

## ABC's Misguided "Parental Advisory" for Ellen Returns

NEW YORK,— The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has expressed dismay at ABC's decision to reintroduce the controversial "parental advisory" warning on its hit show *Ellen*. The advisory, normally used for explicit violence, sex or language, was removed from the show two weeks ago after protests from star Ellen DeGeneres, GLAAD and others who complained that the advisory represented a double standard in regards to sexual orientation.

Ellen DeGeneres has spoken out about the double standard of giving *Ellen* the advisory when many much more explicit heterosexual sexual situations, graphic violence, and even other same-sex kisses (*Spin City*, *Relativity*, *Laverne & Shirley*) 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 two weeks ago. The episode, and several to come will feature Ellen Morgan's continuing coming out process and the introduction of the character's first girlfriend.

"ABC's decision to reintroduce the warning constitutes a double standard for Lesbian and Gay content on television that

is simply unfair and un-American," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bono. "ABC made history last April when *Ellen* came out. Now ABC is telling Americans, especially young people who are struggling with their own sexual orientation, that there is something explicitly wrong and harmful about living openly and honestly."

"Ellen DeGeneres has done something rather extraordinary this season by demonstrating through her comedic gifts the evolution of the coming out process," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD executive director. "ABC's decision to waffle on the advisory points to a much larger problem; people's inability to make a distinction between 'orientation' and 'sex.' ABC needs to rise above the fray and act responsibly to both its Gay and straight viewers. All Americans deserve better from ABC."

GLAAD will continue to monitor and report on *Ellen* and its media coverage, and 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* and will continue to monitor the "parental warning."

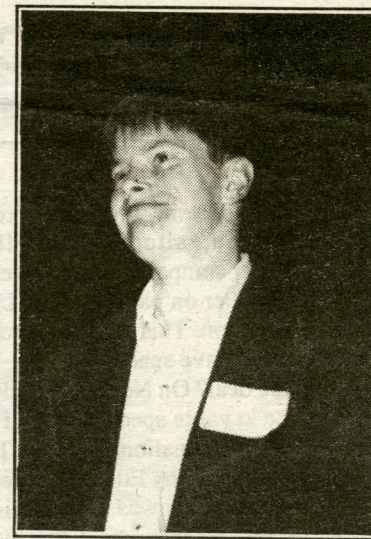
## Candace on Newt: "He Still Doesn't Get It!"

by Ira L. King

She's diminutive. She's delightful. She's dynamite. She has a boyish smile that belies her feisty nature. Because of her brother's infamy, she has been forced out of private life and into the public arena as an able activist and exciting example of what one person can do when suddenly thrust into a sometimes unkind and always shining spotlight. She's Candace Gingrich. She came to Memphis on Sat., Nov. 15, soliciting support for and new memberships in the Human Rights Campaign. She did so with dignity, style, humor, candor, wit, charm and an easiness that made her a hit with the approximately 150 Gay community members who showed up to greet and meet her at Amnesia.

For those who may not know,

the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is a national organization whose main agenda is to educate, lobby, and effect change in the halls of congress where Gay human rights are concerned. To that end HRC continually seeks moral and financial support from members of both the Gay and straight communities. There are laws that need to be changed. There are public policies that need to be abolished. There are attitudes that need to be brought into the 21st century. There are relationships that need to be enhanced. There are hiring practices that need to be dropped. In short, HRC is a national political action committee seeking to identify and destroy all negative beliefs, laws, attitudes, policies and practices that affect the nation's Gay and Lesbian population in a negative, demoralizing and counter-pro-



Candace Gingrich

ductive manner.

As Candace pointed out, primary financial support for HRC comes from people like you and me. The main financial arm of HRC is the 'Federal Club.' This is a group of men and women who are changing what it means to be

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## Clinton Speaks to Gays But Ducks Public Embrace of Ellen

By Sandra Sobieraj  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a nod to the budding political clout of the Gay-rights movement, President Clinton addressed a fundraiser for the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian group.

Clinton's sold-out dinner speech Nov. 8 to the Human Rights Campaign, which was greeted by a sustained standing ovation inside and pickets outside, made him the first sitting president to publicly address a Gay and Lesbian civil rights organization.

Keeping to relatively non-controversial territory, he steered clear of the TV show *Ellen*, which features a Lesbian main character, and was being honored by the group that night. Instead, he urged Congress to pass legislation protecting homosexuals from job discrimination and confirm Bill Lann Lee, his nominee as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

"When we deny opportunity because of ancestry or religion, race or gender, disability or sexual orientation, we break the compact. It is wrong and it should be illegal."

He told the audience of about 1,500 that people who "aren't comfortable yet with you" need to learn to see Lesbians and Gays as fellow

Americans committed to freedom and equality.

"Should we change the law? You bet. Should we keep fighting discrimination? Absolutely," Clinton said.

White House officials billed the event as a "community outreach" gesture not unlike his recent participation in the National Italian American Foundation dinner.

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of Human Rights Campaign, called Clinton's record "completely in sync" with her group's nondiscrimination agenda. "His presence is a powerful affirmation of the shared dream of equality for every American," she said.

Thanking him for the first-ever White House conference on hate crimes, Birch added, "You can be absolutely sure, Mr. President, we will ask you to do more."

Christian conservatives voiced disgust at what Andrea Sheldon, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, called "an American president kissing up to the wealthiest extremists of the amoral left."

The other featured guest at the black-tie dinner, expected to raise \$300,000 for the campaign's political activities, was TV actress Ellen DeGeneres, who was accompanied by her partner, Anne Heche. With great fanfare, DeGeneres revealed

last spring that both she and her title character on the ABC sitcom *Ellen* are Gay.

While anti-Gay demonstrators and AIDS protesters unhappy with Clinton's record picketed the dinner at a downtown Washington hotel, White House officials played down any controversy.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry preemptively quashed speculation that Clinton would follow Vice President Al Gore's lead and embrace TV's *Ellen* for its bold plot line. "That's not an area that he wants to particularly highlight," McCurry said.

Clinton left the dinner before its program turned to DeGeneres, who, along with her mother and Heche, met the president back stage and out of view.

Gore rankled conservatives — and surprised even some Democrats — when in a Hollywood speech in October he praised *Ellen* for forcing Americans to "look at sexual orientation in a more open light."

Human Rights Campaign's Birch claimed an independent exit poll showed that votes from self-identified homosexual voters amounted to 7 percent of Clinton's total support in 1996.

Birch estimates that Gay donors gave \$3.2 million to Democrats last year.

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# Guess Who Came to Dinner? You go Bill!

By Ira L. King

Aren't they a handsome threesome, President Bill Clinton, sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres and her companion Anne Heche. They appear together on page 11 A of *USA Today*, Nov. 7 edition. This picture is worth more words than I have space to write.

So what's the deal? On Nov. 8, President Clinton was the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign national dinner. The dinner was also attended by Ellen DeGeneres and her companion. This was the first time in US. history that an incumbent President has elevated a Gay-oriented event to such status by his presence. Some say this event served as a coming of age for the Gay rights movement.

As columnist Tom Teepen noted in *The Commercial Appeal*, "The immediate and formal purpose of Clinton's speech was to push for enactment of federal legislation that would outlaw job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

"That is a long step short of putting sexual orientation on an equal footing with the more familiar categories of civil rights coverage — race, religion, national origin and gender.

"But enactment would be useful both in its own right and as a political icebreaker for a broad national conversation on the issues.

What is more, the limited issue of job discrimination resonates with the American

sense of fair play — overcoming, at least for some, whatever attitudes they may otherwise carry against Gays and Lesbians."

To quote the story from *USA Today*, "The White House argues — and most Gay leaders acknowledge — that Clinton has done more for the Gay and Lesbian community than any other president. He has increased AIDS funding, campaigned against ballot measures that would restrict Gay rights and appointed dozens of openly Gay people to senior positions.

"Recently, he has won particular praise from Gays for nominating San Francisco philanthropist James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg. Hormel, confirmed by the Senate on Nov. 6, is the first openly Gay US ambassador."

It is no secret that Mr. Clinton's relationship with the Gay community has had its ups and downs. The Gay community had great expectations of the president following his first-term election in 1992. Religious and political forces of the conservative time forced him to compromise on his campaign promise to eliminate discrimination against Gays in the military. He settled instead for a "don't ask, don't tell" policy. According to Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the 200,000-member Human Rights Campaign "presidents sometimes encounter unexpected challenges that can be politically painful. President Clinton has been handed a Gay

civil rights movement. The question is what will he do. My dear Miss Birch, he's done plenty.

Even Vice President Al Gore has started courting the Gay vote as he inaugurates his quest for the presidency in 2000. In October

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Mr. Gore endorsed the "coming out" episode of the Ellen sitcom. He is not going to miss the opportunity to wrap up the national Gay vote.

Political pundits agree that the Gay vote in America is a large one and worthy of courting.

California alone (with probably the largest Gay population of any state in the union) is a most carry state for any one seeking the presidency. Mr. Gore and other political hopefuls such as House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., has met recently with Gay political leaders to plead their cause and show their support for the community.

Political hopefuls are also beginning to realize that the Gay community is not as politically blind and naive as we were in 1992. In 1992, we expected that Mr. Clinton would be able to deliver on his promises by virtue of his status as President of the United States. We did not consider that there would be a contentious conservative congress to deal with. We did not consider a radical religious right would rear its bigoted head. We did not allow that a promise made in a presidential election often doesn't have an ice cube's chance in hell of being kept. We wanted change so badly that we were overzealous in our expectations. But at least we put our vote behind the right man. I can almost guarantee you that had former president George Bush been re-elected we would not have made the considerable strides in the Gay and straight communities toward acceptance that we have made under Mr. Clinton.

The president has grown up also. He has survived character attacks. He has learned

the ins and outs, of dealing with a Congress gone mad. He is weathering the storm of investigations into his past financial dealings. He has learned the art of the deal. He has learned that being a lame duck president has its advantages. He is now free to champion many of the causes and concerns that are near and dear to him. He can do so without having to consider the political fallout. Hence, the freedom to attend the Human Rights Campaign dinner in good conscience.

Mr. Clinton's addressing the Human Rights Campaign dinner should send a message to the rest of the country that the time of sexual orientation partisanship is over. As more and more companies recognize domestic partners and afford them the human status they deserve, lawmakers must follow suit on a collective basis. To quote a line from a recent *Brooklyn South*, "no one should be judged on the basis of who he prefers to kiss."

Perhaps most important is the precedent the Mr. Clinton has set for future presidents. When they are called upon to address Gay organizations, will they accept or politely decline? He has proven that addressing Gay groups does not make him any more or less of a person or a leader. He has demonstrated that Gay groups deserve the same consideration as any other group or organization in America. He has illustrated the art of leadership for all the people. He has done himself and his office proud.

Again, to quote Mr. Teepen, "Securing Gay and Lesbian Americans against discrimination because of their sexual nature is the last remaining item on the nation's basic civil rights to-do list. Clinton won't be able to close out the task. An often venomous opposition has developed. But Clinton has moved the issue off the forbidden subject list and has brought it closer to thoughtful consideration.

I agree. Mr. Clinton came to the table and broke bread with us. He is keeping the door open to us as much as anyone in his position can. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Care for some dessert, Mr. President?



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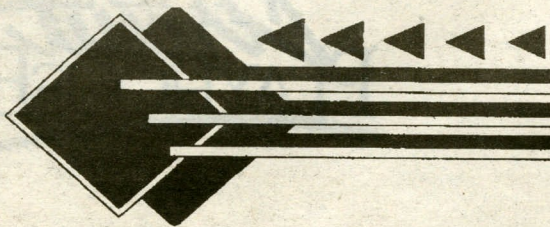
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# Clinton Endorses Hate Crimes Prevention Act; Declares 'All Americans Deserve Protection from Hate'

WASHINGTON — President Clinton endorsed the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), a bill to include sexual orientation, gender and disability in a major federal hate crimes law.

The president voiced his support for the bipartisan measure at the first-ever White House Conference on Hate Crimes, where he listed the bill first among several initiatives his administration will pursue to get tougher on crimes motivated by hatred.

"The president is sending a message that we as a nation must get tough on all forms of bias crime," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch, who was among representatives of the Gay community at the conference. "The Hate Crimes Prevention

Act is critical because, when Americans are targeted for hate violence based on sexual orientation, gender or disability, the FBI should be able to investigate and prosecute — just as it is currently able to combat hate crimes based on religion, race and national origin. All hate crimes are pernicious, and they should all be punished accordingly."

Until the HCPA passes, hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender and disability are not against federal law. Therefore, they cannot yet be investigated and prosecuted by the Justice Department the way other hate crimes are currently combated. The HCPA will soon be introduced in the U.S. Senate by its lead sponsors, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Sen. Ed-

ward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

"The first thing we have to do is make sure our nation's laws fully protect all of its citizens," said the president. "Our laws already punish some crimes committed against people on the basis of race, or religion or national origin, but we should do more. We should make our current laws tougher to include all hate crimes that cause physical harm. We must prohibit crimes committed because of a victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability. All Americans deserve protection from hate."

According to the FBI, reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation are on the rise, accounting for 12.8 percent of such incidents in 1995 — up from 8.9 percent in 1991. The FBI has found that hate crimes based on sexual orientation

are already the third most commonly reported form of bias crime. Still, sexual orientation remains excluded from the major federal hate crimes laws as well as the hate crimes statutes of 30 states.

When the Hate Crimes Prevention Act passes, it will apply to people victimized because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender or disability — thereby offering equal protection to Lesbians, Gay men, bisexuals and heterosexuals; transgendered Americans; women as well as men; and Americans with disabilities.

The conference, convened by the president and held at George Washington University, brought together some 350 representatives from law enforcement, civil rights, anti-violence, youth, education and religious groups — including or-

ganizations combating anti-Gay hate violence. Among the representatives of the Lesbian and Gay community participating in the conference were Birch, HRC Senior Policy Advocate Kris Pratt and leaders from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; National Youth Advocacy Coalition; Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network; and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that Lesbian and Gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.



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## Georgia Supreme Court Upholds Atlanta's Domestic Partners Ordinance

By Dick Petty  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Supreme Court on Nov. 3 upheld Atlanta's latest attempt to provide health benefits to unmarried domestic partners of city employees.

The 5-2 decision affirmed a 1996 ordinance extending benefits to those who register as domestic partners of workers and who are financially dependent upon them.

"Gay and Lesbian employees are now one step closer to equal work for equal pay," said Jane Morrison of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which argued for the ordinance.

"This is a wonderful decision. There are all kinds of real life family situations where this will have an impact," she said.

But Matt Glavin of the Southeastern Legal Foundation, which challenged the ordinance, said, "What this really does is shift the

battlefield from the courts to the Legislature. And I think what you'll see in the upcoming legislative session is a swift and decisive response."

Rewritten after the state Supreme Court voided an earlier version, the new ordinance eliminates language recognizing domestic partnerships as "a family relationship" and awarding benefits to domestic partners "in a comparable manner ... as for a spouse."

The court had deemed that language an attempt by the city to expand the definition of "dependent" in a manner inconsistent with state law.

The new ordinance carefully avoids that language, said Justice Carol W. Hunstein, writing for the majority.

Affirming the ordinance, she wrote:

"The city acted within its authority when it chose to provide insurance benefits to the dependents of a city employee. It is

within the city's discretion as a governing authority to determine whether to provide such benefits to all, some or none of its employees' dependents."

Critics, including the Southeastern Legal Foundation, contended the revised ordinance failed to provide an adequate definition of financial dependency.

But the court's majority disagreed.

Among other things, the ordinance stipulates that domestic partners are dependent if they rely on cash or supplies from city employees to maintain themselves or to maintain their standard of living.

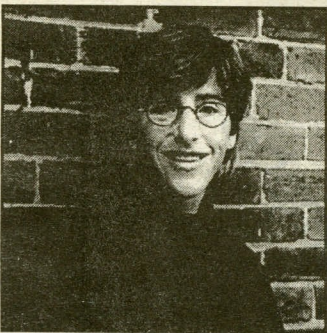
In a joint dissent, Justices Hugh P. Thompson and George Carley said the definition is too loose.

A dependent, they said, is someone who looks to another for the ordinary necessities of life. But under the city's definition, they argued, a dependent could be someone who merely wanted to improve his or her standard of living.



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## Hostile Utah Parents Try to Force Gay Teachers into a Classroom Closet

Following on the heels of Spanish Fork (Utah) High School Wendy Weaver's filing a federal freedom of expression lawsuit against the Nebo School District, a group of local parents are attempting to make the gag order even more far-reaching.

After learning that she was a Lesbian, the district fired Weaver as volleyball coach and gave Weaver a memo telling her "not to make statements to students, staff members or parents regarding your homosexual orientation or

lifestyle."

Now, a group of Utahans are mounting an attack through a petition drive presented at the November 12 School Board meeting requesting, among other things, that parents be able to direct administrators to pull their children from classes "taught by teachers with questionable backgrounds," and to extend the gag order about sexual orientation to apply to all teachers, even outside of school.

In a *Salt Lake Tribune* article, Springfield High student Julie

Barnes, 16, said parents "have a right to believe what they believe, but they have no right to tell a teacher what she can or cannot do outside of school."

Utah ACLU Director Carol Gnade said, "The whole notion of causing this kind of divisiveness in a community is trouble. One would hope that there would be level heads that recognize this is a fine teacher who deserves better treatment."

# Federal Court Rules for Cincinnati's Ban on Discrimination Protections

CHICAGO — A federal appeals court has upheld Cincinnati's Issue 3, the country's sole remaining anti-Gay initiative that seeks to ban discrimination protections for lesbians and Gay men, said Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, co-counsel in the case.

Patricia M. Logue, managing attorney for Lambda's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, condemned this result. The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit previously upheld Issue 3 in a 1995 ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court last year threw out that decision and ordered the appeals court to reconsider the case in light of the high court's ruling against Colorado's anti-Gay amendment.

"This is a renegade decision approving a clone of the Colorado ballot measure thrown out by the Supreme Court," Logue said, referring to last year's historic ruling against that state's Amendment 2. "Upholding Issue 3 is simply indefensible," she said.

Staff Attorney Suzanne B. Goldberg, who worked on the case from Lambda's New York headquarters, said, "The Supreme Court relegated such anti-Gay ballot initiatives to history's trash heap. Unfortunately, the Sixth Circuit failed to understand that."

"Issue 3 mimicked Amendment 2, which the high court demolished with its landmark *Romer v. Evans* ruling last year," said Lambda Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn. "Lambda, our client, and co-counsel will look closely at whether we again will appeal to the Supreme Court or to the full Sixth Circuit."

## Issue 3 Background

The Cincinnati measure seeks to repeal all laws in Cincinnati forbidding discrimination against Lesbians, Gay men and bisexuals, and it would amend the city charter to prevent lawmakers from ever passing such legislative protections. It has never taken effect because of court injunctions.

Cincinnati voters approved Is-

sue 3 in 1993 amid a nationwide campaign by right-wing extremists to promote anti-Gay bigotry and bar legal protections for Gay people against discrimination. Lambda and its colleagues immediately challenged the measure in federal district court.

After a lengthy trial, the lower court rejected Issue 3 as a violation of the constitutional guarantees of equal protection, free expression, and due process for lesbians and Gay men. The Sixth Circuit reversed that ruling on all grounds; that decision was appealed to the Supreme Court. After its May 1996 *Romer* decision, the high court ordered the Sixth Circuit to re-examine its earlier validation of Issue 3.

In addition to helping defeat the Colorado anti-Gay initiative, Lambda helped dash a similar measure passed in Florida's Alachua County in 1994; a state judge there struck down the northern Florida county's Amendment 1 last fall, based on *Romer*.

Logue and Goldberg are

Lambda's attorneys on behalf of Equality Foundation of Greater Cincinnati in the Issue 3 challenge. Cincinnati civil rights attorney Alphonse A. Gerhardtstein, who argued the case before the Sixth Circuit this past March, is also co-counsel, along with Scott Greenwood of the ACLU of Ohio and

Ohio attorney Richard Cordray.

Lambda, the oldest and largest Lesbian and Gay legal organization, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1998. With its national headquarters in New York, Lambda has regional offices in Atlanta and Los Angeles as well as Chicago.

## Lambda Helps Gay Dad Overturn Biased Visitation Order

NEW YORK — A Maryland appellate court vacated severe restrictions on a divorced father's visits with his children, imposed by a lower court because the father is Gay, sending the case back to a new trial judge, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said.

Lambda represents the father, Robert G. Boswell, who appealed a trial court order in his divorce last year banning his ever having his six-year-old daughter and nine-year-old son on overnight visits with him. The court also ordered that the children never visit their father in the presence of his live-in partner.

Further, the court gratuitously ordered that Boswell's children can never visit him in the presence of "anyone having homosexual tendencies or such persuasions, male or female, or anyone that the father may be living with in a non-marital relationship."

