Only One in the Nation

Tennessee AIDS Bias Law Still Intact

Nashville — Despite vigorous efforts to overturn it, the Tennessee law which specifically allows employment discrimination against people with AIDS (PWAs) is still on the state law books. On May 2, legislation to extend anti-discrimination protection to PWAs' was defeated by the Senate Commerce Committee.

In 1988, Tennessee became the only state in the U.S. to specifically exempt PWAs from a state law which prohibits job discrimination against handicapped persons. The state law flies in the face of federal statutes which include PWAs. While most states are moving to prohibit discrimination against PWAs, Tennessee seems to be going in the opposite direction.

The law currently in effect was proposed by Sen. Robert Rochelle (D-Lebanon) in the last days of the last legislature and signed into law by the Gov. Ned McWherter. When questioned about signing the bill, McWherter professed not to know of the bill's ramifications regarding people with AIDS. Rochelle chairs the Senate's Commerce Committee, through which the repeal bill must pass before reaching the Senate floor for a vote.

A 4-3 vote in the Commerce Committee defeated a bill that would have eliminated the 1988 exemption, targeted at PWAs, to the handicapped anti-discrimination law for people with "infectious, contagious, or similarly (sic) transmitted diseases."

The repeal measure was endorsed by the Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment, a large number of Tennessee health organizations, the Tennessee AIDS Council, and the Shelby County AIDS Advisory Committee. Several repeal measures had been introduced including at least one by the Shelby County delegation.

Among the Committee's members, here is how the vote went: FOR — Sens. Ward Crutchfield (D-Chattanooga), Edward Davis (D-Memphis), John Hicks (D-Nashville), AND AGAINST — Sens. Ray Albright (R-Chattanooga), Lou Patten (R-Cleveland), Carl Koella (R-Maryville), Robert Rochelle (D-Lebanon).

ABSTAIN — Sens Jerry Cooper (D-McMinnvile), William Richardson (D-Columbia).

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center Elects Board And Officers

On Saturday, May 6th, a public meeting of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center Board and a Board of Directors and officers were elected. At the meeting attended by representatives from several Gay organizations, the proposed constitution and bylaws of the committee were discussed and passed as amended.

The much talked about community center began to take on a sense of reality when then Memphis Gay Coalition president Bob Dumas proposed in '86 that the Coalition establish a building Fund and begin collecting money for the purpose of establishing a community center. The first official Fundraiser - Gay Ho - was held in '86 at the Pendulum and raised about $1000. A second show was staged at George's and raised about $1200. Dinner shows held at the French Connection raised additional funds as did the McLeod Award Pot Luck. In all, the various fundraisers for the Community Center have accumulated $28,254.42 in a savings account held by the Memphis Gay Coalition.

Formed at the December 5th 1988 meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition, the volunteer committee for the März Community Center was selected by the Board. It consisted of Ken Horton, Kristi Elrod, Vincent Astor, and Reverend Jim Beatty, was responsible for creating a charter for the organization and filing papers to have the organization incorporated. Drawing on documents from various other organizations, the volunteer committee came up with the proposed bylaws and a constitution which were discussed at the meeting and amended to meet the specific needs of the community center.

Once the bylaws and constitution were passed unanimously, a proposed slate of nominations for positions on the Board was presented by the volunteer committee. Proposed for board positions were: Ken Horton, Vincent Astor, Kristi Elrod, Reverend Jim Beatty, Paul Nieuwirth, and Matthew Presley. Nomination from the floor were opened, Carol Molder, Steve Solomon, Perry Stevens, Bill Tracer, and Oye Ajanaku volunteered for board positions. The group elected the nominees by acclamation.

Elected by acclamation as officers of the community center were:

Ken Horton, president; Reverend Jim Beatty, vice president; Matthew Presley, secretary; and Carol Molder, treasurer.

Military Cannot Bar Re-enlistment of Gay Man

San Francisco — A federal appeals court ruled last month that the Army cannot refuse to re-enlist a man it knew was homosexual for 14 years. The Army is expected to appeal the ruling. Gay rights groups praised the ruling, but a dissenting judge said the court had avoided the larger question of whether or not the Army has the right to bar gays from the service.

In a 7-4 decision, the court ruled that Sgt. Perry Watkins was unfairly discharged because the Army ignored his openly acknowledged homosexuality before blocking his re-enlistment in 1981.

Judge Harry Pregerson said the Army's disregard of Watkins' homosexuality for 14 years amounted almost to a policy of ignoring this serviceman's homosexuality.

"This is a case where equity cries out and demands that the Army be stopped from refusing to re-enlist Watkins on the basis of his homosexuality," the decision said.

Unfortunately, the court said it was unnecessary to consider the broader questions of discrimination and denial of equal protection under the Constitution.

Watkins has declined on his original 1987 draft form that he had "homosexual tendencies." Despite the disclosure, he was inducted and remained in the Army, rising to the rank of sergeant.
It's Time to Take the Test!

by Allen Cook

Time was, as readers of this newspaper may remember, when Gaze editorialized against taking the AIDS test. Well friends, times have changed. Today there may be compelling reasons to do so for men at risk.

First some background: When the test (called the ELISA test) first came on the scene in 1985, there were problems. The test had an inordinate number of false positives, and some people taking the test were told of a positive result before a confirmatory Western Blot test.

Besides that, most people believed that a positive ELISA meant that one had AIDS. What it really means is that one has been exposed to the virus. Forty percent of those testing positive will develop AIDS within an eight year period. Another 40% will develop AIDS-related Complex within 8 years. The test is not really a test for AIDS, but a test for antibodies to the AIDS virus. A positive test is a strong indicator, but does not confirm a diagnosis. One must assume, however, that if one tests positive that one can infect others.

Admittedly we have a short history of AIDS. The first cases were reported in 1981, although cases dating further back have been discovered. But in that short period of time we are seeing that early detection and early intervention can have positive effects on the course of the disease.

