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ACLU Appeals Custody Ruling Involving Horn Lake Gay Dad

HERNANDO, Miss. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal with the State Supreme Court on behalf of a parent who was denied custody of a child on the grounds that the parent is a homosexual.

A DeSoto County judge this month denied a request for a change in custody by the father of a 13-year-old Horn Lake boy. None of the parties involved in the case have been identified because the custody case involves a minor.

The father, a Gay man who lives in California, asked the court to award him custody, claiming that the child, who lives with his mother, was being exposed to mental and emotional abuse because of the volatile relationship between the mother and her husband.

The child's stepfather was convicted in two incidents of domestic disturbance, once in late 1996 for assaulting the child's mother and once in early 1997 for public drunkenness and malicious intent, according to court records.

The child's father, who lives with another man in California, argued that he could provide the child with a more stable, desirable home life and a more challenging academic environment and that the child had expressed a desire to live with him.

In denying the father custody, Chancery Judge Percy Lynchard cited the father's "moral fitness," and cited Mississippi laws that prohibit sodomy.

Lynchard wrote that the father's homosexual activity would constitute a felony if practiced in Mississippi, "the same as it would... had he openly admitted

and confessed to the ongoing sale or distribution of illegal drugs."

"This court refuses to condone, endorse, sanction or tolerate homosexual activity in any fashion, mode or manner. To do so would be to turn a blind judicial eye to the statute," the judge said.

Lynchard said testimony from the mother was that she had taken steps to improve the family's domestic situation by regular church attendance and by resigning from her second job.

ACLU staff attorney Michael Adams in New York said the case involves an important civil rights issue.

"In most cases involving questions of custody, the court looks at what's in the best interest of the child, but in some instances, the court's vision appears to be clouded by bias against Gay and Lesbian parents," he said.

Adams said the judge's reference to Mississippi sodomy laws is an example of such bias against homosexuals.

"Those laws prohibit certain acts between any two people, not just homosexuals. The judge asked the father a series of questions about his activities, but he never asked the mother and stepfather about these practices," Adams told the *DeSoto Times Today* newspaper.

Adams said the ACLU was not using the case to challenge Mississippi sodomy laws, but was focusing on the rights of the father.

"If you're going to apply the law, then apply it equally to everyone. In this case it seems clear that the best interest of the child would be served by transferring custody to the father," he said.

St. Jude AIDS Vaccine Gets Permission for Human Trials

By Woody Baird
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Scientists at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital have federal permission for an AIDS study they say approaches the search for a vaccine in a new way.

The vaccine, developed at St. Jude, is designed to show the human body's immune system how to recognize diverse strains of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Most other studies on AIDS vaccines have not had such a broad approach, though the HIV virus has many strains, said Mark Grabowsky of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

"A lot of people have tried to solve the variation of HIV problem by making one vaccine that's broadly reactive against all types. They're taken the unique approach of saying, 'Let's take as many different types as we can and put it all in the same vial,'" Grabowsky said Wednesday from his office in Maryland.

The St. Jude vaccine was de-

signed by faculty researchers Julia Hurwitz and Karen Slobod.

Basically, it is similar to test vaccines developed by other scientists in that it carries proteins from the outer shell or envelope of the HIV virus.

But Hurwitz said the St. Jude vaccine carries 23 different HIV envelopes rather than just one or two, as is common for most vaccines now under study.

The DNA sequences of HIV envelopes vary widely, meaning a vaccine that would protect against one strain of the virus might not do the same for another, she said.

"You've got to attack the diversity. You've got to acknowledge that you have to attack it and use the strength of the immune system to do that," Hurwitz said.

St. Jude got approval in September from the Food and Drug Administration to begin human safety trials, and the researchers are looking for up to 18 volunteers to take the vaccine.

It could be five to 10 years before it's known the vaccine actually works, but the researchers said early animal tests have been en-

couraging.

"Various studies in the laboratory have shown that it does elicit an immune response," Slobod said.

Since its founding in 1962, St. Jude has made an international name for itself in research and treatment for leukemia and other childhood cancers. The hospital began an AIDS treatment program in the late 1980s.

Four years ago, the St. Jude staff began working on the AIDS vaccine. So far, the hospital has financed that research.

"They've been able to accomplish on their own what many of the largest vaccine companies have not been able to do, that is bring a vaccine to human clinical trials," Grabowsky said.

Much of the AIDS vaccine work around the country is financed by private industry, and Grabowsky said St. Jude will likely look for a partner as the study progresses.

"At some point they will do the same thing that almost every developer does, that is try to interest a company to put it in a vial and market it," he said.

ABC Drops "Parental Advisory" From Ellen

NEW YORK, — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) applauded ABC's removal of a "parental advisory" warning placed on its hit show, *Ellen*.

The advisory, normally used for explicit violence or sex, was originally to remain at the beginning of the groundbreaking program for the next several episodes, despite protests from star Ellen DeGeneres, GLAAD and others that giving *Ellen* the advisory represented a double standard in regards to sexual orientation.

Several episodes will feature Ellen's continuing coming out process and the character's search for love. The Oct. 8 episode was the only one to feature the advisory. While ABC said "other reasons" existed for the warning, many speculated that it was because of a humorous kiss between Ellen and her friend Paige (Joely Fisher).

DeGeneres spoke out about the double standard of giving *Ellen* the advisory when many much more explicit heterosexual sexual situa-

tions, graphic violence, and even other same-sex kisses did not warrant the severe warning. GLAAD spoke with representatives of both the program and the network, urging a resolution which was fair to Lesbians and Gay men, and mobilized national support for removal of the advisory.

In addition, GLAAD exposed a recent attempt by a radical religious group to stuff the ballot box on ABCnews.com when the website asked the question, "Would you allow your child to watch a Lesbian kiss on television?" While the answer was strongly affirmative throughout the polling period, the final tally even with the anti-Gay ploy to "fix" the election had 69 percent "yes" to just under 33 percent saying "no" of nearly 15,000 polled.

"Both ABC's poll and their decision to remove the advisory speak volumes to America's willingness to see Lesbian and Gay characters represented with fairness and with the same standards as heterosexuals receive," said GLAAD Enter-

tainment Media Director Chastity Bono.

"We commend ABC for recognizing that Ellen deserves the same treatment as other shows like it that may not have Lesbian and Gay characters. We also commend Ellen DeGeneres for her not only standing up for her show, but for the equality of the entire community."

"When creating groundbreaking television in uncharted territory, sometimes missteps will happen," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD Executive Director. "It's great to know that ABC has rethought its double-standard. Now we can all move forward with a renewed commitment to changing the face of American television each week."

GLAAD and *TJN* will continue to monitor and report on Ellen and its media coverage. GLAAD has reintroduced "Ellen Watch" at GLAAD Online (<http://www.glaad.org>). This resource will continually update the community on which companies have advertised this season on Ellen.

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Valentine Replies to Harassment Criticism

SAD TO SAY...In the October issue I was taken to task on the issue of sexual harassment in the workforce by Ms Susan Mackenzie, attorney and president of the local chapter of NOW. She responded to the Peyton Manning mooning episode I noted in my September article that resulted in the University of Tennessee paying out over \$300,000 in an out-of-court settlement to the woman who had suffered a long string of humiliations and harassment by players and the athletic staff. Mackenzie passionately educated us on this important matter, and made a comment in the opening paragraph I'd like to restate, "what the Tennessee press did not" tell you. I reported the story to you as I read it in the mainstream press at the time, and Mackenzie did a wonderful job filling us in on the unreported information. But

she obviously did not like my aside or my Gay sense of humor when I said that I'd pay Peyton Manning to moon me if I had the money (Gay men are snickering, straight men are gagging, and all women are probably snarling). Mackenzie was winning the day until she unnecessarily resorted to mudslinging. She said that while I may "welcome unwanted sexual advances, but most of us do not..." This tactic is usually utilized by those with limited mental and vocabulary capacities who are frustrated they can't make their point intelligently. I know this not to be Mackenzie's situation so she must have consciously chosen to do this. I've asked myself why someone whose work I admire, whose issues, as I know them, I hold dear... why would she slam me over that? Were vicious courtroom tactics necessary to expand upon a point already well made?

HAPPY TO HEAR... McKenzie must not know me or read my article regularly or she would know I abhor discrimination or harassment against anyone...anytime or anywhere. If she knew me she would know that

if anyone is wronged because of who or what they are, I speak up for them. She would know I am a Gay with AIDS who has probably experienced more discrimination than she ever has. And I now share with all of you that I have been sexually harassed during my career by both women and Gay men, as well as bosses and co-workers, and although very rarely, have been subjected to the plain old meanness of some heterosexuals. And I don't appreciate unwanted sexual advances in a social setting either. If Mackenzie knew me or read my article, she would know I maintain my sense of humor while facing the adversities in my life, and she would know I was (probably) joking about paying Peyton to moon me. So I apologize to Mackenzie and anyone else who may have been offended. But I hope she realizes she made a most unnecessary personal slam. And to Mackenzie and all other passionate yet overly sensitive souls with an endearing cause, please correct me if I err in the contents of the stories, but there's never a need to get vicious.

Butch Valentine

SAD TO SAY, HAPPY TO HEAR

Beware of Some Remodelers

I am in the process of remodeling my home. By being Gay I felt that I should try to keep my business within our community. While seeking estimates for some floor refinishing work, I had the opportunity to receive a competitive bid from a Gay couple I met at the Pipeline. I have known this couple for a while and I trusted them since they had done some work for me in the past. They required several hundred dollars to begin the project and the rest was [due] on completion. They also said that it would take about a week to complete. During a meeting with my decorator they convinced us that they could do the job.

Their plan was to patch first, then sand and refinish. All the furniture was removed from my living room and dining room and placed in the study leaving me confined to the kitchen and bedroom.

During the first week little or no work was done besides purchasing the materials. Their attitude was poor and it seemed like they were preoccupied with something else.

The second week was starting out the same. They would arrive around 9:45- 10:00 a.m., break for lunch, come back around 3:00, and then leave at 5:00. On the second day, one of them began to patch a spot in the floor and the other started to strip the floor. The third day he finished the patch with fair results and started to sand the floor with a hand sander on his hands and knees — completely changing the plans. When I asked why he wasn't using a floor sander he said that he had never heard of one. The next day he called and said that he could not come to work because he was too sore from sanding the floor by hand. I became irritated and told him that I wanted the patches done that day. When that didn't happen, I called him and he said that he quit, an argument ensued and I fired him and asked for some of my money back — of course he refused.

What happened, I don't know. Why they turned into rip-offs, I can't say. Could it be drugs — possibly. Why these two people trashed their reputation, I have no idea. It's a shame that we treat each other so poorly when our lives are hard enough. I believe that the Gay community in midtown tries hard to earn the respect and support of the

community by fixing up their homes. It's a pity there is trash like this that undermines our efforts.

If you are fixing up your home beware of these two.

MJK
Memphis

Thanks

I appreciate your willingness to place the Lesbian/Gay mass announcement as a service of the Triangle Journal News. We, in the homosexual community, deeply appreciate your efforts at keeping us informed.

Kudos to you and your staff, Allen.

Kent Usry
Memphis

Miss Gay Memphis

The following letter was written to Frank Cooper and David DaPonte of Amnesia. TJN received a copy of the letter.

Dear Frank and David,

This month is the anniversary of the Miss Gay Memphis pageant, which is the first turning point in the history of the Memphis community. The battle continues for Gay and Lesbian human rights but many things have been accomplished since that first in-your-face event of Oct. 31, 1969.

I just got out the worn and hallowed ole Miss Memphis plaque and am updating it yet again for display at the revival of this pageant. I felt like taking this opportunity to thank y'all for your contributions toward preserving this important piece of memorabilia.

Many of your services, favors and contributions to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian community have gone largely unknown and unpublished, primarily because you have chosen not to make a big noise about each and every kindness or support that you have shown. Both personally and by means of your businesses and employees you have made a far greater impact than most people realize. When I look at this plaque, it sort of sums it up for me.

On behalf of the Mid-South Archives of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and all of those whom this plaque commemorates, thank you for helping us preserve and keep our oldest link with the past. From myself, thanks for all the rest.

Vincent Astor

Film Transfers to Video Tape Completed - Thanks to Contributors

May I take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to the transfer of our 1969, '70 and '71 films to video tape.

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Larry has the master prints and anyone who would like copies of the videos should contact him.

Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
Bill Kendall



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Clinton Appoints Apuzzo as Assistant

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign welcomed the appointment of longtime Lesbian and Gay rights advocate Virginia M. Apuzzo Oct. 1 as an assistant to the president, making her the highest-ranking openly Gay official ever to serve in the federal government.

"We applaud this appointment as yet another step in President Clinton's promise to make his administration look like America," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director, "and we look forward to more appointments and nominations of openly Gay people in Clinton's second term."

Apuzzo, of Kingston, N.Y., was named assistant to the president for management and administration at the White House. In this position, she will direct all the management and administration functions of the White House complex and have

oversight responsibilities for all agencies of the executive office of the president. These include White House intern program, the photography office, the telephone service and the travel office.

The Human Rights Campaign has been working closely with the White House to screen and recommend qualified openly Gay candidates to a variety of posts in Clinton's second term.

Since 1996, Apuzzo has been associate deputy secretary of labor at the U.S. Department of Labor. Before joining the administration, she was president of the New York

State Civil Service Commission and commissioner of the New York State Department of Civil Service, positions for which she was nominated by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

From 1985 to 1991, Apuzzo served as deputy executive director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board. For part of that time, from 1986 to 1989, she served concurrently as the governor's liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Earlier in her career, Apuzzo was executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Report That Gays Experience Workplace Discrimination

Just released by the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies (I-GLSS), "Vulnerability in the

Workplace: Evidence of Anti-Gay Discrimination" effectively challenges the myths that Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual people do not experience workplace discrimination and are an economic elite.

The report details survey evidence documenting the existence of anti-Gay discrimination, including evidence from cities across the United States and from academic, legal and medical professionals. Some surveys also uncovered evidence of anti-Gay discrimination from heterosexual colleagues who have witnessed discriminatory acts against Gay people first-hand.

The expectation of discrimination leads Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual people to conceal their sexual orientation, and two studies show that discrimination has a negative impact on the earnings of Gay people. The report concludes with implications for public policy, highlighting how discrimination reduces morale and productivity in the workplace.

"Whenever the question of prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation arises, whether in the U.S. Congress or in a state legislature, someone testifies that Gay people do not experience discrimination," noted Dr. M.V. Lee Badgett, Acting Executive Director of I-GLSS and author of the report.

"This report contradicts opponents of workplace equality: hard-working Gay people experience unfair employment discrimination in all parts of the United States and in many different occupations."

The Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies is a non-profit think tank in Washington, DC, and Amherst, MA. The I-GLSS mission is to use scholarly research, analysis, and education to inform public policy debates on issues of concern to Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people.

UFMCC's Perry Receives Invitation To White House Conference On Hate Crimes

Los Angeles — The Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the world's largest Gay and Lesbian spirituality organization, has received an invitation to participate in the upcoming White House Conference on Hate Crimes on Nov 10.

The conference was announced in June by President Clinton during an address to the nation in which he called for all Americans to "use the full talents of all of our people, regardless of race or religious faith, national origin or sexual orientation, gender or disability."

The White House Conference on Hate Crimes will explore both federal options for addressing hate crimes as well as community-based remedies.

In a letter to the President, Perry noted that, "UFMCC members and congregations have suffered a two-fold victimization by hate crimes — crimes against our worship facilities because of our faith and crimes against our predominantly Gay and Lesbian members because of their sexual orientation.

"Since its founding in 1968,

more than 20 UFMCC churches have been bombed or arsoned," said Perry, "while many others have been vandalized, desecrated or threatened. Proportionally, no other institution in America has been the recipient of as much arson, bombing, vandalism and desecration motivated by hate crimes as have the churches of UFMCC. An astounding and shocking seven percent of our congregations have been targets of bombing or arson."

Perry will represent the more than 42,000 members of UFMCC congregations at the White House Conference. "I intend to use my voice to call for enactment of broad protections for our Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgendered citizens," said Perry.

UFMCC was founded in 1968 by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, who serves as moderator of the fast-growing denomination.

UFMCC is composed of more than 300 local congregations in 15 countries. With a combined budget in excess of \$15 million, the UFMCC churches comprise the largest predominantly Gay organization in the world.

Appellate Judge Calls on Clinton to Renounce "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A veteran federal judge called on President Clinton to renounce the military's so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy governing homosexuals "before it becomes a permanent stain on his legacy."

"Renounce it because it is wrong, it is evil — as you surely know in your heart," said U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William A. Norris.

He issued the unusual challenge Oct. 16 during a ceremony at the Pacific Design Center, where he received a "Liberty Award" from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national nonprofit legal organization working for full civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians.

"Don't ask, don't tell" was adopted by Congress in 1993 and accepted by President Clinton, who had previously proposed repealing entirely the long-standing ban on homosexuals in the military.

Current rules prohibit inquiries into a service member's sexual ori-

entation but allow discharge for homosexual conduct or for a "propensity" to engage in homosexual conduct.

Norris, 70, condemned the policy, saying they demand "Gays and Lesbians live a lie if they wish to serve in the military, and fight and die for their country. ... I can think of no other instance in which the government passed a law whose very purpose is to force people to live a lie, to pretend that their true selves don't really exist."

The liberal judge is perhaps best known for his strong opinion in a 1988 case in which he said the military's ban on Gays violated the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

Norris was introduced by Mayor Richard Riordan, an old friend and longtime Gay rights advocate. The mayor joked that when the two first met at Princeton University in the late 1940s that "diversity was having a roommate from Texas."

Norris is set to retire this month after 17 years on the federal bench.



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Michigan Panel Takes Testimony on Sexual Bias Crimes

By Greta Guest
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Some House lawmakers saw Hollywood's version of a Gay bashing incident Oct. 14 as part of testimony on a bill that would add sexual orientation to Michigan's Ethnic Intimidation Act.

The film clip, provided by the Detroit-based Triangle Foundation, was from the *Torch Song Trilogy*. In it, a man was being beaten in an alley by six or seven others.

In a second film clip, this one real, members of the House Constitutional and Civil Rights Committee, were informed about a New York Gay man who was beaten to death by three men using a hammer, a wrench and a knife.

While neither the real nor fictional case took place in Michigan, Jeffrey Montgomery, associate director of the Triangle Foundation, said, many do.

Sixty-nine people were killed or hurt in 127 anti-Gay attacks in Detroit last year, according to a report by the Triangle Foundation. Only 26 percent of all hate crimes are

reported to police, experts say.

Montgomery and about 50 others attended the meeting to urge passage of the amendment, which they say will help protect them from bias crimes.

Rep. Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, the bill's sponsor, said the amendment was necessary to restore protection originally in the 1988 Ethnic Intimidation Act. That language was stricken before the bill became law.

Protections are in place for bias-motivated violence and intimidation based on race, religion, ethnicity and gender.

"For ten years we have had a law to combat bias crimes that ignores a whole group of citizens who are at the gravest risk of suffering a bias-motivated attack," Montgomery said.

All who spoke before the committee supported the amendment including victims of Gay bashing, the Detroit Police Department and Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunning III.

