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Tsarus Gets Award for Giving Awards

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the Tsarus leather club, former recipients of the annual Tsarus Man of the Year award presented the club with a commemorative plaque listing the names of all 13 recipients. The inscription reads "Tsarus Man of the Year, Founded 1985, Presented to Tsarus at AIDA 20, 1997."

Left: Tsarus President Greg Tanner receiving the plaque from 1989 recipient Vincent Astor.



Hundreds of Gays and Lesbians gathered last year for the Gay Pride Festival.

Memphis Pride Weekend Kicks Off with 17th Boatripe

For the 17th time since the tradition began in 1980, a boat from the Memphis Queen Line will take a boatload of Gay men and Lesbians for an evening's ride on the Mighty Mississippi on Fri., June 20.

For the second year, the Pride River Ride will take place on a Friday night. Popular duet the Belle Curves played last year's event. This year, again using the Queen Line's flagship Showboat, the ride will feature The Dream Family with Chad and Bernie Gwyn.

Tickets are available for \$20 in advance and will be sold at the dock for \$25. Advance ticket locations include Meristem, Dabbles, Backstreet and Star Search Video. The Showboat boards at 8 p.m. and sails at 9 p.m. for a three-hour ride. Beer, mixed drinks and soft drinks are available on board and may not be brought on by passengers.

On Sat., June 21, the third revamped Pride Parade will be held. The parade will line-up in Overton

Park near the Doughboy statue (Poplar Avenue main entrance to the park). It will proceed east on Poplar to Cooper, north on Cooper to Madison, west on Madison to disperse at the 1559 Madison parking garage for Holy Trinity Community Church.

Backstreet, *Memphis Flyer* and Aloysius Home are sponsors for the Memphis Pride Parade.

The third annual Pride Festival will feature community music, speakers and vendors of all varieties. Many community groups will staff booths promoting their organizations. That evening at 7 p.m., Safe Harbor MCC will host an interdenominational prayer service. Club N-cognito will hold a picnic on Sunday.

The theme of this year's Pride celebration is "Celebrating Generations of Pride." In addition to the usual posters, the Pride Committee has purchased three half-sized billboards featuring the Pride logo. They will be installed June 2 and promote Pride Weekend.

AIDS Researcher: 'We Have a Vaccine Now That Looks Like the Answer'

By Richard Benke
Associated Press Writer

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — Chimpanzee tests of an anti-AIDS vaccine show preventive results promising enough to allow human trials and even show improvement in animals infected before inoculation, scientists said May 7.

The vaccine developed by a team from the University of Pennsylvania working with the Coulston Foundation of Alamogordo and Apollon Inc. of Malvern, Pa., is already being used on selected human subjects. Foundation chief executive Frederick Coulston said he expects it could be further tested starting later this year on human patients confirmed to have the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

"We have a vaccine now that looks like it's the answer," Coulston said in an interview here.

The vaccine uses no living HIV, so it cannot cause infection, he said. *Nature* says the tested vaccine used an "HIV-1 gene insert."

If human testing goes as hoped, a vaccine could be available commercially within two to three years, Coulston said.

An account of the vaccine testing was published May 7 in the British science journal *Nature*.

"These data support the ability of this vaccination technique to protect chimpanzees from challenge with HIV-1," says *Nature*.

Among scientists co-authoring

the paper were David Weiner of the University of Pennsylvania, Coulston researchers Ali Javadian and Patrice Frost and others.

"At a minimum," says *Nature*, "the present study demonstrates the effect of this apparently well tolerated approach to control viral replication in vivo (living subjects) and to interrupt the establishment of persistent infection."

Weiner, associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "We're encouraged but cautious."

Harold McClure, who studies AIDS at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Atlanta's Emory University, called the results very promising. Coulston said the breakthrough was "worthy of the highest recognition."

"It is the greatest discovery for the prevention and treatment of AIDS possible," the 82-year-old primate research pioneer said.

"Not only does it prevent the disease," he said, "but if the animal already has viremia, particles floating in the blood, it cures it — the same vaccine."

In four years of AIDS research, he said, his lab has used some 30 chimps in HIV testing programs, or challenges. The *Nature* article reports on the first four involving the DNA insert and says the immunized chimps have remained HIV-negative for more than a year.

Nature says three chimps (two males and one female) were immunized and a fourth (a male) was

inoculated without the HIV-1 gene insert. The primates got six injections over 15 weeks, then two boosters later.

"The antibodies against HIV-1 in these DNA vaccinated animals demonstrated neutralizing activity," it says.

Coulston said his foundation expects to participate in a followup paper after human trials.

Coulston re-emphasized the chimpanzee results don't necessarily mean human trials will show similar success, and he said scientists aren't certain just why the vaccine works.

"We don't know the mechanism yet," he said.

But he suggested the odds may be 100 to 1 in favor of success in humans. And while there are many strains of HIV, he said he believes the vaccine will prove universal for the various strains.

The virus itself has always reacted differently in chimpanzees than in humans, with the disease seen thus far to progress in only a limited number of chimps, compared with the more widespread progression pattern in humans. But Javadian has said chimpanzees share 98 percent of the genetic traits of humans.

The Food and Drug Administration approved human trials for the vaccine two months ago. Coulston said it took less than two weeks for approval, making it "the fastest or one of the fastest tracks ever."

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Gay Pride: Stay Around for the Ride

By Ira L. King

During a month devoted to Gay Pride it is perhaps necessary to stop and remember a few salient truths. I hold these truths to be quite evident, yet seemingly forgotten. Or at least put on the back burner while men and women, hetero and homosexual, continue to have haphazard, unprotected sex and use dirty drug-infested needles.

1. AIDS is not eradicated.
2. Promiscuity is still a bad idea .
3. Condoms do work.
4. Thinking you will be lucky does not work.
5. Sex and drugs do not mix.

Recently an acquaintance I'll call Jack (not his real name) confided in me that he has been diagnosed with AIDS. He was sad and not quite sure how to handle the situation. I have seen Jack walk into a bar and walk out with the first man who paid him any attention. By his own admission his sex life was anything but boring. He would brag about how many men he'd had and how good the sex was. He fancied himself quite attractive. He would show up at the bar wearing jeans that appeared to be painted on. He invited danger and didn't flinch when it approached him.

Right now I am trying to decide whether or not to feel sorry for Jack. It's hard to feel

sorry for someone who has been so blatantly reckless with his body. At the moment I pity him. I do not wish illness on anyone. I do, however, expect adults to behave responsibly.

We all need to remember that the war against AIDS is a long way from being won. Even with new medical cocktails that appear to lessen the onset of the full-blown disease and even send some into remission, the signs that an end is near are not appearing. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, as well as hospitals, universities and laboratories across the country and around

the world are desperately seeking that illusive cure.

Dealing with the promiscuity issue is very difficult. Our

community has a reputation for being very common and very approachable when it comes to having sex. Some of us, like Jack, do nothing to destroy this myth and everything to perpetuate it. Some of us don't seem to understand that sex is not the be all and end all it is cracked up to be. Many of us need to realize that being Gay is much more than having, sex with a member of the same gender. Many of us need to realize that quality sex is far more satisfying than quantity sex. Jack slept with many. It only took one to infect him. He will never know which one.

So you don't like to use condoms. So they don't always feel as good as bare skin

against your body. So they're not always available when you're ready. Just as condoms may not feel at home on your body, disease does not feel at home in your body. Condoms can be removed after sex. Many times disease cannot. If you don't have a condom when you're ready to have sex then it's your own fault. If you go cruising in a bar, a hotel or at the mall, you should carry a condom in your wallet or your glove compartment. A condom is as necessary as your

cut down in the prime of their lives by AIDS.

And, finally, sex and drugs are a welcome mat for contracting AIDS. Jack found this out. Oh, he only smokes marijuana. He says it helps to achieve the ultimate orgasm. In the end, it only helped him draw closer to death's door.

I know this is morbid. We are supposed to be celebrating Gay pride and all that that can mean for millions of Americans who

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driver's license.

It won't happen to me. I'm young, with a full life to live. If Jack had been in high school or a teenager, I could have understood this mentality. But Jack is approaching 40. He simply knows better. None of us is privileged to a special dispensation from God to live a long life. The graveyards are full of young men and women who thought they were going to live forever, but were

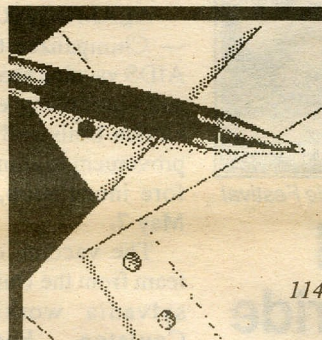
must daily fight the ignorance and bigotry that permeate our society regarding homosexuality. It is my hope that as we celebrate, we also concentrate on all that is good and positive about being sexual and being physically able to express our sexuality with someone we care about.

I want us all to live to see many more Gay pride celebrations. However, it won't happen if we all behave like Jack.

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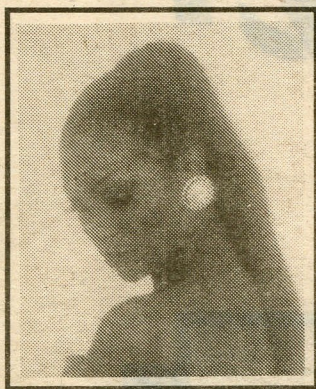
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Rep. Steve Howard, Vermont Democratic Party Chair, Says He's Gay

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) — Vermont Democratic party chairman Steven Howard is the latest public official in the state to say publicly that he is gay.

Howard, who is also a state representative from Rutland, told the *Rutland Herald* newspaper that he only acknowledged his sexuality to himself two years ago.

"I just have felt for some time that it was time to be honest — with myself, with my family, with the voters," Howard said.

Howard, a lifelong resident of the town of Rutland, is the third openly gay Vermont politician.

The late Rep. Ronald Squires, a Guilford Democrat, made his announcement in 1992. Vermont Auditor Edward Flanagan announced his sexuality in August 1995.

"It takes tremendous courage for Steve to do what he did. I think Ed Flanagan took the first step so others could follow," said Kathleen DeBold, deputy director of the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The organiza-

tion raises money for openly homosexual candidates.

Howard, 25, has won three consecutive elections to the Legislature. And he is the nation's youngest state party chairman.

In the Legislature Howard has appeared brazen as he takes on opponents and high ranking members of his own party, most recently Gov. Howard Dean.

But appearances can be deceiving.

"I've spent a lot of my life a terrified little boy. I look in the mirror and see a total failure. At any moment, that little boy inside will jab me, will taunt me, saying that I'm not thin enough, smart enough, tough enough," he said. "I want to disarm that little boy and take away his weapon against me."

That weapon is his sexuality.

"I think I've known all my life but I just acknowledged it to myself two years ago," he said.

Howard said his family had been supportive since he told them he was gay.

Eddie Murphy Stopped By Deputies, Transvestite Prostitute Arrested

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Eddie Murphy said he was just trying to be a nice guy when he picked up a cross-dressing prostitute while undercover sheriff's deputies looked on.

Murphy was pulled over minutes after the man got into his car early May 2. The prostitute was arrested on a warrant, but authorities said Murphy had broken no law.

"It's not the first hooker that I've helped out ... I've seen hookers on corners and I'll pull over and they'll go, 'Oh, you're Eddie Murphy, oh my God,' and I'll empty my wallet out to help," Murphy told television's *Entertainment Tonight*.

"... I'm just being a nice guy," he said.

The prostitute, identified as Atisone Seiuli, 20, of Los Angeles, was arrested on a prior warrant for prostitution. He was held May 2 in the Los Angeles County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Marty Singer, Murphy's attorney, said Murphy did not know the man was a transvestite.

The 36-year-old actor said he was shocked at the attention the incident was getting.

"It wasn't like we drove to some dark spot to do something. ... I was shocked when it turned into, you know, in the morning, this was in the paper because I wasn't arrested," he said.

"I love my wife and I'm not gay ... I'm married with three children. I'm not going to do anything to jeopardize my health."

Later, Murphy told KNBC-TV outside a studio where he was working on a new movie that he gave the prostitute a ride after lecturing him about the dangers of working the streets at night.

"I'm never giving anyone a lift again," he said, chuckling.

The incident occurred at about 4:45 a.m., when deputies were working in a "prostitute abatement zone" on Santa Monica Boulevard. Driving an unmarked sheriff's car, the deputies followed Murphy's Land Cruiser for about two miles before stopping him, Ford said.

After a successful run on *Saturday Night Live*, Murphy vaulted into stardom in the 1980s with hit films like *48 Hours* and the first two *Beverly Hills Cop* movies in which he played a wise-cracking detective.

The actor was criticized by gays for making fun of homosexu-

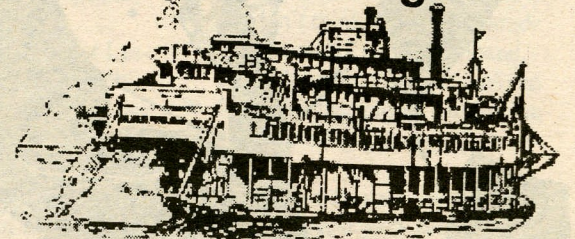
als in a harsh series of comedic routines, but he later mended fences with the gay community.

Murphy's shine began to fade in the early 1990s with his insistence on playing romantic leading roles. The blockbuster success of last year's *The Nutty Professor*, however, returned Murphy to star status. He's receiving a reported

\$17 million for an upcoming remake of *Dr. Doolittle*.

In 1995, actor Hugh Grant pleaded no contest to lewd conduct with Estella Thompson, a prostitute also known as Divine Brown. Grant was fined \$1,180 and placed on two years' probation. Thompson was sentenced to six months in jail.

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Gay Indiana Teen Takes Male Friend to Senior Prom

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) — A gay student escorting a boyfriend to the senior prom didn't bother Alexandria High School Principal Rodney Watson. It bothered some other students, though.

Jacob Eiler, who is openly gay, brought his boyfriend of several weeks as his date. Newspaper and television stations were there to record the moment as the two arrived hand-in-hand, both wearing black tuxedos, at the Paramount Centre.

Watson said the matter generated more of a fuss than it merited.

"Jacob Eiler claims he is gay and is escorting a boy to the prom," Watson said. "What's the big deal?"

Eiler was a candidate for prom king but wasn't selected. Still, the evening passed without the harassment he had feared. A day earlier, all four tires on his car had been slashed, apparently in retaliation for his decision to take a male date to the dance.

"There is no doubt in my mind that a student did this," Eiler said of the vandalism. "I think it's a direct result of what I am doing."

Worse yet was a verbal thrashing at school he received from a former friend.

"A girl came up to me and said, 'You're a disgrace to the town. You're a disgrace to the school.' ... She said she was ashamed of me and I should be ashamed of myself," he said.

Eiler, an honor roll student, said he wasn't trying to make a political statement — he just wanted to go to his prom with the person of his liking. He declined to reveal his date's name.

Eiler says he realized he was gay when he was 13 and told his parents about his sexual orientation when he was 16. He said he no longer lives with his parents and now shares a home with a lesbian friend.

"Neither of my parents likes it that I'm gay," he said. "My mom hates it and my dad has swept it under the rug. I've lost family and friends over this."

Eiler, who is in the school band and choir, said he plans to study nursing next year at Indiana University.

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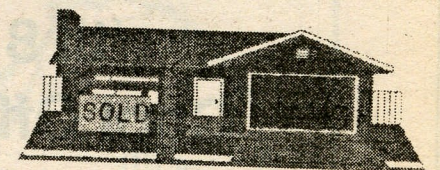
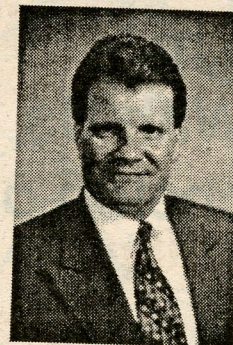
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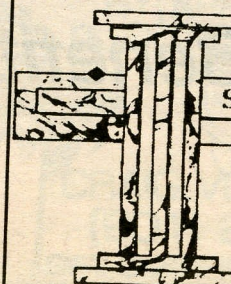


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GAY PRIDE: One Lesbian's Story of Fate and Faith

By Ira L. King

On a crisp spring day in May of 1982 Glynda L. Hall (a mere slip of a girl from Shannon, Miss.) graduated from Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in Church Related Vocations.

In her senior year at Blue Mountain she was a class officer, member of the Eunomian Society, Psychology Club, Art Club, Baptist Student Union, college softball team and a Bible study leader.

On yet another crisp spring day in May, five years later, Glynda found herself graduating from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) in Louisville, Ky., with a Master of Arts degree in christian education. During her tenure at SBTS she held many positions of authority, including group leader and recreation coordinator for Student Missions Conference.

Her résumé reads like an entry in Who's Who among Southern Baptist student luminaries. Indeed, she was listed among the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1983 and 1988. There are, however, two undeniable facts missing from her resume. Glynda L. Hall is an ordained minister. Glynda L. Hall is a Lesbian.

In the fall of 1996 Glynda was ordained as a minister at Holy Trinity Community Church (HTCC) in Memphis. HTCC is a predominantly, but not exclusively, Gay church. Little did she

realize at the time that her ordination into the service of Christ would lead to a job termination in the service of man.

Recently Glynda related to me the story of how she was fired from her job as Student Services Specialist at the Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (BMCHS) on Wed., Nov. 20, 1996 — the day before Thanksgiving.

On that fateful day Glynda was summoned to the office of Dr. Rose Temple (president of BMCHS) along with Glynda's supervisor, Dr. Paul Barkley. Drs. Temple and Barkley presented Glynda with a multi-page document requesting her resignation. This judge and jury of two claimed that Glynda's recent ordination at Holy Trinity Community Church combined with her avowed Lesbianism were inconsistent with the beliefs of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and that she was therefore an unacceptable role model for the students she worked with.

The document contained several stipulations. These stipulations

included a demand to not speak about the reasons for her dismissal among her colleagues, a command to not talk to the press, and most importantly, Glynda was asked to not sue the school for damages at

any future date. She was asked to take the document home with her, think it over for the next seven days, sign it and return it. In return for her signature, she would receive severance pay and benefits through April of the following year. In

short, they were stripping her of her first amendment rights. There were other stipulations which were not listed in the document and which she was told would be denied if the powers-that-be were confronted directly.

On Mon., Nov. 25, 1996 Glynda returned the document to BMCHS judge and jury unsigned along with a letter from her lawyer requesting she be reinstated. She was told that reinstatement was not an option. She was fired on the spot.

Needless to say this came as quite a blow to a 37-year-old young

woman who had just purchased a home and was pursuing a fledging relationship with her partner.

The day she was fired she asked for a letter of termination so that she might draw unemployment while she searched for a new job. That letter was written reluctantly sometime later. Later that day she applied for and eventually began receiving unemployment compensation. Her case has also been filed with EEOC and is still in progress.

When she was fired, Glynda was told that had she only been a Lesbian or only an ordained minister at HTCC, she would not have been terminated. But the two facts together were unacceptable. It is a well-known fact that the Southern Baptist Convention has long preached against the ordination of women. And the SBC's railings against homosexuality are infamous.

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The Pride of Religion

By Greg Bullard
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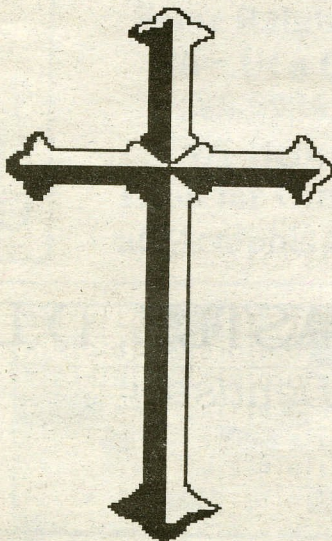
I am intentionally taking time out of the regular writing that I have been doing to talk about something that is very present to us this month.

You know that this month is Pride month. We are asked to reflect on ourselves and to be proud of who we were created to be.

God has created each of us to be who we are. To be ashamed of what God has done, because someone else has problems, is not God's plan. There are huge numbers of our people present in Scripture. From Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan, the Ethiopian Eunuch and countless others, we are there! Too often we have been told we do not belong in the church. We belong because God said so! We are the church!