Research shows that early detection and monitoring of the immune system can do several things. It allows earlier detection and treatment of the life-threatening opportunistic conditions which may affect a person. It encourages a person to change those habits which may lead to further infection. Repeated exposures to infected people may cause the virus to take hold and do its dirty work faster. Knowing the things that affect immune system functioning may cause a person to think twice about drinking too much, doing too many recreational drugs, sharing needles, or engaging in unprotected anal intercourse. Medicines are now being developed to prevent the onset of some of the opportunistic infections among people infected with the virus.

Knowledge of one's antibody status may protect others as well. If you know your own antibody status, you are less likely to be inclined to engage in activities which will spread the virus to others. Who, after all, wants to be responsible for the possible infection of others with such a dread disease.

Opponents of testing say that the test has killed more people than AIDS has... not true. While a positive test certainly has some pretty severe psychological ramifications (and has, in fact, resulted in some suicides), it is important to remember that a positive test is not a death sentence. It is also important to remember that no matter what the end result may be years from now, it is likely a person with a positive test will remain in good health for many productive years to come. Granted some lifestyle changes may be in order, but death is not imminent.

There are strong indications that now are anonymous tests (you don't have to tell anyone your real name, address, or anything unless you want a written copy of the test results) will become a thing of the past. Pressure is being brought to make a positive test reportable, resulting in mandatory partner notification, list-making, and potential discriminatory actions against those with them. Before than becomes reality, we encourage people to take the test and to refrain from those activities which may infect others.

Gaze encourages letters from its readers and provides this space as a public forum for its readers to express their opinions. Gaze takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed. Letters over 500 words may be edited for space requirements, but original meanings will not be altered. Letters should be as short as possible and must be signed. Names will be withheld by request, but anonymous letters will not be printed.

HRC Alive - Thank You Very Much!

In response to the article in the May issue of Gaze, "Is HRC Dead?", I am head of the AIDS Ministry of Agape New Life Church and proud to announce that Human Response Council and the AIDS Ministry of Agape New Life Church have joined hands. In answer to the question, "No, HRC is not dead.

Interested parties can obtain information by calling the church at 726-1872 or Bettye Griffen 726-8249)

Stonewall Collection

I am working on an oral history of the Stonewall riots which took place in Greenwich Village in 1969. I sent out notices about this project over a year ago and have received responses from all over the country. I want to thank all of you who posted or printed this notice because it is as a result of your support that I have had such an overwhelming response. I am writing this letter for three specific reasons. First, because this June is the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, people are beginning to focus on them more than ever. Therefore, I am sending out a second notice in the hopes of attracting even more people than have already answered my request. Secondly, I feel very strongly that the book I am working on should represent the events and the people who took part in them as accurately as possible. Therefore I am putting out a special request to women and people of color who witnessed or participated in the Stonewall riots. Finally, I am still looking for photographs of the riots. I had originally hoped for the book to be out this June. However, because of the unexpected volume of responses to my notice last year and because of the problems I am having getting the records on the riots from the New York City Police and the FBI, it will probably be another year before it is published. Because of another project I am involved in and because of the sponsorship of some Gay and Lesbian organizations, I will be traveling to different parts of the country this year. Hopefully, this will allow me to interview, in person, most, if not all, of those interested. If you have any questions about the project, please contact me. Thank you very much for your interest and assistance.

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Some AIDS Prevention Facts

Research into AIDS has revealed that the AIDS virus in not an easy disease to catch — it is spread in very specific ways. The top two behaviors which spread AIDS are IV needle sharing and unprotected anal intercourse. To a lesser extent other sexual encounters will spread the virus. About one in 40,000 people may be infected by a tainted transfusion.

Gay men are most prone to AIDS infection because of the practice of anal intercourse. Anal issues are not built for intercourse and are often damaged during anal sex. The resulting broken blood vessels allow for infection by an infected partner and may put the active partner at risk by exposing the penis to blood. Furthermore the large intestine (just beyond the anus) is designed to absorb whatever is in it into the bloodstream. That's why suppositories work. The use of condoms in all sexual activities including oral sex greatly decreases the potential infection through the penis by blood that may result from anal intercourse.

Blood contamination from shared intravenous (IV) needles is obvious. If one cannot refrain from IV drugs, cleaning of needles is a must. A 10% solution of bleach flushed through the syringe several times, followed by flushing with clear water is strong enough to disinfect the needles.

If unprotected anal intercourse and IV needle sharing could be eliminated, AIDS in the U.S. would become a minor disease instead of the epidemic it is today.
July 1 - Saturday
• Surprise Night to start a Great Weekend
• Conductors from Nashville
Club Night at the Pipeline, 9-12

July 2 - Sunday
• The Pipeline's Great Sunday Tea Dance and Free Buffet in the afternoon, 4-8
• The Pipette 2nd Annual Benefit for PWA's with all your local Friends and Special Guest Star, Joyce Cobb

July 3 - Monday
• The Swim party with a lot of drink specials and activities from Noon til 8 PM. Bring your suit and a towel, we'll have the rest.

July 4 - Tuesday
• The Pipette Cookout from 2-6
• Free Beer Bust during the Cookout
Congressman Says He Suffered "Hurt Feelings" Dannemeyer Sues Gay Paper for Libel

San Francisco - National Gay Rights Advocates has launched the defense of the Bay Area Reporter (BAR), a San Francisco Gay newspaper sued for libel by Representative William Dannemeyer (R - Orange County, CA). Dannemeyer alleges in his lawsuit that the BAR, reprinting a memo drafted by the charlton Research Group, exploring how Republicans could attack Democrats, during the 1988 elections, for being soft on AIDS. The memo said, in part, that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth," and "a live grenade," and "far too emotional to do any good" to the Republican Party with respect to the AIDS issue.

When asked if it is libelous to say that Dannemeyer was "foaming at the mouth," Leonard Graff, NGRA's legal Director, said, "Truth is an absolute defense to a charge of libel." Graff, noting that Dannemeyer is his own attorney for the lawsuit, quipped "I'm sure Bill is aware of the old saying 'A lawyer has a chilling effect upon their freedom to report on politicians who attack minority communities.'"

The memo in question was published in the October 8, 1987 edition of the Bay Area Reporter. It was purportedly authored by Charles Rund, President Reagan's deputy campaign manager for polling in 1984. Rund operates a consulting firm known as the charlton Research Group.

