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Rural AIDS cases: Numbers are increasing in Tennessee, experts say

by CURTIS BALLS
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Staff Writers

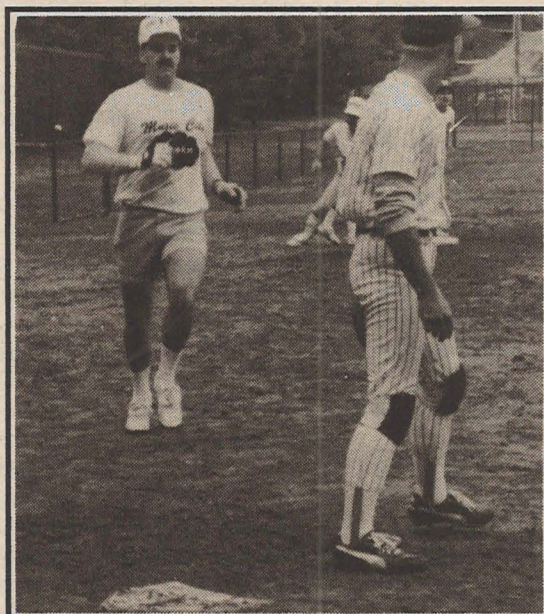
Although reports indicate that the prevalence of AIDS and HIV-infection is down somewhat in Tennessee's urban centers, more and more cases are being diagnosed in the state's rural areas.

During a meeting in Knoxville last month, experts said that between 1987 and 1989, the number of new AIDS cases found in rural areas increased by some 90 percent, compared to a 15 percent increase for the entire state. Speaking at a meeting of the Tennessee Medical Association, Bernie Ellis, then an AIDS expert for the state department of health and environment, said that although the numbers of diagnosed cases has increased, the small numbers make establishing a trend near impossible.

Ellis resigned his position with the state in late April, citing a hiring freeze in state government as reason for his resignation.

Figures compiled through February, 1990, indicate that about half of the people with AIDS in Tennessee live in Shelby and Davidson counties. At least 20 other Tennessee counties have reported at least five cases.

"Things have changed dramatically," said Felix Sarubbi, chief of infectious diseases at Johnson City's East Tennessee State University. Sarubbi told *Dare* the number of people with AIDS living in the Tri-Cities area has grown from seven in 1986 to 49 in 1989. Early figures indicate that the figure will continue to grow



Dennis Parker, of the Music City Storm, heads for home in Sunday's softball action at Nashville's Whitfield Park. For game details, see Local Color, page 4. — DARE PHOTO BY ANGELA BRYANT

through the 1990s.

The challenge, Ellis said, is to make AIDS education available to persons in non-urban areas.

"We need to get the word out to rural areas that just because you live in a rural area doesn't mean you don't have to be concerned about AIDS," said Sandee Potter, executive director of Nashville CARES, an AIDS services organization in the state's capital city.

"Different communities are going to have to start looking at their communities, even if that means

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Campbell, Alberts hired T-GALA names new executive and development directors

by JACKI MOSS
Staff Writer

The Nashville-based Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) this week hired Penny Campbell as its new executive director and Debra Alberts as director of programs and development.

Additionally, the Gay and Lesbian Lives in Progress (GALLIP) gay and lesbian switchboard and the One in Teen group for gay and lesbian teenagers will now be merged into T-GALA.

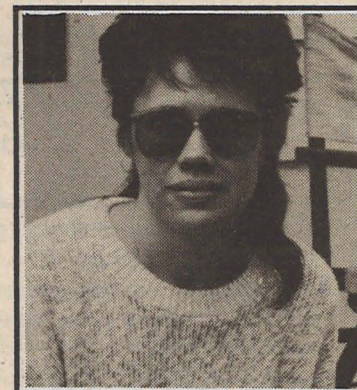
"We are very pleased to have this opportunity to hire two such experienced and talented people to direct the agency," said Gregory Fisher, co-chair of T-GALA. "The merger of GALLIP and One in Teen with T-GALA will further broaden the scope of services and activities of T-GALA and make the agency even more responsive."

Abby Rubinfeld, T-GALA co-chair, said that the addition of staff and new programs fit very well into the future plans for the agency.

"Right now T-GALA is on the move and has a lot of momentum, especially after being so effective in impacting the recent political races. We want to make sure we do not

lose that momentum and by bringing on staff members and expanding services we will become even more effective."

Penny Campbell brings with her to the position of executive director



Penny Campbell

experience within a number of community agencies.

"We are pleased to be able to strengthen the organization and increase the visibility of T-GALA. We also hope to immediately help make T-GALA more accessible and a more visible force within the community," Campbell said.

Debra Alberts, the new program

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Baptists enraged by Bush inclusion of lesbians/gays

from STAFF REPORTS

The Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission director said last week that President Bush's inclusion of lesbian/gay leaders at the signing ceremony for the federal hate crimes legislation is "inconsistent with [Bush's] attempts to appear pro-family."

Richard Land last week said that "The White House can't walk both sides of the street. They can't be seen as both pro-family and pro-homosexual."

Land called upon evangelicals to write the White House and protest the inclusion of lesbian/gay leaders. Land contended that Southern Baptists, too, oppose hate crimes. ♦

MSU students reorganize SGALA

Gay/lesbian group back in business after
nearly a decade of inactivity

by VICTORIA MIKLOSKY
Staff Writer

Joining the ranks of gay/lesbian support groups on Tennessee university campuses is the newly-reorganized Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness (SGALA) at Memphis State University.

The group, headed by president David Burton, a Memphis State graduate student, was originally chartered in the late '70s, but languished a couple of years later. After a decade of inactivity, the group applied for reorganization under its old charter and official re-recognition by the University's administration came during the latter part of spring semester, 1990.

Reaction to the group has been positive. According to Burton, the

Memphis State administration has been "quite supportive" and SGALA boasts a membership of almost 50 after only a few meetings.

Although still in the organizational stages, the group is growing and will continue to meet during summer semester, Burton said.

When asked what role the group would play on the Memphis State campus, Burton responded that the founders had very different ideas on the direction SGALA would take in the future.

"We're not a social organization," cautioned Burton. "We want to provide a non-threatening atmosphere in which people can meet and talk openly about their sexuality."

For details about SGALA, call Burton at (901) 272-3442. ♦

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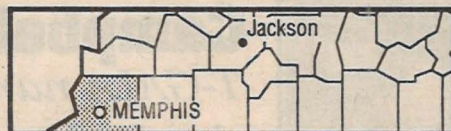
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Memphis



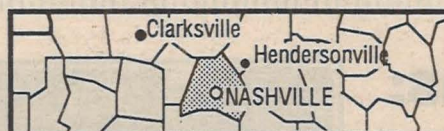
- **Agape New Life Church** Wednesdays: Bible study, 7pm. Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship services, 11am & 7pm. Info (901) 276-1872.
- **Coffeehouse** Produced by Feminist Productions. Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. 3rd Friday only, 8pm. \$2 donation. Info (901) 276-0844.
- **Gay Alternative Hour** Radio show, WEVL-FM 90. Mondays, 6-7pm.
- **GayRap** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. 3rd Monday, 7pm. Info (901) 324-GAYS.
- **Into the Light** (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting. Memphis Lambda Center, 241 North Cleveland. Thursdays, 8pm; Sundays, noon. Info (901) 276-7379.
- **Lambda Men's Chorus** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Info (901) 324-GAYS.
- **Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center** Board meeting, 1291 Madison. 3rd Saturday, 11:30am. Info (901) 324-GAYS or 454-1411.
- **Memphis Gay Coalition** Business meeting, Rm A, Memphis Public Library, Peabody & Maclean. 1st Monday. Info (901) 324-4297.
- **P-FLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Support group. St. John's Episcopal Church, 322 S Greer. 1st Thursday only. Info (901) 761-1444.
- **Phoenix** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meetings. Memphis Lambda Center, 241 North Cleveland. Mondays, 8pm; Tuesdays, 5:30 & 8pm; Wednesday, 8pm; Thursdays, 5:30pm; Fridays, 5:30 and 10pm; Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.
- **Potluck dinner** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. 1st Saturday, 7pm. Info (901) 324-GAYS or 454-1411.
- **Seriously Sober** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting. Memphis Lambda Center, 241 North Cleveland. Fridays, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.
- **Twisted Sisters** (ACOA) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center, 241 North Cleveland. Saturdays, noon. Info (901) 276-7379.
- **Video Night** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 8pm. Info (901) 324-GAYS or 454-1411.
- **Western Dance lessons** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30pm. Info (901) 324-GAYS or 454-1411.

Murfreesboro



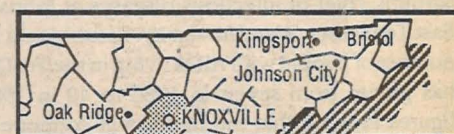
- **MTSU Lambda** Support group for lesbian and gay students, faculty, staff and alumni of Middle Tennessee State University. Fridays, 6pm. Info (615) 896-9541.