"This case involves the cruel restrictions judges so often place on a Lesbian or Gay parent, including forbidding a Gay parent's partner from being part of the family after a divorce," said Lambda Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn. "Such restrictions only make life more difficult for children and stem from an unfair, inappropriate focus on a Gay parent's private sex life," she said.

Boswell, an Anne Arundel, Md., resident, and his ex-wife sought divorce in April 1996. Neither the mother nor the social worker assigned to the case suggested the extreme restrictions imposed by the trial court. The social worker and the children's psychologist explic-

the children's psychologist explicitly testified that Boswell's sexual orientation was irrelevant to any problems that the children were experiencing as a result of their parents' bitter divorce.

"Maryland courts have a clear that a parent's non-marital sex life is not relevant to custody. The best interest of the children, not the parent's private sex life, must be the focus of court inquiry," said Nancy Polikoff, Lambda's cooperating attorney in the case and professor at American University, Washington College of Law. Polikoff worked with Dohrn and argued the case on Sept. 5, 1997. Andrea Colender, a Maryland pri-

Andrea Colender, a Maryland private practitioner, also assisted in the case.

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals found that the trial court had abused its discretion in ordering all of the restrictions, in that that they were required to safeguard the children from harm. Because the original trial judge has since recused himself, a new judge now will receive the case.

With its 25th anniversary in 1998, Lambda is the largest and oldest legal organization defending the civil rights of Lesbians, Gay men, and people with HIV and AIDS.

## Victory Fund Reports 17 Gay Candidates Win In Recent Elections

According to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, nearly half of the openly Gay candidates were winners in 35 local elections held around the nation Nov. 4.

Among the winners were several firsts. Ohio welcomed its first openly Lesbian and Gay elected officials, including Louis Escobar as Toledo City Councilmember and Mary Wiseman as Dayton City Commissioner.

In addition, the New York City Council has two firsts, Margarita Lopez as the first openly Lesbian Puerto Rican to win an election for U.S. public office, and Phil Reed became the first openly Gay African American on the city council. "Ten years ago, most Gay people wouldn't even think they could run for office and be open," said Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold.

"The more openly Gay people who run for office, the more that kind of visibility breaks down stereotypes.... Voters see that good government has nothing to do with sexual orientation [but] good leaders."

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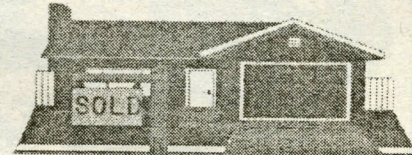
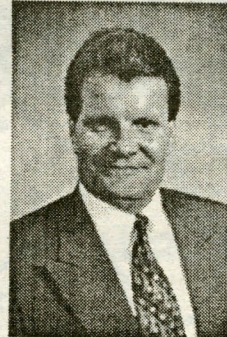
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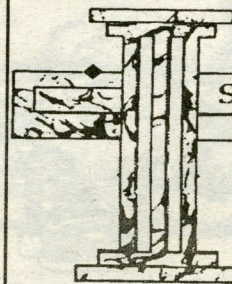


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# Memphis Community Gathers to Mark the Beginnings of a Week-Long Observance of World AIDS Day

On Mon., Dec. 1, the Mid-South community will gather "To See the Stars Instead of the Night" at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Memphis at 7 p.m. This event is part of a week-long observance of World AIDS Day in Memphis.

World AIDS Day began on

Dec. 1, 1988 by the World Health Organization to encourage governments, communities and individuals to talk about AIDS. For the past four years, First Congregational United Church of Christ has sponsored "To See the Stars Instead of The Night" as part of the Memphis

community's observance of World AIDS Day. The purpose of the event is to create a safe and comfortable environment for those in the city who are affected by HIV and AIDS to gather and share songs of hope, words of compassion and stories of courage.

The program will feature music of the Memphis Civic Orchestra and the Olivet Baptist Church Choir and will focus on the experiences of individuals and families affected by AIDS. As in years past, the program will also include the dedication of quilt panels made in memory of persons who have died of AIDS. Persons attending the event will have the opportunity to add names to a quilt panel that will also be dedicated during that evening. After the service, the panels will be incorporated into the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which includes more than 25,000 panels and has become an international symbol of the devastating toll of AIDS.

In past years, "To See the Stars Instead of the Night" has been at First Congregational and Mississippi Boulevard churches in Midtown, and at Temple Israel in East Memphis. This year it will be First Presbyterian Church in downtown Memphis.

The location of the event has been intentionally moved throughout the city so that as many people as possible could participate in the evening.

"This is a time for the Memphis community to come together in a spirit of compassion and hope to support those who live with HIV and AIDS as well as those whose lives are affected by the virus. On Dec. 1st, we will join millions of

people around the world as we come together, united by our love and concern," says Rev. Cheryl Cornish, pastor of First Congregational Church.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 166 Poplar Avenue and is wheelchair accessible. Signing will be provided for persons who are hearing impaired.

Childcare will be provided.

"To See the Stars Instead of the Night" will mark the beginning of a week-long observance of World AIDS Day which will include the public display of the photography exhibit "Are You Scared?" from Dec. 1 - Dec. 6 at First Congregational Church.

The exhibit presents 24 black and white photographs of the Rev. Daniel McBride Ritchie accompanied by selections from his personal journals recorded in the final years of his life with AIDS.

"The exhibit transforms individuals who have never seen the devastating face of AIDS and resonates with the hearts of those who know all too well the epidemic's human cost," say Rev. Scott Howell, associate pastor at First Congregational Church.

For more information about "To See the Stars Instead of the Night" on Dec. 1, at First Presbyterian Church or the photo exhibit "Are You Scared?" please call First Congregational Church at 278-6786.

## Special Days & Time for December Feast for Friends

In order to accommodate the participants who may want to attend the Dec. 1 World AIDS Day program "To See the Stars Instead of the Night," the Dec. 1 Feast for Friends has changed its times.

Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m.

"To See the Stars Instead of the Night" will be held at First Pres-

byterian Church in downtown Memphis.

In addition, the second Feast for Friends of the month will be its Christmas dinner. The second dinner has been moved from Dec. 15 to Dec. 22 and will be held at regular times. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30.

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# Lesbian Lawyer Appeals Bowers Case to Supreme Court

By Russ Bynum  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A Lesbian lawyer asked the U.S. Supreme Court Oct. 31 to hear her case against former Attorney General Mike Bowers, who denied her a job because she planned to marry another woman.

Robin Shahar's lawyers hope for a ruling that establishes constitutional protection for Gay and Lesbian relationships, if the nation's highest court agrees to hear her appeal.

Ms. Shahar and the American Civil Liberties Union first sued Bowers, now a Republican candidate for governor, in 1991. She argues that Bowers violated her constitutional right to freedom of association when he reneged on a

job offer because she planned a Jewish commitment ceremony with her Lesbian partner. She had been working as an intern in his office.

"This case is very clear," Ms. Shahar said during a news conference. "No person should be judged in the workplace by their membership in a minority group. We should be evaluated by our work."

Bowers had no comment on the appeal, his spokesman Bill Crane said.

Ms. Shahar, 34, is now a senior assistant attorney for the city of Atlanta. Both a federal district court and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided her case in Bowers' favor.

The appeals court said Bowers, known for his defense of Georgia's laws against sodomy and adultery,

was entitled to believe people might be confused about his stands if he hired someone involved in a same-sex marriage.

The court refused to reconsider the case after Bowers admitted in June to having an extramarital affair for most of his 16 years as attorney general.

"It's an interesting twist in this case that I was fired for being honest about my relationship, yet Mr. Bowers felt that it was OK for him to be secretive and dishonest about his relationship," Ms. Shahar said.

Bowers' admission is the "icing

on the cake" in proving that he discriminated against Ms. Shahar because she's a Lesbian, said Ruth Harlow, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Gay-rights group that filed the appeal with the ACLU.

"The kinds of double standards, the kinds of justifications Bowers has offered in this case are very representative of the kinds of justifications for anti-Gay prejudice that we see," Ms. Harlow said.

Bowers had argued Ms. Shahar's marriage would be an

open defiance of Georgia law, which his agency is sworn to uphold.

Last year, a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit appeals court ruled in Ms. Shahar's favor, saying she had a fundamental right of intimate association with her partner. But the full court set aside that ruling in March so all 12 judges of the court could hear the case.

The full court reversed the panel's decision, saying Bowers' interest in promoting the efficiency of the Law Department outweighed Ms. Shahar's interest in personal association.

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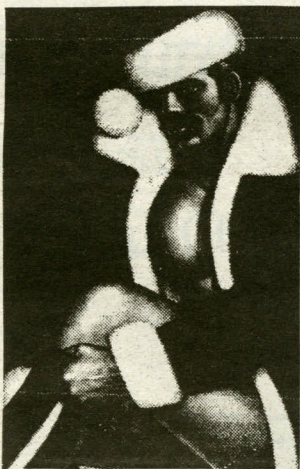
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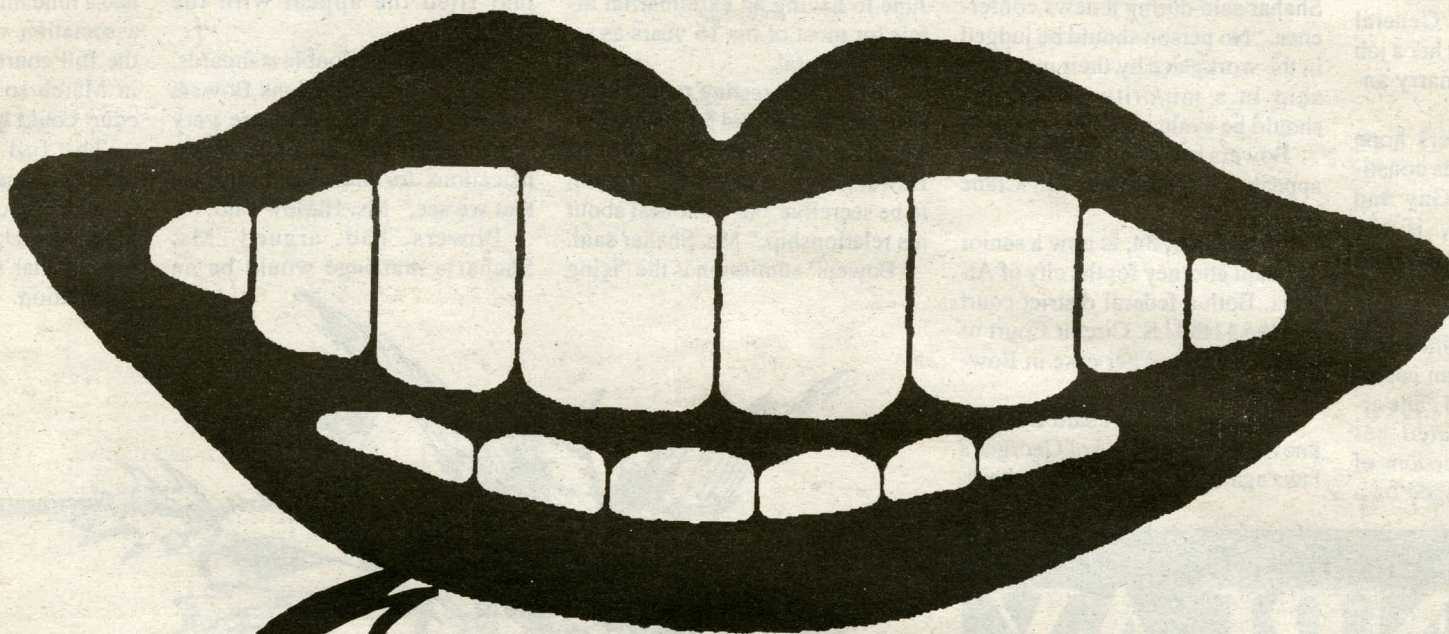
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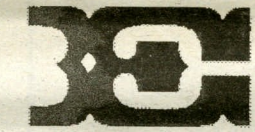
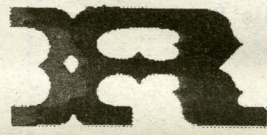
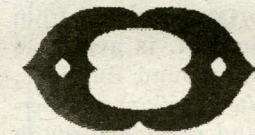
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# Southeastern Regional College Conference "Eye on the Future"

Submitted by  
Southeastern Conference

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Student Union (LGBSU) at the University of Florida will host the 7th Annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender College Conference in Gainesville, Fla. from Fri., Feb. 13 to Sun., Feb. 15, 1998.

This conference was created to build the leadership skills necessary for activism and to empower students to become the future leaders of the LGBT community. In keeping with the theme, "Eye on the Future," the programming of

the conference will reflect timely and diverse topics that will range from national activism to marketing yourself for future employment and graduate schools.

Attending students will hear from prominent national and regional leaders, participate in outstanding educational workshops, and network with people from the wide range of LGBT organizations and their allies.

Keynote speakers include Policy Director of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force (NGLTF) Urvashi Vaid, Legislative Director for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Winnie Stachelberg, National Field Direc-

tor for the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum Mandy Carter, Director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) Kevin Jennings, and CEO of PlanetOut and co-founder of Digital Queers Tom Reilly.

Over the years, the Southeastern Conferences have received increased attention from the LGBT community and our allies; however, visibility has come at a cost. The 1996 and 1997 conferences received protests from local community members as well as the threat of university-wide funding cuts from bigoted state legislators.

The administration at the University of Florida has expressed its support for the 1998 conference, and you can help make this conference a positive experience for LGBT youth in the Southeast by your presence at this event. Individuals or organizations willing to sponsor the conference can do so by purchasing table space or advertising in the conference program. Contact the Solicitation Chair Paul Lawson at the LGBSU office.

Transportation to and from Gainesville, Fla. is available through Greyhound Buslines, Amtrack (Waldo station), via Interstate 75, and service through Gainesville Regional Airport.

Delta Airlines is the official airline of the Southeastern Conference, and if you reserve your tickets 60 days before departure, you will receive a 15 percent discount on your airfare. For reservations, telephone 1-800-241-6760 and use code 103406A.

Accommodations in Gainesville can be arranged for visiting students to stay with UF students (space is limited) or for students to share rooms at four hotels that are providing rooms for conference attendees. The conference rate is \$65 per room/per night and this rate is fixed regardless of the number of students sharing the hotel room.

There will be transportation available to a student that arrives without a car so that s/he can get to and from hotels and conference sites during the weekend.

For roommate matching with other students or to arrange transportation pick-ups from the airport/bus station/train station or any other concerns about getting to or staying in Gainesville, please contact Hospitality Chair Pablo de la Llama at the LGBSU office.

The high quality of workshops, panels, keynote speakers and the overwhelming interest in the conference makes it necessary to limit space at the conference to 500 stu-

dents. Students are strongly urged to register as soon as possible for the conference to insure that there are still available slots. Every effort will be made to accommodate the special needs of any student.

If you have any special dietary requirements, need a sign language interpreter, or require wheelchair accessible accommodations, please let the organizers know in advance so that they can make the conference as positive experience as possible.

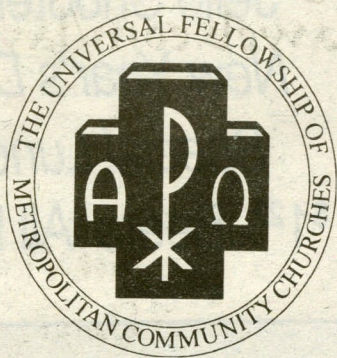
The registration fee for the conference depends on a sliding payment scale. If paid before Dec. 15, the cost is \$35. If paid before Jan. 15, the cost is \$40, and late registration (space permitting) is \$45. Make checks payable to LGBSU and send to 300-48 JWRU, PO Box 118505, Gainesville, FL, 32611-8505.

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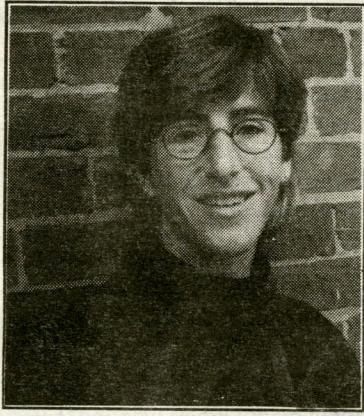
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# Historian Reveals Hidden Memphis Lesbian/Gay History

On Sun., Dec. 7, at 5 p.m., Memphis native Daneel Buring brings the hidden history of the Memphis Lesbian and Gay community out of the closet with her new book, *Lesbian and Gay Memphis: Building Communities Behind the Magnolia Curtain* at Meristem Bookstore, 930 South Cooper.

Written from meticulous research, the book incorporates extensive interviews with over 100 community residents about Lesbian and Gay life, love, work and politics in Memphis from World War II to 1990. Issues of race, class and religion are also identified and explored, as community members reminisce about the realities of Gay life in the river city. Buring's interviews reveal the variety of Lesbian and Gay life in Memphis — bulldaggers and funny men, closet queens, redneck queers, adamant



Daneel Buring

activists and just plain "garden variety" Lesbians and Gay men tell their own stories with honesty and integrity. Buring's analysis places those individual experiences into the larger historical context.

As noted historian James Sears has written, "The history of the South is never simple and it is sel-

dom straight." Buring's groundbreaking work pulls aside the "magnolia curtain" to add another layer of richness and complexity to Memphis history.

*Lesbian and Gay Memphis: Building Communities Behind the Magnolia Curtain* (Garland Publi-

cations) will be available at Meristem in December for \$55. An excerpt from the book is included in *Carryin' On in the Gay and Lesbian South* (NYU Press, \$18.95), also available at Meristem.

Daneel Buring received her Ph.D. in history from the Univer-

sity of Memphis and is associate professor of history at Savannah State University.

For more information, please contact Meristem Bookstore at (901) 276-0282, fax (901) 276-0553 or email AMeristem@aol.com

## Beyond Tea V: A Triple Treat

by Ira L. King  
A Review

Once again, with their usual flair, Mike Smith and Larry "Lorretta" Williams put together a Beyond Tea fund-raiser that is was a huge success. Beyond Tea V, the annual benefit for the Adult Special Care Unit at The MED, raised \$5,000.

The benefit was divided into three nights. The first night can only be called "the drag show from hell." Lorretta lost count of the number of participants, but the show went on into the wee hours of the morning with all the performers' tips added to the kitty. The second night was a show and silent auction. Donated items were bid on with the highest bidders taking home the prizes.

The third night was a \$25 per person formal dinner held at Loretta's newest Gay haunt "COAD" (Come Out After Dark). COAD was tastefully transformed

into an elegant dining room resplendent with black and white table cloths, china, stemware and of course, a rose on each table.

Waiters and waitresses from the Brooks Museum of Art restaurant donated their time and service. Many thanks to them. It was quite lovely.

I'm not sure if tickets sold out, but there should have been more diners to support this event. Our community does not see this kind of effort often. When it does happen, we need to support it en masse.

As they dined on either red snapper or roast beef, diners were treated to the musical stylings of Barbara Streisand. Live entertainment was provided during the first sitting by the reigning Mr. 501, Steve Holland, and the 1st Alternate to Mr. Gay Tennessee.

So many of our community end up in the Adult Special Care Unit that it is wonderful to be able to provide some needed funds to keep it going.

## Simply Vonna Is Miss Memphis

At the much-heralded revival of Miss Gay Memphis, the grandmother of all local pageants, Simply Vonna Valentino was crowned for 1998.

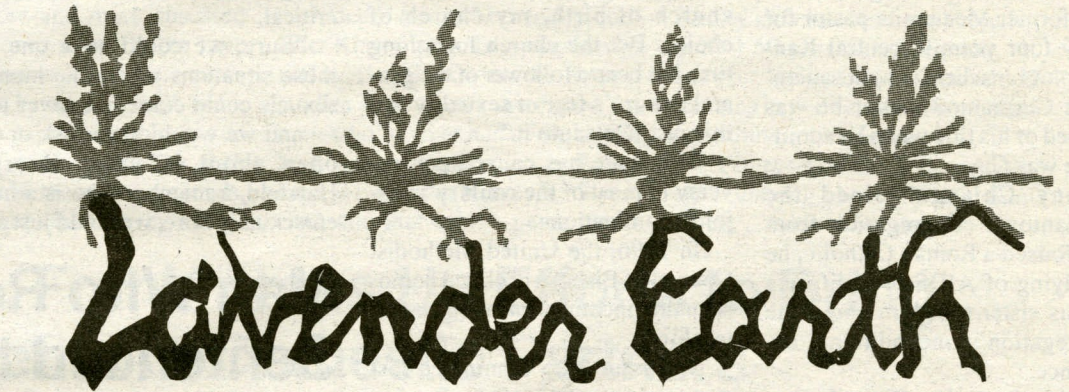
Founded in 1969 during a time of repression, Miss Memphis was a turning point for Gay and Lesbian Memphians. Several dormancies in recent years have broken the continuity of the event. Under the ownership of Lorretta Williams (Miss Gay Memphis 1971), it again did Memphis proud.