This month is very important. It is the month we celebrate Stonewall and the fact that we are equal in the eyes of God, no matter what the detractors may say. We have a right to celebrate the gift of our

lives completely. We have the right to celebrate our anniversaries, our covenants, our hurts and our joys within the confines of the church. We will celebrate them! Whether



it be at Safe Harbor, Holy Trinity, Living Word or others we need to do that. We have allowed others to rob us of a church that loves us and cares for us.

In the Matthew 8:5-13 Jesus heals a Roman soldier's servant. Well, this servant was a great deal more than a servant. This servant was also this man's lover! The servant within the ranks of the army was also the person that filled the sexual needs of the person they were attached to.

What about the love that the soldier had for that servant? He did not run away and hide his affections from the one we are told rejects us. He went there and when he did Jesus honored him and his love. He healed the servant and lifted the faith and love of this man as an example. We need to hear that very clearly. Jesus lifts us as examples when we love. Jesus heals and stands with us when we go forth as were are.

Just as Jesus lifted the example of the soldier and his lover/servant Jesus lifts us to show a new way of love that is unconditional. So love boldly, proudly, and unconditionally. Share love openly. When we do that we have the ability to change the world!

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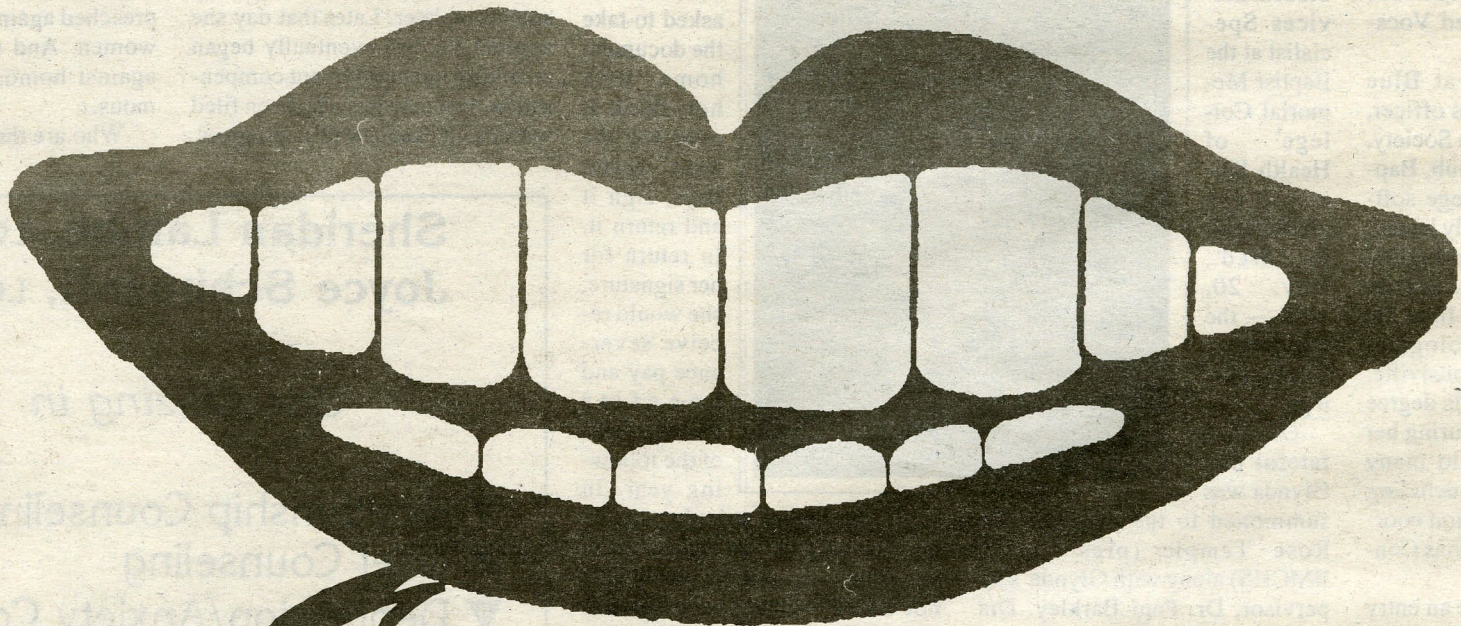
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Three California Ministers Refuse to Stay in Group with Lesbian

NOVATO, Calif. (AP) — Three Novato ministers have quit a ministerial association put together by their peers because one of its members is a Lesbian and the others refuse to ask her to resign.

The departing ministers say they cannot associate with a practicing homosexual. Two others may leave the group, too, they say. "My appeal to the ministers is don't let this split us up. Satan is certainly an ace at doing that," the Rev. W. Lee Grady said. "This lady, if she were living a clean life, my goodness, she would be welcome like all of us."

Pastor Marilyn Hedges-Hiller, 46, has been open about her sexuality since her 20s, but the issue did not come up with the ministerial group until January. That was when the monthly issue of *Slant*, a Gay and Lesbian newspaper published in nearby Corte Madera, printed an article about her.

Hedges-Hiller founded the New

Faith Church in Novato last year and had worried ever since that her sexuality would overshadow her work as a spiritual leader.

"I find it very painful. It is true you are reduced to a sex act. Nothing about you matters. It doesn't matter who I am, how good a person I am, what I say, what I preach, what I do," she said.

Hedges-Hiller, who has a 15-year-old son and a partner of 18 years, has the support of her 25-member congregation.

A majority of the dozen ministers in the group voted that Hedges-Hiller should not be kicked out or asked to quit the group that she had been a member of for almost a year.

The ministers who quit are Grady of Novato Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Rev. Gregg Mervich of Marin Christian Life Church and the Rev. Greg Escher of Open Door Christian Church.

GLBT Hate Crime Hotline Available Free Nationwide

A bilingual, non-profit, toll-free hotline is available to assist all victims of anti-Gay/Lesbian/bisexual/transgender/HIV-positive incidents and provide them with a centralized source of information and documentation.

The Gay & Lesbian National Victims' Assistance Hotline (GLNVAH: 800-259-1536) is a 24-hour project of Lambda GLBT Community Services Anti-Violence Project (AVP), located in El Paso, TX.

GLNVAH is staffed by trained, carefully supervised, volunteers who provide crisis intervention, information and referrals to persons who have experienced terrifying violence or more common anti-Gay incidents, such as discrimination, harassment, or vandalism. Callers may remain anonymous and all information is kept strictly confidential.

The hotline accepts calls 24-hours per day.

The Gay and Lesbian National Victims Assistance Hotline is committed to supporting local switchboards, anti-violence projects and hotlines across the country. Callers to the GLNVAH are referred to the AVP, victim advocacy program, or Gayswitchboard that is closest to them.

"We hope that anyone with information to report will call us or their local AVP," said Rob Knight, president of Lambda. "Anti-Gay brutality and discrimination has long been invisible, mainly because it is among the least reported

of crimes," said Knight.

People targeted with expressions of intolerance and hate often fear reporting incidents to police due to fear. Some may not recognize subtle expressions of hate as reportable incidents.

"Ask a Gay person if they have been called a 'faggot,' been involved in same-gender domestic violence or felt scared because they might be attacked while in public, and you will be surprised at how often the answer is 'yes.' Anti-Gay rhetoric is so common that it is largely ignored.

"People are taught to fear queer people and those who are HIV-positive — and that fear, unchallenged, often leads to violence," said Knight. "The first step in countering the hate is to report it. If we don't know about it, we can't help."

For information or assistance, call the 24-hour Gay & Lesbian Victims' Assistance Hotline at 800-259-1536 or write to Lambda GLBT Community Services AVP, attn:GLNVAH, PO Box 31321, El Paso, TX 79931-0321 USA

Founded in 1991, LAMBDA GLBT Community Services is an all-volunteer, non-profit, LesBiGay organization. LAMBDA is a national tracking member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP).

Lambda's mission is to eliminate discrimination in all its forms, and enlighten the public about homosexuality/bisexuality through education and support.

Churches Come Together for Pride Service

Submitted by Safe Harbor MCC

On Sat., June 21, the Memphis community is invited to a special Worship Celebration at the Worship Center of Safe Harbor Metropolitan Community Church. On this Saturday the congregations of Safe Harbor MCC of Memphis, MCC of Nashville, and MCC of the Rainbow of Jackson, Miss., will be joining together in worship, and wish to extend a special invi-

tation to you to join them.

The congregations in Little Rock, Paducah, Ky., and Missouri have also been invited to attend.

Special invitations have been extended to Living Word Christian Church, Holy Trinity Community Church, First Congregational Church, Integrity and other affirming churches.

The speaker for this celebration will be Rev. Denise Leopold, pastor of MCC Nashville. This gifted

woman is dynamic in her ability to carry the message of God's unconditional love to all people.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Chapel at Union Ave. United Methodist.

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Total Equality: The Dream is "NOW!"

By Ira L. King

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. revealed his dream of equality for all people, he was speaking primarily of racial equality.

Since the 1960s that dream has been nourished, cherished and amplified by millions of Americans — Black, white, Native American, Japanese, Hispanic—the list goes on.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) has embraced that dream and is endeavoring to expand it to achieve total equality without regard to race, gender or sexual orientation.

To that end, the theme of

NOW's 1997 national conference to be held in Memphis from Fri., July 4 through Sun., July 6, is "Living the Dream."

During the weekend when most Americans will be celebrating our nation's birthday, NOW will hold its annual national meeting at The Peabody.

The Memphis chapter won by competitive bid with several other southern cities for the honor of hosting this event.

NOW's national conference is held in a different time zone each year. This gives the thousands of members across the country flexible and affordable travel, and allows them to visit and learn from other cities and chapters.

Each year some members have the privilege of having the conference in their own backyard.

Conference co-chairs Virginia Stallworth (local NOW chapter president) and Susan Mackenzie (national board member and local vice-president) were intimately instrumental in getting this conference to Memphis.

This was quite a coup. Approximately 50 national board members vote on the conference site. The last NOW national conference held in the southern region was in New Orleans in 1985.

This year's conference, expected to draw approximately 12,000 participants, will open with a fund-raiser for the NOW political action committee on Thurs., July 3, in the party room at One Wagner Place.

The conference will officially open at 9 a.m. on Fri., July 4. On that evening, attendees will witness the spectacular fireworks on the banks of the Mississippi along with the rest of Memphis.

The conference will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. on Sun., July 6.

This year's featured speakers include Senator Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois and Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga. Ms Braun is a fiery, feisty, and delightfully refreshing female lawmaker.

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, an African American, was elected in a voting district that was drawn to pool a Black majority. When her election was con-

tested based on that drawing, the district was redrawn to feature a majority white voting pool.

When a new election was held, Ms. McKinney won again. There is now talk of redrawing that voting district yet another time in an effort to preclude her election for a third time.

Needless to say, she has endured her share of agony and ecstasy in the political arena.

Registration for the conference is now in progress. The fee to attend all three days is \$85. Those wishing to attend only one day can do so for a fee of \$35.

Special rates are available to NOW members using a sliding scale. These special rates are available through July 3.

The conference will include 60 workshops and policy-making ses-

sions. The national conference is where all national NOW policy is set.

Policy dealing with Gay and Lesbian issues will be formulated and addressed. Also, new national officers will be elected.

Of special note will be the Women of Courage awards to be given out during the conference. These awards to women from all walks of life across America who, through their life struggles, have demonstrated an ability to rise above adversity and unselfishly and decisively claim that which is rightly theirs.

For further information regarding registration fees, workshops, the awards dinner, and any other conference-related questions, please call the Memphis NOW chapter at 578-3286.

Yard Sale to Benefit Clarksville Cares

Clarksville CARES (Council for AIDS Resources, Education and Support) is a non-profit organization formed to help the Clarksville Community deal with the AIDS crisis. Clarksville CARES provides the community with HIV/AIDS education, counseling and an AIDS phone line for Clarksville, Ft. Campbell and surrounding areas.

Clarksville CARES is having a yard sale on Sat., June 28, to assist those living with HIV/AIDS. The yard sale is being held at 1300

Madison Street (behind the United Way building). Clarksville CARES is now accepting nice donated items for its June 28th yard sale. So Spring clean those closets and make room for new stuff.

Please call CARES at 615-553-8711 or drop off items at 1300 Madison St. in Clarksville.

All items donated are tax deductible and receipts will be furnished upon request.

The yard sale will benefit those living with HIV/AIDS in the Clarksville community.

Three Basses To Sing for Friends For Life

Submitted by Friends For Life

First the world was thrilled by the Three Tenors Concert, then the Three Sopranos delighted thousands. Now, Friends for life is bringing to Memphis the nation's and world's (we think, first-ever — The Three Basses Concert.

This gala fund-raising event will be held Sun., June 8, in the Rotunda at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art in Overton Park.

The Three Basses are among the finest vocal talents to ever have been featured in various programs in the Memphis area: Dr. John Dougherty, Jay Pontius and Ken Shaw.

Dr. Dougherty is a professor of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He recently appeared in *The Magic Flute* with Opera Memphis and has also been a soloist with the Columbus (Ohio) Symphony.

Pontius is a soloist with the Germantown Symphony Orchestra, has been featured in the annual performance of *The Messiah* at Calvary Episcopal Church and was a principle soloist with Opera Columbus (Ohio).

Shaw is an Opera Memphis favorite, having made 10 appear-

ances including recently *The Magic Flute*, and has been a featured soloist with the New York City Opera.

The program promises to be as dramatic and memorable as the booming voices of the Three Basses. They will be performing a selection of famous opera arias and favorites from the musical theatre in a manner that will be most entertaining. The variety of selections are certain to provide musical enjoyment.

The doors open at 7 p.m. so patrons may tour the museum at their leisure. The concert begins at 8 p.m. with a champagne reception will follow featuring the Germantown Symphony Orchestra String Quartet.

Tickets for this elegant evening of entertainment are available for a \$100 donation per person or \$250 for special seating which includes listing as a benefactor in the program.

Proceeds of the event will benefit Friends for Life AIDS Resource Center. Because this is an intimate setting and seating is limited, advanced ticket sales are required. This will be a sell-out, so early inquiries are encouraged.

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Gay Man Fights for Custody of Sons

By Estes Thompson
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH (AP) — When his wife left him for another man in 1991, Fred Smith continued raising their two sons, just as he did when his lover moved in with him.

On May 14, Smith went to the state Supreme Court to battle his ex-wife, Carol Pulliam of Wichita, Kan., for custody of the boys, now ages 11 and 8. She has custody until the dispute is settled.

"I had them all their lives," Smith said after attorneys made their arguments. "To take them away from me is like tearing a part of me away."

But Mrs. Pulliam's attorney told the seven justices that Smith and his partner, Tim Tipton, broke the law by having oral sex. They also

harmed the boys by kissing and hugging and acting as if they were married, said attorney Phillip Jackson.

The state recognizes only heterosexual marriages, Jackson added.

Smith's lawyer reminded the court that it has held that sexual activity should not be used to determine a person's fitness as a parent.

"To change custody merely because Mr. Smith is a homosexual man would ignore your precedents," argued Smith's attorney, Ellen Gerber.

Mrs. Pulliam contends Smith isn't a fit parent because of his sexual preferences. Smith thinks the issue is more about money.

Mrs. Pulliam won custody in 1995 from a Henderson County

judge after confronting Smith about his sexuality. With that ruling, she no longer had to pay Smith \$400 a month for child support.

The state Court of Appeals overturned the Henderson County judge's decision and ruled in Smith's favor.

The boys were 5 and 2 when Smith's wife left him and moved in with the man she eventually married. The Smiths lived in

Palmdale, Calif., when their marriage broke up in 1991.

Smith's attorney, Gerber, said Mrs. Pulliam wants the court to believe that Smith's Gay relationship could result in harm to the children, even though there is no evidence of harm.

"How can you have anything detrimental if it's for the love of another person?" Smith asked outside the courtroom as Tipton put his hand on his back.

Chief Justice Burley Mitchell said the issue wasn't whether homosexuality disqualified a person as a parent, but the suggestion that sexual activity occurred in the children's presence. He mentioned kissing.

"They were extremely careful to keep sexual activity behind locked doors," Gerber said. "... You would expect that they would kiss goodbye or hug affectionately."

Judge Gives Lesbian Visitation Rights to Former Lover's Child

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A Sacramento judge has awarded a Lesbian woman visitation rights to a 4-year-old girl she helped raise with her former lover.

In another skirmish in the ideological battle over what constitutes a family, Pamela Lockrem-West won the first step in a battle for joint custody of the child.

Municipal Court Judge Gail D. Ohanesian's temporary order on May 13 is subject to further rulings.

Lockrem-West argued she is just as much of a parent to the child as Barbara West, the girl's biologi-

cal mother. The couple, who broke up about two years ago, agreed that West would be artificially inseminated and that the two women would raise the child together.

Since last December, however, West has refused to let her former partner see the child, saying she wants the girl to have only one mother.

Attorney Sharon Huddle, who represents West, argued the ruling overstepped the judge's authority, moving into the realm of making public policy.

"With this ruling, what the

judge is saying is that anybody can come into court and say, 'I want visitation with your kid because I have spent some time with your kid,' Huddle told *The Sacramento Bee*.

According to Kate Kendall, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights of San Francisco, there have been about two dozen such cases in the country, and in about half the cases judges have viewed non biological same-sex partners as having some sort of legal standing in court.

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Airlines Sue to Block San Francisco's Domestic Partners Law

By Richard Cole
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hoping to block a local law requiring them to offer benefits to employees' domestic partners, U.S. airlines have filed a lawsuit saying the city has no right to regulate them.

Federal law prohibits local governments from mandating employee benefits to national companies, said Carol Hallett, president of the Air Transport Association, which represents the nation's major airlines.

"Airlines have always been governed by federal, not local, laws because it would be impossible to operate in hundreds of communities with different and possibly contradictory local ordinances," she said.

San Francisco Supervisor Susan

Leal said she was disappointed by the federal lawsuit filed May 14.

"It's very sad that they feel so strongly about not providing equality that they can't work with the city," she said.

The ordinance approved last year goes into effect June 1. The lawsuit seeks a judge's order blocking enforcement of the law.

The city plans to fight the lawsuit. City Attorney Louise Renne noted many other major companies had complied with the rules.

"So much for the friendly skies," Renne said.

Supported by the city's powerful Gay community, the ordinance requires companies doing business with San Francisco to offer the same benefits to legally registered domestic partners as they do to spouses.

Hallett said the lawsuit was not anti-Gay.

"This is not a moral issue and has nothing to do with sexual orientation," she said. "If another community passed an ordinance requiring that we could not provide benefits to domestic partners, we would file the same lawsuit."

The legal move comes despite an agreement between the city and United Airlines, which has a \$13.4 million, 25-year lease agreement at city-owned San Francisco International Airport.

Under the deal, United agreed to review the ordinance and develop a policy in the first 24 months of the lease.

After reviewing the ordinance, however, United has decided it does not have to comply with the law, said United spokeswoman Mary Jo Holland. But United is considering a domestic partner policy of its own and has not yet reached a decision on compliance.

Poll: Californians Divided on Gay, Lesbian Issues

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — While Californians are almost evenly divided on their acceptance of homosexuality, the majority think Gay domestic partners deserve legal recognition, according to a Field Poll released May 6.

Pollsters found that 45 percent of those questioned believe same-sex relationships are wrong, while 38 percent believe such relationships are never wrong and 9 percent believe they are sometimes wrong.

Despite the split, 67 percent of those polled favored legal recognition of family rights for domestic partners. And nearly 69 percent favored granting child custody rights to a Gay or Lesbian parent if the court finds him or her fit to care for the child in all other ways. The latter marks a significant shift in public opinion in the last two decades, pollsters said.

Still, 56 percent of the California public disapproves of same-sex marriage and the laws that would allow that type of union. And 49 percent favor a state law barring recognition of same-sex marriages from other states.

Meanwhile, 38 percent approve of same-sex marriage, also an increase over the past 20 years, pollsters said.

Other poll results found that 41 percent of Californians believe Gay rights leaders are pushing too fast, while 39 percent perceive the pace is about right.

Of those surveyed, 67 percent also said they have no personal identification with the Lesbian and Gay community.

The San Francisco-based Field Institute conducted the survey in February among 1,045 California adults. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Legislator Wants End of Rent Succession for Gay or Unmarried Partners

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gay activists criticized the state Senate's leader after he called for an abolition of laws that allow Gay or unmarried partners to keep rent-regulated apartments if the primary tenant dies or moves out.

