgage Service courtesy of Sam Kelly and Floyd Brummett. Opening night is sponsored by Dabbles Hair Co., and Sunday, May 5, is sponsored by Paggios For Hair.



Marc Surles (August) and Hal Harmon (Drey) in *Transition*.

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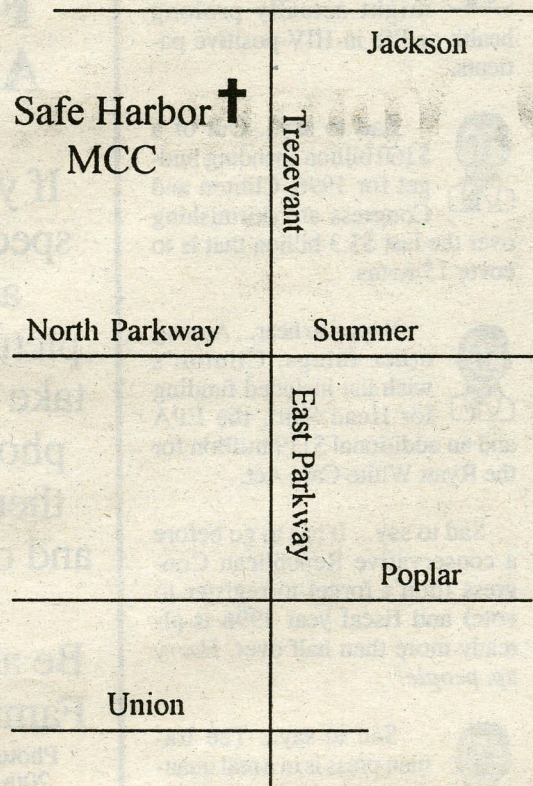
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## Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine



Sad to say... "close only counts in horsehoes, grenades" and now in same-sex marriages.



Happy to hear... "I now pronounce you domestic partners... You may now consummate the relations." So said Mayor Willie Brown of San Francisco during a virtual wedding ceremony performed before 166 couples on one of the holiest Gay days of the year — the Oscars!



Sad to say... They didn't quite go there, but...

Happy to hear... A group of Reformed rabbis, part of the 1750-member Central Conference of American Rabbis, endorsed the legalization of same-sex marriages, but *did not* recommend that they perform the ceremonies.



Sad to say... Novella Smith-Arnold, executive director of We Care, Inc., the criminal justice ministry of Calvary Episcopal Church, has been banned from the Shelby County jail because, she feels, of her efforts to have condoms distributed to inmates. She offered some proof-positive there is HIV in the prison, sex is happening and the virus is being spread to the outside. Sheriff A.C. Gillis and James Dowd, jail director, are like the three monkeys — see no sex, don't want to hear about no sex and will not talk about sex among inmates.



Happy to hear... The Memphis Branch of the NAACP has called for an investigation into the care and treatment of all Shelby County inmates who are HIV-positive or have AIDS.



Happy to hear... One of the Queen Mum's surgeons is a transsexual! Dr. William Muirhead Allwood, father of two, calls himself Sarah, as do his friends. He has not decided whether to have a sex change operation. Maybe she pays the doctor with dresses, shoes and those fabulous hats.



Sad to say... They are still making tough, but...

Happy to hear... All TennCare MCOs are required to make 3TC (Eпивir) and the three protease inhibitors available. Check with your doctor for the protocols.



Sad to say... From the CDC... In 1995, there were 74,180 new cases of AIDS or 27.8 per 100,000 people.



Happy to hear... that's down from 79,897, a rate of 30.2 per 100,000 from 1994.



Sad to say... Washington, D.C., is #1 with a rate of 185.7, followed by Puerto Rico, New York, Florida and New Jersey.



Happy to hear... If you want to stay negative, pack your bags for Bismark for summer fun. North Dakota had the lowest rate of AIDS at 0.8 per 100,000 persons! (Are there even 100,000 in South Dakota?)



Happy to hear... There's promising work on an AIDS vaccine. Remember the Australians who have been positive for many years without becoming sick? Well, they have a weaker strain of the virus, and it's being researched for the vaccine. It sounds dangerous, but that's how the polio virus was contained.



Happy to hear... And there's more—gene therapy. It's complicated, but the experiment (the first of its kind) is a crucial step. The goal is to find a practical treatment with long-lasting effects that will complement traditional drugs.