The victims of several notable cases of anti-Gay attacks testified including Sean McBride, who

ended up paralyzed, and Trish Brown, who lost her spot on the Wayne Westland Community School Board.

Last November, a jury ordered Pinkerton's Security and Investigation to pay \$10 million to McBride, 29.

He was shot six times and beaten outside his Detroit apartment building in January 1994 by three men who had been evicted from the building a few months earlier. A Pinkerton's security guard on duty in the building stood and watched as McBride, who is Gay, was harassed several times during a half-hour period.

Two men were later charged with assault with intent to murder in the attack. The third attacker was never arrested.

"I was ambushed and gunned down by three men because they couldn't identify with my sexual orientation," McBride said. "As a result, I'm paralyzed. It's an awfully high price to pay just because I'm Gay."

Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, questioned whether the amendment would apply to her

free speech rights.

She cited a case in which she was asked during an interview about her position on same-sex marriages. She replied that "homosexual marriages are immoral."

"Under this bill would I be guilty of a hate crime?"

Martinez and others said state-

ments of personal opinions was not a crime and would be protected under constitutional free speech guarantees.

While the act adds misdemeanor penalties for hate crimes, the amended version would provide a two-year felony penalty for those motivated by sexual orientation bias.

Cammermeyer May Run for Congress

LANGLEY, Wash. (AP) — Retired Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who once called herself "one of the most famous Lesbians in the country," is thinking about a run for Congress.

The Democrat, who drew national attention with her successful fight to stay in the Washington National Guard despite the military's policy of discharging homosexuals, says she is mulling a challenge of two-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf. The 2nd District includes western Washington from Everett, north of Seattle, to the Canadian border.

Cammermeyer, 55, recently retired from the military and lives with her partner, Diane Divelbess, in a home they built on Whidbey Island.

The decorated Vietnam veteran was fired in 1992 after disclosing

her sexual orientation in a 1989 interview for a top-secret security clearance. A federal judge later ordered her reinstatement and the government did not appeal.

Her battle resulted in a best-selling book and a made-for-TV movie starring Glenn Close.

Cammermeyer is co-chair of the campaign for Initiative 677, the state ballot measure to ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. She said she will make no final decision on her congressional bid until after next month's election.

If elected to Congress next year, Cammermeyer said she would not be a spokeswoman just for Gays.

"If you look at what I have focused on the last seven years, it is not Gays and Lesbians — it is discrimination. It is civil rights for

individuals," she said. "If people make you an icon, it is their stuff — it is not mine. I have never been caught up with organizations. I am a person concerned with issues. I would go to Washington, D.C., not to represent me, but the 2nd District."

She said she anticipates some hostile encounters.

"My job is not to change anyone's religious beliefs or stands," she said. "People have an absolute right to their convictions. But when their beliefs infringe on another person's civil rights, I must challenge that. Civil rights are fundamental to America."

The only other Democrat mentioned for the seat has been state Rep. Dave Quall, who has said he may run if the courts uphold legislative term limits.

Airline Legal Attack On San Francisco Domestic Partners Underway

On October 10 in a U.S. District Court in Oakland, California, the City of San Francisco began to defend its law requiring companies doing business with the City to provide the same benefits to domestic partners as they do to spouses of employees.

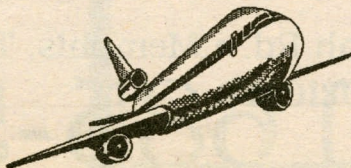
The lawsuit, brought by Air Transport Association, the trade organization for the nation's major airlines, and the Airline Industrial Relations Conference, an industry lobby group, argues that only the federal government and not local bodies can impose such mandates

on airlines.

The City states that local governments have the authority to dictate how taxpayers' money is spent and the terms for doing business on city property. Joining San Francisco in the defense are the American Civil Liberties Union, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Officials in other cities considering similar equal rights laws, including Seattle, New York and San Diego, are closely following what City Attorney Louise Renne calls

"a critical civil rights case."

The ATA filed the suit after the Board of Supervisors granted United Airlines an extension on compliance so they could lease new space at the airport. United Airlines was to review the law, which they did, and then refused to comply.



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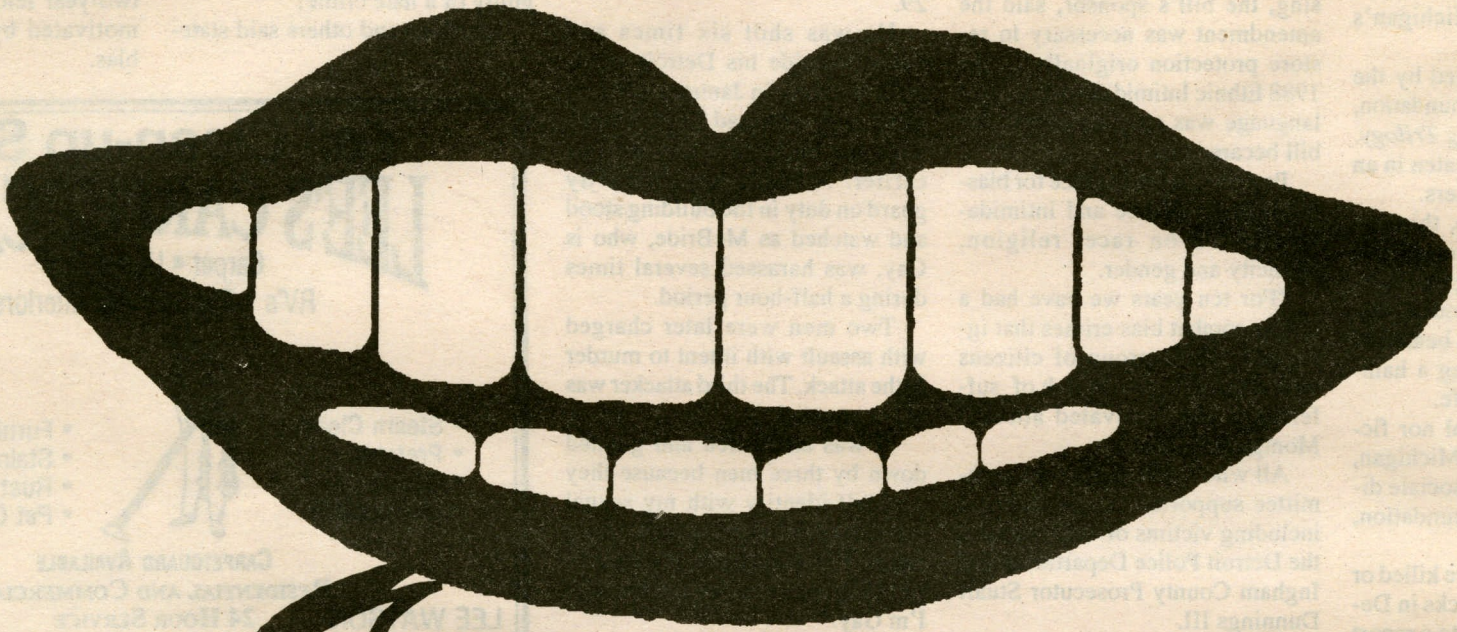


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Dignity Responds to Bishops' Pastoral Letter to Parents of Gays

WASHINGTON, DC — "Dignity/USA welcomes the pastoral letter, Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to the Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministries, issued Oct. 1 by the board of the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference. This pastoral letter is a positive step and we commend the bishops for their improved sensitivity to the issues which confront parents and their Lesbian and Gay children, but all is not perfect," says Dignity/USA Executive Director, Charles Cox.

While this pastoral letter has been in development for five years, and does not break any new ground theologically, it does demonstrate greater pastoral sensitivity. Robert Mialovich, President of Dignity/USA said: "The document points out the real dangers that confront Gay and Lesbian youth. It also offers some very practical advice to both parents and pastors. Our hope is that all bishops, pas-

tors and parents will take it to heart and that we will see improved ministry to our community. Since its founding in 1969, Dignity/USA has been working for improved pastoral attention to the real lives of Gay men and women. The bishops' letter recognizes some of these needs and our task will be to hold them to their words."

Mialovich went on to say, "Though the letter is very pastoral, we continue to be disturbed by the bishops' continued distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual activity. This is a distinction that makes little sense to us and will be a stumbling block in the way of any effective pastoral program seeking to encompass the letter's recommendations. Further, the letter still leaves parents without guidance on how to respond positively to their children's same-sex relationships." Charles Cox also went on to say, "The most serious fault we find with the letter

is the incomplete explanation and view it provides regarding chastity. Dignity believes that expressions of love, including sexual intimacy between two individuals of the same sex, can be morally acceptable."

Cox also said, "However, Dignity/USA is pleased with the tone and content of Always Our Children. Our hope is that this letter is only the beginning of a more open and fruitful dialogue between Gay

men, Lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons and the Catholic Church. Dignity looks forward to meeting the 'outstretched hand' of invitation offered by the bishops."

The bishops' letter is especially timely in light of Dignity/USA's sponsorship of Lesbian and Gay History Month throughout October and of Solidarity Sunday on Oct. 5. On that day, Dignity urged all people to wear a rainbow ribbon

marking their solidarity with each other, rejoicing in our diversity and praying that all persons, regardless of gender or sexual orientation may experience justice, peace, and love.

Dignity/USA is the nation's largest organization of Catholic Lesbians, Gay men, bisexuals and transgendered individuals and their families and friends.

Gay Students, Administration Clash at College Over Banners

HAMDEN, Conn. (AP) — Gay students at Quinnipiac College are accusing the administration of discrimination for making them remove a "National Coming Out Day" banner hung at the library on the same day as the school's open house.

The banner was put up Oct. 13 by the college's Gay organization, Gays, Lesbians and Straight Supporters, as prospective students and their parents were touring the private college in this New Haven suburb.

College officials said the banner was ordered removed because of a policy barring signs from campus buildings, and denied discriminating against the group.

Molly Scott, founder of the Gay student group and president of the student government, said the group did not deliberately hold its "Coming Out Day" on the same day as the open house.

"This was so blatantly discriminatory," Scott said. "The college's student handbook says, 'We will not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference.'"

A half hour after students gathered near the big banner on the library steps, campus security told them to take it down, Scott said.

Scott decided to create and hold yet another sign, this one reading: "This sign is not about Gay rights — ask me why."

She said an associate dean then told her not to display any sign and quoted him as saying: "This is not the time or place for this."

The organization was also told it could not rehang its banner on the cafeteria wall, where it had first been put up and removed, Scott said.

College spokeswoman Lynn Bushnell said the incident had nothing to do with free speech or Gay rights.

"The college has a longstanding policy that signs cannot be posted on buildings. We take enormous pride in all our buildings and keeping the campus clean. We routinely remove signs," Bushnell said.

Quinnipiac, a private school founded in 1929, has 3,400 full-time undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students.



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By Ira L. King
A Review

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tainment among the various performers. The balance was perfect.

Hosted by vivacious and long-legged Alison Tate, this benefit had something for everyone. The Southern Country dancers were in rare form as they treated the audience to some fancy footwork during the second act.

Live performances by Mr. Gay Tennessee All-American and his first alternate, Alison Tate, Crazy Becky, comic performances by I. D. Clare, Kimber Love and many others made this a wonderful evening. There was a special performance by the maven of bar room madness - Lorretta Williams.

This was a memorable and profitable endeavor. The nearly \$1,800 raised will go the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the Switchboard.

New Support Group in Jackson

A new Gay and Lesbian support group has been formed in the Jackson, TN community.

The Lambda Group is a support and discussion group for Gay men and Lesbians and meets on the second Saturday of each month in Classroom A at Columbia Regional Hospital.

For more information, contact Scott Baird at 901-427-1500.

Directors, Advisors Appointed to CGLRA

by Len Piechowski

At a meeting in late September, several appointments were made to the Board of Directors and to the Panel of Advisors of the Coalition For Gay & Lesbian Religious Affairs (CGLRA). Appointed to the Board of Directors were: Pastor Greg Bullard of Safe Harbor MCC Church; Clinical Psychologist Joel Chapman, Ph.D.; attorney, David Freudiger; journalist, Ira King; Brian Pera, Director of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center; and the Reverends Timothy Meadows and LaPaula Turner of Holy Trin-

ity Community Church.

Appointed to the Panel of Advisors were Reginald Mebane, Ph.D.; J. Martin Jellinek; Vincent Astor; Rev. Ben Bledsoe; Rev. Cheryl Cornish; Rev. Scott Howell; Rev. David Fikes; Rev. Dr. Brooks Ramsey; Rev. Dr. Douglas Bailey; Rev. Eyleen Farmer; Rev. Neena Ledbetter; and Cantor John Kaplan.

Appointments were made by Len Piechowski, founder and chairman of the Board of Directors. The Advisory Panel will be giving advice and counsel to the Board of Directors which will be responsible

for guiding the future activities of the Coalition.

Commenting on the appointments Mr. Piechowski stated, "CGLRA is an organization of both gay and straight people who provide opportunities to explore a healthy spirituality through self acceptance of, respect for and pride in the sexual diversity of God's creation. Providentially, we have been blessed with a great deal of talent and commitment in the members of our Board of Directors and among our Advisory Panelists."

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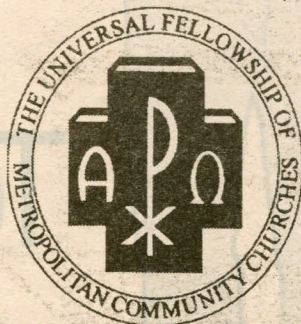
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At Calvary: Interfaith Service of Prayer & Healing

by Ira L. King

They're a distinguished looking lot. Those men and women sitting up in the high place surrounding the beautiful altar that graces Calvary Episcopal Church. They are white-haired, grayhaired, dark-haired. And yes, some with no hair. All gathered in their liturgical garments to participate in what has come to be one of the most significant spiritual experiences in Memphis each year, the 9th annual Interfaith Service of Prayer and Healing for People Living, Working and Ministering in a time of AIDS.

I remember leaving last year's service feeling very let down and very much alone. The speaker had bunched people living with AIDS in the same company with prostitutes. The River City Men's Chorus had been treated like step-children. I remember thinking "Who was this service for, those involved in the day-to-day business of caring for and living with AIDS, or those clergy needing to assuage their egos by attending this service so that they can say they have done their bit for the cause? I was very disappointed.

This year was different. Far from being disappointed, I was elated. This year the focus was clear. The speaker was compassionate and humble, rather than conceited and insincere. And, the congregation was made to know that they are special in God's eyes.

As I watched him approach the elevated podium I thought, "Tim looks awfully tall up there." As it turned out he was awfully tall up there. And he did not decrease in stature as he descended the podium to continue his homily to the laity and clergy men who had gathered at Calvary Episcopal Church on this October Sunday evening.

Rev. Timothy Meadows, Senior Pastor at Holy Trinity Community Church had been appropriately chosen to bring a message of hope and healing to a community trying to survive and help in this age of AIDS. This was my third year to attend the service. For the first time, I was not disappointed. The atmosphere that permeated the sanctuary was reverent and joyful. The David Johnson fabric sculpture hanging above the heads of the congregation was both awesome to behold and humbling to think of all it symbolized. Who would think that

something so simple would be at the same time so profound.

Prior to Rev. Tim rising to deliver the homily, a trio of musicians that included John Wright, Jim Spake and John McClure were charged with setting the mood for the service.. It's a good thing God loves jazz. They played *God Bless the Child* with that smoky smoothness one expects to find in a nightclub, but mixed with reverence and an obvious sense of gratitude to the Creator. The mood for the service was perfectly set.

In his homily, Rev. Tim reminded us of how far we as a community and as a nation have come in dealing with the AIDS epidemic. He noted, and rightly so, that while we do not yet have a cure, the epidemic has created opportunities for healing in many different ways. He noted that countless families, relationships, marriages and broken homes have all been given new life because of people suffering with AIDS. These "hearings" (as he called them) are responsible for enlightened attitudes, increased compassion, and renewed determination to bring an end to this disease. Thank you Rev. Tim, for not linking people living with AIDS with prostitutes and other undesirable elements, as happened in last year's sermon. Thank you for restoring dignity to AIDS victims who too often receive harsh treatment from those they come in contact with on a daily basis. They don't need scorn and bashing from the pulpit.

After the homily, all were invited to give to the offering which would benefit Calvary Episcopal's AIDS burial ministry. I was surprised to learn that Calvary has a ministry (in cooperation with a couple of local funeral homes and a local cemetery) that will bury anybody in the city of Memphis who dies of AIDS when there is no visible means for family or loved ones to handle the burial expenses. They can do this for about \$500 per burial. This is a wonderful ministry and deserves the support of our community.

Perhaps the most moving and spirit-filled part of the service was the laying on of hands and the music that accompanied it. As clergy from various churches and denominations around the city gathered at the altar rail to bless the congregation Ms. Bemeta Miles serenaded with

music that can only be described as "bless my soul, get down, make you wanna shout gospel." Songs such as *How Long Has It Been* and *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* left me and many others in tears.

The reception that followed

was nothing less than delightful. The food, the drink and the mingling of friends was very pleasant.

It was a remarkable service, mostly because of it's simple setting, it's simple sermon, it's

simple songs and it's profound impact on those attending. Rev. Tim you are right. There is not yet a cure for AIDS. But, there have been a great many hearings along the way. Perhaps therein lies the cure.



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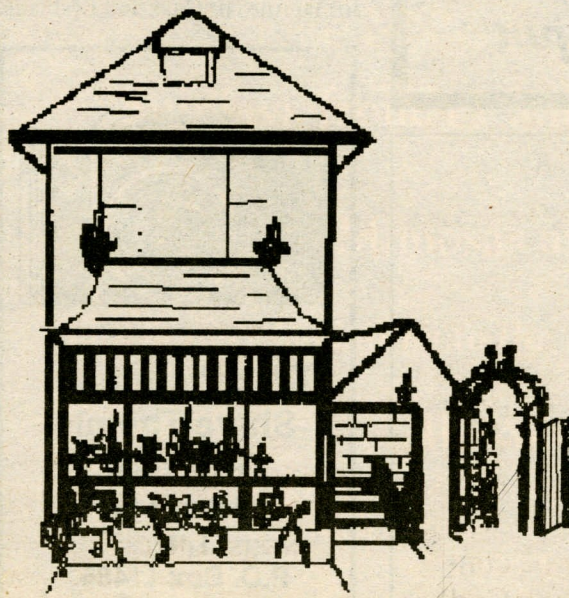
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LA Reform Synagogue to Install Openly Gay Man as Senior Rabbi

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Temple Judea of Tarzana installed Donald Goor as senior rabbi in October, the 900-family Reform congregation became the largest mainstream synagogue to have an openly gay man as its spiritual leader.

"I'm a rabbi who happens to be gay," said Goor, 39, "but the congregation and I have been able to build a relationship where it isn't the primary issue."

Goor was installed as senior rabbi on Oct. 17.

Although the liberal Reform branch of Judaism allowed gay and lesbian rabbis seven years ago, few have been chosen to fill assistant or senior pulpit posts, rabbinical estimates show.

Goor insists his sexuality is secondary to his position, yet he does not dodge gay issues.

"I'm comfortable discussing homosexuality. There's nothing that's hidden," said Goor, who has lived with the same companion for 12 years.