"It seems like it's a very insensitive thing to do at a time when people need to have the most help they can get," Mark Johnson, of the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said of Majority Leader Joseph Bruno's stance.

"As long as the person can afford to pay the rent and is a responsible tenant, why should he or she be asked to leave the apartment?"

On May 14, after a private meeting with Gov. George Pataki and state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Bruno called for a change in the rules that make Gay and unmarried couples eligible for rent succession.

Rent succession permits people who live with a tenant who has a rent-regulated unit for at least two years to keep that apartment if the person leaves or dies.

Pataki, however, quickly distanced himself from his fellow Republican and said he would not support changes in the rent succession laws.

"I totally disagree with Senator Bruno," Pataki said. "That has been the law in New York City for some time and I do not think it should be changed."

The state regulates rents for about 1 million residences, mostly in New York City. While Bruno, of Rensselaer County, is seeking to deregulate rents, Silver, a Manhattan Democrat, wants to keep the laws intact.

Pataki offered a plan to preserve

rent regulations for a majority of those now living in protected apartments, but eliminate the regulations as units become vacant and tenants have no heirs to give them to.

The governor's plan would leave intact a state law that allows the Gay or unmarried partners of tenants to retain the apartments in the event their loved ones die.

A 1989 Court of Appeals' ruling determined that Gay or unmarried couples have as much right to apartment succession as traditional couples or families, said Evan Wolfson of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Gay legal rights group in New York.

Wolfson said Bruno's attempts to get rid of those protections shows that "he has an uglier agenda of discrimination at work."

"For him to say that the only families worthy of protection are those based around marriage leaves a lot of people literally out in the cold," he said. "The state high court said that people deserve protection apart from whether they have a marriage license or not."

Bruno said he did not support the

whole idea of succession, but would allow it in some cases.

"What on earth would possess anyone to think that people that don't own property have a right to succeed that property, will that property, to others? I don't understand that," Bruno said.

"That's why we have devastated the real estate market in New York City," he added.

Bruno later issued a statement in which he said "my intent is not to preclude any one particular group of people" from rent-regulation succession.

The battle over rent control is just one of several issues that is delaying the adoption of the state's budget, which was supposed to be in place on April 1. This is the 13th straight year that the budget is late.

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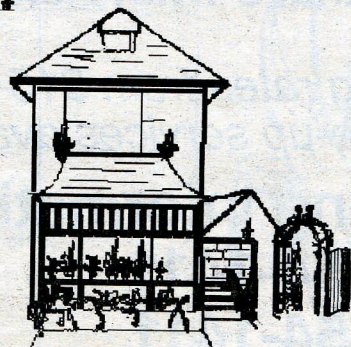
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Gay Group Fears Serial Killer Headed To New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Posters are being hung in the Chelsea and Greenwich Village neighborhoods warning that a suspected serial killer — who some say preys on Gay men — may be in New York.

The fliers and posters, offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to his arrest and conviction of Andrew Cunanan, 27, of San Diego, were put up on May 13.

"The authorities believe it's likely that he could be in New York or be heading to New York and we want to alert the community to that threat," said Chris Quinn of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

But cops are saying they have no signs that Cunanan is in New

York City.

A nationwide manhunt for Cunanan intensified after a cemetery caretaker was shot to death in Pennsville, N.J., on May 9.

He allegedly drove off in the dead man's red Chevrolet pickup truck and left behind a 1994 Lexus he had stolen from a slain Chicago businessman.

William Reese, 45, was killed at Finn's Point National Cemetery, in the southwest corner of the New Jersey.

Additionally, Cunanan is being sought in the shooting death of Minneapolis architect David Madson, and he is wanted for questioning in the beating death of Jeffrey Trail, 28, whose body was

found in Madson's apartment.

He also is a suspect in the death of millionaire Chicago developer Lee Miglin, 72, who was stabbed to death May 4.

Police have said that the two Minnesota victims were Gay men whom Cunanan knew.

"Since half his victims were Gay men, we need to take the potential threat to the community seriously," said Quinn.

Law enforcement brass, meanwhile, said they did not know whether the suspect was in the area.

"There is no indication that he is in New York City or headed here," said Joseph Valiquette, a spokesman for the local FBI office.

Asked about Cunanan, Police Commissioner Howard Safir said: "We've alerted all of our precincts. We've communicated to the Gay and Lesbian community the facts

that we have about him. We're working with the FBI. But we have no information that he is in this area."

Swiss Study Finds More Condom Use Doesn't Increase Sexual Activity

WASHINGTON (AP) — A national campaign in Switzerland to promote the use of condoms has not encouraged people to have more sex, according to a study.

The study published May 14 in the *American Journal of Public Health* found that a safe sex program and education about the risks of contracting the AIDS virus led to dramatic increases in the use of condoms, but no increase in the number of sex partners or the rate of casual sex.

The conclusions are based on telephone interviews of more than 2,000 randomly selected Swiss residents between the ages of 17 and 45. The interviews started in 1987 and were repeated periodically through October 1994.

Lead author in the study was Dr. Francoise Dubois-Arber of the University Institute of Social and Preventative Medicine in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Included in the findings:

—Among people aged 17 to 30, those who said they always used condoms in casual sex increased from 8 percent in 1987 to 56 percent in 1994. Among ages 31 to 45, a group first polled in 1989, those who said they always used condoms in casual sex increased from 22 percent to 42 percent.

—Within the younger group, those with steady partners increased condom use from 40 percent in 1988 to 64 percent in 1994. Those in the older group with steady partners reported condom use increased from 57 percent to 72 percent.

—Sex with one or more casual partners decreased among those aged 17 to 30, but remained about the same for the 31 to 45 age group. For the younger group, 18 percent

reported having one or more casual partners within a year in 1987, while in 1994, the rate had dropped to 13 percent. The rate among the older group remained between 8 percent and 10 percent through five years of polling.

"While the proportion of people who had casual partners remained stable, consistent condom use as a means of protection against the risk of infection with HIV during casual sex increased considerably," the study reported.

The authors of the study said there was evidence that the proportion of sexually active 17-year-olds was going down, probably as the result of the national AIDS campaign and general sex education in schools. The researchers said their findings confirmed conclusions from other studies that showed "neither sex education nor condom promotion leads to earlier or increased sexual activity among adolescents."

In an editorial in the journal, Mary Jane Rotheram-Borus of the University of California, Los Angeles, said the Swiss sex education and AIDS awareness programs stress "responsible sexuality," while the dominant theme in U.S. programs among youth has been "abstinence."

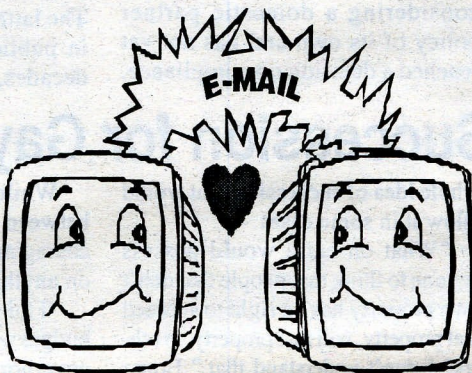
Rotheram-Borus said that European condom promotion programs have led to fewer teenage pregnancies, births and sexually transmitted diseases.

In the United States, however, she said, condom ads are not accepted by television networks and only 37 percent of sex education programs in public schools include instructions on the health effects of condom use.

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Softball Tournament Planning In Final Stage

Submitted by BCAA

As July 4 approaches, committees are meeting and finalizing plans for the first ever Gay softball tournament in Memphis.

Registration will begin Thursday night, July 3, with partying to follow. Softball play begins the afternoon of July 4 and continues through Sunday July 6.

The tournament format will be "C" division teams and a women's division. All games will be played at Rodney Baber Softball Complex, off I-240 and Hollywood Street exit. There are eight fields available for play with teams clash-

ing in the first "Battle on the Bluff" softball tournament.

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The Haze and Jaguars ventured to Atlanta Memorial Day weekend for the Armory Sports Classic softball tournament. **Autumn St. Haze won first place out of 32 teams.**

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All games are played at Tobey softball complex, near Hollywood and Central Avenue, Sunday evenings starting at 4:45 p.m.

HRC's Commercial on Workplace Bias Airs on 35 ABC Affiliates Nationwide

WASHINGTON — More than 3,200 Human Rights Campaign *Ellen* house parties were held April 30 throughout the country during the historic coming out episode of the ABC sitcom and the airing of HRC's new job discrimination ad.

The ABC network turned down HRC's request to make a single nationwide purchase of air time, citing its policy against "controversial issue advertising." With 65 ABC affiliates willing to air the spot, HRC placed it in 35 markets across the country — including Washington. Twelve network affiliates also declined the commercial, although one — the Philadelphia ABC station — has decided to run it as a public service announcement in the days following the *Ellen* broadcast.

"While most Americans oppose

job discrimination against Gay people, most just don't know that it is completely legal in 41 states to fire people from their jobs simply because of their sexual orientation," Birch said. "The coming out episode of *Ellen* offered a unique opportunity for HRC to highlight this injustice through our ad and underscore the need for legal protection."

The 30-second spot, entitled "Shoes," features a woman who has just been fired from her job because of her sexual orientation. A conversation between her co-workers reveals that the firing, while unfair, is not against the law — a fact that one of her colleagues is shocked to learn. The spot then offers a toll-free phone number — (888) 4HRC1997 — for the Human Rights Campaign that view-

ers can call to get more e ad was created by the Semans Co., based in Alexandria, Va.

HRC created *Ellen* house party kits to make it easy and fun for people to hold the events. The kits included a VHS copy of the HRC job discrimination ad, with a special videotaped message from Birch. Also in the kits were color HRC "Ellen Coming Out Day" posters; party invitations and planning tips; an entertaining *Ellen* trivia game, created by Ellen DeGeneres' many fans at HRC; and HRC membership information.

The placement of the ad was made possible by a generous contribution from Jessica Stevens, chief executive officer of Telegen, a high-technology firm based in Redwood City, Calif.

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Maine and New Hampshire Pass Lesbian and Gay Equal Rights Bills

WASHINGTON — The Maine House has passed a comprehensive bill to extend basic civil rights protections to its Gay and Lesbian citizens, two days after New Hampshire did the same.

The Maine House voted 84-61 May 1 to provide civil rights protections to Gay people in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. The state Senate passed the measure April 30 by a 28-5 vote. After a procedural vote by both chambers, Gov. Angus King, an independent, is expected to sign the measure.

On April 29, the New Hampshire Senate passed a similar bill by a vote of 13-9. The state House passed the measure March 18 by a vote of 205-125. Both chambers are Republican-controlled. Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen is expected to sign the bill, which would amend existing civil rights law to protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and pub-

lic accommodations.

Once these bills are signed, 11 states — including all of New England — will have laws to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"These votes demonstrate a new momentum in the quest for Gay civil rights," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director. "Maine and New Hampshire stand ready to join the nine states that already treat their Gay and Lesbian citizens equally."

However, she noted that in all the other states, Gay people have no legal recourse if they are discriminated against merely because of their sexual orientation.

No federal law protects Americans from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

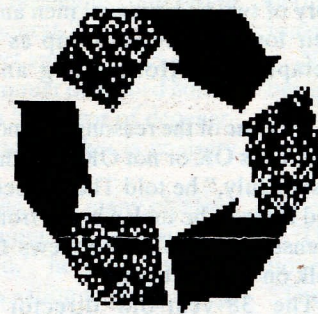
The last state to pass a civil rights bill covering sexual orientation was Rhode Island, in May 1995. The other states that currently include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination laws are:

California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont and Wisconsin.

One other state is currently considering a bill to extend some civil rights protection to its Gay and Lesbian citizens: Oregon is looking at a measure to outlaw job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I hope that we have broken a barrier this week and that we will see more states and, ultimately, the U.S. Congress, pass laws to grant equal rights to Gay and Lesbian Americans," Birch said.

A bipartisan group of U.S. representatives and senators is expected to introduce a federal bill soon that would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which enjoys broad public support, missed passing the Senate last year by one vote.



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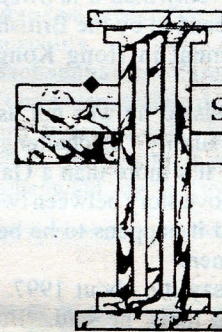
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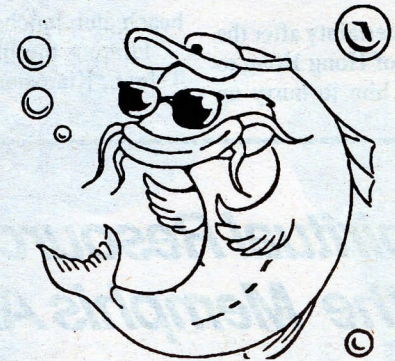
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Cannes Fights Shadow of Censorship with Golden Palms

By Christopher Burns
Associated Press Writer

CANNES, France (AP) — Ahead of Hong Kong's handover to China, the Cannes Film Festival named Wong Kar-Wai best director for a kind of cinema he fears he may not be able to make in a few months.

Iranian Abbas Kiarostami's film about suicide almost didn't make it to Cannes and ended up winning the Golden Palm on May 18. But China blocked one film and a director from a festival that wielded its palms to fight the shadow of censorship.

"Our role is always to defend freedom of expression," said Pierre Viot, festival president. "By presenting films that are not always welcome in their countries, we contribute to freedom."

Even for Cannes, the conflict over censorship played an especially large role this year.

China pulled the film *Keep Cool* from the festival competition. Directed by Zhang Yimou, it's the story of a bookseller who pines for a liberated, sexy young woman going out with a nouveau riche, an implied critical commentary of China's go-go '90s.

Beijing also barred Zhang Yuan from attending the festival, where his film *East Palace, West Palace* showed in the festival's Certain Regard selection after being secretly shot in China. The film's title refers to two Beijing restrooms that are Gay meeting sites.

"The authorities are massacring their own cinema," said Christophe Jung, who co-produced the film. "It'll get worse with Hong Kong. What's going to happen with Wong Kar-Wai?"

Wong said uncertainty after the July 1 handover of Hong Kong to China prompted him to hurry up

and make *Happy Together*, the story of two homosexual men and their love-hate relationship as a metaphor for Hong Kong and China.

"It's one of the reasons. I'm not sure if it's OK or not OK after the first of July," he told The Associated Press as he took a break from intense roundtable interviews to walk on Cannes beach.

The 38-year-old director's French New Wave-inspired cinematography (*Chungking Express* and *Fallen Angels*) has drawn critical acclaim and become the rage among many young Asian filmmakers.

That his film is a metaphor for China's reunification, "you can apply it to that context also, but I won't say it," he said. "Film is about suspense and surprise, so I don't want to ease the suspense."

Ironically, the poster used at the festival, of the two male characters horizontally entwined a-la-*Swept Away*, was banned by the British-led government in Hong Kong, Wong said.

Wong insisted he was not using homosexuality "to challenge the censors. It's more than a Gay issue. It's a love story between two persons, and it happens to be between two men."

"People say it's about 1997. I can't answer that," he said. "But it's a wish that people from the two territories can live happy together."

Kiarostami exhibited great care in talking to the Western media about his film, after Tehran grudgingly allowed his film to come to Cannes at the last minute.

Despite his film that portrays desperate living and appears to poke fun at the Iranian military, "My intention was not not to talk about Iranian society," he told a beach club luncheon.

Filming the bleak outskirts of Tehran, Kiarostami tells the story

of Mr. Badii, who is so tired of life that he drives around looking to hire someone to bury him alive as he lays in a shallow grave.

He finds a museum employee who is willing to help him but insists on knowing why he is committing suicide in a world full of small pleasures.

"You want to deprive yourself of the taste of the cherry? Then do it!," he defies Badii.

In the end, one never knows if Badii ever went through with it. "My intention was not to say what happened," Kiarostami said through a translator.

Kiarostami denied he was chal-

lenging the Muslim taboo — and thus Iran's hard-line religious leadership — of discussing suicide.

"I don't want to think politically. It's something international, universal," he said. "All religions condemn suicide." But he added: "We as artists are to develop an idea, not to condemn it."

Minnesota State Senator Defends Gay Marriage in Floor Speech

ST. PAUL (AP) — Using his 15-year relationship with a man as an example, Senate President Allan Spear told lawmakers they ought to welcome Gay marriage because it tries to embrace the institution, not destroy it.

"Why in the world is there a sense that marriage is under attack? They're not attacking marriage, they are embracing marriage," said Spear, DFL-Minneapolis. "One would think that social conservatives ... would support an expansion of the institution."

The Senate voted against his plea, passing a budget bill 54-12 on May 16 that includes a ban on

same-sex marriages, also called the Defense of Marriage Act. The House also passed the bill 112-19, sending it to Gov. Arne Carlson for his signature.

Carlson's spokesman has said he supports the ban.

Spear, in one of the most moving floor speeches of the session, said his relationship is just like that of any other marriage. But he said he doesn't have the same benefits of a state-recognized marriage such as being able to visit his partner in the hospital when only family is allowed.

Minnesota law requires marriages to be between members of

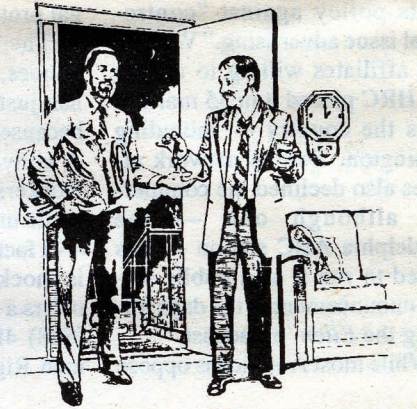
the opposite sex, although it doesn't specifically prohibit same-sex marriages.

The issue gained prominence when it appeared Hawaii might recognize such unions. Last month, however, the Hawaii Legislature agreed to put an issue to state ballot that is likely to bar the legalization of Gay marriages.

Sen. Tom Neuville, R-Northfield, said Hawaii's threat, not bigotry, forced lawmakers to bring up the issue.

"I'm just trying to maintain the status quo," he said. "I believe I'm in the mainstream."

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Classes Seek to Show PWAs What Might Lie Ahead

By Tara Meyer
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Career coach Al Stewart stands before a classroom of people seeking to re-enter the corporate world and earnestly advises deception.

Don't tell them why you left your original job. Don't ask too many questions about health benefits. Don't tell them you have AIDS.

"You have to play the game," Stewart tells the class of mostly men who are learning how to get hired again and how to become financially stable. "I wish I could put it another way, but it's a cover-up."

With a declining mortality rate and stunningly successful new medical regimes indicating that AIDS may no longer amount to a certain death sentence, people living with the disease face a new predicament: What next?

The classes offered at AID Atlanta, called "Reconstruction," are part of a novel approach toward the changing epidemic. Like many such social service agencies, AID Atlanta has been more a caretaker than a career counselor. Now, it hands out classified ads along with the condoms.

"The system we have now for people with AIDS is built to help them die, not to live," says Mark King, who started the new classes. "After more than 15 years with this epidemic, we're looking for something new to talk about."

"These are issues that are scaring people to death," says Bryan Freeman, a financial planner for people with cancer and AIDS. "They've already dealt with dying. What they have to deal with now is living well and how they are going to do it financially."

The classes have titles such as "Designing Your Financial Future, Now That You Have One."

"We had one session on just dealing with the emotion that you aren't going to die," King says.

Lining tables in each class are booklets with advice on getting insurance and keeping it, lists of job openings and businesses that hire people with AIDS, ways to earn money until the good job comes along.

Tonight's topic is job hunting, and Stewart is peppered with questions: How do you explain a three-year gap on a résumé? How do you find out about health benefits? How do you tell them you might have to leave again?

Tell them Mom died, Stewart suggests. Or that you tried to write that book you always dreamed about. Or that you went into business for yourself. In other words, nothing that can be verified.

"That sounds awful," he says. "It sounds deceptive, but what choice do they have? That's the workplace today."

Federal law forbids employers from asking potential employees about a medical condition. Bosses may fire employees for lying, but

they must first prove the company has a longstanding policy of firing liars.

Neru Parker, a commercial real-estate agent in Atlanta until learning in 1988 he had the AIDS virus, came to the class ready to return to work. But when he leaves, he is unwilling to lie.

