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GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL '83 PROMISES FUN, INCREASED AWARENESS

By Ric Sullivan

Memphis' annual Gay Pride celebration has been renamed Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival '83, according to Cecil McLeod, co-chair of the Memphis Gay Coalition's Gay Pride Committee. The change was made to emphasize the "celebration-of-Gayness" aspect of the annual event, according to one committee member, and to encourage increased participation of the various groups within the Gay community.

The theme "Gay Rights Are Civil Rights," first introduced at last year's events, was retained to emphasize the more political aspects of Gay Pride. "We want the Gay community to have fun in June, to feel positively about being Gay," McLeod said.

"But we also need to remind people that a lot of work still needs to be done in terms of educating ourselves about repressive legislation and continuing discrimination against Gays."

A rally featuring local and regional Gay and human rights leaders is scheduled for Sunday, June 26. The rally will follow the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade that same day. The committee is considering alternatives to the Cooper Street route that has been used in the past two years. McLeod indicated, although Overton Park will remain the termination point and the location of the rally. The exact parade route is to be determined at the committee's April meeting.

The committee hopes to encourage a more festive atmosphere during the Pride Parade by presenting awards such as "Best Banner," "Largest Group Marching," and "Best Decorated Person." "We hope that marchers will use the parade to be open, to express their feelings and to have fun," McLeod told Gaze.

He also stated that this year's picnic, scheduled for Sunday, June 19 at 2 PM at 3050 Chisca, will feature crafts, information and exhibits to capture "a true festival spirit." Local artisans, entertainers and organizations are encouraged to display their works, talents and information. One committee member indicated that

they were also trying to get the "Pepsi Challenge" to come to the picnic.

The other major event planned is the fourth annual Gay Pride River Cruise on Saturday, June 25, from 9 PM to midnight. At presstime, McLeod indicated that live entertainment was being contacted but could not be confirmed. He also indicated that because of last year's sell-out crowd for the cruise, only advance-sell tickets will be confirmed.

Anyone interested in participating in Gay Festival '83 or desiring more information should contact Cecil McLeod at 274-2358, or the Gay Switchboard at 726-4299.

Jackson, MS MCC Faces Moral Majority Pressure

Compiled from Press Releases

by John Stilwell

Jackson, Ms--Twenty-six people in Jackson, Ms. got together to establish a congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Having enough members to qualify, the group has applied for church status, has established a weekend fellowship and has triggered a campaign by Rev. Mike Wells, president of the Mississippi Moral Majority Chapter to stop the "invasion" of Jackson by homosexuals.

10,000 letters with "Please Open at Once" in red lettering are just the beginning of a campaign by Wells to "alert God-fearing Mississippians... about those that would destroy the moral standards of our beloved state and country." Wells, pastor of Mountainview Baptist Church, aims to be "a voice against open perversion" and calls for "a public outcry." He said, "we want the homosexuals, the abortion people, the porno kings, and prostitutes to know that they are not welcome in this city. We don't want to become another San Francisco."

The purpose of the letters is to raise money to produce a half-hour program which will be aired in prime time on Mississippi TV stations and aired on numerous radio stations. Scheduled for completion in one month, the program will pinpoint Gay bars, abortion clinics and adult bookstores in Jackson and will attempt to "expose the perversion of our times, not nationwide, but in Mississippi," according to Wells.

Eddie Sandifer, the son of a Southern Baptist minister and a member of the Mississippi Gay Alliance, responded to Wells' outcry about the invasion, saying, "We've been here all the time." According to Sandifer, Jackson has had Gay bars since World War II and the first local organiza-

tion was founded in 1959. Without mentioning names, Sandifer said, "Homosexuals have served in the highest offices in Mississippi. That includes the office of governor. The Gay community probably has its fair representation in government and business but these are people who cannot be open because of Rev. Wells and others who are inclined to be homophobic."

Sandifer suggested that Wells' letter was "just something to raise funds" and an attempt to oppress Gays. "I think it's terrible when people professing to be Christians try to oppress other people, especially trying to base it on the Bible, knowing that the Bible has been used throughout history to oppress Blacks, Jews and other minorities."

Wells' letter said, "most Mississippians still view...homosexual sodomy (as perhaps) the worst imaginable form of perversion." He goes on to say, "...that a 'church' formed to promote it is just too much to bear."

Writing in *The Clarion Ledger*, Raad Cawthon asked, "Do we want to become a city where a group that has come together to worship Jesus Christ is curtailed because someone doesn't like the way they conduct a portion of their private lives?" He goes on to ask what groups not meeting public approval will be next to be denied Freedom of Religion. Cawthon writes, "I would think that someone in Rev. Wells' position would want to encourage worship by any group of Christians...ministers are called to help bring people to Christ, not drive them away."

According to Wells, "There seems to be a big shock that a gospel preacher would rise up and attack this perversion (though not too many years ago) pastors would have been appalled (over) the parading of perversion as an acceptable life-style."

In concluding his article, Cawthon

wrote, "...I kept thinking of Christ saying 'If one or two are gathered in my name, there I am also.' I can't remember Him excluding anyone."

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was organized in Los Angeles in 1968. There are now 150 congregations with a total of 25,000 members, 90% of that

membership are Gay. The same group that started the Jackson church initiated action which resulted in a \$370,000 grant made during the Reagan administration to help staff the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center. This grant was also criticized by Wells in his letter.

ACLU Assoc. Director Fighting MAD

By Regina Russell

The Gay/Lesbian community must be concerned over attempts to legislate morality in Memphis, according to Bill Johnson, Associate Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee. He suggested the best way to fight such attempts is through direct contact with state and local legislators.

Speaking at a monthly program meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition, Johnson emphasized that the Gay/Lesbian community must become involved in the political process and strongly suggested that the City Council is the place to start.

The Memphis City Council recently passed an anti-nudity ordinance outlawing topless dancing, and will consider a law requiring all employees of businesses that sell beer to be fully fingerprinted to allow for detection of anyone guilty of a "crime of moral turpitude," which includes homosexuality.

"There is no legislation that protects Gay people," whom he described as the "lowest on the totem pole" in terms of discrimination, Johnson stated. He emphasized the importance of reporting any discrimination to the ACLU, which keeps such reports on

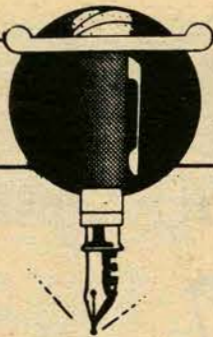
file. This type of information can be useful in demonstrating to legislators why protective measures are against Gays.

Although he touched on dealing with state legislators, Johnson devoted most of his talk to the activities of Memphians Against Degeneracy (MAD). Noting that "degeneracy was one of Hitler's favorite words," Johnson described MAD's philosophy as "whatever the majority want, they can have."

The real danger is their trying to educate the public that the majority has absolute rule," Johnson stated, stressing that the ACLU exists to defend the rights of the individual against oppression by the majority.

He also stated that the danger in attempting to legislate morality, which MAD denied doing in a full-page ad that appeared in the *Commercial Appeal* recently, is that it ultimately takes away an individual's right to choose what to do or not to do.

Johnson indicated that during a recent radio interview in which he talked with John Scatamacchia, the ostensible head of MAD, Scatamacchia said, "We can't legislate morality, but we can outlaw sin." Afterwards, Johnson asked Scatamacchia if MAD will go after the Gay community, and was told, "We will go wherever the crime is."



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In the Best Interests of the Community

By Bill Johnson

Because the Radical Right movement has delighted in suggesting that the American Civil Liberties Union is a "Communist Front" organization, we are exceptionally sensitive to red-baiting and McCarthyism tactics. I identify the ACLU only because I work for that organization and it is, therefore, personal to me. By no means are the charges of the Radical Right limited to the ACLU. Just about every organization or movement representing an idea contrary to theirs has been labeled a "Communist Front".

The sensitivity I have developed as a result of this does not keep me from wondering why the philosophy and the modus operandi of the Radical Right movement seem to so closely parallel those of totalitarian communism. I know--I, a confessed red-baiter-hater, am playing Joe McCarthy.

Maybe so. But it is about time somebody pointed something out. Have you noticed that every time you turn around some spokesperson for the New Right is telling you that they are advocating or doing what is "in the best interest of the community?" And have you noticed that the "Best interest of the community" always seems to trample the hell out of some group or other's individual rights?

Did you know that I just defined totalitarian communism? Communism, after all, comes from the word "community," and the decision of government to do what is in the community's best interest at the expense of the individual rights of the people, is one which is made daily in Moscow.

The Radical Right movement has made no secret of their intentions to "take over" the U.S. government. They

advocate doing what is "in the best interest of the community" at the expense of the rights of the people. What are they doing calling US communists?

I am not saying the movement is an attempt by the Soviet Union to take over America. I am not saying that the leaders of the movement are communist plants who have duped their discontented followers into failing to see such a truth. I am not one to believe in the great conspiracies to communize America, and I have a very hard time believing the Radical Right leaders are deliberately doing something like that. At the same time, I think the followers of that movement ought to take a clear look at what their movement is advocating. We have yet to make them see the danger of it.

Initially, I feared putting these thoughts onto paper; I certainly don't want to be a red-baiter, being a red-baiter-hater. No one, however, in the so-called "liberal" movement has hesitated to compare the philosophies (with good reason) of the Radical Right to those of Nazi Germany. Hitler was very fond of the German counterparts of such words as "degeneracy," "decency" and "undesirables." And how different is "the best interest of the community" from Hitler's philosophy?