Dannemeyer, a staunch opponent of progressive AIDS health care policy, filed the suit in Sacramento County on September 26, 1988 and served it on the BAR on Feb. 28, 1989. NGRA has filed a demurrer asking the court to dismiss the lawsuit. NGRA argues in its brief that the Bay Area Reporter's story is constitutionally protected speech.

Hollywood Turns Out for NGRA

In a strong demonstration of support for Gay rights, the film and television industry attended a benefit evening for National Gay Rights Advocates' 11th Anniversary Celebration, held at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, on Saturday, April 15th. In attendance were such celebrities as Linda Gray, Robert Foxworth; Elizabeth Montgomery; author Jackie Collins; artist David Hockney; and actresses JoBeth Williams, Andre Marcovici, and Donna Mills. Representatives of many of the large movie and recording companies were on hand as well as many members of the Los Angeles Gay community.

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary stated, "The evening was a landmark event attended by many leaders of the film, television, and recording industry. Although Hollywood's support for AIDS has been tremendous, it is significant that the entertainment industry participated in an event celebrating Gay rights. We are so proud that this special evening allowed people the opportunity to show their support.

In an evening marked by emotion and pride, celebrities took the stage one by one to demonstrate their support for Gay rights. Under a moonlit sky in the sculpture garden of the museum, the crowd enthusiastically clapped and cheered for the three honorees: Susan Stone, Barry Krost, and Ohio Governor Richard Celeste.

All three honorees expressed gratitude for the recognition but pointed out that the struggle isn't over. "The fight to attain the right to live with AIDS that is eating at the very heart and soul of the nation," said Krost, who received the NGRA Humanitarian Award for his work fighting the AIDS epidemic. "With NGRA we can, and we will, win."

Among the presenters were Richard Chamberlain, Corinne Kenton, and Beauty. Comedian Sandra Bernhard was mistress of ceremonies.

Day of Mourning For the Right to Privacy

On June 30, 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Bowers v. Hardwick case that Lesbians and Gays have no constitutional right to have sex. With this 5-4 vote and a single bang of the gavel, our right to privacy was killed.

On June 30, 1989, it is our turn to respond. Join other concerned citizens in the National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy. Raise your voice for Gay and Lesbian freedom on the third anniversary of the Hardwick decision.

- 25 states and the District of Columbia classify us as criminals.
- Sodomy laws are used to deny Lesbians and Gay men custody and visitation rights to their children.
- Sodomy laws and the Hardwick decision are cited again and again in legal and administrative decisions which infringe on basic civil rights of Lesbians and Gays.
- In Nevada, police recorded the license plate numbers and harassed people attending a Lesbian/Gay event, saying "homosexuality is illegal."
- State officials in North Carolina, Arkansas, and Missouri have refused to educate Gay men about the risk of HIV transmission because to do so encourages "criminal behavior."
Iran-Contra Judge Also Handled Major Gay Rights Case

Many Gay people noted with special interest the appointment of Judge Gerhard Gesell to preside at the Oliver North trial. Gesell was the judge who, in a landmark 1980 case, told the Air Force to reinstate an openly Gay man at full rank and with back pay.

Judge Gesell, first became involved in the case in 1975. Leonard Matlovich, an Air Force sergeant with an impeccable record, had come out in a letter to his commanding officer, thus challenging the military's anti-Gay employment policies. When the Air Force threatened to discharge him, Gesell denied a temporary restraining order which would have allowed Matlovich to stay in uniform. At the same time, however, Gesell ordered a full hearing at the District Court level.

Gesell's actions in the Matlovich case support his reputation for going toe-to-toe with the military. As in the Oliver North trial, Gesell demanded that the military be responsive to the rule of law. In a forthcoming biography of Matlovich, his attorney, David Addleton, explains that "Gesell put the case on the fast track. He said, 'I want certain information from the Air Force. You had better be prepared to respond to this, that, and the other.'"

Though in 1976 Gesell ruled in favor of the Air Force, he said, "There is no standard, no preconceived stereotype of a homosexual which, unfortunately, some of the Air Force knee-jerk reaction to these cases would suggest still prevails in the Department."

Gesell's personal feeling about Matlovich and about Gays in the military were evident in his written decision. He listed Matlovich's many accomplishments and said that, while he had reached his decision on strict readings of the law, he personally felt "it is desirable for the military to re-examine the homosexual problem, to approach it in perhaps a more sensitive and precise way."

Gesell's historic ruling came on Sept. 9, 1980. The U.S. Court of Appeals had returned the Matlovich case to him with instructions to order the Air Force to clear up a hazy policy of making exceptions to their ban of homosexuals. Gesell ordered Matlovich reinstated since the Air Force failed to develop a clear policy.

Matlovich's case has formed the basis for a number of more recent court cases including those of Miriam Ben-Shalom, Perry Watkins, and the most recent case involving Joseph Stefan against the U.S. Naval Academy.

The details of Judge Gesell's ruling are contained in Matlovich:

The Good Soldier, the biography of Leonard Matlovich which will be released June 1, 1989 by Alyson Publications of Boston. Leonard Matlovich worked closely with the author, Michael Hippler, until his death from AIDS on June 22, 1988.

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AIDS and starting a collection of "Colors - For Men and Women, The Alternative" took place. Although it was not as well attended as previous meetings, there was much discussion, and decisions were made affecting the course of this group. One of the longer, more heated discussions was about what the group expressed a desire that the community center be established as an alcohol-free, controlled-substance-free alternative meeting space. In this way, it will not be in competition with the bars and it will be open as a social venue to that group of individuals age 18 to 20 who can't get into the bars to meet and socialize with other Gays and Lesbians.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 10th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at 405 South Cleveland Suite # 3. “There’s plenty of work to be done, and we will need several committees to accomplish all that needs doing,” Horton said. “We need all the help we can to make this community center work. Any time you can devote to the project will be greatly appreciated. We'll see you at the next meeting.”

**Personal Best 5K Run**

The National Organization for Women (NOW) will stage the Fourth Annual Personal Best 5K Run on Saturday, June 3. The event will begin at the Overton Park Pavilion at 7:30 AM. All proceeds will benefit Memphis Chapter of NOW. Free refreshments and t-shirts are available, and trophies and special prizes will be awarded at the end of the race.

