

## Tennessee to Set Up "Centers of Excellence" To Improve AIDS Care

Under a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Tennessee officials are working to set up AIDS "centers of excellence" in Memphis and other cities to manage AIDS care. In addition the state is considering offering early drug therapies to keep people infected with HIV healthier longer.

According to Theresa Clarke, assistant commissioner for TennCare, the state will establish comprehensive treatment centers which will establish standards of care for AIDS patients, monitor patients' progress and held TennCare's Managed care organizations share the costs of AIDS treatments.

Hearings were held in mid-September on the impact offering the new drug therapies would have on the TennCare system. TennCare is the state's replacement for Medicaid.

Dr. Steve Raffanti, a Nashville physician who treats many patients with AIDS, told the TennCare Oversight Committee Sept. 17 that it should consider "the total cost, not just to pharmacy, but to the whole system, to the state and in human lives."

Raffanti testified one of his patients who would otherwise be dead by now, is contemplating returning to work as a result of his multi-drug treatment.

Legislators have been concerned about what they consider to be the exorbitant costs of the new protease inhibitor treatments. Dr. Raffanti believes that new diagnostic tools and early intervention can greatly impact the speed of pro-

gression of HIV infection.

"We are discussing the possibility that if you've got an HIV diagnosis, why not eliminate some of the hoops for getting into TennCare — which is where most of these people will end up anyway after they become disabled — and getting them into treatment and where they stay healthy and we can manage their care," said Ginger Parra, legislative liaison for the TennCare Bureau in an interview in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Kimberly McDonough, a pharmacist with ProMark, Inc, acknowledged that the cost of providing the multi-drug treatments to patients early in the course of their disease would be high. However, she indicated that the choice was between spending the money to address the disease early or spending it later on opportunistic infections which may develop.

By spending the money early, McDonough said, "we'll be giving these patients their lives."

One of the planned centers is slated for the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (The Med) which already sees the majority of Memphis AIDS patients.

Current statistics from the Tennessee Department of Health show the state has recorded 2,792 people with AIDS and another 3,922 with HIV infection which has not progressed to AIDS. Early intervention could conceivably keep those with only an HIV infection healthier for a longer period of time.

## Aloysius Home Receives Two Huge Grants

By Allen Cook

To Dr. Jim Shaw is was like a dream come true. In, fact he thought he was still dreaming!

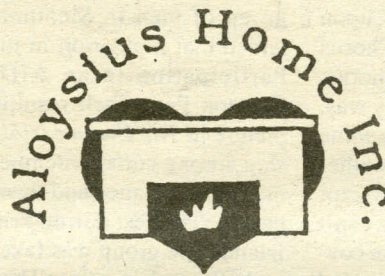
On Sept. 21 Shaw woke early and, as is his usual custom, planned to go to his office for some Saturday morning catch-up work at Aloysius Home where he serves as executive director. He stopped and picked up a copy of *The Commercial Appeal*.

Turning to the front page of the Metro section he learned for the first time that Aloysius Home will receive \$1.6 million over the next three years as part of a total federal grant of \$6.1 million to the homeless in the Memphis area. Apparently HUD tells the newspapers before they tell the grantees.

According to Shaw the money will take the form of two grants.

The largest is for \$1,200,000 to provide transitional housing at the Aloysius location on Claybrook. It

includes \$165,400 to finished the second floor renovation there and to increase the number of beds from nine to 14. Currently there are four people with AIDS who reside there. That facility will provide respite care and temporary housing for up to 24 months depending on the circumstances of the individual.



Shaw said the \$165,400 is less than is actually needed to finish the Claybrook renovation. They have discovered that instead of just needing a roof repair, a whole new roof is needed for the building.

The second grant totalling \$404,284 is to add to the permanent housing program at the North Parkway location. It will allow that facility to move from 10 to 20 beds and provide support services as well.

The grant was part of a group effort among the members of the Greater Memphis Interagency Coalition for the Homeless.

As part of the local process, members of the Coalition were required to prioritize their choices with the expectation that only the top three would be funded. Initially, Aloysius Home's proposals placed fourth and sixth on that list. Apparently, HUD funded beyond the top three, although not every proposal was funded.

Memphis received almost 60 percent of the \$10.3 million awarded for homeless programs in Tennessee. Aloysius Home received 26 percent of the total allocated to Memphis.

## Ellen DeGeneres' TV Character May Come Out as a Lesbian

By Frazier Moore  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In what would be a first for network television, Ellen DeGeneres' character on ABC's *Ellen* may come out as a Lesbian this season, according to *TV Guide*.

The series' producers and star are lobbying for the character to come out of the closet and have already paved the way in the season's first nine episodes, the magazine reported in its Sept. 28 issue.

*Ellen* centers on Ellen Morgan, a single woman in her mid-30s played by former standup comic DeGeneres. Past episodes have dealt with Ellen's unsuccessful relationships with men and her mother's frustration that Ellen hasn't married.

DeGeneres' own sexual orientation has been the subject of speculation in and out of the Gay community. She has refused to discuss the matter. She also declined to comment on the *TV Guide* article.

However, her manager, Arthur Imparato, told the magazine: "If you look hard at the whole series, there are a lot of elements over the years that could be laying the groundwork for that story line."

No prime-time network series has ever had a homosexual as its central character.

The title character on *Love, Sidney*, which aired on NBC from 1981 to 1983, was conceived as Gay. The show, starring Tony Randall as a commercial artist, was based on a TV film in which his character was Gay. But on the series, no mention was made of Sidney's sexuality.

"We're certainly seeing more Gay and Lesbian characters than ever before, and the Ellen character coming out would be a fantastic thing," said Alan Klein, a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Millions of viewers feel Ellen Morgan is a friend, and this would help to normalize (homosexuality) for millions of viewers. We hope it pans out."

In one of the upcoming episodes of *Ellen*, says *TV Guide*, Ellen is standing behind a closet door in her new house. On stepping out of the closet, she says, "Yeah, there's plenty of room, but it's not very comfortable."

Later in that episode, her parents announce plans to divorce and she says: "How do you think I feel? What if I said something shocking to you — like my whole life has been a lie and I'm really ... left-handed."

An ABC spokesman referred calls to Disney Television, which produces the series through its Touchstone subsidiary. A Disney spokeswoman declined comment.

Ellen's coming out, if it happens, could put new heat on the Walt Disney Co., which also owns ABC.

While a major proponent of traditional family values, Disney has repeatedly been attacked by Christian conservatives for what they consider non-family-friendly practices.

One Christian group criticized *Growing Up Gay*, a book for teenagers published by Disney-owned Hyperion Press. Another group voted to have its membership boycott Disney because the company extends benefits to companions of Gay employees and releases R-rated movies.

Meanwhile, advertisers have shown a reluctance to associate their products with shows that depict Gay life too explicitly.

In 1994, under pressure from advertisers, Fox cut a Gay kiss from *Melrose Place*, and two TV stations pulled an episode of *Northern Exposure* that featured a Gay wedding.

Yet Gay characters have become an accepted part of TV series ensembles, from *Roseanne* and *NYPD Blue* to newcomers such as *Spin City*, *Relativity* and *Party Girl*.

*Ellen*, which started its fourth season Sept. 18, ranked 43rd out of 101 prime-time series in the ratings last season.

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# What's In A Name? Pride, Perception and the Chorus

by Vincent Astor

As Lady A. would put it, "And we, of course, are a specialiste in gossip." Sometimes, however, one would like to take a person's words at face value. I, myself, upon first hearing that the Lambda Men's Chorus had a new name, River City Men's Chorus, asked a chorus member why. The reply was, "Well, you know we had to do it to get some of these people with church jobs." Another member, when asked who the new director was, replied, "I can't tell you and you can't print it." Naturally, these responses are covered over with pride and self-esteem and make an activist's blood boil. Not to mention, how is a consciencious activist newspaper going to promote a group which *should* be a sterling opportunity to be a role model? As sometimes happens, it became a "Quick Clip."

Here is the story.

The Lambda Men's Chorus was founded in 1990 as a result of the stirring number "Sometimes When We Touch" from the Heart Strings benefit tour in 1989. The song, sung by a large male chorus recruited from all over Memphis, leaped into a very different context in that performance and pro-

duced unforgettable emotions. Later, in fact, the new Memphis chorus participated in *An Event in Three Acts* when it toured two years later. The song became part of its repertoire.

The chorus' charter began, "We, a select group of men in Memphis..." and maintained that reputation in the eyes of many. Participation in an AIDS event at the Overton Park Shell resulted in a beautiful picture in *The Commercial Appeal* and tension among certain members. This resulted in first acceptance and then declining to appear at Gay Fest during Pride week on Mud Island. The group was taken to task for this verbally and in print. That resulted in the then-chorus director personally setting out to dismantle the Memphis Gay Coalition, *Gaze* newspaper and the parties involved. *The Triangle Journal News* was founded as a result and the players in the controversy continued their former roles in the community. The chorus continued as well.

Since then the chorus has grown, thrived, shrunk, changed directors, had members come and go, prided themselves on musical quality and been called a clique. Over the last year or so, two directors have come and gone, and very lately both participation and attendance had dwindled.

## Opinions expressed in editorials and commentaries are those of the authors.

Administration and board became less involved through personal circumstances. Perry Redfearn, a professional organist and choral director, had directed the chorus in an interim period and was approached about doing it full time. He was eager to direct, but others had to come forward as strong officers and administrators. Dr. Charles Friedman, a musician well known in our community as well as the larger community, became motivated and now serves as president of the new chorus. With the new commitment, an important decision was made. "Memphis Lambda Chorus was a tired name. It was a new start. We were always a Gay chorus, there was never any question," says Friedman. Therefore, the group was reorganized as a new entity, the River City Men's Chorus.

The attitude is now "in the P-FLAG mode" and is stated as welcoming affirming men "who enjoy singing with a chorus which just happens to be Gay." Currently, everyone actually is Gay and the booth at last month's Cooper-Young festival was draped with the rainbow flag. "The names [of other choruses] don't have to have a code word meaning 'Gay' — many do not." Friedman says, "Perry's mission here is to give something back to the community and the community he's talking about is the Gay/Lesbian community." The musicianship of the new group and the response at rehearsals has been "a quantum leap," says Friedman. The chorus has continued rehearsing throughout the summer and has a concert scheduled for Oct. 5 at First Congregational Church (its new headquarters) with participation the following day at the Calvary Episcopal annual Healing Service. "First and foremost we want to be a competent, actually an excellent, musical organization," an opinion shared by Friedman and

Redfearn, and, adds Redfearn, "if we do what we intend to do, become a first-class men's chorus, I don't care what the community thinks."

Perry Redfearn is a strong conductor with an equally strong personality. According to him, participation in the chorus is a strong affirming situation for some who are looking for exactly that — a Gay environment which has less to do with alcohol or feeling sorry for one's self or sexual gratification than with enjoyment, music and a goal of quality performance. Occasionally it is a big step for an individual to come for the first time. It is not as difficult to stay; support and self-image come naturally.

So much for the facts, now for my opinion (this is, after all, an editorial). I attended the first gathering of the Lambda chorus at MGLCC. I was one of the ones who criticized the loudest in 1990 and I could have acknowledged excellence if I had seen it. The Lambda chorus was good, but it never was fabulous. It seemed to be very clubby, "select." I was, of course, supposed to be very proud and supportive because they tried so hard. I was supposed to overlook the fear in individuals, and the snidery and hatred leveled at me by its founder. The chorus survived because it is worth something.

Its current members have decided to let go of old baggage and strive for excellence, and I take what they say at face value. It is so much more ennobling, so much stronger, to be proud with honesty instead of the benefit of the doubt and that is what I want to be. Not proud because of sympathy, political correctness or in spite of the fact that we live in Memphis and things are the way they are.

I want them to be Gay and I want them to be fabulous. Then no one will have to have excuses. And no one will cheer louder than I.



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### On Research Use of Animals

To the Editors: "In the case of AIDS therapeutics animal models have played a small role in the development of drugs currently approved for use in humans or of drugs or vaccines about to enter clinical trials. Candidate anti-virals have been screened using in-vitro systems and those with acceptable safety profiles have gone directly into humans with little support of efficacy data in any in-vivo system.. there is no predictive animal model for HIV infection in humans." Michael Wyand AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses Vol. 8 #3, 1992

Happy to say: Mr. Valentine thought my

letter was intelligent and informative.

Sad to say: Valentine has been brainwashed by the pseudo "science" faction.

Happy to say: 150 years of animal models have produced only drugs "proven" effective against stroke. None of which work in humans.

Sad to say: 150 years of animal models have produced only 25 drugs "proven" effective against stroke—none of which works in humans.

Happy to say: In my extended conversation with a Dr. Carlson, referred to me by the Humane Society of the United States, she stressed over and over that there is no animal model for HIV-I.

Sad to say: "Scientists" are STILL trying to make primates ill with HIV-I.

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# Anti-Gay Job Bias a Murky World Avoided by Senate

By Calvin Woodward  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trouble began for Todd Dobson when he asked people at work to sponsor him on an AIDS fund-raising bicycle ride. Most chipped in; some took the request as a disturbing revelation that he was Gay. In a few months, shunned by

some co-workers and distracted by the quiet but damaging fuss over his homosexuality, he was fired by his employer, a Boston software company.

He thought it was because of his sexual orientation; the company said it was because of unrelated problems.

Dobson's experience last year illustrates the promise and short-

comings of a bill that was defeated narrowly in the Senate in September that would have prohibited employers from using sexual orientation as a basis for hiring, firing, promotion or compensation.

When people who fear disclosure of their homosexuality see it divulged, they may feel their jobs are hanging on a thread and they have nowhere to turn.

But few employers acknowledge discriminating against Gays, harassment may come from staff instead of management, and it's unclear that the many cases falling into murky areas like Dobson's would be remedied by legislation.

"There's a limit to what a law can do," acknowledged Dobson, 29, who found another job in the field. Indeed, Massachusetts has its own protections against Gay discrimination but he did not know that at the time.

Guaranteeing rights to Gay men and Lesbians on the job appeals to most Americans. But same-sex marriage, which the Senate voted against overwhelmingly, does not.

In the presidential campaign, in Congress and across the country, religious beliefs and other rallying points in defense of the traditional family have made Gay marriage a non-starter for many.

"I just don't think that's what marriage is about," said Tom Pitra, 31, manager of a software development office in Minneapolis. But "from a work standpoint, it should have no bearing."

Social scientists say attitudes on Gay rights parallel those on other difficult social questions — the more distance from the issue, the more tolerant people become.

They say support for employment equality is stronger for the Gay airline pilot than for the grade school teacher, stronger for the notion of domestic partnership benefits at work than for the right of a homosexual couple to live in your apartment building, stronger for Gays in the military than for Gays adopting children.

"Because of the special nature of what homosexuality involves, the idea of marriage is something many people, even with no antipathy toward Gay people, think is not appropriate," said Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Still, social conservatism and personal liberty are both threads of the American tradition, and people were quick to show their colors on the issue.

"It's time for a little change and acceptance in America," said Susan Spector, 37, of Philadelphia.

"Hey, this is America, and as long as it doesn't hurt anyone, then it's OK," said Troy Foster, 27, of Newark, N.J.

But for Bert Rollins, 50, of Miami, it was this simple: "The good Lord made Adam and Eve. I don't think it's proper. I don't think it's right."

At the University of Chicago, Smith is director of the General Social Survey, a broad social measure than has tracked attitudes on homosexuality for 25 years. The bottom line, he said, is that most Americans still believe homosexuality is wrong.

Even so, they are increasingly open to extending civil liberties to Gays, he said, and hostility has waned somewhat this decade.

In this year's survey, 60 percent of respondents said homosexual sex is "always wrong," down from the 75 percent or more who thought so until the past few years. A greater number now frown on extramarital sex.

President Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole both oppose same-sex marriage. But Clinton said he was disappointed the anti-discrimination bill failed.

Gay activists say about half the Fortune 500 companies have introduced anti-discrimination employment policies for homosexuals.

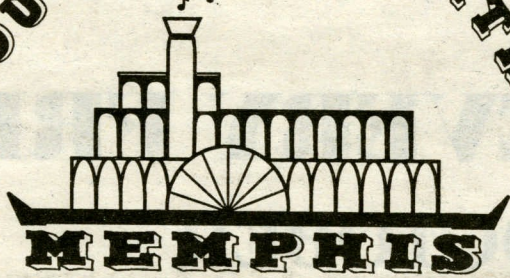
Massachusetts is among states where anti-discrimination laws already cover Gays and it has an office where people who feel harassed or held back on the job can seek redress. Dobson belatedly has taken up the issue with state authorities.

Dobson said some co-workers "pretty much isolated me" after realizing he was Gay, his desk was rifled and he went to see the human resources manager.

"I point blank asked, 'Am I going to get fired?' and I was assured and reassured many times by him that there was no one who would fire me for this reason, he would not allow it."

But suddenly, Dobson said, "everything I did wasn't quite right." And when a computer disk was found on his desk that he wasn't supposed to have, he lost his job.