Officials of the Tarzana congregation said Goor, whose father is a rabbi in New York, was an easy choice to replace outgoing Rabbi Akiva Annes, who retired July 1.

"He's exactly what clergy should be — sensitive to older congregants and involved with the youth," said temple President Michael Rudman. "He is not a one-dimensional rabbi."

Only two or three out of about 350 people in focus groups in-

volved in the selection process expressed displeasure about Goor being chosen, officials said.

More than a year before Annes retired, Goor had been chosen as the future senior rabbi by a unanimous voice vote of the congregation.

"Temple Judea should be commended for looking beyond prejudice and stereotypes to keeping an outstanding rabbi," said Rabbi Janet Marder, the regional director of Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "He's a very, very gifted rabbi with strong social-justice concerns and Torah knowledge who happens to be gay."

And when Reform rabbis hold their national convention in Anaheim next year, Goor said he will urge colleagues to approve same-sex, wedding-like ceremonies for Jewish gay and lesbian couples. The issue was controversial at last year's meeting.

Orthodox and other traditional Jewish leaders say homosexuality violates Jewish law, and thus cannot be integrated into the synagogue. Among these critics is conservative talk show host Dennis Prager, who is Jewish.

"I would have intellectual respect for the gay movement to equate homosexual relations with heterosexual relations if that movement took a different position on bisexual behavior — because bisexuals have a choice," Prager said. "That the homosexual movement supports bisexual behavior ... means that their position is not at all based on the argument that homosexuals have no choice."

"Rather, it is an attempt to undo the 3,000-year-old Jewish battle to make heterosexual, monogamous love the human ideal."

Some moderate conservatives, however, have pushed for a more sympathetic view of homosexual Jews. At the Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, for instance, a support group was formed five years ago for families of gays and lesbians.

Two Top AIDS Experts Quit New England Journal Over Editorial

By Daniel Q. Haney
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) — Two top AIDS experts have resigned from the *New England Journal of Medicine's* board to protest an editorial that likened AIDS studies in the Third World to the notorious Tuskegee experiment.

Dr. David Ho, head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City, and Dr. Catherine M. Wilfert, a pediatric AIDS expert at Duke University, said as board members they should have been consulted about the editorial before it was published in September.

The editorial criticized several studies, mostly in Africa, that are intended to see if brief, inexpensive doses of the drug AZT will keep HIV-infected mothers from passing the virus to their babies. Some of the women are receiving dummy pills instead of AZT.

Dr. Marcia Angell, the journal's executive editor, said in the editorial that the studies are unethical. She likened them to the Tuskegee study in which poor black men in the South with syphilis were left untreated even after penicillin became available.

The editorial upset many AIDS researchers, including Ho and Wilfert, who believe the African studies are the only practical way to prove that a simple approach works better than nothing at all. Wilfert and others worried that the influential journal's criticism could bring the studies to a halt.

In an opinion piece in the Sept.

29 issue of *Time* magazine, Ho called the Tuskegee comparison "inflammatory and unfair." He said it "could make a desperate situation even worse."

Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer, the journal's editor in chief, fired off an angry e-mail to Ho, criticizing him for not talking to the journal before writing in *Time*.

Kassirer said that Ho wrote back offering to resign.

"I sat on it for a couple of days and then decided to accept his resignation," Kassirer said.

Wilfert said she submitted her resignation to take effect after the editorial board's next once-a-year meeting in December. There she said she hopes for "a very cool discussion about the role of the editorial board."

She said the journal's decision to present just one side of the controversy was a policy issue that should have been brought to the 25-member board.

"I resigned because of the way in which it was handled," Wilfert said.

Kassirer said the board members, among some of the most prominent physicians in research, are asked for advice on such policy questions as conflict of interest and Internet publishing but never on the journal's content.

"I regret this happened," Kassirer said. "On the other hand, we can't be hamstrung by trying to have decisions made by committee."

Dr. Richard P. Wenzel of the Medical College of Virginia, another AIDS expert on the editorial board, has not resigned.

Gay Press Continues To Be Hot Ad Market

According to a new study by Gay marketing specialists Mulryan/Nash, Lesbian and Gay print media has the fastest growing print/advertising market in the U.S. In a study of the 138 gay-targeted print publications around the country, ad spending reached \$100.2 million, a 35.9 percent increase over 1996.

In comparison, ad revenues in mainstream newspapers grew just 12.9 percent over 1996 and ad revenues in the Hispanic press grew

11 percent.

Among big-name first-time advertisers to the gay press in 1997 were Aetna Retirement Services, American Express Financial Services, IBM, HBO, and United and Continental Airlines.

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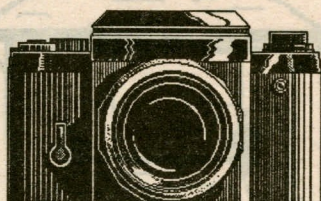
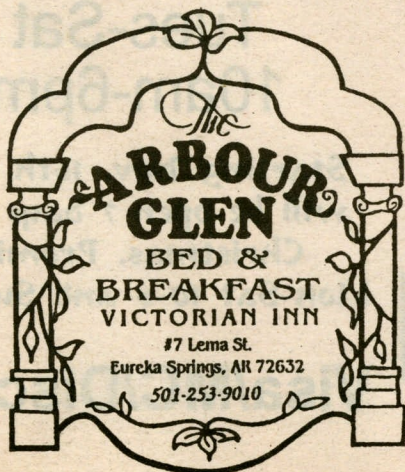


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Behind Enemy Lines?

By Stephen Bickford

When I started out this morning, October 1, I thought that I was an alien going behind enemy lines. I went to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to run the Dayton Lesbian and Gay Center exhibit at the Combined Federal Campaign fair in hangar 148.

I arrived before 9:00 a.m. since I was told that 9:00 a.m. was the set-up time. I didn't want them to have any reason to disqualify me.

I brought a rainbow table cloth for the display table, rainbow flag buttons from the American Federation of Government Employees union, a pink Dayton Lesbian and Gay Center poster with their logo on it, AIDS awareness magazines, flyers about a photography and text exhibit titled "Love Makes A Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families" which opens this weekend in Dayton, DLGC brochures and their latest newsletter. I also brought some information about Air Force GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian, or bisexual employees) and copies of a letter from the office of the Secretary of the Air Force saying that the

Air Force would not discriminate against civilians based on sexual orientation.

It wasn't long before a military man walked past and said "a Gay booth on an Air Force Base. That's ironic." I didn't expect comments that quickly. Then, I went over and talked to a man setting up the booth for the AIDS Foundation Miami Valley. He was putting out a nest of condoms. I told him about my booth and invited him to the "Center." Then I went over and talked to the woman at the "Planned Parenthood" table. She said that Lesbians go there often for answers to health related questions. She also said that Lesbians, as a rule did not see the doctor often enough for their own health for whatever reason. I told her about my booth and brought her some of my AIDS awareness magazines, which she read and appreciated.

I went back to my booth and found out that the two booths across from me were occupied by exhibits from the Dayton Christian Schools and the Christian Family Network. The booth from the Christian Family Network was definitely anti-Gay. It talked about getting the family

back to conservative Christian morals and values. Both Christian booths were done in slick professional style. My exhibit was home-made but several people told me that it was the most colorful booth due to its rainbow theme.

ested, I said "you aren't allowed to talk to me." One man just smiled and said that he wasn't worried.

Generally, the military looked at the booth and kept on walking. They didn't have any questions. I later stopped the

that she had friends that would appreciate seeing it.

I did have a few people that walked by in groups and looked at the booth and laughed. At least, they saw the booth and perhaps will go back to their offices and tell their friends. I think that a lot of people probably will talk about the display with their friends afterwards. I'm sure that it generated a lot of awareness and hopefully money for the DLGC.

I hope that the Dayton Lesbian and Gay Center has a booth at the Wright-Patterson AFB Combined Federal Campaign fair for many years to come and that the military get used to it and us being there.

As I was returning to my car in the shuttle van, I noticed that the woman who ran the booth for the Christian Family Network was seated in the back of the van. Then, to my surprise I saw that she was parked next to me in the remote lot. She had a bumper sticker on her van that said "Obey the Commandments". I had a bumper sticker on my car that said "Protect your family from the Christian Coalition." We just got into our vehicles and headed in opposite directions.

COMMENTARY

Since I work at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, when the people started arriving to look at the booths, I started to see many people that I knew and who knew me. I had a very enjoyable day talking to many other people from United Way organizations around Dayton. Many, were interested in networking so that they could find information about all kinds of things in case they needed it. I enjoyed talking to people that I worked with or had worked with. One male engineer said that they are finding out that homosexuality is genetic. I said "in that case blame my mother." He said "no need to blame your mother. She did a fine job."

When three military men walked past and looked inter-

military man who made the comment about the Gay booth when I first arrived. I gave him a copy of my letter from the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He looked at it and then folded it up and put it in his pocket.

Many times, civilians stopped by to look and read things. I'm sure that there were Gays and Lesbians in the groups. Women far outnumbered the men. If I thought that they were Gay or Lesbian I told them about my letter banning discrimination against civilians based on sexual orientation. Several took copies of the letter. One woman was very interested in my information related to Air Force GLOBE. I gave her a pile of information. She said



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HIV-Positive People Have Various Ways to Cope with Stress

By Waka Tsunoda
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One screamed. Another couldn't believe the test result and demanded to see the report. Yet another accepted the news calmly, but he walked home in a daze, almost bumping into trees and poles.

Even with recent medical advances, AIDS is a disease without a cure, and being diagnosed with HIV or Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS is nothing less than devastating.

"I just sat there," recalls Wilma Smith. "Then, suddenly, I just started screaming at the top of my lungs and sobbing uncontrollably. I was totally lost."

HIV is far more than a death sentence. Since it is often associated with drug use and homosexuality, it carries a certain social

stigma, and HIV-positive men and women face additional hardships such as rejection by society and family and loss of jobs. They also must watch their fellow patients — friends and even family — die one by one as their own health deteriorates.

How are they coping with these overwhelming stresses?

Smith, a 41-year-old former drug user, and 37 other HIV-positive men and women, all under pseudonyms, tell their stories candidly and articulately in a just published book, *Being Positive, The Lives of Men and Women with HIV* by Robert Klitzman, M.D.

Dr. Klitzman, assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at Columbia University, has found from their narratives that there are six broad patterns of handling the stress of HIV: Finding camaraderie in the community of HIV patients; find-

ing solace in religion; finding meaning and a sense of purpose in work or volunteerism; and trying to forge closer ties with family. Two other, and less desirable, modes of adaptation are: minimizing or denying the seriousness of their condition; and finding temporary release in sex and substance abuse.

George Sullivan, a 55-year-old Gay man and former Wall Street executive, is one of the men who has found "some security and safety" in "HIV-land," or the HIV community.

"I have a Harvard education and used to go to work in a suit," he says. "Then I got the virus. I went through various self-improvement and transformation games...to raise my self esteem and not feel like a second-class citizen. But I felt outside the financial world where I worked. All those people were straight and HIV negative. It was very difficult to get along there as an openly Gay — never mind HIV-positive — man."

Gregory Colson, a Vietnam veteran who spent time in jail because of drug use, turned to higher powers for help. After being tested positive in 1986, he explains, "I started really believing in God and the Bible."

He attributes his continued existence to God's will.

"God wants me here for a reason: to do good," he says. "He doesn't want me to die. He wants me to help other people, to be a messenger, and spread the word — about how to protect yourself from HIV, and how to live with it if you've already got it, and how not

to give it to somebody else."

Maurice Bradford, a 44-year-old former hospital administrator, on the other hand, finds a sense of purpose in his part-time work as a consultant.

"...work has always been extremely important to me," explains Bradford, who is Gay. "I was never a person who watched the clock and worked only nine to five. I always put in a lot more time — uncompensated — than I had to. It was an important part of defining my life."

To counter the destruction and stigma of HIV, many patients try to reconnect with kin, Klitzman points out. This goal allows men and women to "live on" after death through future generations, but the establishment of such bonds can be difficult, the psychiatrist says.

Jenny Singer, a 38-year-old Italian-American nurse who used intravenous drugs, says, "the worst part of HIV is not being able to have a child now. ... I know there's a chance I could have a seronegative child, but it would break my heart if I gave birth and then had to watch the child be sick for years and die from AIDS. I couldn't inflict that kind of pain on another human being. Instead I just bought a cute little baby dog. It's nice to see her growing and changing every day. No matter what I do or say, she always loves me."

Leonard Barber, a 31-year-old Gay man, is one of those who choose minimization or denial to cope with his HIV status. "I practice conscious denial," he says. "I pretend I'm going to live forever."

Some turn to sex and substance

abuse, which could be dangerous. HIV patients who indulge in unprotected sex are risking infecting partners or reinfecting themselves with another strain of HIV virus.

According to the National Institutes of Health, an estimated 650,000 to 900,000 U.S. residents are living with HIV infection. Through 1996, an estimated 29.4 million people worldwide had been infected with HIV, of whom approximately 8.4 million have developed AIDS.

Klitzman is an experienced hand in studying epidemics that cause massive death. Even before he entered medical school, he conducted research on the medical epidemiology and medical anthropology of kuru, a viral disease in Papua New Guinea, which killed 90 percent of the women and two-thirds of the entire population of a "Stone Age" group and its neighbors.

He thinks everyone could learn from the experiences of HIV patients.

"HIV raises in bold relief issues that each of us will one day confront," he says in conclusion. "We will all face death, though we rarely think about it. ...Those with HIV — mostly baby boomers — have had to face these issues before others of their generation, and have illustrated what does and does not impede and help."

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University of Georgia Panel Rejects Gay Partner Benefits

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — A University of Georgia panel has rejected a proposal to extend fringe benefits to unmarried and same-sex partners after an outpouring of negative public comment.

The executive committee of the university's staff council voted Oct. 15 to table the proposal "until such time as state law changes."

Supporters of the measure said they hope to revive the proposal at a full staff council meeting and to lobby students and faculty, said Michael Albert, a staff member who supports the proposal.

"I'm not surprised. I'm very disappointed that people will not overcome their prejudices," Albert said.

Pointing to state sodomy laws and a ban on same-sex marriages, three members of the executive committee voted to table the request. A fourth member abstained. The fifth voting member of the committee was absent.

The resolution defines domestic partners as two people willing to agree in writing that they are

each other's sole "significant other."

Committee members said their telephones lit up this week after

word got out that the subcommittee was considering asking for services to domestic partners and insurable dependents.

First National Gay Relationship Domestic Violence Report Released

At a rate equal to that of heterosexual relationships, between 25-33 percent of relationships between Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender partners include abuse, according to a report released today by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects (NCAVP).

In addition, the study found that seven states explicitly exclude same-sex relationships from qualifying in domestic violence statutes, while no state explicitly includes them.

Services for the population are virtually non-existent, responding

police often do not know how to respond, and even if sensitive, domestic violence programs designed for heterosexual female victims and heterosexual male batterers do not tend to be utilized by Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender people affected by battering.

"We found a worst-case scenario [of] high levels of violence coupled with a profound dearth of services" said NCAVP spokesperson Tiffany Stephan. "This invisible battering hurts an uncounted number of Americans every year."

National Gay & Lesbian History Essay Winner Announced

NEW YORK — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced today that Dr. Vicki L. Eaklor of Alfred, New York was the winner of the first-ever national essay contest celebrating October as Lesbian & Gay History Month: A Celebration of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History. Her essay will appear in more than 20 Lesbian and Gay publications from coast to coast. Contestants were asked, "What does Lesbian, Gay,

bisexual and transgender history mean to you, and how do you envision that history influencing the future of the movement?"

The judges read nearly 75 entries from places such as Salt Lick, Kentucky and El Monte, California. Eaklor's essay, "Without Visibility There is No History," focused on the importance of political activism and visibility in shaping the Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender community. The essay will appear in a number of

publications, including *The Washington Blade* (DC), *Lesbian & Gay New York*, *Windy City Times* (Chicago), *Dallas Voice*, *Seattle Gay News* and the *Gayly Oklahoman*.

"I am thrilled to have not only have won, but to have played a part in celebrating Lesbian & Gay History Month," said Dr. Eaklor. "From the classroom to the boardroom, our history is essential for the community and the whole world to understand and appreciate."

Dr. Vicki L. Eaklor teaches in

the Division of Human Studies at Alfred University in Alfred, New York. Every other year, she teaches a course entitled "Gay American History" to undergraduate students. She is currently working on an extensive essay on recent Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender history. Dr. Eaklor has been out for more than 15 years, and has a partner of 9 years. For her winning essay, Eaklor will receive a round-trip ticket anywhere American Airlines flies in the con-

tinental US, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

"Vicki's essay speaks to the heart of what GLAAD and many of today's Gay rights organizations strive to accomplish; visibility," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "This community's history has been defined, and continues to be shaped, by those brave and courageous individuals who have been the most visible spokespeople for our struggle."

UFMCC Adopts New Mission, Vision Statements

Los Angeles — The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), the world's largest Gay and Lesbian spirituality organization, has announced adoption of a new mission and vision statement. The new statement was adopted during UFMCC's recent General Conference XVIII in Sydney, Australia.

The new UFMCC mission statement reads:

"The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is a Christian Church founded in and reaching beyond the Gay and Lesbian communities. We embody and proclaim Christian salvation and liberation, Christian inclusivity and community, and Christian social action and justice.

We serve among those seeking and celebrating the integration of their spirituality and sexuality."

"With the adoption of this new mission statement, UFMCC became the first Christian denomination in history to proclaim the 'integration of spirituality and sexuality' as part of its intrinsic mission," said the Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator of the denomination.

The new vision statement enacted in Australia reads:

"The vision of the UFMCC is to embody the presence of the Divine in the world, as revealed through Jesus Christ; to challenge the conscience of the universal Christian Church; and to celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of

each person. As we move toward this vision, by 2003, the UFMCC will be comprised of at least 70,000 members and adherents who are all called and equipped to minister with excellence. This diverse global body will be widely recognized as a prophetic light and driving force for an inclusive Christian spirituality which celebrates the integration of spirituality and human sexuality. Through our strengthened local churches, we will meet the justice and faith needs of people in increasing numbers of countries and cultures."

"Four points in this vision statement are especially noteworthy," said Perry. "This new document calls us to impact the universal Christian Church with our message

of hope and affirmation for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. It calls us to fulfill our vision to double membership in a decade. It calls UFMCC to establish spiritual outposts in additional countries and cultures. And it reemphasizes our commitment to the positive integration of sexuality and spirituality."

UFMCC was founded in 1968 by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, who serves as moderator of the fast-growing denomination. A frequent international speaker at churches, universities, and conferences, Perry has appeared on C-SPAN, 60 Minutes, Phil Donahue, Tomorrow

with Tom Snyder, and The Mike Douglas Show. UFMCC's story has appeared in virtually every international news magazine. Perry is the recipient of awards from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Human Rights Campaign, and the Gay Press Association.

UFMCC is composed of more than 300 local congregations in 15 countries. With a combined budget in excess of \$15 million, the UFMCC churches comprise the largest predominantly Gay organization in the world.

Additional information on UFMCC is available at the UFMCC website at <http://www.ufmcc.com>.