Nashville



- **Affirmation** Meeting for lesbian and gay United Methodists. 4th Wednesday, 7pm. Info (615) 254-7628.
- **Al-Anon** Closed meeting. MCC, 131 15th Ave North. Tuesdays, 6:30pm.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group** Meeting, Belmont United Methodist, 2007 Acklen Ave. Fridays, 7:30 pm.
- **Alternatives** (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting for lesbians & gay men. 131 15th Ave North. Thursdays, 8pm.
- **Being Meeting** Gay & Lesbian Co-Dependents Anonymous. Thursdays, 131 15th Av North, 6:30pm; Saturdays, 168 2nd Av North, 4pm. Info (615) 646-2238.
- **GALLIP** Gay & Lesbian Lives in Progress Switchboard. Operates 7-11pm. (615) 297-0008.
- **Gay / Lesbian Addictions Anonymous** Meeting, Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen. Wednesdays, 8pm.
- **Incest Survivors Anonymous** First Church Unity, 5125 Franklin Rd. Thursdays: Closed women's meeting, 6:30pm. Saturdays: Open meeting, 5:30pm. Sundays: Closed men's & women's meeting, 6pm.
- **Lambda Group** Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men & lesbians, Unitarian Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. Mondays, 8pm.
- **Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics** (ACOA) Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Ave. Thursdays, 7:30pm.
- **MAGNET** (Married & Gay Network) Support group for married gay men. MCC, 131 15th Av North. 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30pm. Info (615) 320-0288.
- **Metropolitan Community Church** 131 15th Av North. Saturdays: community dinner, all you can eat, \$5. 7:30pm. Sundays: worship services, 11am & 7pm. Info (615) 320-0288.
- **Music City Sports Association** Softball league. At Whitfield Park, Edmondson Pike. Games Sundays at 1, 2 & 3pm. Info (615) 385-9689.
- **Nashville CARES** Tuesdays: HIV+ support group, 6pm; AIDS/ARC support group, 6:30pm. Wednesdays: newcomers support/education group, 6pm. Thursdays: visualization group, 7:15pm. Alternate Fridays: family & caregivers together sharing, 6pm. Info (615) 385-1510.
- **Nashville Women's Alliance** At Book Oasis. 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Info (615) 883-4833.
- **NLC** Channel 35. Tuesdays, 9pm. Saturdays, 8pm.
- **One in Teen** Support group for lesbian & gay teens. Wednesdays, 6:30pm. Info (615) 297-0008.
- **P-FLAG** Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meeting, 4th Tuesday. Unitarian Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 7:30pm. Info (615) 662-0332.
- **Sex Addicts Anonymous** At MCC, 131 15th Av North. Wednesdays: closed meeting for gay men & lesbians, 5:30pm. Fridays: closed meeting, 5pm.
- **Vanderbilt AIDS Project** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays: women's support group, 6:30pm; caregivers' support group, 7pm. Thursdays: AIDS / ARC men's group, 7pm. 1st & 3rd Thursdays: family support group, 7pm. Info (615) 322-AIDS.
- **Women's Chorus** At Bethlehem Center, 1417 Charlotte. Sundays, 6-8pm. Info (615) 353-1336.

Tri-Cities



- **Appalachian AIDS Coalition** Support group for PWAs, ARC, & HIV+ in southwest Virginia, including Bristol, TN. 3rd Thursday. Info (703) 985-0131.
- **Gay & Lesbian AA** Holston Valley Unitarian Church. Sundays, 4pm.
- **LE TSA** Lesbians of East Tennessee & Surrounding Areas social / support group. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. Info Box 905 Mountain Home, TN 37684.
- **Metropolitan Community Church** Fridays: Women's Night, 7pm; Men's Night, 7pm. Sundays: worship service, 7pm. Holston Valley Unitarian Church. Info (615) 926-4393.
- **Tri-Cities AIDS Project** (TAP). Support group for care-givers / families of PWAs, HIV+ & ARC, 6:30pm. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Info (615) 928-6101 or 753-9647.

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Chattanooga



- **Chattanooga CARES** Closed support group. Mondays, 6:30pm. Info (615) 266-2422.
- **Gay/Lesbian AA** Open meeting. Unitarian Church, 3224 Navajo Dr. Thursdays, 8pm; No-smoke meeting Saturdays, 7pm.
- **Lesbian & Gay CoDA** Co-Dependents Anonymous. Reflections, Harrison. Sundays, 12:30pm. Info (615) 267-7824.
- **Metropolitan Community Church** Worship service, 3224 Navajo Dr. Sundays, 6:30pm.

Clarksville



- **Clarksville CARES** Support group for HIV+, ARC, AIDS, family & partners. 1st & 3rd Mondays, 3pm. Info (615) 648-7730.

Knoxville



- **aids Response Knoxville** Mondays: PWA support group, 7-8:30pm. Tuesdays: Circle of Love family & friends support group, 8pm. Wednesdays: HIV+ support group, 6:30pm. Info (615) 523-AIDS.
- **Gay and Lesbian Student Union/UTK** Weekly meeting. Tuesdays, 8pm. Info (615) 595-8686.
- **Gay Gratitude Group** Open, nonsmoking Alcoholics Anonymous. Mondays: Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 3219 Kingston Pike, 7pm. Fridays: MCC / Knoxville, 1320 North Central, noon.
- **Lesbian Codependents Anonymous** At aRK offices, 1320 North Central. Fridays, 8pm. Info (615) 933-8393.
- **Metropolitan Community Church** Worship service. Corner Weisgarber & Lonas. Sundays, 6pm. Info (615) 521-6546.
- **UT Gay Christian / Nonchristian Support Group** UT Humanities Bldg 53A. Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Info (615) 584-6934.

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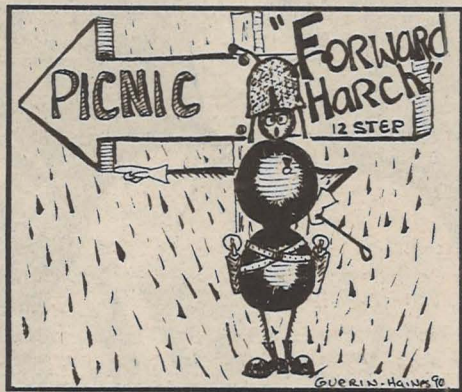
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Hot Dates

+ Big events



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Saturday, May 12
Meeting and picnic 12 STEPS FOR EVERYONE. 1pm. Knoxville. Info (615) 521-6546.

Playshop HOT, HORNY & HEALTHY. Safer sex education. Black & White Men Together / Memphis. 7:30pm. Info (901) 726-1461.

Women's dance Workshop, 10am-2pm, bring bag lunch. Dance, 8pm. At Laurel Theatre, 1538 Laurel Av, Knoxville. Info (615) 688-3428

Friday, May 18
Celebration Election victory celebration. Meet the candidates. Sponsored by Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA). At Warehouse Two, 2529 Franklin Rd, Nashville. Free. 7:30-9:30pm. Info (615) 269-6778.

Monday, May 21
Consciousness raising ME AND PHILLY. Black & White Men Together / Memphis. 7:30pm. Info (901) 726-1461.

Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28
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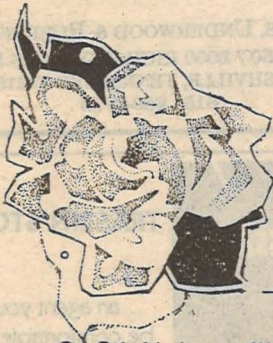
For more information call (615) 343-AIDS

Local Color



STEEL MAGNOLIAS, the Robert Harling play about six women friends and their experiences at Truvy's Beauty Shop in Chinquapin, La., has its Nashville premiere Thursday, May 10 as Tennessee Repertory Theatre presents the comedy/drama at TPAC's Polk Theatre. The cast includes, left to right, Katie Prange as Annelie, Janelle Cochran as Quiser Boudreaux, and Frances Kemp as Clairee Belcher. The show continues through May 26. For ticket information, call (615) 741-2787. — DARE FILE PHOTO

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Memphis

Health Department selects MGLCC as HIV test site

In an effort to reach more people at risk for HIV infection, the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department has designated the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center as an alternative testing and test counseling site in addition to testing at the Health Department.

Testing is offered every Wednesday at the Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The tests and counseling are free of charge.

According to the Health Department, all test results are confidential with anonymous testing available and recommended for individuals who are not required to share their test results with employers or insurance agencies.

"Confidential" means that an individual's test results are given in writing only to that person, whose identity must be verified. Anonymous testing means not even the Health Department need know your real name and results are not written. Tests will take two weeks to process.