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# Court Rules Against Lesbian Mother in Custody Fight with Killer Dad

By Jackie Hallifax  
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The daughter of a Lesbian and a man who murdered his first wife should remain in her father's custody, an appeals court ruled Aug. 30.

The decision is not based on the sexual orientation of Mary Ward, the 1st District Court of Appeal wrote in its unanimous decision.

"The focus of this case is not on the mother's sexual orientation, but on the best interests of the child," the three-judge panel wrote.

Cassey Ward, 12, lived with her mother until last summer, when a Pensacola trial judge revoked Mary Ward's custody, saying he wanted to give Cassey a chance to live in "a non-Lesbian world."

Cassey moved from her mother's Pensacola home to live with her father and his third wife in nearby Milton.

John Ward pleaded guilty to second-degree murder of his first wife in 1974 and served eight years in prison.

Mary Ward appealed the ruling to the 1st DCA, arguing the judge changed custody just because she was a Lesbian.

The appeals court disagreed, finding the trial judge's decision was supported by "competent and substantial evidence" that Cassey was being harmed by conduct she was exposed to in her mother's home.

The evidence — comments and questions from Cassey on sexual matters, bad table manners and personal hygiene habits and a preference for men's cologne — could be interpreted differently, the appeals court conceded.

But, the court said, a ruling by a trial judge about evidence cannot be overturned unless the lower court clearly abused its discretion by reaching a conclusion no reasonable person would.

That's not the case in the Ward case, the court wrote.

A similar decision might be reached in a heterosexual situation, the court wrote.

"We are not suggesting that the sexual orientation of the custodial parent by itself justifies a custody change," said the unsigned ruling.

Although state law makes it harder for people convicted of serious domestic violence to keep their parental rights, Mary Ward didn't cite the statute at the trial level so the matter can't be reached at the appellate level, the DCA wrote.

But the judges went on to note that Ward's clean record since his imprisonment and his current situation — his marriage, stable employment and ownership of property — would probably enable

him to keep his parental rights if the law was cited.

In a statement released by his lawyers, John Ward said he was extremely pleased by the ruling.

"The ruling is not so much a victory for me, but a victory for my daughter and every other child in this nation who may be faced with being raised in a household in which homosexual role modeling distorts and perverts, or is likely to distort or pervert, societal norms that have been established and recognized from the beginning of civilization."

Kate Kendell, executive direc-

tor of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, represented Mary Ward. Kendell said Mary Ward was devastated by the ruling.

"She obviously is not feeling in a place to want to talk to anybody," Kendell said.

Charlene Carres, a Tallahassee attorney for Mary Ward, said she was very disappointed in the ruling, which would definitely be appealed, probably to the state Supreme Court.

Edward Fleming, a Pensacola attorney for John Ward, said he didn't think Mary Ward had any

basis to file an appeal to Florida's high court and would not convince the court to consider the case.

Carres said she thought the DCA was wrong when it said Mary Ward's custody was not revoked because of her sexual orientation.

"The judge's order said outright she needs to be removed from a Lesbian environment," Carres said.

"This child should be given the opportunity and the option to live in a non-Lesbian world," Circuit Judge Joseph Tarbuck wrote in his August 1995 decision.

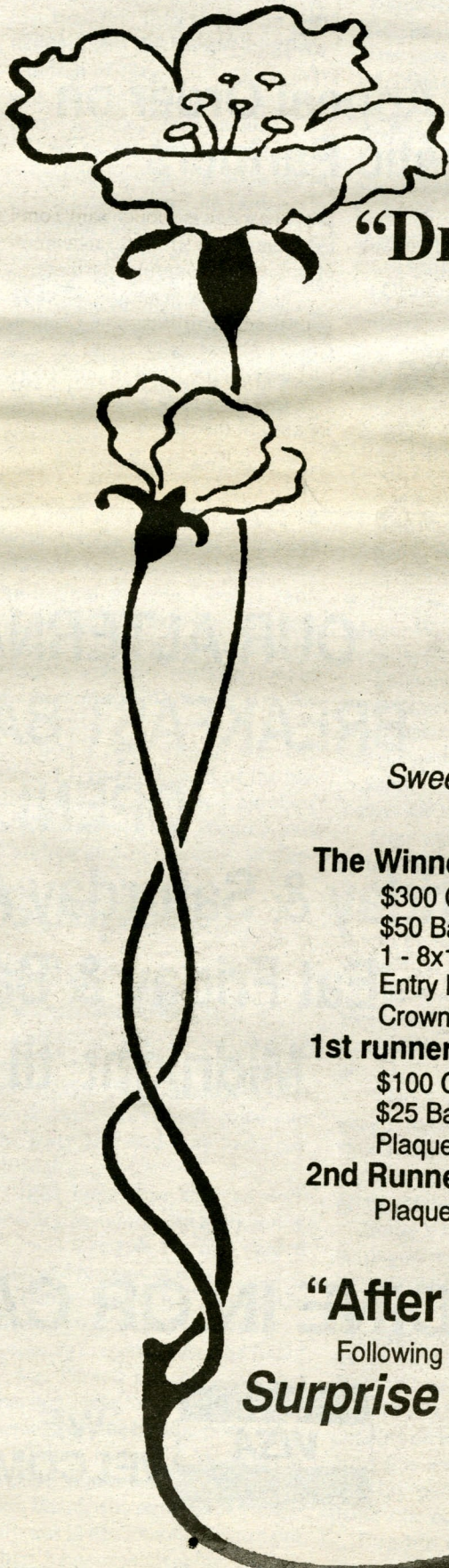
Kendell and Beatrice Dohrn, legal director for the Lambda Le-

gal Defense and Education Fund in New York, said other courts across the country have issued a variety of rulings on the custody of children of Gay parents.

But the Ward case stands out because of the contrast between the mother and father, they said.

In mid-July, the appeals court ruled that a state judge in another Panhandle county couldn't assume without evidence that a homosexual environment would harm a child.

A new hearing was then granted to Valerie Maradie of Niceville, who lost custody of her 4-year-old daughter last September.



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## Civil Rights Suit Filed Over Mechanic's Alleged Threats

ALFRED, Maine (AP) — The Attorney General's Office has filed a civil rights suit against an auto mechanic who allegedly harassed and threatened a Gay customer at an Ogunquit gas station.

The complaint, brought Sept. 12 under the Maine Civil Rights Act, alleged that Peter M. Arsenault of Wells harassed Charles L. Waite III of Ogunquit and threatened him with a hammer on July 30.

It says that Waite went in Alexandre's Mobil Station to ask why his broken-down car had not been towed, as requested under his AAA service agreement. Arsenault allegedly approached Waite with a hammer, telling him to get off the property and saying, "All you faggots ever want is something for free."

According to the complaint filed in York County Superior

Court, Arsenault admitted to Ogunquit police officer Patricia L. Arnaudin that he did indeed make the harassing comments and had threatened to hit Waite while holding a hammer in his hand.

But Arsenault denied the allegations when questioned by the *Journal Tribune* and refused further comment.

The complaint seeks a permanent injunction against Arsenault, forbidding him from threats or harassment against Gay people. It also asks the court to order Arsenault to pay a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each civil rights violation.

## Lawyer Helps Gay Couple Arrange Surrogate Birth

MONROVIA, Ind. (AP) — A Morgan County attorney who helped two Gay British men find a surrogate mother so they could have a child says the media is blowing the case out of proportion.

Steven C. Litz, director of Surrogate Mothers Inc. in Morgan County, arranged for a rural Illinois woman to be artificially inseminated with William Zachs' sperm after Zachs and Martin Adam contacted him.

The woman, Andrea L. Hasty, 25, of rural Illinois just east of St. Louis, gave birth in July to a baby girl.

The Edinburgh, Scotland

couple attended the delivery, then took the child home after obtaining a court order in St. Clair County, Ill., identifying Zachs as the father, and awarding him full custody.

Zachs is an American U.S. citizen; Adam is British.

Since news of the surrogate birth broke two weeks ago in Britain, its notorious tabloid newspapers have been awash with lurid headlines, including "Fury As Gay Men Buy Baby Daughter."

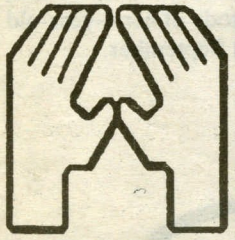
And Zachs and Adam, and two-month-old Sarah Clare Zachs Adam, have been virtual prisoners in their home, which has been staked out by reporters.

"It seems to me the press is creating a furor over what should be a private arrangement," said Litz. "...So what? These are two loving parents who happen to be men."

Litz, who was swamped by interview requests, said the couple contacted him in January 1995 after unsuccessfully trying to adopt a child.

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## Oregon to Appeal Order on Gay Domestic Partners

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon attorney general's office said Aug. 30 it will appeal a judge's order that insurance benefits be offered to the homosexual domestic partners of state employees.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Stephen Gallagher ruled Aug. 8 in favor of three Oregon Health Sciences University em-

ployees who sued to obtain medical, dental and life insurance benefits for their longtime partners.

The attorney general's office is appealing the ruling to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

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# Final Arguments End Trial Phase in Landmark Same-Sex Marriage Case

By Bruce Dunford  
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's landmark case on same-sex marriages goes to Circuit Judge Kevin Chang Sept. 20 following final arguments in which the state will insist a ban on licensing Gay and Lesbian marriages protects children.

"The state's position is the child is best off with its mother or father or a married man and woman," said Deputy Attorney General Rick Eichor in defending the state against a lawsuit brought by three same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in 1990.

The state's position also applies to "second best" situations such as children resulting from donor insemination for infertile couples and cases of divorce in which the courts prefer joint custody, Eichor said.

"It is an elastic concept in the sense of what is best for the child. There are many second bests if the first best doesn't work. Same-sex marriage is not one of them," he said.

Hawaii's Supreme Court in 1993 ruled that denying the three couples marriages licenses amounted to gender discrimination and violated the state Constitution's equal protection clause, unless the state could show a compelling state interest in doing so.

Chang is expected to rule before the end of the year, sending the case back to the state Supreme Court where a final ruling isn't expected for at least one year.

The issue has attracted national attention because the U.S. Constitution requires states to honor the legal contracts of other states. Fearing legalization of Gay marriage in

Hawaii, Congress and 14 states have passed pre-emptive laws denying recognition of same-sex marriages.

"We think the state after the first week failed to meet their burden, so certainly they didn't meet their burden through our witnesses," Dan Foley, the attorney for the three couples, said his final witness appeared Thursday, ending testimony in the trial that began Sept. 10.

All the witnesses, including those for the state, agreed that Gay and Lesbian parents are good parents, that their children develop just fine, that they should be able to adopt and that "if anything, the children of Gay and Lesbian parents need more support, not less from the state," Foley said.

"So as far as the undisputed record of the case, the state failed to meet its burden," he said.

Eichor disagreed.

"If the policy of the state is to legalize same-sex marriages, we will be endorsing those marriages for all purposes," he said. "Therefore we'll be endorsing a policy that separates children from their mother and father. Therein lies the conundrum."

Foley said that reasoning is "bogus."

"This case has nothing to do with a state policy of requiring children to be removed from their biological parents," Foley said. "This case has to do with childless couples who want to marry, couples with children who want to marry so their children have rights to benefits."

Foley's final witness was Dr. Robert J. Bidwell, head of the pediatrics department at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children and an associate profes-

sor in pediatrics at the University of Hawaii's medical school.

Legalizing same-sex marriages would give such families a legal status and help end the social stigma the children often face during adolescence, said Bidwell, who estimated counseling up to 100 children of Gay and Lesbian parents in his 15 years of practice.

Marriage provides stability to

the family and the couple and validates the status of the family in the community," so any child "can talk about mom and dad, mom and mom or dad and dad and be accepted in the community," Bidwell said.

His testimony was consistent with all the expert witnesses both for the plaintiffs and the state that above all, a loving, caring and nur-

ture family environment is the most important aspect of good child development.

The state's expert witnesses last week focused on the added importance of the natural instinct biological parents have toward their own children and having both male and female role models within the family.

## President Signs Bill Outlawing Same-Sex Marriages

HONOLULU (AP) — One day after final arguments were concluded in the state's same-sex marriage case President Clinton on Saturday signed into a law a bill denying federal recognition of Gay marriages.

Clinton signed the bill sometime after midnight Sept. 21 in an effort to avoid media scrutiny over the move that has angered his supporters in the Gay community.

Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry says the bill was designed

to embarrass the president and put him on the spot, so he felt it appropriate to sign it in the "middle of the night."

While the president said he agreed with the bill, he urged the measure not be used to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians.

In the state's Gay marriage case, Circuit Judge Kevin Chang is expected to take until November before ruling on whether three same-sex couples have the legal right

to marry in Hawaii.

Whatever the judge rules, an appeal to the state Supreme Court is expected. A final ruling from the high court isn't likely until late next year.

The state argued during the trial that allowing Gays to legally marry will harm children. Attorneys for the couples produced experts who argued children suffer no ill effects from being brought up by same-sex parents.

## Denver Approves Extended Benefits

DENVER (AP) — The Denver city council on Sept. 16 extended health benefits to the homosexual partners of city workers.

The measure makes the city the first in Colorado to directly provide such benefits to Gays and Lesbians. The measure now goes to Mayor Wellington Webb, who has promised to sign it.

Supporters, with stories of long-term same-sex relationships, said the measure will strengthen employee morale and productivity by making Gay workers' households equivalent to those of heterosexuals.

Opponents, however, said they will battle the measure in court.

"If you pass this," said Paul Schaefer, "we'll take it to court and it will be tied up for three to four years."

The vote was 11-1, with Ted Hackworth the lone vote against it. Councilwoman Polly Flobeck was absent.

"I believe in basic human rights very strongly," Hackworth said, "but I don't believe in encouraging or establishing as fact inappropriate relationships."

Some opponents warned that taxpayers may end up bearing a large cost of future health care.

The additional cost of the new coverage won't be known until after the October sign-up period for 1997. It has been estimated at between \$150,000 and \$475,000, depending on which of three medical programs are chosen and whether the Gay partner also has dependents who can be covered.

Eligible city employees will have to sign an affidavit that they are in a "committed and exclusive

relationship" with a person of the same gender. Employees who end a registered relationship would have to notify the city, and then wait at least six months before registering a new partner.

The benefits weren't extended to the unmarried partners of het-

erosexual employees. City officials said insurance companies believe the opportunity for fraud is much greater if heterosexuals, who are a much larger percentage of the population than homosexuals, can add people to their health coverage without being married.

## Fatal Beating Suspect Arrested in Iowa

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) — Iowa police on Sept. 7 arrested the prime suspect in the death of a Woodward business owner, who may have been attacked because his assailants thought he was Gay.

Shannon Jones, 23, was arrested in Creston, Iowa, after he drove through a stop sign and hit another vehicle, authorities said.

Jones was the last person sought by Woodward police in connection with the fatal beating of Albert Joel Bixler, 36.

The automobile detailing shop owner was found in a Woodward apartment complex dumpster Aug. 29. He apparently had been beaten in the head with a car jack, authorities said.

The killing occurred while several people were at a party in one of the apartments near where the body

was later found, police said.

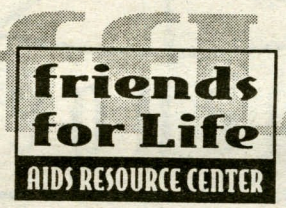
According to a court affidavit, a woman who was at the party told investigators that Shannon Jones and Mark Jones, not related, came into the party and said they had "just killed that queer."

Both men were charged with first-degree murder, but Mark Jones, 31, was arrested. He was denied bond and remains in jail.

Tammy Lee Parnell, 37, also was arrested and charged with being an accessory to murder after the fact.

Ms. Parnell allegedly allowed Shannon Jones to wash and change clothes after the beating occurred.

Clifford Beard, 33, surrendered to police as a possible material witness. Beard, who posted bond, allegedly was in Ms. Parnell's apartment when Jones was cleaning up, authorities said.



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## TennCare Could Pay Premiums, Save Millions on AIDS Patients

By Phil West  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — TennCare could save \$5 million a year by paying premiums to keep AIDS patients on conventional insurance programs instead of paying the cost of treating them, a social worker says.

Many AIDS patients have private insurance through their employers and are eligible for up to 29 months of extended coverage once they become disabled.

TennCare managed care organizations, or MCOs, could pay the premiums and leave the insurance company footing the bill for expensive drugs and hospitalization, social worker Dan Ramey told members of the TennCare Oversight Committee on Sept. 18.

Ramey, who works for two Nashville physicians, said he has saved TennCare more than \$400,000 so far this year by shifting the cost of treating four AIDS patients to private insurance plans.

The method is simple:

Patients covered by employer insurance programs are eligible for 18 months of continued coverage,

if they pay the full monthly premium, under the federal comprehensive omnibus budget reconciliation act, or COBRA.

Once they are declared disabled, the patients are eligible for 11 additional months of coverage.

The patient is then assigned to a TennCare MCO, which can pay the enrollee's insurance premium,

leaving the private insurance company footing the medical bills.

"Everyone wins in this scenario — except the private insurer," Ramey said.

Committee members asked TennCare Bureau officials to look into the matter.

The notion sounds good to Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tennessee,

the state's largest MCO and also a top private insurance carrier.