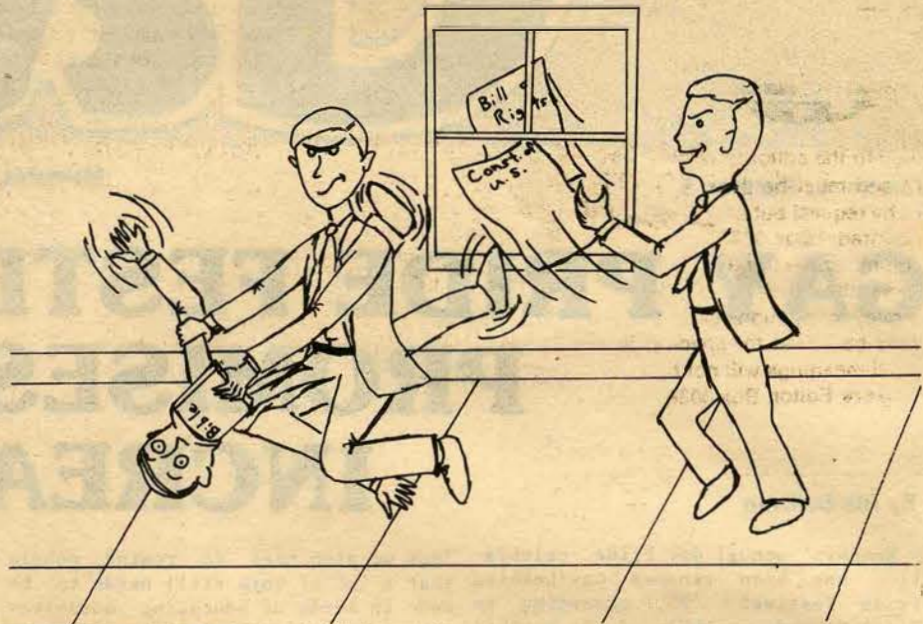
How do we wake up the people and make them see the danger? In Memphis, maybe we don't have to. The Right is doing it for us.

The City Council recently passed an unconstitutional "obscenity" ordinance "in the best interest of the community." An attempt is being made, also unconstitutional, to require fingerprinting and crime checks for any employee of an establishment where alcohol is served. Let it be no secret that these examples are part of an overall plan to "clean up" Memphis by "decent" people who intend to legislate out of existence all their "degenerates" and "undesirables," all "in the best interest of the community." This plan is being perpetrated by the new Moral Administration in the Downtown building that is certainly losing its marble. (For the benefit of out-of-Memphis readers, our city hall has recently cast off slabs of its exterior marble sheathing; yes, our city hall is casting stones at us. No doubt about it.) Mayor Hackett is preying on prostitutes and homosexuals. Here we go again.

Now, the good part of all this is that the Moral Administration is beginning to trample on the rights of too many people. Lo and behold, almost everybody is feeling the sledgehammer that is resulting from putting the steeple on city hall.

M.A.S.H. (Memphians Against Social Harassment) has been formed in response to this situation, and the group intends to oppose social harassment that takes the form of attempts by government to legislate morality. They intend to insure that government doesn't trample on individual rights when it legislates "the best interests of the community."

Another organization, Memphians Against Religious Zealotism (M.A.R.Z.-pronounced MARS, like the planet), was founded at about the same time the MASHers were getting it together. M.A.R.Z. shares a similar philosophy and was born of a general fatigue of the imposition of the religious values of one group of people on all citizens "through" legislation.



M.A.R.Z. and M.A.S.H., though separate organizations, are working together as a coalition toward the same goals.

Personally, I think it is a wonderful idea and a badly-needed coalition. Though the ACLU attempts to fight the same basic problems, M.A.S.H. and M.A.R.Z. represent the first mass grassroots effort by the people of Memphis to let it be known they are tired of being ruled from the pulpit. The potential is unbelievable. For the first time we see the owners of well-known restaurants team up with the owners of topless nightclubs. The cross-section of people is incredible; they are teaming up to fight a common source of oppression.

People are finally beginning to realize that we are being besieged by a group of people who don't like the Constitution, who don't like the Bill of Rights, despise all who are different from them, attempt to disguise a clearly racist belief, censor speech and books, and generally dislike the building blocks of our freedom. They really don't much like this country.

The ACLU has been in the forefront of organizations attempting to educate Americans about the totalitarian goals hidden in the furls of the flag and religious jargon of New Right groups such as the Religious Round-

table and the Moral Majority (really the same organization). They want everyone to be FORCED to live by their convictions, just as in a totalitarian state.

We in this city have long quietly acknowledged being somewhat under the heavy hand of what was loosely called the "Southern Baptist." I think we are now beginning to realize that we are being directly attacked by a powerful political force composed of members of the Radical Right. They have invented this thing called "secular humanism" to act as the devil incarnate, and all who disagree with Radical Right beliefs become a part of it. It is heard from the sanctuary of Bellevue Baptist Church, the meetings of Memphians Against Degeneracy, and Ed McAteer's Religious Roundtable office, right down to the office of Mayor Hackett.

The silent majority of Memphis (silent no longer) which has been quietly sighing in fear of "what's next?" for the past few years, is getting ready to clean up Memphis. They are going to clean the church pews out of City Hall, along with those who are sitting in them. After nearly two hundred years, they are going to let the City of Memphis know that government and religion are supposed to be separate in this country. I wish them all the luck in the world. I believe they can do it.

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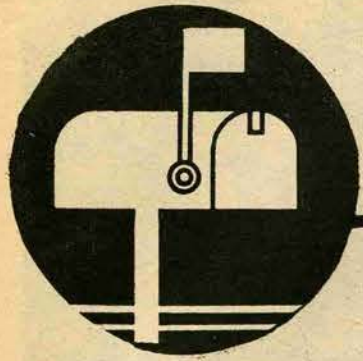
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Calhoun Touted for Black Gay-of-the-Year

I have read your paper for the past few years and have enjoyed it very much. I have but one concern; that is that there has not been much in the way of a Black Gay role model for the young Black Gay community. Along those lines I have one suggestion. May I suggest that you recognize the most outstanding Black Gay in our community.

Having read *Gazé* and having seen the TV show, there is but one name that comes to mind and that is Joe Calhoun. I have never met him but I have spoken to him many times on the Switchboard. He has always taken the time just to talk to me and give me support. I am only 17 and have called the Switchboard for the last two years when I needed to talk to another Gay person.

He is the only Black Gay in our city that has dared to come to the front and speak for us by forming the Memphis Committee and confronting the bars, being interviewed on TV, speaking at last years Gay Pride Rally, writing for the *Diplomat* magazine of Chicago and *Gazé*, forming BWMT/Memphis and of course being the Black voice over the Switchboard. If there is another Black Gay in Memphis that deserves to be the Most Outstanding Black Gay, I don't know who it is.

I am only 17 and can't do any of those things yet but I'm glad that someone can for us. All I can do at this point is write you and tell you how I feel.

Thanks for your time.

B.T.W.
Memphis Student

Reader Claims Masters Misrepresented

I'd like to respond to part of the article in the (April) issue titled "GSU Announces Name Change." In it, the author misrepresents the remarks by Dr. William Masters when he was in Memphis recently. The author said that Masters talked about "heterosexual fantasies in homosexual men, supposedly a common fantasy amongst the Gay community." Dr. Masters, a sexual researcher of over 30 years, spoke at MSU about sexual myths. One of the several myths he sought to dispel was the notion of a sexuality that is fixed at either straight or Gay. Dr. Masters said that research showed that in many people this was not the case. He did not represent Gays as latent heterosexuals, as the GSU article's author seems to think but spoke of the relative fluid nature of sexuality of many people, and was supportive in his remarks to Gays. He remarked that his institute

has, among many other things, counseled people who wanted to make a transition in their sexuality, and described as "the best thing that ever happened to them" for two straight people who sought help to develop a Gay sexuality. Some Gay students at the lectures that I spoke to seem offended at the idea of a changeable sexual expression, but research clearly bears this out as a reality for many people.

Gene Anderson
Memphis

"Nellie Queens" Berated

In the fifteen years that I have known my sexual preference, I have become increasingly sickened, dissatisfied, even angry, with the segment of the population assumed by the known heterosexual world to be Gay. In my opinion they are not Gay. They don't even seem to be true homosexuals. Since they are not homosexual they are giving the "straight" public monstrous, unreal opinions of homosexuals.

The segment of which I speak is that group of men (?) who make public pests of themselves and are public menaces to real homosexuals. And I have no name for them, except maybe "queers, fags, sissies or perverts." I can only describe them.

They generally "swish" and you know how that looks. They usually wear shag or girl type hairdos. They have that severe, even grating teenage voice that makes your skin crawl. They do that thing with their tongues at the top of their teeth when they say their S's. They gossip. They call each other "tired old drag queen, girl, whore, honey, and miss." They go to Gay bars and slink up to the few Gay men in town, and the men tolerate them because everybody should own at least one. They have sisters, not friends. They have husbands, not lovers. They never have a "man-to-man" relationship because they are not men. They usually assemble in little groups like at the front desk of the bookstore and stand and watch the men come in then giggle like little school girls. The few friends that they have are just like them, and their other friends are usually weird women. They usually work in boutiques or hair style shops, sometimes as waiters and don't hold a job very long. They're never friendly, always arrogant, hateful and self-centered. They wear PERFUME. They have no respect whatsoever for police officers, married women, their employers or the general public. They idolize "drag queens."

These are the people that are most visible to the general public and this is the main reason the public hates homosexuals.

Well, I'm tired of these "nellie queens," displaying their perverted shit to the public and calling themselves Gay. They are narcissistic, exhibitionistic, pitiful accidents of nature. I am very proud to be a male homosexual, and you'd better believe the only people I enjoy in my company possess the same qualities. I really don't understand this community and it's support of the "nellie queen." It's like you have to wear a dress to belong. The bars are weird. We have a beautiful new bath house and they go and huddle in little groups and do whatever it is that they do. Why would anyone pay admission to a bath house and do that? Why don't they just bring their knitting or play Canasta? I'm really surprised that I haven't seen "Pink muff-muff slippers" and monogrammed towlettes.

Do I sound bitter? If this letter offends anyone, maybe it should. Just because a person is Gay, doesn't mean that they have to act like a sissy. Maybe this letter will make a few people wake up and start being the man they should be.

Ron Gough
Memphis

Comments, readers? -Ed.

Gay Teen Offers Help

I'm writing to speak to the many lonely, depressed teenagers who have put their lives in the closet because they are afraid of who they are. The ones who have been thinking of suicide or running away, the ones who feel they have no one to turn to or no one who cares. I write to you saying "you can make it." I love you and Jesus loves you and with us all coming together we cannot fail. For we've come too far to turn back. If you want a friend who cares, a friend who loves, a friend who truly understands, write to me, because we will make it, together.