Health Department staff will also provide pre- and post-test counseling to explain to individuals the meaning of their HIV status, the proper use of condoms and other safe sex behaviors.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accommodated if time permits. For details call (901) 576-7866. ❖

Nashville

Ultrajazz is back — TDT revives dance performance

The Tennessee Dance Theatre will present their enormously popular Ultrajazz concert

again at the Ace of Clubs, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

First presented last October to sold out crowds, Ultrajazz recreates the world of the "black and silver, uptown Saturday night."

Joining the dancers will be: Beegie Adair, Stan Tucker, Kenny Malone, Craig Nelson, Cindy Reynolds Wyatt, Tim Hubler and vocalist Darlene Shadden.

Tickets are \$10 and are available through Ticketmaster or call Tennessee Dance Theatre at (615) 248-3262. ❖

'Best of Tennessee' crafts exhibit at the Parthenon

The Best of Tennessee crafts is currently on exhibit through June 16 in the central gallery of the Parthenon.

The show is presented by the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

The Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$2.50. ❖

MCSA action continues; Storm forfeits first game

Sunday's MCSA games at Whitfield Park resulted in two shut-outs, one by the Nashville Numbers and the other by Music City Storm.

Music City Storm broke Juanita's Zippers 22-0 in a four inning game while Nashville Numbers upended the C.C. Shooters 16-0. In the first game of the day, the Storm trounced the Warehouse Warriors 20-2.

The Storm forfeited its first game of the season to C.C. Shooters because of an ineligible player.

Current season standings: Music City Storm 6-1; Warehouse Warriors 4-2; Nashville Numbers 4-2; Juanita's Zippers 2-4; and C.C. Shooters 1-6. ❖

Cross Country

compiled by **KAREN MATHIS**
Editorial Assistant

Chicago

Dear Abby rebukes lesbian-baiting mother

Dear Abby rebuked "Mom Forever Sad" in February for whining that she had lost her only daughter to lesbianism after the woman went off to "Lesbian U."

"Young women do not 'become' lesbians as a result of 'bonding' at college or elsewhere," Abigail Van Buren explained.

"The seeds of sexuality are planted much earlier - and there are multiple roots. You need to know much more than I can tell you in a letter, Mom. There is a support group for parents in situations similar to your own, with chapters throughout the country. It's called Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians...Please remember that God made gays just as surely as he made 'straights.' They, too, are God's children and deserve to be understood and loved." ❖

New Orleans

Tulane Law students unveil new gay/lesbian review

The students of Tulane Law School have announced the formation of a new national journal entitled *LAW & SEXUALITY: A REVIEW OF LESBIAN AND GAY LEGAL ISSUES*.

The first law journal in the country to focus exclusively on homosexuality and the law, *LAW & SEXUALITY* aims to keep the community informed of legal developments in the area of gay and lesbian rights, as well as to encourage more creativity in analyzing these issues.

The journal will include theoretical and practical articles by academics and practitioners and a "recent developments" section written by students.

LAW & SEXUALITY will initially be published on a yearly basis beginning in June 1991. ❖

New York City

Uncle Charlie's hit by pipe bomb; three injured

Uncle Charlie's, New York's most well known gay bar, was stricken by a pipe bomb just after midnight Saturday morning, April 28.

The bomb was filled with M-80 firecrackers with an equivalent explosive power to a 1/4 stick of dynamite. Two patrons and one employee were injured in the explosion. Police investigators have ruled out possible anti-gay bias in the bombing, leaving much of the gay community outraged.

Mayor David Dinkins spoke out about the crime and contradicted the police department's version of the incident and referred to the bombing as bias-related. ❖

Fund for Human Dignity hires straight man

The Fund for Human Dignity, a national gay and lesbian educational organization,

announced last week that it has hired Robert Brading, a straight man with no experience in gay and lesbian issues, as the organization's executive director.

Subsequent acting director Gary Henderson was fired on the spot and asked to leave immediately on March 23.

A spokesperson for the organization said Henderson was fired because he was responsible for staff insubordination. Three members have since resigned. ❖

Washington

Civil rights bill celebrates 15th anniversary

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill with a gala reception, June 12.

NGLTF will honor former Congresswoman Bella Abzug, the bill's pioneer sponsor, and Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) and Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), the bill's current chief sponsors.

Feminist humorist Kate Clinton will introduce the honorees.

Gay men and lesbians around the country are invited to attend. For information, call Jaime Grant at (202) 332-6483. ❖

NGLTF sets fourth annual national lobby days

The Fourth National Lobby Days, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will be held in June this year to coincide with gay and lesbian pride events around the country.

The NGLTF Lobby Days are designed to encourage and organize a grassroots lobbying front aimed at the U.S. Congress. The Lobby Days advance the federal gay and lesbian civil rights agenda and expand local activism in the federal legislative process.

This year's Lobby Days will focus on the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill and pending Congressional issues, including AIDS funding and housing, National Endowment for the Arts, immigration reform, military, home rule for the District of Columbia, and others.

For more information on National Lobby Days, contact Peri Jude Radevic at (202) 332-64839. ❖

HRCF makes cancer legislation high priority

The Human Rights Campaign Fund will give women's cancer legislation high priority on its advocacy agenda, according to executive director Tim McFeeley.

Lesbian issues and outreach director Kathleen Stoll explained that cancer is a valid lesbian concern because women who have never had children are at greater risk for certain types of cancer including cervical, ovarian and breast cancer. HRCF plans to work to gain support in Congress for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 1990. The act would provide for grants to states for prevention, health screening and referral services. ❖



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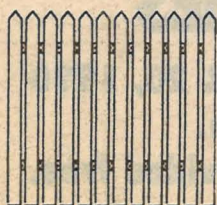
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THE GUARDIAN. Directed by William Friedkin. Starring Jenny Seagrove, Swier Brown, and Carey Lowell. Based on the novel *THE NANNY* by Dan Greenburg. Screenplay by Stephen Volk, Dan Greenburg, and William Friedkin. 1990.

reviewed by FLYNNE MALONE
Staff Writer

In a stroke of incongruous, unseemly timing, director William Friedkin (*THE BOYS IN THE BAND*, *THE EXORCIST*, *THE FRENCH CONNECTION*, *CRUISING*, *TO LIVE AND DIE IN L.A.*) has delivered a paean against trees released the week of Earth Day.

The more I think about *THE GUARDIAN*, the more I hate it. In fact, I want to tear this misogynist monster limb from limb.

Horror really works best when it stems from a core of human experience or apprehension. Creepy cousins closer to our own psyches are scarier because, anthropocentric as we are, our sap rises when issues stem from our reality.

Horror can branch out from other worlds, but effective horror needs a face upon which to fix our fears. *POLTERGEIST* with its mistreated dead spirits, *ALIEN* with its maternity run amok, and *THE EXORCIST* with green and gruesome Linda Blair were successful for this reason.

In *THE GUARDIAN*, however, Friedkin goes way out on a limb with trees that eat babies.

I'm sorry, but the premise is so far-fetched that it simply isn't scary. This tree has no depth or nature. Sure, sure it drags people through the dirt, and drives stakes through their chests, but who is the spirit of this tree?

In actor's parlance, the tree should have asked, "What's my motivation in this film? What are my roots?"

In the beginning, we get some druid mumbo jumbo about spirits in trees — some bad, some good.

Jenny Seagrove (*LOCAL HERO*, *APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH*) is introduced as a nanny who doubles as a druid priestess. She also fetches food in the form of infants for the monster trunk to taste.



When people bark up this wrong tree, timber wolves (no kidding) are its minions to dispatch death. Their bite is worse than their bark, and they have at a dummy or two.

The parents, played by Dwier Brown and Carey Lowell (*LICENSE TO KILL*), finally get hip to the lay of the land, but Friedkin casts the mother as oddly distant and literally sleeping through threats to her newborn child.

Here, the father mothers the child.

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In another false vein to titillate the audience, the nanny is caught bathing by the father. Later he has an explicit, steamy sexual dream about her. Neither of these are really necessary to the plot; they are purely gratuitous to show Seagrove's breasts on camera.

Jenny Seagrove has a startling screen persona.

In this she is oddly present and absent, just as she was in her mermaid-lab technician role in *LOCAL HERO*. I wish she'd get more work that would convey a better sense of the self that's behind those direct blue eyes and freckles.

Friedkin hasn't changed.

He still has cinematic style. Even the garbage can gets a point of view shot with trash heading its way for no apparent purpose.

The threatened infant sees the world through a fish-eye lens, a nice gimmick, but this camera trick isn't consistently used.

The sound track is thick with exaggerated wind and woods noises.

There's a night running sequence that reminds you of the times when, as a child, you could spook yourself just from feeling the pounding in your body and hearing your own hyperventilation in the dark wildness of the out of doors.

The somewhat silly climax involves diaphanous, back lit night flight, a chain saw, and 500 gallons of blood. "Woodman, don't spare that tree!"