GLSEN Receives \$100,000 Gill Foundation Grant

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) recently received a grant for \$100,000 from the Gill Foundation, a private foundation based in Colorado Springs. The two-year grant will be used by GLSEN to aid in their mission of ending anti-Gay bias in our nation's K-12 schools. This is the third time GLSEN has received a grant from the Gill Foundation.

According to GLSEN Executive Director, Kevin Jennings, "The grant allows us to continue our grassroots organizing efforts. We'll be expanding our annual Leadership Training Institute to a larger audience, and developing a pilot program of mini-Institutes in targeted regions. Our new Advocacy project was created in response to a 1997 National School Boards Association study which found that 54% of all school board members are religious conservatives, a group actively opposing efforts to end the mistreatment of LGBT youth in schools. This "School Boards Project", will equip chapters with the skills they need to organize around board elections and build coalitions to elect progressive candidates to office. Our In-School Programming will continue to center around the Student Pride Network, which helps

students organize Gay-Straight Student Alliances (GSA's) nationally linked by websites and electronic list serves, giving students the opportunity to learn from each other, and know that they are not alone."

"GLSEN offers the type of programs the Gill Foundation is committed to supporting throughout the United States," said Katherine Pease, Executive Director of the Gill Foundation. "We believe in building and expanding the capacity of organizations to do their important and much-needed work more effectively."

GLSEN became a national organization in 1994 and has since built a network of over 60 local chapters around the country. In July 1997, Kevin Jennings was invited to the White House to discuss with President Clinton the destructive effects of anti-Gay bias on youth. GLSEN is unique in that it

is the only organization which unites Gay and straight people in an effort to make our nation's schools places where respect for all is taught, regardless of sexual orientation.

The Gill Foundation was established in 1994 by Tim Gill, the founder and chairman of Quark, Inc., a Denver-based computer software company. The mission of the foundation is to support the needs of under-served and under-funded communities in their struggle for equality. It focuses its grants on programs for Gay men and Lesbians, issues related to HIV/AIDS and other social justice causes. In addition to grant making, the foundation operates special programs providing technical assistance and other resources to support the communities it serves. Since its inception, the Gill Foundation, which has offices in Colorado and Washington, DC, has provided nearly \$4 million in grants.

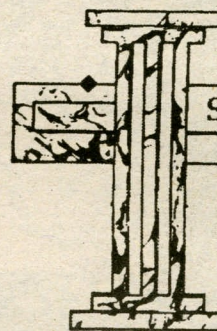
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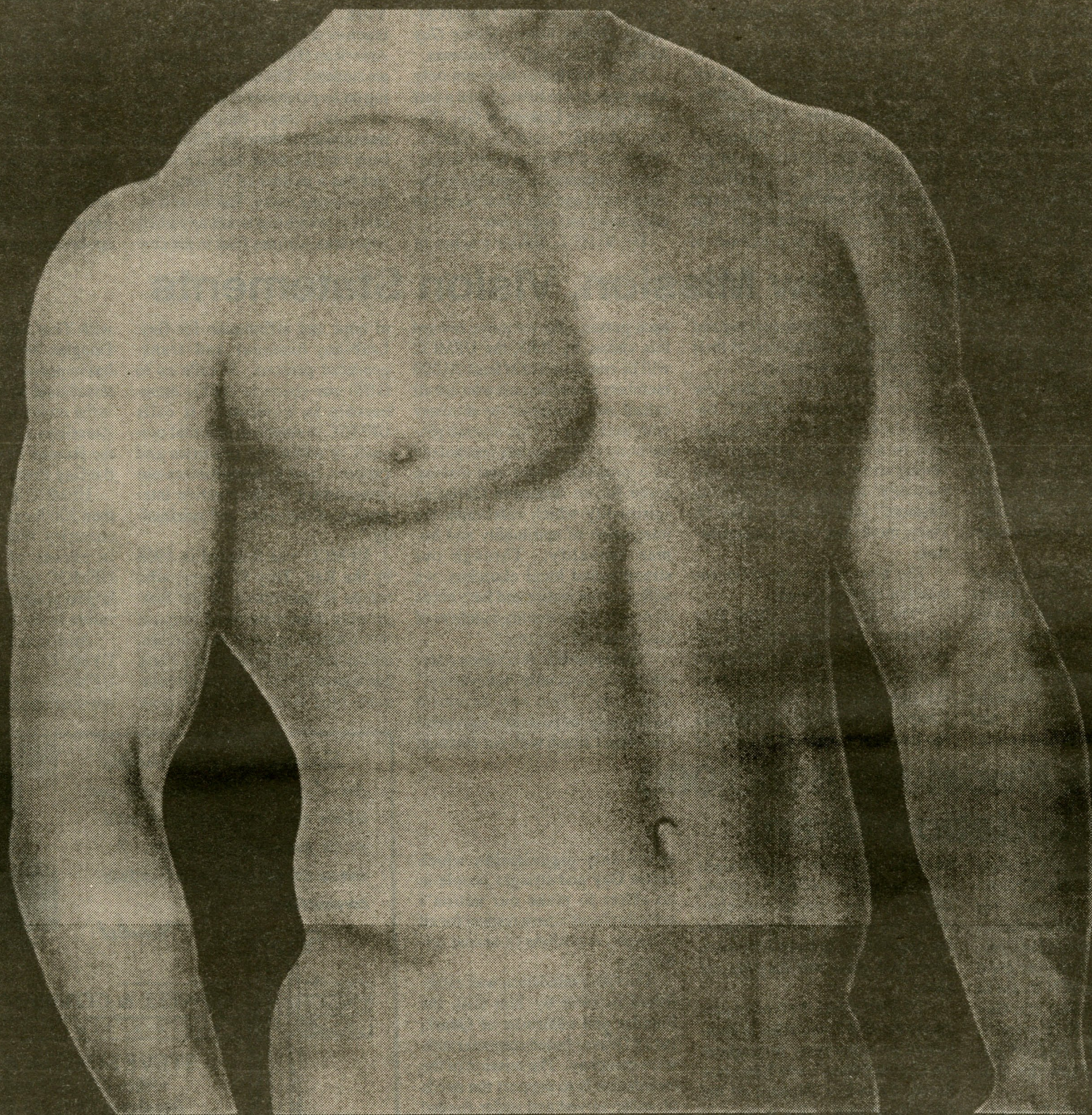


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Government Relaxes Immigration Rules For Gay Partners

LONDON (AP) — The Labor government said Oct. 11 it is making immigration laws fairer by giving foreign partners of Gay Britons residence rights after a four-year relationship instead of the current 15 years.

The relaxed rules, effective Oct. 13, will also apply to unmarried heterosexual couples.

"This is a relatively minor change affecting about 100 people a year," Immigration Minister Mike O'Brien said in a BBC radio

interview.

"Marriage will retain its special position and people should marry if they can ... (but) Some people, such as Gays and some common law couples are actually prohibited from marrying by law. I think it's unfair to destroy their relationships," he added.

Rank-and-file lawmakers from the opposition Conservative Party criticized the move as undermining marriage.

They objected despite Conser-

vative leader William Hague advocating at the party's annual conference this week a more liberal attitude toward Gays and single mothers.

Hague made no immediate comment. An aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the government move as a "political stunt."

"It undermines marriage and it undermines immigration control," said Tory lawmaker Ann Widdecombe. She was a minister

in the Home Office, whose responsibilities include immigration, in the Conservative government which lost power in May 1 elections.

Said O'Brien: "They really did flunk their first test for becoming a compassionate party."

He said common law spouses not able to marry included some from Catholic countries where di-

voiced was difficult.

Stonewall, a national Gay rights movement, gave higher estimates than the government of potential applicants — not including heterosexual couples.

Stonewall spokesman Mike Watson estimated 200 Gay couples would apply immediately, with another 200 applications each year.

British Lesbians Win Round In Discrimination Case

LONDON (AP) — A Lesbian couple scored a victory in European courts Sept. 30 when an advocate-general said a British train company should have provided the same travel privileges heterosexual employees get.

The opinion from advocate-general Michael Elmer is not binding on the full European Court of Justice, based in Luxembourg. But if the court agrees with Elmer's findings, it could force changes in Britain's employment, pension and social security laws.

Lisa Grant, a reservations clerk with South West Trains, had argued her partner, Jill Percy, was

entitled to the same travel privileges given to the husbands, wives and common-law opposite-sex spouses of other rail employees.

The travel benefits the couple sought were worth about \$1,600 a year.

The company argued it had not practiced discrimination because it also withheld travel privileges from any male homosexual employee's partner.

But Elmer ruled the company had discriminated against Grant "in as much as employees must be of the opposite sex to their co-habitees." He said that the travel privileges were part of Grant's pay

package, which was protected by European Union law.

An opinion from the full court is expected later this year.

The case was argued in July, with Grant represented by lawyer Cherie Booth, the wife of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair's Labor Party government opposed his wife's legal arguments. Government lawyer Patrick Elias said the government opposes discrimination against homosexuals, but was concerned the European court could "stretch" existing laws beyond their intent.

Qatar Arrests 33 Filipinos On Homosexuality Charges

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Authorities have arrested 33 Filipino men on homosexuality charges, the *Gulf Times* reported Oct. 1.

"Police raided several shops and establishments two days ago and arrested the Filipinos suspected of immoral activities," the English-language paper said, quoting an anonymous source.

It said the Filipinos had been under surveillance for the past three months.

They were taken to an immigra-

tion center near the capital Doha and were awaiting possible deportation, the paper said.

It said relatives and friends of the detainees complained to the Philippines Embassy in Doha that many of those arrested were bystanders and were not involved in any wrongdoing.

The paper said an embassy official confirmed that his mission had asked the ministries of interior and foreign affairs to look into the incident.

If caught, foreigners who are homosexuals normally receive a five-year prison term in Qatar and are then deported.



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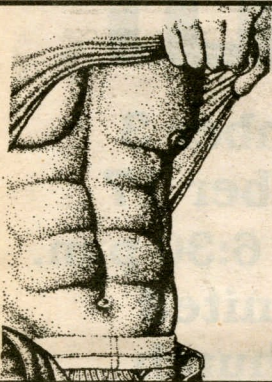
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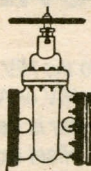


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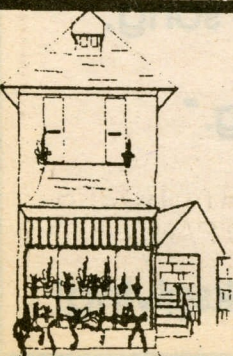
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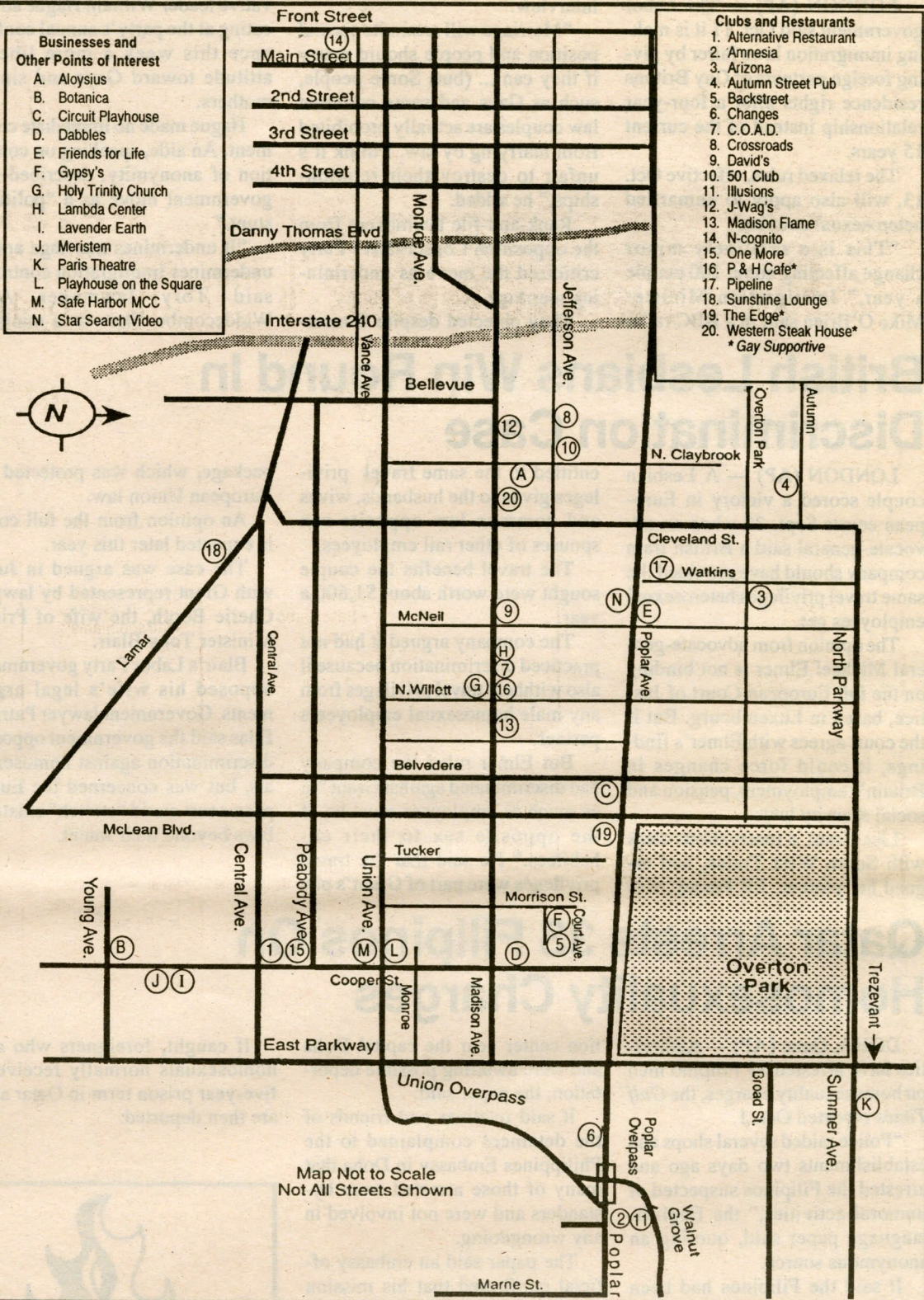
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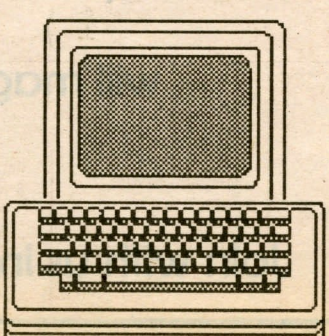
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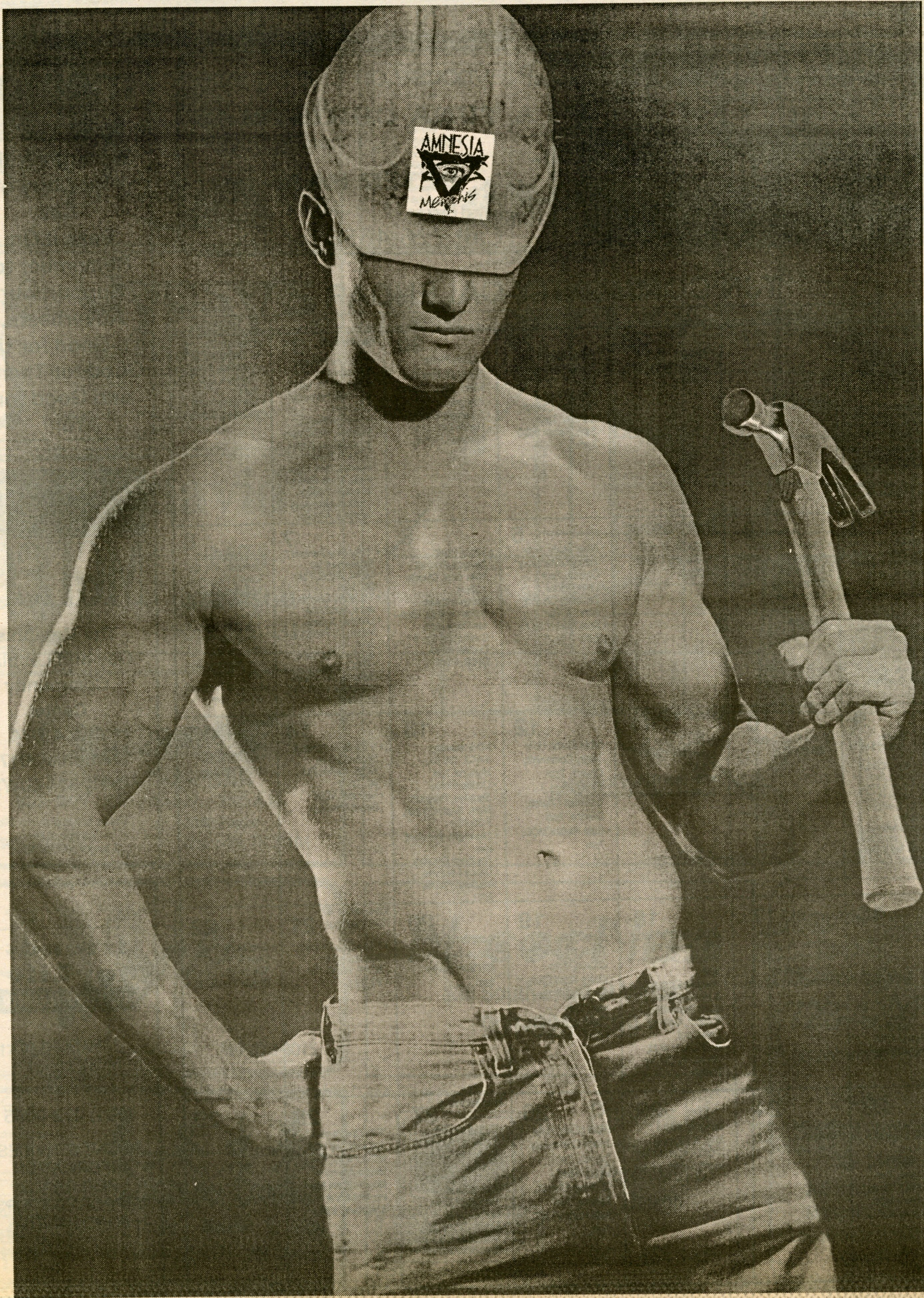
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Who was Dr. Howard Brown?

Nowadays, it seems like every few months a major public figure discloses her or his homosexuality. While the press attention varies depending on the extent of the person's celebrity - from coverage limited to Gay publications to Ellen saying "Yep, I'm Gay" on the cover of *Time* - the idea that some

famous people are Lesbian or Gay is itself unremarkable.

That wasn't true in 1973. When Dr. Howard Brown (at best a minor public figure as the ex-head of New York City's public health department) talked about his homosexuality to a New Jersey symposium on human sexuality in

October 1973, the disclosure was front-page news precisely because many people were surprised that a prominent physician could be Gay.

When Brown was appointed by Mayor John Lindsay as the chief health officer of New York City in June 1966, the rumors of his homosexuality had already begun.

One newspaper described him as "a forty-two-year-old bachelor who lives in Greenwich Village" - code for "homosexual" to anyone paying attention.