I'm fed up with the lack of attention Gay teenagers are receiving from local as well as national coalitions. We've sat at home lonely, depressed, no where to go, no one on the same level to talk to, and just counting the endless years to 19.

What I have in mind is meeting others and introducing myself through correspondence. I will address them as they wish and will not put any give-away information on the envelope.

I want teenagers everywhere to feel that progress is being made.

The Switchboard may pass on this information if they feel the caller is sincere.

Yours in Christ
KJS
949 Letrec
Memphis, TN 38127

Reviewer Challenged for Omissions

I thoroughly enjoyed a "Touch of Class" and my only regret is that the benefit was not better attended. The review of the benefit was good and listed a FEW of the many performers and highlights but several performers were not mentioned at all. I don't know if this was an oversight or a slight to the other performers.

When talking of 'camp' numbers, how could you forget Rusty's *Glow Worm*? Dave Wiley's Barry Manilow numbers were an interesting break from the other drag numbers. *This is My Life* has always inspired me and I thank Leslie Carter for her performance. Jessica has always been a favorite of mine and I couldn't believe she wasn't even mentioned. I think Jim Brown is cute and he had a major role in the "plot" of the benefit but he wasn't mentioned either.

Vincent Astor, Dennis Massey, the Duchess, Loretta, Michelle Marie and Sharon Wray were all mentioned in the review, but in all fairness, I think you should have mentioned all the performers and I think you owe them both an apology and thanks.

L.T.M.
Memphis

Every issue of *Gaze* provides new lessons for the new members of the staff. Last month, I got some valuable tips on how to write a review. The omissions were not meant as slights; they were made through ignorance. I simply didn't know some of the people. As a reviewer, I should have been taking notes instead of guzzling beer. The next time...

I apologize to Rusty, Dave Wiley, Leslie Carter, Jessica and Jim Brown for omitting their names and to Sharon Wray and Loretta for screwing up the ones I got. I did indeed mean to thank all of the performers to thank all of the performers for their hard work and generosity.

John Stilwell
Co-editor

Correspondence Letter Prompts Response

Thanks for printing Travis Sowell's ON THE NECESSITY OF BEING A HOMOSEXUAL CORRESPONDENT March GAZE. His thoughts and feelings captured my interest.

Only those who have developed a meaningful correspondence can appreciate the support and love from such letters. This form of communication is "like gold".

Mr. Sowell, your letter was greatly appreciated. Thanks for sharing it with others.

Sincerely
Bob

BWMT/Memphis BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER

We are Gay individuals creating an interracial, cultural, social, political and educational organization dedicated to fostering a supportive environment where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome, as well as working to combat racism both within and outside the Gay community.

April-May Calendar of Events

General Meeting: Participate in reports of various activities and planning future goals. Main Library, 7:30 P.M. Meeting Room A, May 3

Support Groups: Group discussion of our feelings/experiences in matters relating to our Gayness, Racism, and interracial commonalities. Tuesdays May 10 and May 24.

Memorial Day Weekend—BWMT Southeastern Network Conference Weekend (Hosting BWMT Chapter Members from Atlanta and Raleigh-Durham, N.C.)

Friday-May 27: Icebreaker/Cocktail Reception—9 P.M.

Saturday-May 28: BWMT S.E. Conference Network Brunch and Meeting 12-3 P.M. Participate in Cotton Carnival/Memphis in May Activities

Sunday-May 29—Brunch: 12-3 P.M. Workshops: 2-4 P.M. Dinner: 7-9 P.M. Dance: 9 P.M.

Total Cost \$15 for all events including Cocktail Reception, brunches, dinner, dance and workshops.

Dance only—\$2 admission (Cash Bar) Dinner only \$7.50 (Cash bar) Dinner and Dance \$9.00

Men and women, singles and couples: If you are interested in meeting people who have learned to relate as people overcoming the preconceptions of racism and sexism—JOIN US!



REVIEWS

Nashville Benefit Termed Huge Success

By Jeff Thompson

For over three-and-a-half hours on Saturday night, April 2, 1983, the 1000-seat James K. Polk Theatre at Nashville's downtown Tennessee Performing Arts Center was filled with an enthusiastic and appreciative Gay audience experiencing a remarkable presentation proclaimed as *AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR NASHVILLE*. A lavish (and successful) fund-raiser for the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights, the well-executed show featured some of the South's (and even the nation's) most acclaimed Gay performers and brought the audience to its feet on numerous occasions.

The gala revue was alternately reminiscent of Broadway, Las Vegas, and the Grand Ole Opry—but with all-important professionalism and organization as constants. The music utilized by the various acts included familiar dance records and country tunes, as well as selections from *Cats* and *Dream Girls*. Virtually the ONLY drawback to the near-ideal evening was the total absence of LIVE music, both vocal and instrumental.

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR NASHVILLE was helmed by Jerry Peek, a proprietor of Aaron's Lounge and one of the founders of the annual Miss Gay America competition, which is now eleven years old. The tuxedoed Peek was a dignified Master of Ceremonies of the first half of the program. After the intermission, the show was hosted by witty Michael Stark of The Warehouse 28, Incorporated.

Dance was an important part of the Coalition Fund-raiser. A stylish performance by the Six of One Dancers launched Act One. Imaginatively choreographed and nicely lighted, the six-member troupe's production number (set to the *Stray Cat Strut*) was evocative of *West Side Story* and *Guys and Dolls*, as shadowy, nocturnal revelers (the dancers) frolicked beneath a (projected) cityscape. Act Two had an equally striking beginning, as the eight-member company, Tommy Newe and Friends, executed a polished routine shaped around *Last Night a D.J. Saved My Life*.

It was a stunning group of cloggers which captured the fancy of the audience probably more than any other act. The Buffalo Chips—a Western-

attired group of fourteen smiling young men—combined the snappy precision of a marching band, the showmanship of tap dancing, and the warmth and fun of square dancing as they clogged their way through a total of ten superb numbers. While most of the music used by the Buffalo Chips was country or bluegrass, the cloggers also danced to Alabama's *Ride the Train*, Barry Manilow's *It's a Miracle*, and the gospel song, *Looking For A City*.

The Atlanta-based Chips have performed before a total of 55,000 spectators at the Knoxville World's Fair, as well as at several Gay-oriented conventions and meetings nationwide. Now, the Buffalo Chips will film a television commercial for Coca-Cola wherein their marvelous clogging will be set to *Coke Is It*. (Watch for the TV spot beginning this fall.)

A staple of the April 2 gala was female impersonation, perennially popular with Southern audiences. Despite the inclusion of over a half-dozen female impersonators on the bill, each act was impressively unique—and the diverse performances as a whole acted as a potent reminder that good female impersonation is a skillful art form.

Looking elegant in a white gown, Danni Ross (an alumnus of Nashville's defunct Saloon) emoted his way through two (recorded) ballads. Charlie Brown, the Nashvillian who has become a star attraction in Atlanta, modeled a striking silver dress and royal blue stole as he wowed the audience with an energetic routine set to *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*. Clad in an outfit making chic use of black, the Warehouse 28's own Rita Rhinestone looked fetching as he delivered Laura Branigan's *Solitaire*. Special Guest Star Francesca Wakeland—Miss Gay American 1983—and, in his September 1982 words, "a Southern Baptist Bible-Belt-Raised boy"—performed a gleeful, countrified jig to *I'll Fly Away* and *Rocky Top*. The Cabaret's Terry Livingston, adorned in blue and backed by three dancers, dazzled the audience with a sizzling, well-lighted act featuring Welsh songstress Shirley Bassey's two most dynamic numbers, *This is My Life (La Vita)* and *I (Who Have Nothing)*. A final curtain call served as a fashion show for the performers, who each reappeared in a change-of-clothes.

In addition to the legitimate female impersonators, there were two amusing "gag-drag" acts on hand. The Warehouse 28's Wear-Me-Outs quintet displayed their inimitable looks and adroitly hammed it up to *It's Raining Men*. The four outrageous Cowettes, who call Nashville's Crazy Cowboy home, were in fine form as they won laughs through the use of wands, hula hoops, brooms, and falling-down bloomers—and even by taking pratfalls and dancing the Can-Can. Offend-bach no doubt "rolled," but so did the Polk Theatre audience—with laughter!

The delightful Wear-Me-Outs later returned (now clad in Army fatigues) and backed up one number performed by the nationally-known entertainer whose act was the Finale of *AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR NASHVILLE*. Los Angeles-based Kenny Sacha paraded onstage and mesmerized the audience with a masterful Bette Midler impersonation. His resemblance to "The Divine Miss M" in face, hair, and mannerisms was uncanny. Poured into unbelievably tight black pants, Sacha lip-synched several songs and even some recorded dialogue, but he was at his best delivering his own, ribald, Midleresque monologue. No one—from Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton, Queen Elizabeth, and William Shakespeare to Loni Anderson, Richard Simmons, and Liberace—was exempt from Kenny Sacha's blistering barbs. His act was another which made good use of the program's excellent lighting design.



Kenny Sacha as The Divine Miss M

The spring fund-raiser for the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights at Nashville's prestigious Tennessee Performing Arts Center left many in the audience wanting more—and co-host Jerry Peek announced that another program was planned for later this year. It seemed as if that April evening of extravaganza entertainment were an indication of things-to-come for Nashville's Gay community.

Arkansas Retail Corner

By John M. House

Jonesboro, Arkansas and the Photo Bug of Blytheville and Jonesboro, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee.

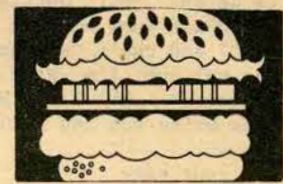
The first question that comes to one's mind when preparing to buy a product is where should the product be bought. Most people consider price, selection, and availability when choosing the store. But Gays have another item to consider; does that store discriminate against Gay people in any way? Obviously a Gay person wouldn't want to shop in a store that refused to add Gays to their work force just as Blacks wouldn't shop in a place that refused to hire Blacks.