"This is frightening, in a way, to me," Parker says. "I don't know if I can do that, but I'm glad to know what it's like out there."

Word of Atlanta's program is spreading. This month, King will pitch "Reconstruction" to the National AIDS Fund, a grant-writing organization in Washington, D.C.

"This is really turning around everyone's thinking about the disease," says Judy Spiegel of the California Community Foundation, which funds AIDS programs. "We have to think about how to create programs for people to manage this disease."

Not everyone is ready for them. "I don't want national policy to be built around it yet," says Christine Lubinski, deputy programming director for AIDS Action Council in Washington. "Back to work is a very complicated issue. People with AIDS are not a homogeneous group."

AIDS is different than most diseases, says Los Angeles psychologist Adam Chidekel.

"All these back-to-work

programs and new expectations are based on the medication they are taking," says Chidekel, who coun-

sels AIDS patients and their families. "We don't know how long it's going to work."



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July 7 will mark the fifth anniversary of Friends for Life's Feast for Friends dinners. Plans are already being made to mark this special occasion in the manner it deserves. The past year has been fantastic, with the crowds getting bigger and bigger. The Feast currently serves about 150 dinners per evening to those who have HIV/AIDS, their friends, family members, partners, caregivers, and people who work in the field of HIV/AIDS. The success of the dinners is due in large part to the wonderful sponsors we have had and their participation at "their" dinners. We have been very fortunate to have had 28 generous sponsors, each having made a \$100 donation during the fourth anniversary dinner, many in honor or in memory of someone special to meet and exceed Dr. Marshall Koonce's exciting challenge of \$1200.

wonderful staff of kitchen volunteers prepare and healthy and tasty meal each time, using the freshest ingredients possible. But Valentine has arranged the widest variety of entertainment to be seen in Memphis. Party City contributed heavily with decorations for the various themes that have been featured and Arrangements furnished beautiful fresh flowers for each table at each dinner. In addition, there has been a generous outpouring of volunteers who generously and cheerfully give their time — we couldn't do it without them.

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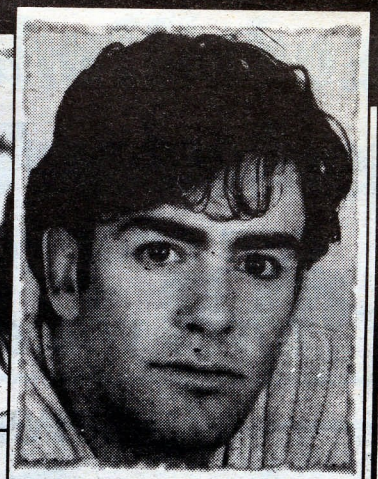
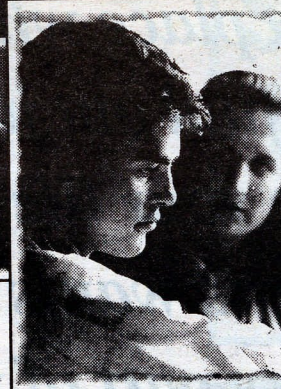
But now is the time to plan ahead for our sixth year. Feast for Friends means so much to so many and we want to in-

sure it success. Having sponsors enables us to serve a healthy, balanced and nutritious meal, but we must still reply on donations at the door because of the increase in the number of dinners served.

During our fifth anniversary dinner, we will be taking pledges for sponsors for the upcoming year, so be thinking about it now. We are looking for at least 48 sponsors. There are 24 dinners each year, and we hope to have two sponsors for each dinner. Sponsoring a dinner in someone's memory of honor is a very special touch.

The dinners are held on the first and third Monday of each month at St. John's United Methodist Church at the corner of Bellevue and Peabody. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the dinners are served at 6:30. If you would like more information about the dinners, or are interested in becoming a sponsor for a Feast for Friends dinners, contact Butch Valentine at Friends for Life, (901) 272-0855.

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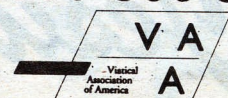
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Idaho Board of Regents Assailed For Denying Gay History Research Grant

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Criticism of the state Board of Education's denial of a grant to research the region's Gay communities has moved beyond Idaho and now encompasses the nation.

The American Association of University Professors is lead-

ing groups of history professors and academicians from throughout America in condemning the board's action and asking it to reconsider.

John Wunder, director of the University of Nebraska's Center for Great Plains Study, said last month's action is reminis-

cent of events more than a century ago.

"When Idaho was first settled in the 19th century, there were some very noxious actions taken and laws passed to suppress the religious and political freedom of its early Mormon residents and others," Wunder

told the board in a recent letter.

"The board should re-examine its decision in light of threats to academic freedom and the freedom of thought so crucial to the success of our nation's educational institutions," he wrote.

The board voted 5-3 last month to deny a \$30,000 to Idaho State University professor Peter Boag to research the history of Gay communities in the Northwest. Opponents of the grant said it failed to fit legislative criteria that projects have a commercial application. But other board members said grant money has financed research without commercial application in the past.

Board President Judy Meyer of Coeur d'Alene, who led the bloc rejecting the grant request, has said she plans to review the meeting transcripts and talk with other board members be-

fore responding to the onslaught of criticism.

In the face of the academic criticism, however, the board is receiving some letters of support for its action from the public. Daniel Fitzsimmons of Post Falls thanked the board for turning down research in "homosexual history."

But Joyce Appleby, a University of California, Los Angeles professor and president of the American Historical Association, warned that Idaho could have trouble attracting quality professors with its reputation for torpedoing controversial research projects.

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Cutting Funds For Gay Art Gives Bible Belt City A Wake-Up Call

By Gary D Robertson
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Here in North Carolina's largest city, a banking center big into pro sports, the art critics seemingly with the most clout are the politicians.

With a chant of "Shame! Shame! Shame!" rising from an overflow crowd, county commissioners voted recently to shut off taxpayers' money for arts groups depicting "perverted forms of sexuality."

Read that homosexuality.

But don't bring down the curtain on the episode just yet.

The action, which smacks of censorship, made some community leaders furious. Some bankers are already at work trying to repair damage to Charlotte's image as a progressive symbol of the New South.

Charlotte's roots, however, are firmly planted in the Old South.

Among the city's 400,000 residents is a large churchgoing population of Christian conservatives. Charlotte's hundreds of churches are as full on Sundays as the new stadium where the NFL's Carolina Panthers play.

Evangelist Billy Graham was born here and U.S. Sen. Jesse

Helms arguably the most vocal critic of the National Endowment for the Arts — grew up a few miles away.

For all that Bible Belt tradition, the resolution adopted in April is still being hotly debated in churches and art galleries, on talk radio and editorial pages. The area's usually reticent Gay and Lesbian community has awakened with anger.

"It's shameful," said David Ferebee, a leader in the Gay community. "Charlotte's reputation as a city of the New South is in jeopardy."

The city's banking community is reacting. NationsBank chief Hugh McColl and First Union's Ed Crutchfield are setting up a series of forums to find "pro-diversity, pro-tolerance leaders."

"I think that this decision was wrong," said First Union Corp. senior vice president Henry Doss. "I am absolutely 100 percent certain that it is wrong."

Commissioners who approved the resolution said artists can express whatever they want, but they shouldn't use tax dollars to do it.

"Is it the proper role of government to give funding to controversial art?" asked Republican Bill James, a board member. "The public doesn't believe it, at least in

Mecklenburg County."

The furor began last year when the Charlotte Repertory Theatre staged *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*. Conservatives took offense at a scene in which a naked man with AIDS would be seen receiving a checkup.

The show went on, despite pickets outside Charlotte's new Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

Then, when the theatre began rehearsing *Six Degrees of Separation* — which has a Gay character — for performances in the spring, an angry commissioner Hoyle Martin said enough was enough.

"I don't care if (*Angels*) was a Pulitzer Prize-winner," said Martin, a Black Democrat. "They owed the community an explanation."

The county provided \$2.5 million to Mecklenburg's Arts and Science Council, which then divvied the money to pay for dozens of arts projects, including the repertory theater.

Martin authored a resolution to cut the council's money and deny funding to agencies that offer "exposure to perverted forms of sexuality" and anything that would undermine "the traditional American family."

The resolution also said future

money for arts agencies — from the Mint Museum of Art, Opera Carolina and even the Children's Theatre — would be approved on a case-by-case basis by county commissioners.

More than two-dozen ministers opposed the resolution. A Shakespeare professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte said *Hamlet* could not be performed under the resolution because the Dane pondered murdering his stepfather.

The night of the April 1 vote, 700 people crammed into the city-county government center. Five extra rooms were needed to handle the overflow crowd, which watched on closed-circuit television.

Supporters of the resolution supporters held placards reading, "God Abhors Your Sin" and "Sodomy Is Not A Family Value," while arts and Gay-rights advocates carried signs, "God Likes Art" and "Celebrate Diversity."

The nearly six-hour meeting featured dozens of speakers. The resolution passed 5-4 on a vote that came after midnight.

Four Democrats voted against it. Martin and four white Republicans voted for it — and many attributed their vote to their Christian beliefs.

"I haven't voted on this as a liberal or a conservative, Democrat or Republican," Martin said. "We have too many elected officials who don't act with any climate of moral decision-making."

Lloyd Scher, a Democratic commissioner who opposed the resolution, called the vote an act of homophobia and censorship. He likens it to what the Nazis did to Jews and Gays.

"It all begins when a group of people says what is right for me and for everybody else," said Scher, who is Jewish.

The vote is hardly an anomaly in light of Charlotte's religious landscape, which has more than 700 houses of worship. A recent poll found that 43 percent of the population in metro Charlotte believes in a literal interpretation of the Bible.

Over the past 10 years, Christian conservatives have slowly overtaken more moderate and pro-business Republicans on the county board, a trend that has been repeated across the country, says Mike Lienesch, an expert on religion and politics. And taking on the arts appears to be working, he says.

"The Christian right has really followed a strategy of going local,"

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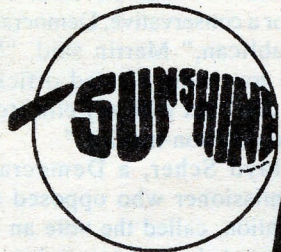
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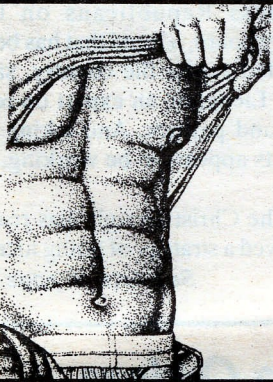
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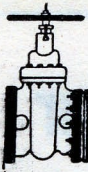


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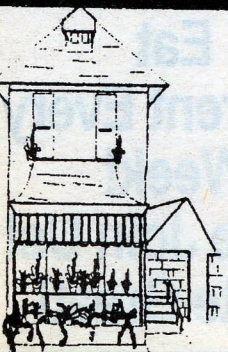
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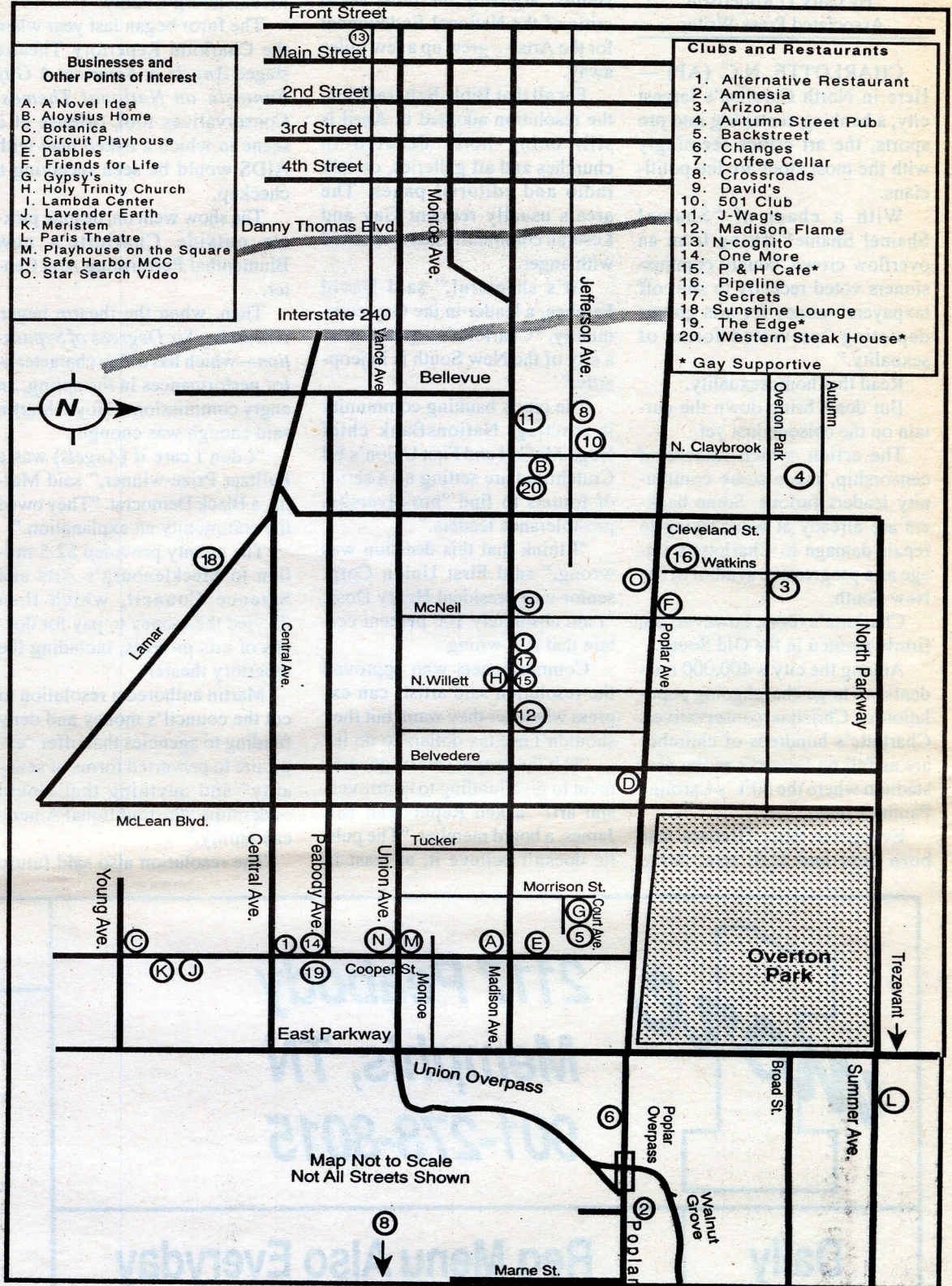
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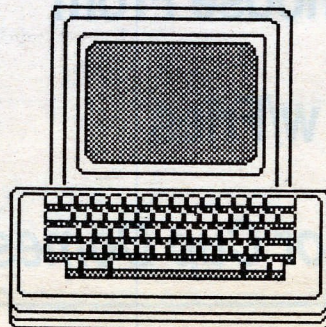


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JUNE 1 • Church Services, (see Sun., June 29) • BWMT Business Mtg. & Potluck, 759 E Parkway S, 5:30pm • Softball, Tobey Park, Hollywood & Central, 4:45pm • WAC Meeting, 7pm, call 272-3638	2 • Feast for Friends Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm	3 • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm	4 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm • Safe Harbor MCC, 7pm	5 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Madison Flame, 8pm	6 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm	7 • That Girl! & Starr Queen, Amnesia • Daddy and Ruth-Anne's Annual Fish Fry, Little Rock, AR
8 • Church Services (see Sunday, June 29) • Softball, Tobey Park, Hollywood & Central, 4:45pm • Farwell to Patio Party, Crossroads • Three Basses Concert, Brooks Museum, 8pm	9	10 • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm	11 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm • Safe Harbor MCC, 7pm	12 • NOW Meeting, YWCA, 766 So. Highland, 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Skatenight, Skateland, 8pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Madison Flame, 8pm	13 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • BWMT Movie Night, 7pm, Call 276-7756 for Details • Manwatch, Amnesia • Mr. Gay Tennessee, Club 501, 10:30	14 • BWMT Condom Night, Backstreet
Father's Day Deadline for July '97 TJN 15 • Church Services (see Sunday, June 29) • Softball, Tobey Park, Hollywood & Central, 4:45pm • WAC Meeting, 7pm, call 272-3638	16 • Feast for Friends Dinner, St. John's Methodist, 6:30pm	17 • Integrity Eucharist & Healing Svc., 6pm; Dinner/Mtg., 6:45pm, Calvary Episcopal • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm	18 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm • Safe Harbor MCC, 7pm	19 • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Madison Flame, 8pm	20 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Gay Pride River Ride, Memphis Showboat, 8pm Boarding, 9pm Departure • Troy Halston, Amnesia	21 • Memphis Pride Parade, Overton Park, 1pm Assemble, 2pm Parade • Memphis Pride Festival, 1559 Madison, 2:30-6pm • Interdenominational Worship Service, Safe Harbor MCC, 7pm • Tina Chandler, Amnesia
22 • Church Services, (see Sun., June 29) • Softball, Tobey Park, Hollywood & Central, 4:45pm • Tina Chandler, Amnesia • Mother Hadley Benefit, Club 501, 5pm • Aphrodite Benefit, Secrets • Club N-Cognito, Picnic, Call for Info	23	24 • Integrity Board Mtg., 6:30pm • B-GALA, U of M, University Center, 7:30pm	25 • Bible Study, Holy Trinity Community Church, 7pm • Living Word Christian Church, Service, 7pm • Safe Harbor MCC, 7pm	26 • National NOW Conference Planning Mtg., 7pm • Cotton Pickin' Squares, Prescott Mem. Bapt. Church, 7:30pm • Southern Country Dance Lessons, Madison Flame, 8pm	July '97 TJN Due Out 27 • "Fifty-One Percent," Sponsored by NOW, WEVL FM 90, 1pm • Million Dollar Men, Amnesia	28 • Boxer Nite, Crossroads
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Leopold and Loeb kidnap and Murder 14-year-old Bobby Franks

What was the Leopold and Loeb case?

Before the O.J. brouhaha, before the Manson murders, even before the Lindbergh baby kidnaping, America's first "Crime of the Century" involved two amoral male lovers intent on experiencing murder. The crime, trial and punishment of Leopold and Loeb—not to mention numerous literary and cinematic retellings of their deeds—have buttressed the link between homosexuality, criminality and mental illness for generations of Americans. Long before the Gay and Lesbian community had organized itself in a manner that could respond to negative press, Leopold and Loeb were demonized in newspapers, books and even by their own attorney as very sick individuals whose homosexuality was directly linked to their criminality.

Nathan F. Leopold and Richard A. Loeb were two wealthy Jewish teenagers of exceptional intelligence. Lovers since their early teens, they spent a tremendous amount of time together, often bird-watching or driving around their native Chicago. While Leopold had a very strong sex

drive, Loeb was driven by lust of a different sort: he dreamed of committing a "perfect murder." Not out of hatred, or revenge, or greed—but out of sheer curiosity about what it feels like to end another life. Leopold's eros and Loeb's thanatos came to a bizarre pact: they would have more sex and commit more crimes.

At first, the duo shoplifted, set off false alarms, vandalized property and torched buildings. But Loeb was not satisfied, and the two decided the time was right to experience homicide. On May 21, 1924, Leopold and Loeb kidnaped 14-year-old Bobby Franks from his schoolyard. Once they had the boy in their rented car, Loeb struck his head four times with a chisel, and Franks bled to death. They drove to a deserted area, stripped the boy naked, poured acid on his face to conceal his identity, and shoved the corpse in a drainpipe.

When they returned home, they burned the boy's clothes, cleaned up the car, and called the boy's father to tell him about the kidnaping—and that a ransom note would follow. The note, which arrived the next day, demanded \$10,000 in old, unmarked bills.

Since the murderers were already millionaires, the ransom was simply for show. But in any event, before the money could be paid, the body was found and identified. The boy's death caused a sensation in Chicago, and a massive investigation began, with both professional and amateur criminologists trying to solve the case. Among them was Loeb, who shared his

private theories with the police. He didn't help himself, however, when he told them, "If I were going to pick out a boy to kidnap or murder, that's just the kind of cocky little son-of-a-bitch I would pick."