"We have an obligation under our contract with TennCare to pursue every avenue of providing cost-effective care. And if a person has another means of insurance, that should be exhausted first ..." Blue Cross-Blue Shield spokesman Ron Harr said.

As for the private insurance side of the Blues' business — "the rules are the rules," Harr said.

Treating TennCare patients with new AIDS drugs will cost \$7 million to \$10 million a year and likely will rise as the number of AIDS patients grows, said Dr. Leo Sullivan, the program's medical director.

## IBM Extends Health Benefits to Partners of Gay Employees

By Evan Ramstad  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM has become the nation's biggest company to extend health benefits to the partners of its Gay workers, a move that follows a growing trend in corporate America.

The decision could encourage even more companies to do the same: IBM is so large and diverse, it is viewed by many as a bellwether of U.S. business practices.

"Having a company like IBM on board is going to shake a lot more of them out of the trees," said Liz Winfield, co-founder of Common Ground, a Natick, Mass., research firm.

IBM on Sept. 19 joined nearly 470 other large corporations, governments and universities in the United States that provide the same benefits to same-sex couples as to married couples. That's up from 250 a year ago, according to Common Ground.

Software maker Lotus Development Corp., which IBM acquired last year, took the step in 1990 and was among the first to do so.

In recent months, several other household names, including Walt Disney Co. and American Express Co., have also extended health benefits to partners of Gay workers. Other companies with similar policies include Microsoft Corp., Time Warner Inc., Levi Strauss & Co.,

and Apple Computer Inc.

Gay activists applauded IBM's decision.

"This is a magnificent step forward in terms of corporate America recognizing the value of Gay and Lesbian employees," said Elizabeth Birch, president of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay political organization.

Political and religious conservatives, however, have criticized companies that offer benefits to Gay workers' partners. Leaders of Southern Baptist churches have asked the denomination's 16 million members to boycott Disney, contending that the company seemed to be promoting homo-

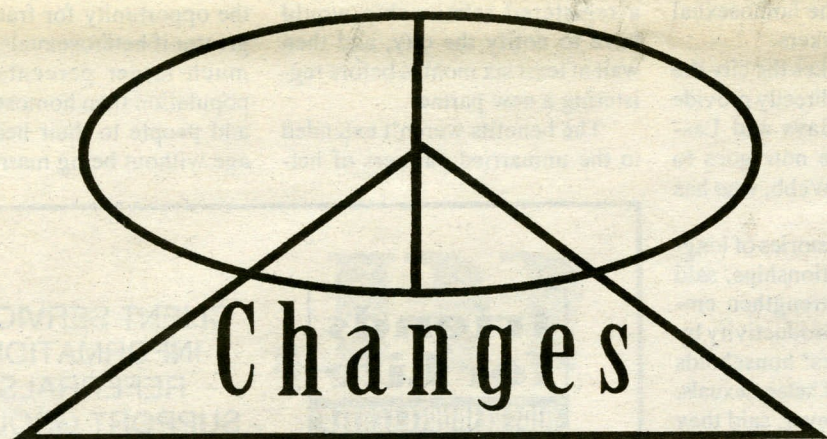
sexuality.

Jill Kanin-Lovers, vice president of human resources for IBM's U.S. divisions, said the company's decision was based on its commitment to nondiscrimination.

"We have a longstanding policy of treating employees equitably and fairly," she said.

IBM's new policy for domestic workers covers dental, vision and general health benefits, starting on Jan. 1.

The company did not extend benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples. The company, like others, reasoned that such couples can obtain benefits by getting married, an option not open to Gays.



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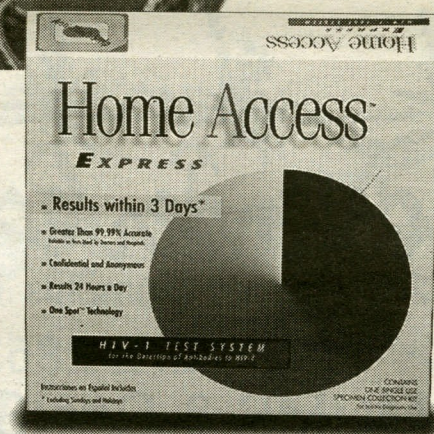
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## Boston to New York AIDS Ride Raised \$6.3 Million

By Richard Lorant  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — With a cheer and a sense of purpose, about 3,000 riders set off for New York City Sept. 5 on a four-day bicycle ride to raise money for AIDS work.

The ride netted at least \$6.3 million for AIDS-related services at community health centers in Boston and New York. The first ride last year raised \$6.6 million.

People lined along the sidewalk cheered as the cyclists started the 300-mile ride by the city's waterfront. The riders spread out as they passed through Boston Common before heading west.

Many of the riders were dedicating their efforts to loved ones.

"I've lost five friends, one of them was my best friend, who died three years ago," said Robert Block, a doctor from New York City. "A lot of this is doing it for them."

Block had secured pledges totaling \$5,000. The riders had to raise at least \$1,500 to participate.

Nancy Hunt of New Haven, Conn., was prepared for anything during the ride. She carried a cellular phone, a pager and a kit to inject herself in case of a bee sting; she's allergic.

And if she were to hit a steep incline?

"I'll just walk up the bad hills if I start struggling," Hunt said. "I'm built for comfort, not for speed."

## Friends For Life Launches Hearth & Home Fund

Submitted by Friends For Life

Since 1985, Friends For Life AIDS Resource Center has been a leader in providing services to people living with HIV/AIDS in the Shelby County area. This is a non-profit organization that has pro-active education and client services departments. Case management, legal assistance, support groups, food pantry and limited financial assistance are among the vital services provided.

Friends For Life receives funding through the City of Memphis and federal grants to provide emer-

gency assistance to those with HIV/AIDS in crisis. Assistance is available for rent, utilities and support services; however, the need for assistance always exceeds the money available.

For this reason, the client services department has initiated an emergency assistance fund so that resources will be more readily available to clients in crisis. This effort is called the Hearth & Home Emergency Fund. All moneys donated or raised for this fund will be used directly for client emergency assistance such as rent, utilities, prescriptions or other

necessities that may arise. This type of assistance can prevent people with HIV and AIDS from being evicted or having their utilities cut off due to an HIV/AIDS-related crisis.

Special fund-raising events are being organized for the Hearth and Home Emergency Fund using volunteers to reach out to as many people as possible in the general community. If anyone has any ideas and would like to participate, please contact a member of the Client Services Department at Friends For Life (272-0855).

## Denver AIDS Walk Raises Record \$1.2 Mil

DENVER (AP) — About 10,000 people took to Denver's streets and raised a record \$1.2 million for AIDS research.

The \$1.2 million in pledges raised Sept. 8 was a \$200,000 increase over last year when 7,500 participated in AIDS Walk Colorado, said Craig Miller, the event's producer.

The money will pay for services

needed by those with AIDS as well as for prevention, education and other programs provided by the Colorado AIDS Project and 47 other organizations.

"We just had the largest and the most successful AIDS fund-raiser in the Rocky Mountain Region," Miller said after the walk.

For many who made the 6.2-mile walk from Cheesman Park to

City Park and back again, it was more than a simple fundraiser. It was a day to remember lost loved ones.

"It makes Johnny alive and part of this for another day," Rich Dockter said, holding a placard reading, "Johnny Ellis, husband, father, friend, 1947-1995."

Dockter, 49, and Ellis were together for 15 years, and Dockter also is HIV positive, he said. Dockter raised \$1,400 last year and helped organize a team for his former company this year.

Bi Bradeen fought an injured back from a serious car accident a year ago to make the walk for a relative, Boyce Brown, whose name was written on white balloons tied to the stroller she pushed her granddaughter in.

"Boyce is with us. I feel him with us. We're walking for him," Bradeen said. "I'm going to do it if I have to crawl across the finish line."

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## Newspaper Story Touches Off Town Debate Over Gay Rights

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — A newspaper article published in January on Gays' efforts to start a support group has sparked a tiff that has reached from the editorial pages into church pulpits.

"You have a situation with two wide ranges of ideology — polar opposites — living in a relatively small area of space," said William Moore, a computer programmer and deacon of the West Georgia Church of Christ. "This has become a battle of ideologies, and whoever wins this makes an impact of where this community ends up in five or 10 years."

At the start of the year, the Carrollton *Times-Georgian* published a story about the support group. After that, the debate over homosexuality became the topic in a town known more for manufac-

turing copper than mulling over morals.

"The fundamentalists can't leave it alone," said Richard deLesdernier, a retired Air Force officer. "It's like a dog with a bone. Carrollton is the only place where strangers in a store or a bank ask you what church you belong to. They are actively concerned about saving you."

Donald Shelnett claims boredom is behind the battle.

"What are you going to do: go to the Dairy Queen or Shoney's or write a letter to the paper?" asked Shelnett, who is originally from Los Angeles. "It's a backwater battle in a war that is being fought in general society."

The quarrel has sparked a boycott of an annual fund drive at State University of West Georgia, where

at least one professor has come under fire.

Daniel Helminiak is a former Catholic priest who came to West Georgia last year as a professor. In 1994, he wrote a book called *What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*.

He is one reason a group of about 20 business owners, church leaders and residents who meet weekly about the boycott.

"I don't want Daniel Helminiak and his way of thinking because it goes down to my kids," said Bill Allen Jr., a private recreation center owner helping to organize the boycott. "No one would have cared if they kept it in the classroom."

Said Helminiak, "The question of legitimizing (homosexuality) hits a raw nerve."

## Minnesota Ad Campaign Targets Anti-Gay Hate Speech

ST. PAUL (AP) — A national organization in support of Lesbians and Gays kicked off a statewide campaign Friday against anti-Gay hate speech.

"Our message to all Minnesotans is that hate speech ruins lives," said Karen Irvin, a board member for the Twin Cities chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or P-FLAG.

Television ads began a two-week, prime-time run Sept. 12 on KSTP, KMSP and KARE in the Twin Cities. One shows children playing and says some of them could later be harassed, beaten or even killed for being Gay.

Newspaper ads also are scheduled to be published around the

state. One lists anti-Gay epithets and says, "If these words look harsh, just think about what happens when you use them. You could be hurting someone you care about, like a co-worker, neighbor, even a relative."

Judith Tuuri Ulseth, of Webster, Minn., joined the national P-FLAG president and Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III at a Capitol news conference to support the campaign.

Ulseth said her Gay son was taunted from kindergarten on and that the harassment escalated into tripping, punching and worse. She said he grew so fearful that the family eventually sent him to a Quaker high school in California.

"He had to be himself or he couldn't go on anymore," she said.

The ads are not being shown on WCCO-TV, which declined to run them before 11 p.m. P-FLAG officials said the ads wouldn't have reached enough viewers that late.

The Minnesota Family Council, a conservative group, criticized the campaign.

"The use of small children to promote acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle is an unconscionable act of abuse and misinformation," said Executive Director Tom Prichard.

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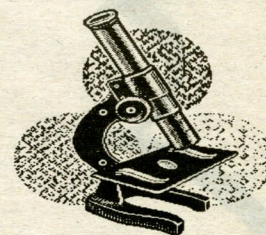
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## PlanetOut Joins the AOL Universe; Offers Entertaining, Informative Data

DULLES, Va. — America Online, the world's largest consumer online service, today announced the introduction of PlanetOut (PNO), a new interactive forum geared to the social, entertainment, educational and political interests of the international Gay and Lesbian community.

PlanetOut, a partnership between PlanetOut Corporation and The AOL Greenhouse™, is available on America Online in Clubs & Interests (Mac only), Life, Style & Interests (PC) and at Keyword: PlanetOut and PNO. PlanetOut offers news, information and chat areas tailored to a wide range of Lesbian and Gay interests presented within a visually appealing, highly interactive format.

PNO benefits from the talents and experience of an impressive staff and advisory board from technology, entertainment, design and community groups. The nation's leading Gay organizations, including groups like PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force also provide a full range of information on PlanetOut. "The online medium has been built on the idea of fostering communities online," said Ted Leonsis, president of America Online Services Company.

"PlanetOut, which delivers an energetic mix of original content and live programming as well as a wealth of valuable resources, provides our growing membership with a community forum where they can share and exchange information and ideas." Based in San Francisco with staff throughout the world, PlanetOut was founded by Tom Rielly, a well-known high-tech activist who co-founded Digital Queers in 1992. DQ is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the Gay community with technology.

In addition, Rielly has been a technology industry marketing executive for more than a decade, with stints at Farallon, Voyager, SuperMac and Radius. According to Rielly, PlanetOut's mission is to make the Internet "the first medium where the Gay and Lesbian community can participate instead of being invisible." He adds that "PlanetOut was created so that Gay men and Lesbians can find the information they seek in an entertaining, easy-to-use format, while also giving them a voice, a way to contribute and a sense of participation." Rielly likens PlanetOut to a meeting place for people with shared interests.

"Whether you're out of the closet, closeted and trying to come

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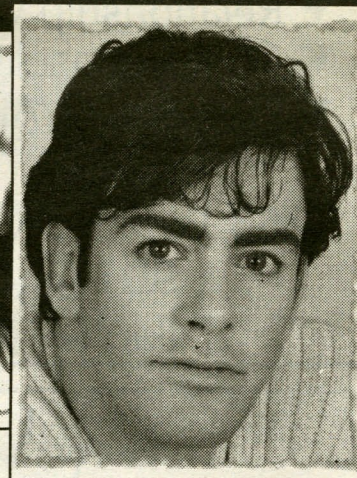
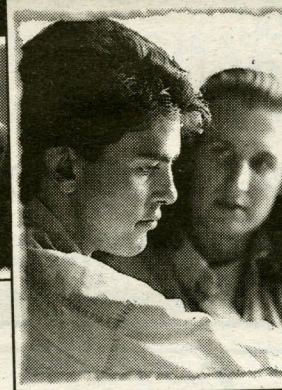
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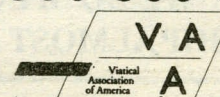
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## TJN Begins It's Seventh Year

With this issue the *Triangle Journal News* begins its seventh year of operation. Owned by publishers John Stilwell and Allen Cook, TJN was established as a privately held publication after the pair left the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Coalition in 1990. They had previously worked on *Gaze*, a newspaper published by the Coalition from 1979-1990. *Gaze* ceased publication in December 1990 and the Coalition disbanded in the summer of 1991.

Since its establishment as a private business, the *Triangle Journal* has increased its size 50 percent going from an average of 24 pages to 36 pages per issue.

"The increase in size is a direct result of the support of our advertisers," said Cook. "Without them, we'd still be very small."

In 1990 *The Triangle Journal* became a member of Associated

Press which led to a significant increase in national news and feature coverage. Mike Morgan serves as the paper's national news editor scanning all 50 AP news wires for significant stories and features contributed by local AP affiliates and news writers.

"In any given month, there are 200 or more stories we consider for publication," said Morgan. "Of those 200, about 25-30 make it in the paper." Morgan accesses the Associated Press story database via computer on a weekly basis.

In addition to AP stories, the newspaper has added syndicated features such as David Bianco's "Past Out" and Dr. Simon LeVay's "Queer Science" columns. Local stories and features are contributed by readers and TJN staff reporters

Bob Dumais and Vincent Astor. Astor pens the long-running "Quick Clips" column.

"Even though we're obviously a business venture," Cook said, "we still maintain a community service outlook." There are several pages of free display ads in each issue primarily for community organizations. The paper also provides free listings for area businesses and entrepreneurs on its Mid-South Resources page, free personals in its Classified section and free listings in the Community Calendar.

"If the health of TJN is any indication of the health of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community, then we're very healthy, indeed," Cook said.

## MGLCC Celebrates Anniversary With Potluck

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center celebrated its 6th anniversary with an al fresco potluck supper at the home of Vincent Astor and Chet Overstreet on Sept. 21, the Autumnal Equinox.

Astor is a past president and founder of the Center and Overstreet serves on the present board. They share a duplex in the Cooper-Young neighborhood and have provided storage for the furnishings and library of the Center for the present.

About 35 people attended including current president Brian Pera, founding president Ken Horton and past president Hunter Johnston. A number of MGLCC supporters were also present and

most of the mosquitoes were held at bay.

The Center's focus is currently on a variety of events at various places in the community to increase awareness of the Center and its goals. Future collaborations with B-GALA at U of M and Memphis Pride are in the works. In the meanwhile, the Switchboard, a service of MGLCC, continues through its 20th year; there are monthly board meetings; and the supper gatherings have become the proverbial movable feast. Information is available through the Switchboard. MGLCC is also eligible for designated donations through the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way.

## Memphis Well Represented in Nashville Tournament; HAZE takes Third Place

The weekend of Sept. 21-22 saw 31 Gay softball teams from across the nation converge in Nashville for the fifth annual Music City Classic. Joining teams from as far away as California, Florida, Ohio, Alabama, Georgia and Missouri were five teams representing the newly formed Bluff City Sports Association from Memphis.

The Haze, sponsored this year by Amnesia, captured third place in the C Division — a division consisting of 25 teams including all Memphis teams. After starting the tournament with a defeat of the San Diego league champions, Gay and Lesbian Times, the Haze went on to defeat a strong team from Atlanta, the Teasers.