In considering this, Gays have a little harder time than do most minorities due to the fact that Gay people are sometimes a little harder to spot than others. Hence this column. Every month this column will look for and find a couple of retail stores that either do not discriminate against Gays or else actively encourage Gays in every aspect of their operation. The shops listed from month to month should be supported by the Gay community.

This month's investigation led to Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers of

This nationwide chain of fast food restaurants has no known policy of Gay discrimination in its employment ranks or clientele. The Jonesboro store, however, is refreshingly above par. Wendy's of Jonesboro has outdone most other Wendy's and deserves commendation. They have at least 4 Gay employees and one Gay manager with all five completely out of the closet to their co-workers and supervisors. Congratulations Wendy's!

The Photo Bug of Blytheville and Jonesboro, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee also have no known policy discriminating against Gays. And at least two of the stores employ Gay people in management and hourly workers. Hats off to you Photo Bug!



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Encore, Encore!

By Allen Cook

What would you expect to find in a Gay card and gift shop? Life size models of genitalia? Porno posters? Exotic sexual lubricants and paraphernalia? Well, if that's what you expect, you're going to be sorely disappointed by Encore Cards and Gifts (1266 Madison/Memphis). What you will find is a large collection of Gay cards (both male and female) as well as an extremely tasteful selection of decorative items.

Tommy Stewart (also the owner of the neighboring J-Wag's) opened Encore Cards and Gifts last month because, he said, "There wasn't one place in town that catered to the Gay community." While it's true that many of the things found in Encore can be purchased at other locations in town, it's not a situation where you have to look for something to buy. Really, it's a situation of what not to buy.

To start off with, the cards are great. Encore carries a complete line of TNT cards for men and O cards for women (These are brand names, not classifications). Besides the risque, there are also a line of sentimental cards for almost any occasion, or no occasion at all.

Most striking are the posters. While some are available framed, most are not but are very suitable for framing. Poster art seems to have undergone a drop in esteem if one is to believe the stocking of most department stores, but the posters here are of the highest quality and range from the traditional travel posters to art and gallery prints.

In the ceramic area (and the collection of ceramics is fairly wide) they have the "hand" collection. Anyone bent on re-doing their bathroom should take a look at these. The ceramic hands hold towel bars, toilet paper rolls, act as hooks and there's even one that could hold your rings.

A collection of brass includes an exquisite serving tray as well as chalices, vases, incense holders, candlesticks and mobiles.

Touching on the whimsical, there is a group of Miss Piggy candlesticks. (You haven't lived until you've seen

Miss Piggy as the Statue of Liberty holding a candle instead of the torch. There are coffee cups with witty sayings on them...a saying which has added meaning when you turn up the cup and see what's on the bottom. For example: The outside of the cup says: "You're a perfect 10."

When the cup is tipped up for drinking, you see "inches." I am told one of these cups was purchased for a federal employee not known for his skills in observation. We suspect that the ladies in his office will probably realize the full import before he does.

Rodz, boltz, crdl and nutz are some of the items that come under a title of metal sculpture. These pieces are actually made from ordinary hardware which stays together by means of a magnet in the base. You can rearrange the sculpture in thousands of different ways and it will stay where you put it...a great idea for those who need something to do with their hands at all times.

Stewart indicates that the candles he stocks are among the finest made. Actually, they are the same brand as is sold in the major department stores.

Probably the best thing about the items available in Encore is the price. Time and again as I looked at various items, I was surprised that the prices were not outrageous---not even out of line. The cards average in range from 90¢ to \$1.50; the posters between \$5 and \$10, not unreasonable considering the quality. One particular item I saw, a soup tureen, I had spotted in a decorator store for about \$20 more than the price at Encore. Another item, ceramic Mardi Gras masks sell for \$19.95. I've seen the identical merchandise for \$29.95, in a major department store in East Memphis.

Stewart indicates that his stock is not going to be static. "At this time we're getting a new shipment of merchandise every week. With four shipments a month, that'll be quite a turnover."

Encore Cards and Gifts is open Monday through Thursday 10-6, Friday and Saturday from 10-9 and is closed on Sunday.



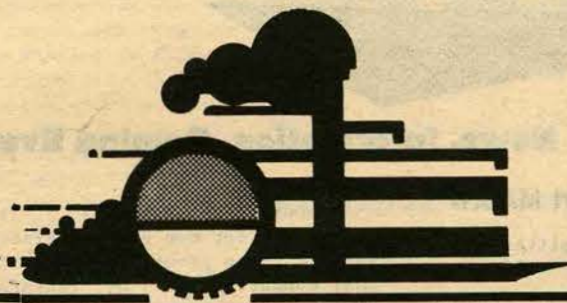
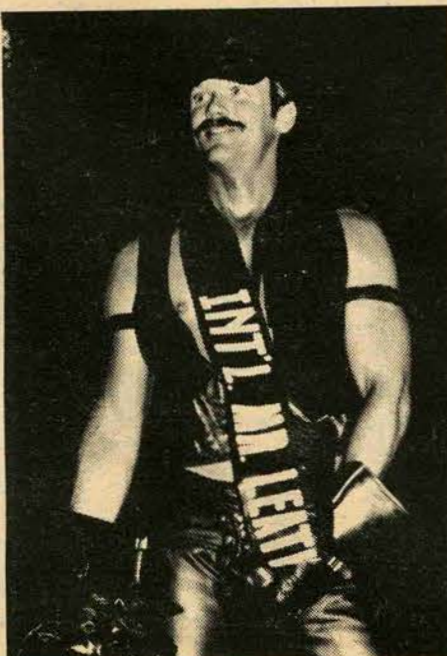
International Mr. Leather Contest Scheduled

Chicago-- Leathermen from all over the world are busy oiling their leather and preparing for the fifth annual International Mr. Leather contest and show, to be held in Chicago on May 7. The contest, sponsored each year by The Gold Coast Leather Bar, has brought over a thousand leathermen together each year. *Drummer* magazine has called the event "the academy Awards of leatherdom."

Over \$5000 in prizes are awarded to the winners, including a new motorcycle. Registration is free to winners of local "Leather" contests and \$100 for those entrants sponsored by a Levi-Leather business or organization.

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Coalition/Gaze Support MASH

The MGC Political Committee on behalf of the Memphis Gay Coalition and Gaze newspaper has sent letters to MASH condemning "the actions of Mayor Hackett and the City Council" and Hackett and the City Council" and wholeheartedly supporting MASH "in its efforts to stop social harassment, strike down the anti-nudity ordinance and return freedom of choice to all individuals." The proposed fingerprinting ordinance is also attacked as "an invasion of privacy and unconstitutional."

The Coalition letter defines the purpose of the Coalition (from the Organizational Manual) and goes on to say: "The City Council has often been a source of embarrassment to all Memphians in the past, but this most recent action is unconstitutional, economically irresponsible and unnecessary. The City Council and the Mayor should turn their attention to the business of the city and get out of the business of legislating morality. The business of legislating morality. Their business is to serve the entire community and not to cater to the whims of a religious minority bent on depriving the majority of citizens of their constitutional rights."

The letter from Gaze points out that the paper has been attacked in the past by the Rev. Charles Britt in an attempt to control its circulation. According to the letter, "The City Council and Mayor Hackett, charged with serving the entire community are, in fact, catering to a small group of religious zealots... They are trampling on the rights of individuals..."

According to John Stilwell, co-editor of Gaze, "The Religious Right is trying to 'clean up' the city by running out everyone they find objectionable. The Gay community is obviously in danger of attack. Crimes of moral turpitude include homosexuality and the proposed fingerprinting ordinance will seriously threaten all bar owners, employees and any Gay person working anywhere that serves alcohol."

Several groups of concerned citizens (including MASH and MARZ) composed of diverse segments of the community, are forming to protect their rights and freedoms from the religious zealots and the current adminis-

tration.

According to Stilwell, "It is clearly in our own best interests to support these groups and, hopefully, that support will be reciprocated when the Gay community needs it. There is no doubt in my mind that we are on that 'clean up list' or 'blacklist' and will need support in the near future."

BWMT to Host Conference

BWMT/Memphis (Black and White Men Together) will be hosting the Spring Conference of the Southeastern Network of Black and White Men Together May 27-30.

The conference will be attended by members from Atlanta, Raleigh-Durham, N.C. chapters of BWMT and affiliate members within the region.

The conference will include some of the "Memphis in May" activities. The events will begin Friday evening with a cocktail party and registration. On Saturday, there will be a brunch followed by a meeting. At 4:00 PM participants will meet at Overton Square for the Cotton Carnival Parade and then go to the riverfront for the Sunset Symphony. The rest of Saturday evening will be free for people to enjoy the city.

Sunday there will be a brunch at noon, followed by a series of workshops. Sunday evening will include a cocktail hour and dinner followed by a dance. Guest speaker at the dinner will be Bill Johnson--Associate Director of the ACLU of Tennessee and former editor of Gaze. Sunday evening events will be Poo's Party Room at 219 Madison. Monday will end the conference with a picnic at Mud Island.

The conference is open to any interested individuals. The entire conference is \$15, the dinner dance only is \$10 and the dance only is \$2.00.

For additional information contact Joe at 274-0532 or Irwin at 276-4180.

Sgt. Perry Watkins Honored

New York--Sgt. Perry Watkins, a Gay Army Sergeant, is among those who will be honored at the Sixth Annual Fund for Human Dignity Awards Dinner set for Monday, May 16, in the Grand Ballroom of New York City's Plaza Hotel.

Sgt. Watkins, drafted in '67 at the height of the Vietnam War, marked on his medical History Form the boxes indicating "homosexual tendencies". Despite this admission (and the Army's homophobic policies) he was found qualified for service. He subsequently served in the U.S., Korea and Germany where he performed a much-in-demand drag act acclaimed in *The Army Times*. Two months after reenlisting for a third time in '79, the Army sought to revoke his security clearance and then to discharge him. The Army, losing these rounds, then sought to keep Watkins from reenlisting. In November '82 a court order forced the Army to reenlist the openly Gay sergeant.