Laura Lee Love (1977) traveled up from Houston. By her own admission she is probably the eldest of the remaining winners. Tammika St. John (1985) came out of retirement for the occasion. Jo Ann Badey (1975), who has had one of the longest local careers of any female impersonator, per-

formed and Lorretta herself brought her 1971 trophy and crown to be displayed with the historic plaque listing each winner.

Amber Starr performed several times and passed on the crown with elegance and dignity. She has held the title longest, from 1993-97. A large audience and five judges showed their appreciation many times. Bill Kendall, one of the pageant's founders, received a Life Achievement Award. Emcees were Lilly Christine Arnold and Vincent Astor.

Contestants were Alicia Kelly (first alternate), Pebbles (second alternate), Misty McEntire and Beverly Hills. This is a preliminary to the Miss Gay Tennessee pageant, the winner of which represents the state at Miss Gay America.



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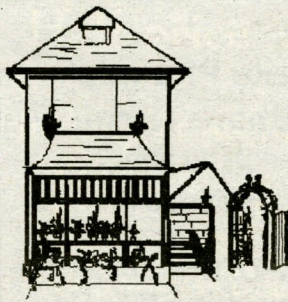
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# Philadelphia Mennonite Church Shunned for Accepting Gays

By Tom Ragan  
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joe Miller joined the Germantown Mennonite Church because he heard the congregation accepted homosexuals and he wanted to return to the same religious environment he left as a teen-ager.

A former Mennonite pastor for nearly four years in central Kansas, John Linscheid sought sanctuary at Germantown after he was stripped of his title when he admitted he was Gay.

Tony Chiango joined the Germantown congregation from afar. Raised a Roman Catholic, he was dying of AIDS in California and his sister told him about the congregation's unconditional acceptance.

"The Catholic Church was never there for him when he was dying in the '80s," his sister, Angel, told the Mennonite congregation Sunday. "He wanted to be a part of the unconditional love. And after he joined this church, his spirit grew as his body failed. I want to thank you."

That unconditional love has had consequences.

The congregation, the oldest Mennonite Church in the country, learned two weeks ago that delegates voted 178-40 to expel the church from the regional conference beginning next year. The congregation will no longer be able to vote on the critical issues of faith and practice that affect the 50 con-

gregations in southeastern Pennsylvania.

The pastor, Richard Lichty, has been stripped of his credentials, beginning next year. While he will remain pastor for three years, he will not be recognized by the conference.

"It hurts," said the 57-year-old Lichty, a heterosexual. "This is my church of birth, my church of choice. But the church for a long time has been a follower of the general culture's fear of sexuality and this just plays into it."

The issue has caused controversy in most of the country's major denominations.

In 1996, the United Methodist Council of Bishops declared homosexuality incompatible with church teaching.

The issue also dominated last summer's meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Albuquerque — just as it has during every national gathering in the last generation of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Catholic Church has for years taught that homosexual activity is morally wrong. In recent years, the church has said that while homosexual sex is immoral because it occurs outside marriage, homosexual orientation is not freely chosen and therefore not sinful.

The Mennonite Church's official policy, passed in 1987, allows congregations to accept only celibate homosexuals, said Jim Lapp,

conference pastor for the regional conference.

"The Germantown church has received people into membership who are living in covenanted relationships, and that became a point of disagreement with the membership of our conference," Lapp said.

Congregants, both Gay and straight, consider the policy hypocritical.

"Sure, we could have one of those situations where the homosexuals could come but never tell — and we would never ask or be open about it," said George Hatzfeld, a member who is a heterosexual. "Sure, we could just as-

sume that they're celibate. But the problem is we'd never make those requirements of heterosexual couples."

The Germantown Mennonite church has served as a refuge for homosexuals for a decade.

"I learned a long time ago growing up as a Mennonite that I could either be a Mennonite or I could be Gay, but that I damn well couldn't be both," Miller said, emphasizing the vulgarity. "But this church accepted me for who I was and that's why I came here."

A soft-spoken man who was reared in Lancaster County, Miller said he and other Gays have already

shed their anger over the banishment. But the controversy will continue confronting the church.

"They're going to have to keep on dealing with the issue at other congregations," he said.

Lapp said it's already happening — in conferences in Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota and Iowa.

"All of this is the result of a long process and dialogue," he said. "It's the mood of our society, the way in which the issue is headlined. It's in the public consciousness. Many more people are becoming aware of it because homosexuals are more active and outspoken about their rights."

## Man Who Robbed to Bail Out Boyfriend Sentenced to Prison

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A man who went on a crime spree to raise money to bail his boyfriend out of jail has been sentenced to eight to 16 years in prison.

Shawn Quinones pleaded guilty Nov. 3 in Montgomery County Court, saying he "went straight on a demolition course" after Donald Singleton was jailed for shoplifting and other charges and held on \$50,000 bail.

"I was trying to get Donald out of jail," Quinones said. "I just wanted him home with me."

Security guards at Willow Grove Park Mall had spotted the two men stealing shirts and jeans Jan. 17. Quinones led police on a high-speed chase until the car crashed in Philadelphia.

Quinones, 23, got away. Singleton, 24, didn't.

Two days later, Quinones held up an Upper Merion gas station for \$273 while dressed as a woman, with long hair, makeup, a short leather jacket and black pants.

Jan. 21, Quinones used a BB gun to rob a Chester County

Denny's restaurant of \$200. The next day, he and friend Wayne Culkin burst into an East Norriton Denny's and took \$828 from the register and \$200 from customers.

The men were arrested that day. They attacked two constables Jan. 30.

Culkin, 21, pleaded guilty to robbery and aggravated assault and was sentenced to eight to 16 years in prison. Singleton also pleaded guilty and was sentenced last month to five to 10 years in prison.

## Maine Gay Rights Supporters Call for Referendum Cancellation

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The Christian Civic League of Maine can join the state in defending an upcoming referendum on Gay rights, a judge ruled Nov. 3.

Gay rights supporters filed a lawsuit two weeks before arguing Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky lacks the authority to call a referendum. The suit asks the court to overturn Gwadosky's approval of the referendum.

Gwadosky declared Oct. 20 that enough petition signatures had

been gathered to hold the referendum. The petition drive's sponsors, the Christian Coalition of Maine and the Christian Civic League of Maine, want voters to overturn the state Gay rights law approved last spring.

Michael F. Phillips Jr., an attorney for the league, said he expected the state to do well in defending Gwadosky's decision to authorize the referendum. But as one of the groups that circulated the petitions, he said the league would better be able to defend them.

In court Nov. 3, Gay rights advocates argued the referendum should be cancelled because of 26 different flaws in the petitions filed.

Both the petitions' sponsors and Gwadosky's staff reviewed the petitions for mistakes that would invalidate signatures. Of the 65,256 signatures filed by the Civic League and Christian Coalition, state workers disqualified 7,074,

leaving 58,131 valid names.

But the Gay rights coalition Maine Won't Discriminate says Gwadosky's staff let flawed signatures pass.

The lawsuit seeks to demonstrate that. In a 90-page document filed with the court, referendum opponents describe the errors in each of the 15,000-odd signatures that they claim are flawed and therefore invalid.

Such errors include signatures without dates, improperly notarized signatures, signatures without the street address of the signer, duplicate signatures and altered signatures.

Gay rights advocates also say Gwadosky improperly approved signatures that were collected before the Legislature adjourned for the season. Advocates say no signatures should have been collected until after the adjournment, but Gwadosky has disagreed.

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By Simon LeVay, Ph.D. See page 27

# Book on Alfred Kinsey Gaining Backlash for Houston Author

HOUSTON (AP) — A new book that questions whether sex researcher Alfred Kinsey's homosexuality skewed his landmark findings 50 years ago has garnered criticism for its Houston author.

In *Alfred Kinsey: A Public/Private Life*, University of Houston history professor James Jones argues that Kinsey may have been trying to condone his own sexual tastes.

"Kinsey was a dedicated scientist but not a neutral one," said Jones, who spent 15 years on the 937-page biography, the first on Kinsey by a historian. "He was first and foremost a reformer who wanted to end Victorian morality, to drive a stake through its heart."

The book, released in October, is making Jones decidedly unpopular among some Gay activists and sex researchers who accuse Jones of everything from prurience to armchair psychologizing.

"This outing of Kinsey is nothing but middle-brow tabloid trash," said UH sociologist Bill Simon, a former Kinsey researcher. "It's self-serving opportunism that will do much damage to the future of sex research without offering any real insights into sex research."

Also among Jones' critics are officials at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction in Indiana. John Bancroft, director of the

Bloomington-based institute, questioned the new information because some of it came from anonymous sources. Jones says he will reveal the names after their deaths.

"The portrait is unconvincing to people who knew Kinsey well," Bancroft said. "But even if it were true, it would not invalidate Kinsey's work, which was groundbreaking in showing the extent to which American sexual life varied."

In 1948, Kinsey dropped a bombshell on the United States with the publication of the bestseller *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, dubbed The Kinsey Report.

At a time when extramarital sex, premarital sex and homosexual intercourse were publicly invisible, Kinsey tore open the blinds, writing that they both existed and were common.

The book reported that almost all men masturbated and had premarital sex, half had cheated on wives and more than a third had at least one homosexual experience. In 1953, a companion report on women produced similar results.

"More than any other American of the 20th century, Kinsey was the architect of a new sensibility about a part of life that everyone experiences and no one escapes," Jones wrote in his book. "He brought intimate matters out into the open and

forced Americans to confront the gap between prescribed and actual behavior."

Beneath a carefully crafted public image, Jones said, was an altogether different reality: a deeply troubled man driven by sexual neuroses.

As a young professor, Kinsey became more and more obsessed with sex, Jones says. By the time his first famous sex report came out, he was having sex with men, engaging in painful sexual acts and filming his wife having sex with staff members, the author contends.

Jones argues that Kinsey's find-

ings were tainted because his own sexual interests and empathy for people leading unconventional sex lives seemed to affect his polling methods. Although he took 18,000 in-depth sexual histories, Kinsey sought out homosexuals, prisoners and anyone on the fringes of sexuality, Jones says.

Indeed, researchers today consider Kinsey's numbers may be significantly off the mark. Recent studies have found the figure for men who've ever had some sort of homosexual experience is 9 percent, down from Kinsey's 37 percent; and that from 1 percent to 4

percent of men are exclusively homosexual, down from Kinsey's 10 percent.

Jones' critics say Kinsey's unrepresentative samples and inflated numbers are old news dressed up with titillating new gossip to boost book sales.

"The important thing is the Kinsey data has been out there for almost 50 years," said Simon. "It has been looked over, criticized and remains in that sense, an important contribution to science."

"I'm not sure the personal gossip revolving about life at the institute ... adds to the data."

## Rep. Frank Steps Up Efforts to Bring Benefits to Domestic Partners

By Jonathan D. Salant  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Barney Frank's efforts to allow the unmarried partners of federal employees to enjoy the same benefits as spouses has attracted the support of major corporations, labor unions and Gay and Lesbian organizations.

Frank has introduced legislation that would allow the partner of a federal employee either the same or opposite sex to be eligible for retirement benefits, life and health

insurance, and workers' compensation. Such benefits are given to spouses of married employees.

"The time has come for the federal government to follow the lead of so many private firms and recognize that people who live in committed relationships, regardless of their sexual orientation or marital status, ought to be eligible for the same basic set of benefits ... as married couples," said Frank, who is Gay.

Three fellow Massachusetts Democrats, Bill Delahunt, Martin Meehan and John W. Olver, have

endorsed the legislation. So has the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Time Warner; Microsoft; and the Human Rights Campaign.

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# Cable Network to Air Documentary on Gay Killer

WESTFIELD, Ind. (AP)—The remains of seven people were found on his property. Herbert Baumeister committed suicide. Now, a television documentary includes an interview with a man who claims that Baumeister tried to strangle him in a swimming pool.

In the hour-long episode of *Investigative Reports*, scheduled to run periodically on the A&E network, Mark Goodyear of Indianapolis says Baumeister propositioned him at an Indianapolis Gay bar, then took him to his suburban Westfield estate and tried to kill him.

Baumeister committed suicide in 1996. Police had wanted to ask him about the remains of seven people — all believed to be men — whose skeletal remains were unearthed on his 18-acre estate. Four of the bodies have been identified.

Sgt. Kenneth Whisman of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department says the *Investigative Reports* episode, dubbed "The Secret Life of a Serial Killer," is built around conjecture and not the facts, something that has been scarce considering that Baumeister is dead.

"From what I hear, they're really stretching it with this report," said Whisman, lead investigator in the Baumeister case. "They try to connect him to some cases where there just isn't any evidence linking him to."

Investigators, who have spoken to Goodyear a number of times, were initially impressed with the details of his story about his near-fatal encounter with Baumeister. But Whisman has since become skeptical of Goodyear, saying he has changed his story a number of times.

"His credibility is questionable at this point," Whisman said.

While what happened at Baumeister's estate remains murky, one thing is clear, says Whisman: Baumeister led a double life as a husband of 25 years and as a man who frequented Gay bars in Indianapolis.

Baumeister, who operated Indianapolis thrift shops, fatally shot himself in Canada in July 1996, shortly after investigators had begun searching his property after his wife told them her son had found a human skull in nearby woods.

Police have not linked Baumeister to any of the deaths, but he has been connected to the disappearances of some of the men

whose remains were found. Due to the lack of evidence in the case, police have made a point of not referring to Baumeister as a serial killer.

"This is still classified as a death investigation. However, Baumeister was and still is the only suspect that has surfaced in the investigation," said Whisman, adding that the full story "will never be told — we can only speculate now."

Gabriel Films of New York, which produced the A&E documentary, visited Indianapolis last winter and spring to interview friends of the suspected victims,

Hamilton County authorities and Baumeister's widow, Julie.

To date, Hamilton County has spent about \$250,000 on its investigation into the Baumeister case, Whisman said. The sheriff's department is waiting for the Hamilton County Council to act on its request for \$20,000 for advanced DNA testing on the remaining bones.

When the money is appropriated, a private, out-of-state laboratory will analyze 20 bones a forensic anthropologist believes are the remains of the three victims still unidentified.

## Teacher Exonerated by Board for Discussing *Ellen* Episode in Class

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — An elementary school teacher criticized for discussing an episode of *Ellen* with her class did not act improperly in speaking to students about the TV character's announcement that she was Gay, school board officials said.

Mike and Judy Trelow complained that Victoria Forrester violated their parental rights by speaking about the "coming-out" episode to their daughter's fifth-grade class.

But when the Alameda Unified School District announced Oct. 28 that they had exonerated Forrester, the teacher's supporters broke out in cheers.

"The board has concluded that the parents' allegations were not supported by the evidence," said board president Anna Elefant. "No student was harassed, intimidated, ridiculed or intentionally embarrassed."

But Forrester, a teacher at Alameda's Amelia Earhart Elementary School, remains under investigation by the state and could potentially have her teaching license revoked.

The Trelows took their complaint to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. That board, expected to decide in December whether to proceed with the case, could revoke Forrester's license to teach, dismiss the case, suspend her license or issue a private letter of reprimand.

Trelow said while Forrester is a good teacher, she violated his wishes to be notified of classroom discussions concerning homosexuality. The Trelows say the school has a document on file with that request.

Trelow also claimed the teacher pulled his daughter aside and suggested she be open to different opinions when she disagreed with the Forrester's description of Ellen as "brave" and "proud."

"This is not a homosexual witch hunt. We are just concerned that the school district is allowing this to

happen," Trelow said in an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "The teacher didn't follow the rules. If you violate parental rights, you should be punished."

Forrester has not commented on Trelow's allegations, and the district asked that school officials not discuss the matter while it remained before the school board.

"She's a great teacher. She's one of the district's best teachers," her attorney, Ballinger Kemp, told the board before its decision.

Forrester was supported by the

Alameda Education Association and the American Civil Liberties Union. Superintendent Dennis Chaconas cleared Forrester on Sept. 29, but Trelow appealed to the school board.

Trelow, meanwhile, will continue to pursue the state investigation, contending that it violates the education code to discuss topics related to human reproduction without notifying parents in writing. But he does acknowledge that Forrester did not discuss sex acts with the class.

## Two Police Officials Investigated for Remark About Colleagues

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Two top-ranking officers in the Chatham County Police Department are accused of using an offensive term to refer to female co-workers.

An internal affairs investigation is under way, but Maj. Billy Freeman and Capt. Doug Burkhalter have not been suspended, county officials said.

The *Savannah Morning News* reported Nov. 6 that Freeman and Burkhalter are accused of referring to a female officer and a police secretary as "dykes," a derogatory term for Lesbians.

Freeman and Burkhalter were unaware that a police radio was broadcasting their comments as they sat in a county-owned car, the newspaper said. The conversation was taped by police dispatchers and turned over to a supervisor.

William Bell, an attorney for one of the women, said she and her family have been devastated by the remark.

"The statements that were made were false — they have no basis in fact. She's married and has a family," he said.

Freeman and Burkhalter declined comment.

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# Sam Manzie Said to be Tortured by His Homosexuality Before Killing

NEW YORK (AP) — The parents of a New Jersey teen-ager accused of killing 11-year-old Eddie Werner say they left him home that day because he seemed "docile," not violent and troubled as he had been.

Nicholas and Dolores Manzie of Jackson, N.J., left 15-year-old Sam Manzie at home Sept. 27 to fulfill a previous commitment to run a junket to a Connecticut casino, they told ABC's Barbara Walters in an interview aired on 20/20 Friday Oct. 31.

"Sam was very docile those two days and my daughter was going to be home for part of the day before she went to work," Mr. Manzie said. "We really felt as if there wouldn't be a problem."

The two days before the killing were "the best two days we had in 1 1/2 years with him," Mrs. Manzie said.

While they were away, Werner came to the door of their suburban home selling candy and holiday items for a PTA fund-raiser. Manzie allegedly robbed, sexually assaulted and killed the boy before stuffing his body into a suitcase.

He is charged with murder, felony murder, aggravated sexual assault and robbery. Prosecutors want to try him as an adult, but a judge has yet to rule on the request. New Jersey has the death penalty, but it is not used against juveniles tried in adult court.

Werner's parents did not immediately respond to a request for comment Oct. 30. A message left on an answering machine at their home was not returned.

In their first public comments since the killing, Manzie's parents painted a picture of their son as a loner who was struggling to come to grips with his homosexuality — and finding friends on-line.

Prosecutors say Manzie had used an on-line chat room to strike up a relationship with 43-year-old pedophile Stephen P. Simmons of Holbrook, N.Y.

Simmons is now jailed on charges he molested Manzie during motel room trysts the two arranged.

The boy first began discussing his sexuality with his parents when he was 14, his mother said. His parents said they assured him that whether he was heterosexual or homosexual, the important part was feeling good about himself.

"I know he was tortured by it," Mrs. Manzie said. "I know that now, that although he admitted to it and was accepting it for himself, it was torturing him, really torturing him."

Said Nicholas Manzie: "Sam knew how much I was devoted to Catholicism and I think that's probably one of the reasons why."

Three years ago, when Sam Manzie first took an interest in computers, his parents were

pleased because they worried about his lack of friends.

"I thought it was great 'cause he had nothing else in his life," said Mrs. Manzie. "It was a way he was finding friends, they were communicating through the computer. He wasn't out playing like other kids. And it would break my heart to see them out there, and he had nothing. So when the computer came into the house, it was like he had some kind of communication with somebody," she said.

Mr. Manzie said that when he saw his son at the computer he was playing games with other kids his age.

Eventually, the teen turned violent, his father said.

He became more and more aggressive, acting out and ignoring what his parents had to say. When they knocked at his door, he ignored it.

"The look in his eyes when he was looking at me was one of ... I was terrified. Just by his look ... as if he wanted to really hurt me bad," Mr. Manzie said.

Sam, who was under psychiatric care at Shoreline Behavioral Health Center, confessed about his affair with Simmons, prompting a criminal investigation in which authorities monitored their communications.

"They (prosecutors) were giving us dates to come in for statements, they were coming to the

house. Everything got so crazy that we forgot about Sam, his feelings. I mean we forgot about what he needed at that time," Mrs. Manzie said.

She said a counselor at Shoreline rejected her anguished plea to keep Sam for around-the-clock treatment.

"I told her, 'Don't make me take him home 'cause something's going to happen.' And I thought it was going to be within the family 'cause he was so hard to control and his violence was getting worse and worse. And they said, 'You have to, you're the mother' — that if I didn't I could be prosecuted or I could be arrested for abandonment."

On Sept. 24, his parents took Sam before Superior Court Judge James Citta in Toms River, N.J.,

asking that the teen be committed. Citta said no and encouraged the family to work it out at home.

"At that point we were thinking, 'Well, there are all these professionals that had seen Sam and said that he is not homicidal, not suicidal, he's OK,'" said Mr. Manzie.

"I'm thinking, 'God, what kind of mother am I to think I have a kid that needs to be put away?'" said Mrs. Manzie.

Now being held without bail in a juvenile detention facility, Sam Manzie has completely withdrawn, his parents said.

Asked if he shows remorse, Mrs. Manzie said: "I'm not even sure of that. I mean, I'm not sure of anything because he just stares blankly ahead, like we're not even in the room with him."