A registration fee of $7 is payable in advance of the race with an $8 fee for registration on the day of the event. Track club members may register with $6. Registration begins at 6:45 AM and ends at 7:15 AM. Every runner must complete and sign an entry form. Entry forms are available at local running shops or by contacting a member of NOW.
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JUNE 4TH WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA SHOWS - DENNIS & COMPANY FOOD
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Military Women Decry Anti-Lesbian Bias

Alexandria, VA — Historic testimony delivered to a Department of Defense (DoD) panel by four female U.S. military personnel has prompted the panel to recommend that DoD recognize and address harassment and discharge of women personnel due to allegations of Lesbianism. The testimony was organized by the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project (MFP), a joint project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the women's Equity Action League (WEAL), the National Organization for Women (NOW), the ACLU Gay & Lesbian Rights Project, and the National Lawyers Guild's Military Gay Women's Project.

The testimony by two active duty and two veteran women was presented on April 19, 1989 before the 35-member Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS) at its spring meeting held in Alexandria. All four women called on DACOWITS to recognize that the DoD policy of discharging Gay servicemen results in the sexual harassment of both Lesbians and non-Gay women in the service.

In a move that pleasantly surprised organizers of the Military Freedom Project, a DACOWITS subcommittee took immediate action on the issues raised by the witnesses. DACOWITS will recommend that “DoD expand existing leadership training to include dealing with unfounded accusations of homosexuality against Service members.” This recommendation will be included in “Recommendations, Requests for Information, and Continuing Concerns: DACOWITS, Spring 1989,” the committee’s report which is distributed to all branches of the U.S. Armed Services. Adoption of the recommendation by DACOWITS guarantees that Lesbian-baiting will be included in the DACOWITS agenda at its fall 1989 meeting in Norfolk, Va.

"The problem of Lesbian-baiting of all strong and forceful women and of those who reject the sexual advances of men clearly stems from the irrational DoD policy excluding Lesbians from military service. We’re pleased that DACOWITS has begun to recognize that this labeling and Lesbian-baiting are a form of sexual harassment. DACOWITS’ recommendations could make life easier for women who find themselves targets of the innuendo and stereotyping that characterizes so much of the anti-Lesbian witchhunts,” said Sue Hyde of NGLTF. Hyde reiterated that the irrational DoD policy excludes Lesbians from military service and of those who reject the sexual advances of men clearly stems from the irrational DoD policy excluding Lesbians from military service. We’re pleased that DACOWITS has begun to recognize that this labeling and Lesbian-baiting are a form of sexual harassment. DACOWITS’ recommendations could make life easier for women who find themselves targets of the innuendo and stereotyping that characterizes so much of the anti-Lesbian witchhunts,” said Sue Hyde of NGLTF. Hyde reiterated that the irrational DoD policy excludes Lesbians from military service and the long-term goal of the Military Freedom Project is the elimination of the anti-Gay DoD policy.

This recommendation is part of a larger package of recommendations that DACOWITS is preparing to submit to DoD. DACOWITS has urged DoD to adopt the recommendations of a study conducted by the National Organization for Women (NOW) which concluded that the DoD’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy is sexist and discriminatory. DACOWITS has also recommended that DoD expand existing leadership training to include dealing with unfounded accusations of homosexuality against Service members. DACOWITS has also recommended that DoD adopt the recommendations of a study conducted by the National Organization for Women (NOW) which concluded that the DoD’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy is sexist and discriminatory. DACOWITS has also recommended that DoD expand existing leadership training to include dealing with unfounded accusations of homosexuality against Service members.

Studies of discharges from the military services reveal that women are three times more likely to be discharged for homosexuality than men. Since late 1987, investigations of women on charges of homosexuality have increased dramatically. One such investigation at Parris Island, SC resulted in jail of three women Marines. Military women are routinely accused of being Lesbians by spurned male colleagues, threatened with loss of custody of their children, subjected to gross violations of constitutional rights to speech and association, and forced to leave military ranks.

Each witness at the DACOWITS hearing recounted different stories of anti-Lesbian bias:

- U.S. Air Force Veteran Darlene Chamberlin, discharged from active duty at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois with a less than honorable discharge later upgraded to honorable: “I have an 18-year-old sister who is in active duty in the military this year. Is her career over because she has a sister who is a Lesbian? Will she be investigated for knowing someone Gay?”

- U.S. Navy First Class Personnelman Mary Elizabeth Harrison, an enlisted woman with eight years in the Navy, now under investigation for homosexuality after becoming the subject of her ship’s rumor mill: “The harassment of military women by labeling them ‘Lesbian,’ ‘dyke,’ and ‘queer’ is not just a Gay issue. It affects all women in uniform and is less an issue of sexual orientation than of gender.”

- Marine Corps Capt. Judy Meade, fighting a less than honorable discharge initiated in Feb. 1989 for her friendship with a civilian Lesbian: “I want to briefly talk about the stereotypes I heard... [the investigators] wondered why my antenna didn’t go up because they looked like homosexuals... The next topic covered was women’s softball and how aggressive these women are and how your antenna is supposed to go up. Comments and views such as these are going to stop women from becoming involved... because of the stigma attached.”

Arizona Attorney General OKs Gay Officers

San Francisco - Taking the high road after a threatened law suit by National Gay Rights Advocates, the Arizona Attorney General said Gay men and women must be permitted to apply for positions at the Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS). The controversy began when an applicant, Michael Guston, was presented with a list of questions he would be asked about homosexuality while strapped to a lie detector machine. Applicants who indicated a pattern of homosexual behavior or who engaged in a homosexual act in the last two years would not be hired.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "The Attorney General is to be congratulated for putting a quick end to this nonsense. These questions are an offensive invasion of personal privacy. Moreover, virtually all sex is illegal in Arizona. Thus, it violates the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution to exclude only Gay people from the highway patrol."