Nonetheless, Brown felt that if he acted carefully he could keep his private life from threatening his very public professional life as he worked to consolidate the city's disparate health agencies and supervise a budget nearing a billion dollars annually. His lover, also a physician, moved out and set himself up in an apartment around the corner. He had his phones checked and re-checked for bugs, and he avoided being seen socializing with the other closeted Gays in Lindsay's administration.

Still, just six months into his ten-

contributed, but only by writing checks to Brown, who in turn wrote checks to the Alliance. Brown later attributed his ultimate decision to come out publicly to the "magnificent fighters for human rights" of the GAA. Another factor was a heart attack he suffered in June 1972, which made him re-evaluate his fears of public exposure and the legacy he wished to leave.

He agreed to address a symposium on human sexuality in New Jersey in October 1973. Six hundred physicians gathered to hear a series of speeches about sexual behavior. To set a tone of openness, the symposium began with a series of films of explicit sexual acts. Brown later wrote, "As I watched the explicit sex in film after film, I

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BY DAVID BIANCO

ure, one of the mayor's aides visited him at home and asked about the truth of a rumor that linked him romantically to another man serving in the Lindsay administration. Brown truthfully denied the link, but he was put on notice that he needed to continue being careful.

A year later, Brown was in the hospital recovering from infectious hepatitis when his brother-in-law, a reporter for the *New York Times*, visited him and let him know that a *Times* investigative reporter was working on a story that would expose homosexuals in the Lindsay administration. Afraid of exposure and exhausted from illness, Brown sent a vague letter of resignation to the Mayor the next day.

In the years that followed his resignation, Brown taught medicine at Albert Einstein College and then at New York University beginning in 1970. At the same time, Gay liberation had arrived, starting with the Stonewall riots and continuing with the protests and parades organized by the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA). Brown felt alienated from these activities by people he saw as mostly young, mostly poor Gay men and Lesbians. When a student group at NYU proposed Gay dances on campus, he opposed the idea despite overwhelming support from his straight colleagues.

But he soon decided to help the Gay activists, particularly in the area of fund-raising. He approached his wealthy Gay friends for contributions to the GAA. Most

wondered how my speech would be received. A film on female masturbation left me feeling like a middle-aged prude.... We were worried that our earnest speeches might be a letdown after the 'action' of the films."

Nonetheless, Brown's talk garnered tremendous attention. Homosexuals are everywhere, he proclaimed. "I have met far more homosexual physicians than I have homosexual nurses, more homosexual politicians than homosexual hairdressers, more homosexual lawyers than homosexual interior decorators." He went on to criticize the studies that treated homosexuality as a sickness.

The New York Times treated the revelation as front-page news, and Brown was deluged with requests for interviews - as well as thank-you letters from Gay men and Lesbians around the country who considered him a role model.

In the fall of 1973, Brown was the most prominent American in any field to be openly Gay. This prominence led him to be appointed the first-ever chair of the board of a new breakaway group from the GAA which called itself the National Gay Task Force. He headed that organization (which is now the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) until his death from heart disease in February 1975 at the age of fifty.

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Womanizing Goethe A Secret Homosexual? 'Erotic Bio' Outs Literary Genius

By Paul Geitner
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — He celebrated the feminine in verse and courted some of Europe's most beautiful women. But was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, one of the giants of world literature, secretly homosexual?

A new "erotic Goethe biography" by German historian and journalist Karl Hugo Pruys posits that the poet, novelist and playwright most famous for his "Faust" drama was at heart not a ladies' man.

The Tiger's Caresses, which appeared in bookstores in October, has already caused something of a stir, and not just in literary circles. The country's most-read newspaper, the *Bild am Sonntag* tabloid, devoted a whole page to the question: "Was Goethe Gay?"

The answer, says Pruys, is to be found in some 2,500 letters to, from and about Goethe, who married late in life, fathered one child and died in 1832 at age 82.

"I wanted to write a book about the love that Goethe felt, about love in general in Goethe's life," Pruys said in an interview. "Then I got onto a trail dominated by homosexuality."

For example, a letter written by

Dr. Johann Georg Zimmerman, in which he describes his young friend: "To me, Goethe's caresses are like the caresses of a tiger. One always feels under his hugs the dagger in the pocket."

Or Goethe's own letters to philosopher Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi, who Pruys says was probably Goethe's first lover.

"You felt that it was bliss for me to be the object of your love," the 25-year-old Goethe wrote to "dear Fritz" on Aug. 21, 1774. It ends with a warning — "Don't let my letter be seen!" — more proof, Pruys says, of their secret passion.

No one can say for sure if they ever slept together, "but for me, the letters show the possibility that there was a physical relationship," Pruys said.

Pruys, a former spokesman for the conservative Christian Democratic Union, describes his current book, which comes out in English next year, as "a labor of love." But his colleagues at the Goethe Society in Weimar were not impressed.

"Complete nonsense," says Lothar Ehrlich, a literature professor and Goethe expert.

Previous researchers have established that Goethe's celebrated courtships with the opposite sex were most likely unconsummated

until he was nearly 40, Ehrlich concedes.

"He shied away from intimate contact and didn't want to be tied down," Ehrlich says.

Ehrlich and other scholars say Pruys simply misunderstands the "Sturm und Drang" (storm and stress) spirit of the times, when young, intellectual dandies expressed strong, even erotic emotion toward each other.

"But these relationships were of a purely spiritual nature," Ehrlich says. "It had absolutely nothing to do with physical love."

Pruys, however, says the letters point to something more than that.

The Goethe Society, he says, "simply doesn't like to see their idol as a man who persisted in this ambiguous sexual behavior."

Goethe, of course, would hardly be the first Gay literary giant. Walt Whitman celebrated it, Thomas Mann suppressed it, Oscar Wilde went to jail for it. Speculation persists even about Shakespeare, who dedicated his sonnets to "Mr. W.H."

Goethe Society President Werner Keller says Goethe's sex life is irrelevant to appreciating his work, which every schoolchild here reads from an early age.

"It's not greater if he's

heterosexual, nor diminished through homosexuality," Keller says. "Those are all categories expressed today by our sex-obsessed society, and I have only contempt for such a society."

Pruys says he feels closer to Goethe after uncovering the "masquerade" of heterosexual prowess

surrounding him.

"An unbelievable amount has been written, but they all copy each other," he says. "I hope that, after so long a time, we can finally get to know him better."

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Church Association Backs Bill to Bar Employment Discrimination

By George Tibbits
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Association of Churches on Oct. 7 endorsed an initiative to bar job discrimination against homosexuals, saying it is needed to remedy injustice.

Members of the association, the state's largest organization of Protestant and Catholic churches, said support for the initiative is morally right, and criticized those who oppose the measure on religious grounds.

"The forces of evil and the forces of darkness need to quit making it a religious issue," the Rev. Dr. Ellis H. Casson, senior pastor of First AME Church in Seattle, told a news conference.

The initiative, on the Nov. 4 ballot, would prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"Today, the people of the state of Washington live in a community where it is legal to deny or remove someone from their job simply because of sexual orientation," Casson said. "We find this principle to be morally wrong."

"The issue is a simple one," said the Rev. Lynne Simcox Fitch, conference minister for the Washington-North Idaho Conference of the United Church of Christ. "No one should have to worry about losing

their jobs because of sexual orientation."

In addition to Casson and Fitch, others at the news conference included representatives of the United Methodist Church's Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, New Hope Baptist Church in Seattle, American Jewish Committee, Church Council of Greater Seattle, The Interfaith Alliance of Washington State, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center.

The initiative, they said, was not about being pro- or anti-Gay, but simply to ensure equal treatment.

"Under current state law it is perfectly legal to discriminate," said the Rev. John C. Boonstra, the association's executive minister. "We believe that is not fair. We believe that is morally wrong."

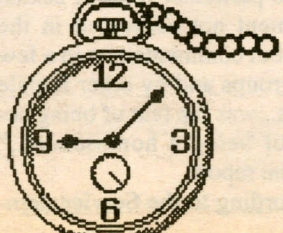
Boonstra said the member churches in the association reached consensus to support the initiative after leaders of the three Roman Catholic dioceses in the state agreed to back the measure last month.

Representatives of the Roman Catholic Church were not present at Tuesday's news conference.

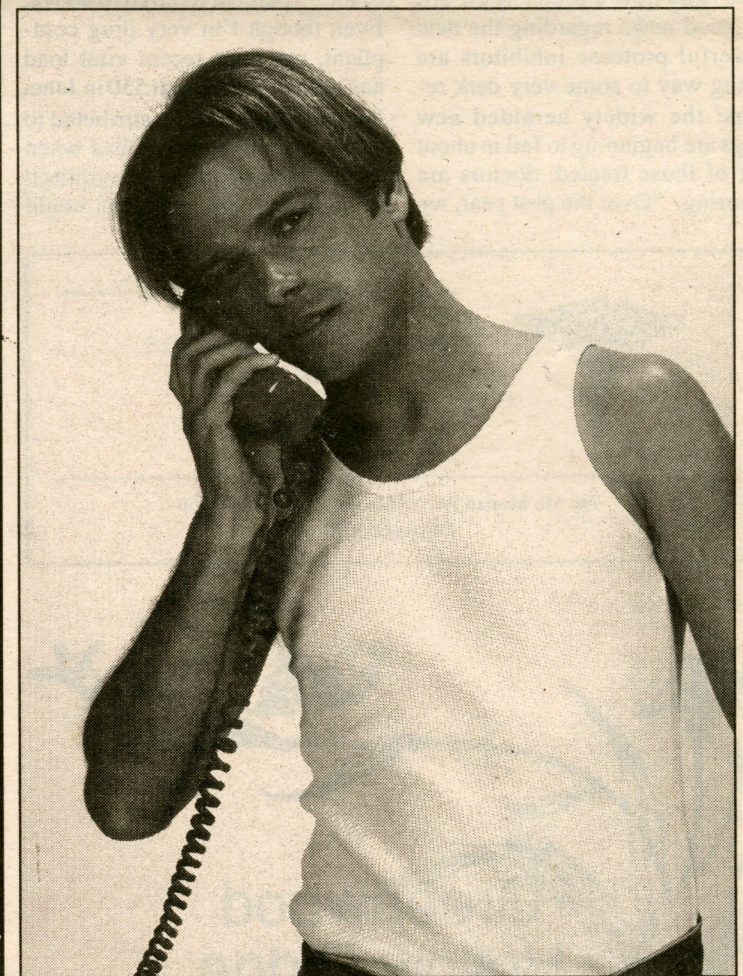
Two weeks ago, the Washington State Catholic Conference asked Catholics in the state to support Initiative 677 and Initiative 676, which would require trigger-locking devices for handguns and safety licenses for handgun owners.

In a letter to pastors and parish leaders, the Catholic conference said that while the church disapproves of "homosexual genital activity," Initiative 677 is narrowly drafted to focus on employment.

"WSCC believes that unjust discrimination in employment based solely on a person's sexual orientation should be prohibited," the conference said. "Because the initiative does not require benefits to be given to an employee's partner or preferential treatment based on sexual orientation, and would allow work place conduct rules to be applied in the same manner to all employees, WSCC supports I-677."

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Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine



Sad to Say... Testing of an AIDS vaccine using a weakened but live form of the virus is fraught with fear that one of the 50 who volunteered for the vaccine could possibly contract the disease from the experimental vaccine. Because of the nature of the viral quick-change artist, a vaccine that protects against one strain does not automatically protect against another strain.

Happy to Hear... Memphis' very own St. Jude may be on to something major with a very different approach to the vaccine. Drs. Julia Hurwitz and Karen Slobod are focusing on the two proteins that form the AIDS viral envelope, and unlike other researchers, they are working to identify a cross section of those proteins from different AIDS strains. This potential vaccine is designed to protect against 23, rather than one or two, strains of the virus. Because it includes genetic information only from the protein envelope, volunteers cannot contract the disease, and it has proved safe in laboratory and animal studies.

Sad to Say... If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. All the good news regarding the new powerful protease inhibitors are giving way to some very dark reports: the widely heralded new drugs are beginning to fail in about half of those treated, doctors are reporting. "Over the past year, we

had a honeymoon period," said Dr. Steven Deeks. "The epidemic will likely split in two, and for half the people we will need new therapeutic options." Dr. David Ho adds that failure almost always means patients did not take their pills on schedule. "Even missing a few doses can ruin the treatment." Most patients responded dramatically initially with viral loads dropping below detectable levels, only to see the virus rise to detectable levels in 53 percent of the cases. Gosh dawg, with all the pills one has to take it's no wonder a few doses could be missed.

Happy to Hear... I have already reported to you a one dose per day protease inhibitor is on the horizon. Now more help is on the way courtesy of GlaxoWellcome. The FDA has just released the new drug Combivir for marketing. One Combivir tablet is the equivalent of one Epivir (3TC) 150 mg tablet and one Retrovir (AZT) 300 mg tablet taken together. The Combivir dosage is one tablet twice a day, with or without food. Combivir is an important step toward simplifying combination therapy.

Sad to Say... I guess I'm one of the 53 percent referred to above. Even though I'm very drug compliant, my most recent viral load has risen to 2,200 from 550 in June. Part of the rise can be attributed to a minor ear infection I had when the tests were done. I was surprised to learn that any infection could

have an affect on viral load like it can T-cells. Even though the viral load is still quite low, and for which I am very thankful, it is indicative of drug failure as viral load counts generally don't fluctuate like the T-cell counts can unless new medicines are involved. My counts had been clinically undetectable initially after starting Saquinivir, but slowly crept upward. We switched to Crixivan for about a month until I gave birth to a kidney stone in April, and have been on the new Viracept since.

Happy to Hear... No cause for panic, depression or serious alarm. Yes, it is frustrating, but the cocktail is suppressing the virus, just not ideally, and new drugs are on the horizon. The marker to rethink drug strategy is 5,000 minimum, 10,000 tops.

Sad to Say... Many with HIV have probably suffered weight loss at one time, but gaining weight after starting the cocktail therapy. Doctors are realizing the weight gain is not the right kind of weight gain...it's mostly fat, not lean body mass such as muscle, and it goes right to the stomach. They even call it the "Crixibelly." At one time any kind of weight gain for those with HIV/AIDS was celebrated, but with longer life expectancies now, they are focusing on the right kind of weight gain. More and more, doctors are monitoring muscle mass along with T-cells and viral load.

Happy to Hear... There is a new study being conducted at the Adult Special Care Clinic (ASCC) at The Med that those with "Crixibellies" should check out. The drug is an anabolic steroid called Oxandrin which is intended to rebuild muscle mass lost due to long term illnesses such as cancer, HIV/AIDS and surgery. You don't have to be a patient at the ASCC, but you need a referral from your physician. I am the first in Memphis on this study, so I will keep you posted. I doubt I will look like Swartzenegger, but with a good exercise and nutritional program, good results are possible. For more information on how you can participate in the study, contact Michael Herr or Rosemary at the ASCC at 545-7446. It's not about what you have to lose, but what you have to gain.

Sad to Say... A 3-1/2 year study on nutritional factors and patients has found that a deficiency of the mineral selenium can lower the survival rate of people with HIV. the study at the University of Miami's School of Medicine found that patients with HIV who had a selenium deficiency were 20 times more likely to die of causes related to HIV.

Happy to Hear... Selenium is naturally found in a well balanced diet, consisting of whole grains, seafood and (oh my gawsh) LIVER! This little piggy's going to the health food store. I'd rather take another pill than eat liver!

Sad to Say... Gonorrhea cases among Gay men in the U.S. are soaring, with rates doubling in some cities like Portland and Seattle. Stating that people feel HIV is no longer the threat it use to be, Dr. Helene Gayle of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention added, "We look at this as an indicator of the potential that people are returning to unsafe sexual behavior." Richard Elovich, director of HIV prevention for the Gay Men's Health Crises in New York has an interesting thought. He compares prevention slogans the same way smokers see the warning on cigarette packs. "They see, but don't think about it."

Happy to Hear... Life is about choices and that's good. Screw the warnings...you already have the facts and should know better. If you are so far negative, the next time you are in a position to have unsafe sex, please hesitate for a moment to think to yourself (if there's time), "Is this moment of reckless abandon, this moment of glory, worth the potential consequences? Is this person worth that? Do I like myself enough not to do this?" Think smart and think safe. I'm still getting phone calls from people saying, "I've just been told..."

Sad to Say... Republican Righteous Wonder Sen. Jesse Helms (N.C.) will have a field day with Clinton's nomination of Jim Hormel for ambassador to Luxembourg. The philanthropist and heir to Hormel Meats is Gay! And an Activist!! Remember what Helms did to William Weld's nomination

of ambassador to Mexico? He single-handedly blocked it because Weld supported medicinal marijuana. Hormel was previously considered for ambassador to Fiji in 1994, but the island nation protested because of the Gay thing and the nomination was withdrawn.

Happy to Hear... Hormel has been approved once before by Helm's committee when the philanthropist was nominated as an alternate US delegate to the UN General Assembly last year. If Helms can hold his nose and look the other way, Hormel would be the first openly Gay US envoy. How 'bout that!

Sad to Say... Poor Al Gore has been under fire lately for suspected fund-raising rules violations. He may have opened up another Vice Presidential can of worms just as did former VP Dan Quayle vs. *Murphy Brown*. To refresh your memory, Quayle took on Murphy's decision to have a baby without the benefits of marriage. He said it was "mocking the importance of fatherhood by giving birth out of wedlock" and it triggered an avalanche of election year debates on the subject of family values.

Happy to Hear... In a time when bashing Hollywood is the in-thing, VPOTUS Gore praised the industry that produced the openly Gay TV character "Ellen," saying she forced Americans to "look at sexual orientation in a more open light." The speech before 1,000 industry bosses at the Hollywood Radio and Television Society may come back to haunt him as it did Quayle. But just as those who criticized and defended Quayle expanded the debate on family values, so too will Gore's endorsement of openly Gay TV characters expand upon the debate on Gay rights.

Sad to Say... The military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has been a disaster as it has actually increased the number of discharges of Gays and Lesbians. Do you know why the military is scared of Gays in the military???

Happy to Say... Can you imagine 25,000 men and women with M-16s saying, "Did you just call me a faggot?" Now we understand!

Army Acknowledges Lesbian-Baiting

On September 11, the Army released a report of its Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment which admits that the Army has engaged in calling or threatening to call women Lesbians in retaliation for reporting sexual harassment, rape or for rebuffing sexual advances.

"One particular form of sexual harassment not addressed in the survey but commented on in a few focus groups and by other female soldiers...was the fear of being accused of being a homosexual," states the report.

According to the Servicemem-

bers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the Clinton Administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy creates an obstacle to servicewomen's safety, arming perpetrators with a tool of sexual extortion.