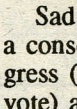
Sad to say... Scientists are a long way from knowing whether gene therapy might actually prolong health or life in HIV-positive patients.



Sad to say... Out of a \$160 billion spending budget for 1996, Clinton and Congress are skirmishing over the last \$1.3 billion that is to cover 15 items.



Happy to hear... Among other things, Clinton's wish list included funding for Head Start, the EPA and an additional \$119 million for the Ryan White Care Act.



Sad to say... It has to go before a conservative Republican Congress (don't forget to register to vote) and fiscal year 1996 is already more than half over. *Hurry up, people!*



Sad to say... The Iranian press is in a real quandary over the translation of Bob Dole's surname,

which is Persian for a private male part.



Happy to hear... We Gay Americans have long known that Dole is a prick.



Sad to say... *Time* reports: "Legislators in a half-dozen states are planning to restrict divorces on the grounds that it may cause teen suicide, and inability to form lasting attachments and possibly also the piercing of nipples and noses."



Happy to hear... Sometimes state legislatures are so bright I can almost see sunspots, but can they explain the reason behind Prince Alberts?



Sad to say... First he had to endure the loss of two coaches and his only brother to AIDS, but...



Happy to hear... We'll have somebody to really cheer for in the winter Olympics. Rudy Galindo, 26, the first openly Gay ice skater and current U.S. champion, won the bronze medal in the World Figure Skating Championship. He is truly a champion in our hearts.



Sad to say... The anti-Gay ordinance is still in effect in Cobb County, Georgia, which is near Atlanta and part of Newt Gingrich's

district.



Happy to hear... In a show of protest, the Olympic torch will follow a new path so as to avoid Cobb County altogether.

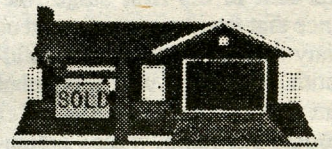


Sad to say... More legislative Looney Tunes; this time it's Utah... again! They think they've found a way around the Supreme Court's ruling of allowing all student extracurricular activities or

none. They have voted to ban only Gay student clubs in high schools to curb homosexuals from "recruiting" others into a "lifestyle that can kill them." One Republican said his brother, who died of AIDS, had been misled to believe he was born a homosexual.



Happy to hear... If people aren't born homosexual, then I guess many legislators aren't born ignorant... they *choose* to be that way.

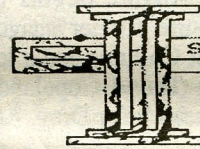


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**FOUR IN THE FLOOR** GWM, 30, seeks others, 20-30, for daytime group fun. Call me anytime. (Memphis) ♣19696

**NAUGHTY NUDIST** GWM, nudist, seeks same for fun and adventure. Call me soon and let's get together. (Memphis) ♣2099

**TWO FOR YOU** GWM couple, cute and attractive, seeks others for fun and possibly more. Give us a call. (Memphis) ♣18119

**MASCULINE IN MEMPHIS** GWM, 22, 5'7", 155, brown hair and eyes, seeks others, local preferred, for fun and more. Give me a call. (Memphis) ♣13703

**FRAT BOY FROLICS** GWM, 23, frat guy, seeks same for whatever happens. Give me a call. (Memphis) ♣49983

**THE MORE THE BETTER** GWM, seeks group activities. Give me a call. (Memphis) ♣49807

**I LIKE FINE CUISINE** GBM, 34, 5'10", varied interests, seeks same for fun and more. (Memphis) ♣49886

**MR. PIGGY** GWM, 6'1", 220, husky, 47, into brown hanky action, greasy and sweaty, seeks same for no hold barred action. Let's do it! (Memphis) ♣49991

**NAUGHTY NUDIST** GWM, seeks others interested in group and single nudism. Give me a call for more information. (Memphis) ♣49345

**LET'S HIT THE FLOOR** GWM, 37, 5'8", 185, seeks same who are interested in erotic wrestling. Leave a detailed message. (Memphis) ♣34525

**CONSERVATIVE AND NORMAL** GWM, 23, 5'8", 145, brown hair and eyes, fairly smooth and firm build, high school looking, varied interests, seeks others for antique shopping, movies and more. Please leave a message. (Memphis) ♣49253

**ST. LOUIS TO MEMPHIS** GWM, 6', 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 34, living in St. Louis now, seeks others for fun, friendship and hopefully more. Please leave a message. (Memphis) ♣47926