Some will say *THE GUARDIAN* is "just a movie," not to be taken too seriously, but I say the real seed of *THE GUARDIAN* is a distrust of Mother and all her earth and female forms.

Go for a walk in the woods and skip this travesty. Leave it for the termites. ✦

Onstage

+ Running around...offensively

• *RUN FOR YOUR WIFE*. By Ray Cooney. Directed by Michael Edwards. Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre. Through May 26.

reviewed by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

There is a lot about the Chaffin's Barn production of Ray Cooney's *RUN FOR YOUR WIFE* to recommend it to prospective audience members.

It's terribly funny, the action clips along at an almost breakneck pace, and the actors are all ingenuous and immensely likable.

Unfortunately, the British farce, transported from the London stage where it's been playing for the past three years, features one of the most offensive and stereotypical gay characters ever seen on stage.

And although I found myself laughing at some of his antics, the character only reinforces many of the prejudicial beliefs too many people have held for generations.

That said, perhaps now I can concentrate on what was really good about the show: wonderful individual performances by a group of remarkably quick-witted actors.

Cooney's farce tells the slightly implausible story of a London taxi driver named John Smith who, for the past several years, has had two wives — Barbara lives in Streatham, Mary in Wimbledon. His duplicity has gone on without much incidence, but because John's such a nice guy (and he intervenes when a woman is being mugged), his cover is about to be blown thanks to the media attention paid to his heroics.

With all the time-honored basics of the British farce, *RUN FOR YOUR WIFE* features all manner of crazy events, harebrained schemes

and near-misses. Directed by Michael Edwards, the action is almost non-stop. Edwards might best be described as a traffic cop, what with the lunacy unleashed on the Chaffin's Barn stage.

John is played engagingly by Clyde Cash, brimming with charm and good-natured sweetness. Mary is played by the always-watchable Donna Wright and Marian Murphy claims the role of Barbara. Both women are delightful, although their accents seem to come and go.

The problem of here again-there again accents seems to plague most of the cast — with a couple of exceptions to be sure. As police sergeants investigating the near-mugging, both Sean McGinty and Johnson West sometimes sound more as if they belong in the Bronx than in London. But both men give such winning portrayals, you tend to look past any problems.

But the top acting honors go to Mark Cabus, whose performance as John's upstairs neighbor Stanley is a highly-charged, hilarious tour de force. Cabus is, at one moment, wildly manic and at the other, coolly reserved (but not for long). We've known for quite some time what a talented actor he is, but with this performance, Cabus proves himself to be a superb comic.

As the offensive dressmaker, Bobby Franklyn, Rob Daniel is effective, virtually bringing down the house with his fey portrayal. As funny as he is, though, the role is still downright offensive, but that's more the fault of the playwright than the actor (who is a bit long in the tooth to do the part).

But despite the problems, *RUN FOR YOUR WIFE* is still an entertaining, if somewhat homophobic, night of theatre. ♦

...AIDS in rural Tennessee

♦ *Continued from page 1*

bringing someone in from outside, to address the needs of AIDS services," said Rita Underhill, education director for the Memphis-based Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC).

Underhill said she believed that the spread of HIV is on the increase in rural areas because "we [ATEAC] are getting more requests for assistance from people who are having to drive a hundred miles to see a doctor in Memphis."

"We need more funding of services and health care in addition to education, and I don't think that has been addressed either on

a national or a local level," she said.

Underhill described the level of AIDS services in rural West Tennessee, "between Nashville and Jackson, and Jackson and Memphis" as "no man's land."

Potter said that a conference is scheduled for mid-July in Washington, D.C., for community AIDS workers and health care professionals to discuss, among other topics, ways to deal with the rise of HIV infection in rural America.

The results of the conference will be published nationally in order to focus nationwide attention on these problems, Potter said. ♦

...Campbell and Alberts

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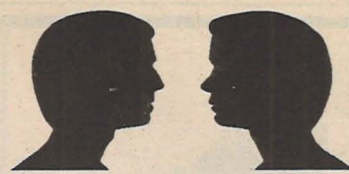
and development director, has been involved with a number of community agencies and successful fund raising events.

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both financially and in volunteerism, from many people," Alberts said.

The decision to hire Campbell and Alberts came during Monday night's meeting of the T-GALA board of directors. The goal of hiring staff members was first announced in late 1989 when the new board was elected.

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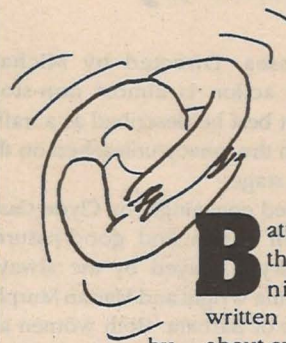
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by
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The painful truths about go

Battering is a taboo subject in the gay and lesbian community. You see very little written about it and it is spoken about even less. If you didn't know better, you would think it did not exist within our community.

But that is not the case at all.

"Gay and lesbian couple battering is at least as common as heterosexual couple battering and possibly even somewhat more prevalent because there is more oppression involved," said Corliss Gober, a Chattanooga counselor.

"The more oppressive a situation is, the greater the potential for maladaptive coping behaviors like battering. It's also talked about less within the gay and lesbian community because gay males and lesbians don't come to treatment settings as frequently or as early as heterosexual couples. This is often based on a prior negative experience with a therapist.

"There is also a lot of denial within the lesbian community that battering exists. It is hard for an avowed feminist to acknowledge that she has taken on the characteristics of the oppressor by battering," Gober said.

According to Nashville counselor Dan Ramey, battering is a taboo subject because people often feel that it is either somehow okay or that it is impossible to stop.

"Many people grew up seeing their mothers being battered and somehow think that it is just a part of relationships. Even if a history of seeing battering does not exist, we in the gay and lesbian community are constantly battered everyday by knowing that the potential exists for someone to call you a queer or gay or whatever, in an aggressive way. Even if it doesn't actually happen, we know the potential for verbal or physical battering is always there. Sometimes we think that if we cannot do anything about this constant battering by strangers, how can we think that we can control battering of any type.

"Often gay males do not even label what they are doing or what is happening to them as battering. And the men who are being battered fear that their friends wouldn't see beyond just the physical abuse, which a man is supposed to take, they think, and see the emotional component. So they just don't talk about it."

Gober agrees: "Gay males are brought up to think that they are supposed to be tough and should be able to take it [battering]. There may be an attitude among his friends, too, that says that he should have just whipped his [batterer's] rear end back and not let it happen."

"Women in general are not paid equally to men and are given a less than equal status in society, so often they feel battering is just part of the deal. And often lesbians are mothers as well and run the risk of losing their children if they make waves."

"Gay and lesbian battering is very similar to the battering of women by heterosexual men," Ramey said. "Society sanctions or overlooks the physical, emotional and financial battering of people in certain societal positions. This holds especially true for women and gay and lesbian people. Domestic violence laws are very specific about when and how the police can intervene and state that there must be evidence of physical abuse to act.

"The two most common places for injuries in a battering situation with a woman are the vaginal area and the mouth. The batterer sexually batters and violates her to degrade her and then hits her in the mouth to shut her up so she won't talk back or talk abusively to him.

"**THE CONTROL ISSUE** is very important in a battering situation, too. The batterer is always trying to maintain control over another person and uses battering to do it and then finds that battering still does not meet that need because no one can totally control another person. So the batterer keeps on battering. He or she de-empowers someone so he/she can be in control.

"This control factor is so strong," Ramey said, "that most women who are killed by their heterosexual partners are killed when they are in the process of leaving or after than have left. The batterer feels that he has lost his ability to control then, so he does something even more violent. The batterer wants to keep the person around to batter."

Although there are similar dynamics between heterosexual and homosexual battering, there are some differences that can compound the problem, too.

Ramey said, "Most gay men and lesbians already have some sense of hiding their relationship even if

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they are very out in the community. We often cannot go down the street holding hands or kiss in a restaurant that is not gay. So we develop an internal sense of self protection. Some gay men and lesbians are hiding a sense of guilt or shame about being gay as well. This then may come out as a battering situation to gain some amount of control over the relationship."

Gober said, "There are differences in lesbian couple battering versus heterosexual couple battering. One difference is that in the lesbian relationship, the lover assumes the role of lover, mother, sister, best friend—*everything*. She often has little or no outside support and it is harder to get out of a battering situation. A heterosexual woman may have those outside support systems in place and it makes it somewhat easier.

"Another difference is the physical strength. In gay male and lesbian battering, you usually have two people of similar physical strength so they are somewhat equals. So what happens is that the batterer has the psychological advantage," Gober said.

Ramey explained, "At the core of battering is the execution of power, control and abuse of another person. Gay and lesbian couple battering has some similar dynamics to heterosexual couple battering and them some additional facets that make it difficult to control."

Chemical dependency within the gay and lesbian community adds further fuel to the flame of battering. Ramey added.