# Dutch Government Pushing to be First to Let Gays Adopt

By William J. Kole  
Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch society, renowned for its tolerance of homosexuality, is pushing for a federal law that would permit Gays and Lesbians to adopt children.

The legislation, which would also sanction same-sex marriages, was approved by a parliamentary panel last month. Believed to have broad backing in Parliament and expected to be enacted early next year, it also gives Gay couples the same pension, inheritance and social security rights as married heterosexuals.

"The rights of children in homosexual relationships must be better regulated," said Bas Kortmann, chairman of the parliamentary panel. He called the bill "an important symbolic step against the old idea that homosexuality is heresy."

If the current version passes, the Netherlands would become the first country to sanction homosexual adoption at the federal level. In the United States, matters of marriage and adoption are overseen by states. Some U.S. states allow homosexual adoption and a few forbid it.

The Netherlands is known for its acceptance of homosexuals and openness on the issue. Homosexuals are welcomed in the Dutch military, and Amsterdam will hold next year's Gay Games, the quadrennial Olympics-style sports festival.

There didn't appear to be any organized opposition to the legislation. In fact, public opinion surveys have shown that seven in 10 Dutch think Gays can be good parents.

The Dutch Federation for the Integration of Homosexuality hailed the new proposal, saying it would stop Gay couples from having to lie about their sexuality in adoption papers.

Dutch lawmakers had planned to approve a similar bill this year but held off because it didn't include adoption rights.

The committee, commissioned by State Justice Secretary Elizabeth Schmitz, said most of its members concluded that "same-sex couples can only receive equal treatment if they are permitted to enter into civil marriage."

Marriage "has always been a flexible institution that has kept pace with social change," the panel said in a report.

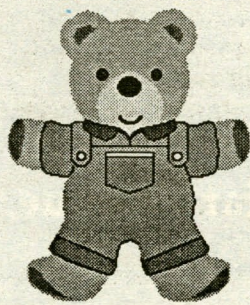
Maarten Jan van Mourik, a law

professor at Catholic University of Nijmegen, today decried the bill as "the next step in the abolition of marriage."

"The creation of a sex-neutral marriage raises the question: Why make marriage accessible to just two people? And why not make marriage between a parent and a child possible?" he wrote in a commentary in the daily *De Telegraaf*.

Homosexual couples already have won the right to register their relationships and jointly own property in much of Scandinavia, though Denmark, Norway and Sweden have not yet allowed them to adopt.

The Dutch panel conceded that legalizing Gay marriage and adoption in the Netherlands could lead to "international complications" for Dutch Gays and Lesbians who move with their adoptive children to countries hostile to the idea.



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# Number of HIV Tests Drops in N.C. After Anonymous Testing Ends

DURHAM (AP) — The number of people seeking HIV tests in Durham County dropped in the four months after the state ended anonymous testing at health departments in North Carolina.

Durham County has the highest rate of AIDS among the state's 10 most populated counties.

Twenty-three percent fewer people were tested in the four months after anonymous testing ended in May compared to the four months before that.

Anonymous tests were replaced

with confidential tests, which require a name and address. The person's identity is protected by federal and state laws. Under anonymous testing, no identifying information was required.

Dr. Ron Levine, the state health director, said four months was not enough time to draw definite conclusions.

"There will be individual dips and peaks by months," said Levine, who pushed to end anonymous testing.

It will be 18 months to two years before HIV-testing data reveal the

impact of the change, he said.

Statewide, 35,744 tests were performed from May through August, compared with 37,732 tests from January through April. That's a 5 percent decline. In Durham County, 1,210 tests were performed from May through August, compared with 1,567 tests from January through April.

Workers first saw a decline in the number of people coming in for AIDS tests, but the number appears to be rising, one Durham County Health Department official said.

"They are starting to get used to it," said Detra Talley, who oversees the department's testing service. "A lot of people who complain about not having anonymous testing, once we explain what confidentiality means ... they tend to be more at ease."

State health officials decided in 1991 to do away with anonymous HIV testing. That move led to a six-year battle with ACT-UP Triangle, a Durham-based AIDS activist group.

The fight bounced between the state's court system and the panel that sets state health policy. It ended in April with a ruling from the state Supreme Court that said ending anonymous testing did not violate patients' constitutional rights to privacy. The state ended

anonymous testing May 1.

The identifying information is necessary to fight AIDS because it allows health workers to contact more people who may have been infected by someone who tested positive for the disease, state officials said.

"It gives us much greater opportunity to prevent further spread of the virus," he said.

But Gretchen Durham, an ACT-UP member, said the state can't help people who won't get tested.

"What I'm hearing is there are still a lot of folks who don't understand how they can become infected and when they do understand the importance of testing, they are not willing to give someone their name," she said.

## Former Student Sues Educators, Alleging Harassment

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Gay hairdresser in Sussex County claims in a federal lawsuit that his high school years were made harder because educators failed to apply their anti-harassment policies when he complained about abuse from fellow students.

Robert McDonald, who works in Newton, is seeking unspecified compensation from the Jefferson Township Board of Education, as well as several administrators and a teacher at Jefferson High School in Morris County.

The lawsuit, filed here last month, appears to be the first in New Jersey, and among only a handful in the nation, to address

anti-Gay harassment in public schools, according to a Gay rights group, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

McDonald, 21, graduated from the school 1 1/2 years ago after enduring indignities that included name-calling and spitting, as well as shoving incidents, according to the lawsuit.

He said that in response to his clothes being stolen or scattered during gym class, school officials asked him to change in a separate bathroom. McDonald was also asked to leave classes five minutes early to avoid students who bothered him, the lawsuit said.

Among those named in the suit

is Principal Robert Ross. "I've been here for 20 years as a principal, and we've always treated everybody equally," Ross told *The Star-Ledger of Newark*, "We don't have two sets of rules."

A beating in his junior year robbed McDonald's left ear of 80 percent of its hearing, the lawsuit said. McDonald filed assault charges against student Scott Sisco and is also suing him in state court, charging that the attack was motivated by bias.

A lawyer for the Sisco family said any fight had nothing to do with McDonald's sexual orientation.

## Megan Law Revision Allows Elderly Gay Men to Pull Names from Sex Registry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Men branded as sex offenders decades ago for consensual homosexual acts with other adults can now remove their names from a list used to compile a public registry of rapists and molesters.

The revised version of Megan's Law went into effect over the weekend.

"Gay men no longer must face the indignity of having to undergo the annual registration as sex offenders," said Elizabeth Schroeder, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. "This law is long overdue."

California's Megan's Law, originally passed in 1995, requires that dangerous sex criminals register and allows the public to see their names and whereabouts. The law was named for a New Jersey girl killed by a molester paroled in her neighborhood.

But when the state Department of Justice compiled a list of 64,000 criminals covered by the law, it included people convicted as far back as 1944 — a time when Gays were prosecuted for consensual acts between adults.

Some elderly Gay men were brought to police stations and warned that failing to register was

a felony.

State officials said the men's names would not have shown up on the publicly accessible registry because their crimes were not severe enough.

But ACLU officials said a study

due out in July 1998 should reveal how many Gay men's names made it to the public registry.

The amended law allows sex offenders to appeal to the Department of Justice and in court, if necessary.

## Sergeant Sues Over Reverse Bias

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Multnomah County Corrections sergeant believes the sheriff won't promote him because of his association with a conservative anti-Gay-rights group, he claims in a lawsuit filed Oct. 30.

Bruce R. McCain was an attorney for the Oregon Citizens Alliance from 1992 to 1994.

"No question it tainted my career," he said. "It rubbed a lot of people the wrong way."

The federal lawsuit claims McCain's career has been effectively halted after more than 14 years with the sheriff's office.

Sheriff Dan Noelle said he hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment.

Also named as defendants were Corrections Commander Jeanie King and Multnomah

County.

In a complaint filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, McCain said that in 1995 and 1996 he was passed over for promotions that went to African American females and Lesbians.

He said Noelle in July 1997 again refused to promote him because he allegedly had identified himself as a "white, Christian, heterosexual male."

McCain doesn't deny that the description fits, but says he never used it to describe himself.

"When you string together those four descriptions — white, Christian, heterosexual, male — I think in this context, it does become a pejorative term," he said.

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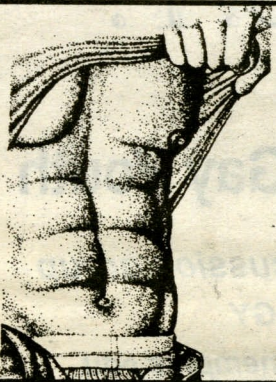
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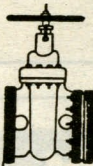


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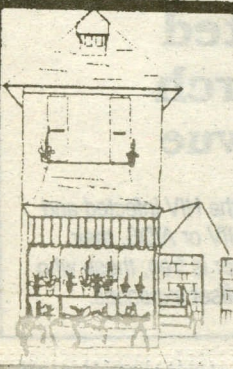
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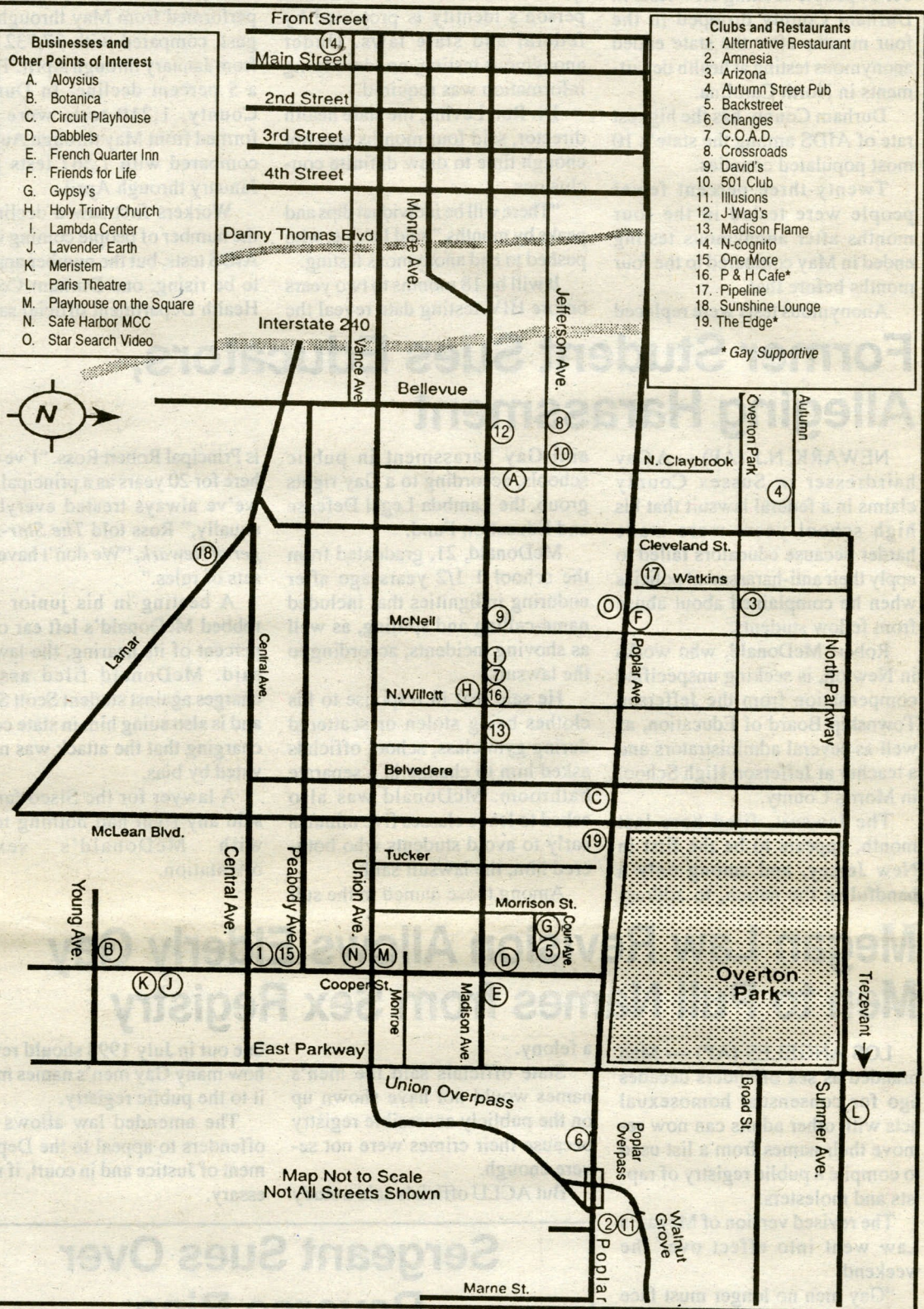
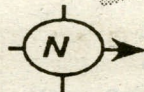
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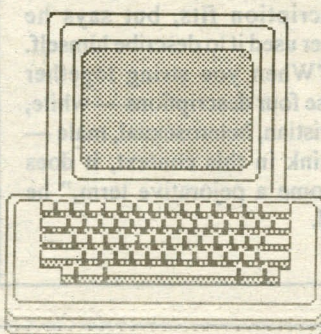
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## Who was Janet Flanner?

In the 1920s, a thriving Lesbian artistic community in Paris allowed women such as Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, and Natalie Barney to live out their creative and personal lives with unusual freedom. But some of the women who participated in that scene aren't always recognized as Lesbians the way Stein and Barney are — even though their love lives were just as woman-centered as the more famous expatriates. A good example is Janet Flanner, who was one of the most esteemed journalists of her time and a woman who took what she called a "lesbic approach" to life.

Born in Indianapolis in 1892, Janet Flanner wanted to be a writer from the age of five. After some setbacks, she launched her writing career in 1917, contributing an arts column to the *Indianapolis Star* for 25 dollars a week.

But like many Lesbians-in-waiting, she found her hometown stifling, and she took one of the few roads out that were available to women at that time — she got married. In 1918, Flanner tied the knot with a friend from college who had settled in New York City. The marriage didn't last long, but it did change her life. Living in bohemian Greenwich Village with her new husband, Flanner immediately became part of the vibrant feminist community there and found herself attracted to the brilliant "New Women" around her. One of these women, a drama critic named Solita Solano, became Flanner's first great love.

Even the big city of New York, though, was not very tolerant of Lesbians in the years following World War I. The two women felt confined by sexual mores and were eager to make a life together in

another place. When Solano got an assignment in Greece in 1921, Flanner jumped at the chance to dump her husband and follow her new love abroad. The couple traveled around Europe, finally settling in Paris in 1922. Flanner and Solano became active members of the thriving expatriate Lesbian community — frequenting Natalie Barney's famous literary salon and serving as the inspiration for the journalist couple "Nip" and "Tuck" in Djuna Barnes's 1928 satire, *Ladies Almanack*. In a 1973 interview with Mike Wallace on *Sixty Minutes*, Flanner described Paris in the twenties as "lots of fun," but it was also a place where women like her could shed sexual and social restrictions and follow their desires and ambitions more freely.

Flanner lived with Solano for close to 20 years in an open relationship, which at times seemed to involve some pretty complicated scheduling. Flanner's biographer quotes a letter written by one of Flanner's friends in 1932: "Janet is now in love with Noel Murphy, but she still keeps house with Solita Solano. Solano has a house in the country where she is in love with another girl and where Janet visits. Noel has another

friend, some French woman, where she visits until Janet returns from Solita's" — Lesbian soap opera, 1930s-style. Although she and Solano ultimately separated, Flanner retained a lifelong tie to her first love, proving that the tendency for Lesbians to stay in touch with their exes isn't something new. And Flanner had a lot of exes. There was always "some woman who excited and charmed me," she wrote at the end of her life, "and when her influence waned, another took her place."

It's not just for her Lesbian love affairs, though, but for her remarkable writing career that Flanner deserves attention. At a time when middle-class women's jobs were confined mostly to homemaking, nursing or teaching, Flanner forged a successful and noteworthy career as a foreign correspondent. Her literary connections in Paris got her a number of plum writing assignments, and in 1925, the editor of the newly-founded *New Yorker* magazine approached her about doing a biweekly column on French culture and politics. Her "Letter from Paris," written under the androgynous pseudonym "Genet" (a twist on the French pronunciation of "Janet"), ran in the magazine for 50 years and earned Flanner worldwide

fame. In the column, she tackled everything from tame subjects, like art exhibitions and the theater season, to explosively political ones, like the rise of French fascism. Her left-of-center work won many prestigious honors, including the Legion d'Honneur and the National Book Award. *Paris Was Yesterday*, a book-length collection of her columns, was an international best-seller. When Flanner died on Nov. 7, 1978, her fans around the world mourned her passing.

Why isn't she better known as one of "our people"? Though open about her Lesbianism with friends and colleagues, Flanner didn't discuss — and wasn't asked about — her personal life on the record. Not unlike many of today's semi-closeted dykons, Flanner seemed to think that everyone knew she was a Lesbian without her having to announce it. As she wrote in a letter to a 1940s lover of hers, "Darlinghissima, how we burned and so publicly." More publicly than most 1940s Lesbians, sure, but hardly "out" by our standards.

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# Utah Parents to Meet to Protest Against Lesbian School Teacher

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP) — About 100 parents, grandparents and children gathered in the Utah County town over the weekend to plan what they call a dignified protest against a Lesbian school teacher.

The "Citizens For Legal and Moral Values in Nebo School District" won't picket or march. Instead, they will pull their children from Wendy Weaver's classes and circulate petitions for a Nebo School District policy allowing them to keep their children away from other teachers that parents consider objectionable.

"We have a say in what our kids are taught, in class or by example," said Roxanne Barney, one of the organizers of Saturday's meeting. Barney pulled her teen-ager from Weaver's class before the school year started.

Barney was quoted in *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Last summer, after learning Weaver is a Lesbian, Spanish Fork High School officials took away Weaver's job coaching the girls'

volleyball team and ordered her not to talk about her sexual orientation at school or on her own time.

Last month, Weaver, a psychology and physical education teacher, sued the school district in federal court, contending the district's gag order violated her rights to free speech and privacy. Her suit seeks a declaration that the ban is unconstitutional and an order that school administrators remove it from her personnel file.

Despite the lawsuit, parents say the gag order wasn't enough.

"We're trying to establish the right of parents to control the moral upbringing of our children," said Matt Hilton, an attorney donating his time to the parents' group. "What is at issue here is defining the purpose of public education."

At the Nebo School Board's Nov. 12 meeting, the parents plan to dump their petitions and a list of policies they want the board to adopt.

Among the changes, the parents want to be able to direct administrators to pull their children from

classes taught by teachers with questionable backgrounds. They want student and teacher privacy rights, and silence on sexual issues, to extend beyond campus to interaction outside of school. And they want the policies to apply equally to all teachers, regardless of sexual orientation.

Carol Gnade, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, which represents Weaver in the case, is bothered by the parents' plans.

"The whole notion of causing this kind of divisiveness in a community is troubling," Gnade said. "One would hope that there would be level heads that recognize this is a fine teacher who deserves better treatment."

Weaver's attorney, David Watkiss, suspects the group represents the minority.

"Individual parents can exercise whatever rights they wish to," he said. "But the majority will recognize that her personal life, whether or not they agree with it, is irrelevant to her ability as a teacher."

Hilton acknowledges the group's legal options are limited, which is why members want to make sure their interests are not ignored as Weaver and the school district negotiate.

"The goal is to make sure the district knows that many parents feel this is not appropriate role-

modeling for our children and we have the right to determine who our children's role models will be," says Hilton, a father of five. "I'm infinitely more concerned that my children's moral values are intact when they graduate than I am about what they've learned."

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## Sen. Reid to Take Clinton's Lead, Address Gay and Lesbian Group

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Following the lead of President Clinton, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., will speak to a Gay and Lesbian organization in November.

Reid is scheduled to speak Nov. 24 to the 130-member Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Southern Nevada.

Clinton made news when he became the first sitting president to address a Gay and Lesbian civil rights organization, the Human Rights Campaign.

The Nevada group sought Reid as a speaker because of his support in Congress for Gay rights, Smith said.

"He's been a very good friend of the Gay community," said Tyrone Smith, co-founder of the organization. "He has a 100 percent voting record on AIDS issues."

Reid said he has been asked to address employment discrimination.

"I am a supporter of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which states that someone cannot be fired on the basis of sexual orientation," Reid said.

Smith said he doesn't expect a voter backlash against Reid, despite the state's politically conservative bent. Reid is expected to run next year for a third six-year term.

"Nevada is a live-and-let-live sort of state," Smith said. "Nevada became a state because people from Utah wanted to get away from religious persecution."

Smith's Utah reference was to the Mormon Church, of which Reid is a member.

Janine Hansen, president of Nevada Eagle Forum, which promotes conservative issues, said Reid is "catering to ... the homosexual movement."

"I see Harry Reid as abandoning his base, the ordinary family in Nevada that has supported him in the past," she said.