These wins set up a duel between the Haze and Charlies from Chicago, a team that placed third in the C-Division World Series in Minneapolis just last month. An excellent defensive struggle between the two teams saw the Haze come out on top 6-2. Following this emotional win, the Haze faced the eventual tournament champion Tampa Rascals in the winners' bracket finals. After falling to the Rascals 12-4, the Haze then met defeat again against the tournament runner-up Columbus Wildfire 13-7.

Also giving a very strong showing in the tournament were the J-Wags Jaguars. After very impressive wins over the Flamingos from Columbus, and the Atlanta Whorenets, the Jaguars also

ran up against the eventual champion Rascals. The Jaguars were later eliminated by a very strong Birmingham team, The Quest.

The Peepers from Memphis were able to gain a win in the tournament, eliminating the Atlanta Project Open Hand team before falling to the same Quest-team a game before the Jaguars did. Also gaining valuable tournament experience were the Cole Haysten Clippers and the Knight-line from the Memphis League.

With much enthusiasm from other cities about the development of the league in Memphis and interest in visiting our city, plans are now underway by the BCSA board for Memphis to host its own tournament starting next year on the July 4th weekend.

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# High Heels & High Hats 5 Will be at The Peabody

Submitted by  
Friends For Life

High Hats & High Heels 5, Friends For Life AIDS Resource Center's biggest annual fund-raiser, is moving downtown this year and in so doing, its planners hope, raising some up town money.

This year's event, billed as a costume ball instead of a Halloween party, will be Sat., Oct. 19, at The Peabody beginning at 8:30. By having the event one week earlier than the standard Saturday of Halloween weekend, planners hope to attract participants who annually go out of town to attend large Halloween parties in cities such as New Orleans and Atlanta.

As Bill Andrews, one of this year's co-chairs put it, this year's theme might be "no excuses."

Actually the theme is Red Hot Blues, a tie-in with the nearby blues of Beale Street and a theme the planners think is ripe with possibilities to inspire a wealth of costume and table decoration ideas. Stephen Pair, chairman of this year's decorations committee, says, "Anything goes, but blue can take you in a lot of directions. Of course, so can red."

During its first four years, High Hats & High Heels has never duplicated a party site, which have included the Pipkin Building at the Fairgrounds, Beale Street Landing, Cook Convention Center and last year's Midtown parking garage site at Holy Trinity Community Church. In moving the party to The Peabody's Tennessee Exhibit Hall, where Friends For Life earlier this year held its annual auction, there is hope to expand the base of participants while raising more income for Memphians living with HIV and AIDS.

The Peabody has provided its Third Street parking lot for the event and \$3 parking passes, instead of the hotel's usual fee of \$6, will be provided with each Costume Ball ticket. The entrance to the Ball will be the Third Street doors to the Exhibit Hall, which will be clearly

marked with decorations for the ball. The Third Street parking lot will also be designated with balloons and decorations the night of the event.

This year there has been an active campaign to recruit corporate sponsors to back the costume ball and Harrah's Entertainment, *The Memphis Flyer*,

radio stations Rock 103 and 96 X, and the Peabody Hotel among the organizations who've come on board.

There's also been an effort to attach some high profile names to the party and in that respect WMC-TV anchor Kim Hindrew and her husband, WMC-TV station manager Mason Granger, are serving as the evening's honorary co-chairs.

Also new this year will be Rock 103's Wake-up Crew, Bev Hart, John "Bad Dog" McCormack and Tim Spencer, serving as the evening's hosts.

As Jerry Chipman, another of this year's co-chairs, said, "We want to merge some new with the best of past year's events to make the party a major fundraiser as well as a major good time. We're aiming for a crowded, lively, outrageous event. There'll be go-go dancers — women and men — costume competitions, lots of music for dancing and the Wake-Up Crew should have enough on-site inspiration to guarantee the event moving along at a great pace."

Individual tickets are \$25 and tables for 10 are being sold at \$300, \$500, \$1000 and \$2500 levels. Individual tickets will be available at Dabbles, Meristem Bookstore, Star Search Video and the Friends For Life office at 1450 Poplar. Information on table sales is available from Jim Farris, 276-6701, or Paul Kelly, 743-5482. Ticket sales kicked off at a champagne reception with the cast of *Jeffrey* at Circuit Playhouse following the Sunday, Sept. 15 performance, which was sponsored by Amnesia. Plans are being worked out to have individual ticket sale nights at the various bars this year.

Another new event for this

year is Hearth and Home's Sunday brunch at Maxwell's on the day following the ball. Reservation for three different seatings, at \$20 a person, are being

taken at the Friends For Life office. Contact Butch Valentine for information.

Other co-chairs for this year's High Hats, High Heels

party are Mari Askew, David da Ponte, Jim Farris, Sandy McGee, Jean Reed, Jimmy Route and Bennett Wood. Todd Stricklin is handling publicity.

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# Can Fingerprints Forsee Sexual Orientation?

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Fingerprints are the ultimate identifiers. A fetus acquires its unique fingerprint pattern five months before birth, and the pattern remains unchanged from then until death. Just in the United States, millions of fingerprint records now reside in computerized data banks, ready to betray their owners' criminal activities at the flick of a cyber-switch. Heaven forbid that they could also be used to identify queers.

Well, they can't, but a study published in 1994 suggested that there is a connection between fingerprint patterns and sexual orientation. This work was done by Jeff Hall and Doreen Kimura of the University of Western Ontario.

Hall and Kimura counted the number of ridges on the fingers of the left and right hands. Most people have more ridges on the fingers of the right hand than the left hand, but this rightward bias is more marked among men than in women. Thus the "average" pattern among women is closer to left-right equality than it is for men. And among those people who have the less common left-biased asym-

metry, women are strongly over-represented.

The Canadian researchers found that Gay men are on average left-shifted in their finger-ridge counts, compared with straight men. The shift is far from "diagnostic"; in fact, the majority of Gay men are still right-biased. But looking at large samples, it is clear that the "average" pattern for Gay men is closer to left-right equality than it is for straight men, and that among the minority of men who are left-biased, Gay men are over-represented. Therefore, the researchers argue, processes operating early in fetal life, when sex differences are being set up, have something to do with a man's ultimate sexual orientation. The researchers did not report on Lesbians.

In 1995, Geoff Sanders and his colleagues at London Guildhall

University in England announced more findings on fingerprints. They tested a large number of children (aged 6 to 8) on tasks at which boys typically do better (throwing) and tasks at which females do better (fast manipulation of nearby objects). They found that the children

mental characteristics is not limited to the fingers. She has reported that men whose right testicle is larger than their left testicle, as well as women whose right breast is larger than their left breast, do better than left-biased men and women on tasks at which men are

usually superior. Conversely, men and women whose testicles or breasts show the opposite

left-biased asymmetry do better on tasks at which women usually excel. No one has yet reported on the testicles or breasts of Gays and Lesbians, but one could venture the prediction that they also differ in their left-right bias from those of straight people.

As yet, there's no detailed explanation for how this link between the mind and the body comes about. The common thinking, though, is that the male sex hormone, testosterone, is a key

player. It may be that the high levels of testosterone in early fetal life not only drive the development of the brain in a "male-typical" direction, but also promote the growth of the right side of the body, while low levels of testosterone permit the brain to develop in a "female-typical" direction and the body to develop in a more symmetrical fashion.

In this connection, it's worth mentioning that symmetry of facial features is known to be a key ingredient of physical attractiveness. According to a study by Ken Zucker and his colleagues at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, highly gender-nonconformist boys (who likely will become Gay men) are rated as significantly more attractive than other boys, when judged "blindly" by adult men and women. And there's a common belief (unsubstantiated by data) that Gay men are better-looking than straight men. So could it be that the same biological processes that make us guys queer also give us the good looks to go with it?

*Simon LeVay, Ph.D., is well-known for his research on the "Gay brain." He is the author of Queer Science (MIT Press, 1996) and the co-author (with Elisabeth Nonas) of City of Friends. He is also the co-founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. He can be reached care of this publication or at SLeVay@aol.com.*

## QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.



who had more finger ridges on their right hands did better on the throwing task, regardless of whether they were male or female. Conversely, the individuals who were left-biased in their fingerprint patterns did better on the fast manipulation task, again regardless of their sex. So fingerprint asymmetry is linked independently to three different traits: biological sex, sexual orientation and cognitive performance.

According to Kimura, this link between bodily asymmetry and

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# Teen-ager Heading to College Reflects on Life with Lesbian Mother

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press Writer

CLARENDON SPRINGS, Vt. (AP) — Erin Gluckman didn't know it when she stood up before a hall full of strangers at a public hearing last summer, but she was coming out of the closet — a place she'd hidden as the child of a Gay parent.

Gluckman was 16, and the occasion was a June 1995 hearing on one woman's campaign to move a children's book about two Gay men to a special shelf in the public library.

"I did not choose to be straight, just as my mother did not choose to be a Lesbian," Gluckman told the crowd.

Until that night, Gluckman hadn't told many people that she grew up in the home of her Lesbian mother, Lynne Barton, and her mother's partner Lynn Reardon. From the age of 10, when she found out her mother was Gay, she had kept her home life private.

"I was scared that people who I knew would find out. I was afraid my teachers would grade me lower because of it," said Gluckman, now a poised and athletic 18-year-old starting her freshman year at Hampshire College in Massachu-

setts. "I was very paranoid about it for the longest time."

But when about 400 people gathered last summer to give testimony for and against relocating a book about Gays out of children's reach, Gluckman was moved to say she had turned out just fine.

"Let me get one thing straight: I like men," Gluckman told the crowd.

The Rutland library hearing was a turning point for Gluckman. It was the first time she had told her friends her mother was Gay. And it wasn't nearly as hard as she thought.

"I guess it's a lot easier to say in a public place where a lot of strangers are listening," Gluckman said.

In fact, telling turned out to be a relief.

"I really wanted not to hide. It kept me so uptight," she said. "After the hearing, the next day I went into school and all my friends were cheering for me and saying great things. It was terrific."

Gluckman's story isn't that unusual, said Stefan Lynch, the director of a San Francisco-based group called Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, or Colage.

Children of Gay parents usually hide the truth about their family

until they feel secure enough to "come out," often in their late teens, Lynch said.

"A lot of kids kind of fear these terrible reactions, and sometimes they materialize, and often they don't," said Lynch, 24, himself the child of a Lesbian and a Gay man who separated when he was very young. "Because what you hear about Lesbian and Gay people from some sources...is not necessarily what everyone thinks."

Colage, a volunteer group with about 2,000 members in the United States and overseas, estimates that there are about 500,000 children 18 and under in the United States "with open, public, out Lesbian and Gay parents," Lynch said. "Not necessarily custodial parents, but that do have at least one parent that is openly Gay."

The group works to bring those children together, and to show them they are not alone.

"Unfortunately so many of us are isolated," Lynch said.

Gluckman's parents got divorced when she was 8 years old, and she grew up with her mother, who is an artist and a teacher. She was about 10 when she found out her mother was Gay. She didn't tell anyone.

"I was very into normal when I

was younger," said Gluckman.

But hiding her mother's sexual orientation "was a strain. It kept me so limited," she said.

Even though she didn't tell, Gluckman thinks some of her friends figured it out.

"Lynne was always here when they came over," she said.

Gluckman remembers kids in school making jokes about Gay people in general, but she doesn't remember anyone harassing her

family because her mother was Gay.

"For the most part people who knew were supportive," she said. "And if not supportive, respectful."

And she doesn't remember how she first found out that some people thought being Gay was wrong. But over the years, she did find out.

"I remember one year my mother marched in a Halloween parade in Rutland with the Rutland

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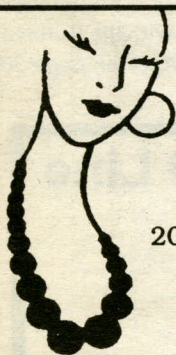
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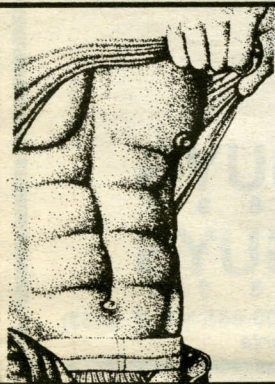


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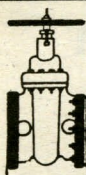


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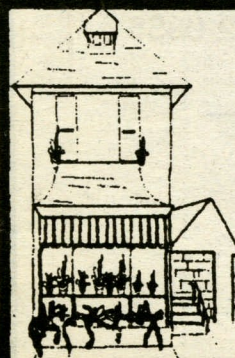
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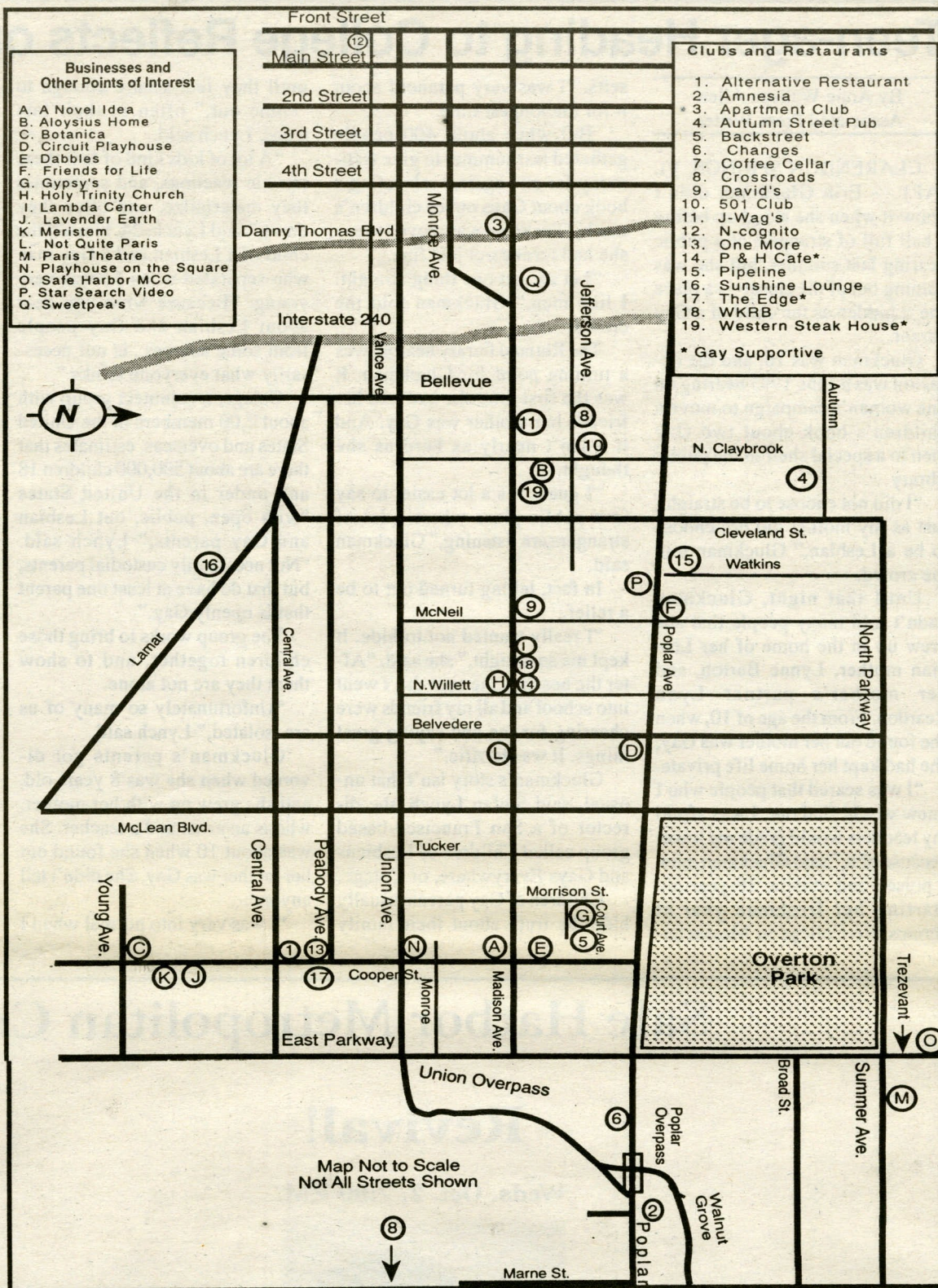
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<b>6</b> • Church Services (See Above) • WAC Meeting, 7pm, call 272-3638 • Interfaith Healing Service, Calvary Episcopal, 5pm	<b>7</b> • Feast for Friends Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm	<b>8</b> • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, WKRB, 8pm • Help Support the Memphis Food Bank, Amnesia	<b>9</b> • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm	<b>10</b> • N.O.W. Meeting, YWCA, 766 So. Highland, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Skatenight, Skateland, 8pm	<b>National Coming Out Day 11</b> • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, 501 Club, 9pm	<b>Columbus Day 12</b>
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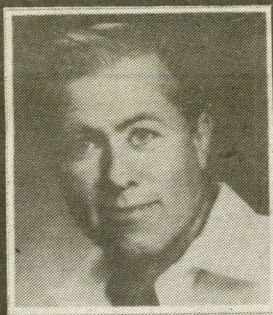
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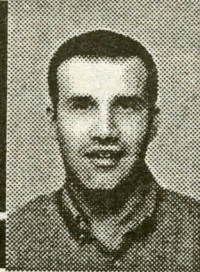
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BY DAVID BIANCO



## What is the history of the AIDS Quilt?

This month's display of the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C., is the fifth time the quilt has been shown in its entirety. For a decade now, Gays and many others have been making panels to commemorate individuals who died of AIDS and demonstrate the human impact of the epidemic.