**JUST LOOKING FOR FUN** GWM, brown hair, green eyes, 170, 5'11", into alot of things, seeks same for fun, dining out and more. Please leave a message. (Memphis) ♣42733

**FEET FOR ME** GWM, 5'10", auburn hair, blue eyes, seeks others, 23-31, tall and dark features preferred, for fun, friendship and more. (Memphis) ♣31644

**WINE AND CANDLE LIGHT** GWM, 47, 165, dark complexioned, brown hair, green eyes, seeks others for romance and more. (Memphis) ♣29958

**LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT** GWM, 21, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks same for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Memphis) ♣30344

**LET'S MEAT SOON** GWM, 44, 6'1", brown hair, hazel eyes, varied interests, seeks local dudes for fun and more. Beep me! (Chattanooga) ♣19378

**LET'S SHARE SOME TIME TOGETHER** GWM, 39, seeks others, 20-40, for friends and more. (Chattanooga) ♣42893

**DO YOU HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS?** GWM, 6'1", 180, brown hair and eyes, varied interests, seeks others, 25-35, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Chattanooga) ♣30226

**I WANT A REAL MAN** GWM, 6'2", 185, smooth, blonde hair, blue eyes, sports inclined, seeks others, 40-43, who are masculine with a hairy chest. Give me a call. (Cleveland) ♣8188

**CAN YOU HANDLE ME?** GWM, 27, reddish blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'5", 115, part time drag queen, seeks masculine and well built guys for fun and more. Give me a call. (Cookeville) ♣49915

**I'M TIRED OF SECOND BEST!** GWM, 26, 6', light brown hair, 'stache/beard, 170, attractive and straight acting, seeks others, 27-40, relationship oriented preferred, attractive and straight acting a must. No fat's or fem's need respond! Please leave a message. (Dixon County) ♣32262

**TWO FOR YOU** GWM couple, seeks others for fun and more. Call us. (Henderson) ♣5314

**RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED** GWM, 34, 6', 190, blue eyes, brown hair, straight acting and clean cut, varied interests, seeks others for fun, friendship and relationship possibilities. I am not into one niters. (Jackson) ♣21762

**I'M A GOOD LOOKING GUY** GWM, 6', 185, brown hair and eyes, seeks others into weight lifting, camping and more. Give me a call. (Johnson City) ♣8377

**LET'S GROW OLD TOGETHER** GWM, 31, HIV+, seeks hairy and 'stached men ready to settle down. You must be attractive and HIV+. Give me a call. (Kingsport) ♣49614

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?** GWM, 28, 170, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, good looking, seeks others for fun. Leave me a detailed message. (Knoxville) ♣37785

**RENAISSANCE MAN** GWM, 5'9", 140, smooth and slender swimmer's build, varied interests, seeks others, 20-40, local preferred, no fat's, fem's or hairy backs. Leave me a message. (Knoxville) ♣18171

**LET'S PLAY** GBM, 26, seeks others for fun and more. (Knoxville) ♣49321

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST** GWM, 30, 5'6", brown hair and eyes, 140, seeks same, 30-45, for friendship and possible relationship. Please leave a message. (Knoxville) ♣33640

**ARE YOU BUTCH ENOUGH FOR ME?** GWM, 32, slender and attractive, 145, 5'11", HIV+, smoker, seeks others, 30-40, masculine, attractive, tall and hairy chest preferred. Please be sincere and not into game playing. Leave a message. (Knoxville) ♣32326

**LET'S PLAY BALL** GWM, 34, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks others, 25-35 and sports inclined, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Knoxville) ♣18989

**GAME PLAYERS BE GONE!** GWM, 33, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. Please be sincere and not into mind games. Please leave a message. (Knoxville) ♣30188

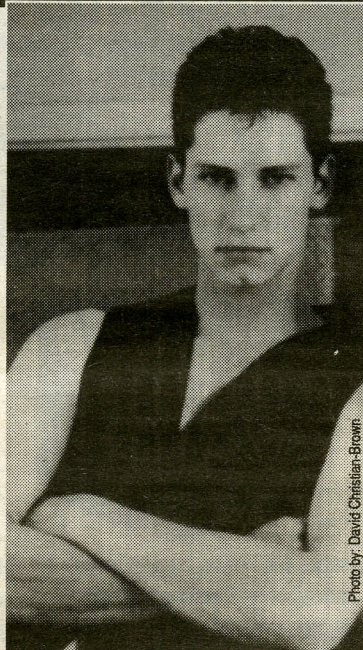


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**DAYTIME INTERLUDES** GWM, 21, seeks others, 25-32 and into working nights, for daytime fun and more. No fat's or fem's need bother to respond. (McMinnville) ♣43029