The ADPS’s regulations as applied to Michael Guston were particularly unfair. He had served with distinction in the both the military police and the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office.
Anti-Homophobia Conference Planned for LA

Boston, MA - Sharing educational strategies for ending heterosexism and homophobia will be the focus of the second Conference on Anti-Homophobia Education at the University of California/Los Angeles to be held June 30 - July 3, 1989.

The conference will include presentations and workshops on the educational programs effective in reducing homophobia as well as theoretical discussions on reducing homophobia. An extensive resource library of works in print, video, and film will be available.

"We expect to draw over 200 participants to this year's gathering," said Betsy Crane, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee. "Like last year's program, this will be a working conference, a springboard from which additional strategies and resources will be developed. And we're particularly excited about this year's focus on Lesbian invisibility and the relationships between racism, sexism, and homophobia."

The conference is being organized by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a project initiated in 1986 by the National Organization for Changing Men.

For additional information on the 1989 Conference on Anti-Homophobia Education, including registration and co-sponsorship, write to The Campaign to End Homophobia, P.O. Box 819, Cambridge, MA 02139.

ACLU Gay Rights Chapter Sponsors Writing Contest

The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning Lesbian and Gay families. Lesbians and Gay men have created and are evolving relationships which expand traditional notions of families. The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of Lesbian and Gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest.

The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Berube, poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a $500 prize, and three runners-up will each receive a $100 prize.

The deadline for entries is August 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103.

For more information, please contact Doug Warner at (415) 621-3900.

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Memphis' First Gay Pride
Compiled by Vincent Astor.

To those familiar with the concept of Gay Pride, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. To Memphians who were active in 1969 this year marks the 20th anniversary of George Wilson’s buying a business which became an institution, namely, George’s. In 1979, ten years later, the first issue of Gaze newspaper had several articles regarding Gay Pride, including an account of Memphians’ participation in the March on Washington. In 1980, Gay Pride Week was celebrated with a yard sale, picnic, seminar, the first Gay River Ride, a benefit for the upcoming Southeastern Conference ’80 at the Psych-Out, and the Mr. Sharon’s contest at Sharon’s. Gay Pride Week has been celebrated by large events ever since.

I will turn back the clock a bit, again thanks to Gaze newspaper. In 1976 as Gay and Lesbian Memphians celebrated the Bicentennial with a large dose of Gay Pride.

[From the July 1976 issue.] Two events are scheduled in Memphis during Gay Pride Week that will bring Gay people together in an atmosphere of unity and friendliness.

At noon Sunday, June 27, a Gay picnic will be held at Audubon Park. The gathering will be at the southwest corner of the park at Goodlett and Park Ave. The picnic is being sponsored by the Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force of NOW. The MCC Study Group of Memphis is also supporting the event. Everyone is invited, bring your own food. If it’s raining, grab your waterproofs and come anyway.

A women’s dance, also sponsored by the S. & L. Task Force, will be held at 8 P.M. on Saturday, June 26. The dance will be held at the student center at 3625 Mynders Avenue. Beer will be provided, with donations appreciated. A live musical group is scheduled to play, and there will be taped music for dancing. The dance is for women only.

[From the August 1976 issue.] A picnic to celebrate Gay Pride Week was held June 27 at Audubon Park. The crowd numbered about 35 persons at its largest, with people coming and going from noon until 3 P.M. Both sexes and all segments of the Gay community attended.

Spirits were up despite the relatively poor attendance and the hot, muggy, weather. Everyone brought their own lunch and musical entertainment was impromptu. Two lovely Italian Greyhounds circulated about the group, making friends and sharing lunch. The picnic attracted little outside attention despite a lambda banner prominently displayed. Buttons with Gay-related messages were sold and received with enthusiasm.

Though not at all comparable to the marches in Atlanta, New York, and other cities, the picnic was the first organized attempt by the Gay community to celebrate Gay Pride Week in Memphis.

The NOW Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force sponsored a women’s dance on June 26 to the Newman Foundation. The dance was attended by about fifty women, including some women from Louisville who were visiting and happened to see a poster.

Even though the live entertainment by Indigo was cancelled at the last minute, the records and tapes supplied by the Task Force women provided excellent Lesbian and feminist atmosphere and fine disco dance music.

Beer, soft drinks, and a varied selection of foodstuffs were available. The atmosphere was pleasant and relaxed—lots of talking and dancing.

Any of our readers who have recollections of this celebration or of any other celebrations, especially in 1969, call me (listed in phone book) or drop me a line at P.O. box 3038. I would love to hear about it.

When Gays Fought Back...
by Bill Stevenson
(Reprinted from the July 1981 Gaze)

On Friday, June 27, 1969, the modern Gay liberation movement began at a popular New York bar called the Stonewall Inn. “Remember Stonewall!” became a common chant in the early Gay liberation marches in the larger cities in America, and the remembrance of that stormy weekend in Greenwich Village has become the basis for Gay Pride Week celebrations in at least 45 cities in the U.S. Twenty-eight cities hold Gay Pride marches or parades to commemorate Stonewall. Memphis and Phoenix will hold their first marches this year.

On that hot June night in 1969, the patrons of Stonewall, accustomed to routine police harassment and illegal arrests, rebelled. The police were forced to barricade themselves inside the bar until help arrived. The incident was violent and brutal. Beer bottles and rocks were thrown at the police. An uprooted parking meter crashed through the front door. Police reinforcements arrived and cleared the streets. The scene was repeated the following night. The revolt had started, and cries of “no more!” were heard across the country.

Thus, Gay pride has come to mean "no more!"
by Lady A

Well, well, well. Happy Gay Pride! We recently spent a most pleasant vacation with friends, mostly in the country. Can you blame ourselves if the SOS seems more tired than usual? Nonetheless, here she be.

Fine Arts and Music Dept.

It really impresses us that we seem to be finding Gay artists as regular participants in local exhibitions. A little portrait by Jean Coteau found its way into the Saints to Sinners exhibition at Brooks Museum. Word is that the portrait is of a notorious French tart, of the male variety. Oh yes, the portrait is part of Brooks' permanent collection and is a nice piece of work.

Related congratulations to Jere on a very pleasant afternoon. We really, in the beginning, could think of many other places to be besides at a clarinet recital, but we were most glad we did attend and were suitably impressed by the quality of the music.