The quilt is the brainchild of Cleve Jones, a longtime San Francisco politico who as a college student in the 1970s interned for openly Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. Jones was one of the organizers of San Francisco's annual candlelight march to commemorate Milk's assassination and celebrate his contributions to that city's Gay, Lesbian and bisexual community. As he prepared for the 1985 march, he learned that more than a thousand San Franciscans had already died of AIDS. Searching for a way to display such a

large number, Jones invited marchers to write the names of a friend or loved one who had died on a piece of cardboard. When the march arrived at San Francisco's old Federal Building, the participants taped their pieces of cardboard to the wall, forming a mosaic of names that struck Jones as a quilt.

The next year, Jones made what was to be the first panel of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, in memory of his friend Marvin Feldman. Jones began encouraging friends to make their own panels, and along with NAMES Project General Manager Mike Smith started raising money and organizing to bring as many panels as possible to the October 1987 March on Washington for a public display. As he prepared for the quilt display, Jones found out that he was HIV-positive himself.

The nearly two thousand panels of the quilt were one of the most striking — and enduring — aspects

of the 1987 march. Thousands and thousands of Gay and Lesbian Americans who were sorrowful, angry and wearied from the toll of the epidemic were extremely moved by the sheer power of so many personalized panels. The next spring, the quilt toured 20 American cities, raising a half million dollars for AIDS service organizations and collecting thousands of additional panels. When the quilt was shown in its entirety in Washington in October 1988, it had more than quadrupled in size. The quilt continued to grow, with panels pouring in to the NAMES Project's San Francisco office from all over the country and the world. Portions of the quilt were displayed in hundreds of communities, and subsequent full displays in Washington in 1989 and 1992 attracted thousands of visitors, many of whom wept silently as a voice on a loudspeaker read name after name of people who were memorialized by a panel

in the quilt.

The panels of the quilt commemorate the rich and famous as well as the poor and anonymous. Many quilt panels incorporate items that were important to the deceased — from wedding rings to love letters to Boy Scout uniforms. A few even include ashes from the deceased themselves.

The quilt has become the most prominent symbol of the AIDS epidemic. The documentary, *Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt* won an Academy Award in 1989, and that same year the NAMES Project is said to have been considered for a Nobel Peace Prize.

The quilt has attracted some critics, both from Christian right-wingers who called it a "gerbil blanket" and from AIDS activists who called it a "boo-hoo rag" in their critique that the quilt has drained energy away from the crucial political battles needed to provide health care to the sick and find a cure. But the quilt has also helped many Americans — straight people in particular — see AIDS as a disease they should care about. Quite a few panels have been sewn by parents who were estranged from their Gay sons because of their religious beliefs, who never would have contributed to a Gay

organization or cause — but saw the quilt as a way to express their feelings of loss. Visitors to quilt displays often come away with a better sense of the diversity of the people struck by the epidemic, not to mention the toll the disease has taken — not only on its Gay and straight victims, but on their family members, lovers and friends.

This impact is no accident. The quilt's originators consciously drew on an old American tradition of quilt-making, a form of art and craftsmanship that brought communities together. As Jones (now a long-term survivor of HIV disease) wrote, "We chose the symbol of the quilt in a deliberate effort to evoke and recapture the traditional American values that had yet to be applied to this apparently 'nontraditional' situation — values of cooperation, mutual respect and individual freedom."

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# Catholic Bishops Celebrate Life of Priest Who Died of AIDS

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Dozens of fellow priests and a Roman Catholic bishop came together to celebrate the life of a 36-year-old priest who lost his battle with AIDS, burying him in his cleric's robes at a funeral Mass.

Michael Downing, who served three area parishes, died Sept. 3. Bishop Robert Lynch of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg presided over the funeral Mass on Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church.

From the sanctuary, Lynch referred to Downing as a brother. He didn't sidestep what brought them there, asking mourners to pray for a cure for AIDS.

For Downing, the bishop said, "There will be no more physical pain, no more uncertainty. There is only peace."

Lynch could have taken a low profile in Downing's death. A priest with AIDS can be embarrassing to a church that requires celibacy of its clergy, and preaches that homosexuality is a sin.

Instead, the bishop decided his role as spiritual leader for area Catholics was to show compassion.

"Bishop Lynch is breaking the mold. We applaud him for that," said Marianne Duddy of Dignity,

USA, a national organization for Gay Catholics. "More bishops need to take this kind of pastoral stance."

Inside the pine casket, Downing's body was laid to rest in cleric's robes. He was dressed in white vestments and a gold stole symbols of hope and resurrection. His hands clutched a yellow rose.

When the Mass ended, the cas-

ket was carried outside. The priests gathered around to sing an emotional rendition of "Salve Regina" in Latin, a hymn that concludes a cleric's bedtime prayers. It's a hymn traditionally sung at funerals for priests.

Downing learned he had the HIV virus that causes AIDS in 1990. He requested a leave of ab-

sence and moved into a Davis Islands apartment with his partner. He took a job as a librarian with Hillsborough County.

"He didn't want to cause any scandal or embarrassment to the church," said his father, John, a retired engineer. "We didn't even know he was Gay until he left the priesthood. It's something we had

to come to terms with."

At Downing's request, his family has asked that donations be made to Tampa AIDS Network, in lieu of flowers.

"Michael always saw himself as a child of God," said the Rev. Tom Madden of Tampa, a longtime friend. "Until the day he died, he was always a priest in his heart."

## Church Officials: People Need to be More Accepting of People With AIDS

MEDICINE BOW, Wyo. (AP) — Members of the religious community should help those stricken with HIV and AIDS and learn more about the disease, say those attending a clergy retreat in Wyoming.

"Churches in this state really have an opportunity to save lives through prevention education," said Pernessa Seele, one of several people attending the weekend retreat in the Medicine Bow National Forest.

Besides emphasizing education about the diseases, those active in religious organizations also need to look beyond stereotypes and prejudice to find empathy with those afflicted.

Pastor Marlin Driskell of First Baptist Church in Wheatland said the retreat taught him to be more accepting of people with the disease.

Driskell also had to deal with the disease on a personal level. His 11-year-old nephew, who became HIV-positive from a blood transfusion, died from AIDS.

"This is not an exclusive disease," said Driskell. "It's now appearing as much in heterosexual situations as homosexual ones... There are a lot of myths about AIDS that need to be eliminated."

There are also misconceptions about churches and what they do for AIDS or HIV patients and education programs about the disease.

For example, there are more than 2,000 religious-based AIDS organization in the nation, according to Kenneth South, executive director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network in Washington, D.C.

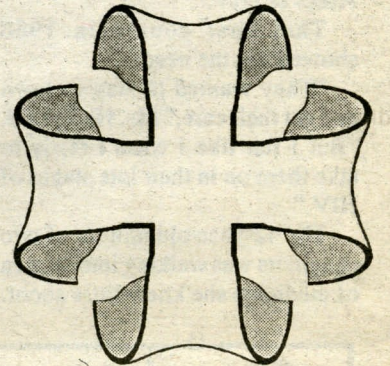
But South added that many patients still have experiences with churches where they are denigrated, humiliated and ostracized.

Or, as Seele said, they are simply ignored.

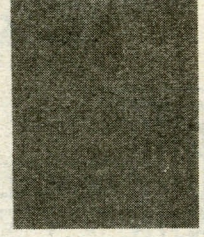
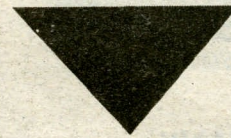
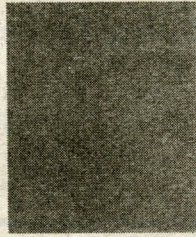
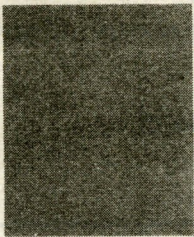
She recalls the patients in a New York City hospital who ended up dying alone.

Seele said after seeing those people die alone, she began her campaign to get the religious community to help AIDS and HIV pa-

tients. "In a community that has 350 churches, I was devastated to see people die by themselves with no spiritual support and no one to visit them," Seele said.



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## Physician One of Few Rural Doctors Specializing in AIDS

JESUP, Ga. (AP) — Claire Hicks was pursuing a dream when she set up a medical practice in obstetrics near the Georgia coast — where her family wanted to live the small-town life and a place the practice was needed.

"I wanted to deliver lots of babies," she said.

Her focus shifted after she encountered a Gay couple in 1988 — from delivering babies to treating AIDS patients.

Today, she has a reputation as one of the few such doctors in rural Georgia.

With a practice including about 40 AIDS patients, Ms. Hicks also participates in an AIDS-care program serving a 16-county area. Her duties involve regular trips to see more than 100 patients in Douglas, Vidalia and Statesboro who have AIDS or HIV.

That first couple in 1988 showed her the need.

"They wanted to stay in town and get their care," Ms. Hicks said. "But I felt like I wasn't ready to take them on in their late stages of HIV."

The 42-year-old mother of two daughters was walking into an area of medicine she knew little about.

After agreeing with the couple that she would learn about AIDS as she went along, she spent the next four years absorbing all she could. One partner lived until 1991, the other until 1992.

"At first I had a lot of anger toward the disease and the epidemic," she said. "Now I look at it as an opportunity to learn a lot of stuff about the folks I see in my practice."

Word spread quickly that she was accepting patients. At the same time, there was an upsurge of AIDS in the area. In January 1987, Georgia had 615 diagnosed AIDS cases. As of June, there were 15,630, half of which resulted in death.

Helen Wildes, spokeswoman for the Southeast Health Unit, which runs the multi-county AIDS program, said Ms. Hicks' contribution helped it flourish.

"She serves as our medical consultant for all of those wellness centers," Wildes said. "She has done wonderfully for this program. Not only is she a good doctor, but she is a compassionate and caring person."

Ms. Hicks has been featured twice on ABC's *Nightline*, and

there has been some talk about a movie starring Glenn Close.

"We tease her all the time because she's pretty taken aback by all the publicity," said Ellen Richardson, a family practitioner and friend. "Her medicine is so sound. She brings a well of compassion so deep that it's enriching to work around her."

The Southeast Health Unit's AIDS-care program was developed in 1988 by the district health director, Ted Holloway. Five state and federally funded wellness centers cater to AIDS patients.

## Milwaukee AIDS Project Distributing Condoms in Parks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee AIDS Project says it has been distributing condoms free in Milwaukee parks late at night in an effort to prevent the spread of AIDS among men engaging in anonymous sex with other men.

"Our purpose is to save lives and defeat the AIDS epidemic in Milwaukee," said Douglas Nelson, executive director of the organization.

Over the years, Ms. Hicks has dedicated much of her practice to treating HIV and AIDS patients with the full support of her family and staff. She told her staff if any of them disagreed they could leave.

"They're all still here," she said.

The need for specialty physicians and service care centers has become increasingly important as the AIDS epidemic grew, she said.

"In the district, we're seeing more and more African-American women who are infected and are having babies," she said. "And their

"We've got to be aggressive and go to where HIV risk behaviors are highest."

The condoms are handed out by two-person teams of paid and volunteer staff members to men they believe intend to engage in homosexual activities in the parks, Nelson said.

"We cannot stop AIDS in this city by ignoring an area where the epidemic is raging," he said.

sexual partners are drug users."

Ms. Wildes said the centers offer an alternative not readily available 10 years ago. The centers, which are staffed by nurses, are located in Ware, Coffee, Wayne, Toombs and Bulloch counties. They also have case managers, social workers and community-based organizations to work with patients.

"We're very proud of our centers," Ms. Hicks said, "because a patient can walk in and get services in a very short time."

Nelson said the outreach workers are attempting to build a level of trust with the men.

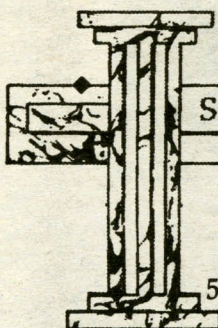
"Many men are addicted to anonymous sexual liaisons," Nelson said. "We want men to make better choices."

The team members will also retrieve the used and improperly discarded condoms they handed out in order to keep the parks clean, Nelson said.

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## Pharmaceutical Company Plans Temporary AIDS Drug Giveaway

NEW YORK (AP) — Agouron Pharmaceuticals Inc. plans to give away its experimental AIDS drug, Viracept, to hundreds of patients who have exhausted other treatments, the company said Monday.

Viracept is a member of a family of protease inhibitor drugs that when used in combination with other drugs, can make the virus undetectable in the blood of some patients.

It will be offered to people who have stopped using three commercially available protease inhibitors because of adverse reactions, intolerable side effects or because they haven't worked, La Jolla, Calif.-based Agouron said.

The drug hasn't been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. But the giveaway an-

nounced Sept. 16 is an effort by the FDA to make experimental drugs available early to patients who have no alternatives, the company said in a statement.

Spokeswoman Joy Schmitt said enough drugs will be available to serve anywhere from a couple hundred to a couple thousand patients.

The program is similar to those set up by the makers of the three commercially available protease inhibitors before those drugs were approved. Agouron differs from the others because Viracept would be its first commercial product. The others, Abbott Laboratories, Hoffmann-LaRoche Inc., and Merck & Co. are all major multi-line drug manufacturers.

Agouron said the safety of the drug has been tested on more than

500 people and that the most commonly reported side effects were diarrhea, headache and fatigue. More tests are being conducted and Agouron said it expects to seek approval for the drug from the FDA early next year.

The giveaway will end if the drug is approved for sale. Schmitt said those who can't afford it at that time will be transferred to the company's patient assistance program, which will assist them in paying the cost and will guarantee they receive it for at least a month.

Details of that program remain to be worked out, but Schmitt declined to offer a guarantee that all patients who enroll in the expanded access program will keep getting the drug indefinitely — even if they can't pay.

Doctors have expressed the fear that patients who take protease inhibitors, then stop, may risk having the AIDS virus mutate into a resistant strain.

The toll-free number for information about enrolling in the program is 800-621-7111.

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## AIDS Vaccine Could Be Tested on Humans in a Year

CLEVELAND (AP) — An experimental AIDS vaccine developed by Cleveland Clinic scientists could be tested on infected people in a year, researchers said.

The vaccine has been tested only on laboratory cultures, but it could be used in the regular treatment of infected humans in three years, researchers said Sept. 4.

The vaccine contains live HIV with a vulnerable gene that can be killed with medicine. The vaccine attaches a gene from the common herpes virus to HIV, then kills it with a common herpes medicine.

Harry W. Kestler, Bimal K. Chakrabarti, Ratan K. Maitra and Xu-Zhong Ma published their findings in the journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Kestler said the vaccine could eventually be used both for therapy in people with HIV and for prevention in those not infected. He has concentrated on the vaccine's use in therapy, figuring infected people might be more willing to test it than healthy people.

The \$250,000-a-year study has been funded in part by the American Cancer Society and the Ameri-

can Foundation for AIDS Research. Their lab is part of Case Western Reserve University's Center for AIDS Research, one of 12 federally designated AIDS research centers.

"This is obviously a very encouraging and important step," said Gary Nabel, a professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan and chairman of the AIDS Research Advisory Council of the National Institutes of Health.

Most AIDS vaccines under study have no live material.

## Company Gets OK from France to Market AIDS Drug

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — NeXstar Pharmaceuticals Inc. said Sept. 4 that the French government has approved its drug DaunoXome as a primary therapy for AIDS patients.

DaunoXome is now approved in 15 countries for treatment of the AIDS-related disease Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common

among AIDS patients.

"With our first product approval in France, we are now poised to realize sales in all of the major pharmaceutical markets in Europe," said Patrick Mahaffy, NeXstar's president and chief executive officer. "This is particularly important for DaunoXome because France is the second-

largest oncology market in Europe."

NeXstar, whose headquarters are in Boulder, also markets the drug AmBisome.

The company has research and development and manufacturing sites in Boulder, Lakewood, Calif. and Belgium.

## China Planning New Steps to Combat AIDS

BEIJING (AP) — Laboratories will be set up across China as part of government efforts to step up the fight against AIDS, an official newspaper said Sept. 4.

Only half of China's 30 provinces, autonomous regions and major cities now have laboratories which can accurately test for HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, the *China Daily* said.

The newspaper did not say when the laboratories will be operational.

By the end of 1995, China had recorded 3,341 cases of HIV infec-

tion, including 117 patients who developed AIDS, the *China Daily* said. Health experts believe the real number is much higher.

Dai Zhicheng, director of disease control in China's health ministry, said the number of HIV carriers detected has declined this

year, but he did not give exact figures.