Soon, a pair of glasses found at the site were traced to Leopold, and the typeface on the ransom letter matched other notes Loeb had written. The pair were taken in for questioning, and when confronted with the evidence each confessed but blamed the other. When re-

ports of two wealthy young men who killed for sport hit the newspapers, Chicago residents demanded blood. Fearful that his son would get the death penalty, Richard Leopold Sr. hired the nation's most prominent and talented defense attorney, Clarence Darrow, to take the case.

Since Leopold and Loeb had already confessed, Darrow had his clients plead guilty, and focused his courtroom work on sparing their lives. Indeed, his speeches from the Leopold and Loeb trial are still considered the classic argument against the death penalty. He said he could think of something worse than a dead boy in a drain pipe: "I can think of taking two boys ... irresponsible, weak, diseased ... penning them in a cell, checking off the days, the hours and the minutes, until they be taken out and hanged."

Darrow did not call his clients

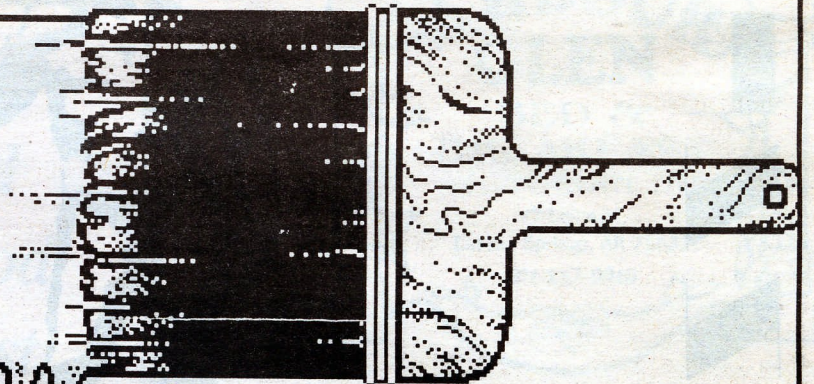
insane, but insisted that they suffered from a host of mental illnesses that should persuade the court to be lenient. Among those mental illnesses was "sexual perversion." In other words, their homosexuality helped both explain and mitigate their crime. Darrow's eloquence triumphed once more, as Leopold and Loeb were sentenced to life plus 99 years in prison—no death penalty.

Because of their wealth, Leopold and Loeb had special privileges in the Northern Illinois Penitentiary at Statesville—including the right to visit each other often. Leopold became a model prisoner, but Loeb remained predatory, raping several of his fellow inmates. Loeb died at age 28 when a young prisoner he attacked fought back and killed Loeb with his own razor blade. Leopold volunteered for an Army malaria experiment, survived, and was paroled in 1958. He moved to Puerto Rico to work in a hospital, wrote a book about his experiences, married a woman in 1961 and died in 1971.

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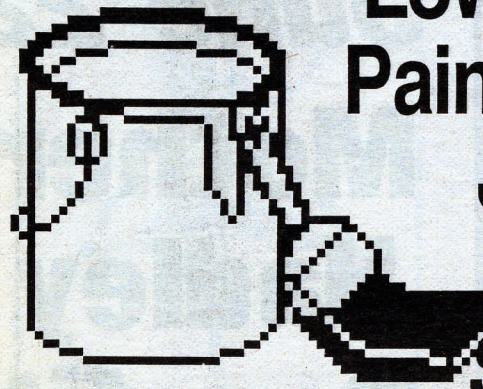


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Fifty Years Ago, Gays Were Dying in Nazi Concentration Camp

By Andrew Lang

Fifty years ago, they were still dying in German prisons and concentration camps. American, British and French troops were striking into Normandy.

The Red Army was driving toward Warsaw. The Nazi empire was crumbling at its edges—but in the interior of Germany, the industrial machinery of the SS penal system was still operating at full speed. The Allies would not reach the gates of Dachau, Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen until the following spring.

Thousands of men imprisoned for "crimes against nature" did not live to see the day of liberation.

Nazi eugenic theory condemned homosexuality as "racial treason." In 1927, Nazi parliamentary leader Wilhelm Frick warned that "men practicing unnatural lechery between men must be persecuted with utmost severity." In 1929, the racist philosopher Alfred Rosenberg denounced homosexuality as a Jewish conspiracy and promised that a future Nazi state would criminalize homosexual relations: "We will punish them by banishment or hanging."

The Nazis made good on their

promises when Hitler seized power in 1933. The Gestapo compiled dossiers on Gay men and arrested them by the hundreds.

In the color-coding scheme for Nazi prisoners, German Gays wore a pink triangle. But the American Jewish Committee reports that only one in four Americans knows that German homosexuals were murdered in Nazi concentration camps. Attempts to tell the story of the Nazi campaign to exterminate Gays have enraged both Christian and Jewish fundamentalists.

In May, Jewish Gays were punched and kicked as they tried to chant the Mourner's Kaddish—the traditional Jewish prayer for the dead—at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. One of the assailants shouted: "Don't touch me! You are full of shit and AIDS!"

Most German Gays who survived the holocaust were silenced by postwar persecution, says Dr. Klaus Mueller of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Unlike the Nuremberg laws that deprived German Jews of their civil rights, the victorious Allies never nullified Paragraph 175—the Nazi law

against homosexuals.

"Gays were subject to arrest under Paragraph 175, and West German police even used Nazi records to organize mass arrests of Gay men in the 1950s and 60s. In some cases, Gay prisoners were sentenced to longer jail terms because they had already served time in Nazi prisons."

Paragraph 175 remained in force in 1969. Courts in the postwar Federal Republic of Germany refused to classify homosexuals as victims of Nazi racial terror, Mueller says. Not one SS prison guard or camp official faced trial for the murder of Gay men.

Mueller spoke May 21 at the Hillel Center on the Case Western Reserve University campus in Cleveland, Ohio. The event was sponsored by three Lesbian/bisexual/Gay religious organizations in Cleveland: Congregation Chivrei Tikva, Liberation United Church of Christ and Lutherans Concerned.

The Nazis believed homosexuality was a crime both against nature and the state, Mueller said. SS leader Heinrich Himmler "argued that every German man had a racial duty to expand Germany's population—particularly to beget

the soldiers needed to fight future wars of conquest."

In a secret speech to SS cadets in 1937, Himmler described homosexuality as "an error of degenerate individualism that is contrary to nature."

"[N]ations with many children can gain supremacy and mastery of the world," he said. "It is essential for a nation to guide sex in the right direction."

Himmler dreamed of a racially pure German nation cleansed of homosexuals, Jews, Gypsies and the disabled. As supreme police commander and organizer of Germany's vast network of forced-labor camps, he had the power to translate his dream into reality.

Gays swept into the machinery of Himmler's police state died from the same conditions that killed other prisoners: disease, starvation, beatings, torture and hanging. Some were castrated to "cure" their homosexuality.

In the Sachsenhausen camp near Berlin, Gays were assigned to special labor detachments designed to work the prisoners to death. In Buchenwald, medical ex-

periments on Gays killed several inmates.

No one knows the exact number of Gay men held in Nazi prisons and labor camps. Until recently, Holocaust documentation centers refused to count the number of homosexual prisoners.

The survivors "were conditioned to be silent," Mueller says. "They internalized feelings of shame, believing that somehow they were responsible for their own persecution." Only in the past few years have the aging survivors begun to tell their stories.

Even less is known about the fate of Lesbians in Nazi Germany, Mueller says. Paragraph 175 did not criminalize Lesbian behavior—an oversight Mueller attributes to Nazi contempt for women in general.

"Some Nazi officials believed Lesbians could still be useful as breeders for future German warriors," he said. But the Nazis persecuted Lesbians and destroyed their institutions.

Lesbians, like Gay men, were forced to conceal their identity during the Third Reich.

Arts

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says Lienesch, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Public funding for the arts is very highly contested in these areas. It can lead to censorship and lots of questions about responsibility, who is paying for it and how much to pay."

Billy Maddalon blames the condemnation of Gays on outsiders who have moved into Charlotte's suburbs and are trying to turn homosexuals into ogres.

Maddalon, who is Gay and a conservative Republican, confesses he never wanted to be a Gay-rights activist until the resolution infuriated him enough to speak at

the April 1 meeting.

Maddalon said the vote may have the opposite effect as to what the commissioners wanted.

"They have energized a group of people who are talking about their homosexuality and educating people about their homosexuality," said Maddalon, 29, an innkeeper in the fashionable Dilworth neighborhood.

While the \$2.5 million accounts for only about 22 percent of the Arts and Science Council's \$11 million budget, Children's Theatre director Bruce LaRowe worries that lobbying a political body for arts money will lead to cutbacks and outright elimination of some programs.

"A number of arts groups would just close," says LaRowe, whose group received \$175,000 from the council this year. The money is earmarked for programs for public school children. "It may make arts more elitist."

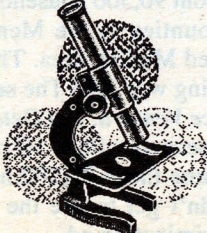
The flap is far from over and critics of the resolution say it's time for the city to grow beyond its roots.

"This is a city. It has a diverse group of people in it," said Paul Sires, co-owner of the Center of the Earth gallery in downtown Charlotte.

"We are supposed to be learning from each other, growing from each other..."

"This is a wake-up call."

Queer Science



by Dr. Simon LeVay
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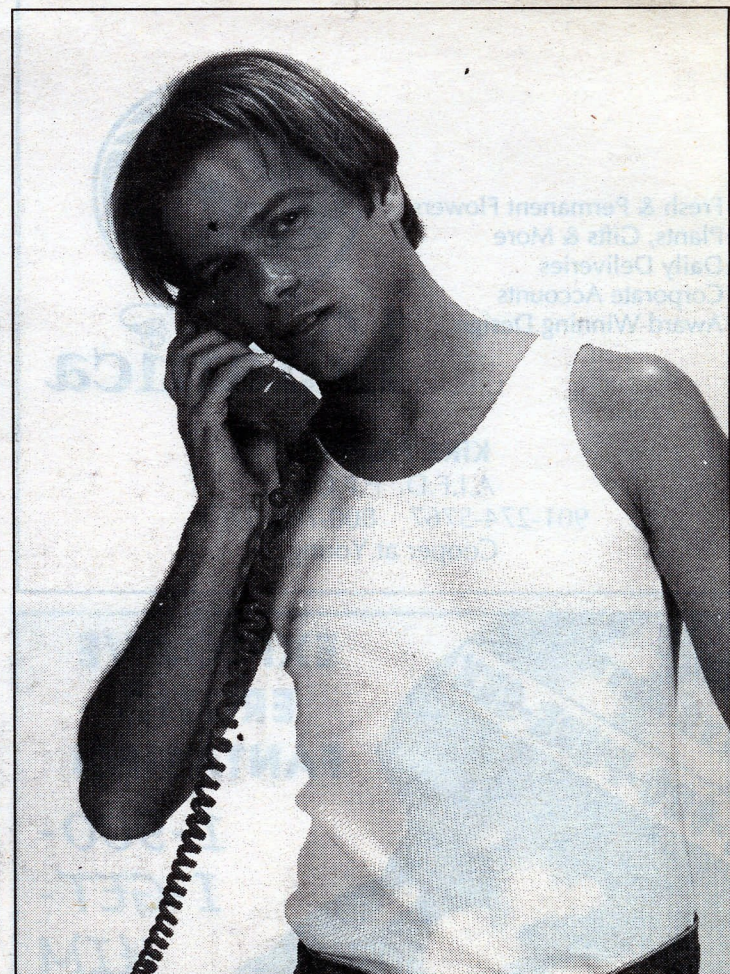
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Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine



Sad to say... In a speech reminiscent of President Kennedy's 1960s "Race to the Moon" challenge, Clinton set a target of developing an AIDS vaccine within the next 10 years... but didn't earmark any new funds for the effort. It's a watered down version of his 1992 promise of a sweeping project to seek a cure. Is this political grandstanding to increase his approval ratings or what? Well, it doesn't rate with me. Now, don't get me wrong. I welcome any and

all victories in this war against AIDS. And I would never discourage someone from taking the vaccine if one were available. But we already have a pretty effective, though "temporary" vaccine; it's called education and prevention. With a few exceptions, nobody has to get this virus. While society would feel more secure with a "real" vaccine, researchers would focus their energy on the cure. People are dying everyday while waiting for this miracle... we are

getting closer, but have so far to go. Yet people have the power to protect themselves from the virus... if they want to. Alas, the "innocents" want a vaccine, while the "victims" want a cure. You can't please everybody, but any good news would be great news. And just his luck, he happens to be right at the right place at the right time.

Happy to hear... happy to hear... Researchers using a genetically engineered vaccine have been able to protect chimpanzees from infection of HIV even though they were exposed to 250 times the amount needed to cause infection. The two chimpanzees have been disease free for a year. Thanks to our animal friends, this could lead to an HIV-1 vaccine. But because chimpanzees do not get sick from HIH (HTH), there is no certainty that a vaccine will work on us human cousins (STS).

Sad to say... While cocktail therapy is known to drop the level of the HIV to undetectable levels in the blood, the therapy's effect in tissue and the lymph system has been unknown.

Happy to hear... In theory, three years of triple drug treatment might be enough to eradicate the disease, according to a report published in *Nature* by mathematician Alan Perelson and Pulitzer Prize winner, Dr. David Ho, biologist. They have found the drugs do have an effect in tissue. Using biopsied tonsil tissue in 10 HIV-positive patients before and after therapy, after 6 months of treatment, more than 99.9 percent of the virus was gone.

Sad to say... "The arithmetic of HIV infection is such that even after such a dramatic response, about 100,000 viruses per gram of tonsil tissue remained. Any one of those viruses could rekindle a roaring HIV infection were the patient to stop taking the medicines," says Perelson. "It would be wrong to believe we are closer to a cure for AIDS..."

Happy to hear... "However, the recent advances in treatment do warrant a close examination of the feasibility of eradicating the virus from an infected person," the report states. What's the difference, we ask? According to my doctor, a cure is taking the virus out completely, like an unconditional surrender during a war, like the Persian Gulf War. Eradication means there would still be viruses, but below detectable levels and hidden deep within, that left untreated, would come roaring back with vengeance. Sorta like the guerrilla warfare in Vietnam where a treaty was signed, but we lost in the end anyway. Despite all this good news, there are no happy feet dancing yet. But I'm lacing up the ol' tap shoes.

Sad to say... Not a single TV station in Tennessee ran the 30-second commercial produced by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) that was to run after "the" *Ellen* episode that was to bring at-

tention to job discrimination against Gays, which is legal in 41 states. Local affiliate WPTY-TV24 originally agreed to run the commercial, but backed off under the guise of following ABC's policy of not running issue-oriented commercials. But the real reason the ad was pulled according to a very reliable source, was because the station was more fearful of the backlash from the Religious Righteous Wonders for running the ad than from the Gays for not running the ad. It would seem they would have been more concerned about the backlash for running the controversial one-hour program than from a half-minute of truth.

Happy to hear... President Clinton has publicly endorsed a bill that would ban workplace discrimination against Gays in regards to hiring, firing, pay and promotions. Congress will take up the bill later this year. Get ready folks... we need to be heard on this important issue. We need to make sure that when they hammer out this bill, we don't get nailed.

Sad to say... "Homosexual tendencies were not wrong, but homosexual acts are sinful." So says an article in the official Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Roman*, which also repeated the church teaching that only heterosexual, monogamous marriages are permitted. Well, I'll go along with the monogamous part.

Happy to hear... But the article stunned many with its startlingly frank and unusual compassion in urging Roman Catholics, including priests, to respect Gays, saying they can reach sanctity in the church if they abstain from sex. "God loves all of us as we are, with our limits, our peculiarities, which can become paths to holiness."

Sad to say... The U.N. has said that AIDS is rampant in jails worldwide. "When men are incarcerated, they can engage in risky behavior. Some are willing. Some are raped. But once infected, they take this deadly virus home to their families or lovers."

Happy to hear... These comments are spoken by Novella Smith Arnold, executive director of We Care, Inc./Kid Care at Calvary Episcopal Church, in a 30-second PSA titled, "Is My Mommy Ever Coming Back?" This chilling ad, which was produced here in Memphis and features local talent, will be distributed nationally by the NAACP and the National Black Media Coalition.

Sad to say... A study in the British medical magazine *The Lancet* examined the cause of the 50.4 million deaths worldwide in 1990 and found that heart disease was the major killer with over 6.2 million victims. Strokes was second with over 4.3 million deaths.

Happy to hear... Surprisingly enough, AIDS placed last on the list of 30 top causes of death, well below many other diseases as well as war, car accidents, drownings and suicides. If all the new AIDS

medications can be made available to the Third World countries, I'll betcha the AIDS death rate worldwide will drop off the list completely.

Sad to say... While our country is just now getting ready to debate job discrimination against Gays, the British are not only talking the talk, but walking the walk.

Happy to hear... Newly elected Prime Minister Tony Blair, only 44, has appointed Britain's first openly Gay minister of parliament (akin to a senator) to a cabinet level position. Chris Smith will serve as the Heritage Secretary, whatever that is. How long will it take for one of our country's openly Gay representatives or senators to be appointed to a President's cabinet?

Sad to say... Roger Lee Townsend, 23, of Indianola, Miss., was arrested and charged with repeatedly breaking into a health care office.

Happy to hear... The only thing he stole were the FREE condoms—about 3,000 of them. Remember... the Magnolia State just recently banned marriages between brothers and sisters at the same time they banned Gay marriages. Maybe things will get better down there.

Sad to say... Anyone who is HIV positive knows the difficulty keeping or obtaining health insurance. Being positive has meant being uninsurable.


Happy to hear... Guarantee Trust Life Insurance of Glenview, Ill., announced it will begin writing policies for HIV-positive individuals, but not to full-blown AIDS patients. Maybe that will change down the road, but for now, this is ground-breaking news—an industry first! Designating HIV infection a "treatable chronic illness rather than a terminal disease," the policies will be available in July. For the first 90 days though, only Illinois residents will be eligible.

Sad to say... Just as the infamous *Ellen* episode was about to begin, it started raining, lightning and thundering like crazy. It was spooky! The Religious Righteous Wonders must have loved that.

Happy to hear... Just imagine Super Bowl parties, but with better shoes. That's what it was like as Gays gathered across America to watch the show. Though the local ratings weren't as high as the national ratings, "the" episode was the leader for its time slot. Memphis' rating was 14.8 which represented about 90,500 households in the 30 counties in the Memphis Designated Market Area. The national rating was 26.5 The second half of *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* came in second with a 10 rating. It's a shame those 90,500 households didn't get to see the HRC anti-discrimination ad.

Sad to say... The bad weather was not the only evil omen for the program. There were the commercials... or lack thereof. I have never

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QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Making a Sexual Match

Are you having a hard time finding a partner whose sexual interests exactly match yours? Who wants to do the same things as you want to do, at the times and places you want to do them? And who has the same commitment to monogamy as you have, or conversely, has the same roving eye?

The fact is, every individual is sexually unique. Just characterizing people as male or female, Gay or straight, does no justice to the infinite diversity of sexual desire. You may comb the world for the ideal mate, but any sexual relationship between two real human beings is going to require some compromise, some give-and-take.

How do biologists explain this diversity? Dean Hamer, the National Cancer Institute scientist who in 1993 brought us the "Gay gene," took a stab at answering this question at a recent conference on biology and sexuality held at Harvard University. The conference was organized by queer student activists Jane Aceituno and Brian Altenburg.

Hamer believes that many genes influence our feelings, personality and behavior, and that the assortment of genes we receive at conception help give us each our unique sexuality. By way of example he focussed on two genes that, according to his own research, contribute to our sexual make-up in interesting ways. One influences how frequently we like to engage in sex, while the other influences how many different partners we like to have sex with.

Both the genes control the manufacture of molecules involved in neurotransmission—the chemical communication between brain cells that takes place at synapses. The gene that influences sexual frequency codes for a molecule that carries the neurotransmitter serotonin into brain cells—it's called the serotonin transporter. The gene that influences the preferred number of sexual partners codes for a receptor (or molecular target) for the neurotransmitter dopamine.