## Judge Gives Woman Right to Visit Children of Her Former Partner

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A woman who raised 3-year-old twins with her Lesbian partner can visit the children while awaiting a custody and visitation trial, a judge ruled.

Essex County Superior Court Judge Philip Cummis' decision to give visitation rights to the woman, identified only by the initials V.C., could be precedent-setting for Gay and Lesbian couples in New Jersey who cannot marry and are not protected by domestic partnership agreements.

"No New Jersey judge has issued an opinion on a visitation or custody issue brought by Lesbian or Gay co-parents," said David Rocah, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jer-

sey.

V.C. and her partner, identified only as M.B., lived together in Maplewood, bought a house together and committed to each other in a religious ceremony after M.B. had twins in 1995. They raised the children together until the couple broke up in 1996.

"It's unfair to the kids to cut off visitation if I find she's a working part of the family," Cummis said Monday.

He allowed V.C. to visit the children, who also were not identified, every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until a custody trial in March.

"This is right," V.C. said after the ruling. "We are a family, we have been a family every day since

they were born ... I'm just as much a mother to them. I'm a mother to them with all of my heart."

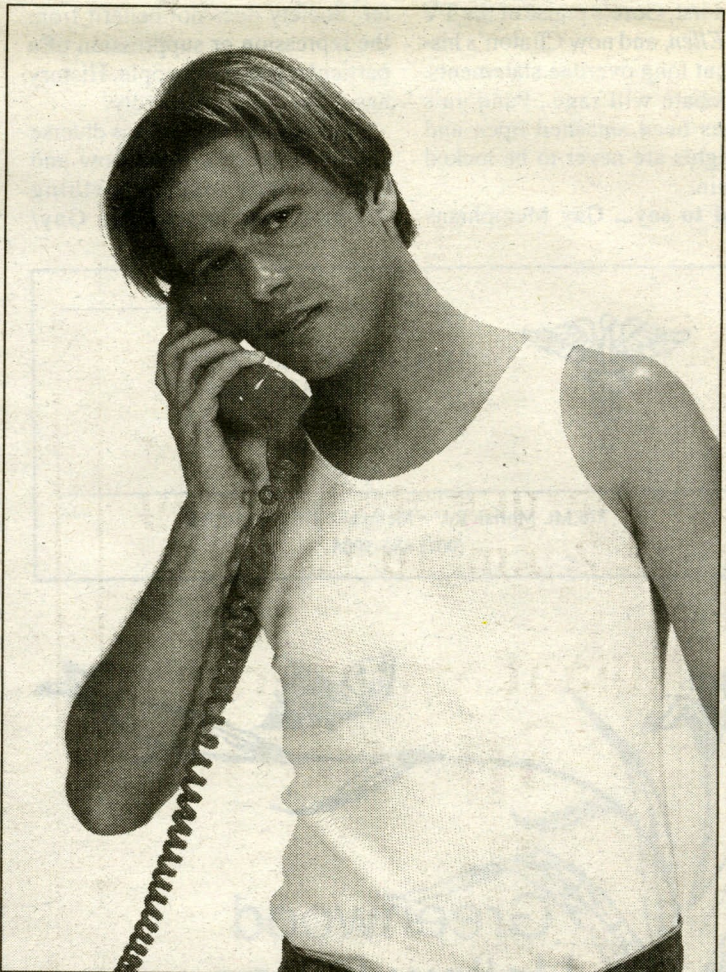
Mark Biel, the lawyer representing the biological mother, said V.C. should have no parental rights.

"We are dealing with a third party," Biel said, "not a biological or adoptive person."

Gay rights activists and the ACLU say the case is an example of problems faced by Gays and Lesbians who can't marry in New Jersey.

"You're talking about no legal status with these women," said Gina Reiss, president of the New Jersey Lesbian & Gay Coalition. "Under the law they're strangers to each other."

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# Sad to Say, Happy to Hear

By Butch Valentine



**Sad to say...** President Truman, at a convention of the NAACP in January of 1947, vowed his support for equality for all Americans. "And when I say all Americans, I mean all Americans." Though equal rights was an extremely unpopular topic back then as well as politically risky, he took a stand. What he said 50 years ago should have meant something, but while America heard the words, they just weren't listening. African-Americans, Gays and other minorities are still struggling for what is just and honest—equality.

**Happy to hear...** President Clinton repeated that vow in an historic speech before the Human Rights Campaign, this country's largest Gay-rights organization, and added, "Well, my friends, all Americans still means all Americans." Truer words could never have been spoken. As the first president to address a Gay-rights group, he is surely setting the watermark for future candidates and presidents. If they don't stand before this or similar groups and address this last holdout on basic equal rights, their position on equality for Gays will be crystal clear. First, Gore's praise of the TV show *Ellen*, and now Clinton's historic but long overdue statements. The debate will rage... Pandora's box has been smashed open and Gay rights are never to be locked up again.

**Sad to say...** Gay Memphians

aren't known for being involved in politics or for standing up publicly for what should be ours...equal rights. The Gay Pride Parade is the closest thing we have to making a public statement. We aren't organized enough, and we definitely aren't politically savvy. We pretty much just roll with the flow, taking it on the chin, and living with the political decisions that affect our livelihoods.

**Happy to hear...** Candice Gingrich, Newt's sister, addressed the topic of Gay-rights issues in front of several hundred interested Gay men and women during a recent appearance at Amnesia. She was here as a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, hoping to increase awareness and generate an interest in the HRC among Gay Memphians and its important efforts on our behalf. Membership, in terms of numbers and money, is paramount to the organization's success as evidenced by the wins already in our column. But the victories are but a small portion of the battle which, as you will realize as you read this article, is far from over. Your \$20 membership will go a long way to making our lives better. Society does not benefit from the repression or suppression of a particular group of people. History has proven that repeatedly.

**Sad to say...** Gays are as diverse as the colors of our rainbow and together they make something beautiful, but sometimes Gay/

AIDS activists really piss me off! Can they really mean it when they protested during Clinton's speech before the HRC that he wasn't doing enough about fighting AIDS?

**Happy to hear...** Compare what he has been done in his 5 years as President to the previous 12 years under Republican Righteous Wonders. More research! More education! More available health care! Lower death rates! Sure, there have been stumbles and there are more hurdles to clear, such as a needle exchange program, but I'll take his type of "neglect" any day over what we have had and what we could have had. He'll never please everyone unless HE'S the scientist who discovers the cure...and then there still will be some who bitch because there's not yet a vaccine!

**Sad to say...** The World Bank is predicting that AIDS is on the verge of exploding in China, India and Eastern Europe. AIDS has tragically shortened the average life-expectancy in some Third World countries by as much as 22 years, such as in Zimbabwe. So far, the pandemic has infected 23 million worldwide and killed 6 million more.

**Happy to hear...** Having already spent \$800 million since 1986 on programs to control the virus in developing countries, the bank is putting its political and financial clout behind needle exchange programs, condom distribution and other financial programs. The bank said the AIDS situation is not hopeless. More than 2 billion people live in areas of the world where AIDS is relatively scarce, even among people most likely to contract AIDS. If you are reading this article...you ain't one of them.

**Sad to say...** Very rarely do women and men mix in sports. The chauvinistic walls don't come down easily in college and pro sports.

**Happy to hear...** The Entitlement 9, which put women's collegiate sports more on equal footing with men's, has given a dramatic rise in women's participation and success in sports. Just look at the Atlanta Olympics and the women's professional basketball conferences. Now the NBA has cracked some walls "by adding two women to their referee staff, the first time women will officiate in an all male league. I think this is a very smart choice. My mother taught me how to play by the rules for years, and was very quick to send me to a corner when I was wrong.

**Sad to say...** Off-year elections generally don't have huge turnouts, but the results are closely monitored as indicators for the next general elections. Gawd, I hope not!! Pray for the residents of Washington. Voters in that state rejected a measure to legalize medicinal marijuana; rejected a measure requiring trigger locks on handguns (intended to protect children and to prevent accidental shootings) and safety courses for owners; rejected

allowing workers to keep their doctor if they change health plans; and finally, but not surprisingly, rejected a measure barring employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. Wow!! The voters collectively got up on the wrong side of the bed that morning!

**Happy to hear...** My mother always said if you have nothing nice to say, restrict your conversation to the weather. I hear it's supposed to be a cold Christmas.

**Sad to say...** And Cincinnati is still a nice place to visit, but you wouldn't want to live there. The 6th U.S. Court of Appeals affirmed earlier rulings that allowed the city to implement a 1993 voter-approved amendment to the city charter barring enactment or enforcement of any law aimed at ending bias based on sexual orientation. This means it's legal to discriminate against Gays in Cincinnati. How can such a pretty city have such an ugly attitude?

**Happy to hear...** Here's an example of why Clinton's appearance in front of the Human Rights Campaign was so important. This type of discrimination is intolerable, and one thing he is doing about it is actively supporting the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would ban workplace bias based on sexual orientation. Now if he would just clean up the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" fiasco, he would be Mister Clean in my book.

**Sad to say...** In the October issue I reported to you the planned studies paid for by the National Health Institute to determine whether a short course of AZT would be as effective in reducing the transmission of the virus to the baby as the routine yet more expensive course of treatment would. Though important for the results that may be found, the procedure would involve using dummy pills on Ethiopian women who are pregnant and have the virus.

**Happy to hear...** Upon more humane considerations, they are scraping the study. One reason is because it is routine in the U.S. for pregnant women to receive AZT. They realized it is ethically unsound and borderline(?) cruel to use dummy pills in foreign studies.

**Sad to say...** AIDS is raging in Africa because of their tribal customs, which are strange to us, but reasonable to them. The custom known as wife inheritance, especially among tribes in Kenya, once had a noble purpose: a community would take care of a widow and her children to save them from poverty and starvation. She did not remarry, but her husband's family, usually the brother, simply took responsibility for her. Considering the options, this arrangement worked beautifully for generations until the inheritors began to shun the taboos against sexual relations with their wards. They began having sex with the AIDS widows, thus proliferating the explosion of "the wasting

disease," as AIDS is known on the continent, throughout Central and East Africa.

**Happy to hear...** You learn something new everyday. The efforts by the World Bank will address this and other local traditions in Third World countries to stem the infection rates of HIV.

**Sad to say...** An Australian woman jilted after a 4-year engagement infiltrated the wedding of her former fiancée dressed as a man, even donning a mustache and beard. She intended to dump a bucket of cow manure over the deserving bastard, but somehow managed to engulf the new bride instead. The smelly one is seeking \$1,923 as compensation for damage to her wedding dress. "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something PEE-YOO!"

**Happy to hear...** Well, flattened tires as revenge are for the creatively impaired. Cow manure? Pretty good and definitely nervy. But just wait till Gay marriages are legalized. The use of cow manure as a way to seek revenge will be quickly reduced to amateur status.


**Sad to say...** I detest violence in any shape, form or fashion, especially in sports. Sports figures are supposed to be role models for kids, as well as adults, and those who resort to violence send the wrong message to the public. Playing sports is their job, and they are paid (too) handsomely. Can you imagine your coworker losing his temper, physically taking it out on you by beating you senseless, only to be given a time-out or slapped with a minuscule fine that would be paid to the company?

**Happy to hear...** I was describing hockey to you, but the violent machismo is giving way to fear. Members of the National Hockey League are fearful of getting HIV from the blood that flows profusely from the bodies of their opponents after a bloody encounter. They are demanding an annual screening of the virus for the players. Then what? Would those who test positive be barred from playing and earning a living? Fights, especially bloody fights, do not happen by accident, they are done on purpose. Why not just play the game better and control the tempers.

**Sad to say...** Speaking of violence, let's talk about hate crimes. The Justice Department reported 8,759 hate crimes in 1996, up from 7,947 the previous year. Race was a factor in 63 percent of all reported hate crimes (reported being the key word here), followed by religion at 13.9; sexual orientation, 12 percent; ethnic origin, 11 percent.

**Happy to hear...** President Clinton urged expansion of federal hate crime laws to include more potential victims, stiffer penalties and better reporting. He also endorsed a plan to expand current hate crime laws to make it illegal to injure someone because he or she is homosexual, disabled or a mem-

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# QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

It seems just yesterday that sexologists were debating whether women experienced orgasm. But now, the hot question is: Do women ejaculate? And if so, what, when, why and how?

Actually, female ejaculation was first described by Ernst Graefenberg (of "G-spot" fame), back in the 1950s. During the 1980s, sexologists Beverly Whipple and John Perry studied the phenomenon in greater detail. Some women, they said, expelled small volumes — a teaspoonful or so — of fluid from the urethra at orgasm. Although the fluid that usually comes out of the urethra is of course urine, this ejaculated fluid did not resemble urine — it had a pearly or opalescent appearance.

Chemical tests on the ejaculated fluid showed that it contained an enzyme, named acid phosphatase, that is not present in urine but is found in male ejaculate. This enzyme is synthesized in the prostate gland, the gland whose secretions form the bulk of the male ejaculate. (The testes make a relatively small contribution to the ejaculate, but one that contains the all-important spermatozoa.)

Anatomical studies revealed that women, to a variable degree, possess analogous glands. Termed "paraurethral glands," they are much smaller than the male prostate, but like the prostate they have ducts emptying into the urethra.

So far, so good. The findings fit in with the general notion that differences between the sexes are not absolute, but are a matter of degree. If men have nipples, why shouldn't women ejaculate?

But over the last two or three years, the phenomenon has taken on a whole new dimension, thanks largely to the Internet. Do a search on "female ejaculation," and you will enter a world of sexual experience that may or may not turn you on, but will certainly amaze you. Vivid descriptions, photos ("Note the drops on her boot"), videos and advertisements for "how-to" tapes. The common theme of this discourse is that female ejaculation is by no means a miniature version of its male counterpart: women, it's claimed, can ejaculate a half-cupful or more of fluid, and jet it halfway across the room. And this kind of ejaculation, it's said, is accompanied by an orgasm

altogether more exciting than the no-ejaculation variety.

Recently Gary Schubach, of the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco, has re-investigated the phenomenon. He studied volunteers who stated that they experienced large-volume ejaculations. And indeed, Schubach observed these women expel large volumes of fluid from their urethra at orgasm: from a quarter-cup to over a pint. However, the fluid was not of the pearly, opalescent variety, but was more watery.

To investigate the origin of this fluid, Schubach passed a fine rubber tube, or catheter, through the urethra of some of these women, past the orifices of the paraurethral glands, and into the bladder. The women then masturbated to orgasm. The thought was that if the fluid was urine, it should exit the urethra via the catheter, but if it was a secretion from the paraurethral glands, it should exit the urethra outside the catheter. In all cases, all the fluid expelled at orgasm exited via the catheter. Schubach's conclusion: high-volume female ejaculation involves the expulsion of urine from the bladder, not prostatic secretions from the paraurethral glands.

There's a bit of a complication, however. When Schubach analyzed the fluid that he collected from the catheter, he found the chemicals that are usually present in urine, such as urea, but these chemicals were much less concentrated than usual. Schubach speculated that, during sexual excitement, some women's kidneys secrete a more

dilute, water-like urine than at other times. A connection between sexual arousal and kidney function might seem odd. However, the hypothalamus of the brain produces a pair of closely-related hormones, named oxytocin and vasopressin, that play a role in orgasm and in the secretion of urine respectively. Cross-reactions between these two hormones might be responsible for the production of very dilute urine around the time of orgasm.

Although one might be tempted to dismiss high-volume female ejaculation as no more than a brief incontinence associated with the stress of orgasm, it is quite clear that some women experience the ejaculation, whatever the nature of the fluid

ejaculated, as an intensely sexual event. Among men too, urination can be a sexually charged experience. As Freud figured out a century ago, the divide between sexual and non-sexual bodily functions is not as sharp as one might imagine. Rather than puzzling over the why and the wherefore, we might as well just lay back and enjoy Nature's surprising gifts.

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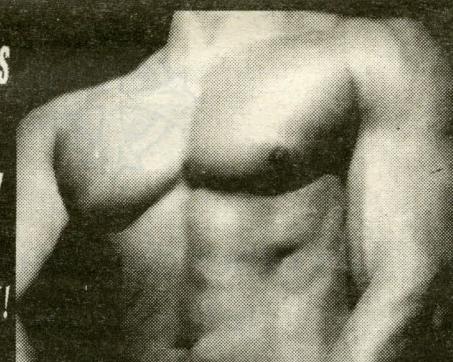
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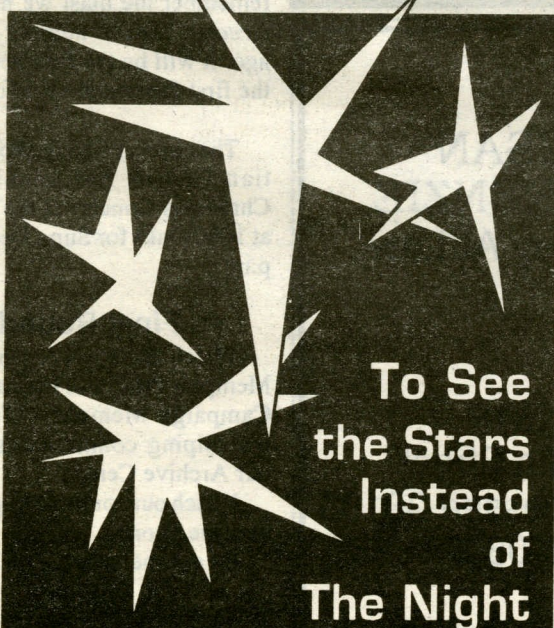
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# Here a Clip, There a Clip, Everywhere...

by Vincent Astor

It's been a busy month, not even counting my fabulous weekend in Eureka Springs.

I was most pleased to hear that a Bear club is being formed in Memphis. These fine gentlemen are in the organizational stages and information may be obtained from Steve McLain or Harold Patey. I have always said if a man has enough hair on his shoulders I usually propose on the first date.

Congratulations to this year's Miss Mess Memphis, Sullivan O'Neil.

Beyond Tea V, the annual benefit given by Lorretta Williams and Club 501 extended over three days, two shows and a dinner, two bars (501 and COAD) and raised over \$5,000 for the Adult Special Care Unit at the Med. The dinner was exquisite and, like Man of the Year, always had too much room for more diners. I hope that Gay and Lesbian Memphians will become more accustomed to sit-down fundraisers because they are sure missin' out on a lot of good eatin'.

World AIDS Day again takes

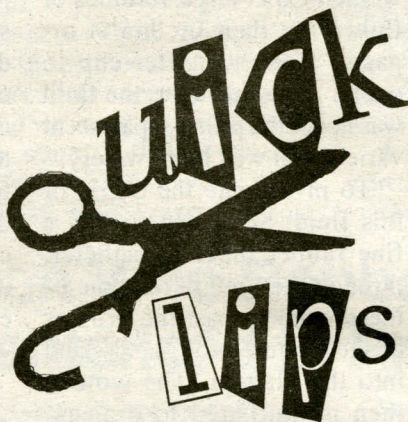
place on Mon., Dec. 1. This year's commemoration will take place at First Presbyterian Church at Poplar and Third downtown. During that week, a powerful photo exhibit called "Are You Scared" will hang at First Congregational Church Dec. 1-6. I have seen this collection of photos and writings chronicling the illness and ultimate death of Rev. Dan Ritchie, a minister in the United Church of Christ. It is incredibly moving and pulls no punches. If you know of an uneducated or less-than-sensitive person who *still* has no AIDS awareness, a visit to this exhibit will not leave anyone unchanged.

At last! The book *Lesbian and Gay Memphis: Building Communities Behind the Magnolia Curtain* has been published. The work of former Memphian Daneel Buring, it will be premiered in Memphis on Sun., Dec. 7, at Meristem at 5 p.m. Daneel will be on hand to sign copies and some of the individuals interviewed for the book will be present. It is a milestone in the preservation of our local Gay/Lesbian history.

For those of you who read this soon enough, Memphian Joe Pfeiffer will sign his new book, *A Different Season: For Growth*

*While Grieving a Death*, on Sun., Nov. 23 at 4 p.m. at Meristem.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet Candace Gingrich at a fund-raising reception for Human Rights Campaign. Amnesia provided the space, Ed Hammett floral decorations and Scott Lenhard



from Ithaca Restaurant provided several very tasty food items. A Freedom Club and a local chapter of HRC are also in the organizational stages. Hosts (acknowledged elsewhere) were a wide range of men and women. The management of Amnesia will be happy to provide information until the local connections are established. The bill to watch and write to your legislator about is the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) which has a lot of support on Capitol Hill and could become law soon with our added support.

Artists Fighting AIDS, a group from the University of Memphis,

will hold a cabaret and silent auction to benefit Friends For Life at Amnesia also on Sun., Dec. 7. The bar will celebrate its 5th anniversary on Dec. 12.

Lady A.: "We have discovered that a man who tells one, upon hearing of one's eagerness for further acquaintance, that he has morals is only saying that one has not sufficiently excited his gonads. We have found that such morals follow wherever the gonads lead.