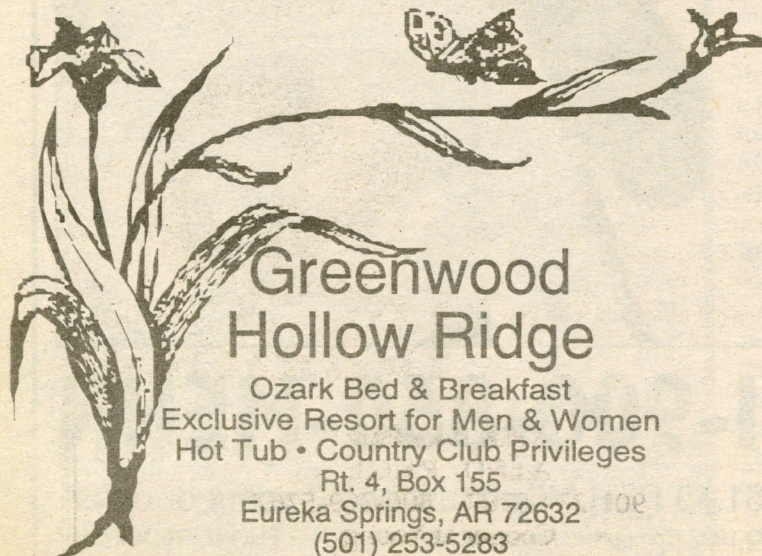
"The Army's recognition of the depth of the sexual harassment within its ranks in groundbreaking," said SLDN Co-Executive Director Michelle Benecke.

"Army leaders must end retaliatory Lesbian-baiting and instead investigate the perpetrators of harassment."

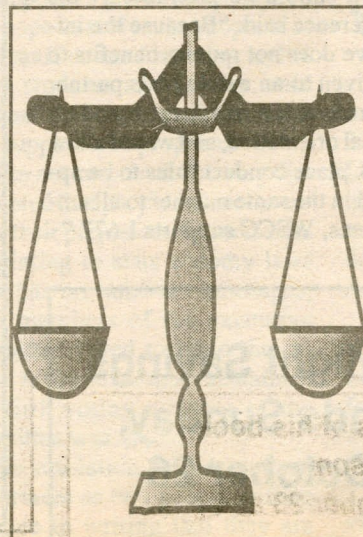


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QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

Looksist People on the Planet

"Looksism." That's the ugly word that describes an obsession with beauty - with who has it, and who doesn't. Gay men, we hear all the time, are the most looksist people on the planet.

Beauty, especially of physical appearance, is something society is very ambivalent about. Partly because it's something that unleashes primitive urges that threaten to disrupt the social order. And partly because beauty is unfair - some people seem to have been born with more of it than others. So a kind of denial has built up. In the solemn hours after Princess Diana died, for example, most people chose to speak of her good works, or at most of her "glamor" - qualities that can be chosen, learned, or applied skillfully like make-up. Diana, you'd think, was a Mother Teresa who remembered to use Oil of Olay.

We do beauty an injustice, I think, when we say that it can be learned, or that it's in the eye of the beholder. Of course, no two

people will agree exactly on who is "the fairest of them all." Yet when beauty is hauled into the laboratory and put under the microscope, it turns out that there is something universal about it.

Some early studies indicated that, contrary to our intuition, beautiful faces are those whose features are closest to average. Indeed, computer-generated images of faces, made by averaging the facial features of many real people of the same sex, are judged to be more beautiful than any real individual face. But a British-Japanese study, published in 1994, reported that it's possible to produce even more beautiful faces, simply by computer-averaging a subset of individual faces that are rated more beautiful than the remainder. This suggests that closeness to average is not the only criterion of beauty, but that a minority of people have facial characteristics that depart from average and are especially attractive.

As a further test, the researchers attempted to make faces that would be rated more beautiful still, by telling the computer to measure and then exaggerate the features which distinguished the "average of the beautiful faces" from the "average of all faces." Indeed, the resulting face was rated as even more attractive than the earlier versions.

What features did the computer exaggerate to make the ultra-beautiful face? In the case of women's faces, the computer reduced the size of the lower part of the face, bringing the mouth closer to the nose and the chin closer to the mouth. It also gave the face higher cheekbones, a thinner jaw, and larger eyes. Interestingly, the computer made almost the same changes, whether Britons were judging British faces, Japanese were judging Japanese faces, or Britons were judging Japanese faces, and regardless of whether it was men or women doing the rating. Thus there seem to be rather constant attributes of faces that people consider beautiful, at least across the racial and cultural divide between Britain and Japan.

Why is this particular set of facial features perceived as beautiful? One hypothesis that's been put forward is that these features are "child-like," and that they are perceived as beautiful because they unconsciously elicit the same positive feelings that children elicit in adults, especially in parents. A kind of mimicry, if you like.

Why then, in the evolutionary struggle to reproduce, don't all women develop these attractive features? The researchers speculate that these features, when taken to an extreme, bring countervailing handicaps, such as less efficient chewing or breathing. Thus real women's faces may express a variety of compromises in an evolutionary tug-of-war. Of course, in these days of preprocessed food, women don't have to have such strong jaws as their ancestors, so perhaps with time the "average" woman's face will drift toward the more beautiful end of the spectrum.

Since time immemorial, Gay men have been castigated for their "shallow" obsession with physical beauty. That's one message of Plato's Symposium, for example. And Christianity made things worse, by promoting the concealment or degradation of the body in favor of an ideal of moral beauty.

Until a Gay guy called Michelangelo gave the Sistine Chapel a makeover.

For my part, I think we should acknowledge physical beauty as something that Nature hands out with unequal bounty, and that commands our obedience. My favorite photo of Diana is the one at a reception with Henry Kissinger, where the ex-Secretary of State is staring at her bosom like a rabbit mesmerized by a cobra. "For in the end," as a gay poet once wrote, "the wise must bow down to the fair."

Simon LeVay, Ph.D., 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 biomedical thriller *Albrick's Gold* (Richard Kasak Books, 1997). He may be reached at SLeVay@aol.com.

New AIDS Treatment Announced By Reasearcher

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—A different strategy for treating AIDS was reported Sept. 30 by Wake Forest University researchers, who said they had found a way to keep the HIV virus from invading white blood cells.

The method involves blocking the chemokine co-receptor on the surface of the white cells called lymphocytes. The research was announced in the Oct. 1 issue of the journal *Nature*.

"The genetically modified lymphocytes are immune to T-tropic virus infection but appear to maintain normal biological activities," said researcher Dr. Si-Yi Chen, assistant professor of cancer biology at the university's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Chen's research resulted in a white cell surface that was impervious to the HIV virus. If the research proves useful in treatment of humans, Chen said, the white cells could be withdrawn from an infected patient, genetically modified and reinfused into the bloodstream.

White cells' function is to protect the human immune system, which is what breaks down as AIDS progresses.

"This approach may provide a new paradigm for the treatment of HIV-1 infection, that is, to protect

cells from HIV rather than to inhibit HIV-1 replication," Chen said.

Chen said his treatment is different from current treatments us-

ing combinations of drugs that have toxic side effects.

He said trials in people are a year or more away.

South Carolina GOP Prosecutor Comes Out Of The Closet

Last week, David Schwacke, chief prosecutor for Charleston and Berkeley counties in South Carolina, announced he is Gay after local Republicans accused him of using his office computers to download pornography from the Internet.

Schwacke has denied the allegations, and is the first openly Lesbian or Gay person to hold office in South Carolina. In a (Charleston) *Post and Courier* interview, Schwacke said, "I still consider myself as pro-family as the next person."


Some fellow Republicans now are attempting to get him to step down, citing, as Rep. John Graham Altman II (Charleston) says, "actions that the Bible calls sin and state law calls a felony."

"This appears to be a clear case of homophobia, where fundamentalist members of the Republican party are trying to dictate what the whole party stands for," said Brian Bland, a spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

"Once again, extremist individuals are pushing their agenda on the rest of the party. This seems like a groundless attack to push Schwacke out [of the party]."

Joe Pfeiffer signs copies of his book
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Bless the Beasts and the Faeries

by Vincent Astor

This year's Coming Out Day award goes to Nicole, member and past president of the Memphis Transgender Alliance, for gracing the NCCOD group at the Peabody Brunch, dressed impeccably as usual. She is acknowledged not only for her presence but for getting up so early on Sunday morning to achieve impeccability.

Billy Cross Memorial Fund Raiser which benefited the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and Switchboard at Madison Flame.

The Alliance Munchie Cook-Off raised over \$300 to benefit Loving Arms at the Pipeline on Oct. 18.

Dabbles Hair Co. raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Hearth and Home Emergency Fund at Friends For Life on Oct. 19.

Omissions Department

The 4th annual Drag Olympics was held in September at Amnesia and raised \$1,035 for Friends For Life. Winners were Jezebel, first place; Juwana Dick, second place; and Chi Chi Macarena, third.

Missing Persons Alert

Lorretta Williams has been diligently searching for all available previous holders of the Miss Gay Memphis. Several are known to be deceased but a large number are still involved either in performing or in other aspects of the community. Laura Lee Love and Vanessa Vogue have been scheduled to return to the Memphis stage and any other former Miss Memphis winners should contact Lorretta at 501 or COAD.

Southern Country Memphis raised over \$1,800 at the annual

Tiffany Blair, Rochelle Fontane, Peri Sylvona, Vivian Blake and Brandi Alexander.

Kirby Kincade, Jo Ann Badey, Lorretta Williams and Amber Starr are still entertaining regularly. Roxie Bleu, Tammika St. John and Shari

joined choir from both congregations for the event which will be held outside on the lawn at First Congo. Rain location is the covered garage at Holy Trinity. Date: Sunday, Oct. 26, time: 3 p.m.

The Inevitable Lady A.

A couple of months ago, we dropped a pearl about Miss Bill Kendall's effort to convert some priceless film footage of early pageants (including Miss Memphis) to video format. We are pleased to announce that that has been accomplished through the generosity of Lorretta Williams and other donors. Copies of the tape are available through Lorretta (owner of Club 501 and COAD). We hope that a showing can be arranged where a larger number of curmudgeons...er...old friends can watch and reminisce.



Turner visit once in a while.

Departed winners include Candace Cagle, Michelle Marie Hays, Eddwina Smith, Veronica York, Sable Starr and Raquel Collins.

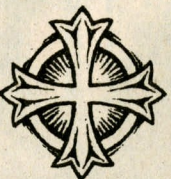
Oh, Yes. The Obtuse

Headline

Well, Mary, it's not so obtuse this month. If you hurry, you can make it to the first combined Blessing of the Animals, celebrated together by Holy Trinity Community Church and First Congregational United Church of Christ. There will be a com-

By the by, COAD means Come Out After Dark. We liked the new sheen Lorretta, et al, have put on the old WKRBB space. We also liked the new dressing room which is, thankfully, next to the stage instead of down the aisle. Miss Memphis will be held there on Nov. 1 and will be co-emceed by yours truly, Miss Williams and Norma Christie, founder of Miss Gay America.

National Coming Out Day was also celebrated by a colorful and fun Dog Show and Pic-



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nic held in Audubon Park. Proud dog owners and a variety of dogs were shown and admired and almost every entrant placed in a category. Best Dressed, Best Look Alike and Best A List were among the categories but the most important was Fun By All. Jezebel was emcee, she of the red hanky question, and Steve from Amnesia provided sound and music coordination.

Later that evening, a "Lavender Lights" potluck was held at the duplex shared by your columnist and Chet Overstreet. The weather was perfect, food was plentiful and varied, and the conversation lasted quite late. In honor of NCCOD, the location was marked by hundreds of lavender mini-lights which outlined the yard, drive and shrubbery. Candles and hanging plants embellished the table. It was not unapparent where the Coming Out Day event was in Cooper-Young. We also raised \$90 for MGLCC.

Yet To Come

A Lesbian and Gay Catholic Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Nov. 7, 7 p.m. St. Patrick's is located on the corner of Fourth and Linden, one block south of the Beale St. entertainment district.

High Hats, High Heels is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 25, with the Day After Brunch on Sun, Oct. 26.

Hallowe'en parties abound this weekend and on Oct. 31. Miss Mess Memphis will take place on the 31st at Amnesia with the revival of the original Miss Gay Memphis on Nov. 1.

If one needs a place to spend Thanksgiving with good food and family fellowship, check any number of our local bars. A list will be published next month.

Final Round

Many of us have heard pundits (including our parents) bemoan the fact that the adjective "gay" has shifted meaning and use. One really can't use it the way one did 30 years ago (and it makes some old literature sound pretty funny).

Pity the same thing is happening with an old phrase like "Love in Action" which I will never use again except to sigh with regret.

Ta, ta.
V.A.

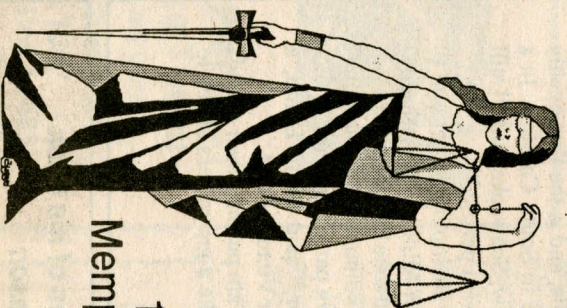
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An Interview with James T. Sears

TJN: Why did you write *Lonely Hunters*?

Dr. Sears: For too long we have lived on the sexual and geographical margins of society. One consequence is that our histories, our sacred stories, if you will — have been deprived from us and from those who would, by deed or silence, deny our human rights. While there have been several outstanding books on Gay communities such as *Boots of Leather, Gay New York*, and *Cherry Grove*, the histories of Lesbians, Gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered Southerners are noticeable only by their absence. Lacking a history — particularly for a South steeped in history and lore learned from a very early age at grandparents' knees — we lack a future. How can we build Gay communities for the future without knowing our past? Can we really expect to combat either self-hatred or hate-induced violence if we countenance the erasure of our ancestral heritage?

I wrote *Lonely Hunters* for readers who wish to scratch the Southern veneer of mannerly politeness, Jesus Saves signs, and country biscuits or who wish to read about the lives of Lesbians, Gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered persons who don't fit the caricatures of either Margaret Mitchell or Carson McCullers.

TJN: Why is Southern Gay and Lesbian history important?

Dr. Sears: Most of us, particularly Southern Gay youth, do not have the luxury of living in the more metropolitan areas. And, many of us find ourselves living in states where homosexual sodomy statutes not only exist but remain in force. You know, it's one thing to learn about Lesbian and Gay soldiers during WWII or epochal events like Stonewall — but what about the same-sex liaisons in Stonewall Jackson's regiments or Robert E. Lee disguised in drag, the achievements of Southern Lesbians as suffragettes or writers, and those who organized marches or sit-ins in Birmingham and Durham? In short, Southern history is never simple and seldom straight.

Southern queer history is important not only for Southerners. Non-Southern activists who travel below the Mason-Dixon line must come to experience the blood-soaked soil of defeat and wariness and the sweat-drenched climate of distrust and doubt. It is from these elements that bigotry, fear, ignorance, and violence flourish. And it is in our understanding of these four horsemen of the apocalypse that racism, homophobia, and sexism will be overcome.

TJN: Why did you choose *Lonely Hunters* as the lead title for your oral history of Lesbian and Gay southern life?

Dr. Sears: Behind the lyrical facades of Johnny Mathis and Patti Page, the uproarious entertainment

of Frances Faye and Rae Bourbon, or Broadway musicals like "Oklahoma" and "Carousel," there loomed the police, the psychiatrist, and the minister. In the pre-Stonewall South, you were alone — even when you were in the company of like-minded others. You were searching. Whether you were Richard Inman, a lone wolf and founder of the first state-chartered Gay organization in the South; Rose Levinson, a successful attorney who feared exposure and disbarment; Quinton Baker, an articulate tactitioner of the Durham civil rights movement; Arlen Davies, one of the victims of the Johns Committee; or Gordon Langley Hall, a Charleston writer trapped in a man's body, all were hunting for something: safe bars, unblemished love, racial equality, sexual invisibility.

But this book is not simply about them; it is about us. The power of oral history is its ability to engage readers in the lives of others and, in the process, reflect on ourselves. In this sense I see the title as a contemporary statement. As we grow up Gay, each of us must eventually declare — even in the stillful silence of solitude — our love that has yet uttered its name. Haunted by loneliness, we hunt for information, support, comradeship — and love. Even in today's postmodern world of Gay 'zines, Lesbian television stars, cybersex, and queer studies, we are first born into a homophobic world and into a heterosexual family. Reading *Lonely Hunters* each of us must ask how similar we are to Rose or Quinton and how much really has changed (and at what costs) in the span of two generations?

TJN: This book follows your earlier one, *Growing Up Gay in the South*. One reviewer has already christened you "the Studs Terkel of Gay Southern life." What holds such a fascination for you about this region of the country?

Dr. Sears: I am not a native Southerner, but I was raised on the margins. I grew up in southern Indiana, spending my late adolescence in southern Illinois — a region of the country that has Northern affiliations but Southern affectations.

When I came to live in the deep South nearly 15 years ago, I was awestruck by a culture whose apparent simplicity protects it from prying Northern eyes. I began to think queerly in this land of azaleas, trailer parks, mustard barbecue, and Christian fundamentalists; a land that condemns sexuality — Gay or straight — yet closes its eyes to steamy night passions.

Growing Up Gay told the stories of Gay youth coming of age in the 1980s, *Lonely Hunters* tells tales of Lesbians and Gay men of one or two generations earlier. These two books and the others that will follow are efforts to probe and

depict a culture of which this nation's best writers — Faulkner, Williams, McCullers, Welty — have already struggled to understand and portray. My more modest efforts are attempts to marry personal stories with social narra-

tives that give readers a sense of Gay place within a contradictory and sexually ambivalent culture.

TJN: *Lonely Hunters* portrays the lives of some fascinating Lesbians and Gay men who lived in the South during the fifties and sixties.

What lessons can we learn today from these compelling stories?

Dr. Sears: To some degree, the lessons each reader "learns" will be unique; but, I can offer you my reading of historical lessons that

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Author James T. Sears Unveils Second in Southern Gay Generations Series

Memphians will have an opportunity to meet with Dr. James T. Sears, historian and intellectual activist on Saturday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Community Church. "Southern history is never simple and seldom straight," Dr. Sears said. "Most people don't realize that the South was, and is, a major battleground in the struggle for Gay rights."

Dr. Sears is currently on a national promotional tour for his new book, *Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life, 1948-1968*. Published by Westview, a division of Harper Collins, *Lonely Hunters* is the first in a series of five volumes covering the five generations of Lesbians and Gays from the 1890s through the 1990s. It is being hailed by critics and Gay activists alike as an engaging and enriching history of Gay Southern life.

The book tour began in mid-September and will end in late November. The tour encompasses the Midwestern, New England, Mid-Atlantic and Southern regions of the country. A highlight of the tour

was the official launch on October 9 at the Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina, which houses Dr. Sears' papers and research.

As a major component of his book tour, Dr. Sears is scheduled to make lecture presentations to numerous colleges and universities. He will also spend time on his tour with key Gay and Lesbian community and religious leaders. The tour will culminate in Miami, Florida at the International Book Fair, where Dr. Sears will join dozens of other celebrated Gay and Lesbian authors at a three-day festival.

The first oral and cultural history of the Gay South, *Lonely Hunters* is set against an incongruent post-World War II backdrop of fear and suspicion, innocence and gentility. This book tells the stories of homosexual Southerners coming of age in an era of impending social upheaval, and recalls a region's smoldering homophobia that found fuel on a national level at the Stonewall riots. Enthusiasts of both Southern history and Gay



history will find that personal stories of Gays and Lesbians have been interwoven with narratives of political and social events to form a broadcloth of historical perspective that is especially fascinating when compared to the ongoing political and civil rights struggles of Lesbians and Gays in today's society.