**LET'S SWAT SOME BALLS!** Bi WM, seeks local dudes for tennis, adventure and more. Give me a call. (Murfreesboro) ♣18712

**LOOKING FOR THE BOY NEXT DOOR** GWM, 36, 6', 170, brown hair and eyes, clean shaven, good shape, seeks young guys, boyish looks a must, for fun, friendship and maybe more. If you're feminine or over weight, DO NOT CALL ME! (Murphreesboro) ♣19082

**ARE YOU THE ONE?** GWM, 19, brown hair and eyes, 5'11", 150, seeks same, attractive and masculine a must, for fun, friendship and excitement. (Nashville) ♣21052

**LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE** GBM, 41, bottom, seeks top men only for fun and more. Give me a call. (Nashville) ♣21143

**I'M HERE AND LONELY** GBM, seeks others for fun and more. I love to sing, travel and look forward to hearing from you. (Nashville) ♣21597

**NEW IN NASHVILLE** GBM, 6'6", 240, 25, new to area, college student, into sports and music, seeks GWM's only, 21-30, for fun, friendship and more. Wanna show me around? Call me. (Nashville) ♣19790

**BUDDY BONDING** GWM, 35, 6'1", 205, seeks others, 25-35, sportsminded a plus, for friendship and more. (Nashville) ♣42807

**DISCREET INTERLUDES** Bi WM, 32, 5'11", 210, brown hair and eyes, seeks same for discreet fun and more. Give me a call. (Nashville) ♣17470

**YOUR COMMAND IS MY DESIRE** GWM, 32, 5'8", 185, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks experienced and masculine Leather top men for hot fun, training and adventure. Help me explore my limits. (Nashville) ♣34404

**HI, WHAT'S UP?** GWM, 6'1", 190, brown hair, hazel eyes, varied interests, seeks GWM's only, for fun and adventure. (Nashville) ♣11107

**TOTAL SATISFACTION** Bi WM, 38, 6', 185, brown hair and eyes, seeks same, working class and top's only, into total body worship. (Nashville) ♣12154

**MAT BURNS** GWM, 6'1, 220, muscular, seeks others into hot and sweaty wrestling matches. Throw me to the floor, if you can, and winner takes all! (Nashville) ♣13764

**CALLING ALL JOCKS!** GWM, 46, seeks others, 18-20, for fun and more. You must be a smooth college jock to respond to me. (Nashville) ♣16330

**TALL TROUBLE** GBM, 27, 6'8", 215, into alot of things, seeks GWM's only, drug and disease free, for fun, friendship and much more. (Nashville) ♣7735

**SMOOTH A TURN ON** GBM, handsome and educated, 5'9", height and weight proportionate, seeks GHM/GAM, smooth and feminine, no facial hair, for fun and alot more. Let me hear from you soon. (Nashville) ♣49102

**LET'S MEAT SOON!** GWM, 24, HIV-, brown hair and eyes, 5'9", 175, seeks same, 18-30, for safe and clean fun. Get in touch with me. (Nashville) ♣5372

**ONE OF THE BEST** GBM, 44, seeks others for fun and more. I'm the one you need! Call me. (Nashville) ♣49597

**MY NAME IS MICHAEL** GWM, long brown hair, brown eyes, 5'5", seeks others, in the local area, for fun and more. Leave me a message. (Nashville) ♣49372

**HEADLOCKS** GWM, seeks others into wrestling and fun. Give me call. (Nashville) ♣49416

**ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?** GWM, 39, lonely, 5'10", 195, brown hair, seeks others, 30-45, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) ♣49433

**NASTY IN NASHVILLE** GWM, 5'8", 32' waist, 140, very attractive, brown hair, hazel eyes, into B/D and more, seeks others into same. Leave a message. (Nashville) ♣49227

**BETTER TOGETHER** GWM friends, seeks others for group participation. Please call us. (Nashville) ♣49239

**I'LL TOP YOU OFF TODAY** GWM, 40's, masculine and muscular, straight acting and appearing, seeks discreet, eager, fit, and straight acting bottom men for good times. (Nashville) ♣28069