"Chemical abuse certainly does not cause battering, but it may lower the inhibitions of the batterer so he or she goes ahead and batters. Some people also use chemicals, drugs or alcohol, to free themselves enough to vent anger and this may lead to a battering situation."

BATTERING HAS MANY faces in addition to physical assault upon another person.

Ramey said, "Battering is not necessarily just the action of hitting someone or contingent upon the number of times someone is hit. It isn't even a matter of who hits first or who is hurt the most. Battering carries with it an emotional, relationship quality that is abusive.

"I always ask couples in a battering relationship how they feel when

battering goes on. Usually the victim feels fear and the batterer feels anger. There's the difference.

"Among several components of battering are physical assault, threat of physical assault, financial exploitation, psychological and emotional abuse, using children, sexual battering and the threat of the batterer to harm himself.

"Psychological abuse includes things like constant denigrating the other person: 'You're too fat. My last partner was overweight, you know.' Or doing things like stalking or following the victim. It may include threats or the actions of dragging someone out of the closet to their employers, landlords, parents or children.

"Using children in a battering situation is usually more common in lesbian circles. It involves threats or actions telling children about their parents being gay, or telling authorities that the parent is gay, risking custody of the child.

"Sexual battering includes forcible sex, rape, unsafe sexual practices or harassing someone to do something unsafe sexually.

"Financial battering includes exploitation or threats to tell the landlord or that if the victim doesn't do what the batterer wants, they will find their clothes out in the street, or stealing from the victim.

"The threat the batterer makes that he will harm himself if the victim doesn't do what he wants is also battering. They may say, 'If you don't come back, I'll kill myself.' This is very controlling."

If someone is being battered, Ramey said that it is important first, to understand that the batterer, not the victim, is the problem.

"People want to make excuses for the batterer. They may say that because he was drunk, or high, or if I didn't antagonize him or if I did what he wanted, I wouldn't be battered. This is wrong.

"Make the batterer responsible for his or her own actions. He or she needs the consequences to acknowledge what he is doing. Excusing the batterer minimizes the effects of what he is doing. In my experience, it usually takes an outside force to make a batterer come to realize the problem. I have never had a batterer come to treatment solely on his own. Usually there was a consequence that forced him to seek help." ♦



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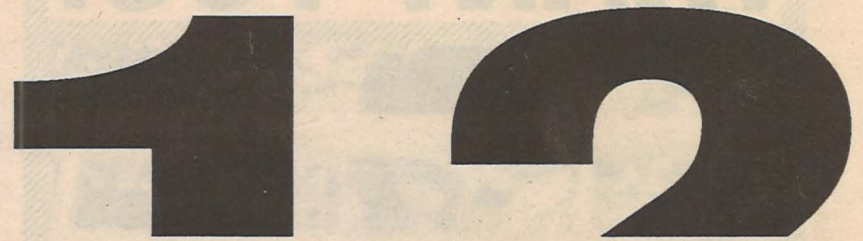
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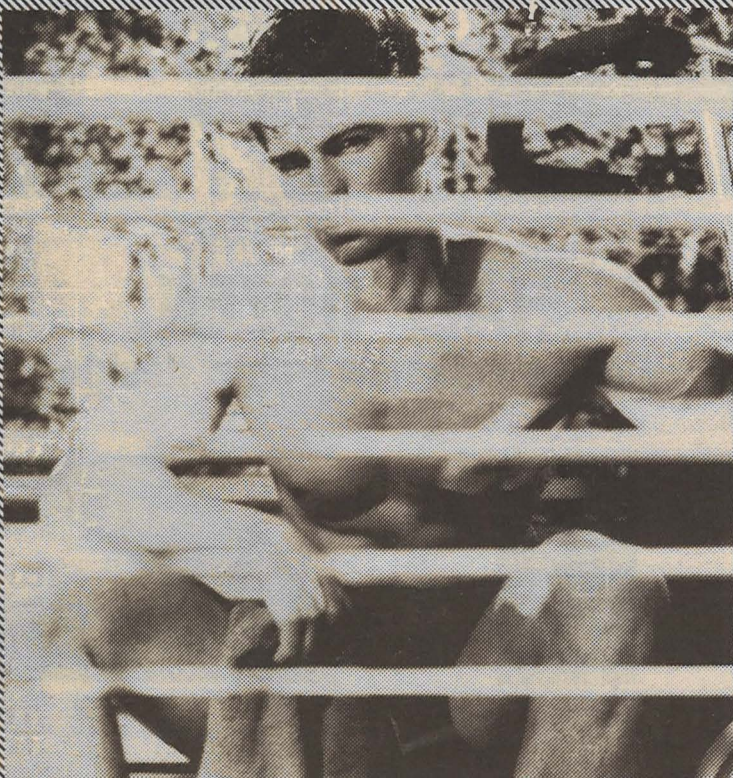
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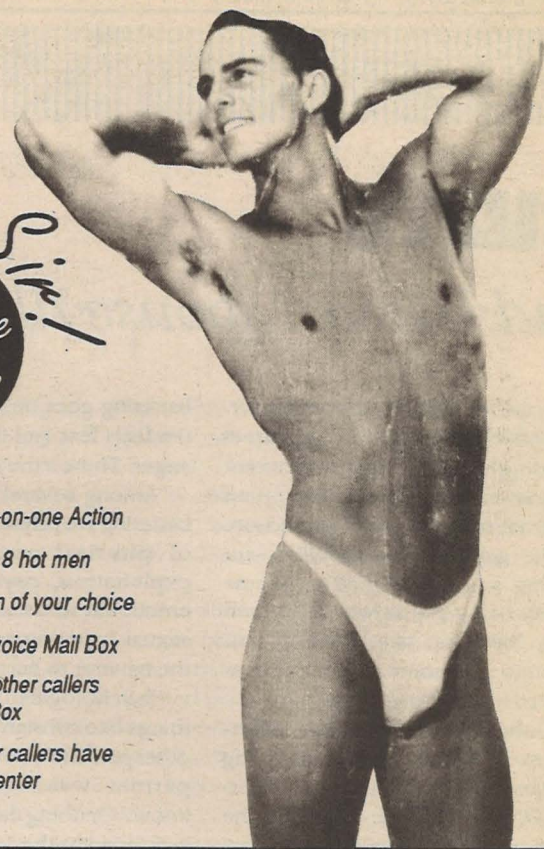
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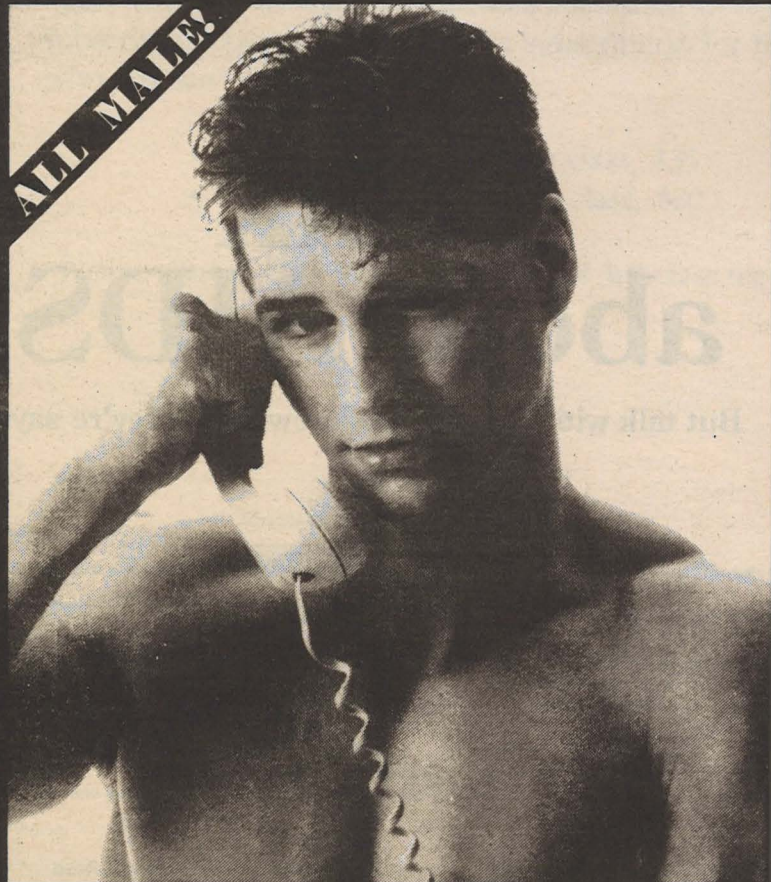
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• GWM, 22, sks GWM 18-40 not into bar scene and likes romantic evenings, has good sense of humor. Full-length photo would be nice. No druggies. I'm lonely. I'll be waiting 4 you. McMinnville. Dare DRAWER 95

• Yo gigolo KY: Just say no!!