China's State Council, or cabinet, plans a meeting to formulate long-term policies to combat the disease, the newspaper said. A national conference on AIDS prevention is scheduled for October.

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## Autumn Divertissement

by Vincent Astor

When I hear somebody whine about how bored they are with Memphis, I inform them that excitement is just there for the seeking. The list of events below (and in the ads for which we are so grateful) once again proves that one does not *have* to be bored in Memphis. If one is still *alive* after making the rounds on the 19th. This city does have somewhat of a penchant for bunching events all in the same four weeks, but it wasn't Memphis that put National Coming Out Day and Hallowe'en in the same month either.

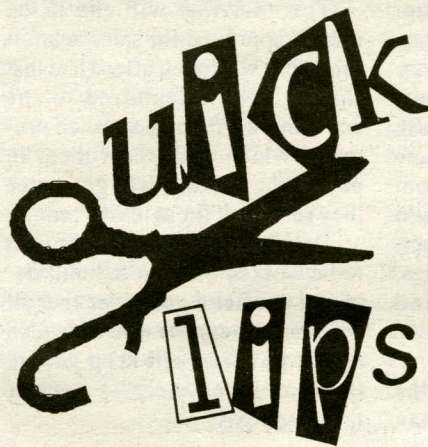
### La Ronde de Les Gai du Lady A.

We have been most interested (and Mule probably is too) at the resurgence of food offerings at the local establishments. Changes in particular is promoting a menu, just like Diane, a little country, a little

rock and roll. 501 is having daily menu specials and, well, we guess it was going to happen sooner or later, the Over 50 Girls just got toooooo much publicity. So, now there is an *under 50* troupe performing at 501. We can just see the hair and sequins fly. You know, if Drag Races could be a fundraiser, so could a Drag Generation Gap bitch fest. We keep seeing these strange TV offerings about the 70's. Now why does everyone want to live in the seventies all of a sudden? Yes, Raynell, they were fabulous but is it really necessary to bring back Afro Puffs? Let some things rest, dear.

We have also noticed that live entertainment is taking an equal place with lip sync in many locations. Even though we loathed "Ring My Bell" when it was new, it was truly something special to see it performed live at Backstreet last month by recording artist Anita Ward. We remember

fondly (Was it Dorothy Moore?) who performed one of our favorites "Misty Blue" live at a Miss Memphis one year (the one at the Fair-



grounds).

It's out there, children: Dee Owens every Sunday at Changes, the Belle Curves once or twice a month, occasional coffee house impromptus at WKRB (we'd say more if anyone over there ever called to tell us), the gospel benefits at 501 and last, but not least, the newly re-formed River City Men's Chorus. Do read the editorial.

The chorus is planning a concert at First Congregational Church on Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. before the annual Calvary Healing Service the following day. They will also perform at the service which will be inter-faith this year.

We would never quit acknowledging the non-live performers in our community but we do come from a theatrical background and do like it live. And doing it in drag makes it even more remarkable like Summer Holiday, Vanessa Vogue, Nicole DuBois and many of the greats such as the

late Harvey Lee and Craig Russell. We approve.

For those of you who are still wondering about MGLCC, you missed a fabulous potluck at the Faerie Castle last month. It was the anniversary, you know, and three past presidents attended. These gatherings have become the oft quoted "moveable feast" and if you are as a-twitter with curiosity as we are about the "Twinkie Museum" film series ... well, it won't be quite as twittilating as the erotica show...or will it?

### La Divertissement

If you read this in time and act even faster you can catch the last performances of the Emerald Theatre Company's first opus *Lonely Planet* at Theatre Works. It is an AIDS-themed, two character play.

Once again, as is traditional, the Pipeline will provide a closet door for National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, 12 and 13. It is ready made for coming out and you can leave your name behind as a record of the occasion. Happy hour prices will apply for anyone in Pride colors (and you can probably buy a Memphis Pride T-shirt or souvenir bandana there if you forgot yours).

The first annual Miss Sweetpeas Pageant will be held on Sat., Oct. 19th at Sweetpeas' party room.

Alliance will hold a club night on Sat., Oct 5 at 11 p.m. The rumour is that this year's culinary extravaganza will be an hors d'oeuvre competition, next month ne c'est pas?

A Lesbian Pride Dance sponsored by Memphis Pride will be held at the YWCA on the 19th at 8 p.m.

The Pipeline's Hallowe'en weekend will have a Beverly Hillbillies theme this year. The sign saying "No Drag Queens" has disappeared. We do hope they get over that someday.

Many Hallowe'en events will take place on the weekend prior to the 31st but the annual Miss Mess Memphis Pageant will be held on the 31st at Amnesia.

### La Divertissement du Charité

Amnesia will be fund raising for the Memphis Food Bank on Tues., Oct. 8.

High Hats etc. (fondly known in some circles as HHH) will be held on Sat., Oct 19 and a "Day After" brunch will be held on the 20th at Maxwell's in Cooper-Young with an elite menu and seatings at 11:15, 1, and 2:30 to benefit Friends For Life. Entertainment will be Dr. Charles Friedman, violinist, and Mark Allen, classical guitar.

The third annual Southern Country Billy Cross Memorial Benefit will be held at WKRB on Sun., Oct 27.

### La Ronde Finalment

I have said what I have to say about Fr. Bob Ewing in many words on another page. I hope another soul with such sympathy and such a will to serve will be sent our way.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Ta, ta  
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Check into it and encourage the organization of your choice to register with the United Way.

# Men Dress Up in Drag to Educate on AIDS with State Grant

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. (AP) — Jenny Jail Bait, Daisy Chain and Melanie Tonight are not your average social workers.

Also known as John Wood, Jim Ryczek and Michael Gaucher, the three dress up in drag and put on skits about safe sex in this popular Gay vacation destination.

"If we wore jeans and shorts and T-shirts in Provincetown, the reaction would be a brush-off," said Ryczek. "But if you wear pumps and a beehive, you're part of the experience instead of an intrusion."

The three men are paid \$10.50 an hour to be part of the Provincetown Gay Men's AIDS Prevention Project, which is underwritten by a \$300,000, three-year state-funded program. They've distributed 84,000 condoms since the beginning of the summer, without any accompanying comment.

"Most people just take them and say thank you," Ryczek told the *Cape Cod Times*.

"The safe sex workers are not there to judge," said Gaucher.

"We're there to provide the materials so people can have safer sex."

But some legislators and representatives of government watchdog groups judge the program a bizarre use of taxpayer money.

"Sometimes you think you've heard all the ways the government is trying to spend your money and then you find you're just scratching the surface," said Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "If a Gay man doesn't know about AIDS yet, he's been living in a cave."

Louise Rice, director of education for the AIDS Action Committee in Boston, said Gay men — especially young Gay men — continue to take risks, however.

"The impression has always been that Gay men are taking care of themselves," Rice said. "Now we know that's not true."

House Minority Leader Edward Teague, R-Yarmouth, said lawmakers would have rejected such a program if asked to fund it directly. Instead, it was part

of the Department of Public Health budget.

"You have to exercise good judgment, and it doesn't appear that was the case here," Teague said.

But the DPH defends the idea.

"There are a wide range of (AIDS) prevention programs that frankly the general public would not be comfortable with," said Bob Carr, the state's director of HIV client services.

Teague's fellow Cape Cod Republican, Sen. Henri Rauschenbach of Brewster, also supports the program.

"Maybe the methodology is a bit confounding, but the results make it worthwhile," Rauschenbach said.

The three men dress up as women every evening in an office on Provincetown's Mechanic Street they call the "drag shack," grab 750 condoms each and visit bars, alleyways and hangouts. On Wednesday nights, they're usually outside the nightclub Vixen, Thursdays at the Iguana Grill and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at

Larry's Bar, the Crown and Anchor, and the Gifford House.

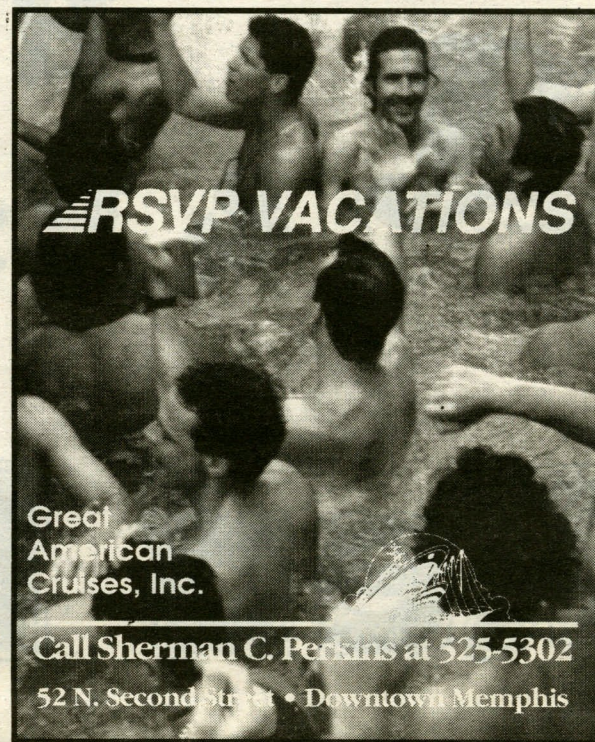
"It's fun, it hits home, but it's not a policeman on the streets. It's more like your mother," said Mark Bissailon, a visitor from Cheshire.

The trio also occasionally dress up as sailors, soldiers or in leather. Once they wore sa-

rons. But only once. "It was a cold night," said Wood.

At least \$2,000 of the money from the \$300,000 state grant went to buy make-up, wigs, shoes and dresses, which made Anderson even angrier.

"Where are they shopping?" she asked. "What's wrong with Marshall's?"



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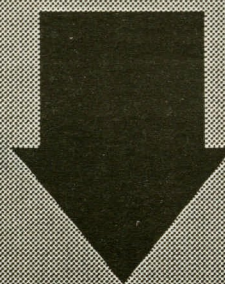
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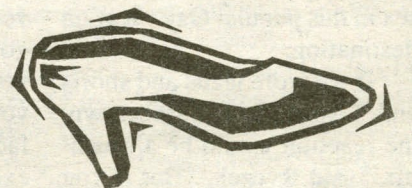


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## Father Bob Ewing—A Tribute

by Vincent Astor

"He was a part of the community. He was a real priest." This headline from *The Commercial Appeal* obituary for Fr. Robert J. Ewing sums up a life of courage, service and devotion. He died on Sept. 14 of heart failure, two weeks before his 46th birthday.

He was a Catholic priest, first and foremost, and took both his vocation and his vows seriously. This was proven by the overflow crowd at his funeral service and the tributes from his parishioners, Gay and non-Gay, for his selfless devotion to serving a very special parish. He told the story that it was the late Bishop Carroll T. Dozier, first bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, who personally commissioned him to minister to the Gay and Lesbian community. St. Therese-Little Flower evolved into "safe space" for both the very mixed (age, race, ethnic) neighborhood and parish and for Gays and Lesbians who chose to remain Roman Catholic despite the outright

hostility of certain bishops and the Vatican. He remained true to this mission under the far less supportive terms of the next two bishops and gained new respect during the term of present Bishop J. Terry Steib.

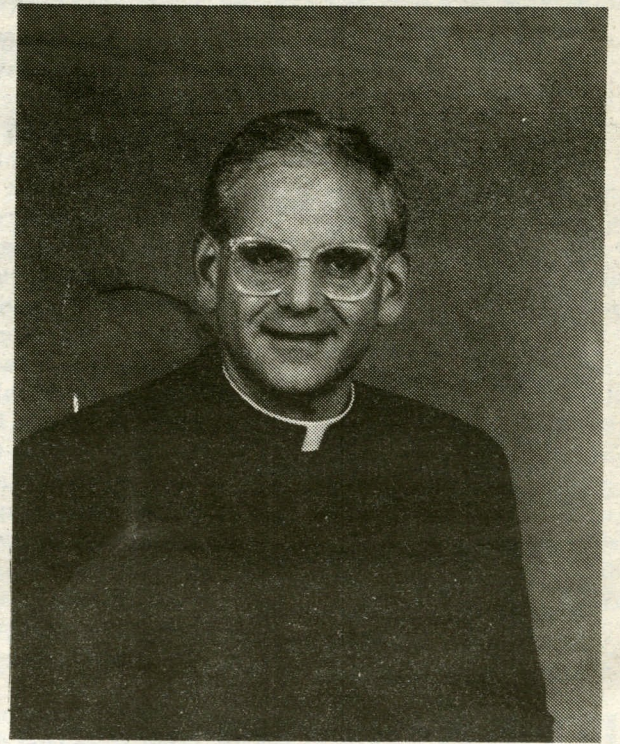
He was chaplain for the HIV/AIDS ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis but had always made himself available for spiritual counseling and comfort from the beginning of the epidemic. Another story relates that he reproached a previous bishop in the tersest of language when criticized about the large amount of time he spent with PWA's as priest and counselor. His parishioners never complained because he had the facility to give time to everyone.

He held responsible offices for the diocese such as Secretary of Worship and of Spiritual Life, liturgy being especially close to his heart, and diocesan master of ceremonies. He could be as much at home in the cathedral sanctuary, stage managing an episcopal ceremony; in an office in the chan-

cery; at dinner with parishioners in his rectory; or as a spiritual presence among his flock. Spirituality can seem far away in a fancy building somewhere and not visible at night. So Father Ewing brought it along and kept shepherd's watch wherever his charges could be found.

He had dealt successfully with some difficult personal issues and his health was seldom in his favor. It never mattered whether he himself was Gay or not and that shall not be an issue here. He was a priest first and served in a special way a portion of his flock ignored by many others, seeing them as part of a larger parish and an even greater community of Catholic Christians.

*Requiem aeternam dona eis*



Father Bob Ewing

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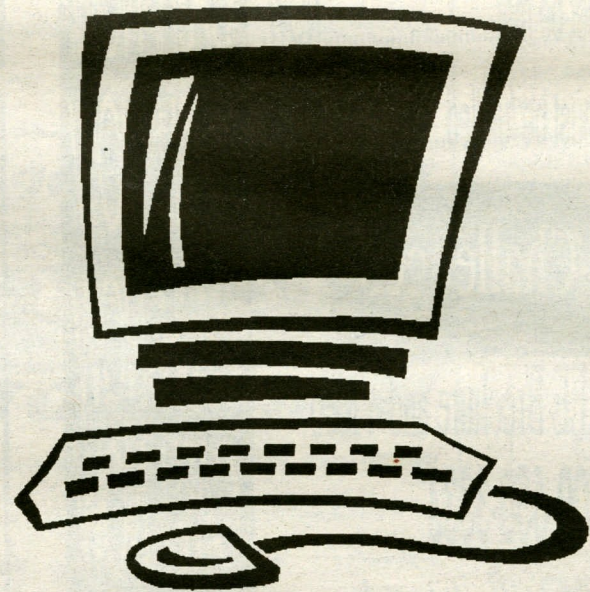
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# At Play in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Visit to Savannah

By Kevin Ison

John Berendt's book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* put Savannah, Ga. back on the tourist map. The sleepy Southern seaside town boasted orderly squares, charming fountains, and historic homes before the publication of Berendt's book. But *Midnight's* tale of intrigue and murder in the varied strata of Savannah society added spice to the town's quiet beauty.

*Midnight* recounts the stormy relationship of Jim Williams, a prominent Gay antique dealer and member of old Savannah society, and his live-in "employee," Danny Hansford, a lower-class hustler with a violent temper. The story is replete with vignettes of the Lady Chablis, a drag performer at a Savannah Gay club, and of Jim

Williams' annual society parties — one to die for if you thought you were anyone in Savannah society, the other to forget about unless you were Gay or beautiful or, preferably, both. The book chronicles Williams' killing of Danny at the height of their tempestuous affair, the police charge of cold-blooded murder, and Williams' claim of self-defense. After three trials, Williams was freed on a mistrial and died shortly thereafter. But you can visit the Bonaventure Cemetery, the so-called garden of good and evil, where the voodoo priestess Williams hired would go to beseech Danny's and other good and evil spirits to leave Williams in peace.

If you're Gay or Lesbian and visiting Savannah and you don't have access to the hidden layers of Savannah society — you

can drop your things at a bed and breakfast or any of the chain hotels down by River Street, then you can wander through the tree-covered streets, beneath dangling tendrils of Spanish moss. Strolling through the grid-pattern historic section, you wind your way slowly toward the river, to River Street with its shops and riverside walk.

For dinner, try 606 East Café, at 319 West Congress St., for a Savannah hip, mixed Gay-straight crowd and a moderately priced menu in psychedelic decor. Or if you want a more traditional chic environment, saunter over to John and Linda's at 313 West St. Julian's St. The food is a little pricier, but the service is pleasant, and you'll see most of the waiters out later in the evening.