**I'M READY FOR MARRIAGE** GWM, varied interests, love to cuddle, drug and alcohol free, seeks others who are ready to settle down. (Nashville) ♣47996

**YOU AND ME FOR LIFE** GWM, 36, 140, 5'8", hazel eyes, brown hair, variety of interests, into all outdoor activities, seeks other GWM's for fun, friendship and possibly more. Leave a message. (Nashville) ♣47998

**YOURS TO COMMAND** GWM, 5'11", blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks others for total body worship. Leave a message. (Nashville) ♣47269

**NASTY IN NASHVILLE** GWM, new to area, very attractive, 24, bottom, seeks very straight acting, masculine and well endw'd GWM's for fun and pleasure. I look forward to meeting you! (Nashville) ♣47412

**UT KNOXVILLE STUDENT** GWM, 20, college student, seeks same for fun, friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) ♣43140

**LET'S HANG OUT** Bi WM, 24, brown eyes, shoulder length hair, medium build, seeks others to hang out with and possibly more. Give me a call. (Nashville) ♣42956

**LIFE IS JUST BEGINNING** GBM, 26, 5'8", 220, very attractive, never had a lover, seeks GWM's only, under 30, for fun, friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) ♣33687

**THREE IS NOT A CROWD** GM couple, mixed race, early 30's, attractive professional's seeks singles or couples for safe and clean fun and more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) ♣33865

**MIRROR IMAGES** GBM, 140, 5'5", seeking others like myself who are into music, movies, bowling and more. (Nashville) ♣33498

**BLACK AND WHITE** GBM, seeks GWM, 25-30, for adventure, romance and more. (Nashville) ♣31191

**LET'S MEAT** GWM, 6', 27, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks others, under 38, for fun and more. (Nashville) ♣30155

**MY NAME IS RANDY** GWM, 31, 6'2", swimmer's build, sports inclined, seeks local guys, secure and masculine, for fun, friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) ♣30180

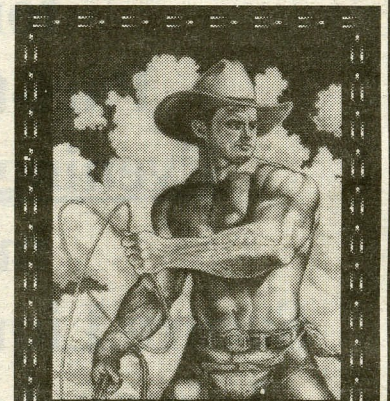
**CALL ME NOW!** GBM, 30, 6'4", seeks young GWM's, 18-30, for fun and more. Leave me a message. (Paris) ♣49601

**BLACK MALE ME** GWM, 48, seeks GBM for fun and much more. Call me. (Pigeon Forge) ♣49971

**LET'S GET TOGETHER** GWM, 25, 5'9", 150, black hair, blue eyes, 'stache, seeks others, 26-39, for fun, friendship and alot more. (Selmer) ♣49335

**I LIKE ALOT OF THINGS** GWM, 39, short gray hair, beard and 'stache, variety of interests, seeks others, 32-45, masculine and well built, for fun and friendship. Give me a call. (Sevierville) ♣49684

**MEAT ME IN THE PARLOR** GWM, new to area, old fashioned, 36, 6', 170, into movies, cuddling and quiet evenings, seek others into the same things. Please call me. (Waverly) ♣16015



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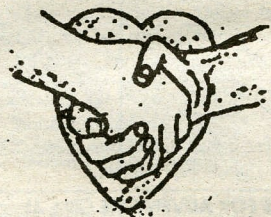
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INTEGRITY offers opportunities for growth, prayer, friendship and understanding.

INTEGRITY meets every third Tuesday of the month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis. For more information, call Calvary Episcopal Church at 525-6602.

**Meetings at**  
**Memphis Lambda Center, Inc.\***  
**1488 Madison Avenue**  
**Memphis, TN 38104**  
**(901) 276-7379**

#### Phoenix (Alcoholics Anonymous) All Meetings Open

Sunday	8:00 pm	Discussion
Monday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Smoke Free)
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Twelve Step Study
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Big Book Study
Friday	10:00 pm	Discussion
Saturday	8:00 pm	Discussion

(Last Sunday of month is birthday night with speaker.)