The serotonin transporter gene

comes in two slightly different forms: a "long" form and a "short" form. Since people have two copies of each chromosome, any individual can have two short genes, two long genes, or one of each. Hamer compared individuals who had two short genes with those who had two long genes. He found that individuals with two short genes like to have sex once a week or more frequently, while individuals with two long genes liked to have sex less than once a week.

The dopamine receptor gene also comes in long and short forms. Hamer reported that individuals with the long form of the gene are more interested in having a variety of sex partners, and in performing unusual sexual acts with them, than are individuals with the short form. And people with the long form, according to Hamer's data, are more likely to experiment with the "non-preferred" sex: if they identify as heterosexual, they will try a Gay fling from time to time, and if they identify as Gay, they like an occasional dose of straight sex. In spite of this interest in sexual diversity, individuals with the long form of the dopamine receptor gene do not desire to have sex any more frequently than those with the short form.

Neither of these genes is exclusively concerned with sex. The dopamine receptor gene, for example, is believed to influence a general personality trait called "novelty-seeking" or "sensation-seeking" behavior. A desire for a variety of sexual partners is sim-

ply the expression of that general novelty-seeking trait in the sexual domain.

There are still more than 50-thousand human genes that remain to be identified and studied. Many of these are likely to influence our mental life in one way or another. So the idea that each baby comes preloaded with a unique package of personality traits—an idea strongly held by many parents—is likely to be strengthened by future genetic discoveries.

But no-one—least of all Dean Hamer—is saying that genes are the whole story of human diversity, either in the sexual domain or in any other aspect of our lives. Genes may predispose us to certain desires and certain behaviors, but the final outcome of individual development depends also on the environment in which those genes are expressed. At the Harvard conference William Byne, a perennial critic of simplistic biological theories of sexuality, illustrated this point with drawings of plant seedlings grown at different altitudes:

at sea level, plant A might grow taller than plant B, because of genetic differences between them, but transplant both plants to the mountains and plant B might grow taller than A. Genes influencing human sexuality, Byne argued, might likewise have different effects depending on the circumstances a person grows up in. It will be a long and difficult quest to understand how genes interact with each other and with the environment to create sexually unique human beings.

Simon LeVay, PhD, is well-known for his research on the "Gay brain." He is the author of The Sexual Brain, City of Friends (with Elisabeth Nonas), and Queer Science (MIT Press, 1996), and the novel Albrick's Gold (Richard Kasak Books, 1997). He is also a 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.



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seen so many promos for movies and TV shows as I did during that hour. They were used as "filler" for all that unsold commercial time.

Happy to hear... But there were 13 regular commercials... our lucky number. Volkswagen ran two clever ads, featuring what appeared to be a racially mixed male couple. There were also ads for Budget Rent-A-Pickup (local), Burlington Coat Factory, Neosporin, One-A-Day and Femastat 3 (Bayer), HBO, Gap Jeans, Trident, Sudafed, Slimfast and CK Cologne. Let's see here... two slim, sweet-smelling guys

wearing jackets and tight jeans who like to drive around because they have fortified blood, fast-healing cuts, clear nasal passages and great breath, and who won't have that itch while they're watching all those movies!

Sad to say... Since the passage of California's referendum to legalize marijuana for medicinal use, there has been much confusion over federal vs state laws. There have even been efforts to punish physicians who prescribe the drug.

Happy to hear... A federal judge in California has cleared the hazy air by ruling doctors can recommend marijuana without reprisal as long as they don't help

patients buy or grow the drug.

Sad to say... The female condom Reality, a six-inch cylinder of polyurethane which is inserted, has never been tested on Gay men because anal sex is illegal in 27 states. An article in POZ (April, '97) reports Gay men are experimenting with it anyway. Michael Scance, an Ohio writer researching Gay men's use of the female condom, reports there is only one complaint from men and women who use Reality: it's noisy! "It makes a lot of wet, sucking sounds during penetration."

Happy to hear... "But one Gay man said he liked that," according to Scance. Mule—Is that you?

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Generations of Pride

by Vincent Astor

Pride is a short word. It contains Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, which is a mouthful. But it pertains to all. It also pertains to our blood relatives, our families of choice and our friends who stand with us.

So celebrate!

Anniversary Frolics by Lady A.

We don't want to tire y'all out with a long account of Tsarus' 20th anniversary run, but one story above all is worth repeating. The run was populated mostly with men but several campsites were female. In the middle of the night, after even the bunkhouse had settled down for a while, cries of "We want panties, we want silk!" were heard in the area occupied by Alliance members and Joyce and Doris of Wings. A panty raid was in progress. After several minutes of this madness, a voice came forth from the tent saying, "Nobody is wearing any underwear and we didn't even bring any panties!"

Disappointed? Disgruntled? Horrors no! The ever-helpful Applicants went immediately to work. Next morning, panties and a kelly green teddy (with black lace, one of Daddy's favorites) were found hanging at the Women O' Wings tent. The teddy was seen at the Wings

cocktail party that afternoon though Joyce was forced to go against type and wear combat boots because it was muddy. And you thought a leather run was all about grunts and groans and butchitude. Not necessarily.

As another aside (you know we are chock full of asides) a freak accident happened right at the end of lunch. This had nothing to do with esoteric sexual practices; we saw this one with our own beady little eyes. A run participant stumbled and struck his noggin against the corner of the food table with a resounding thwack and cut himself. In under 90 seconds two registered nurses and a physician were at his side. This is a lot quicker than 911 even if you live next to the firehouse. The wound was not serious, but grounds for a lot of talk and sympathy. It never ceases to amaze us the sort of people we find in all sorts of places.

Oh yes, the site of the accident was marked with a wreath by supertime.

Pride Corner

Memphis Pride, Inc. is completing the big weekend in June with emphasis on a bigger and better parade with a marching band and a lot of color. This year's theme is "Celebrating Generations of Pride." As before, the parade will assemble at Overton Park at 1 p.m. and step off at 2. The route will follow Poplar, Cooper and Madison to the covered parking area at Holy Trinity Community

Church. Volunteers for entertainment at the festival and volunteers to help with coordinating both parade and festival are encouraged. Posters are everywhere.

MGLCC's 17th annual River Ride will be held on Friday, June 20, the day before the Parade and Festival which is on the 21st. The band this year will be *Dream Family* featuring Chador and Bernie Gwyn. The boat ride is a benefit for the MGLCC, Mid-South Archives and Switchboard. An inter-congregation worship service will be held by Safe Harbor MCC on the 21st. Other MCCs in Tennessee and other affirming congregations have been invited. Club N-Cognito will host its annual Pride Picnic on Sunday the 22nd.

Nostalgia Department

The first really good time I had last month was at a Ballet South/Tennessee Ballet reunion on Apr. 26. Orchestrated by Judy Short, many old friends got together to visit with George Latimer and Jeffrey Stuart who were in town from Oakland, Calif., for the occasion. A house fire burned all of their memorabilia several years ago, and friends shared their own me-

mentos so George and Jeffrey could have some tangible artifacts from their years in Memphis. Remember the story about Trudy and Nureyev at the Peabody? I'll tell you in person sometime.

As I reported a couple of months ago, the cast of *Old Hash*, Memphis' first AIDS benefit, gave a donation to co-sponsor one of the Feast For Friends dinners. The dinner will be Monday, June 2, at St. John's Methodist, Peabody at Bellevue. Artifacts from the show will be displayed, and all cast and crew members are again invited. I promise *not* to show the videotape.

Sort of under the heading of nostalgia is a very important corollary. The Mid-South Archives of MGLCC is in the early stages of organizing and cataloguing its collection. Space is being offered by Holy Trinity Community Church which will allow the Archive Center and the MGLCC Library to be accessible once more. When this is usable, sometime this summer, all of the Center's supporters, the new and curious and everyone else too can see how the library has grown (even during dormancy) and what the regional collection is shaping up to be. The purpose of this archive is to chronicle the history of Gay/Lesbian Memphis and the Tri-State area in tribute to all of our pioneers and as a source of information and pride to those who will come out after.

Our His/Herstory Revisited

Remember a woman named Alice Mitchell? You might recall the reprint of her story in 1992. This was the 100th anniversary of the murder (by her) of her lover Frederica Ward at the railroad tracks behind the downtown post office and the subsequent trial. It put Memphis on the tabloid map and was the biggest scandal of 1892. Alice was declared insane and sent to the asylum at Bolivar, Tenn. She committed suicide 99 years ago in 1898.

Writer Thom Vernon visited Memphis recently to do some of the most extensive research on the case in a long time. *Gaiety*, *Gaze*, and *Dare* newspapers all have reprinted the original account, written by Fred Parris for *Gaiety* in 1975. Additional research was done for a portion of a doctoral dissertation several years ago. Thom has added to these sources and both visited the asylum (still operating) and spoken to relatives in the local Mitchell family. The result may be the news item to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Alice's suicide next year. Both women's graves are findable and able to be visited in Elmwood Cemetery. For the story, look up the December 1991 and January 1992 issues of *TJN*.

Bar Biz Department

This month's surprise is the ironic name of Carla Smith's newly rehabilitated bar—Secrets. It is ironic because neither I nor anybody else at the paper had any idea what was going on, just that WKRB had been padlocked and was closed for two weeks. A preview of the new saloon was had by attendants at the Holy Trinity fund raiser on April 27 and the bar opened soon thereafter. It is a whole new look with changes to the dance floor side. A guide to what's happening there takes up a full page elsewhere. Secrets (and its air conditioning) will be open during the Pride Parade and Festival.

Crossroads/501 will hold a Patio Farewell Party on June 8. The plans are to enclose the patio and add to the space; rumours talk of a dance floor. The revived Miss Gay Memphis pageant is also scheduled to be in the space in October. Mr. Gay Tennessee All-American will be held on June 13.

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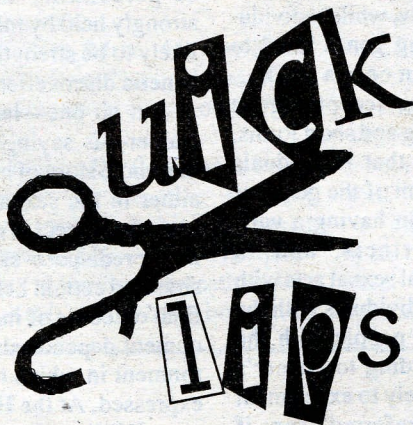
501 will hold a Mother Hadley benefit on June 22 and Daddy and Ruth Anne's annual AIDS fundraiser Fish Fry will take place in Little Rock, AR, on June 7.

The Last Quick Clip

Mark Chambers returns in *The Rocky Horror Show* to Playhouse on the Square, Fri. June 13 through Sun. July 27.

Final Round

I wonder how we will celebrate Pride in the year 2000? Ta, ta. V. A.

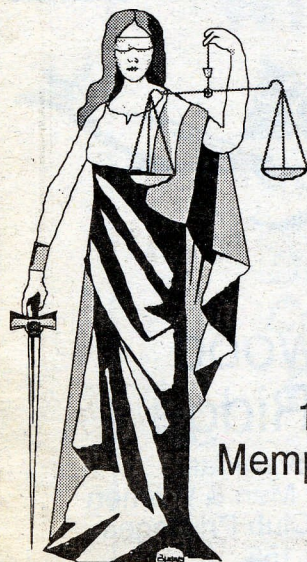


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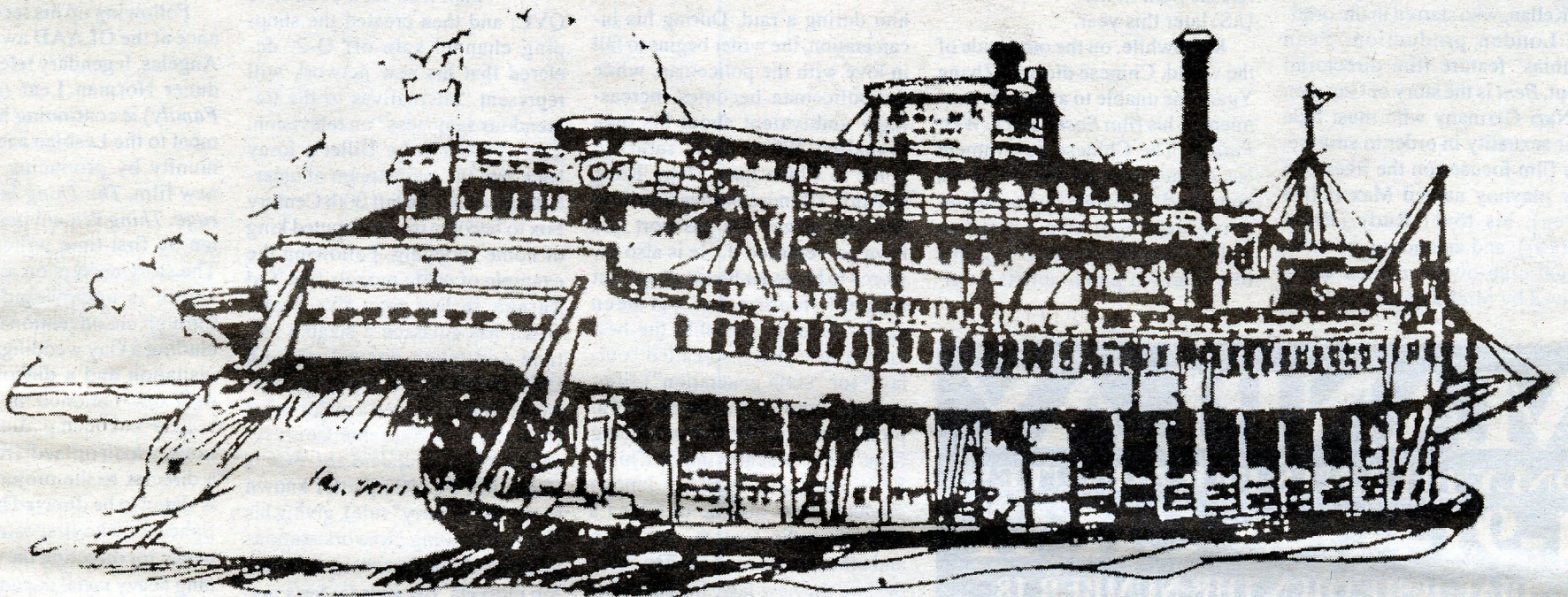
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Entertainment News in Film, on Cable and in the Garage

Gay At Cannes

This year's 50th anniversary Cannes Film Festival received its share of critical drubbing, primarily for the overt commercialism of some of its films. While many complained because the prestigious festival opened with the campy action film *The Fifth Element*, most of the controversy in the coastal French town came courtesy of two Gay-themed films premiering there. *Bent*, the film version of Martin Sherman's award-winning play, had difficulty getting into competition despite featured performances from Mick Jagger, Jude Law and Sir Ian McKellan, who starred in the original London production. Sean Mathias' feature film directorial debut, *Bent* is the story of Gay men in Nazi Germany who must hide their sexuality in order to survive. The film focuses on the lives of a Gay playboy named Max (Clive Owen), his lover Rudy (Brian Webber), and an androgynous bisexual club-owner named Greta (played by Mick Jagger). Because

Jagger refused to guarantee his attendance at Cannes, the festival director would not include the film in competition. After Jagger complained and sent word that he would "probably" appear at Cannes, the film was screened during the Directors' Fortnight showings after all. Unlike the festival director, the Samuel Goldwyn Company has no reservations about the film, and will release *Bent* in the U.S. later this year.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Chinese director Zhang Yuan was unable to attend the premiere of his film *East Palace, West Palace*. The Chinese government has already banned the film in his homeland, disturbed by its contemporary portrayal of a policeman and a young Gay writer. The film's title refers to public toilets on ei-

ther side of Beijing's Tiananmen Square, a notorious Gay cruising area (and the 1989 government crackdown on dissident students). In the film, the policeman harasses the writer and then later, arrests

ernment also prevented his fellow filmmaker Zhang Yimou (*Shanghai Triad*) from attending the festival. Yimou, who had planned to bring his film *Keep Cool* to the festival, was unable to have it appear in competition.

Inside HOLLYWOOD

BY MISS PAIGE TURNER

him during a raid. During his incarceration, the writer begins to fall in love with the policeman, while the policeman becomes increasingly ambivalent about his own sexuality. When Yuan returned home to China from Hong Kong in April, Chinese border guards at Shenzhen seized his passport and have not returned it. He is also rumored to be under house arrest, but no confirmation has yet been made. Yuan is probably the best known of China's so-called "out-law" (or "sixth generation") filmmakers, who first came to world prominence in 1993 for producing films independently inside China. It was declared illegal last June to produce films outside of China's official studio system, yet Yuan and others have continued to work despite the new law. In support of Yuan's struggle for artistic freedom, the Cannes Festival left one chair standing empty on opening night, dedicated to Yuan. *East Palace, West Palace* was presented on the opening night of the festival during the *Un Certain Regard* sidebar. Yuan was fortunate that a copy of his film already existed outside of China. The Chinese gov-

ernment also prevented his fellow filmmaker Zhang Yimou (*Shanghai Triad*) from attending the festival. Yimou, who had planned to bring his film *Keep Cool* to the festival, was unable to have it appear in competition.

Diller Gets Cable Ready

Barry Diller, the second richest Gay entertainment mogul (behind David Geffen), has decided to launch a new cable network. In an interview in *TV Today*, the man who took control of

his yet-unnamed cable network. With a planned March 1998 launch in Miami, Diller hopes to offer 18 hours of broadcasting a day, two-thirds of them live, with three to four hours filled with local news. Refusing to be more specific about the lack of "sameness" in his programming, Diller would only describe the format as "City Vision." Since QVC never even came close to being a "Queer Value Channel," it seems unlikely that Diller's new network will be heavy on Gay content.

Something Gay in The Garage

Following up his recent appearance at the GLAAD awards in Los Angeles, legendary television producer Norman Lear (*All In The Family*) is continuing his commitment to the Lesbian and Gay community by producing an offbeat new film, *The Thing In Bob's Garage*. *Thing* is a unique story written by first-time writer C.J. Cox. The story centers on a small town which is unexpectedly revived through unconventional events including a Gay wedding, an angelic visitation and a diabolic extradition. Cox optioned the screenplay to Lear's company, Act III Productions, which immediately attached a director to the project. The film is slated to be directed by Penelope Spheeris, who first came to prominence for directing the award-winning heavy metal documentary *The Decline Of Western Civilization*. Following *Decline*, Spheeris was given the unusual job of directing the film version of *Saturday Night Live*'s popular sketch segment, "Wayne's World," which became an instant hit with moviegoers. Since then, Spheeris has been a director in demand for made-from-television movies. Her film versions of *The Beverly Hillbillies* (with Lily Tomlin as an extra butch Miss Jane Hathaway) and *The Little Rascals* were not winners at the box office. *The Thing In Bob's Garage* seems better suited to Spheeris' unique sensibility and should return her to the top of the "alternative" filmmakers list once again. Look for *Thing* to appear in theaters in the spring of 1998.

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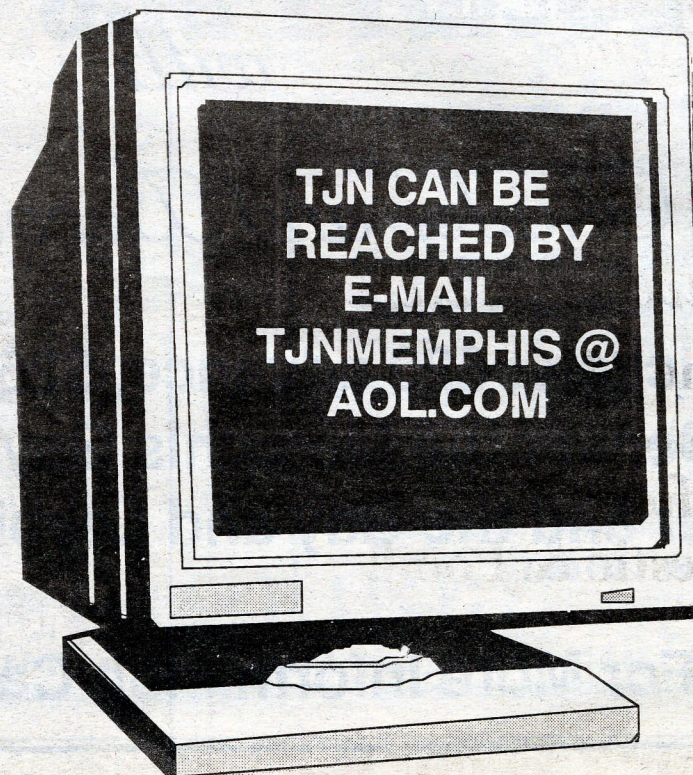
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New AIDS Play Premieres at Theatre Works

Review by Vincent Astor

Playwright's Forum has mounted a premiere production of Gordon Osmond's *Patient Target*, a play which gives a California twist to the rage and frustration over AIDS. In this case, the target of the play is government non-action.