• GWM 41, 6ft, 200 work out regularly, don't smoke or do drugs; grad student in English, finishing degree. Masc, quiet, healthy, not into bars, out looking for serious-minded man for friendship, maybe more. Reply: RHA, Box 4465 B, Nashville 37235.

• GWM, 29, 5'8" 140lbs, br/gr very attractive (Monty Clift type) smart, sincere, honest healthy hi-caliber Vandy guy sks similar 22-32 for 1-on-1. Do you exist? Pls be gay, single, masc smoker in good shape. No photo, no reply. Dare DRAWER 94

• Holly—North to Alaska - Feh!! Go, do, see, experience, work, travel, play - Come home. Say "Hi!" to Mom & Dad & do a humpie for me! I love you, Anne. P.S. Don't forget my t-shirts, prints, puppy...

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• GWM, 43, was gay in 'Nam. Lkng for same to share

where we were, where we've been and where we can go. All answered: this is for support group. Dare DRAWER 93

• Lonely GWM, 22, 5'5", 120, dark brown hair, blue eyes, sks GWM 18-40 who enjoys romantic evenings, not into the bar scene & who likes to cuddle, with a good sense of humor. Full length photo pls. No drugs. Dare DRAWER 92

• GWM — very hairy, 37, chubby but handsome sks chaser age 25-45 also GWM for fun, friendship & possible more. I don't drink or drug, own my home & wish to share. Tony, Box 4636 Nashville 37216.

• GWM, 26, 5'8", 155, br/bl, tired of bars. Enjoy a quiet evening at home, movies, theatre. Sks GWM 25-40 who enjoys the same. Prefer well-built masculine man. Photo, phone. Dare DRAWER 91

• GWF, 32, outdoorsy, athletic, artistic, prof., sks similar. Loves lazy days sharing each other. Is there a caring, bright, sensitive woman anywhere? Dare DRAWER 90

• GWM, 26, 5' 8-1/2", lking for sincere male who loves life, music & fun. Want totally monogamous relationship. If you live in Knoxville & want the same, write me. Photos appreciated, but not necessary. Phone # must. Dare DRAWER 89

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serious minded man for friendship, maybe more. RHA, Box 4465 B, Nashville 37235

• Janice, oh ye matron of Clark Hall: It's a thrill to hear again. Don't forget to call when you're in town.

• Jeff M. of Morristown: Do you remember that wonderful time when we...oh, never mind, that wasn't you. Next time, you can be the man. Craig,

• GWM, 35, bl/bl, attr, quiet sks sim who enjoys quiet evening at home, walks in the park, animals, home-cooking & want to share these. Not lking 4 1-night stand or the bars. Positive friendship, poss relationship only. Photo/phone. Dare DRAWER 88

• Lisa baby, you keep me going! Believe me summer is looking wild. I'll meet you here, there & everywhere. — T


• Boy KY: There's no sharing now: you belong in my bed. Will you marry me? Nothing compares 2 u, baby. June 24 is just around the corner, and the 4s and 8s are stacking up. Still missing you & George.

• Denise — Your great grandmother's ring fits me as perfectly as you do. I believe in us. — 314, D

• GWM 6' br/bl 36 ints reading, movies, plays, travel, talk, sks sim friendship or relationship possibilities. All responses will be answered. Dare DRAWER 87

• Denise: U are wonderful!! Things r crazy now, but hang baby, the best is yet 2 come! u will c. — Trina

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1. In the last four months, which of the following Dare news stories did you find most interesting/provocative? (Check four)

- Bill clears senate hurdle
- ETSU students organize
- ATEAC auction raises \$25,000
- Lawmakers debate state handicap law
- Police identify victim; Overstreet found in Lake
- Vanderbilt CAB gives approval to policy
- Commission issues first report to Bush
- GALAPAC calls for more AIDS money
- Dreams of summer fun end in tragedy
- No funds available; future dicey for Lentz program
- Unsolved murders; 4 killed since '88
- T-GALA gives support; primary May 1
- President signs hate crimes bill
- Commentary: AIDS WALK 1990
- Mapplethorpe exhibit mired in controversy
- Tennesseans celebrate lesbian/gay pride week
- Nutrition guide published
- Bush ends AIDS silence
- Cops: 'still no suspects'
- AIDS WALK set for April 21
- NGLTF board in Tennessee
- Knoxville police arrest 8; cops go undercover
- Burglar attacks David Adams
- Trio still not linked to Sibert murder
- Memphis gay/lesbian parents organize
- Are poppers dangerous?
- Reports of lesbians/gay men executed in Iran
- \$6.5 million grant will enable vaccine trials to continue
- '90 Census to tally unmarried couples
- Reports of 'gay-bashing' episodes sought for study
- Baptists: 'practice what you preach'
- Federal hate crimes statistics act adopted
- Fourth annual ATEAC auction scheduled
- Scholarships offered to T-GALA members
- Crone in Tennessee to promote NLC
- Civil rights groups demonstrate
- Schlafly, Weddington debate abortion issue
- McDonald bans peep shows in Knoxville
- T-GALA elects Rubenfeld, Fisher co-chairs
- Warehouse 28 sold

- Legalization of same sex marriages
- Attorney General issues porn opinion

2. In the past four months, which of the following Dare feature stories did you find most interesting/provocative?

- Unmasking the double standard: married and gay
- Take us out to the ball game
- Why are we co-dependent?
- Bisexuality: double your pleasure, double your fun?
- Living with AIDS: Jim Grooms and Ray Ankrum
- The Art of the Possible: Darlene Shadden
- The Art of the Possible: Jan Lynch
- Clothespin Fever Press
- Welcome to Camp Humor
- The Children's Hour — Lillian Hellman's play
- One in Teen — Support and solutions

3. Below is a list of regular features that appear in Dare. Please rank in order of preference, with number one being your favorite, number 16 your least favorite.

- Marketplace — classified and personal ads
- Pages — book reviews and news
- Onstage — play reviews and theatre news
- Persistence of Vision — film reviews and movie news
- Soapbox — columns from various writers
- Gaybriefs — opinion column by Jim Roche
- Definitions — column by Nancy Lyn Define
- Loose Lips — quotes from the famous and not-so-famous
- Centerpiece — feature stories about various topics
- AIDS Update — news and information
- Big events — news of upcoming non-profit events
- Local Color — news of local happenings
- Cross Country — news from around the U.S.
- Our House — cartoons by Leslie Guerin-Haines
- Stonewall Riots — cartoons by Andrea Natalie
- In Focus — column by Carlton Cornett

4. Below are a number of topics and issues covered with varying degrees of frequency by Dare. Please place an "X" next to topics

- you find most interesting or provocative; circle topics you find least interesting or provocative.
- Art/photo exhibits
 - Bar life
 - Book reviews
 - Female impersonation
 - Humor
 - Parenting
 - Disability rights
 - Anti-pornography forces
 - Discrimination in the armed forces
 - Lesbian health issues
 - Gay men's health issues
 - AIDS
 - Religious organizations
 - Abortion issues
 - Lesbian/gay history
 - Film reviews
 - Theatre reviews
 - Sodomy legislation
 - Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance
 - National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
 - Nashville Lambda Communications
 - Interviews with authors
 - Interviews with activists
 - Investigative pieces
 - Anti-lesbian/gay violence
 - Bisexual issues
 - Racial minorities
 - Memphis Gay Alliance
 - Chattanooga Gay and Lesbian Alliance
 - Student lesbian/gay organizations
 - Courtroom battles
 - Police harassment
 - Leather, S and M
 - Political happenings in Tennessee
 - Political happenings in the U.S.
 - Chattanooga events
 - Nashville events
 - Knoxville events
 - Memphis events
 - Statewide events
 - Tri-Cities events
 - Crime investigations
 - Coming out stories
 - Recovery stories
 - Teen lesbian/gay stories
 - Feminist movement
 - Regional news
 - National news
 - State news
5. How informative or resourceful is Dare for members of the gay male community?
- Very informative/resourceful
 - Informative/resourceful
 - Somewhat informative/resourceful
 - Not very informative/resourceful
 - Not at all informative/resourceful
6. How informative or resourceful is Dare for the lesbian community?
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 - Informative/resourceful
 - Somewhat informative/resourceful
 - Not very informative/resourceful
 - Not at all informative/resourceful
7. How informative or resourceful is Dare about AIDS?
- Very informative/resourceful
 - Informative/resourceful
 - Somewhat informative/resourceful
 - Not very informative/resourceful
 - Not at all informative/resourceful
8. Is reading Dare an important part of your week?
- Yes, very important
 - Yes, important
 - Somewhat important
 - Not that important
 - Not at all important
9. Where do you get your information about the lesbian/gay community in Tennessee? (Check all that apply.)
- Dare
 - GAZE
 - THE ADVOCATE
 - MCC/Knoxville newsletter

- MCC/Tri-Cities newsletter
- Nashville Lambda Communications
- T-GALA NEWSLETTER
- A NEWSLETTER, Nashville Women's Alliance
- LAVENDER NOTES, MCC-Nashville
- Mainstream daily paper _____
- Alternative newspaper (i.e. THE LOAFER, MEMPHIS FLYER, NASHVILLE SCENE) _____
- Television mainstream news
- Other lesbian/gay papers _____

READER'S PERSONAL PROFILE

10. In the last year, which of the following types of businesses or services have you supported? Circle all that apply, then indicate number of times during the last year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto repair service | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar/dance club | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Video store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical fitness club | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair salon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone sex line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing store | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation / travel business | <input type="checkbox"/> Florist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance/financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mail order business | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/mental health services | |

11. How many people besides you regularly read or look into your latest copies of Dare?

- none 1 2 3 more

12. How long have you been reading Dare?

- Less than 1 month
- 1-6 months
- 6 months-1 year
- More than 1 year
- More than 2 years

13. How likely would you be to use the products or services of Dare advertisers?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not that likely
- Not at all likely

14. Which of the following have you done in the last year?

- Purchased any product or service advertised in Dare?
- Mentioned to others businesses you saw advertised in Dare?
- Placed or responded to a Dare display ad?
- Placed or responded to a Dare classified ad?