The Fund's Sixth Annual Dinner also celebrates the Tenth Anniversary of the National Gay Task Force, Inc., the oldest and largest Gay civil rights organization in the U.S. The Fund for Human Dignity is the educational affiliate of the NGTF.

Gay Health Conference to be Held in Denver

Denver, CO--Over 600 Lesbian and Gay healthworkers are expected to arrive in Denver for the Fifth National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference on June 9-12, 1983. The Conference will offer concurrent seminars and workshops on all aspects of Lesbian and Gay health including Gays participation in health, health research and health politics. It will be held at downtown Denver's Executive Tower Inn and will also include the second National Forum on AIDS.

This year marks the first that the National Gay Health Education Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Health Alliance of Denver and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights join forces to sponsor this Conference.

The Second National Forum on AIDS will assume that its healthworker-participants are up-to-date on medical issues of AIDS. The forum will focus on making recommendations about risk-reduction, medical therapies and political action plans. It will take place in conjunction with the Conference on Thursday and Friday, June 9th and 10th.

Lesbian Rights Project

The Lesbian Rights Project now has available an important new publication entitled, *Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual*, by Donna J. Hitchens. The *Manual* is an essential resource for attorneys who represent Lesbian mothers or Gay fathers in child custody cases. These cases often present a unique set of problems for both the attorney and the Lesbian mother or Gay father, problems which are not easily resolved through traditional legal analysis. The *Manual* focuses on these unique problems by providing practical advice and guidance on the application of legal standards, case assessment, early strategical decisions, pretrial and trial preparation, expert testimony, and constitutional arguments. It also includes sample pleadings and a bibliography.

The author, Donna J. Hitchens, is Directing Attorney of the Lesbian Rights Project, the only public interest law firm in the country exclusively devoted to helping Lesbians with their legal problems. The Project provides day-to-day counseling and legal representation to Lesbians and helps to educate the legal and mental health communities about the special concerns of Lesbian clients.

To order *The Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual*, please send your tax-deductible contribution of \$25.00 (check or money order) to: Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission St., 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Gay Rodeo Planned in Colorado

Colorado--The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is planning the first Gay Rodeo to be held in Colorado the weekend of June 3-5. "We're sponsoring the Rodeo but Denver is staging the weekend," said Wayne Jakino, President of CGRA; and he proudly pointed out the friendship and respect that Gay Rodeos and related events have developed between the cities of Denver, Houston, Miami, San Antonio, Atlanta, Dallas, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Reno and Sacramento. "We'll have cowboys and cowgirls from all those cities and more as they arrive to be cloggers, square dancers, contestants, judges and plain ole beer-sippin' party goers."

Coal Creek Rodeo Park is the location of CGRA's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, which is fitting because it is only 44 miles from Deertrail, the site of the first rodeo ever held in the United States. The Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 4 & 5, and the Grand Marshall contest will be held from 12-4pm on June 3. CGRA is being advised by top area arena directors and has contracted stock with Nebraska's #1 Rodeo Stock Contractor for 1981 and 1982. The stock provided will be for amateur level competition.

CGRA has invited several Gay square dance and clogging groups to Denver, and several are expected to attend. Exhibition dancing will be held Saturday night on June 4 at the Rodeo's downtown headquarters, the Ramada Inn at 1170 East Colfax.

The Grand Marshall Contest is being held as a charity event benefitting the National Gay Health Education Foundation, Inc.

For more information on the rodeo, call: (303) 399-1986.



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ACLU Publishes 4 New Handbooks

The ACLU announced the publication of 4 new handbooks, *The Rights of the Critically-Ill*, released for the first time, and three revisions, *The Rights of Women*, *The Rights of Gay People* and *The Rights of Prisoners*.

"The simultaneous publication of these 4 books is symbolic of the continuing importance of the ACLU's handbooks on the rights of Americans," Norman Dorsen, general editor of the series, said. "*Critically Ill* deals with issues that, partly due to medical advances in sustaining life, have only recently emerged into the public consciousness."

"The 3 revisions show how the rights of women, prisoners, and Gay people have evolved since the first editions were published six or more years ago. These handbooks play a central role in the ACLU education program by encouraging people to understand and exercise their rights."

The Rights of the Critically Ill, *Women, Prisoners and Gay People*, which brings the number of titles currently available to 29, are the first in the handbook series to be published by Bantam Books. Other Bantam books forthcoming in 1983 are *The Rights of: Teachers, Authors and Artists, Employees and Indians and Tribes*.

Each of the 4 new handbooks costs \$3.95. They may be ordered from the Literature Dept., ACLU, 132 W 43rd Street, NY, NY 10036. A charge for postage and handling will be added.

Lesbian/Gay Adventists Support Nuclear Freeze

San Francisco---Lesbian and Gay seventh-day Adventists have passed a resolution calling for a worldwide nuclear freeze and disarmament. The resolution is based on the conviction that the use of such weapons is contrary to the will of God. The advisory council of Orion Fellowship Alliance, Inc. adopted and passed the resolution by an unanimous vote, during a 3-day meeting at San Francisco's Pride Foundation Center. Orion is the international movement providing support and services for Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transsexual persons of Adventist backgrounds. Orion's board of directors accepted the resolution and acted favorably on the measure as official policy.

Vern Schlenker, Jr. president of Orion, told the Advisory Council that this move was a new step of action for justice, morality and human rights beyond the specific issues of sexual theology. "Christians believe they are called to proclaim a message of God's love, how can we at the same time support, through our silence, the development of weapons able to destroy those who should hear that message?" Schlenker asked. "The Bible also requires that we call into accountability those who oppress the poor. We are called to engage in a ministry of healing where injury and hurt exist in any human condition. These obligations to seek healing, along with economic and social justice compel us to speak out against the nuclear arms race."

Orion's public relations director, Craig Roberts, urged Orion members to join other Christian bodies in supporting an immediate and verifiable freeze through prayer vigils, education programs, involvement in public demonstrations, curtailment of investments in industries that are war related and the diversion of a portion of income taxes to charity.

Anyone interested in further information about Orion or its local chapters may write: Orion Fellowship Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 4768, San Francisco, CA 94101.



GRNL Update

Washington, DC--Gay Rights National Lobby announced that the national Executive Board of the Service Employees International Union has taken an official position supporting civil rights legislation for Lesbians and Gay Men. The SEIU, which has more than 800,000 members nationwide, is the 7th largest union in the AFL-CIO.

This follows on the heels of a similar and precedent-setting resolution passed on June, 1982 by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The SEIU resolution "Supports and urges the enactment of legislation at the federal, state and local levels that would guarantee the civil rights of all persons without regard to sexual orientation in employment, public accommodations, housing and public services."

Efforts toward securing passage of the SEIU resolution are a part of GRNL's Labor Project and involved SEIU labor leaders in Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington DC as well as Congressman Phillip Burton's office. Congressman Burton praised the resolution as "the latest in a series of actions in which an historic alliance is being formed between organized labor and the Gay community."

Congressional observers agree that increasing support from organized labor, coupled with initiatives in the religious, minority and business communities, should continue GRNL's strategy of demonstrating that Gay civil rights is a "mainstream" issue. This should affect positively the growth of co-sponsorship for the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill and increase opposition to the Radical Right's anti-Gay bills and amendments.

On the health front, GRNL is calling for all members of Congress to support a new bill introduced by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), which would pour as much as \$40 million into national public health emergencies like AIDS.

The Public Health Emergency Act would establish a special fund equal to 1% of the National Institutes of Health's total budget (about \$40 million would be set aside). The secretary of Health and Human Services would determine what constitutes an emergency and then oversee the expedited allocation of emergency funds.

This would by-pass the complicated, year-long funding process required for NIH to fund outside medical research. It currently takes NIH at least one year to fund any research proposal. The fund would be replenished each year to bring it up to the 1% total figure.

Thus far, there are 18 Democratic representatives co-sponsoring the bill, none of them from the South.

"The support for AIDS research funding given by Rep. Waxman and his staff has been excellent," said Steve Edean, GRNL's Executive Director.

GRNL is now working in the Senate to get a similar version of Waxman's bill introduced.

GRNL's AIDS Research Project has also set out the following goals to obtain adequate AIDS federal research funding:

Push for a supplemental appropriation to increase funding for the CDC AIDS activities. GRNL and its congressional supporters and constituent organizers were successful in securing \$2 million last session for CDC's work. In the last three months, however, the disease has dramatically worsened, meaning CDC is unable to keep up.

Gather signatures for Senate and House letters to NIH encouraging it to allocate more money to specific AIDS research. NIH says it will spend \$7.9 million in Fiscal Year 1983 on AIDS but much of these funds will be

spent on administration and patient care, and little if any will be released for outside research.

Work with the NCTF to build a broad coalition of health and related national organizations interested in supporting adequate AIDS research funding. NCTF and GRNL will also be working jointly on increased NIH research. GRNL will coordinate congressional information sharing on AIDS.

"We're getting organized, starting to attack the problem of many fronts in many ways," said Edean. "We need financial and other help from the Gay community if we are going to continue these efforts. Congressional lobbying in this area is a good investment; without the millions of federal research dollars, identifying the cause and cure of AIDS will be virtually impossible."

"The lives of hundreds, even thousands of people are at stake."

Those interested in helping GRNL's AIDS project should write: P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC, 20013 or call (202) 546-1801.

Gay Alternative to Feature Special on Patrick Calley

On Sunday May 2 at 3:00 PM "The Gay Alternative" on WEVL (90.3 FM) will feature a special program on Gay composer, producer and artist Patrick Calley who recently died of AIDS.

Also premiering in May will be the Meg Christian/Cris Williamson new album "Live from Carnegie Hall." no date has been announced for its airing.

"The Gay Alternative" is heard weekly on WEVL and is a service of the Memphis Gay Coalition.

Gay Reading Materials Available for the Blind

Information about braille or cassette books on alternative lifestyles are available from LRC for the Blind in Chicago. This non-profit organization of blind and sighted volunteers records books not available elsewhere and distributes a list of books from other sources. For more information contact LRC for the Blind, 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois 60657 or call (312) 274-0510 evenings.