"Writing a play is like sending a child off to school. You know you will lose a certain amount of control, and more, but you also know you have to or the child will never grow or develop into something. The solution is to send it to the best school, which Playwright's Forum is," says Osmond. He has previously appeared in Memphis for a reading of his play *Cut* sponsored by Playwright's Forum.

Osmond comes with a quantity of knowledge about his characters. He was an attorney in a successful New York law firm for more than 30 years, becoming a managing partner. His book, *The Weird Little Book of Well-Being*, was the subject of a fitness video *Be A Buddy To Your Body*. His plays have been produced in a number of regional theatres.

The piece itself quotes a number of Gay theatrical styles without being "Two White Gays Sitting Around Bitching" or "For Queers Who Have Considered Suicide (with Quotes from Every Broadway

Show on Earth)" or even "Six Tired Old Queens with Dead Wit." Osmond does not see Gay theatre as "a bunch of Gays sitting around talking about being Gay," so non-Gay characters and conflicts play important roles.

The tragic Adonis in this case is Ben Jons, an exercise show host, who sets out to enlighten middle America about many important things (including coming out, AIDS and safe sex) and gets away with it. Remember, this is California. His lover is a smarmy lawyer, Malcolm, who is very corporate and very good at his job. Mal is an obsessive type, obsessed with his love for Ben, obsessed with non-action by the government toward the AIDS pandemic and obsessed with his own agenda. The tension is immediately set by the friendship between Ben and Jo Anne, Mal's ex-wife. Jo Anne is a model, but deeper than stereotype and who unfortunately fell prey to the notion that she might be able to turn mostly-Gay Mal into a faithful husband.

The central premise is basically "these straight politicians would wake up and support us if one of their number got infected." Mal, a member of a Gay Lawyers Activist Group, vents an awful lot (almost as much as Larry Kramer) on this subject. It becomes near psychosis when his lover, Ben, is

diagnosed positive and declines at an alarming rate. Ben is the best of everything — witty, handsome, successful and a really nice guy with an absolute thesaurus of quotations. He even goes so far as to encourage Mal, whose has the sex drive of a satyr, to not give up sex because he (Ben) is sick. Mal manipulates Jo Anne (whose flame for him is still flickering) to try to influence her boyfriend Harry (an important rising politician) to influence legislation and do something. Mal will go to any lengths to accomplish this. The plot is worth a look. The play was revised between script and production, and turned out rather well. The premise stems from an actual conversation in a hospital intensive care unit about 1989.

Dan Poor (Ben) achieves dimension in the second act when the pace of the show has slowed down. There are beautiful moments between he and Louise Levin (Jo Anne) and also between he and Cliff Coats (Mal). Ms. Levin does not go all the way to Valley Girl dumb. In fact, many things go over Jo Anne's head, but her compassion and striving to take part in something worthwhile are present early on. One wants very badly to give Jo Anne "E" for effort. She has her mercenary side but is unswervingly loyal to Ben. Cliff Coats, as Mal, gives off smarm with a capital "S" and Mal's

obsessiveness is almost visible on its own.

Unfortunately, the interaction among the three characters does not settle in any until after intermission. The breakneck pace of the first act, the somewhat rough transitions between conversation in the living room and Ben's broadcasts, and the repeated bit during the scene changes are very distracting. Director Charlie Boyington avoids excessive sexual depiction, but one result was a mimed scene, that calls for sleaze and even mild disgust which became merely implied.

The piece in general, as noted before, is worth a look. It is the purpose of Playwright's Forum to showcase new plays, and give playgoers a chance to see things that are not tried and true. The result may, once or twice, be a glimpse at a masterpiece. It will always be a glimpse of the playwright's craft at work and always something new and interesting.

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Ellen's Out ... And So Are Her Supporters

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A full house at the Meow Mix bar erupted into whistles and cheers when "Ellen" finally declared "I'm Gay!"

"This is a very good thing," said a beaming 23-year-old bar manager who gave her name only as Hopey. "It's very realistic."

No lead character in a prime-time TV show had ever come out to viewers, and Ellen DeGeneres' pioneering stand was cause for celebration — from New York to Hollywood.

"I guess it's a landmark, a milestone," 22-year-old Wendy Rae said as she waited in the chilly night to get into San Francisco's Club Touche. "It's a very significant night because I think it's about time that the whole Gay issue is brought out to the public."

"Today felt like a holiday," said Curt Freitag, 20, in San Francisco.

Not everyone, however, saw it as a reason to celebrate.

"Tonight it's homosexuality, tomorrow it's something else," David Curtin, executive director of the Illinois Christian Coalition, said in the May 1 editions of the *Chicago Tribune*.

DeGeneres, star of the ABC sitcom that bears her name, watched the groundbreaking hourlong episode at a private party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Cast members Joely Fisher and

Clea Lewis celebrated on the other coast, joining about 500 revelers at a Manhattan nightclub called Irving Place to watch their show and raise money for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, or GLAAD. An autographed *Ellen* script raised \$3,250 for GLAAD.

The show scored a 26.5 rating and 37 share in Nielsen Media Research's overnight measurements. Those numbers don't put it anywhere near the most-watched television shows ever. The final episode of *M-A-S-H*, for example, had a 60.2 rating and 77 share, while the "Who shot J.R.?" episode of *Dallas* had a 53.3 rating and 76 share.

In the show, a stammering Ellen Morgan tries to tell a friend that they have something in common, but her personal revelation gets blared throughout an airport after she inadvertently switches on a public address microphone.

"I'm Gay!" Ellen declares, and her bumbling proclamation sets off a boisterous eruption of whistles and cheers at parties across the nation.

"It's politically powerful because ... let's face it, we are to the right wing what garlic is to Dracula," Rick Garcia said in Chicago, where people were shouting and high-fiving on the North Side strip of Gay clubs.

"So when you have openly Gay people as likable and girl-next-doorish as Ellen, they dispel the

myths," added Garcia, executive director of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, a statewide Gay and Lesbian civil rights organization.

The parties followed months of will-she-or-won't-she reports about DeGeneres and her sitcom character. DeGeneres coupled her character's announcement with her own disclosure — appearing with girlfriend Anne Heche, the film actress, at a party in Washington last weekend.

The show aired in every state, but an ABC affiliate in Birmingham, Ala., refused to air it.

Back at San Francisco's Club Touche, strobe lights flashed, hollers abounded and applause echoed into the street.

"I thought it was really good," said Danellia Johnson, 40. "I hope America gets it."

In what may be a sour note to the proceedings, DeGeneres herself in *TV Guide* said that she doesn't really want the show to continue although it has been re-

newed for the fall season. DeGeneres is reportedly unhappy with ABC's lack of promotion for the second coming-out episode in which Ellen comes out to her parents. According to *TV Guide*, that episode finished higher in the rat-

ings than *Ellen's* season average, but below the 36 million viewers of the April 30 episode.

A former executive at Disney, which produces the show, said, "This was it. She felt like this was as big as the show was going to get."

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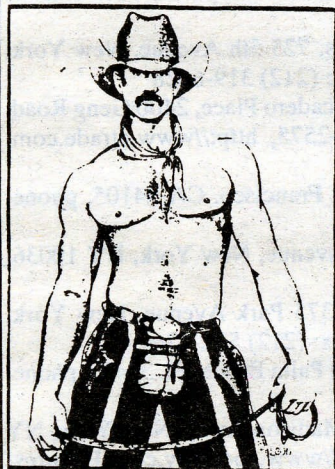
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Chastity Bono Challenges Mom Cher's Sense Of Style

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chastity Bono chose her own outfit for an appearance on the sitcom *Ellen*, despite what her famous mom thought of it.

"My mom had just gone to the GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) awards and insulted my suit," Bono said.

Bono, daughter of entertainer Cher, appeared in a recent episode

of *Ellen*, whose title character, Ellen Morgan, revealed she is a Lesbian. The star, Ellen Degeneres, also recently came out.

The *Ellen* wardrobe staff told Bono to choose her own outfit, such as the suit from the awards show.

"So I got to shove that in my mom's face, which was kind of fun, 'cause, I figured they're pro-

fessional wardrobe people, they must have some sense of style," Bono said.

Her mother's style is "different than mine. That's what makes a horse race," she said.

Bono, a Lesbian and an activist with GLAAD, said her mother supports her work.

"We're really close. She's like a regular mom who is proud of the stuff that I'm doing," Bono said.

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Religious political extremists continue to be up in arms about the historic April 30 coming out episode of the ABC sitcom *Ellen*, in which the show's lead character acknowledges that she is a Lesbian.

Anti-Gay groups — who object to any fair and accurate portrayals of Lesbian and Gay people on television — are turning up the heat on the show's advertisers. ABC and Disney, which produces *Ellen*, have also come under fire for airing the show.

Chrysler, J.C. Penney and Wendy's need to hear your disappointment at their decision to cave in to anti-Gay pressure and withdraw their sponsorship from the *Ellen* episode. Voicing your opinion is particularly important as these corporations are deciding whether to resume their advertising on future episodes.

Also, ABC, Disney and the companies who stood up to anti-Gay pressure and refused to pull their advertising from the show need to hear your appreciation for their fair-mindedness.

Contact ABC and Disney to thank them for airing the coming out episode of *Ellen*:

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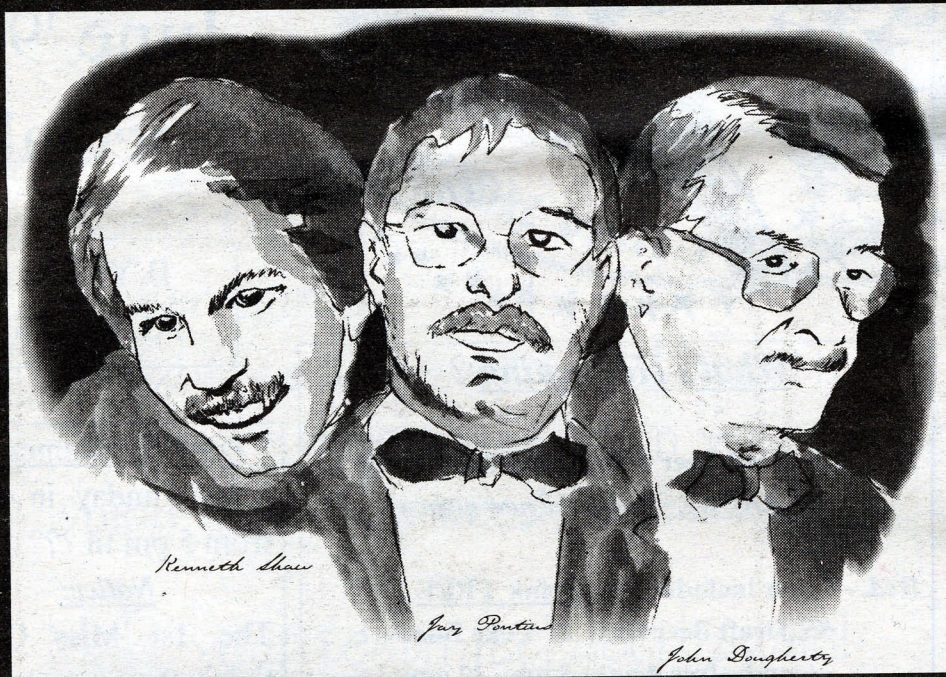
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Divided By Zero by Den-Nickolas Smith and Emerald Theatre Co.

By Peter Brackman

Divided By Zero completes the trilogy that Den-Nickolas Smith started several years ago with *Battle Scars* and *Transition*. The new work, recently staged by the Emerald Theatre Company at Theatre Works, covers a period that includes the present as well as numerous memories of past activities, including a number of which we have already seen.

The play revolves around the device of a narrator named Troy, who frequently stands at a blackboard and makes entries that are

pertinent to the scenes we are about to see. In some cases, he tells us all we need to know about what we are going to see, so the seeing of it tends to become repetitious.

As played by Tony Flessas, the character seems to be relatively one-dimensional, there for the commentary and not much else.

Smith reprises his role as the tortured Ben, dying again and coming back again, with a final appearance in the last scene with August, now hopelessly gaga in a straight-jacket and confined to a mental institution.

As August, Marc Surles goes

over the top in the opening scene, thereby making the rest of his work an anti-climax. His change from friend of Ben to lover of Drey and killer of Ben is a hard road to travel and he has some occasional moments when the trip seems to be too much.

Question: Why are Smith and Surles barefoot?

Director Hal Harmon also takes on the role of the sinister Drey, and his brooding intensity is a good piece of work. His scenes with Michael Lashlee as the tormented David are tense and scary.

Lashlee shows himself to be a

purposeful actor, moving a considerable distance toward better work than his appearance in the recent *Deathwatch*. He knows how to convey the confusion of the man who has been abused to a man who wants to be in charge. It's one of the better pieces of acting in the show.

Stuart Edwards plays a couple of small roles and Barbara Maxwell appears as a doctor at the institution where August is a patient.

As far as the setting is concerned, it covers a range of locations, from two apartments, a leather bar, a room in a mental in-

stitution, a subway men's room and the area where the blackboard is located. Prominent in the black and white design; (the actors wear black and white, too), are a ladder, tires, whip, dropcloths smeared with paint and some chains.

Suggestion: When a play like *Divided By Zero* deals in such matters are leather domination, insanity, suicide, murder, whipping and oral sex (both simulated), a notice in the lobby should be located where the customer may make up his/her mind about whether to see it.

Trial Challenges Florida Law Banning Gay Adoptions

By Tom Wells
Associated Press Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's law against adoptions by Gay people is coming under attack in a lawsuit by a woman who says she wants a sibling for her little boy who was a result of artificial insemination.

"Please don't prejudge us and decide that all Gay men and Lesbians — one whole segment of the population — is unfit," June Amer said May 5, moments before the trial began.

An attorney defending the 1977 law set the tone for the state's arguments when he objected to testimony by other Gay parents.

Only Florida and New Hampshire have laws banning homosexual people from adopting children.

The state did not defend the law in opening arguments and said it is up to the other side to prove that the statute should be struck down.

The lawsuit was brought by Amer, a 45-year-old Dade County corrections officer who has lived with another woman for 13 years.

"There are many children wanting to be adopted in Florida right now, and there are many people like me who would adopt them and love them it were not for this prejudiced law," Ms. Amer said in her pretrial comments.

She testified that she has lived for 13 years for Gail DeShon, who also was a Dade corrections officer when the two women met.

The couple decided seven years ago that they wanted a child, and both women tried to get pregnant through artificial insemination, Ms.

Amer said.

Ms. DeShon abandoned the effort after 10 months because of cysts, Ms. Amer said, but quit her job to care full time for the youngster.

The boy, now 6, calls the two women Mommy June and Mommy Gail, Ms. Amer said. His life with the two women is as normal as with heterosexual parents, she said.

"We go to his recitals. We go to his baseball games," she said.

Asked how he compares with children with heterosexual parents, she said, "If I can be prejudiced, he's a little better, smarter, brighter."

Ms. Amer said her son has frequent contact with men, including friends, relatives, his karate instructor, coaches at school, his singing teacher and neighbors.

"I believe I'm a good parent. I'm a loving person, a caring person ...

and I should be able to adopt a child," she said.

State legislators feared that Lesbian and Gay parents adopting children "would be able to ... use them in closets," said attorney Karen Coolman Amlong.

The state bans no other entire group of people from being adoptive parents, she said.

People who are repeat felons, and those who have been child abusers, spousal abusers, drug abusers and alcoholics are all eligible, the attorney said.

Also testifying was Jim MacKellar-Hertan, a Gay man from Orlando who adopted a boy in Seattle, Wash., before moving to Florida.

The attorney arguing for the state, Samuel C. Shavers, of the Florida Department of Children and Fami-

lies, objected to the testimony, saying, "I don't think we need a parade of homosexuals" taking the stand.

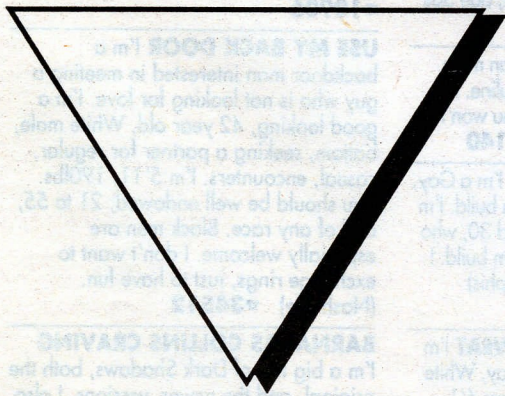
The judge at first seemed inclined to deny the testimony, saying he didn't see the point, but then relented.

MacKellar-Hertan says that he adopted a boy, now 5 years old, in Seattle, Wash., and that he and a man he described as his domestic partner want the boy to have a sibling.

The couple both are employees at Disney World and MacKellar-Hertan is active in the United Church of Christ in Orlando where he said he is chairman of a committee to find an assistant pastor.

"We have a very rambunctious 5-year-old. He's very happy, healthy, well adjusted. We just finished with T-ball and are getting into soccer," the father said.