15. How politically active are you?

- Very politically active
- Somewhat politically active
- Not politically active at all

18. How would you describe your sexual orientation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual |

19. How old are you?

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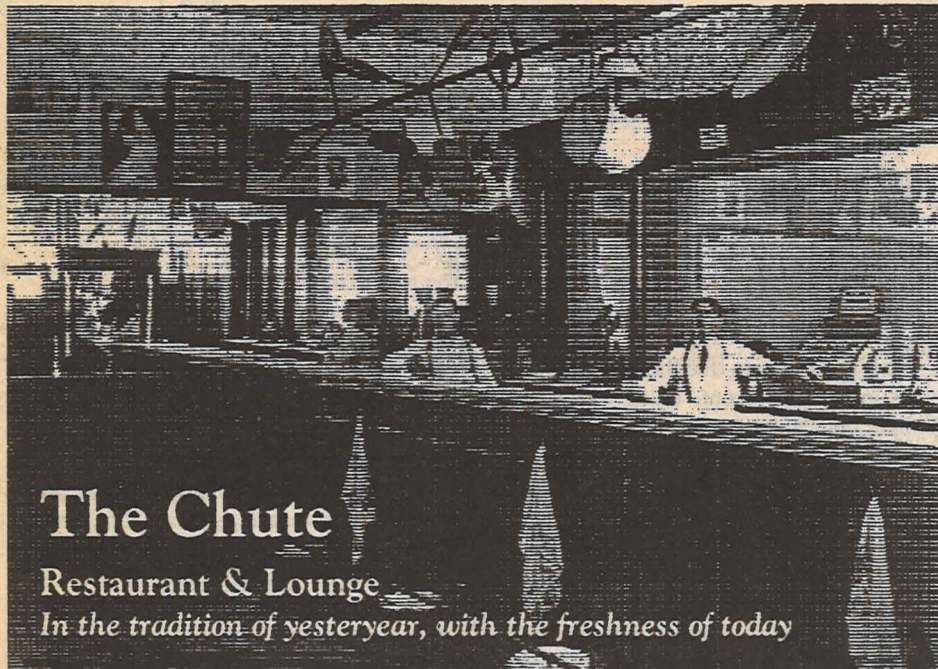
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21. Education (indicate highest level):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Night/extension school | |

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23. What is your zip code? _____



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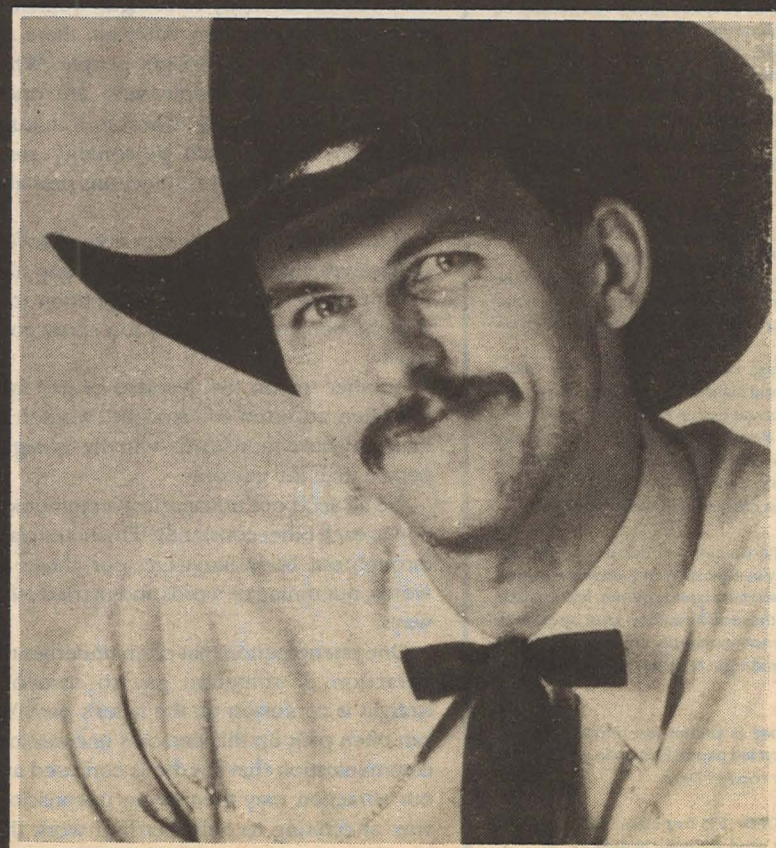
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✦ Addressing some difficult questions

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Some of the most common questions that lesbians and gay men ask concern relationships. In the heterosexual world there are role models (although often unhealthy role models) to use as guides in developing and maintaining relationships.

Lesbians and gay men have few socially sanctioned relationship modes; in fact, the primary message that lesbians and gay men receive from society is that they are incapable of maintaining an intimate relationship.

There are a number of reasons that this image is fostered by heterosexual society, including a need for lesbians and gay men to be seen as different from straights (the "If they're just like us what does that mean about us?" response).

Another reason for the reinforcement of this image is the promulgation of a mythic image of heterosexual relationships — lifelong monogamy. Although not borne out by any research, it is a myth that dies hard.

When it comes to relationships, lesbians and gay men are often charting a course through unknown seas. Questions asked about relationships often involve an attempt to chart the potential rocks.

I just realized that I am only attracted to "straight" men. What's wrong with me?

Nothing's wrong. That's the first important thing to realize about relationships of whatever persuasion; there are no "rights" or "wrongs."

It is more helpful to think in terms of "Am I meeting my needs in this way?" The phenomenon of being lesbian or gay and attracted occasionally to straight women or men is not uncommon. After all, there are some very attractive straight people. When we meet straight people who are open, accepting and loving there is a natural attraction. Add to that personality some physical beauty and the attractions probably increases.

By the way, many straight people often find themselves attracted to lesbians or gay men for the same reason. So, attractions to a straight woman or man may just show good taste.

Another reason that lesbians or gay men are often attracted to "straight" women or men may have more to do with the "straight" person than the gay one.

We all send out unconscious communication to each other constantly. This takes place through our body language, our choice of words, our timing or words and myriad other ways.

One phenomenon that often underlies the attraction of someone gay to someone straight is confusion on the latter's part. We can often pick up this person's unconscious communication that she/he is confused and our attraction may then be an unconscious way of offering to help her/him work that confusion out.

There are other reasons that one might be attracted to straight people. If one is attracted

solely to straight people it may mean several things. There are two common reasons for this pattern.

First, it may mean that there is a difficulty with intimacy present; being attracted to people unavailable to us certainly regulates how much closeness and intimacy we achieve. Put simply, there are a lot of people, gay, straight and bisexual, who are frightened of closeness.

If you've grown up in a household where you learned that to be close meant to be hurt, you probably don't want to continue repeating that cycle. So, the best people to be attracted to (at least in terms of their safety" are those who are unavailable. Safety is important. Before we can do anything else in our lives we must feel physically and emotionally safe.

However, what prompts the questions is a desire to move beyond just safety to fulfillment. To do this may require some help from a professional.

Another possible reason for sole attraction to heterosexual people may be a form of internalized homophobia. If, on some level, we are guilty, ashamed or frightened of our sexuality then we may seek out unavailable partners to emotionally punish ourselves or to prevent ourselves from acting on our sexuality.

Our unconscious reasons that if we do not act out our orientation through sex then we may not have to completely accept our identity as a lesbian or gay man. Again, this is an issue which may require some help to work out.

My lover wants me to meet her family and get to know them. I'm a little scared of that — is my discomfort normal?