There will be a video presentation followed by a talk by Dr. Sears and a book signing. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 1559 Madison on the corner of Madison and Willett in midtown Memphis.



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Openly Gay Nominee Offered for Luxembourg

by Ira L. King

In a move that is sure to raise the dander of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), President Clinton has named San Francisco philanthropist and Hormel Meat Company heir Jim Hormel as U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg. If he is confirmed by the Senate, Hormel will be the first openly Gay U.S. diplomat.

The nomination is not a sure thing. Hormel faces opposition from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which must approve the nomination. This committee is chaired by Jesse Helms. Helms recently blocked former Massachusetts governor William Weld's nomination to become the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Helms was opposed to Weld's support for the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Hormel's sexual orientation has already cost him one ambassadorship. In 1994 he was considered for the ambassador post in Fiji. When word reached Fiji officials that a Gay nominee was up for the post the tiny island nation protested and the Clinton administration withdrew the nomination.

Hormel is not likely to face the same hostile reaction from Luxembourg. Luxembourg is located in that part of Europe that also houses Denmark, Belgium, Amsterdam and other countries where sexual orientation is not the hot issue it is in the United States. Sexual mores in most European countries are much more relaxed and liberal.

It will be difficult for Sen. Helms and his committee to deny Hormel this opportunity. Last year the committee approved Hormel's appointment as an alternate delegate to the UN General Assembly.

Hormel's pockets are quite deep. He once loaned President Clinton \$100,000. As heir to the Hormel Meat Company he stands to become one of the richest men in America.

At 64, Hormel is not out to win friends and influence people. He merely wants to represent the United States in what ever capacity the President feels he can. Ambassadorships, by practice, are usually given to wealthy, philanthropic individuals who have helped incumbent officeholders get their jobs. There is no power to legislate, regulate, or otherwise in-

fluence U.S. policy (domestic or foreign). Ambassadors are often the administration's eyes and ears in foreign countries. An ambassador's job is to schmooze with those in power and keep abreast of current issues as they relate to U.S. activity in that country. Because of the non-political nature of the position, Sen. Helms should have no problem in moving this nomination forward.

What does this nomination say about the Clinton administration? It says that this administration is more concerned about the individual's ability to do the job than about sexual orientation. First there was the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy adopted by the military. Then Surgeon General Joyce Elders was touting the preference of masturbation over premarital sex. And now, an openly Gay ambassador to a foreign country. Can it be that this administration "gets it?"

What does this nomination say to the Gay community in the United States? It clearly says that the Clinton administration is trying very hard to be all-inclusive. That it is the content of character and degree of ability and not sexual orientation that should determine who will best represent the United States in other countries. Further, it says that the doors to the Gay community are clearly open. Walking through those doors and avoiding land mines (like Sen. Helms) takes courage and conviction. Many in the Gay community are ready and willing to cross the threshold.

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are relevant for me as a Gay man and activist living in the nineties.

While we might like to view the past as a history of unalterable progress, there is nothing necessarily unalterable or progressive about history. First, progress depends on individuals; ordinary people *do* make a difference. Many Southerners contributed singularly and collectively to the homophile movement that blossomed into Gay power — and several including Jack Nichols, Dick Leitsch, Rose Levinson, Ligge Clarke, Jim Kepner, Julia Penelope, Julian Hodges, Morris Kight were in the very thick of it before and after Stonewall.

Also, many of us bemoan the fact that Gay rights organizations are so scattered and fractured — we lack a single organization, a single spokesperson, a common agenda. But, as Barbara Gittings makes clear in the Afterword to *Lonely Hunters* this apparent weakness is an important strength. It has prevented groups — be they public or private, local or national — to infiltrate, legislate, or dictate. It has allowed a "thousand points of light" to appear as individuals with vision, inspiration, and commitment pursued agendas to the betterment of us all: the Gay flag; the quilt; National Coming Out Day.

TJN: *In reading Lonely Hunters, I was struck by the "gaiety" of social life during an era we often associate with oppression, invisibility, and despair.*

Dr. Sears: There is a human tendency to view the past from our present perspective while projecting ourselves into the future. There truly was a vibrant Gay social life in post-war America — even in the South: dinner parties, beach outings, drag shows, and bar life. While Stonewall ushered in greater visibility for Lesbians and Gay men, that visibility came at a cost — a price that many Southerners of the homophile generation were reluctant to pay. The "secret world of the homosexual" with its Gay slang was a respite from the straight world, but now Gay activists were inviting the world in!

Similarly, this was a time within the African-American communities of the rural South that being "funny" — though not completely acceptable — was far from the evil pronounced by some later day black activists. And, those post-Stonewall "sex wars" between Lesbians and Gay men were absent as both sexes mingled freely sometimes "fronting" for employers and family.

But, I don't want to romanticize the pre-Stonewall South. *Lonely Hunters* certainly chronicles the dangers of Gay life from harsh jail sentences and commitment in mental institutions to police entrapment and murderous assaults. Bars were generally operated by the under-

world, there was no same-sex dancing and police raids were always a possibility — particularly if weekly "contributions" were not forthcoming or if local politicians wanted to divert media scrutiny. There, too, were confining Gay codes such as butch/femme and strict divisions based on social class and race. This was an era in which those arguing that homosexuality was an illness not a felony were considered liberal! And, of course, all of this was occurring against the backdrop of Jim Crow laws and anti-communist witch hunts.

TJN: *In the Introduction you spend some time talking about 17 generations of Gay men and Lesbians since the founding of Jamestown. Lonely Hunters chronicles the homophile generation. When are we going to learn about these other generations?*

Dr. Sears: Soon. My next book, tentatively titled *From the Boys in the Band to Bluefish Cove*, focuses on the Stonewall generation of Southerners: the Southern founders of Gay-oriented religious groups such as MCC and Integrity; the emergence of Lesbian feminism led by Southern women; the rise and fall of the Houston political caucus and the ground breaking fight against Anita Bryant; the emergence of rural faeries and the last great Southern drag goddesses. From there I will go back to the Gay nineties and trace the emergence of a generation of Gay Southerners born during an era marked by the rise of anti-modernist Christian fundamentalism and rabid Jim Crow segregation.

Each volume tells stories of memorable individuals against epochal social events. Each volume, too, recounts lives of different generations living through a common era. Reading from one volume to the next you will also come across familiar characters who now enjoy the freedom of early adulthood or, perhaps, are in their golden years. As a Rainbow People, in reading these volumes, we not only celebrate our history but honor and build upon the legacies bequeathed to us by earlier generations.

TJN: *You mention your intention to chronicle the rise of fundamentalism in a future volume. Your home page (<http://www.jtsears.com>) includes an "endorsement" from Pat Robertson who lambasted you on his 700 Club as the "Satan of the University." What happened?*

Dr. Sears: I remember when I first came to South Carolina in the mid-eighties. I was drinking a draft beer at a hole-in-the-wall Gay bar that since has fallen from the bulldozer. Someone asked me my profession. I responded, telling them I was joining the university faculty. The consensus around the wooden bar that early Sunday morning was that I should "keep my private life private" — at least if I wanted to remain a state employee.

Within two years I wrote one of
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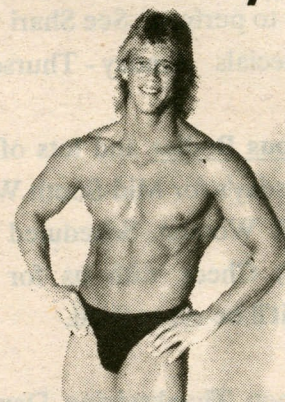
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Interview

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the first essays about Gays in education, started research on *Growing Up Gay in the South*, and later began teaching Gay-related courses. I also was banished from teaching at the university's regional

campus which was a short spit from Bob Jones University, and eventually became the Satanic poster boy for the Christian Coalition as it inspired thousands of Godly taxpayers and several dozen state legislators to protest my presence in academe.

TJN: *Certainly the Christian*

Right has been no friend of Lesbians and Gay men or of our struggle for political equality.


Dr. Sears: I agree. However, unlike some of my Gay activist friends, I do not view the Christian Right as the enemy-incarnate. As I argue in my forthcoming book, *Religion and Public Education*, we are quickly becoming a tribal nation. The shrillness and animosity among factions can be spotted on a Sunday drive where Southern motorists proudly display bumper stickers such as "My middle school kid can beat up on your honor roll child," "Save the Males," "The Christian Right is Neither," and "Redneck and Proud of It!"

In the coming "culture wars" there will be no victors, only victims. If we've learned any lesson from history — Southern or Gay — it is that victory comes at a price; the vanquished will rise again. The battle flag of the Confederacy, the leather bound King James Bible, and the pink triangle are tribal artifacts of banishment. While these are sacred and deserve our respect, we must not allow some to exploit feelings of persecution, emptiness,

defeat or impotency to further divide us: master/slave, saved/damned, Gay/straight. After all, our blood is mixed, our spirit is Dionysian, and our sexuality is polymorphous.


Tribal identity eludes self-identity. Like Joe Christmas in *Light in August* or Dr. Copeland in McCullers' novel, many of us suffer from an absence of an identifiable self. Thus, we seek sanctuary in a tribe that embraces our differ-

ence. However, these differences — sexual, racial, religious, regional — are our portals toward ~knowledge-of-being; others are our bridges toward that being. Jolted by our difference in a sea of sameness and confronted with the other within ourselves, we are to become dead to what we have become in order to be resurrected into what we have the potential of being. That is, really, the aspiration of the lonely hunter.



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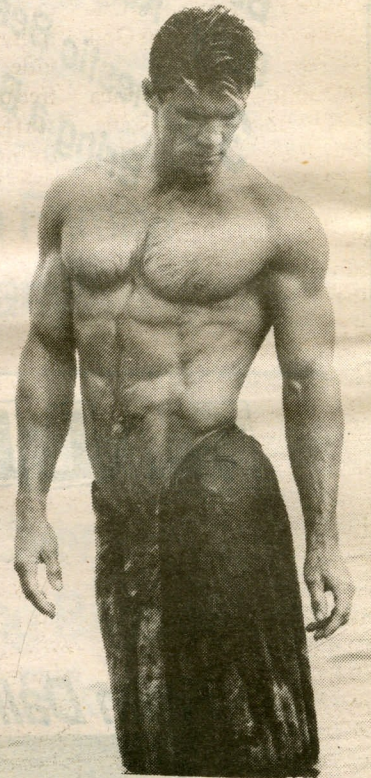
With proceeds going to HIV/AIDS agencies across the country, Jeff Palmer's 1997 AIDS Benefit Calendar — "FOCUS" — was available in general release in early-October at Gay and Gay friendly bookstores and other retailers. Ask your favorite shop if they are carrying it.

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Solution to Gay/Lesbian Crossword Puzzle on page 40

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I'm Mad as Hell, Heaven Help You Mr. Smid

Commentary
by Ira L. King

Hats off to you John Smid. The battle is raging. The gloves are off. Thanks to the lead story in the Appeal section of *The Commercial Appeal* on Sun., Sept. 28, the battle lines have been clearly drawn between the Gay community and the Love In Action ministry which is headquartered at Central Church in southeast Memphis and headed by Mr. Smid, its CEO.

Up to now Mr. Smid has kept a low profile in the Memphis area. However, his picture and story appearing in *The Commercial Appeal* have served as a "coming out" to the Gay community that he and his Love In Action ministry are hell-bent on scamming unsuspecting people out of thousands of dollars by claiming to have the ability to alter their sexual orientation. The most disgusting part of all is that he is doing this in the name of God and the church.

The Gay community in America has a lot of walking wounded souls, people who have been severely (and in some cases irrevocably) scarred by the wrongful, sanctimonious holier-than-thou teachings of America's mainline churches. John Smid and his ilk would have us believe that homosexuality is not the same as human sexuality. He couldn't be further from the truth. Adopting Mr. Smid's philosophy is to believe that we who are Gay chose to be this way. Obviously no one in his or her right mind would choose a lifestyle that has the potential for causing so much disruption within their nuclear family or their extended community family. No one would choose a life that would open the door to sexual discrimination, Gay bashing, job discrimination, being shunned by the church, etc. We are who and what we are by the grace of God. So where does Mr. Smid get off thinking he and his organization can change what God has put together?

I must admit, I am angry. It pisses me off that Mr. Smid can appear on the front page of a large metropolitan newspaper with that smug look on his face and pass judgment on a significant segment of God's creation. It gripes me further that Mr. Smid has formed a ministry (if you can call it that) after having tasted of both the homosexual and heterosexual worlds that seeks to deprogram or alter the sexual orientation of any individual. It seems that he has decided to exploit individuals wrestling with their sexual orientation for profit, and in the name of God. This stinks! I truly believe God has a special place in hell for people like this.

I have had a conversation with Mr. Smid. He is very glib and very good at skirting the issue of his own sexuality when confronted face to

face. He hides behind the fact that he is now married and managing his sex life. If he truly has found happiness being married to a woman, then I say fine. This does not, however, give him permission or license to invoke his warped sense of what God wants for everyone else on those struggling with their sexual orientation.

According to the facts presented in *The Commercial Appeal* Mr. Smid commands a whopping \$950 per month for his organization's services. The treatment can last anywhere from 13 to 18 months. This means that the cost can be as little as \$12,350 or as much as \$17,100. This does not include the mental anguish of having to answer to the Love In Action organization for every move you make inside and outside its watchcare. Imagine, nearly \$18,000 just to read the Bible daily and sing hymns. Many churches provide this kind of activity for free. Most churches provide counseling for its members free of charge. Many churches have staff psychologists and other trained professionals employed specifically to help their members cope with the various trials and crisis that occur in life. These professionals are paid through its members giving to the church. With such staff available to church members, there is no need for anyone to fork over thousands of dollars to a hypocritical charlatan who can't get a grip on his own sexuality, let alone trying to alter the sexuality of others.

If Mr. Smid's organization sounds too good to be true, that's because it is. One of the salient facts pointed out in *The Commercial Appeal* is that Mr. Smid declined to make any current or former clients available to talk about the program. Supposedly this is because Love In Action clients are more interested in getting through the deprogramming process and getting on with their lives than in talking about the program. I think Mr. Smid is afraid that the community might discover the many failures this program has produced. People who were not deprogrammed, who did not walk away with their basic sexual orientation altered. I think Mr. Smid is afraid of the impact knowledge of his organization's failure rate would have on his wallet. It's kind of hard to live in one of those nice roomy east Memphis houses when that \$950 per client per month isn't forthcoming.

You know, if I think I'm going nuts and decide to go to Lakeside for treatment, no one would have a problem trying to find me. Lakeside's addresses are listed in the phone book and everyone has access. On the other hand, if I decide that I want to change my sexual orientation and go into John Smid's program, I won't be able to

tell my family or friends where I am because "the ranch's" location is a secret. I would be paying nearly \$18,000 to go into a treatment program and I couldn't tell people where I am. I think not. For that kind of money I should be able to tell the whole world. But then again, maybe not. Maybe I wouldn't want my friends and family to know that I'm paying a scam artist in the hopes that he and his organization are going to successfully alter my sexual orientation. I wouldn't want them to know I was that big of a fool.

And another thing, if the deprogramming techniques used by Mr. Smid and Love In Action work so well for men, then why isn't he offering a similar program for women. To be concerned with men only is sexist and antithetical to the basic tenet of his organization. Is it all right if Lesbians remain Lesbians? Does God not care as much for them as He does for Gay men?

If you think the tone of this article is angry, then you're right. And, I will be angry as long as organizations like Love In Action and con artists like John Smid exist. An awful lot of damage can be done to unsuspecting Gay men by the likes of John Smid and his organization. I want to do everything I can to prevent that from happening. I want to put these people out of business. This a fight to the finish. It's time that Mr. Smid realizes that the light he thinks he sees at the end of the tunnel is, in fact, an oncoming train.

Gay Cops' Group Urges Counseling for Officer Who Refused Its Medal

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A police officer who used vulgar language in returning a Medal of Valor from a Gay cops' group should not be fired but should undergo sensitivity training, the Gay group says.

"It was one of the most homophobic incidents I've ever witnessed in my career," Sgt. Edgar Rodriguez, president of the Gay Officer's Action League, said.

The brouhaha happened Sept. 18 at the Police Department's Medal Day awards ceremony.

Officer Lawrence Johnston of the Emergency Services Unit received a medal sponsored by GOAL — one of numerous police fraternal organizations that gave awards — and promptly returned it to Rodriguez.

"I approached Officer Johnston to congratulate him and tell him what an honor it was for us as fellow members of the service to give him the award," Rodriguez said.

But Johnston first removed the medal from his chest and gave it back, then "proceeded to make a host

of vulgar and highly offensive statements," Rodriguez told reporters in front of police headquarters.

The medals are sponsored by different organizations, but the Police Department decides which officer gets which award.

The day after the ceremony, Police Commissioner Howard Safir suspended Johnston without pay pending an investigation.

An attempted reconciliation on Sept. 25 failed, Rodriguez said.

He said he and other GOAL members attended a meeting with Johnston, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association officials and police brass.

"He stated, 'I apologize for what you may have perceived to be offensive,'" Rodriguez said. "I have a difficult time seeing that as an apology."

Rodriguez said Johnston should not be fired — a possibility if he is found guilty of departmental charges — but should be required to receive counseling and "diversity training on Lesbian and Gay people."

PBA President Lou Matarazzo, acting as Johnston's representative,

responded, "Since when does any member of the department dictate to the department what penalty should be meted out?"

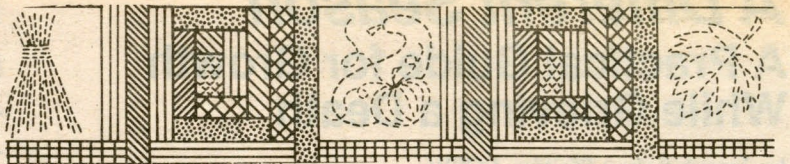
Matarazzo said the officer returned the medal because, as a devout Catholic, he opposes homosexuality.

"I think it's disgraceful to have a hero suspended based on something he said, whether right or wrong, and they are violating his rights," he said in a telephone interview. "His rights have been violated because he refused a medal from an organization that goes against his religious beliefs."

"He made a request to apologize to Sgt. Rodriguez," Matarazzo added. "He came in and did so. How more humbling can you make someone?"

Johnston was given the medal for coming to the aid of fellow officers who were pinned down during a siege in Queens on Oct. 22, 1995.

He was one of dozens of officers receiving the Medal of Valor, including Officer Carlos Crespo, the first openly Gay officer to be so honored.



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A Different Season

A Practical Guide for Growth While Grieving a Death

by Joseph Robert Pfeiffer, LCSW
Review by Bob Dumais

A Different Season is a guidebook through grief. Joseph Pfeiffer has taken his 19 years of counseling experience and created a practical handbook for working your way through the grieving process.

This is not just another book about grief. It is designed to help you make your way step-by-step through this most difficult of times.

The book is divided into four seasons like the year, but presented in reverse order from nature, progressing from winter to autumn to summer to spring.