"Also, when we are informed that individuals never answer phone messages, we usually forget how their names are spelled and finally that we ever noticed them at all. Meowwww!"

Congratulations to the new Miss Gay Memphis, Simply Vonna Valentino. She won over some fierce competition from four other contestants (all of whom are noted elsewhere) to bring the title back to life. Thanks to Lorretta Williams, Mike Smith and C.O.A.D. Elsewhere are also listed the five previous Miss Memphis winners who performed. That complete show could have played anywhere, and I was most honored and delighted to be a part of it. And Lilly Christine and I were not cross with one another once.

The Roman Catholic Mass at St. Patrick's last month will be repeated on the First Friday of each month at 7 p.m. The new ministry is called *Always Welcoming* and is billed as "by and with Gay and Lesbian Catholics." New teaching from American Catholic bishops is opening new avenues of ministry and compassion in the Roman

church.

Southern Country Memphis has moved its regular dance lessons and dancing to Tuesday nights at Madison Flame. They have re-instituted the "Floating Hoedown" and will visit other locations each month. Watch their ad. Rumour has it that Crossroads will be starting an in-house country dance club very soon.

Six locations will be hosting Thanksgiving meals: One More, Crossroads, Pipeline, J-Wag's and 501. Fancy Goodman has sold her interest in the Sunshine Lounge, but they will continue their Thanksgiving tradition, too.

Lady A.: "We received some fan mail from one of our devoted readers just after press time last month with a drop of fresh tea. Here is another one for the books as far as drag names—Lucy Labia. La Labia was crowned Miss Gay Nude International at the 20th annual GNI gathering in Pennsylvania a few weeks ago. Her audience was 850 nude Gay men from all over the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe. She informs us that her coronation gave 'standing ovation' a whole new meaning for her. Thanks to Craig for the tea but you forgot to mention what was worn...er...used...er...represented Evening Gown, Sportswear and Creative Fashion. We must assume there was no question since this is a nude event.

"We also had a query about a local Gay and/or Lesbian nude club. We are unaware of any in this end of Tennessee but would welcome any information."

Congratulations to Rev. Greg Bullard who was ordained in the Metropolitan Community Church by founder Rev. Troy Perry on Nov. 16. Rev. Bullard is pastor of Safe Harbor MCC here in Memphis.

Get ready for a January benefit performance of *A Tuna Christmas* courtesy of Linda Sowell. I still remember the blast we had at the *Greater Tuna* a number of years ago. It will be the first benefit and the first fun social event of 1998.

The choir at Living Word Christian Church has announced a Christmas Concert at the Marriott at 1000 Oaks for Sun., Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

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# Priest Stepping Down Following Furor Over Speech at Gay Conference

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — A Catholic priest whose speech at a Gay and Lesbian ministries conference created a furor in his parish has resigned and celebrated his last Mass at St. Mark Catholic Church Nov. 9.

The controversy arose after the Rev. Kenneth Waibel attended a National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries conference Sept. 5-7 in Long Beach, Calif.

Some parishioners read a story in the Sept. 18 issue of *The Wanderer*, a Catholic weekly newspaper based in St. Paul, Minn. The story said Waibel, during a session at the conference, "told his audience he does not believe it is possible for a 'straight man' to fall in love with Jesus because of his in-

herent homophobia.

"How can they fall in love with Jesus, who is a man?" the newspaper quoted Waibel as saying.

The story goes on to say Waibel "also told of a priest friend of his who, when he was dying of AIDS, claimed he was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary. She affirmed his homosexual lifestyle."

Waibel, pastor of St. Mark and the Newman Center at Eastern Kentucky University, will step down Nov. 14. The combined parishes serve more than 500 families.

Waibel tendered his resignation to Diocese of Lexington Bishop J. Kendrick Williams on Oct. 31, said Kathy Schmitt, Newman Center pastoral associate.

"For his own good, he decided it was best to step aside," Schmitt

said. "He felt that he did not have the strength to fight anymore."

The Catholic Church condemns homosexual acts as morally wrong, but does not condemn homosexual orientation.

Waibel, who took over the parishes in 1994 after serving as an associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Lexington, did not return a call to St. Mark's.

But he said in an Oct. 26 letter to parishioners that "The only truth in the article was that I attended the conference." He called the story a "bastardization of my message."

"We stand by what we reported," A.J. Matt, editor of *The Wanderer*, said.

In his letter, Waibel wrote that he was invited to the conference "because I have a master's degree

in Spirituality and they felt that I could offer some insight for those ministering to Gays and Lesbians as to how to help them see Christ in their life and know that they are still welcome in the Catholic Church."

Waibel went on vacation following the conference.

When he returned he found that *The Wanderer's* story had been circulating in his parish and other churches, Schmitt said.

"Because of this article my sexual orientation has been questioned, I have been accused of be-

ing a sexual pervert and some members of our assembly have even removed their sons from the servers list in fear that I may be a 'child molester,'" Waibel wrote in the letter.

Other parishioners hold an opposite view.

"We believe Father Ken," said Richard Jackson, a deacon at St. Mark.

Schmitt said Bishop Williams will send Waibel on sabbatical for five or six months after Waibel leaves Richmond. Masses will be covered by guest priests.

## West Virginia Town Pulls The Color Purple, Other Books

RIPLEY, W.Va. (AP) — Several books were removed from school libraries here because of sexually explicit language, homosexual content or violent imagery, including Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, John Grisham's *The Client* and Tom Clancy's *The Hunt for Red October*.

The Jackson County School Board ordered 16 books taken from the shelves of school libraries pending a review of whether they

should be banned outright.

But the board decided not to bother reviewing the *The Color Purple*, which it ordered banned.

The novel, about the growth of a Southern Black family during the first half of the century, touches on incest and Lesbianism and presents a harsh picture of racism and family brutality. The book was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1983.

"It could lead to different sex games and violence and other

things we have seen in past," board member Bernard King said of the decision to ban the book.

Also among the books taken out of circulation Thursday was *100 Q & A About AIDS*, said Ripley High School Principal Jack Wiseman.

Most of the books "are classics or will be," said Wiseman, who disagreed with the board's action, spurred by a complaint from the mother of two students.

## Happy to Hear

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ber of the opposite sex.

**Sad to say...** Whenever I speak in front of groups, I warn them that AIDS can happen anywhere to anyone who doesn't listen to the message. Very sadly, I am being proven right in Jamestown, N.Y., home of Lucille Ball and the Lucy and Desi Museum. This quiet small town in western New York is having an AIDS nightmare thanks to Nushawn Williams, 21, and his numerous sex partners. Since his arrest several months ago, he has boasted of having sex with a plentitude of girls and young women, all the while knowing he has HIV.

While he counts between 50-75 conquests, so far 28 girls, some as young as 13, have admitted having unprotected sex with him, and they have in turn had at least 70 partners, and these numbers are still rising. As of this writing there have been nine confirmed infections, plus an additional case as the virus was passed to the sex partner of one of the girls.

**Sad to say...** Mule...where have you been? You haven't been writing to me in the Personals lately. People are wondering, as do I.

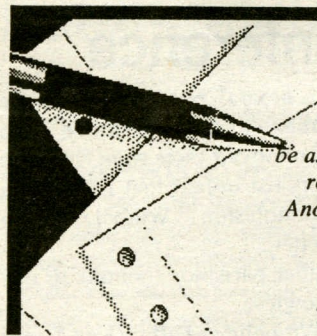
**Happy to hear...** I still love you, and I miss you. Got the mistletoe hanging from my pierced belly button...just for you cutie. Merry Christmas.



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*Happy Thanksgiving!*

# LETTERS



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## High Heels Criticized

The following letter was copied to the Triangle Journal News. It was written to Tom Roden, executive director of Friends for Life and to Bill Andrews and Jerry Chipman, FFL board members working on the annual High Heels, High Hats masquerade party

Gentlemen,  
I was a large part of High Heels for the first three years, and, yes, I enjoyed it very much. I know the time and effort that you can put into a very thankless job. Most of the first three years it came down to myself and a very small group of people doing most of the work. I am sure it is no different today: volunteers are a very scarce commodity these days. Because of the above mentioned, I have not been part of or even participated in the festivities for the last three years, until this year. Bill, when they got you involved in the decorating and other arrangements, they knew what they were doing, you have done a tremendous job the last few years. I also know there are the few very dedicated volunteers behind the scenes that we never get to see or thank, so thanks to them for a job well done. As the party has progressed through the years, many things have improved, again thanks to the efforts of a few very dedicated people. The exceptions are the areas that draw people to the party anyway: the costume contest and table decorating contest.

I will only raise my complaint about this years contest, because I have no way of knowing how it has been run the last three years, since I am no longer involved with that portion of the party. There were very few tables decorated unlike in years past. I can remember when that was a huge part of the function. The Gabor table was nice, but did you see the trouble that the Beverly Hillbillies went to. They brought a pool table in, in place of their table for goodness sake! They had every character, down to Duke the dog, who stayed in character all night, and sang the Beverly Hillbillies theme when they were presented in the contest. What about the Wizard of Oz table, down to the yellow brick road and the Hollywood sign. Both of these were very close salutes to Hollywood (as this year's theme suggested). Now to the costume winners. Can either of you tell me what the "fairies" or the

"homos on the range" had to do with the Hollywood theme? Isn't that part of the draw to get people to go along with the theme? Don't get me wrong, they were both very good costumes. As the contest was run in the past, we looked at how much time and effort was spent on the costumes or the table decoration and how the party has themes, but for what reason? I am not sure after attending this year's function. I heard that the judges wanted to pick the table that had the Gay flag theme. Although a very good table, again what did that have to do with the theme? Also, if you pick a table like that, or winners like "homos on the range", aren't you narrowing your scope down for what the party is really all about — getting the entire community involved, not just the Gay community? Yes, this party is predominately attended by Gay people, but that is not the way we want it, or why would we give away free tickets on FM 100 and Rock 103? The party is given to draw people to a fun party that raises money for FFL, an organization that helps all people affected by HIV. If you are trying to narrow your scope down just to the Gay community, you certainly are doing a good job at it. (The Beverly Hillbillies table was purchased, I believe, by a Gay-friendly realty company.) They went to a tremendous effort, both time and financial and went along with this year's theme to do what they did. No, I was not part of this table, but they should have won best of show, or at least best group. If I was that company, I would not even purchase a table next year, much less two tables! If I was a heterosexual person, I would not attend because the prizes for the contest go to Gay themes. I am trying to raise a point here, and I hope it is not lost by my anger or my ability to choose words.

No, I do not want to be put in charge of the contest again. Quitman Deloach and I did that for the first three years. What we did was to solicit judges for the contest from the community who would have a non-biased attitude toward any certain group and also have financial pull in the community. I understand one of the judges this year was to be Pat Kerr Tigrett, (you may not even have known that, Jerry). I think she along with some others were asked to do this to get more diversity from several standpoints involved in the party (mostly financial).

After attending this year, and seeing that not many people decorated tables as elaborately as they once did or even purchased tables, I can certainly see why. I know if my group attends again, we will not purchase a table or go to any trouble with our costumes, and certainly not try to go along with a theme that has no bearing on the party anyway, that way we might just win a prize.

Mike Taylor  
Member "One Night Only"  
Productions

## FFL's Response

Thank you very much for your heartfelt letter regarding this year's High Heels High Hats Costume Ball. We are grateful to you for letting us know your feeling and glad to share our response with the community. We are in a constant process of updating our goals for the agency and this event.

To begin with your specific concerns regarding our judging guidelines, we have yet to develop any rules beyond the desire for "creativity." We select a clever, qualified, diverse group of judges and let them work it out. Perhaps next year's chairman will develop a more rigorous or structured system of assessment.

The theme has generally been developed for decor and marketing purposes, and has not been part of any criteria for the judging for the past four years I have worked on the ball, through it has been tacitly encouraged that costumes and tables follow our thematic lead. It is certainly worth considering a more focused approach in '98, and making it clear in our invitations, press packages and advertisements.

Your more general questions regarding whether the party is targeted to accommodate the Gay community raises some very spirited discussions with the Costume Ball Committee and Board. For too many years Gay white men have provided the energy and cash support for PWAs in a community blinded by ignorance, apathy and hostility. The Board of FFL is actively working to expand our base of volunteer, financial and political support without alienating those whose hard work and personal commitment have brought us so far. Thanks to you, Mike, for being one of those valuable supporters.

Bill Andrews  
Co-Chairman, 1997  
FFL Costume Ball

## Reader Voices AIDS Concerns

I am writing you this letter out of concern for our people in the Gay community and to make others aware of what a serious issue HIV and AIDS are today.

I was diagnosed with HIV in May of this year and it really has taken a toll on my life as a man, as well as a Gay man.

People are not taking this issue very seriously nor taking the necessary precautions recommended by physicians and others to prevent the spread of this disease.

It really upsets me to find out that there are those out there who are HIV-positive or have AIDS that are not using protection, and there are even more people out there who will not get checked to see if they have been exposed or not.

There are too many people in this city who refuse to use protection or even suggest using any degree of protection. That is hurting a lot of innocent people who are searching for something special, but the end result is dealing with living with HIV like I have to. It isn't an easy road to travel. If possible, I would like to see more support groups for people with HIV and AIDS such as myself who are still able to work. Most currently conflict with our work schedules, so we are unable to attend.

This change would allow people to attend and be able to vent feelings, talk of how our lives have changed and the changes to come.

There are not any gathering places for Gay men and women to meet who are not into bars or bookstores, etc., to get to know one another and share experiences. And who knows, possibly a beautiful relationship could come from this. Just because we are HIV-positive or have AIDS doesn't mean that we cannot have a relationship just like anyone else. So what options do we have?

It really upsets me that of the several HIV support group meetings that I have attended, most were not on issues HIV or AIDS related. That is very discouraging for newly diagnosed people such as myself.

Topics of group meetings should be about the issues of living with HIV and AIDS, not who is sleeping with whom or who they are dating. That is so petty. Most of all, *who cares!*

There are others out there that I am sure feel the same way that I do and want to have a lot of questions answered, listen to suggestions and hear about possible hope of a future.

I read a passage in an HIV/AIDS meditation book that I would like to share with you taken from *The Color of Light* written by Perry Tillerias...

*"Grief can have a quality of profound healing because we are forced to a depth of feeling that is usually below the threshold of awareness."*  
*"AIDS had taken a toll and*

*many of us are numb. We've got a lot of grieving to do, some major weeping and wailing. We need to open up to where our pain lives, where our loss is stored.*

*"We need to cry together. Even as we celebrate our living, we need to mourn our losses. AIDS opens a great sadness for us as individuals and as a community. To discount our sadness or to ignore it is to deny ourselves the opportunity to heal."*

*Personal grief opens us to being more fully human; we become vulnerable, more inclusive and more alive than ever before."*

That passage just reached out to me and I wanted to share it with others, so that is why I am writing this letter to you. I am trying to make people aware this isn't something to play around with... Take this seriously.

A Concerned  
HIV Community Member

## Bad Night

On Halloween night I visited a local nightclub called Backstreet. To celebrate the season and pass out condoms was my intention. My friend and I were not charged a cover nor were we asked to become members.

Five hours later, a visiting ACT-UP Miami member attempted to enter said nightclub. She was refused entry because it was a "members only" night. When she asked how much she'd have to pay to become a member she was given prices from \$15 to \$45. In addition, she was treated like a bad relative.

The owner's behavior, that night, warrants some concern and action.

My 22 members are very important to our ultimate goal: to stop the spread of HIV. When one of my members is stopped from doing her "job," the picture broadens. We're in constant contact with 39 groups nationwide. The reason for her being at the club is to pass out literature and condoms. Surely the owner doesn't encourage risky behavior? Depending on his response I will decide how to handle this. I have no problem in sending bad press to a deserving party.

I'm tame compared to more militant ACT-UP affiliates. This might be a good time for the owner to install safe-sex kits, of which I can furnish, in his club. Surely patrons in the "closet" won't want to pass TV reporters and a picket line.

Michael Einspanjer  
ACT-UP Memphis



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# Kenya's AIDS-Resistant Prostitutes Offer Hope for Vaccine

By Karin Davies  
Associated Press Writer

MAJENGO, Kenya (AP)—The two cousins have a lot in common. Divorced and desperately poor, both work as prostitutes out of their tiny, tin-roofed huts in a no-hope slum to feed their children.

They share intimacies, child-care duties, and meals and money when one needs a hand the other can give.

Hawa Chelangat, 34, and Hadija Chemutai, 31, also share what to them is a blessing in their otherwise cursed lives — they are apparently immune to the deadly AIDS virus.

"Because my blood has remained clean, I just feel it is God who has been good to me," said Chelangat, a devout Muslim. "It's luck, and God has been so good."

As a prostitute for 14 years on a continent where more than half the world's 23 million HIV-infected people live, she is, indeed, lucky to be free of the AIDS virus. Since AIDS appeared in Kenya in the early 1980s, the sexually transmitted disease has infected 95 percent of the prostitutes who work in the Majengo slum on the outskirts of Nairobi.

The cousins are among just 60 women out of 1,864 who have visited the Majengo clinic for prostitutes since 1985 and remained HIV-negative for three or more years.

"We think they are immune to HIV," said Dr. Frank Plummer, a

University of Manitoba physician who is principal researcher at the clinic. "We are calling it resistant — we are not calling it immune — but we have a lot of evidence that their immune systems are able to recognize and kill HIV."

If the source of the prostitutes' protection can be identified, it could yield new clues for creating a vaccine against AIDS, Plummer and researchers not involved with the clinic said.

That Chelangat and Chemutai are cousins is important. Researchers have strong evidence HIV-resistance clusters in families.

"We think there's something fundamentally different about their immune systems that is mediated by genetics, and we're trying hard to track it down," Plummer said.

It isn't just safe sex that has kept the prostitutes HIV-free, he insisted.

They, too, sometimes contract other sexually transmitted diseases, such as gonorrhea or syphilis, a sign that they don't always use condoms. Women in the study for a decade, including the cousins, would have experienced about 500 unprotected exposures to the AIDS virus, Plummer said.

Once a month for more than 10 years, the cousins have gone for blood tests to the Majengo clinic, dedicated to the care of prostitutes. Chelangat said she is proud to be involved in research that "might bring hope to the future."

The blue petals of jacaranda trees carpet a dirt yard surrounding the clinic's low, concrete building. Raspy voices of hawkers roll inside where women wait for their turn on wooden benches. One mother tries to silence her crying infant with a breast.

In 1985, Canadian, Kenyan and American researchers started a study of sexually transmitted diseases at the clinic. But they found two-thirds of the prostitutes were infected with the AIDS virus, so the scientists refocused their attention.

They made a perplexing finding: The longer a woman had been a prostitute, the less likely she was to be infected with the AIDS virus.

Plummer, who first came to Kenya in 1981 to study infectious diseases, and his colleagues decided the women without infections might somehow be HIV-resistant.

"It took us a long time to develop the evidence for that. You can't do the direct test — you can't inject people with HIV and show that some are resistant — and so you have to wait for the natural experiment to happen. People expose themselves through sex work," Plummer said.

The investigators developed convincing evidence of HIV resistance in 1993 and announced their results

at an AIDS conference in Berlin.

What keeps these women healthy?

Plummer thinks one answer may be in proteins called human leukocyte antigens, which coat the surface of cells. HLA proteins help identify foreign invaders such as viruses.

Plummer suspects that if certain HLA proteins are present on the coating of cells, they may trigger a more powerful immune response

to understand why these people do not become infected, and it may bring crucial clues to how ... we can make other people resistant, too," Landau said.

A small number of people in other high-risk groups like homosexuals and spouses of infected hemophiliacs also are resistant to infection. But the Majengo prostitutes, regularly exposed to the virus for many years, provide some of the strongest evidence yet that people can have a natural immunity to AIDS, Plummer said.

There is no guarantee the women will never become infected. Another infection might depress the response to HIV, or a sufficient dose of HIV could overwhelm

the women's defenses, Plummer said.

Most successful human vaccines have been developed on the basis of understanding natural immunity, he said. "If you understand how natural immunity happens, you can duplicate it through making a vaccine that imitates natural immunity."

The world's first vaccine resulted because Edward Jenner noticed in 1796 that English milkmaids who had cowpox were naturally immune to the much deadlier smallpox.

Plummer said he hopes Kenya's HIV-free prostitutes can play the same role today that Jenner's milkmaids did two centuries ago.

*If the source of the prostitutes' protection can be identified, it could yield new clues for creating a vaccine against AIDS,*

against the virus.

HIV-free women have HLA proteins very different from the more typical ones found in Majengo's other prostitutes. How these rare HLA proteins might repel HIV remains a mystery.

"This is probably not the only mechanism, however. We are working on others," Plummer said.

Nathan Landau, a staff investigator at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, said the Majengo study is "very important work," particularly because the women seem to be protected by an immune response.