News of the Day Department

We understand that the new improved Beach Party at the Pipelines was once again a success. We were told that we had been missed, and that someone dressed as Mrs. Thurston Howell III was momentarily mistaken for ourselves. Not so.

We were, at this self-same time, attending the birthing of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. This brand, spanking, new organization now has incorporation papers, a constitution, bylaws, and an Executive Board, which includes several faces new to Memphis organizations. We are pleased to be involved. A meeting June 10 will continue the formation of this much-discussed and much-needed entity. It is increasingly difficult to describe time spent with our Fannie brothers and sisters at Short Mountain Sanctuary. It seems that time is just different there; and it is a perfect place, deep, deep in the country, to find one's equilibrium and relax.

Congratulations to Sister Missiary Position (yes, Beulah, the one and only) on her accession to Empress and the rest of the new board likewise. Ask us about it if at all possible, utterly and absolutely out of hairpray? Yes. Oh-Mary-don't-ask.

Quote of the Month


Ta, ta,
Lady A.

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AIDS Coalition Calls for $2.1 Billion Budget

A broad-based coalition of national organizations concerned with AIDS policy has called on Congress to appropriate $2.152 billion in AIDS-related spending by the federal government. The coalition declared, "Increased spending is essential to meet the changing patterns of the epidemic as it expands demographically, posing new challenges in the prevention and services areas...and as our progress in the research area continues...to open new avenues of exploration." The coalition seeks increased funding for AIDS prevention programs.

The NORA coalition reported before the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees on May 1 and 4. The committees will be reporting to the full Congress final appropriations levels this summer. Constituents concerned about AIDS funding levels for 1990 are urged to contact their representatives and senators.

Wrong Lubricants Lead to Condom Failure

Newly published research shows that latex condoms are far more rapidly damaged by widely used sex lubricants than had previously been recognized, presenting a serious danger of AIDS transmission through failed condoms. In less than 60 seconds, mineral oil, a major component in many popular lubricants, caused approximately 90% reduction in the standard international measures of the strength of rubber condoms. The results of the new studies were published in the medical journal Contraception.

Researchers at the Mariposa Foundation and at USC and UCLA Medical Centers found that Vaseline Intensive Care, Nivea Hand Cream, and Johnson's Baby Oil, each containing mineral oils and other oils, cause very rapid and extensive deterioration of condoms in minutes or less. Both American and British surveys had previously shown that these lubricants are particularly popular for use during sexual intercourse.

The Mariposa Foundation studies also found that over 90% of well-informed, but persistent condoms breakers who were interviewed indicated that they use such lubricants during sexual intercourse employing condoms, and mistakenly thought these oil-based lubricants were water-based because they readily wash off under tap water.

Subsequent research by the group has shown that Wesson Oil, Crisco, butter, and olive oil quickly destroy condoms as well. Commercial spermicides and KY Jelly did not harm condoms.

One of the researchers, Dr. Bruce Voeller, warned that the public seems to misunderstand the language used by many public health officials who warn against using "oil-based" lubricants with condoms. "Users don't understand the term. Even physicians I've talked with are confused and misunderstand its meaning. It doesn't suffice to tell people to use a 'water-based' lubricant. We need to tell them to use KY or use any of the spermicidal jellies found at drug stores and supermarkets."

Voeller also stated, "I've been dismayed by recent reports from the Surgeon General and a federal public health committee claiming that condoms were not intended for anal intercourse, and should not be used for it. They assume that significantly greater condom breakage occurs during anal use than during vaginal, because of frictional differences. If this is true at all, I suspect that a good deal of coital breakage attributed to differences in anal and vaginal friction is actually due to the use of lubricants which contain oils."

Inasmuch as anal intercourse is the riskiest (sex) act for contracting the AIDS virus by many heterosexuals, as well as homosexual men, it is bad advice to discourage the use of condoms if people are going to engage in anal intercourse."
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Gay Man In Straight Washington
Queer Musings From Capitol Hill

The Women's March

by Robert Bray

The irony was classic Washington: Hundreds of thousands of women, including feminists, Lesbians, and female activists of every age, gathered around the world's biggest and most famous male phallic symbol—the Washington Monument.

It made me think of other unrelated, but peculiar, ironies one notices while living in the Federal City. The homeless camp in Lafayette Square across the street from the splendidly white House; the National Aquarium in the basement of the Department of Commerce with "Daily Piranha and Shark Feedings at 2 PM"; Arlington Cemetery behind the Pentagon for one-stop military processing.

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Early that morning gaggles of Gay men and Lesbians gathered in the march's unofficially designated "Queer Contingent," which seemed to be right at the tip of the Washington Monument's shadow. It was typical late-spring Washington weather, chilly and overcast, making one wonder why the conservatives always seem to get the good march days.

Rainbow and pink triangle flags were flying, friends were meeting, chants were being crafted, and dates were being cruised. Urvashi Vaid, media queen for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was working the megaphone and pointing out the Major Lesbians in attendance.

There was Jean O'Leary of the National Gay Rights Advocates with her perpetual California tan glaring against the pasty white pallor of the East Coast activists; Vivian "Write A Check" Shapiro, Lesbian fundraiser extraordinaire and former Human Rights Campaign Fund board member; Karen Thompson, looking as optimistic as ever and like someone who just spent time with her lover after being separated for so many years; Venetia Porter of the New York Commission on Human Rights, primed for her appearance on the Phil Donahue show about "The Stacey-Boy Syndrome: Is Homosexuality Genetic or Learned?"

Lesbian comedienne Kate Klein marched with a coat hanger—the symbol of the march—wrapped around her head like a fake Indian arrow.

Members of the Gay Male "A" List were there, too, including Vic Basile, outgoing HRCF executive director; Craig Davidson of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Roger Doughty of DC's own Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance; and many more.

ACT UP, apparently Gay Time, arrived late. Someone said their buses were blocked from leaving New York by Operation Rescue's direct action civil disobedience demonstrators.