#### Into The Light (Alcoholics Anonymous - Women)

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

(Business meeting 3rd Sunday of month, Birthdays last Thursday)

#### Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Friday	8:00 pm	Discussion (Open, Smoke Free)
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#### Open Heart (Al-Anon)

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
Thursday	5:30 pm	Discussion (Open)

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

#### Freely Speaking (All 12-Step Programs)

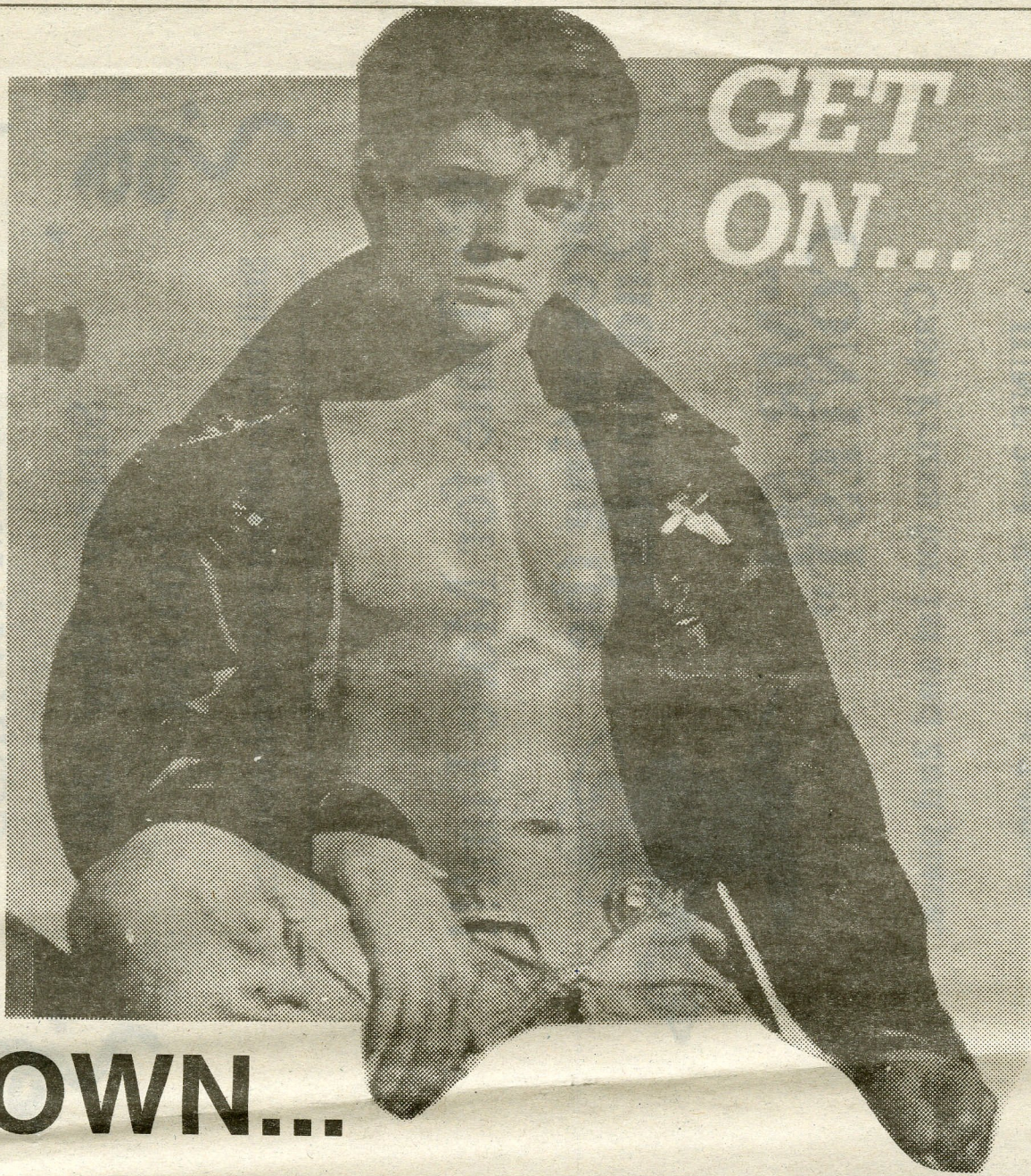
Thursday	9:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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#### ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

Sunday	6:30 pm	Discussion (Open)
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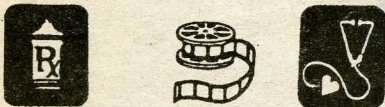
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Sunday - May 12th  
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