The nightclub in Savannah,

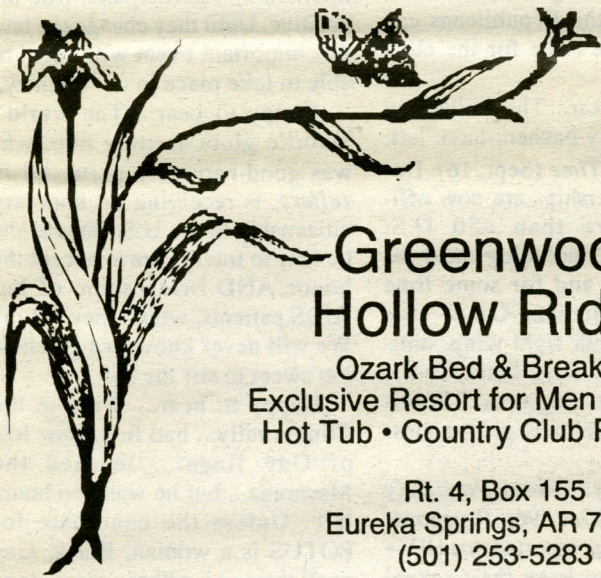
for both Lesbians and Gay men, is Club One, at 1 Jefferson St., down by River Street. The club has three levels, including a lower bar with a small dance floor and pool tables filled with butch Lesbians who know how to hold a cue. The second level offers a large dance floor, while the third floor houses the drag cabaret. You can watch the Lady Chablis lip-sync, while straight tourists gawk. The popularity of Berendt's book has made Club One a straight destination, and on any given night you can rub elbows with a busload of silver-haired straight tourists watching the show. If you can, put your arms around your partner, or anyone else convenient, to give the straight tourists an authentic Gay club experience.

After a night of clubbing, hit the Paper Moon Café at 152

Whitaker St., open until five a.m. on weekends and very popular with Savannah College of Arts and Design students and the pierced and tattooed set. Then when you wake up around noon, head over to Clary's at 402 Abercorn St., an inexpensive place for breakfast where everyone goes to see and be seen.

Savannah won't be a frenetic, mile-a-minute getaway, but it will give you a taste of Southern history, along with just a hint of Gay gothic intrigue.

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## Happy to Hear, Sad to Say,



By Butch Valentine

Sad to say... HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS) funds alone are never enough to cover the needs for rent and utility assistance for those who are HIV+ and in crisis

Happy to hear... There is a new fund being developed by the case managers at Friends For Life to add some punch to emergency assistance. This special effort is called The Hearth & Home Emergency Fund and all monies raised will be used to prevent evictions and utility cut-offs during time of HIV/AIDS-related crises, as well as other necessities. This is a completely voluntary donation/fund raising-driven effort slated to become active in July 1997. Ongoing fund raising events are being planned with the first event being "The Day After," a three-course brunch at Maxwell's on Oct. 21, the day after High Hats, High Heels. It will be a weekend of "fun" raising.

Sad to say... During their convention, the Democrats abandoned some planks from their 1992 platform, such as openly accepting

Gays in the military.

Happy to hear... But no one can mistake this platform for a Republican manifesto. The Dems call for full civil rights for Gays, as evidenced by the nearly 200 openly Gay and Lesbian delegates who participated at the convention.

Happy to hear... The Shelby County Ryan White Consortium has recently received an additional \$130,000 from the Clinton administration to be spent by March 1997. Areas of service that are under-funded will benefit the most.

Sad to say... Campiness is alive, but not well, in the NFL. Replied New England Patriots coach Bill Parcells when asked about the status of an injured player. "She's making progress." Mr. Macho complained and got Mr. Bill in big trouble.

Sad to say... A new meaning for the term steel magnolia... For 20 years Mark Chambers of San Francisco has played the roles of women in various plays. He was cast to play Truvy (played by Dolly Parton in the movies) in Playhouse on the Square's *Steel Magnolias*. The Dramatists Play Service, the firm that controls performance

rights, demanded Truvy be played by a REAL woman or they would withdraw those rights.

Happy to hear... The show must go on, so Playhouse director Ken Zimmerman recast the role of Truvy with a REAL woman who has a history of — ready for this? — portraying men. She played Jesus in *Godspell*, for heaven's sake! Is this irony or what?

Sad to say... White men can't jump and Republicans can't dance.

Happy to hear... After Clinton's acceptance speech at the convention, the delegates boogied to *Macarena*. Young and old, black and white, men and women, straights and Gays wrapped in the rainbow flag. From all walks of life, no one was excluded. You gotta love it.

Sad to say... Ellen Degeneres's sexual orientation has been the speculation in and out of the Gay community. She has consistently refused to discuss the matter. That's like O.J. Simpson taking the 5th.

Happy to hear... Her character on ABC's *Ellen* may be coming out of the closet. In one scene, Ellen steps out of the closet and says, "Yeah, there's plenty of room, but it's not very comfortable." Here's the clincher — ABC and Touchstone, which produces the series, are both owned by Disney. Will Mickey soon be boinking Goofy? The Southern Baptists will have a stroke.

Sad to say... RRW Sen. Orin Hatch (R-Utah) during the Gay job-rights bill sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass): "Many honest, moral, religious people have objections to hiring homosexuals." Well, STS, he's right. But we are not talking about special rights...

Happy to hear... We're talking about basic rights. Says Kennedy, "Merit and hard work, not bias and stereotype, are what count in job opportunities in the workplace in

America." Would some Gay-owned company please refuse to hire a straight because he or she is straight, so this law can be tested?

Sad to say... Congress will adjourn in October knowing they saved America from same-sex marriages by a huge margin of 85-14. The anti-job discrimination bill did not pass, but by a surprisingly razor-thin margin of 50-49. The tying vote, Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) was home with his son, who was recovering from major surgery. Had he voted, the 50-50 tie would have been broken in our favor by V-POTUS Gore. Remember, getting close only counts in horseshoes, grenades and sex.

Happy to hear... Just wait until next year!! The elections in November will hopefully change the face of Congress. The bill will surely be resubmitted with an excellent opportunity to pass. (Our own likeable Fred Thompson (R) voted against us on both bills. He is up for re-election.)

Sad to say... Congress has been in a panic over same-sex marriages, pushing the Defense of Marriage bill ahead of the potential bankruptcy of Medicare and bills to keep the government running. All so the Republicans can have a wedge issue for the elections.

Happy to hear... These bills may be all the Gay-bashers have left, according to *Time* (Sept. 16). Domestic partnerships are now official at more than 450 U.S. corporations, including most recently IBM, and for some time now, Coors Brewing Co. — long associated with right-wing, anti-Gay agendas. Says Peter Coors, "It's the right thing to do." Politicians will eventually get the message.

Sad to say... From *Positively Aware* (Sept./Oct. '96), *Psychosomatic Medicine* reported that HIV+ Gay men who keep their sexual orientation secret suffer more illnesses and die sooner than openly Gay men who are HIV+."

Happy to hear... Further proof of the adage we should all try to

live by, "The truth shall set you free."

Happy to hear... Aloysius Home received a \$1.6 million grant from HUD, the largest amount awarded in the state for funding for the homeless. This will enable them to greatly expand the number of clients they serve.

Sad to say... Add insult to injury for Mr. Tan Man, George Hamilton. First his talk show, *George and Elana*, was cancelled. Then the announcement he will not repeat as Grand Marshal in the December Winter Fest Boat Parade in Ft. Lauderdale. His replacement? Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Happy to hear... There's talk of establishing AIDS "Centers of excellence in Memphis and other Tennessee cities where all TennCare patients with AIDS will receive the same standards of care. Included will be early treatment with the new drugs to keep people healthy and productive and not waiting for them to get sick.

Sad to say... People with AIDS are still not allowed to enter the U.S. so that is why Vancouver was the site of the World AIDS Conference which had many, many international participants who are positive. Until they change the law, this important event will never be able to take place in our country.

Happy to hear... The world's favorite globe-trotting nun, who was good-naturedly portrayed in *Jeffery*, is receiving an honorary citizenship to the U.S. Should she be able to travel here to accept the honor AND bring some of her AIDS patients, would they get in? We will never know, 'cause she's too sweet to stir the shit.

Happy to hear... Went to the Clinton rally... had fun... saw lots of Gay flags.... learned the Macarena... but he was two hours late. Unless the candidate for POTUS is a woman, Black, Gay or all three, it is a "been there, done that" attitude for me.

Happy to hear... Joan Rivers on *Politically Incorrect*: "If they don't want Gays in the military, make the uniforms uglier."



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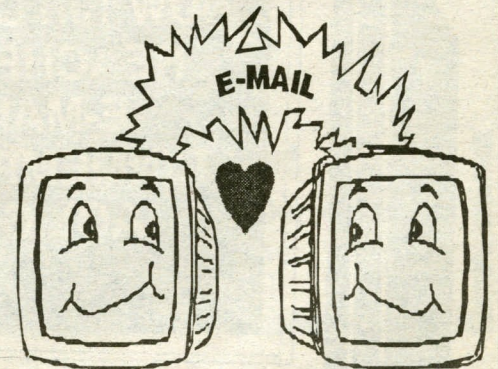
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# John & Marilyn

Fiction by Jim Norcross

The Winnebago that pulled in front of the house was long, bronze and gleaming with all the trappings of an upper class status symbol. On the bumper were an old Reagan-Bush sticker and newer ones that said, "We Vote Pro-Choice" and "We're behind Newt all the way." The thing was as out of place in my neighborhood as a registered Republican.

I was in the yard at the time and didn't pay much attention until I heard this voice from out of the past. "Yeah—Yoo-Hoo—Hello—Surprise—Surprise. We've come for a visit. Surprise. Surprise."

There were my friends from long ago school days, John and Marilyn. I was standing there in a sort of a daze when they alighted from the van. Marilyn was literally aglow in her lime-green stretch pants and red wedgies. Her hair swept up in Pentecostal swirls and doggy-doo curls, the color of which was somewhere between that of Hunt's tomato sauce and iodine. She carried an industrial-sized purse with glow-in-the-dark jewels arranged in an owl design. John wore a baby-blue polyester leisure suit, open shirt, several loops of gold chains, a wide white belt and white patent shoes. Both of them wore buttons that said, "Rush is Right."

"Jimmy Dee. Jimmy Dee," they called out as they came into the yard. Even my mother doesn't call me that any more.

"It's so good to see you. Let's go in the van and have a drink."

Well, John and Marilyn may be born again but that never kept them from their booze. In fact when I go to visit them, it is always my job to run to the liquor store for them. They said, "People of our standing in the community can't be seen buying liquor in town. John's on the church board. You understand, don't you?" Well, I always ran to the store for them, but I never did understand.

It was Jack Daniels on the rocks for John and gin and tonic for Marilyn. I asked for a double. I figured I was going to need it.

John and I had known each other from the time we had been in Mrs. Copenhagen's elemen-

tary class together. We had remained friends through high school and college. Together we had been through measles, 4-H, the Boy Scouts and getting our five-year pins from the local Sunday School for perfect attendance. We also had sneaked our first taste of Sweet Lucy (homemade wine) and had our first puffs of Camel cigarettes out behind Junior Perch's barn. As we grew older, we double dated, and both of us while still in our teens married, each serving as the other's best man. Things were simply done like that back then. I knew I was different and had tried to talk with Brother Tutwilder at the local church about it, but he had assured me that if I got married and had children, "It will go away."

Well, it didn't go away, and over the years I was divorced and moved some 500 miles away. Meanwhile, John and Marilyn became entrenched with the Junior League, the Jaycees, the D.A.R., the country club, the P.T.A., and school board elections. John joined all those "animal lodges" like the Moose, the Lions and the Elks, and was elected deacon of the church. I became involved in Gay rights.

Over the years, I saw them at their home, usually at Christmas, and while they knew I was living with Richard, and in fact had bought a house with him some years ago, they seemed to feel it "was for financial reasons only." Still I assumed that they knew about my lifestyle even though John used to nudge me and ask about my sex life "now that you are a bachelor." I never said anything, but believing them to be reasonable, intelligent people, I just "knew they knew." Boy was I wrong!

"We want to see the house," said Marilyn, so off on the grand tour we went.

Never before had I realized how "nelly" our house is, or how it practically screams fag-got. Nowhere is there any shag carpeting or Spanish Modern furniture, gun cabinets or Naugahyde sofas that one might expect to see in two bachelors' home. I was suddenly aware of the antiques, the little frou-frou crystal collection, the silver tea set, and Richard's needlepoint pillow and art projects everywhere. Then there was the

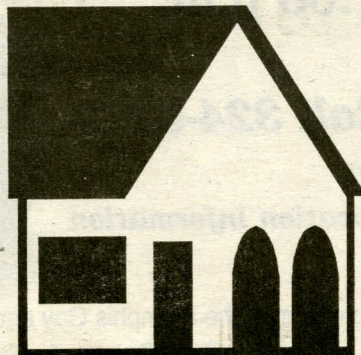
framed picture of Jeff Stryker, the porno star, in the bathroom. I'm not saying that they knew who Jeff Stryker was, but they sure as hell knew he was not the current Miss October from *Playboy*.

The den was worse. The posters from the Gay Rodeo and the National March on Washington stood out as if spotlighted. There was also a healthy reading selection available on the coffee table. Before them were copies of *The Advocate*, *Honcho*, *Stallion*, *Inches* and *Triangle Rising*. Thank God, I had at least put away the latest novel I was reading. *Trucker Stud at the YMCA*.

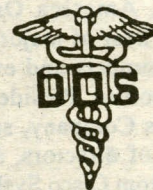
It was the bedroom that was the showstopper, however. It was all too obviously a shared bed. There were exchanges of stares between John and Marilyn, and Marilyn stifled a gasp, and suddenly they remember all sorts of other engagements and other friends they had to see. I didn't think they even knew anyone else in town, but they sure as hell wanted out of that bedroom.

In the past upon parting, John and I had always embraced, it was just something that we did — but not this time. There were some awkward fumbings, and some odd moments and finally we ended up shaking hands, much to Marilyn's relief, I am sure. "We'll stay in touch — good to see you — come and see us." As suddenly as they had appeared, they were gone.

Will we remain friends? I don't know. I certainly hope so. We've known each other more than half of our lives. I plan to reach out to them, to continue to send birthday cards and an occasional note and to visit during the holidays. Time will tell if we will remain close — they're going to need time to think, and I'm willing to grant them that.

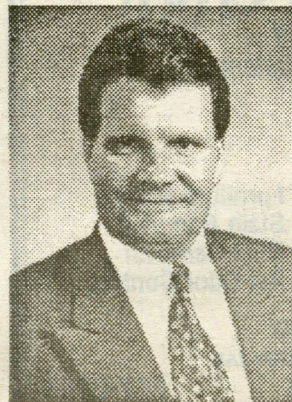


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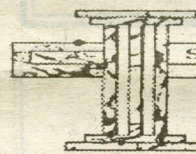
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## PlanetOut

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## Animals

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Happy to say: Two vaccines, which didn't work in monkeys, the FDA was sceptical of animal results and allowed human trials.

Sad to say: Baboons have been infected with HIV-2, but it is not common in humans, and even in primates, has to be passed through several monkeys before it will infect baboons. Of those baboons, only one or two came down with AIDS-like symptoms.

Happy to say: Human clinical and epidemiological studies, cadavers and computer simulators are more reliable, more precise, LESS EXPENSIVE and more humane than animal tests.

Sad to say: "If suffering were a smell, the stench... from the laboratories would be unbearable." — English writer John Bryant

Happy to say: Improved nutrition, sanitation and other behavioral and environmental factors, NOT ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS, are responsible for the decline in deaths since 1900.

Sad to say: Animal experimentation is big business — supported by approximately \$15 billion a year in federal and state taxes, donations to charities and private industry. 65-100 MILLION animals are caged, hurt and killed every year. (That's 10,000 every hour!)

Happy to say: Many of the most important advances in health are attributable to human studies — including the relationship between cholesterol and heart disease, smoking and cancer, development of the x-ray and isolation of the

AIDS virus.

Sad to say: There are financial problems such as Stanford billing taxpayers \$300 million in research "overhead" for crystal decanters, depreciation on a yacht, flowers for the president's house.

Happy to say: There is no proof that a cure for AIDS can be found using animals, and may be a total dead-end.

Sad to say: During this increase in "research" funding, drug treatment centers, prenatal care programs, community mental health clinics and trauma units are closing down for lack of funds.

Happy to say: HIV-1 was isolated without the use of animal victims.

Sad to say: Animal experiments often lead down blind alleys and impede progress. Experiments on monkeys led to a misunderstanding of the mechanism of polio infection, DELAYING development of a vaccine. Usable vaccines were not developed until 10 years after it was shown the polio virus could be grown in human cell cultures.

Happy to say: The mechanism of HIV-1 was found WITHOUT the use animals.

Sad to say: We could miss appropriate treatments by using ineffective animal models, and that could delay treatment.

"The real choice is not between dogs and children, it is between good science and bad science: between methods that directly relate to humans and those that do not." — Robert Sharpe Ph.D.

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Unity Church (Kirby Road) - 753-0831

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## Teen-ager

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Lesbian and Gay Coalition and people threw eggs at them," said Gluckman. "I was watching and I thought, 'You know, this is not something I want to tell people if they're going to throw eggs at me.'"

She was quiet at school, with just a very small, close circle of

friends, and she was a good student, focusing on art and running cross-country. She liked writing poetry, and she stayed home a lot. And after 10th grade, she switched largely to home-schooling, earning her GED last year.