It wasn't long before the crowd swelled to several hundred Gay and Lesbian marchers—all of them loud, impatient, and anxious to move. The Queer contingent was way in the back half of the march with dozens of other groups scheduled to step off first. You would think the organizers of these straight events would know better than to put Gay and Lesbian activists anywhere near the back of the bus. (And please note, march organizers: Next time have the word "Lesbian" mentioned more than once in the post-march rally.)

A vote was taken to cut out of line and join the parade already on its way toward the Capitol. Before long we were pushing through Vassar Dorms For Equality, Mormons For Choice, and the "Straight Men: If You Can't Take Women's Rights Go Fuck Yourself" group.

Gays are the best when it comes to creative chants. "Gay People Have a Voice, We're For Women's Choice!" Or the crowd favorite, "2-4-6-8 You Can't Make Us Procréate...3-5-7-9 Gay Sex Is Mighty Fine!"

ACT UP, impatient even with the Gay and Lesbian groups, jumped out of line and occupied the steps of the Department of Justice—which, with some well-placed graffiti, soon became the Department of Injustice.

Of course, many Lesbians and Gays couldn't help but compare the Women's March to our March in October of '87. Our march was bigger; our march was better organized, our march had better looking marchers.

One thing I couldn't help noticing about the women's event was the impressive number of mothers and daughters marching side by side. Later in the day, Gloria Steinem would comment that somewhere along the line young women dropped out of the feminist movement sparked by their mothers and dropped into Ronald Reagan's "dress for success" me-generation America.

But here, now, were two generations of activists together, united by the very threat that their most personal, private rights could soon be revoked by a Reagan-stacked Supreme Court.

I felt inspired and envious of the mothers and daughters. Frankly, I can't imagine many of the Gaymale friends marching with their fathers in a Gay rights event.

Washington is one of the Gayest cities in the world, populated by thousands of Gay men. Sure, many are closeted, but why weren't there more Gay men in the women's march?

The night before the march, I got into a dumbfounding debate with a young Gay man about why he didn't support the event. In addition to telling me he was pro-military escalation, anti-ACT UP, and Republican, the man said he was not going to participate because the march didn't "pertain to my agenda of issues."

But Gay men, it does pertain to our issues. First of all, privacy—or the lack of it—an issue quite familiar and important to us. They took our right to privacy away in the anti-Gay, anti-sodomy Supreme Court Hardwick vs. Bowers ruling.

Next they'll try to take away the private right of women to control their own bodies. Where will it stop? Second, we owe one to Lesbians. They've been on the front line of the fight against AIDS since the very beginning of the epidemic, even though they have the least. Lesbians have founded and volunteered in AIDS care and support groups, protested and been arrested in front of foot-dragging government agencies, and waged anti-discrimination battles in the courts and closets of America.

And don't forget, it was an engaged Lesbian who first fought back against intrusive police that night outside the Stonewall Bar twenty years ago.

I felt proud and empowered to be in the Women's March. It felt good to be with Lesbians, fighting for the rights of all women, for the civil rights of all of us.

The Capital seemed livelier and more real that day. I even went to my first Lesbian bar after the march and partied with the pin-striped power dykes of Washington and their new out-of-town girlfriends.

Indeed, Washington was different. The Capital, with its phallic monuments, male obelisks, and good ole boy networks, was wiser and more human that weekend. It was changed by the women of the world. I'm glad I was part of it.
Hate Crimes Act Gains Record Number of Co-Sponsors

Nearly one-half of all U.S. Senators and one-fourth of all members of the House of Representatives have become co-sponsors of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. According to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) lobbyist Peri Radecic, 43 Senators and 114 Congresspersons have endorsed the bill as of April 28, making it the most widely-supported bill pursued by the Lesbian and Gay civil rights movement.

Radecic attributed the large co-sponsor list to the efforts of individual constituent lobbyists, local Gay and Lesbian groups, and the work of a 60-member Hate Crimes Coalition which NGLTF launched in 1987 in order to generate broader support for the Act. "The large number of co-sponsors shows that our lobbying efforts work. Today, a significant percentage of all Members of Congress recognize violence against Lesbians and Gay men as a serious problem deserving federal attention," said NGLTF’s Radecic.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act mandates collection by the federal government of data on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. The bill’s chief sponsors are Senators Paul Simon (D-IL) and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Congressman John Conyers (D-MI).

NGLTF secured introduction of the Hate Crimes Bill in 1987. In 1988, NGLTF lobbying led to the overwhelming passage of the bill by the House of Representatives, marking the first time a federal bill containing a reference to sexual orientation had passed either body of Congress. In 1988, the Act also passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by an overwhelming margin but stalled in the Senate after Jesse Helms threatened to attach a four-year anti-Gay amendment, whose provisions included statements that homosexuality was a threat to the American family and that sodomy laws should be enforced.

Senator Helms plans to introduce a similar amendment when the Hate Crimes bill comes to the Senate floor late this Spring. "We cannot be complacent about the support we have won for this bill," said NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic. "Co-sponsors must be lobbied to stand up to Helms’ anti-Gay rhetoric. We cannot afford passage of anti-Gay amendments which could wipeout the gains we are making on a number of civil rights fronts."

Constituent lobbying is urgently needed to add co-sponsors and to defeat attempts by Helms to enact anti-Gay provisions. A legislative packet on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act may be obtained from NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Complaints Seek Health Insurance for Lesbian Library Employees

New York, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a potentially precedent-setting challenge to the refusal by the Minneapolis Library Board to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of three Lesbian employees. The complaints were filed with the Minneapolis Dept of Civil Rights after extensive negotiations with the Library Board failed.

Lambda represents three Lesbian librarians who claim that the denial of health insurance to their domestic partners violates the city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status. Like most employers, the Minneapolis Library Board extends health care coverage to the spouses of its heterosexual employees, but not to unmarried partners.

One of the complainants, Jane Anglin, has also filed a union grievance that will go to arbitration within the next few months. Her partner, Amy Goetz, is a law student who was required by her law school to lose her health insurance benefits.

Their relationship has existed for eight years.

For details: Call Ed (452-5894), Irwin (726-1461) or write BWMT/Memphis, P.O. Box 41772, Memphis, TN 38174-1773.