Within each season of grief, Pfeiffer offers side-by-side pages on different aspects of the grief stage you are passing through. On one page is a prayer or meditation about the particular point being

considered. On the opposite page a simple, easy to absorb expression of that point with a more in-depth explanation of how to deal with it. A grief recovery thought concludes each of these pages. (See sample below.)

These double pages can be followed in sequence or used as desired to assist you through your own personal grieving process.

For anyone experiencing the loss of a significant other, as many in our community are, *A Different Season* is a useful tool for dealing with your grief, helping you accept it, and then move on with your life.

Meristem Bookstore, 930 South Cooper, will host a book signing by Joseph Pfeiffer on Sun., Nov. 23 at 4 p.m. You are invited to come by and meet the author of *A Different Season*.

Memphis Pride Elects New Officers; First Community Wide NCOD Event A Success

by Vincent Astor

Memphis Pride, Inc., elected its officers for 1998 at the October 21st meeting. George Ettinger, this year's co-chair, will chair the events through the upcoming celebrations in June. Greg Jordan was elected co-chair. Greg Bullard was returned for his second year as secretary, Susan Taranto was elected the new treasurer and Bill Hanley was elected parliamentarian.

The annual meeting, which includes election of officers, was scheduled for Sept. 10. Due to publication of more than one date, nominations and business were conducted on the 10th and elections were scheduled for Sept. 25. A slate of nominees was presented at the first meeting, and nominations from the floor were held open until the next meeting.

The Sept. 25th meeting was very well attended, with many new people, and additional candidates were nominated. Though a vote was taken, a quorum of officers was not present and a valid election could not be declared. A consensus of those nominated for office scheduled the Oct. 20 meeting during which the election was held.

Memphis Pride's bylaws provide that officers are elected for one year, may serve no more than two terms and a percentage of the board carries over from year to year. This allows for continuity and also allows the experience and support of

previous officers to be passed on in a practical manner. Outgoing chair Chet Overstreet acknowledged all of the new interest in Pride events and looked forward to even more support in the coming year.

The Dog Show and Picnic took place in Audubon Park on Oct. 11. It is the first time a community-wide National Coming Out Day event has been held in Memphis. Fourteen dogs and owners and fifty spectators enjoyed a colorful event which had enough prizes for nearly every entrant. Categories were serious and frivolous, emcee was the infamous Jezebel and judges were Pastor Greg Bullard, Chair George Ettinger and John DuBan. Sound were provided by Steve from Amnesia. Prominent publicity appeared in *The Memphis Flyer* and *Memphis Dateline* as well as *TJN*.


Sponsors for National Coming Out Day Events were: The Memphis Flyer, Pet Care Professionals, Meristem Books, Pet Care Unlimited, Hollywood Pet Star, Precision Cuts by C.J. at Fins and Skins,

MAGY (Memphis Area Gay Youth), Pet Care Superstore, All Breeds Dog Training, Tammy Jo O'Neal Licensed Massage Therapist, Williams Massage Therapy.

"Lavender Lights" Potluck Benefits MGLCC

As part of National Coming Out Day, the fall potluck event for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center was hosted by Vincent Astor and Chet Overstreet. The back yard of the duplex at 2012-14 Oliver Ave. was warded against insect varmints at every angle, the weather held fair and the large attendance raised \$90 for the MGLCC/Switchboard.

The evening was perfect for food and conversation which lasted quite late. Some concern over locating the event was quickly dispensed with as the shrubbery, yard and driveway were outlined in hundreds of lavender mini lights with rainbow flags and hanging plants as accents.

<p><i>Prayer</i></p> <hr/> <p>God, let me never grow weary with despair. Help me to appreciate what life gives me today and to anticipate the future with hope.</p> 	<p><i>The Paradox of Acceptance</i></p> <p>Say: To love is never a mistake; failing to do so is.</p> <p>There is little that will ever be able to replace the relationship you once had. It was "one of a kind." There will be a longing for your lost love. You may continue to seek a reason why this loss occurred.</p> <p>In time, ironically, a purpose may find you. When you least expect it, discoveries will be revealed.</p> <p><i>The Good News:</i></p> <p>The farther you walk with the struggle of your loss, the easier it becomes.</p>
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LIKE A ROCK Secure, stable, professional, White male, 28, 6ft, 180lbs, with Blond hair, Green eyes, and a goatee, seeks a similar guy for friendship, fun, and more. (Fayetteville) #5125

BIG ROCK IN LITTLE ROCK Any hot Asian men in the area? I'm looking for you. This good looking, 34 year old, White male, 6'2, 175lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, wants a chance to satisfy you. (Little Rock) #5831

DEEP DIVER Fun loving, attractive, 36 year old, White male, 5'11, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks younger guys, 18 to 25, to hang out with. I like scuba diving, racquetball, and lots more. (Reyno) #4550

IN THE DRINK I'm looking for friends and sex buddies. I'm 6ft tall, 400lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I'm well endowed. I love to go out and drink, and I'm interested in all aspects of sexuality. #31458

MISSISSIPPI

SLIM SLURP I'm very oral when in the proximity of slim, Black men. This 47 year old, White male, 5'9, 155lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, short beard and mustache, will keep you asking for more. (Gulfport) #4139

ESTATE MATE This good looking, financially secure, Gay, White male, 27, 6'3, 214lbs, lightly hairy, with a thick mustache, lives in Dallas but will be spending a lot of time, over the next several months, in New Albany, settling my parents' estate. I need a guy to play with while I'm there. If it works out, I just may take you home with me. (New Albany) #8354

FIRESIDE CHAT I'm a well endowed, Blue eyed, Blond haired, Bisexual male. I stand 5'11 tall and weigh 150lbs. I'd just like to get together and chat with someone. (South Haven) #5702

STOCKY SEEKS SECURITY Stocky, sexy, Single, Black, professional male, 25, 5'8, seeks a secure male for friendship and more. #3549

SWEET TRANSEXUAL Long legged, dark complected Transsexual, 5'10, with beautiful breasts, long, Brown hair and Green eyes, seeks jocks and other real men for good times. No drugs. #7858

GIVE A HOLLER Just hollerin' out for some other guys out there. I'm a nice looking, Black male, 5'7, 135lbs, looking to make some new friends. #3023

TENNESSEE

JAM SESSIONS I'm a 38 year old, White male, musician, 38, 6ft, 140lbs, with long, dark Brown hair and Green eyes. I'd like to meet slender, well built, guys to get together with for fun. I enjoy music, videos, movies, quiet times at home, and all easy going, laid back, pursuits. I like guys over 35, especially those with mustaches and hairy bodies, though these aren't requirements. (Antioch) #2294

LAI D BACK BUD Honest, caring, outdoorsy, masculine, Gay, White male, 32, 6'1, 180lbs, with Red hair, Blue eyes, a mustache and trimmed beard, seeks a similarly down to earth, stable guy for a relationship. I enjoy camping, canoeing, most types of music, dancing, and much more. I work in Nashville. (Clarksville) #7231

YOU BAT THIRD My lover and I are looking for guys to join us on the weekend for hot, good times with no strings attached. I'm 36, with an average build, 180lbs. My lover is 18, good looking, with a slim, swimmer's build, 160lbs. (Cookeville) #7874

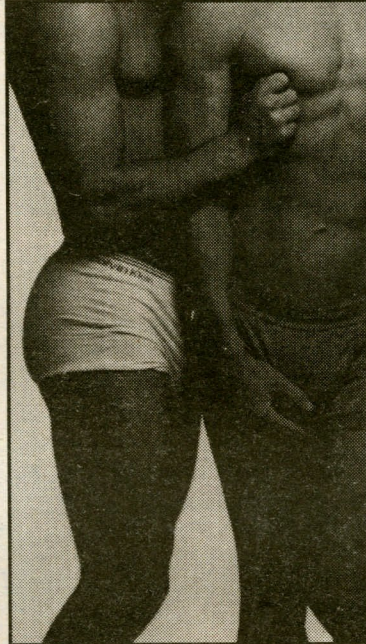
LOW KEY GUY Low key, professional, White male, 39, 6'1, 190lbs, with average looks, is not out, so it's hard for me to meet people. I'd like to get together with someone for friendship and good times. I love traveling. (Henderson) #6106

ROUND THE WORLD Young, attractive Asian, is a world traveler. I'm a sexy, friendly, good-looking, 26 year old, 5'11, 170lbs, Black hair, dark eyes, and dark, hairy skin. I'll be traveling to Brazil soon, want to come? If you're a good-looking man, 18 to 30, with an attractive body, you could be my travel companion. White skin a plus. (Jackson) #5485

SPECIAL BULLETIN This nice looking, 18 year old, White male, 6ft, 200lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes hopes to find a long term relationship with an honest guy who likes to have fun. I enjoy spending time outdoors, dancing at the clubs, and sharing special times with the people I care about. (Jackson) #3985

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SEARCH This good looking, 25 year old, Gay, Black male, wants to meet someone in the area. (Memphis) #8159



PROFESSORIAL PAL Athletic college professor, 53, 5'6, 155lbs, into snowskiing, ice skating, rollerblading, hiking, classical music, vegetarian food, swimming, theater, open and honest conversation, cuddling, long term relationships, and making friends, seeks a Gay, White male, 25 to 40, who's healthy, responsible, and able to share his feelings, for friendship or more. (Memphis) #8351

THE KING OF KINK I'm a Bi, White male who gets kinky. Very kinky. I wanna talk to other Bi guys who like things a little unusual. (Memphis) #7934

WILD IMAGINATION I'm a very well built guy with a wild imagination and I'd like to meet some guys to have fun with. This 30 year old, Gay, White male, 6'3, 204lbs, with Black hair, Green eyes, and a trimmed beard and mustache, is looking forward to meeting you. (Memphis) #7743

TANGO IN THE BIBLE BELT I love women and children but I have another side to me too. This nice looking, Single, White male, wants to make friends with a guy I can be myself with. I'd like to do some fun, interesting, exotic things. (Memphis) #7703

SERVICE STOP I'm an attractive, 35 year old, White male, 6'1, with dark hair and eyes, a clean shaven face, and a little chubby around the waist. I'm interested in meeting in shape guys who need servicing. (Memphis) #7523

A LOT IN COMMON I'm a White male in my early thirties looking for other White males in their early thirties. Let's talk. (Memphis) #7648

UNDER MY SKIN This good looking, 30 year old, Gay, White male, 5'9, 175lbs, with a couple of body piercings and a hairy chest, seeks guys who are uncut, like me, for hot play sessions. Be around my age. (Memphis) #2805

NEED A PHYSICAL? This medical student in Memphis wants to make some friends. (Memphis) #7041

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A LOT TO HANDLE I'd like to hook up with a mature guy, under 45, who's hung, big and thick. I'm a good looking, White male, 6ft, 190lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, a worked out body, and hairy chest. I'm versatile and I work nights. I enjoy traveling and going to concerts. (Memphis) #6738

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THE HAIR BARE BUNCH Good looking, very masculine, Gay, White male, bottom, 40, 6ft, 195lbs, with short Brown hair, Hazel eyes, and a hairy body, likes one on one, and group, sex with other rugged, hairy, well endowed men, of any age. I like porno videos, shooting pool, cooking, barbecuing, and relaxing by the pool or hot tub. I'll lick you head to toe. (Memphis) #2370

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ALL IN BLACK AND WHITE I'm a very handsome, 24 year old, Gay, Black male, looking for casual friendships and maybe more with masculine, good looking, Gay White males, who work out and are very discreet. Let's have some fun. (Memphis) #1117

DIRTY TALK I'd like to meet other Gay, White males, around my age, with nice builds, for no strings fun. I'm an attractive, Gay, White male, 53, 6ft, 165lbs, into the outdoors, planting, and digging in the dirt. I'm very versatile and look forward to hearing from you. (Memphis) #2376

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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

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LIGHT This is the season when I come into bloom because I'm an outdoor person through and through. I'm a Gay, White male, 47, 175lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I love the flowers, the beach, long horseback rides, and other activities. Hope you call soon. (Memphis) #2283

MEMPHIS SWELL This clean shaven, 24 year old, White male, seeks tops for good times and, maybe, something permanent. I'm good looking, 6ft, with Brown hair. (Memphis) #1965

LIFE EMBRACING I just moved to the area and want to meet some life embracing, Black males to hang out with. I'm a young, good looking, Black male. I try to find some fun in everything. (Memphis) #1481

SMOOTH AND SCULPTED This professional, Gay, White, Transvestite, in my 40's, 5'7, 135lbs, with a toned, smooth, sculpted, swimmer's build, seeks other clean cut, professional, Gay males, and Transvestites for fun. I enjoy cultural events, dinners, and seek friendship and whatever it leads to. (Memphis) #1266

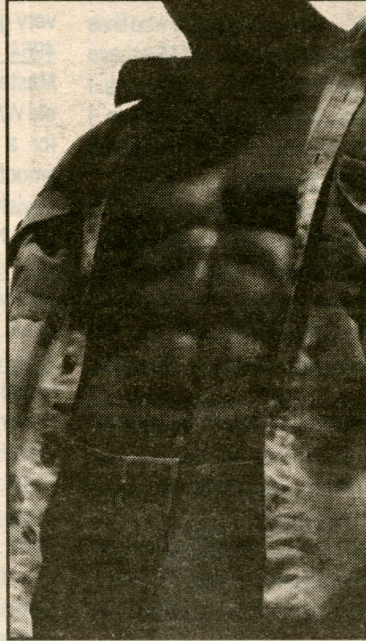
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SADDLE UP THE HORSES I just moved back to Memphis but don't go to the bars. I'd like to meet some guys, 40 to 60, to socialize with. I'm an attractive, 53 year old, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, with Brown hair, Green eyes, and a goatee. I love horses,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

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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

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

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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

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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

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USE MY BACK DOOR I'm a backdoor man interested in meeting a guy who is not looking for love. I'm a good looking, 42 year old, White male, bottom, seeking a partner for regular, casual, encounters. I'm 5'11, 190lbs. You should be well endowed, 21 to 55, and of any race. Black men are especially welcome. I don't want to exchange rings, just to have fun. (Nashville) #34512

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

GAY PAREE I'm looking for a relationship with a nice guy in the area. I'm a good looking, smooth bodied, White male, 31, 5'10, 170lbs, with dirty, Blond hair and Hazel eyes. Let's meet and see if magic occurs. (Paris) #6769

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- 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..
- 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 ☎ 355-MAGY for info, e-mail: ujaduban@cc.memphis.edu; website:www.geocities.com.westhollywood/1772).
- 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: safefhmcc@aol.com.
- Memphis Transgender Alliance: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jansen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.
- Mid-South AIDS Mastery Workshop: Ronnie Gardino ☎ 767-2182 or e-mail at rnsaidmstry@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 38118-0837 ☎ 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 transsexual women (male to female) ☎ 728-4297, 7:30-11 pm for referral.
- Stonewall Mission Church: A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.
- Tennessee Leather Tribe: Gay men's/

- women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.
- Tsarus: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.
- U of M Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness (BGALA): BGALA c/o Office of Greek Affairs Box 100, U of M 38152 ☎ 278-5825 e-mail: bgala@cc.memphis.edu.
- UT-Martin ALLIES: Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 38238, neilg@utm.edu ☎ 587-7301.
- WAC (Woman's Action Coalition): PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.
- Wings: Social Club • Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.

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 - Sheridan Lambe, LCSW: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.
 - K. A. Moss, MS: Midtown Counseling Service, 1835 Union, Ste. 101 ☎ 726-4586 • Sliding fee scale.
 - Northeast Mental Health Center: ☎ 382-3880.
 - Joyce Schimenti, LCSW: Individual & Group Counseling ☎ 761-9178.
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- It's Done!: Typing, word processing/printing service-resumes, thesis, manuscripts, etc. ☎ 795-4308.
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- AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.
- Gay & Lesbian Hotline: ☎ 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transexuals).
- Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).
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- Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.
- Rape Crisis: ☎ 528-2161.
- Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.

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

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- The Höglund Law Firm at Memphis: 165 Madison, Ste 1813, Memphis 38103 ☎ 526-7526 (24 hrs).
- David Hooper, Attorney At Law: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.
- Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 2518 ☎ 526-0809.
- Robert Ross, Attorney At Law: 100 N. Main, Ste 3310 ☎ 525-0417.
- Kelly Stark, Attorney At Law: 44 N. Second, Ste 600, ☎ 521-9996.
- Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law: 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.
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- Triangle Journal News: Monthly news-

- paper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411, Fax: 454-1411 *51, E-mail: TJNmemphis@aol.com.
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 - Tropical Impressions: Pet Shop & Grooming Salon • 3700 S. Mendenhall ☎ 794-3047 or 365-9716.
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- 1 Eschewing condoms
- 7 Jacuzzi joint
- 10 "Hee Haw" singer Roman
- 14 Trample
- 15 Jeff, to Akbar
- 16 Persia, now
- 17 *Kitty Killer* star
- 19 Catcher's accessory
- 20 O'Grady of *NYPD Blue*
- 21 With 39-Down, *Saddle Tramps* director
- 23 Incentive for a Gay parade
- 27 Unser and Roker
- 29 Lucy's 15-Across
- 30 Goes second in a debate
- 32 *Gun For Hire*
- 34 Like some sex
- 35 City in Michigan or Pennsylvania
- 38 Sort
- 41 Bourbon Street Awards emcee
- 44 Low-ranking USN officer
- 45 Ferocious
- 46 Prefix with dynamic
- 47 Voracious freshwater fish
- 48 Guidance counselor portrayer in *The Brady Bunch Movie*
- 50 Ancient Greek marketplace
- 53 Biz Markie's music
- 56 Section of the AIDS quilt
- 57 *Pink Flamingos* star
- 59 RSVP Cruises vessel, e.g.
- 61 Hertz alternative
- 62 Theme of this puzzle
- 68 1991-92 Stanley Cup champs

- 69 It makes a Miata move
- 70 Gay man's favorite planet?
- 71 Deuce plus one
- 72 Stare at
- 73 Composers Bruckner and Webern

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- 1 Abbr. in ship names
- 2 To the ___ degree
- 3 Understand
- 4 Financing letters
- 5 Draw a blank
- 6 "The Memory of Trees" New Ager
- 7 ___ the beans
- 8 Television-camera movement
- 9 One of the Baldwin brothers
- 10 Boundaries
- 11 *Spenser for Hire* star
- 12 Woodworking machine
- 13 Up to the time that
- 18 By way of
- 22 German satirist/critic
- 23 Do geometry homework, perhaps
- 24 Showed an episode again
- 25 Construction beams
- 26 Like vanilla sex, to some
- 28 Police chief?
- 31 *Wheel of Fortune* host
- 33 Marge's cartoon hubby
- 36 Crowbar
- 37 Ram's remark
- 38 "This time ___ business!"
- 39 See 21-Across
- 40 Small, rounded hill
- 42 Gay ___ Pacific Alliance
- 43 ___ Nui (1994 adventure flick)

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- 47 Like some Gay stereotypes
- 49 Capsize
- 50 Adjust to new surroundings
- 51 Philanthropist
- 52 Sheeplike
- 54 Degrade
- 55 Faddish collectible

- 58 Brink
- 60 Light greenish-blue
- 63 Charles or Stevens
- 64 Make doughnuts disappear
- 65 Ambient music pioneer Brian
- 66 Kathy Najimy's *Sister Act* portrayal
- 67 Snake's sound

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