"It will be very important for us



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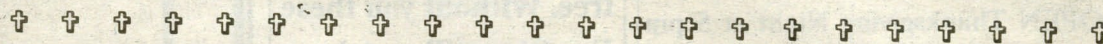


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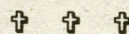
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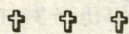
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*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV*

# Candace

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Gay and Lesbian in America. These advocates for equality give at least \$100 a month to support the work of HRC. Their money helps issues such as: ending workplace discrimination, continuing the fight against HIV AIDS, punishing hate crimes, increasing awareness of Lesbian health issues, protecting our families and electing fair-minded politician.

So why Memphis? What's she doing here? Candace was here because Memphis is in need of active Federal Club representation. There are more than twenty federal club members in Tennessee and only one of them is in Memphis. Considering that we are the largest metropolitan area in the state, we should have much greater representation.

As Tennessee poises itself to be a main player in the next presidential election, we need to get our political ducks in a row. There will possibly be three presidential hopefuls from Tennessee in the year 2000. Vice President Al Gore, Re-

publican State Senator Fred Thompson and Senator Frist may all be vying for the Oval Office. If the Gay and Lesbian community wants to continue the precedent set by President Clinton then we must flex our political muscle and elect the right man (or woman) for the 21st century. This is one of the issues Candice was very candid about.

Ms. Gingrich was also candid about her relationship with her infamous big brother, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. She humorously pointed out that while Newt showed support for her when she came out to her family and said that her being a Lesbian was OK, it was a lie. He still doesn't "get it." She reminded us of a statement he made in which he stated that "Homos should be tolerated the way society tolerates alcoholics." This statement served as a wake-up call to Candace that she needed to become an activist and fight to obliterate the ignorance and stupidity displayed by such attitudes and statements.

Candace and the HRC are particularly concerned about how Gay

and Lesbian issues affect families. With teen suicide rates in general being at an all time high, and Gay teens in particular trying to cope with emerging feelings and realizations about themselves and their sexuality that they don't fully understand, this issue belongs at the forefront.

Hosts for the Ms. Gingrich's appearance at Amnesia were Dr. Bill Banks, Mike Barton, Jim Farris, Ann Marie Hall, Reverend Ed Hammet, George Howell, Sandy Kozik, Linda Lockwood, Audrey May, Lauren Rauscherf, Dorothy Simon and Tracy Yarbrow. Amnesia's Galley Bar was a wonderful venue and the food, wine and champagne were superb. Manager Jim Deaton and bartenders Guy and Reece did a great job of making sure guests felt welcome. Candice was introduced to the gathering by Mark Lopez, a member of the HRC Board of Governors from Nashville. Mark is trying to expand the membership in Tennessee, and particularly in the greater Memphis area.

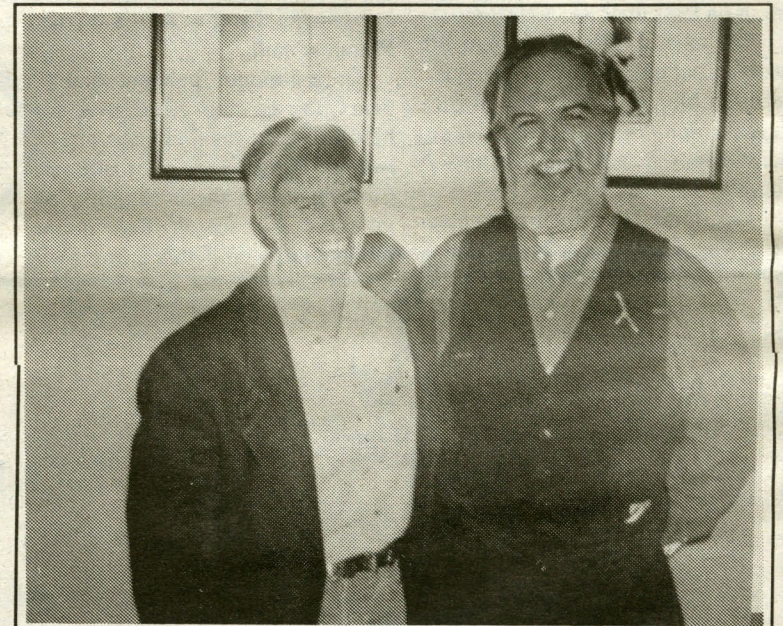
Candace's appearance was a major event for the Memphis Gay

and Lesbian community. We now have an opportunity to participate in the shaping of laws and policies at all levels of government through HRC and its ongoing lobbying effort, which are on our behalf. We need to be active and financially

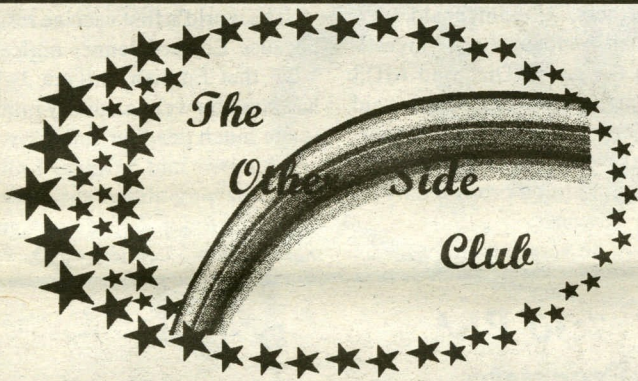
supportive participants in the process. If you can't afford to become a Federal Club member, then become an HRC member for a mere \$20. It's time to put our money where are interests and future are. Let's do it.



L-R Virginia Stallworth, Memphis NOW president; Rick Bray, former Tennessee NOW president and Dr. Bill Castle were among those present to see HRC spokesperson Candace Gingrich at Amnesia on Nov. 15.



Human Rights Campaign spokesperson Candace Gingrich, left, poses with TJN Reporter/Columnist Vincent Astor at the Amnesia gathering.



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## Deep Inside

# HOLLYWOOD

By Miss Paige Turner

### Ellen Helps ABC Win

Lately, there has been nothing but bad blood between Ellen DeGeneres and ABC over the Gay content on her eponymous series. The network has repeatedly saddled her show with an on-screen parental advisory, about which Ellen has loudly complained. The frank sexuality on the show and Ellen's contentious behavior toward her network have not earned her much support in the mainstream press, especially from *Time* magazine (which in referencing their own "Yep, I'm Gay" cover article recently declared, "Yep, she's a prima donna."). It seems that none of this has hurt the show, however, since *Ellen* continues to enjoy consistently high ratings. *Ellen* has been winning her time slot, beating CBS's much-hyped new series *Public Eye With Bryant Gumbel* and NBC's freshman sitcom *Working* — and combined with ABC's *PrimeTime Live*, the show is helping ABC to regularly win the Wednesday night ratings battle. This is great news for ABC, which has recently seen its top-rated series *Home Improvement* lose out to NBC's *Frasier* on Tuesdays, which is traditionally ABC's best night of the week. With *Ellen* now enjoying its best ratings ever as one of ABC's few bright spots this season, it looks like Ellen will get to continue making the show as Gay as she wants.

### Cole Porter: Free At Last

The classic song library of Gay composer Cole Porter will soon be available to everyone free of charge. Along with the works of George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and other composers of the early pop era, the copyright on Porter's first works is nearing expiration. According to current U.S. copyright law, songs become part of the public domain 75 years after they are published. This is great news for performers who have been anxious to use Porter's tunes, but have been hindered by either royalties or lack of permission from his estate. While heirs to the estates of these songwriters are battling primarily over the loss of royalty payments, they are also concerned about protecting the integrity of the artists' work, as well as their public image. While Porter did live with men for the majority of his life, his estate has not been anxious to have him known as a Gay composer. Instead, they prefer to main-

tain the romantically heterosexual image that was portrayed in the 1946 biographical film starring Cary Grant, ironically titled *Night and Day*. However, with the songs available in the public domain, it may soon be "Anything Goes" for other artists who want to use Porter's work in more Gay-friendly contexts.

### MTV Spotlights Gay Youth

"The Shared Heart," a traveling exhibit of Adam Mastoon's photographs of "lesbiGay" teenagers, was recently featured on MTV. The photos also appear in a new book which is now available across North America. MTV highlighted the work which profiles youth discussing what it is like being a Lesbigeen teenager. Previously, MTV has been supportive of Gay and Lesbian issues during the MTV News "Sex In the 90s" specials and on the reel-life soap opera *The Real World*. Mastoon's next subject is Betty DeGeneres, Ellen's mother, the official spokesperson for the National Coming Out Day project.

### Emma Thompson: Screen Lesbian

"I'm not a Lesbian, but I play one on TV," could become Emma Thompson's new catchphrase. The Oscar-winning actress/writer will be guest-starring on an upcoming episode of *Ellen* playing herself, during which Thompson will make several "personal revelations," including that she is a Lesbian. Thompson has been romantically linked to the handsome actor Greg Wise since they worked together on the film *Sense And Sensibility*, so it seems likely that it will be made clear in the episode that the announcement is made for dramatic (or in this case, comedic) effect. Thompson has long been a supporter of Gay and Lesbian issues. Previously, she starred in the Gay-themed film *Carrington* and has often cited two Gay godfathers and a Gay uncle as positive influences during her upbringing. The *Ellen* episode will air during the all-important sweeps period this month, and will also include an appearance by actor Sean Penn. It is not known

if Penn will also declare that he is a Lesbian during the episode.

### Murnau: Back From the Dead

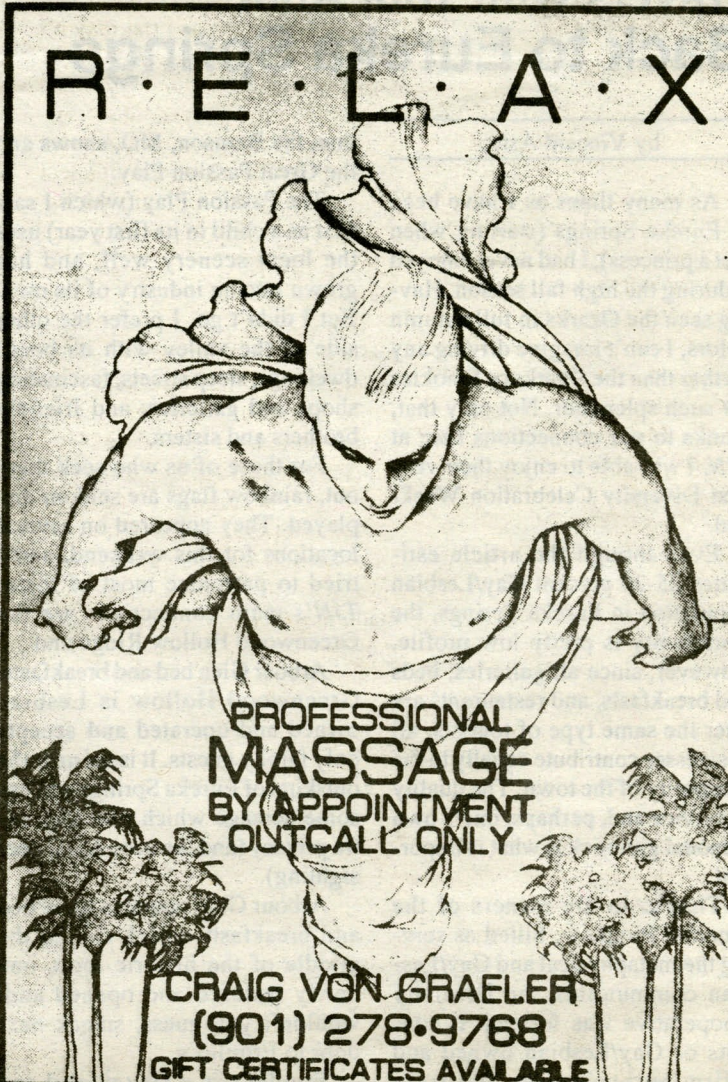
Gay silent film director F.W. Murnau is receiving new life on home video more than sixty years after his death. His classic vampire film *Nosferatu* has been released on video along with the long-lost first screen version of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus*. Murnau was one of the top directors in Hollywood by the end of the silent era, including directing Janet Gaynor as the first Oscar-winner for best actress in *Sunrise*. His career ended suddenly in a mysterious car accident at the height of his popularity, which it is rumored involved him engaging in a sexual act with his chauffeur while the car was in motion. *Nosferatu* was made in Murnau's native Germany, and helped establish his reputation as a world-renowned director when it was released in 1922. Based on Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, the title was changed after Stoker's estate sued the studio. Both films are now available together as *Cinema's First Monsters* on home video. The release marks the bicentennial of Shelley's story and the 100th anniversary of Stoker's vampire novella.

### Relative Not Going "Wilde"

Oscar Wilde's grandson Merlin Holland is not a fan of the latest film version of his grandfather's life, which opened recently in London to great critical acclaim. As the official editor of Wilde's papers and widely considered the best authority on the late writer, Holland has proclaimed that the film *Wilde* is unbalanced because it focuses too much on his grandfather's sexual orientation. To prove his point, Holland counted the number of Gay parts of the movie, tallying 11 scenes of sexual physical content and thirty more with body language or suggestive dialogue in the film's 109 scenes. While film critics in England have commented that the film does not go far enough in showing Wilde's personal life and struggle with his sexual identity, Holland has stated that more attention should have been paid to Wilde's work than to his sex life and conviction on charges of sodomy. North American audiences can decide for themselves when "Wilde" opens here in December.

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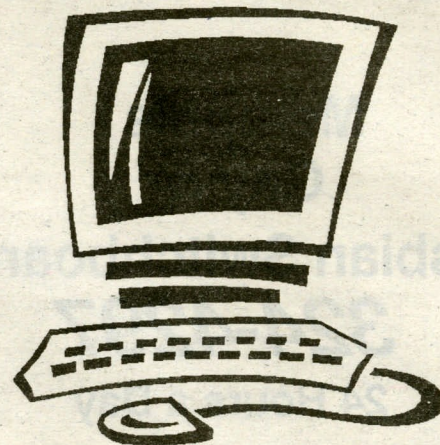
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# Travels With Your Aunt Back to Eureka Springs

by Vincent Astor

As many times as I have been to Eureka Springs (starting when just a princess), I had never enjoyed it during the high fall season. Having seen the Ozarks in full autumn colors, I can't imagine driving any further than the Ozarks or Smokies for such splendour. Not only that, thanks to our connections here at *TJN*, I was able to enjoy their very first Diversity Celebration Weekend.

Even though the article estimates 25-30 percent Gay/Lesbian population in Eureka Springs, the community is pretty low profile. However, since all galleries, beds and breakfasts, and restaurants are after the same type of tourists, all businesses contribute equally to the prosperity of the town. The quality of service and, perhaps, one's own personal gimmick is what is important.

Thanks to the owners of the Emerald Rainbow, billed as serving the metaphysical and Gay/Lesbian communities, the Diversity Cooperative was formed. It consists of Gay/Lesbian owned and affirming businesses and truly makes up a rainbow of its own.

Eureka Springs has two main focuses. One is the beautiful (and militantly maintained) Victorian section which dates back to the use and commercialization (in the 1800s) of the mineral springs found around many of the town's steep corners and hillsides.

The other is the Hoedown/Passion Play section centered around folk/country entertainment older

than the Branson, MO, shows and the Great Passion Play.

The Passion Play (which I saw first as a child in its first year) uses the local scenery well, and has grown into an industry of its own. But I didn't go, I prefer the other side of the valley with its board dwellings, steep streets, fascinating shops and galleries, and friendly brothers and sisters.

For those of us who seek them out, rainbow flags are seldom displayed. They appeared on several locations for this weekend, and I tried to patronize most of them. *TJN*'s main connections are the Greenwood Hollow Ridge and

Arbour Glen bed and breakfasts. Greenwood Hollow is Lesbian owned and operated and accepts only family guests. It is set near the outskirts of Eureka Springs and has some acreage which provides extra privacy (and the occasional deer sighting).

Arbour Glen operates three bed and breakfasts smack dab in the middle of the historic loop, one newly restored and opened and, wouldn't you guess, smack next door to Ermilio's.

Ermilio's is a Gay-owned and operated Italian restaurant which is hugely popular. The owner is also very active in sponsoring Gay/Lesbian community events and is a very pleasant individual. We came, we ate, we enjoyed.

I did notice that this town has the same proportion of Gay men with their heads up their asses as most places. When one is in a purchasing position, of course, everybody is nice. However, at two

separate social functions I was barely spoken to. The women are generally friendlier and all the men are not quite so rude and stuck up. But it was noticeable.

Sadly, it was most noticeable at the dance to benefit the MCC of the Living Springs. After three tries to find this party room called The Barn on Holiday Island I finally got there, paid my entry and stood around. Next time they should at least have a tiki torch or *something* to inform out-of-towners that they have indeed found this place.

Besides the ticket person and the person selling drinks, no one spoke, male or female. I had had a much different experience after their church service last Christmas when I was up, so this coldness was doubly disappointing.

I was, however, pleased at the reception at the tiny Kings Hi-way Inn. Owner Jerry Wilson provides the same hospitality as more elaborate inns and B&Bs. It is one pleasant alternative for either necessity or one's own preference. It is walking distance from the turnoff to downtown and across from a trolley stop.

I took a lovely walking tour with the president of the local preservation society and her husband. We toured their home as a surprise because they graciously lent their necessary to those of us lately come from big breakfasts. Mine was at Greenwood Hollow, by the way, and it was unique and sumptuous as always.

One of my companions on the tour was Eleanor Wagner who signed her new book, *Reflections and Affirmations for Lesbians and Gay Men*, at the Emerald Rainbow



that afternoon. She was very enjoyable company.

I didn't opt for the canoe float down the White River because it was beautiful but chilly. I also missed the "Adventure" at Women's Work. Next time I'll try harder.

I did attend Jim and Brent's Bistro restaurant and had a most memorable dinner with impeccable service. This was enhanced by a mother and daughter who knew the level of class service expected in such a restaurant and provided same. The young lady was very young indeed, and I made sure to compliment her to her supervisors (both family and business).

A sterling example of the diversity theme was the benefit dance downstairs at Center Street South, the only stated Gay/Lesbian watering hole in town. It was hugely attended, to the point of the old sardine can days in the disco era, and benefited the Boys and Girls clubs of Eureka Springs.

If one is not occupied with the family business, there is precious

little for the very young to do. Everyone realizes this problem and is going about remedies for same. In the 1990s the remedy is not necessarily opening up a new beer bust. Donations and support came from a wide range of businesses and individuals, family and otherwise. We applaud and approve.

The closest Gay/Lesbian dance location is in Springfield. I know of a big, barnlike building for sale, somewhat removed from the town proper. Is this perhaps potential for a rental for such functions? The Miles Musical Museum is disbanded but its large open space (even though part of it is a quonset hut) might be a solution.

One of the greatest attractions about Eureka Springs is its potential. There is always another historic building to be reborn, there are always new things to try, businesses are ever evolving. Then, there are the mountains which, though solid, are ever a natural rainbow of their own. Try it sometime.