G&L Bodybuilders to Meet
San Francisco — The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society has announced that Physique '89, the National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championship, will be held at the Palace of Fine Arts on June 24, the day before San Francisco’s Gay Freedom Day Parade. By making the change from Mission High School to the luxurious Palace of Fine Arts, the ABS organizers promise a bigger and better show. An extra added attraction will be the party after the show where the audience can mingle with the competitors.

The competition categories include men and women, bantamweight through heavyweight, master and elite classes for bodybuilders 40-50, 50-60, and up. There will also be an encore of the most popular event of last year — same sex pairs.

Bodybuilders may receive entry blanks for Physique '89 by writing to ABS at 1455A Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415-431-6254.

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RESTAURANTS & BARS
Apartment: 343 Madison - 525-9491.
GDI on the River: 287 S. Front Street - 526-1038.
Hours: 92 N. Avalon (upstairs) - 725-9400.
Last Stop: 616 Marshall - 525-4556.
Lorretta's: 1351 Autumn - 277-5348.
Pipline: 1382 Poplar - 726-5263.

WKRB in Memphis: 1528 Madison - 277-9321.

ORGANIZATIONS
Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC): Box 40389, Memphis 38174-0389 - 762-8401, 458-AIDS.
Agape New Life Church: Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:30 PM - 327-2145. AIDS Ministry - Joy Bible Church - 948-2345.
American Gay Atheists (AGA): Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis, 38174-1371.
Black & White Men Together (BWMT): Box 41773, Memphis 38174 - 327-3753, 452-5894, or 726-1461.

GWM, mid-40's, 5'11", 210#, brown hair, blue eyes. Seeks to meet 30- plus man, no queens, for possible relationship. Photo please. Write Ron Dyer, 338 S Broad # 27, Lexington, TN 38351.

Attractive GWM, 18, 140#, brownish-blond hair, blue eyes looking for a GWM, 18-25, for a serious, life-long relationship. If you fit this criteria, ask for Michael at (901) 853-8539.

GWM, 5'9", 175#, bl/bl, early 40's, sincere, caring, personable. Seeks GWM, 21-37, for dinners, movies, travel, conversation, friendship/relationship. Reply to: Box 3438, Memphis, TN 38183.

GWM, 5'8", 135#, br/br, mustache, straight-acting, musician. Seeks GWM, 22-35, with same basic qualities. Being a musician is a plus. No drugs: Ken, 617 Hatchie St., Booneville, MS 38829.


Way, mature, masculine, healthy, caring and discreet, seeks same type, 21-40, for daytime fun. Please respond to Bob, c/o Box 752301, Memphis, TN 38175-2301.

Small Duplex Apartment for Rent. No Drugs. Ask for Steven 358-2866.

Blk male, 38, masculine, 5'10 1/2", 155#, wants to hear from younger BM. Masculine student or military a plus. Write Dave Graham, Box 4038, Hollywood, CA 90078-4038.

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Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: 1161 Poplar Ave #15, Memphis 38105.
Colors: Box 1921, Memphis 38101.
Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition, Inc. of Memphis: P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38174-0982.
Kinship: Seventh Day Adventist Gay religious group. P.O. Box 171135, Memphis 38187-1135 - 734-6100.
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1460 Poplar Ave, Memphis 38104 - 278-9350.
Memphis Gay Coalition (MGC): Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 324-GAYS.
Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038.
Memphis Lambda Center: Meeting place for 12-step recovery programs, 241 N. Cleveland (above United Paint Store), Memphis - 277-7379.
Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: Box 4128, Memphis 38174-1822.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): P.O. Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 - 761-1444.
Phoenix (Gay AA): 272-9549, 276-7379, or 454-1414.
Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA): Box 24181, Nashville, TN 37202.

Tsurus (Leather-Levi club) Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.
Wings (Leather-Levi club) Box 41784, Memphis 38174-1784.
Women of Leather: 181 N. Willett, Memphis 38104 - 278-9321

HELPLINES
AIDS Switchboard: 458-AIDS. 3:30-11pm
Gay Switchboard: 324-GAYS. 7:30-11pm
LINC: 725-8895.
Narcotics Anonymous: 276-LIVE.
Rape Crisis: 528-2161.
Suicide & Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

COUNSELING & LEGAL SERVICES
Becky Caperton, MS: Counseling - 327-9758.
Beth Causey, M.Div.: Pastoral Counseling - 454-0108.
Susan Mackenzie, Attorney At Law: 100 n. Main, Suite 3310, Memphis 38103 - 901-525-0417.
Carole Taylor, MS: Counseling - 458-7098.
Northeast Mental Health Center: 382-3880.

MISCELLANEOUS
Airport Adult Theatre: 2214 Brooks Rd E. - 345-0637.

Books:

The Book Mart: 852 S. Cooper - 278-9546.
Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar - 744-7494.

Fantasy World: 1814 Winchester - 346-2086.
Getwell Book: Box 1275Getwell - 454-7765.
Getwell Adult Book Store: Box 1266 Madison - 722-8963.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer - 323-2665.

Star Search Video: 1264 Madison - 272-STAR.


MEDIA
AIDS Update: newspaper published by the Aid to End AIDS Committee - 458-AIDS.
Gay Alternative: radio program, Mon. 6:00-7:00 PM, WEVL FM 90 - Box 41773, Memphis 38174.
Gaze: monthly newspaper: published by the Memphis Gay Coalition - Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 - 454-1411.

The Personals: Gay Computer Bulletin Board - 300 or 1200 baud - 274-6713.
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!

GayFest Picnic
Sunday, June 18th 1 - 6 PM

Mud Island
(North End - Under the Tent)

FREE Food, Games & Fun
Picnic Buffet Includes:
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cole Slaw,
Brownies & Beverages

Cash Bar Available

Tickets For Free Picnic & Free Admission to Mud Island Available From Memphis Gay Coalition Board Members, By Mail, or at the June 5th Business Meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition at the Public Library at Peabody & McLean Meeting Room A

(MGC will be charged for each ticket distributed.
We request that you get a ticket only if you plan to attend.)

Please Send Me ___ Tickets for the GayFest Picnic
Mail Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope to
MGC Picnic, Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38173-0038.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______
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