Psychologist Offers Support

A local counseling psychologist has decided to make himself available to begin support groups. According to Dana, "I've talked to friends and they agree with me that it would have been very helpful if there had been some sort of support group when we were coming to terms with our sexuality." Having some free time, "I am prepared to form as many different groups as are needed." Suggested groups include male support, female support and parent support. Although all groups that are formed would be open to men and women, Dana would prefer counseling men and women separately since their problems are very much different from each other.

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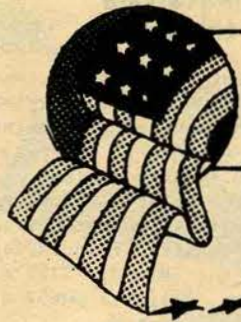
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Cruel and Unusual Punishment

By John Stilwell

Syracuse, NY—While she was stationed at Nancock Air Force Base in Syracuse, Lt. Joann Newak was charged by the Air Force with using pot, engaging in sodomy and attempting to use amphetamines, in fact, she had diet pills). She was court martialed, convicted and received a sentence of six years hard labor at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Lt. Newak joined the Air Force in August, 1979 and had a spotless career prior to these charges. In fact, she was highly recommended for advancement and was being considered for a promotion prior to being charged. In light of Newak's exemplary performance record in the Air Force and the fact that she is a first offender, the harshness of her sentence is being questioned.

Ironically, Lt. Newak was denied her basic Constitutional rights which she has sworn to defend as an officer in the US Air Force. In particular, her Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to counsel were denied by the military counsel who represented her and also represented several witnesses who testified against her. In addition, all of the charges against her occurred off-base, while she was off-duty and were charges which were not crimes in the jurisdiction where she resided. The Air Force used the fact that she would not be prosecuted in state courts as a rationale for prosecuting here in the military.

Lt. Newak is currently pursuing various appeals (which are still in the military courts which do not recognize the US Constitution). In fact, in the last opinion on her case, a military judge wrote an opinion of over 35 pages attempting to explain why the US Constitution does not apply to the military. Her case has to be reviewed by one more military court before she can file her case in Federal Court, which does recognize

the application of the Constitution to the military. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is trying to help get her out of jail while she pursues her various appeals since they may take years. Newak has applied for clemency through the military channels and has been denied twice even though the Air Force has acknowledged that her sentence is "strenuous" and "excessive". (The most recent denial was based upon the fact that she has sought public support for her case through the media.) LLDEF wants to apply directly to the Secretary of the Air Force for clemency under the US Military Justice Code (Article 74 (a)) since he can suspend a sentence imposed on Air Force personnel.

LLDEF is urging groups and individuals to write Verne Orr, Dept. of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, DC, 20330 on Newak's behalf. The Air Force has ignored her requests so far but it will respond to public pressure if enough people will write and express their outrage.

A hearing was held on February 17, 1983 before Federal Judge Richard Rogers, on an application filed by Joann's civilian counsel against Fort Leavenworth since the Air Force was interfering with her fight to communicate with her attorney and to correspond with the news media. The Air Force agreed not to interfere in the future with her right to communicate with her attorneys; however, they argued that she should not be permitted to communicate with the news media since they claim that is a breach of national security for the prisoners at Fort Leavenworth to be able to communicate with the news media (her conviction obviously has nothing to do with any issue of national security). Joann contends that this regulation is unconstitutional. The judge indicated that he will rule on her application within two weeks.

Bradley Named Co-Chair of Campaign Fund

Miami-FL—Dan Bradley, the former President of the federal Legal Services Corporation and highest public official in the nation to "come out," has been elected Co-chair of the Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The Board of Directors of HRCF met in Miami to plan for the '83-'84 national elections. Re-elected to the other Co-chair position was Kerry Woodward of the San Francisco Bay area. Bradley succeeds Jerry E. Berg, a prominent San Francisco lawyer who had served as Co-chair since the beginning of HRCF's brief history.

The Board heard reports from the Treasurer on the '82 elections, which brought an 81% victory rate and made the HRCF the 17th largest political action committee among the 718 independent PACs in the country.

Since early contributions to candidates are increasingly important, and the '84 elections will therefore require major HRCF fundraising in 1983, the Board approved an ambitious 18-month plan of fundraising and activities leading to November '84. Elements include direct mail, major fundraising banquets and the creation of the "Winners Circle" major donor

club. In addition to direct candidate contributions, program options under consideration include a national voter registration program and an effort to further refine/define the Gay/Lesbian communities agenda for Presidential candidates. Both projects are envisioned as joint ventures with other national organizations.

The theme of the HRCF going into '84 will focus on building clout for ALL of the communities' needs. The Board discussed at length its support for Congressional candidates to assist in electing more members of Congress who will support increased federal funding for AIDS research.

"Our first elections brought tremendous success, wide praise from political operatives in Washington and very real and positive Congressional changes on issues affecting Gay people's lives. They also have shown us very clear areas where we must improve if we are to move forward effectively. The Board is prepared to move forward with enthusiasm and vigor and we're certain the community is eager to help gain even greater successes in the 84 elections," said Co-chairs Bradley and Woodward.

LLDEF Cases in NY and NO

New York---The New York State Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, in a memorandum opinion held that a statute that prohibits loitering in public place for the purpose of soliciting for "deviate sexual intercourse" is unconstitutional. The decision states that the statute "must be viewed as a companion statute to the consensual sodomy statute." The court is referring to the case of *People v. Onofre* (1980) where the court ruled the New York state laws against private consensual sodomy were unconstitutional.

In this recent decision, the court ruled that the object of the loitering was to punish conduct anticipatory to consensual sodomy, which is no longer criminal.

Mr. Lavery, Lambda's attorney, stated: "The decision is significant for two reasons. First, it reinforces the position that *People v. Onofre* puts forth which is that the public policy of the State of New York is not in opposition to private consensual homosexual conduct. Secondly, this decision removes other discriminatory provisions of criminal sta-

tutes which make reference to the statute made unconstitutional. These provisions are the requirement that persons convicted for the non-criminal offense of loitering for sexual deviate purposes be fingerprinted and that persons pleading guilty to such an offense not have their records sealed. This decision removes another tool which some would like to use to control the public presence of homosexuals."

In New Orleans, LLDEF filed an amicus brief in the *Gay Student Services v. Texas A&M University* case which is before the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals.

The case involves the right of the Gay student group at Texas A&M to gain official recognition from the university. The student group is represented by a private attorney, with amicus briefs being submitted by Lambda and the Texas Human Rights Foundation. The brief argues the denial of recognition violated the students' First Amendment rights of speech and association and their rights to equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment.

NGRA to Argue Naturalization Case

San Francisco---In an unusual move, the United States Court of Appeals in New Orleans has invited National Gay Rights Advocates to present oral arguments in a case involving the naturalization of a Gay man. The court will hear NGRA's argument in behalf of Richard Longstaff.

NGRA, on the heels of winning a landmark immigration decision for Carl Hall, entered the Longstaff case as an amicus curiae in July of 1982.

It's a rare occasion when an amicus is allowed to present oral arguments, stated Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, "Apparently the court was impressed with our credentials and brief and wants to hear more from us."

Longstaff, a British immigrant,

came to the United States and settled in Texas in the fall of 1965, where he opened a business. He applied for naturalization in 1976 and has been fighting for his citizenship ever since. In March of 1982, a U.S. District Court Judge in Dallas ruled that Longstaff could not become a U.S. citizen because he was Gay and therefore lacked good moral character.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "Not only is the Judge's opinion without foundation, it also perpetuates stereotypical myths about Gay people." She further said: "NGRA will continue to challenge laws and court decisions which institutionalize Gay prejudices."

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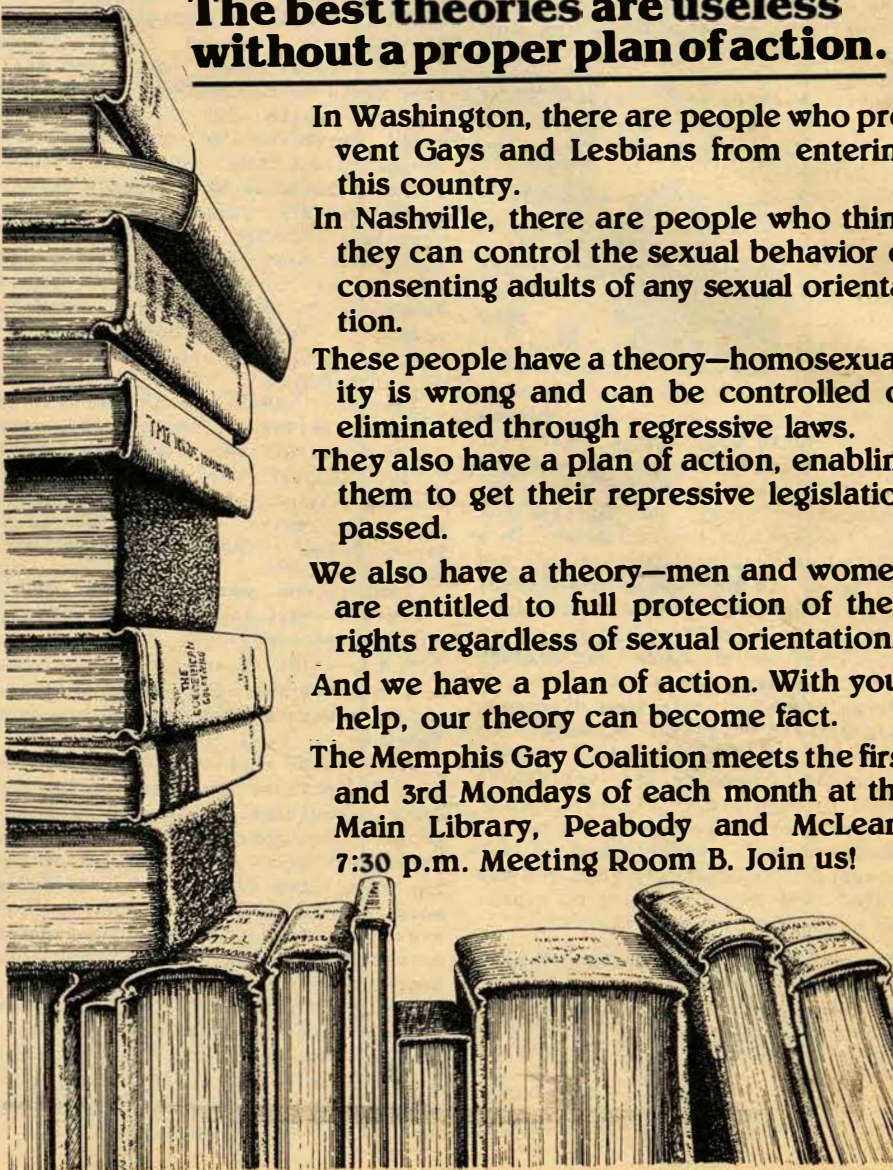
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Local