But after she spoke at the library hearing, she became more socially active. This summer she had a boyfriend, a job at a bookstore and a car.

"Once I left school I started to learn a lot more about my life, about trusting myself and taking risks," she said. "I started making some serious commitments, like being honest and saying, 'This is who I am, and this is who my mother is.'"

These days, college is far more on Gluckman's mind than family matters. She hopes to enter a field that allows her to shape public policy to help children, especially in school.

She doesn't expect to work for Gay rights, but she said her upbringing had definitely taught her things not everyone gets a chance to learn from their parents.

"I know that homosexuality won't twist children's minds and that homosexuals don't recruit kids or anything silly like that," she said.

That means she doesn't have to be afraid of homosexuality, or of having a friend or a child turn out to be Gay.

"I know it can happen, and it might happen, and that it would be fine," she said.

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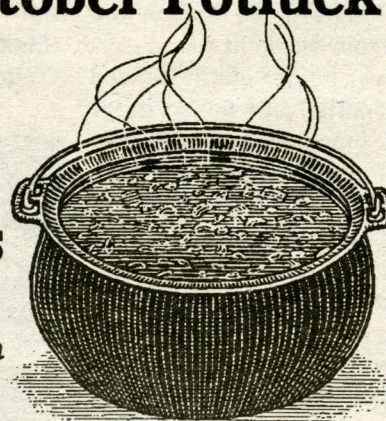
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**I WANT YOU** Are you 18 or older? young or young looking? smooth? I'm 26 years old, 5'8, 165lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, smooth, good looking. I'm looking for smooth young guys. Call me. #9249

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**LETS MEAT** I'm a 30 year old Bi male Latino, 5'9, 130lbs, looking for a masculine Gay male 20 to 35 to go out and enjoy each others company. I like the beach, movies, and clubbing on occasion. I'm looking for a possible relationship (Tampa) #10580

**CLEAN AND HEALTHY** I'm an attractive White male, 30 years old, masculine, 5'9, 150lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes, tone, defined, smooth body, clean and healthy. I'm looking for a White man with similar features. I like sports, music, and more. #6425

## Tennessee

**OPEN OPTIONS** I'm 30 years old, 5'11, 190lbs, well built. I like to bike ride and spend quality time with someone special. I'm looking for someone no taller than me. Latin men are a plus. I'm Hispanic and American Indian. Call me. (Fort Meyers) #20372

**JUST A PARTY DUDE!** GWM, 31, long brown hair, brown eyes, seeks others for fun and more. Leave me a message. (Jackson) #23910

**MAN IN MARTIN** I love the outdoors. I would like to meet some guys in my area for good times. Call me. (Martin) #7106

**LETS GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER** I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for someone who is older, stronger, masculine, and dominant. I need someone who is caring and loving. Lets have a good time. Call me. (Martin) #34878

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**DOMINATE ME** I'm a Gay Black male looking for fun. I'm very passive. Call me. (Memphis) #2018

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**WHITE MALE SEEKS BLACK PAL** I'm a Bi White male, 22 years old, 5'10, 165lbs. I seek Black men 18 to 25 who is in good shape. (Memphis) #27858

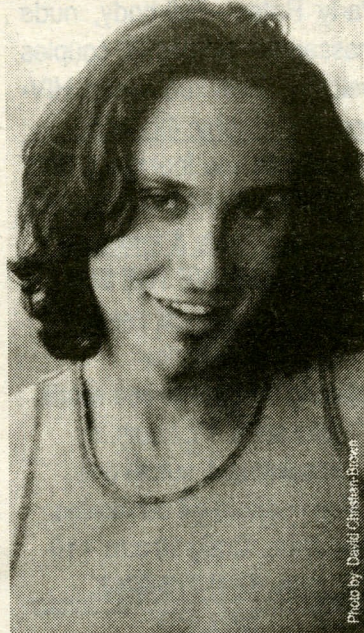


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**WHERE'S MY DADDY?** I'm looking for a daddy. I'm 31 years old, 5'9, 155lbs, short hair, short beard, mustache. I like short and stocky teddy bear type, and tall and slender men. If you are older, firm, gentle, and enjoy all kinds of fun, call me. (Memphis) #29274

**UNTIL THEN** I'm a Gay Black male, 6'1, 245lbs, dark skin, Brown eyes, short hair. I like music, shopping, quiet times, and friends. I'm seeking a Gay Black male 24 to 35 who knows what he wants. Call me. (Memphis) #32188

**BI WHITE SEEKS BI BLACK** I'm a 22 year old Bi White male looking for Bi Black men 19 to 23. Call me. (Memphis) #33401

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**TAKE A CHANCE ON ME** I'm 28 years old, 6'1, 175lbs, versatile, and I have many interests. (Memphis) #17988

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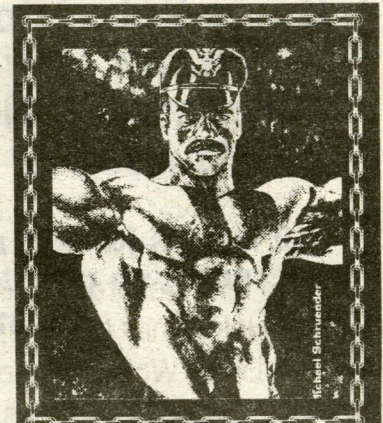
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#### Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

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#### Open Heart (Al-Anon)

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

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

Thursday	9:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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Monday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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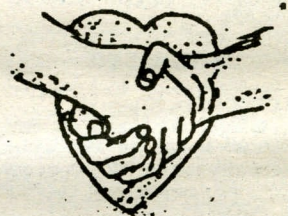


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- Tammy's # 4**: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

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- Backstreet\***: 2018 Court Street ☎ 276-5522.
- Changes\***: 2586 Poplar ☎ 452-9100.
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- Crossroads\***: 1278 Jefferson ☎ 275-8156.
- David's\***: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.
- 501 Club\***: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.
- J-Wags\***: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909.
- N-cognito\***: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599.
- One More\***: 2117 Peabody ☎ 278-8015.
- P & H Cafe\***: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
- Pipeline\***: 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.
- Sunshine Lounge\***: 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.
- The Edge\***: 532 South Cooper ☎ 272-3036.
- The Other Side\***: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN. ☎ 1-901-668-3749.
- WKRB in Memphis\***: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
- Western Steak House & Lounge**: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.

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- A Novel Idea\***: Book Store • 2113 Madison in Overton Square ☎ 276-8535.
- Meristem\***: Feminist Book Store • 930 S. Cooper ☎ 276-0282.

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

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP/Gay Liberation Movement**: ☎ 226-6523 Call for meeting place & schedule.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Al-Anon (Co-dependency)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.
- Alliance**: Leather/Levi club • 4372 Kerwin Dr., Memphis 38128.
- Aloysius Home, Inc.**: 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41679, Memphis 38174-1679 ☎ 274-8321, Dr. Jim Shaw.
- American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis**: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT)**: Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 276-0168, 274-8658.
- Bluff City Sports Association**: Box 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 274-3857.
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League**: 3139 Choctaw Ave. ☎ 323-3111.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares**: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7pm

Prescott Memorial Baptist Church • 3956 Blue Spruce, Lakeland 38002 ☎ 387-1567.

**Friends For Life—HIV Resources**: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1450 Poplar, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS.

**Gay and Lesbian American Indians**: Information ☎ 725-4898.

**Gays Off Cleveland Street (GOCS)**: Social Group • c/o Sunshine Lounge, 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.

**Gays Rejoicing & Affirmed in a Catholic Environment (GRACE)**: Support group for Catholics & their friends • Meets every Thurs. with Liturgy 2nd & 4th Thurs. Information: ☎ 725-5237. John.

**Holy Trinity Community Church\***: Worship Service: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 1559 Madison ☎ 726-9443.

**Integrity Memphis**: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:45pm, \$4; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.

**Into The Light (Women's AA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.

**Living Word Christian Church**: Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 340 N Garland ☎ 276-0577.

**Loving Arms (Support Partners for HIV+ Mothers & Babies; "hold" babies at the Med)**: Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.

**Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY)**: PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 725-7152 Jonathan Green for info, e-mail: ujbgreen@msuvx1.memphis.edu.

**Memphis Center for Reproductive Health**: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.

**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC)**: Box 41074, Memphis 38174 ☎ 324-4297.

**Memphis Lambda Center\***: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs • 1488 Madison ☎ 276-7379, 726-6293, 527-1461, or 327-3676.

**Memphis Pride, Inc.**: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 3956, Memphis 38173 ☎ 393-7500 Andy Cain.

**Memphis TransGender Alliance**: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jason, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.

**Mid-South AIDS Mastery Group**: Ronnie Gardino ☎ 767-2182 or e-mail at msaidmstry@aol.com.

**Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite**: Box 41822, Memphis 38174-1822.

**National Organization for Women (NOW)**: Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 276-0282.

**New Beginnings (Adult Children of Alcoholics)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (P-FLAG)**: Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.

**Phoenix AA** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

**River City Men's Chorus**: Box 12837, Memphis 38118-0837 ☎ 276-3471 (Charles Friedman).

**Safe Harbor MCC**: Pastor Greg Bullard, 751 North Trezevant ☎ 458-0501.

**Seriously Sober (AA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379 or 454-1414.

**Southern Country Memphis**: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 278-9321 or 274-8655.

**Southern Sisters**: Support group for transexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.

**Stonewall Mission Church**: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.

**Tennessee Leather Tribe**: Gay men's/women's leather org. Box 1034, Collierville, TN 38027-1034.

**Tsarus**: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

**U of M Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA)**: BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, U of M 38152.

**WAC (Woman's Action Coalition)**: PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.

**Wings**: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

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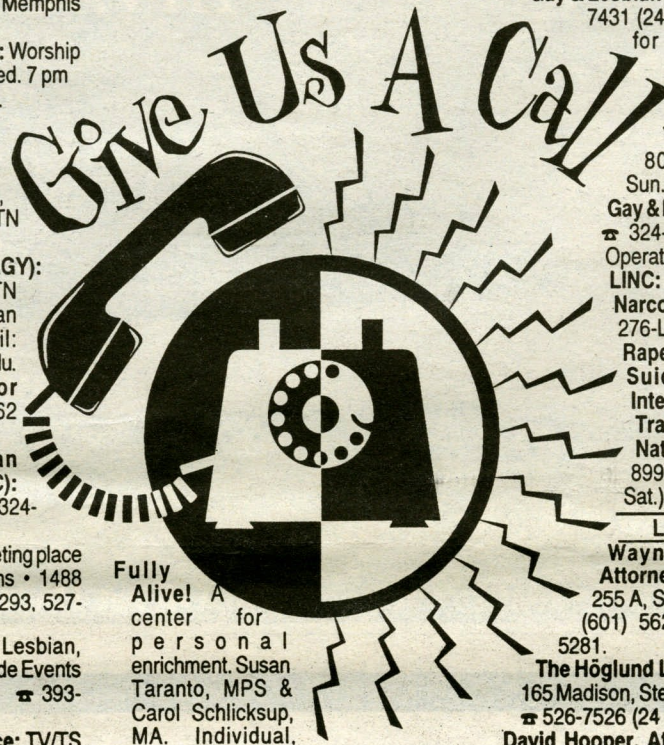
**The Personals**: Gay computer bulletin board • 300 or 1200 baud ☎ 274-6713.

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**Sheridan Lambe, LCSW**: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.

**K. A. Moss, MS**: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.

**Northeast Mental Health Center**: ☎ 382-3880.

**Joyce Schimenti, LCSW**: Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.

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**William L. Sachs, CPA**: Income tax, accounting, computer support, consulting. ☎ 767-1718.

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**Flamingo Flowers & Gifts**: 3864 Macon Road, Suite 2 ☎ 452-0803.

**Flower Market of Memphis**: 1523 Union Ave. ☎ 274-8103.

**Park East Florist**: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.

**Sweetpeas**: 665 Madison ☎ 523-8635.

### GRAPHICS/PHOTOGRAPHY

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**Bonehead Creative**: 1271 Poplar, Ste 103, Memphis 38104 ☎ 276-2101.

**E.M.I. (Erotic Male Imagery)**: Photo Sets • PO Box 40691, Memphis, TN 38174 ☎ 320-7723.

**Graffiti Graphics**: 1985 Madison #7 ☎ 278-5002.

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**Printers Ink**: Box 11485, -0485 ☎ 454-1411.

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**AIDS Switchboard**: ☎ 278-AIDS.

**Gay & Lesbian Hotline**: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transexuals).

**Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline**: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard**: ☎ 324-GAYS • 24-hrs. Live Operators 7:30-11pm.

**LINC**: ☎ 725-8895.

**Narcotics Anonymous**: ☎ 276-LIVE.

**Rape Crisis**: ☎ 528-2161.

**Suicide & Crisis Intervention**: ☎ 274-7477.

**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline**: ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

### LEGAL SERVICES

**Wayne C. Gullledge, Attorney At Law**: Rt. 1, Box 255 A, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (601) 562-8738 or (901) 726-5281.

**The Höglund Law Firm at Memphis**: 165 Madison, Ste 1813, Memphis 38103 ☎ 526-7526 (24 hrs).

**David Hooper, Attorney At Law**: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.

**Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law**: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518 ☎ 526-0809.

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**Bliss Salon**: 2111 Madison ☎ 726-6100.

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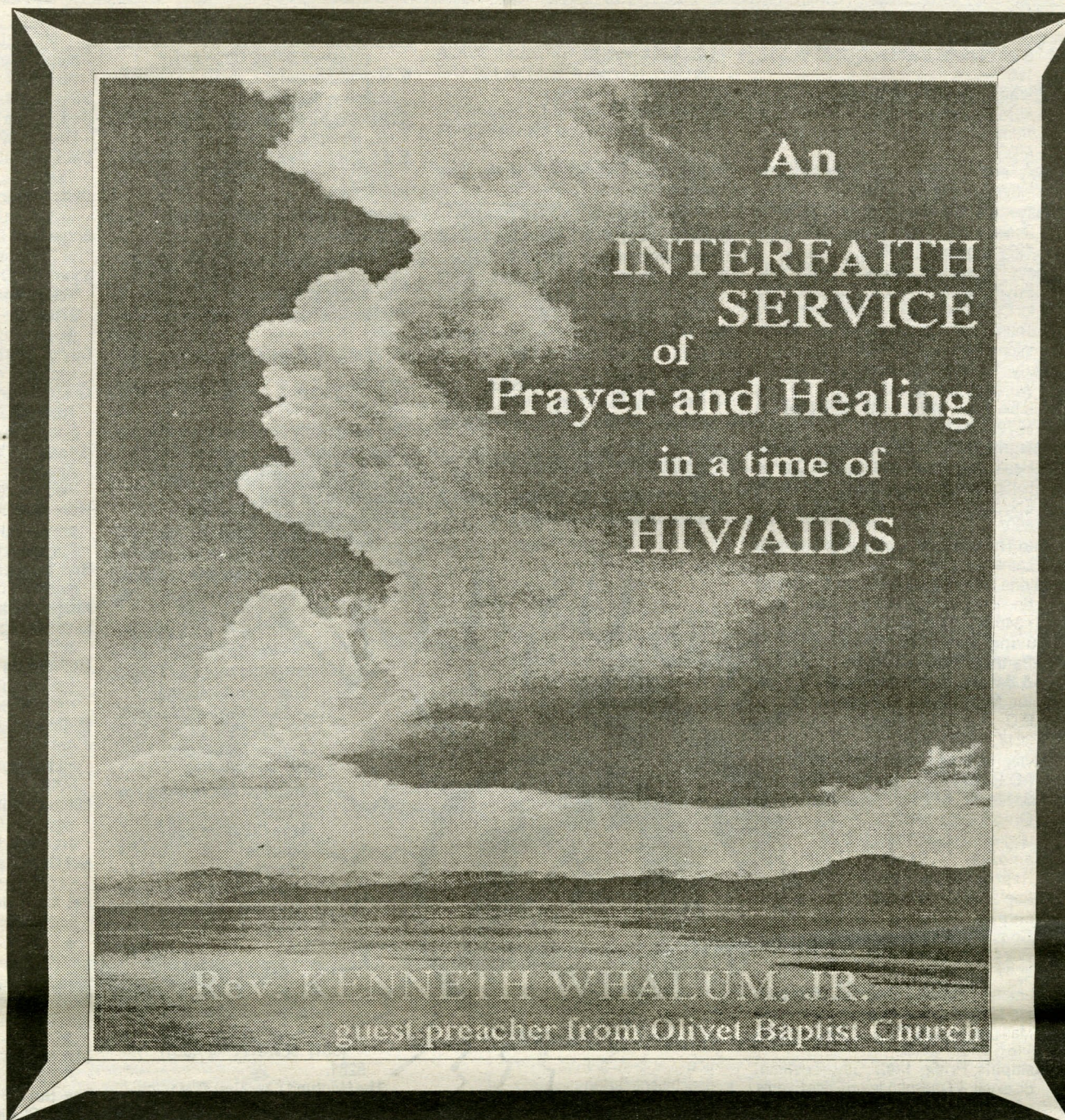
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