Meeting in-laws is generally a little anxiety producing. It helps if there is open communication between all parties about the relationship (the parents in question know that their daughter/son is bringing home a lover rather than a "guest" or "friend").

If there is not overt communication about the relationship then there is the added tension of attempting to maintain a front as to

the nature of the relationship.

Other issues that present themselves on visits to in-laws include: jealousy (when your lover chooses to spare family feelings over yours by pointing out that you'll "be glad to sleep in separate bedrooms"), competition with your lover's parents about where loyalty is to lie (this can be inflamed by statements from your lover such as "Sure I'll be here for Christmas") and, most of all, self-doubts about whether you'll be liked.

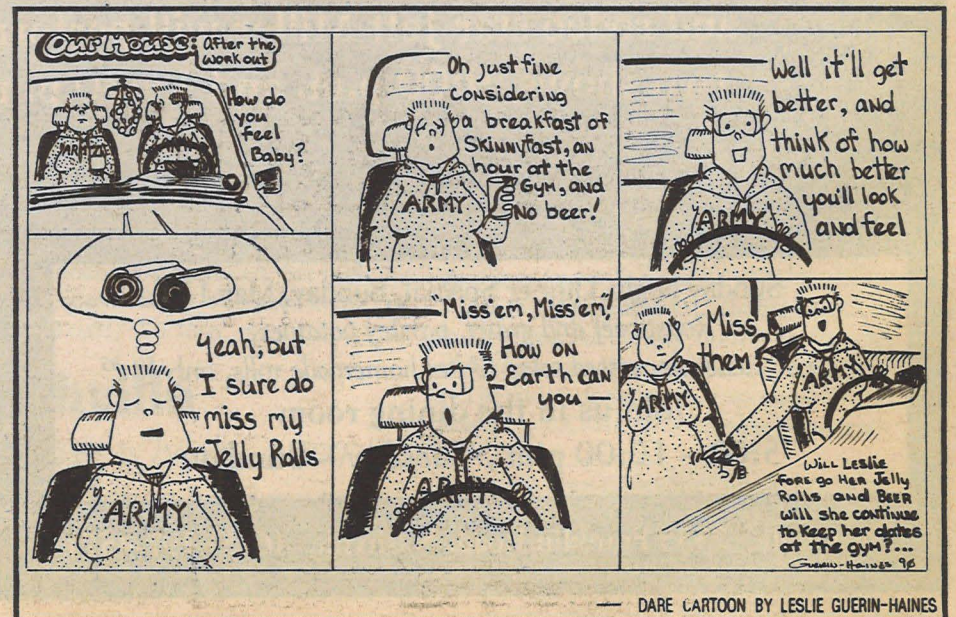
These are not insurmountable problems, provided that you and your lover talk about them. If you share your anxiety and ask for reassurance when you need it, the experience will be a much more pleasant one. One other thing worth bearing in mind is that your lover carries around her (or his) parents in her head as we all do (our parents form a very important part of our unconscious and shape our values, ideals and conscience. If you passed with that set of parents (which obviously you have or your lover would not be your lover) you have passed the most critical test.

There are also some positives to visiting in-laws. Here is an opportunity to do some observation about the kind of environment in which your lover developed. It can give you a great deal of information about how her values, tastes and idiosyncrasies were shaped. In other words, it may give you a new way to look at your lover's annoying little quirks, habits and defenses.

Seeing the environment from which your lover grew may give a new perspective on old and bothersome problems like why your lover hates it when you joke about her weight (because her father makes numerous references to her body size and his pet names for her are "dumpling" and "pumpkin").

The potential for growth is present in trips to meet with your lover's family if you and your lover communicate and you're open to the experience as a way of learning more about your lover. ✦

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Loose Lips

✦ If it's in the 'Enquirer'...

"I was John Travolta's gay lover."

— Former PLAYGIRL male nude model (and sometime porn star) Paul Barresi, revealing, "in a world exclusive NATIONAL ENQUIRER interview the image-smashing story of his two-year affair with the SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER star." Hell, they even copyrighted this one.

"He was taking a shower the first time he met Travolta. The star was lunching with actress Debra Winger when he spotted Barresi outside the restaurant — and while Debra waited, John followed him into a health club and arranged a date...while Barresi was stark naked in the shower!

"They started a sizzling affair that night — and John paid him the going rate for a day's work in a porn movie, \$400, each time they got together.

"Travolta and Barresi had sex 'dozen of times' during the two years, while John carried on romances with Winger, Olivia Newton-John and TAXI star Marilu Henner — and he once had Barresi leave a Hawaiian love nest just before Marilu's arrival.

"John often talked about the three glamorous stars while in bed with Barresi — and said Debra was a laugh-a-minute, Olivia the sweet, motherly type...and Marilu the 'sexiest woman in the world.'

"The star like to listen to lurid details of Barresi's sexual conquests on porn screens and off and even called him for 'phone sex' — having Barresi tell him sexy stories that turned him on.

"Travolta admitted he had a 'big crush' on Burt Reynolds — and had Barresi arrange a meeting with another male porn star!"

— All of the best dirt from the ENQUIRER. We know what you're thinking. Several weeks ago we said we were cancelling our subscriptions to the tabloids. Well, we needed some bon-bons and while we were on line at the market, we saw this gorgeous picture of John...and, well, you understand...don't you?

"I'm not gay."

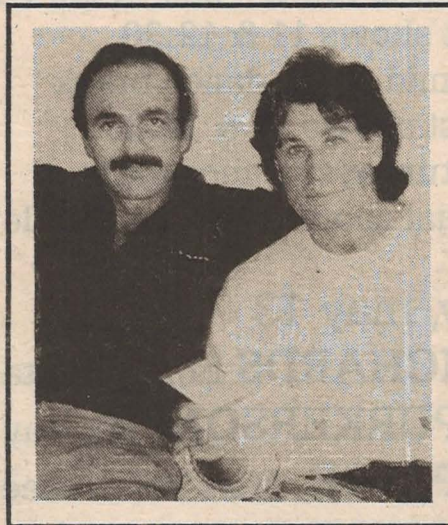
— Prince Edward, responding to British tabloid stories about his friendship with a male actor. Yeah, sure. And neither is his boyfriend.

"An outwardly strong and respected union shop steward is, in fact, a tortured homosexual. A young transvestite flaunts his swishiness before the local toughs and then eases his self-loathing by shooting himself up with heroin."

— From Owen Gleiberman's review of LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN, which appeared in the May 4 issue of ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY.

"Commander — a woman with a good-size appetite and no fancy airs — is particularly appealing (though her references to 'queers,' 'fruits,' and 'fairies' violate the character's basic live-and-let-live spirit and make you wonder why Dallas made both of the book's least-appealing characters either suspected or actual homosexuals."

— George Hodgman, reviewing Sandra



John Travolta. An old trick decides to make a few bucks by kissing and telling. But do inquiring minds really want to know? — DARE FILE PHOTO

Dallas' new book *BUSTER MIDNIGHT'S CAFE*, in the May 4 ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY.

"For reasons which we may never fully understand, Ryan's life was set on a course that no one could predict and which we could do so precious little to affect....We owe it to Ryan to make sure that the fear and ignorance that chased him from his home and school will be eliminated. We owe it to Ryan to open our hearts and minds to those with AIDS. We owe it to Ryan to be compassionate, caring and tolerant toward those with AIDS, their families and friends."

— Former president Ronald Reagan, eulogizing Ryan White in THE WASHINGTON POST.

"Here you've got somebody who did nothing to help [Ryan White] when he was president now suddenly rallying in talk about 'compassion.' I think its absolutely egregious hypocrisy and Ronald Reagan should be ashamed of himself."

— Journalist Randy Shilts (author of *AND THE BAND PLAYED ON*) on Ronald Reagan's WASHINGTON POST op-ed tribute to Ryan White. Reagan opposed legislation proposed by his own AIDS commission that would have banned the kind of discrimination faced by White.

"To be part of something where, just like in TOUR OF DUTY, life and death circumstances are an everyday occurrence is rare."

— Actor Stephen Caffrey, commenting on his role in the film *LONGTIME COMPANION* — about the effects of the AIDS epidemic on a group of gay male friends — to us magazine. The brief article is quick to note that Caffrey (late of *ALL MY CHILDREN*) met his girlfriend Tia Carerre doing the CBS Vietnam war series *TOUR OF DUTY*. His publicist, we feel certain, would have approved. We, on the other hand, weren't impressed. We have "girlfriends" ourselves. Yessiree, boboblinko!

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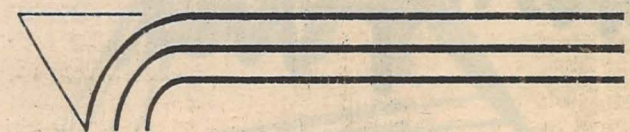
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