Events Slated to

By John Gilbert

Benefit AIDS

A month-long campaign to raise money for AIDS research and education, will be an integral part of Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival '83. The campaign will culminate on the 11th anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

"AIDS is of vital concern to the entire Gay community," Vincent Astor, current facilitator of the Memphis Gay Coalition, told *Gaze*. "Although Gay men are at highest risk for contracting the disease directly," Astor continued, "anyone can contract AIDS through blood transfusions." A local physician speaking to the Gay Coalition on sexually transmitted diseases emphasized the point that "diseases like this respect no sexual or social boundaries."

According to Astor, "established clubs and entertainment businesses will be approached to hold at least one fund-raising event during the month of June with the Coalition itself sponsoring a major event."

Major research centers such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are government funded, so the Coalition is researching various agencies who need this money with an emphasis on benefitting the local community. One such agency, the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, has approached the Coalition about putting together an AIDS information brochure which could be distributed to the Gay community. Another possibility is putting together a symposium with a knowledgeable speaker to educate the Gay community about AIDS.

This campaign is also seen as a possible means of transcending whatever differences exist between the various factions of the Gay community, drawing it together for the mutual benefit of all and exposing it to the New Coalition in an effort to unify all elements. "The Memphis Gay community has come out with great financial support in the past for causes such as muscular dystrophy," Astor said. "Now we have a cause directly related to the Gay community. Charity begins at home."

The Coalition, in other business,

has decided to actively pursue Lesbian participation in Coalition activities as the result of recent conversations with various Lesbians who said they were under the impression "that the Coalition was a man's organization for men."

Citing Nashville's Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights as a successful example of combining the forces of Gay men and Lesbians, John Stilwell, co-editor of *Gaze*, suggested using co-facilitators and co-chairs of the various committees to insure that Lesbians' needs are represented. "But first we've got to get them here," he said. "According to what I've heard, the Lesbians don't feel that the Coalition serves their needs or addresses their problems. But without their presence or their input, we can't be aware of their special needs or problems."

The National Organization for Women (NOW) has a Lesbian Task Force and although it is currently unchaired, active Lesbians seem to be turning their energies in that direction.

"I feel the Coalition could be of more service to Lesbians," Stilwell said, "because they can be completely open with us. The problem with NOW is that the emphasis is on women's issues and Lesbianism tends to be underplayed because it results in negative public reaction and NOW is already fighting negativism brought on by simply trying to assert women's rights."

"Divide and conquer, is a basic strategy in warfare and we are at war to preserve our civil rights and civil liberties. We need the Lesbians and I think we can serve their needs. We can't afford not to be unified."

In other Coalition business, it was noted that the new program meetings were drawing sizable crowds, some new faces and some familiar faces returning after an extended absence. A general information hand-out has been prepared to distribute at program meetings.

Lifeblood Warns Donors

Lifeblood, the Mid-South Regional blood center which serves most of the area's hospitals is issuing an "informative" sheet to potential donors informing them about the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and requesting those at "high risk" not to donate blood. The sheet was to be used starting March 8.

According to Ron Stockstill, Medical Director of Lifeblood and a pathologist at St. Francis Hospital, the sheet "allows donors in high risk groups to exclude themselves before entering the donor process."

The information sheet says (in part) "... AIDS has occurred frequently in certain groups of people. While all of the people in these groups are not afflicted with the disease, we must defer all of them in order to protect the patients who will receive blood. If you belong to one of these groups, please do not offer to donate."

Some area Gays have criticized the information sheet for leaving so few options to protect the prospective donor's sexual identity, if he or she chooses. The sheet suggests that the following people not donate: "persons with hemophilia, immigrants from Haiti, persons who use street drugs by needle, homosexuals having many part-

ners, and (people with) a previous history of hepatitis. Prospective donors falling into these categories are requested to return their donor cards and state that you should not donate."

According to one prospective Gay donor (who did not donate), "What choices do we have? It's obvious that I'm not an immigrant from Haiti. Why, in God's name would a helophilic donate blood in the first place? Any reasonably intelligent person knows that if you've had hepatitis, you shouldn't give blood. What does that leave? Either I'm a promiscuous homosexual or a drug abuser. Great choice. At this point in my career, I don't particularly want to be identified as either." He further indicated that his blood donation was to be a part of his company's blood plan and that blood donations (or, presumably, lack thereof) were entered in his personnel record.

A number of other conditions and previous infections would exclude blood donation, but were not mentioned in the sheet.

The Memphis Gay Coalition has gone on record as supporting a voluntary cessation of blood donations by Gay men but feel that the sheet was insensitive to closeted Gays.

Switchboard Article in CA

An article describing services provided by the Gay Switchboard appeared in the March 28 issue of the *Commercial Appeal*. It was the first time Switchboard was featured in either Memphis daily paper, and one of the more positive stories about the Gay community here, according to local Gay activists.

The article was written by staff writer Paul Turner, who contacted the Switchboard to do a story on a "positive aspect of the Gay community." Entitled "Gay Switchboard provides place to turn," the article discussed how the Switchboard began,

the types of services offered and the variety of calls received.

Calls to the Gay Switchboard increased dramatically following the appearance of the article, according to Ric Sullivan, Switchboard coordinator. Approximately 150 calls were received to the Switchboard's answering machine the day the article appeared (the machine normally receives 10 to 20 calls daily when the telephone is not staffed). Sullivan also indicated that volunteers working the nights immediately following the article's printing received double the calls normally received.

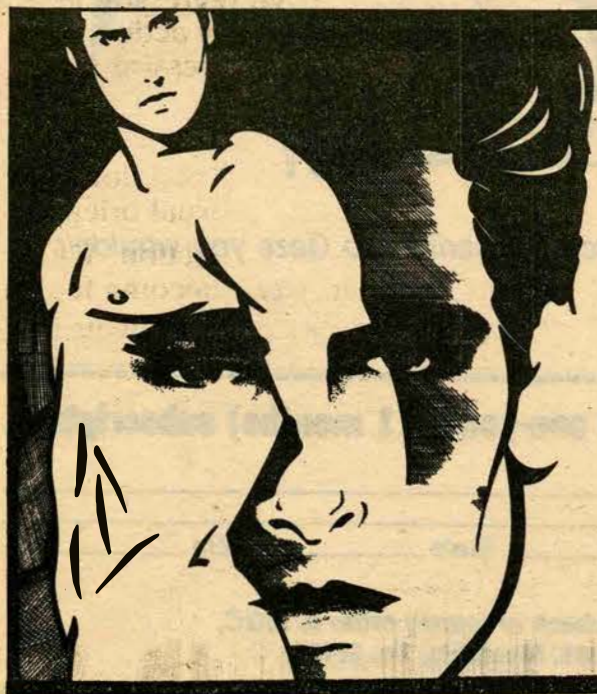
Man Attacked in Apartment

According to a local Gay man, he was brutally attacked and beaten by a young man that he had brought home from a local Gay bar, on Friday, April 8. "I just want people to know that this dangerous person is out there," the victim, who asked that his name be withheld, told *Gaze*.

On Friday night, the victim went to the French Connection, had one drink and went to George's, where he met a man who gave his name as Jerrard Blake, according to the victim. The alleged assailant is described as 5'

10", 170 lbs, Caucasian, dark brown hair, military haircut, intelligent and clean cut.

According to the victim, they left together at 3 am, went to the victim's apartment and the alleged assailant attacked from behind as soon as the victim unlocked his door. The victim was hospitalized for several days but said he was not robbed and was not sexually attacked. Although *Gaze* was unable to confirm this, the victim says he has filed a complaint and a warrant has been issued for the man.



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PINK TRIANGLES

By Emily Coleman

This article first appeared in the April, 1982 issue of Gaze. Because of the importance of this symbol of Gay/Lesbian oppression, especially with Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival '83 approaching, it is reprinted here.

Emily Coleman, who now resides in Colorado, regularly contributed a "Research" column to Gaze.

Most of the research to date in this column has concerned studies of the current functioning or feelings of Lesbians and Gay men. This article departs from that approach in that it concerns research which investigates our past and aids us in reclaiming an important but painful history. In the most recent issue of the *Journal of Homosexuality*, Dr. Lautmann has attempted to reconstruct the life of Gay men in Nazi concentration camps-- a subject that has hitherto not been researched by historians or sociologists. Dr. Lautmann's research group spent several weeks sifting material in the Archives of the International Tracing Service in Arolsen, Hessen, where all extant documents concerning the victims of the Nazi government are preserved. The names and data on all concentration camp prisoners registered as homosexual were examined. Individual data such as prisoners' ID cards, fact sheets, lists of personal belongings, work squad list, medical records, etc. and group data such as long books of identification numbers, arrival entries, change of station and transport lists were examined. Only the material for four camps (Buchenwald, Dachau, Flossenburg, and Mauthausen) has been preserved intact. Data was collected concerning 1,572 prisoners with pink triangles. (The pink triangle was the marking used to designate homosexual men.) According to the experts of the International Tracing Service, only in the camps just mentioned were pink triangles to be found in more than insignificant numbers. Therefore, this has resulted in a fairly complete survey of all identifiable Gay prisoners in Nazi concentration camps. Comparable data was obtained for two groups used as controls in this study: Jehovah Witnesses (n=751) and political prisoners (n=219). Dr. Lautmann also examined the memoirs written by survivors of the camps soon after their liberation. Although he attempted to contact pink triangle survivors of the concentration camps, few interviews were actually conducted. Dr. Lautmann attributes this to the fact that the world in which

the former inmates lived after 1945 remained hostile to them.