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER Don't ask me what took so long, but I'm just getting started in the Gay lifestyle. I'm 53, 145lbs, and financially secure. I don't smoke or drink. I'd like to meet another Gay, White male, between 30 and 60, who shares my interest in travel, the arts, and politics. Please be interested in monogamy, and live in western or middle Tennessee. (Memphis) ♣25739

I NEED A TUNE UP We're not getting anywhere! I'm in a relationship, but I think we're out of gas. I need to rev up my engine with someone new. Maybe we'll get better mileage together. (Memphis) ♣25072

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SEVEN SOLID INCHES I enjoy hanging out and having fun. Also into clubs, movies, music, bars, and restaurants. I'm 34, 5'11, 160lbs, short Brown hair, Brown eyes, and equipped with seven, solid inches. Be somewhat near my age, similar in shape and size. Let's enjoy each other. Any race. (Memphis) ♣23895

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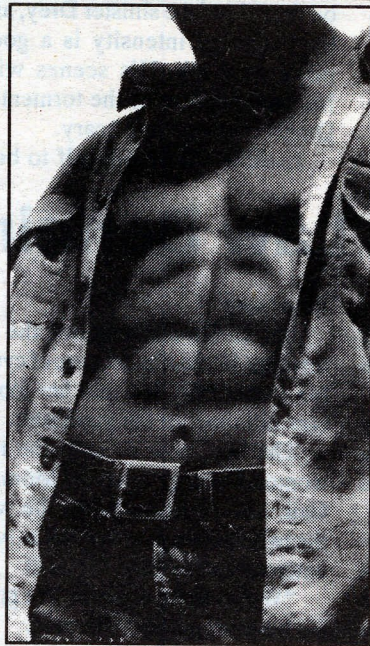
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RIDE MY PONY I am 18 years old, 5'6, 150 lbs and I'm looking for a tall, young, handsome, Black man to fulfill my needs. If you think you can ride this pony call me. (Memphis) ♣16675

B-1 BOMBER New to Memphis. I'm a 24 year old, Gay, Black male, 5'8, 150lbs, handsome and very well built. Former military, masculine, urban type. I'm discreet and take care of business. You are a Gay, White male, handsome, athletic, in shape, and employed, looking for friendship, fun and more. Serious only. (Memphis) ♣1117

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ONE FOR ONE OR MORE Hey guys! This 5'11, 160lb man with Blond hair and Brown eyes wants to meet you. I'm open, adventurous and discrete. Singles? Couples? Let's get together and have some fun and good times. (Memphis) ♣20250

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TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF I'm a Gay, White male, 5'6, with a medium build. I'm looking for guys between 20 and 30, who are straight acting with a medium build. I prefer guys into naturism. (Memphis) ♣19751

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EASY GOING I'm new to the game and very curious. I'm a Gay White male, 23 years old, 5'9, 130lbs, Brown hair and Green eyes. I'm looking for another Gay White male between the ages of 20 and 30 to share quality time with. My hobbies are bowling, dancing, swimming, and reading. Straight acting only! (Memphis) ♣18980

YOUNG SPUNK WANTED I'm 34 years old, 5'11, 160lbs, Blond hair, Brown eyes, slim build, and hairy. I'm

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HONEST DUDE? I'm single, White male, 24 years old, 5'9, 148lbs, dark, Green eyes and short Brown hair. I'm an ambitious, out going, personable guy. I'm looking for honest, masculine, professional, single, White males, between the ages of 22 and 34, for friendship and possibly more. I like the outdoors, traveling and physical activities. (Memphis) ♣17527

SIMPLE QUEST I'm a single White male, 24 years old, 5'9, 148lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, good looking, in shape, college educated professional. I'm not into the bar scene or cruising. I am into movies, concerts, community events, clubs, and letting go. I'm new to the area and feeling kind of isolated and lonely. I'm looking for professional single White men 22 to 34 for friendship and more. (Memphis) ♣17526

HEY! STRAY THIS WAY I'm good looking and I'm looking for straight guys in the Memphis area to have hot man to man sex with. (Memphis) ♣17395

CHICKEN LICKING GOOD I'm looking for some guys for hot group action. Older men preferred. I'm 25 years old. (Memphis) ♣16053

MIDDLE OF THE ROAD? I'm looking for a middle aged, Gay White male that is honest and compassionate. I like movies, dining out, and having a good time. I'm healthy, personable, and drug free. (Memphis) ♣16417

LITTLE, TOY BOY I'm very interested in meeting hot, top men. (Memphis) ♣10906

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DO ME UP NICE My wife has been helping me feminize myself, but we need outside assistance. We'd like to meet an experienced crossdresser to assist in making me beautiful. I'm a 32 year old, Married, Bi, White male. (Nashville) ♣33096

MATES AND DATES I'm looking for someone to hook up with for fun, and

maybe more. I'm a good looking, 20 year old, Single, White male, 5'6, with Brown hair and eyes. (Nashville) ♣32918

OUT AND ABOUT This 24 year old, White male, is looking for a relationship with an attractive guy, between 18 and 35. I'm 5'10, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like movies, theater, dance, all music, and the outdoors. (Nashville) ♣32717

ONE TRACK MIND I'm a wide open, sex crazed bottom, craving good looking, dominant males. I'm an attractive, slim, Black male, 26, 6'2, 145lbs, and I love sex talk as well as the real thing. All races are welcome, as long as you're between 27 and 45, and love sex as much as me. No commitments. (Nashville) ♣32668

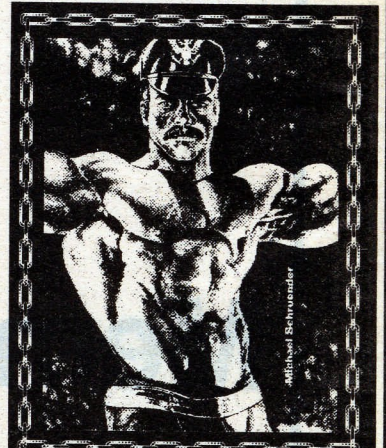
I'LL GIVE YOU THE BUSINESS I'm a masculine, muscular, Gay, White male, in my thirties, looking to service very well endowed, Black men. (Nashville) ♣31749

KARATE AND CURIOSITY I'm very inexperienced and interested in getting to know some guys. I'm a 27 year old, writer and martial arts enthusiast. Let's start with talking. Please be discreet. (Nashville) ♣31442

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FAST FRIENDS I live in Arkansas but travel, often, to Memphis. I'd like to meet some guys for friendship. I'm a White male, 5'11, 170lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I'm very easy going. I like fit, stable guys who are laid back and easy to get to know. ☎30380

LUST ON THE SIDE I've been Married for 15 years and need to get some on the side. I'm a nice looking, masculine, White male, 6'1, 198lbs, with broad shoulders and slim waist. I'd like to explore with Bi males and Transvestites. ☎32819

TENNESSEE

TOP OF THE WORLD I'm a discreet, masculine, Single, White male, in my early 30's. I'm looking to hook up, for good times, with other 30-ish guys, who are Gay or Bi, Single or Married. I prefer to meet bottoms, but like to do a little bit of everything. Call me. (Bolivar) ☎25184

WARMEST MOUTH IN THE SOUTH Remember the warmest mouth you ever felt around you? Mine is nicer. I'm a masculine, good looking, 35 year old male, 5'11, 155lbs, with Brown hair, and Green eyes. I want to meet other masculine, well hung, men who need some oral service. (Germantown) ☎24497

TONED ABS ARE IN FASHION I live in Knoxville, but travel to Nashville very often. I'm looking for guys to hang out with me. I'm 22, 5'11, 150lbs with Black hair, dark Brown eyes, a smooth body, and toned abs. Call me if you want to have some fun. (Knoxville) ☎24908

WHEN IS SHOWTIME? I'm a hairy, White male, 26, 5'6, 138lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I want to meet men, between 27 and 38, who are interested in camping, bowling, and movies. (McNairy County) ☎13478

SADDLE UP THE HORSES I just moved back to Memphis but don't go to the bars. I'd like to meet some guys, 40 to 60, to socialize with. I'm an attractive, 53 year old, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, with Brown hair, Green eyes, and a goatee. I love horses, the outdoors, swimming, and the beach. I smoke and am a social drinker. (Memphis) ☎34440

A MORE PERFECT UNION Are you ready for a relationship with a handsome, hard working, professional, Gay, White male? I'm the one. I'm 25, 5'5, 130lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm mentally fit, financially independent, and personally secure. I love movies, the outdoors, and watching rented videos, curled up with you. (Memphis) ☎34115

STUD INTO SEINFELD I'm not into one night stands but I know how to have a good time. This attractive, unattached, masculine, Gay, White male, college student, 23, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks other Single, Gay, White males, 20 to 30, for fun and friendship. I enjoy music, concerts, cinema, current events, and Seinfeld. A sense of humor is very important. (Memphis) ☎33496

TICKLE, TRICKLE This very smooth, very built, White male, 25, 5'10, 160lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks similarly buffed, jock types, 18 to 40, who have broad shoulders and ticklish feet. (Memphis) ☎32532

TO BEAR OR NOT TO BEAR I love polar bears and grizzlies. I'm a good looking, bearded, White male, 42, 6ft, 230lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes. I'm smoke free, drug free, and healthy. I seek a very hairy man, over 35, who's ready for a long term, monogamous, relationship. I'm a bit of a homebody with a great sense of humor, love of music and good food. Let's talk. (Memphis) ☎32211

I'M TRIPPIN' I'm looking for good natured fun with other guys in the area. I love to go out to movies, dinners, dancing, and taking long, or short, trips. (Memphis) ☎32280

OUR TIMES I wanna meet a young, sexy, man interested in fun times, quiet times, music, and dining out. I'm a good looking, well educated, financially secure, White male, 40, 6ft, 180lbs. (Memphis) ☎32298

BE MY BUDDY I'd like to make some friends to hang out with. I'm a good looking, 22 year old, White male, 6'4, with short Brown hair and Blue eyes. I prefer guys who are 18 to 22, smooth, and looking for good times. (Memphis) ☎32130

MANHUNT IN MEMPHIS This athletic, 24 year old, Gay, White male, 5'8, 185lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, is looking for a Blond, Blue eyed, smooth male, between 18 and 24, to hang out

with. I'm inexperienced and prefer the same. I like camping, fishing, mountain biking, and staying home together on a rainy day.

Please be laid back, healthy, masculine like me. (Memphis) ☎29552



RIDE THE TRAILS WITH ME I'm looking for a masculine man, 18 to 26, who enjoys hanging out and having fun. I'm a 26 year old, White male, 5'8, 190lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing, mountain biking, and the great outdoors. (Memphis) ☎31493

BUILT TO LAST I like romantic meetings and discreet encounters. Ultimately, I'd like to meet Mr. Right. I'm a youthful, very muscular, 39 year old, White male, 5'10, 170lbs, with dark hair and Blue eyes. I like in shape, younger guys who like to work out. I can be a top or a bottom and am very oral. I'm extremely well endowed. I like to hook up on weekdays or Saturdays. (Memphis) ☎31642

WHOLESALE AND HANDSOME This Black males seeks a White male for clean, wholesome fun. I'm a big teddy bear so I love to be held. No drugs and alcohol, please. (Memphis) ☎31100

HOIST THE MAIN SAIL I'm new in the area and want friends to spend time, and get it on, with. I'm a 47 year old, Gay, White male, top, 5'8, 165lbs. I love the outdoors, times at the lake, sailing and naturism. If you like adventure and excitement, let's have some no strings fun. (Memphis) ☎31323

POLITICAL MANEUVER I'm a financially secure, 55 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, 145lbs. I'm a discreet, non smoker, and social drinker. I enjoy travel, politics, and the arts. I'd like to meet a youthful, unmarried, Gay, White male, 40 to 70, with similar interests, for a monogamous relationship. (Memphis) ☎3843

ALL DAY PLAY I'm an avid outdoorsman and sun worshipper who wants to meet guys to have fun with. I'm an attractive, Single, White male, 5'9, 150lbs. I love the beach, waterskiing, museums, the arts, and music, especially alternative. If you're between 21 and 32 and have similar tastes, let's go out and play. (Memphis) ☎16878

SMOOTH BODY SWIMMER

Professional, non smoking, Gay, White, Transvestite, 40, 5'7, 135lbs, with a toned, sculpted body, seeks other clean cut, professional, Gay men, who don't smoke, for cultural events, dinners, friendship, and more. (Memphis) ☎15101

SAILING TAKES ME AWAY

I've only recently sailed into the area and want to make friends to have adventurous times with. I'm a good looking, 47 year old, Gay, White male, 5'8, 165lbs. I like discreet fun with hot men, maybe groups. Let's spend a day at the lake or in the bedroom. (Memphis) ☎8510

MATURE IN MEMPHIS This down to earth, young, Black male likes having fun with other serious minded people. Apply at my box. (Memphis) ☎30544

MORE IN MEMPHIS I'm looking for a companion. This Gay, White male, 24, 5'10, 145lbs, with light Brown hair and Blue eyes, wants to hook up with White males, between 18 and 30, who are interested in beginning as friends and discovering what happens. (Memphis) ☎30068

SWING BLADE I want to meet other Gay, White males, 18 to 30, for friendship and, maybe, a relationship. I'm a good looking, 22 year old, Gay, White male, 6'6, 190lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like swimming, biking, rollerblading, and romantic evenings out on the town. (Memphis) ☎29578

I'M READY I'm ready for a relationship with another Gay, White male. I'm 30 years old, 5'10, 150lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a mustache. You should be between 18 and 40 and ready for something special. (Memphis) ☎29532

AMBITION A PLUS This professional, well educated, 29 year old, White male, seeks another, between 25 and 45, for companionship and, perhaps, more. I'm 5'8, 160lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I'm looking for something special. (Memphis) ☎29430

MEMPHIS SMOOTH I'm a 26 year old, professional with a smooth body. I'm 6ft, 170lbs. I enjoy music, sports, travel, and computers. If you're a masculine guy whose interests are similar, let's talk. (Memphis) ☎29292

MODEL IN MEMPHIS I'm interested in finding someone to have a relationship with. I'm a very attractive male trying to break into the modeling business. I'm 6'1, 165lbs, and in excellent condition. Talk to me. (Memphis) ☎28750

FINGER LICKIN' GOOD This sexy male likes to be licked from head to toe and do the same for you. Is your mouth watering. (Memphis) ☎14026

A FEW THINGS I'm so new at this that I don't have any experience at all. I'm a nice looking, 23 year old, White male, 5'8, 140lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I want to meet a nice guy, between 18 and 23, who can teach me a few things. (Memphis) ☎27987

ART PARTNER I want a special mate to enjoy life with. I'm a financially secure, 55 year old, professional, White male, 5'6, 145lbs. I'm home oriented and don't smoke or do drugs. I like movies, estate sales, plays, art exhibits, travel, and more. Age is not important. (Memphis) ☎13293

HANDY MAN ON THE LAND I've seen the unicorns climb the mountains of excess and dance with life. I'm looking for a unique individual who is proud of who he is, not just what he is. I'm financially secure and want to share eternity with a strong, intelligent male who would like to live with me in the country. Let's enjoy the land and grow our food on it. I'm in it for the long haul. What about you? (Memphis) ☎28204

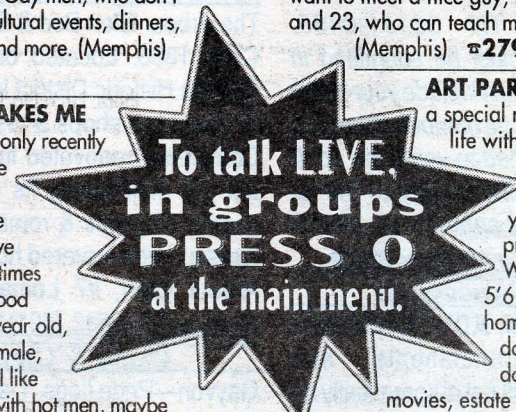
COUNTRY LIFE FOR ME We can have a lot of fun in the country. I'm a 53 year old, Gay, White male, 6ft, 160lbs, with Salt and Pepper hair, and a mustache. I want to meet attractive, Gay, White males, between 45 and 55, who want to have good, quality times together. I'm a bottom and I'm interested in honest guys who are drug free. (Memphis) ☎28193

TIME FOR MORE PROBING This good looking, bottom with a bubble butt, is on the lookout for tops with large endowments. (Memphis) ☎28245

PERFECT GAME I'm looking for a guy to have fun with, who doesn't mind hanging out with a smoker. I'm an easy going, 22 year old, Gay, White male, 5'11, 190lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I like to bowl, play pool, swim, take long walks, and many other things. You should be honest, and earnest about making friends. (Memphis) ☎23213

THE WELL IS DEEP I'm want to meet other Black men, who have serious minds, and deep psyches. I'm a very sincere Black male, 28, 6'2, 165lbs, with good looks, and a quiet, sensitive demeanor. If you're masculine, and in earnest, give me a holler. (Memphis) ☎27927

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GWM, 5'9", 150#, slim & smooth, great bottom, adventurous, discreet and fun-loving. I enjoy hot, sort-of kinky fun with in-shape, stable, honest, employed tops. Married, Bi, curious, couples, race okay. No fats, fems, transvestites, please. Call J.B.—901-388-9986. P.S.—I give a great massage! Go ahead and call... anytime until 2 a.m.

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

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

Into The Light (Alcoholics Anonymous - Women)

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

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

Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)

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

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

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

Sunday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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- Alternative Restaurant**: 553 So Cooper ☎ 725-7922.
- Amnesia***: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.
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- Autumn Street Pub***: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.
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- N-cognito***: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599.
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- P & H Cafe***: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.
- Pipeline***: 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.
- Secrets***: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.
- 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.
- Western Steak House & Lounge**: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.

BOOKS & GIFTS

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

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

- 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 • 4035 Walnut Grove Cir., Memphis 38117.
- Aloysis 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.

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: ujgreen@msuwx1.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 3713, Memphis 38173 ☎ 274-2849 Chet Overstreet, 274-1217 George Ettinger, e-mail: safehmcc@aol.com.

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

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

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

National Organization for Women (NOW): Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982 ☎ 272-0560.

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

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

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-800-562-3383 for information.

Phoenix AA Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 454-1414.

River City Men's Chorus: Box 12837, Memphis 381182-0837 ☎ 276-3471 (Charles Friedman).

Safe Harbor MCC: Pastor Greg Bullard, 2117 Union Ave., Chapel ☎ 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. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.

Tsarus: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082,

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

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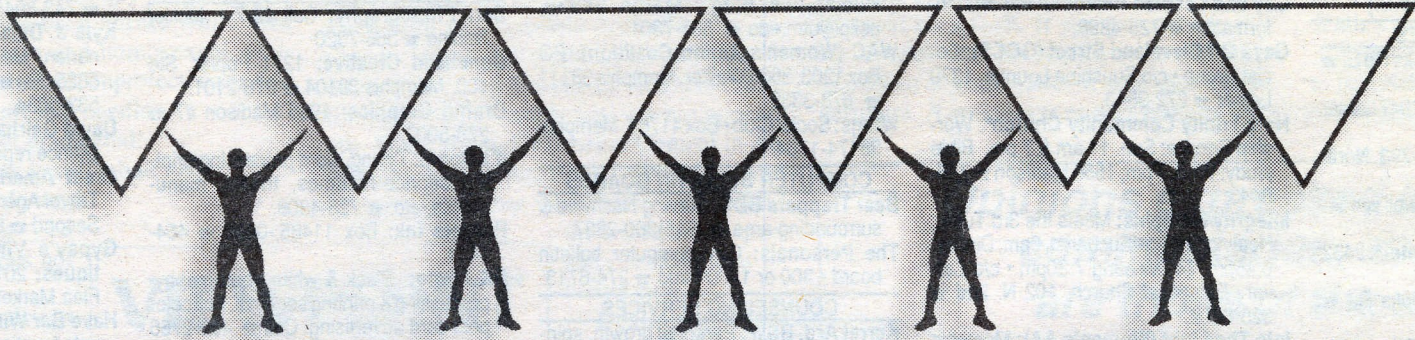
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- 32 Kind of dance or room
- 33 How a Gay dishwasher refers to his most treasured possessions?
- 40 Ullmann of the screen
- 41 Hall's partner
- 43 Group of Detroit jocks waving the rainbow flag?
- 48 Grow, as interest
- 50 ___ Abner
- 51 Suffix with legal or journal
- 52 Yogi's position
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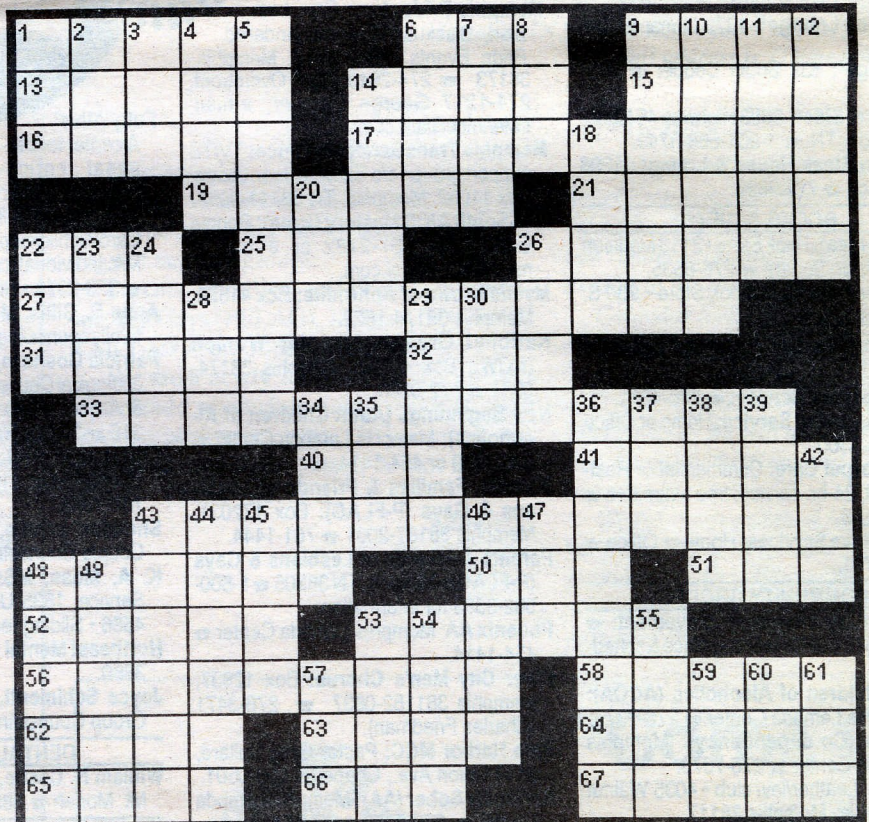
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- 4 *Casablanca* role
- 5 More witty
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- 8 Letters of debt
- 9 Improvised with the band
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- 11 Part of TWA
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- 14 Involuntary muscle contraction
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- 23 *The Bird Cage*, for one
- 24 Scold severely
- 26 Regularity aid
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