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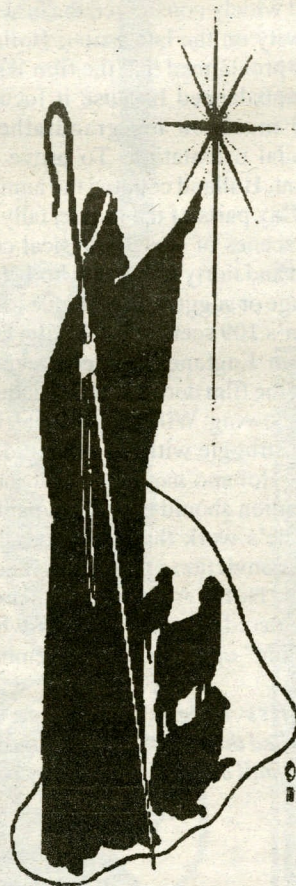
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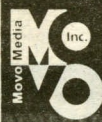
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**SWARTHY SAM** This good looking, swarthy, White male, with dark hair and eyes, loves to go out to clubs, take long walks, swim, camp, and spend quiet nights at home. I'm interested in meeting someone for fun times, friendship, and maybe more. I'm very discreet. (Fayetteville) #7851

**CAMPFIRE COOKOUT** I'm looking for someone special to share good times with. I'm a good looking, hairy chested, White male, 6ft, with dark hair and eyes. I enjoy camping, cooking, and quiet evenings together. (Springdale) #4105

**FUN AND GAMES** Attractive, 50 year old, Bi male, seeks an older man for fun and games. (West Memphis) #4022

**BREAK THE ICE** Friendly, easy going, White male, 6'3, 265lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks someone to talk to and get to know. I enjoy drawing, movies, dancing, and making new friends. I'm in northwest Arkansas. #6581

**PHYSICAL STAMINA** Beautiful Black male seeks the same. I'm 5'10, 195lbs, and into every physical activity you can imagine. I love to have fun. #3110

## MISSISSIPPI

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE** This good natured, White male, 41, 6'1, 180lbs, seeks a friend, maybe more. I enjoy movies, long walks, special times at home, and being with someone who's open minded and who enjoys life. (Hattiesburg) #9037

**DREAM ABOUT YOU** Nice looking, 22 year old, White male, 5'7, 140lbs, with dark, Blond hair and Hazel eyes, seeks a tall, dark, handsome, White male, 20 to 30, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, for a fun filled relationship. I like long walks, cuddling, and dancing. (New Albany) #8436

**LET 'EM ROLL** I'm looking for a White male, or males, to have some good times with. I can take as many as are willing. (Tupelo) #9329

**ALL OF THE ABOVE** Do you enjoy dining, dancing, the outdoors, and walks along the beach? Come join me for some good times. This good looking, Gay, White male, 24, 5'10, 150lbs, seeks another Gay, White male, 28 to 45, for all of the above and more. #9616

**MISSISSIPPI BURNING** This masculine, young, White male, is just looking for guys to hook up with. #8702

**MISSISSIPPI MOUTH** I'm a young, horny guy, who wants to meet men who like to be orally serviced. Call me soon. #8398

## 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

**LAID 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

**A CRY FOR BI GUYS** It's hard to find Bi, Black, and Hispanic guys, in this area. I'm a very attractive, well educated, Black male, 25, 6ft, 230lbs, with a husky build. Let's hook up and see what happens. (Germantown) #9160

**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

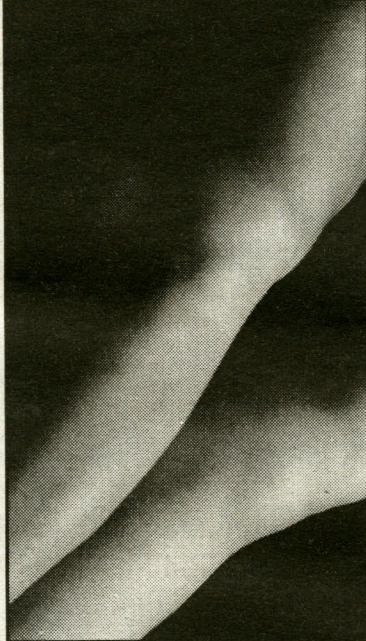
**SHOPPING SPREE** This attractive, fun loving, Black male, 24, 5'9, with a short, low haircut, and Brown eyes, likes meeting new people, reading, and shopping. I want to make some interesting new friends. (Humboldt) #9405

**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

## SOFT, SMOOTH THING

I'm a handsome guy, in my mid 50's, 6'2, 220lbs, and I like smooth guys, 35 to 50. I don't mind if you're a bit effeminate. (Madison) #9641



**BIG RIG** This masculine, good looking, White male, 49, 6ft, with Salt and Pepper hair, has over 9 inches and is seeking similar men with similar equipment. (Memphis) #9510

**BEST FOOT FORWARD** I'm interested in meeting a guy who shares my fascination for feet and socks. I love 'em. This attractive, Gay, White male, 5'9, 155lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, is most attracted to guys around my size, between 25 and 45. A relationship is possible with the right guy. (Memphis) #9292

**HORNY FOR HAIRY** I'm a good looking, horny, 40 year old, White male, 5'10, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, a beard, and a moderately, hairy body. I'm into other big, hairy guys. (Memphis) #9043

**EXTRA ORDINARY** I'm a healthy, good looking, African American male, 31, 6'2, 215lbs, seeks a loving, compassionate guy, 24 to 36, with a love of life and good sense of humor. I like being outdoors, going out to eat, and a little romance. Let's go for something a little out of the ordinary. (Memphis) #8411

**INDEPENDENT SPIRIT** This nice, honest, sincere, Gay male, 26, 6ft, 145lbs, seeks someone to become friends, and possibly more with. I'm independent, well rounded, down to earth, and open to trying new things. I like movies, going out to eat, relaxing at home, and socializing. (Memphis) #8746

**BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP** I need a young, Gay, White male, 24 to 30. This 23 year old, White male, 5'11, 190lbs, clean shaven, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, likes movies, camping, hiking, and live music. I hope you have a sense of humor and are relationship minded. (Memphis) #8585

**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

**PRIVATE SHOW** I'm a professional, Gay, White male, Transvestite, in my early 40's, 5'7, 135lbs, with a smooth, toned, sculpted, swimmer's build. I'd like to meet other clean cut, professional, Gay, White males and Transvestites, for fun. I enjoy cultural events, dinners, and going to the show clubs. (Memphis) #8546

**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

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

**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. Younger guys a plus. (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

**PARAMOUNT PICTURE** This hot, southern stud, 45, 6'2, 190lbs, with light, Brown hair, Green eyes, a mustache, hairy body, and large endowment, wants to settle down with a handsome, hard working, fit, financially secure guy, 25 to 45, who enjoys movies, the beach, the outdoors, and traveling. Your emotional security is paramount. I look forward to cuddling together in the evenings. (Memphis) #7093

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

**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

**ARTS AND SMARTS** This older Gay, White male, 6ft, 170lbs, with artistic and intellectual interests, in addition to sexual ones, seeks a congenial, Gay friend, preferably feminine. (Memphis) #6758

**PORN PARTY** Hot, muscular, very good looking, White male, in my late 30's, wants to hook up with other sexy men to watch porn, party, and have a great time. (Memphis) #6329

**THE CLOWN IN SPAWN** I'm an attractive, 37 year old, Puerto Rican male, 5'3, 115lbs. I love to dress up as a woman and I'm very outgoing. (Memphis) #6206

**PRISSY LITTLE SISSY** I'm a prissy little sissy, who loves having the company of a good, strong man. I'm 5'8, 145lbs, with Blond hair, Hazel eyes, and I can pass very easily. I've been Gay and a crossdresser, all my life. (Memphis) #6232

**FRIENDS OR FOREVER** Professional, attractive, Gay, Black male, 25, 6'1, with a medium build, Brown skin, and Brown eyes, seeks friends to talk to and have fun with. I prefer other masculine, Gay, Black males, 18 to 40, who are good conversationalists. More can happen if we both want it to. (Memphis) #6309

**MR. SNIFFIT** I'm looking for a butch, uncut, White man. If your nickname is Mr. Skin, Mr. Smelly, Mr. Doorknob, Mr. Beercan, or Mr. Cheese, this butch, booted, hairy bear, 48 years old, 6'1, 220lbs, needs it bad. (Memphis) #49991

**MALE MINDED** Nice looking, rugged, Bi, White male, in my mid 30's, seeks young, White males and couples, for hot times. (Memphis) #6032

**BLACK DISCRETION** 25 year old, Black male desires to meet a discreet, Black male, between 20 and 25. Sound like you? (Memphis) #5687

**MR. AMERICA** I'm 35 years old, 6ft tall, 235lbs, buzz haircut, Brown eyes with a 49 inch chest, 18 inch arms, and 36 inch waist. I'm very masculine and very muscular. (Memphis) #5002

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**FOOT PATROL** I'm looking for a sexy guy with big hands and big feet. This hairy, horny, 35 year old, Gay, Black male, 5'10, 180lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, likes 'em big. (Memphis) #2293

**SUBMISSIVE SISSY** This sexy, Transvestite, a sissy all my life, loves servicing men. I give the best oral service you'll ever find. I also love to take it like a man, if you know what I mean. I just love men. If you need that big thing taken care of, you know who to call. (Memphis) #2382

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**RIDE OF YOUR LIFE** If you're looking for a good time, this hot looking, Black male, wants you to come party with me. I'll give you the ride of your life. (Memphis) **#4440**

**INDEPENDENT SPIRIT** This attractive, Gay, Black male, 6ft, wants to meet a similar guy to spend quiet times, and fun times, with. I enjoy talking on the phone and doing lots of things together. You should be serious minded, independent, and know where you're going in life. (Memphis) **#4409**

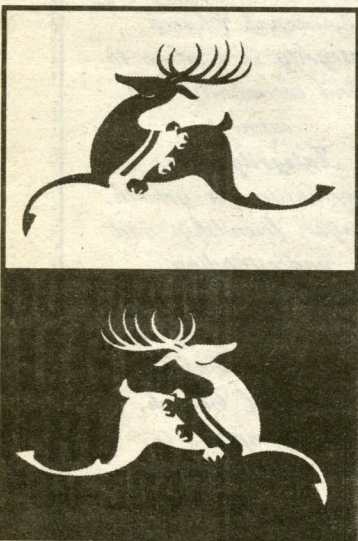
**SWEET TOOTH SEEKS SUGAR DADDY** This 23 year old, Gay, White male, with a supersized sweet tooth seeks a supersized sugar daddy, to satisfy it. No penny candy. I'm shopping for bulk quantity. Only fine confections wanted. Sour balls need not apply. I'm slender, good looking, well endowed, and have dark hair and eyes. (Memphis) **#4265**

**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**

**MOVIES AND MATES** Good looking, middle aged, Gay, White male, 5'11, 185lbs, seeks friendship with a similar guy who likes movies, going out to eat, and quiet evenings at home. (Memphis) **#3918**

**DON'T LEAVE ME AT HOME** I don't like to stay home so I'd like to make a new friend who'll be my workout partner and engage in many other activities with me. I'm a nice looking, 22 year old, White male, in good shape, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and a good tan. My interests include bike riding, hiking, the beach, movies, music, clubs, baseball, and swimming. I love to try new things. (Memphis) **#3629**

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



**THE TIME HAS COME** I'm ready to meet someone outgoing, attractive, fun loving, and relationship minded. Is it you? (Memphis) **#3635**

**BODILY BLESSED** Masculine, sexy, 48 year old, White male, built and hung to last, seeks other horny men for hot times. (Memphis) **#3662**

**ALL PLAY AND NO WORK** I'm just looking for some hot guys to play with. I'm a very muscular, White male, 6'2, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. (Memphis) **#3673**

**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 and eyes. (Memphis) **#1965**

**MAKE DADDY PROUD** Daddy wants to meet a nice guy to share some good times with. You should be a fine, young, man who is honest, trustworthy, compassionate, healthy, and drug free. (Memphis) **#3442**

**FRAT BOY TYPE** I'm a university frat boy type, Gay, White male, 23, 5'10, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and a wide variety of interests. I'd like to meet other Gay, White males, 20 to 30, who are fun and easy going. A sense of humor is very important. (Memphis) **#33496**

**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**

**CAN IT BE TOO HARD?** I wonder why I always have a problem finding what I'm looking for? I'm an attractive, very muscular, Bi, Black male, originally from New York. I seek other Bi men, or very masculine, Gay men, 18 to 35, for friendship, fun, and games. That shouldn't be too hard, so to speak. (Memphis) **#2384**

**GAME FOR GOOD THINGS** This good looking, Black male, 6ft, 163lbs, with medium Brown skin, Black hair and Brown eyes, is ready to settle down. I'm looking for a friendly, attractive, guy who likes movies, long walks, travel, and good things like that. (Memphis) **#2194**

**PANTY MAID** This sexy, Bi, White Transvestite and panty boy, 37, 6'1, with long, curly, Brown hair, Brown eyes, and very long eyelashes, wears panties and a bra at all times. I'm a trained panty maid who cooks, cleans, does windows, and everything else I'm told to do. I need a very stern master, or mistress, who'll train me to be the best I can be. (Nashville) **#8953**



## 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**

**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**

**IN THE LONG RUN** I seek straight acting, well endowed, dominant tops for dating. I like honest guys who are fit and who are hoping to find a long term, monogamous, relationship, as I am. I'm not the type to rush into anything, but want to have some fun while I'm looking. (Memphis) **#1039**

**DEVELOPING CRUSH** Buffed, good looking, Blond haired, Blue eyed, White male, 19, seeks a friend to hang out with. Maybe more will develop. (Nashville) **#4970**

**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**

**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**

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

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

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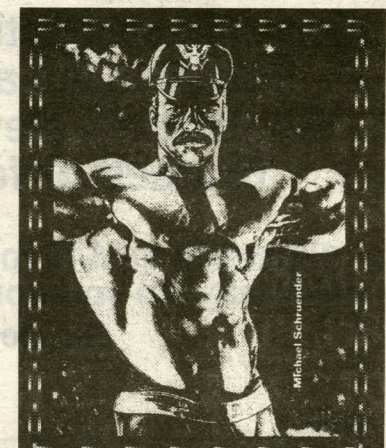
**STICKY SITUATION** This Gay, Married, White male, 43, 5'11, 220lbs, with a hairy body, seeks other Married men, in similar situations, who need to talk, or more. (Old Hickory) **#8650**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Seriously Sober (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

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

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

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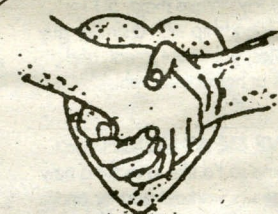
Thursday	9:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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**ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)**

Sunday	6:00 pm	Discussion (Open)
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#### ADULT BOOKSTORES

- Airport Bookmart\***: 2214 Brooks Rd E. ☎ 345-0657.  
**Cherokee Adult Book Store\***: 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.  
**Fantasy Warehouse I\***: 791-793 North White Station ☎ 683-9649.  
**Getwell Book Mart\***: 1275 Getwell ☎ 454-7765.  
**Paris Adult Entertainment Center\***: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.  
**Tammy's # 2**: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.  
**Tammy's # 3**: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.  
**Tammy's # 4**: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

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- Alternative Restaurant**: 553 So Cooper ☎ 725-7922.  
**Amnesia\***: 2866 Poplar ☎ 454-1366.  
**Arizona\***: 394 North Watkins ☎ 272-9000.  
**Autumn Street Pub\***: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.  
**Backstreet\***: 2018 Court Street ☎ 276-5522.  
**Bourbon Street Cafe**: (In the French Quarter Suites, 2144 Madison ☎ 728-4000.  
**Cactus Cafe**: In 501 Club & Crossroads ☎ 274-8655.  
**Changes\***: 2586 Poplar ☎ 327-3175.  
**C.O.A.D.\***: 1528 Madison ☎ 278-9321.  
**Crossroads\***: 1278 Jefferson ☎ 725-8156.  
**David's\***: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.  
**501 Club\***: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.  
**Illusions\***: 2865 Walnut Grove Road ☎ 458-9955.  
**J-Wags\***: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909.  
**Madison Flame\***: 1588 Madison ☎ 278-9839.  
**N-cognito\***: 338 South Front ☎ 523-0599.  
**One More\***: 2117 Peabody ☎ 278-8015.  
**P & H Cafe\***: 1532 Madison Ave. ☎ 274-9794.  
**Pipeline\***: 1382 Poplar ☎ 726-5263.  
**Sunshine Lounge\***: 1379 Lamar ☎ 272-9843.  
**The Edge\***: 1913 Poplar.  
**The Other Side\***: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN. ☎ 1-901-668-3749.  
**Western Steak House & Lounge**: 1298 Madison ☎ 725-9896.

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- Meristem\***: Feminist Book Store • 930 S. Cooper ☎ 276-0282.

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

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ACT UP/Gay Liberation Movement**: ☎ 526-7903 Call for meeting place & schedule.  
**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Al-Anon (Co-dependency)**: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 276-7379.  
**Alliance**: Leather/leivi club • 4035 Walnut Grove Cir., Memphis 38117.  
**Aloysius Home, Inc.:** 28 North Claybrook, Memphis 38104 • Mailing address: Box 41679, Memphis 38174-1679 ☎ 274-8321, Dr. Jim Shaw.  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis**: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.  
**Black & White Men Together (BWMT)**: Box 42157, Memphis 38174-2157 ☎ 276-0168, 274-8658.  
**Bluff City Sports Association**: Box 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 682-9928.  
**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.

**Crossroads**: African American Gay/bisexual/transgendered men's motivation/support/social group. ☎ Tony, 757-2039 or Conrad, crpegues@aol.com.

**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: safehmcc@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Safe Harbor MCC**: Pastor Greg Bullard, 2117 Union Ave., Chapel ☎ 458-0501.

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

**Southern Country Memphis**: Country Western Dance Club ☎ 278-9321

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

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

**Tennessee Leather Tribe**: Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-

1921.

**Tsarus**: Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, 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 email: bgala@cc.memphis.edu.

**UT-Martin ALLIES**: Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 38238, neig@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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**Patricia Goshorn, M.Ed.:** Licensed Psychological Counselor • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Ste 316 ☎ 369-6050.

**Cliff Heegel, PhD**: Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150 ☎ 767-1066.

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

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

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

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

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**William N. Castle, D.D.S.:** Dentist • 776 Mt. Moriah ☎ 685-5008.

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**Ronnie Bingham, CPA**: Taxes, accounting, estate planning ☎ 753-1413.

**Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service**: 3340 Poplar Ave., Ste 305 ☎ 458-0152.

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

#### FLORISTS

**Botanica**: 937 S. Cooper, ☎ 274-5767, 1-800-769-5767, fax: 274-5688.

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

**Park East Florist**: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.  
**Sweetpeas**: 597 South Holmes ☎ 324-2733.

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

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**See-S**: Portraits & photography ☎ 327-3760.

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#### HELP & INFORMATION LINES

**Affirmation**: ☎ (708) 733-9590.  
**AIDS Switchboard**: ☎ 278-AIDS.

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

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

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

**LINC**: ☎ 725-8895.  
**Narcotics Anonymous**: ☎ 276-LIVE.

**Rape Crisis**: ☎ 528-2161.  
**Suicide & Crisis Intervention**: ☎ 274-7477.

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

#### LEGAL SERVICES

**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.

**Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney At Law**: 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.

**Jason O. Young, Jr.:** 147 Jefferson, Ste 806, ☎ 728-4000.

#### LODGING

**French Quarter Suites**: 2144 Madison ☎ 523-8912

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**Bodycare By Jordan**: Deep tissue massage, therapeutic touch and preparation for movement. By appointment only. ☎ 527-2273.

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**Massage by Jim**: ☎ Pager 541-0579.  
**Massage by Michael**: ☎ 278-5475.  
**Massage by Sarah**: Full-body, by appointment only, male and female ☎ 753-9449.

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**Antique Warehouse**: 2563 Summer ☎ 323-0600.

**Bliss Salon**: 2111 Madison ☎ 726-6100.  
**Body Shop Tanning Center**: 599 Erin Drive ☎ 821-0086.

**Dabbles Hair Co.:** 19 N. Cooper ☎ 725-0521.

**Eagle Pest Control**: Jacqueline Behles • ☎ 743-8945.

**Kyla J. Dillard, DVM**: Housecall Veterinarian, Memphis Area ☎ (901) 324-3425. For emergency care call ☎ (901) 533-5084.

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**Gypsy's Vintage Fashions and Antiques**: 2018 Court, (In the Mid-Town Flea Market).

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**Bob Hughes, EdD**: Yoga, relaxation & meditation classes ☎ 682-0855.

**Kings Interior Painting**: ☎ 745-3300.  
**Lavender Earth\***: 852 S. Cooper, ☎ 272-2853.

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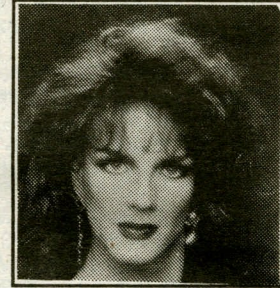
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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

After all the words in the list have been found, the unused letters, when read from left to right throughout the grid, will spell out the theme of the puzzle.

**THEME:**

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- "ANGELS in America" [Tony Kushner]
- "AS IS" [William M. Hoffman]
- "(Last Summer at) BLUEFISH (Cove)" [Jane Chambers]
- "COMING OUT" [Jonathan Katz]
- "(A Poster of the) COSMOS" [Lanford Wilson]
- "(Total) ECLIPSE" [Christopher Hampton]
- "(The) FAIRY (Garden)" [Harry Kondoleon]
- "FORTUNE (and Menis Eyes)" [John Herbert]
- "HOSANNA" [Michel Tremblay]
- "JACK" [David Greenspan]
- "JEFFREY" [Paul Rudnick]
- "JERKER" [Robert Chesley]
- "JUST SAY NO" [Larry Kramer]
- "(A) LANGUAGE (of Their Own)" [Chay Yew]
- "(The Night) LARRY KRAMER (Kissed Me)" [David Drake]
- "LAUGHING (Wild)" [Christopher Durang]
- "(Entertaining) MR. SLOANE" [Joe Orton]
- "(The) NORMAL (Heart)" [Larry Kramer]
- "(A) PATRIOT (For Me)" [John Osborne]
- "THE RITZ" [Terrence McNally]
- "(The) RUFFIAN (on the Stair)" [Joe Orton]
- "SAFE SEX" [Harvey Fierstein]
- "(Tea and) SYMPATHY" [Robert Anderson]
- "TERMINAL (Bar)" [Paul Selig]
- "(The Boys in) THE BAND" [Mart Crowley]
- "TORCH SONG (Trilogy)" [Harvey Fierstein]
- "T-SHIRTS" [Robert Patrick]
- "(What Are) TUESDAYS (Like?)" [Victor Bumbalo]
- "(Love!) VALOUR! (Compassion!)" [Terrence McNally]
- "(The Baltimore) WALTZ" [Paula Vogel]
- "(The Way) WE LIVE (Now)" [Susan Sontag]

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