This century's most extreme form of anti-Gay repression occurred in Germany between 1933 and 1945 when the Nazis attempted to assure the male domination of society by strictly regulating masculine behavior. Lesbianism was ignored as being of no consequence at this time. However, a kiss or an embrace between two men became a felony. The death penalty was demanded for members of the SS found in homosexual activity. For the civilian, a record of conviction of homosexuality led to the concentration camps.

The total number of inmates with pink triangles will never be ascertained accurately, for the documentation was too unreliable. To estimate figures, Dr. Lautmann consulted the sporadic head counts in which the approximate number and categories of prisoners present on a given day were recorded. On the basis of 40 such counts, Dr. Lautmann estimates that immediately following the Nazi seizure of power, there was a total of several hundred homosexual prisoners in the concentration camps at any given moment; later the figure was approximately 1,000. The total number of officially defined homosexual prisoners ever incarcerated in the camps was about 10,000 (but it could be as low as 5,000 or as high as 15,000). A considerable percentage of all pink triangle prisoners had been convicted previously for homosexuality, but the total number of pink triangle prisoners was much less than the 10,000 men convicted for homosexuality each year during the Nazi era. One can assume that in the Third Reich, the same circles were spared conviction as traditionally enjoyed this privilege; highly placed homosexual men. For example, in 1937, Himmler issued an exception to general policy on homosexuals which required his expressed permission to incarcerate an actor or an artist on the ground of "unnatural vice." Several prominent theater people profited from this measure.

Pink triangle prisoners had low social status, often were isolated from other inmates, and as compared to political prisoners and Jehovah Witnesses, more frequently were given the most difficult work assignments and less frequently were assigned to light duties. In addition, pink triangle prisoners had a higher death rate and a lower survival rate upon release. However,

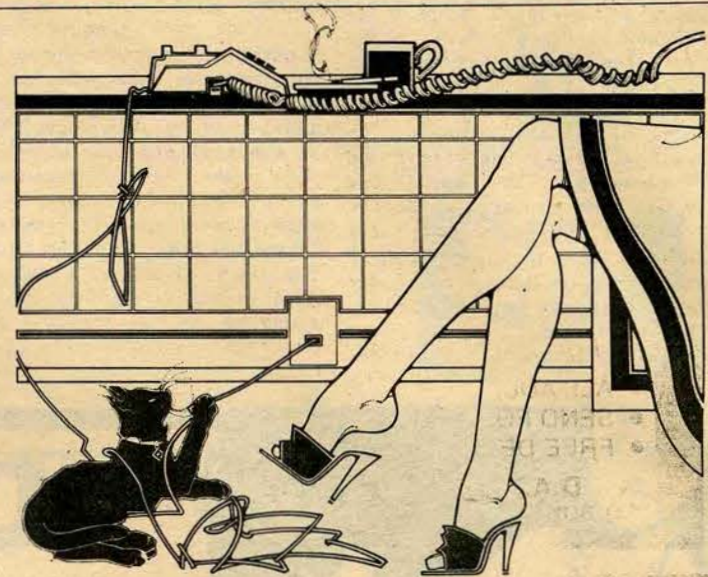
suicide rates were not significantly different from those of the other inmate groups studied. Dr. Lautmann believes that the homosexual population frequently must have been too small in numbers to organize mutual aid. Possibility for communication with inmates of other categories was also limited because of the personal discredit that might result for a prisoner of another category seen to associate with a homosexual inmate and because of the occasional formal suspension of all contact privileges. The homosexual prisoner was also less often in a position to receive support from his family. The prisoners with pink triangles were three to five times less often married or widowed than the others and nearly twice as often without children.

Dr. Lautmann describes a perhaps extreme example of the work commando, one that had the reputation among the prisoners of being a liquidation squad. This was an outside work commando at Buchenwald named "Dora." Here the prisoners performed heavy construction work excavating tunnels in the southern Harz mountains. In the winter of 1943-44, when there were no barracks, they had to sleep at the work sites in tunnels which were 130 yards long with a diameter of 12 and 1/2 yards, open at only one end and therefore poorly ventilated. The prisoners had only a few lamps and were without toilet facilities or running water. The low temperatures as well as the moist air resulting from the exhalations of 1,000 men promoted colds, tuberculosis and physical deterioration. The work itself took place in a particularly toxic environment of stone-plaster and cement dust. Although the youngest and healthiest prisoners were selected for Dora, 3,000 died in a few months and a further 3,000 had to be removed as no longer fit for work. In the contingent of German prisoners sent to Dora, the Gay men were disproportionately represented: there were twice as many Gays as political prisoners and five times as many as Jehovah Witnesses.

The position of homosexual inmates actually improved in the beginning of the 1940's, however, when they no longer occupied the lowest level of the internal camp status hierarchy. At that time, they were relieved from that position by the Jewish and Eastern European prisoners who apparently were disliked more and regarded as more dangerous. Dr. Lautmann emphasizes that the pink triangle prisoners were not subjected to exceptionally cruel treatment in all camps and at all times and were not the only group of prisoners subjected to extreme abuse.

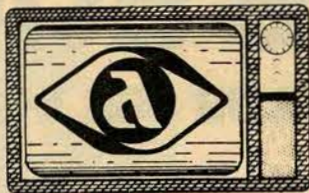
All prisoners were stigmatized with special markings that both justified their imprisonment and indicated the nature of their offenses. Eugen Kogon, a political prisoner and survivor, later described this labeling system in his classic study of the camps. Markings were sewn to the prisoners' clothing, namely a number and a triangle of a certain color on the left side of the chest as well as the right trouser leg (red for political prisoners, green for criminals, violet for Jehovah Witnesses, black for associats, brown for gypsies, and pink for Gays). Jews wore an inverted yellow triangle underneath their red, green, black, or other markings, forming a star with six points. Members of penal colonies had a black dollar-sized dot between the lower point of the triangle and the number.

Those suspected of escape attempts had red and white targets painted on both chest and back. According to Kogon, the colors, markings and special designations resulted in "veritable rainbow constellations for example, there once was a Jewish Jehovah Witness...with a penal colony dot and escape target." Dr. Lautmann notes that these markings were introduced not merely for the convenience of the camp administration but also to set one group of prisoners against the other. Here again, the homosexual men became victims of long standing prejudice. The Nazi system of prisoner markings serves as a sobering reminder of the vicious tendency inherent in all negative labeling of human beings.



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Gay Advocacy Project: movement, ACLU & MGC; 521-9875 or 726-4299.

Gay Catholics: Recommended Sunday Mass 11:00 AM—St. Peters Village.

GOPS: social, private membership; no address listing.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group: NOW, 458-1661.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-heterosexist; 1462 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38104, 274-3550.

Memphis Gay Activists: movement, private membership; 274-0431.

Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis Gay Speakers Bureau: movement, general education; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis State University Gay Student Union: movement/student support; Room 416, University Center, MSU, Memphis 38152.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 2224 Central Ave., 278-1091.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; P.O. Box 41822, Memphis 38104.

Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing.

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38104, 458-1661.

Phoenix: Gay alcoholics anonymous; meets Weds., 8 pm in Clark Tower, 5050 Poplar, Room 3102; 365-7153.

Queen's Men: social, private membership; no address listing.

Tsarus: social, levi-leather/motorcycle, private membership, P.O. Box 11831, Memphis 38111.

Hotlines

Gay Switchboard: information, crisis, referrals, counseling; 726-GAYY.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

Media

"Gay Alternative": radio, weekly, Sundays 3 p.m. WEVL-FM 90.3, P.O. Box 41773, Memphis 38104.

GAZE: newspaper, monthly; Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 (901) 454-1411

Lambda Televideo: television, monthly program *Views from 10%*, cable channel 7; P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

Restaurants & Bars

The Barracks: bar, large disco, patio. Late hours; 616 Marshall Ave., 527-6348

Family Affair Club: bar, Gay crowd Sunday nights only; 873 Vance Ave., 527-0672.

The French Connection: restaurant, piano bar, dining menu; 598 Marshall Ave., 526-1038.

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J-Wag's: bar, serves food, moderate menu, patio, late hours; 1268 Madison Ave., 725-4670.

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Sharon's: bar; 1474 Madison Ave., 278-9021.

Nashville

Organizations

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Conductors: Levi-Leather Club; P.O. Box 40261, Nashville 37204.

Justice for Parents Defense Fund: legal child custody; 43 Music Square West, Nashville 37203.

Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STDs, 1727 Church Street, Nashville 37203 (615) 329-1478.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 131 15th Ave. N., Nashville, (615) 320-0288.

Nashville Committee: social/movement, P.O. Box 23321, Nashville, TN 37202.

Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR): movement, Box 24181 Nashville 37202.

Womankind Books: 2006 20th Ave. S. Nashville, 27212 Open Saturdays Noon-6 p.m. (615) 297-3450

Womankind Health Service: confidential clinic, feminist, 1727 Church Street, Nashville, 37203 (615) 329-1478.

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Little Rock

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement; Box 2832, Little Rock, AR. 72203.

Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc. (AGR): movement, P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Arkansas Women's Network: movement, feminist; Box 1787, Little Rock, 72203.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay-AA): meets every Tues. & Sun., 8 p.m., 7509 Cantrel, Suite 102, Tanglewood Shopping Center.

Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock 72205, (501) 663-6455.

Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, (501) 378-7851.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; Box 1964, Little Rock 72203. (501) 664-3749.

Media

Arkansas Gay Writes: AGR, Inc., newsletter; P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Ours: newspaper, 5 times/yr., feminist; P.O. Box 2352, Little Rock 72203.

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; P.O. Box 662, Little Rock, 72203.

Parents & Friends of Gays: movement/support; P.O. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

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