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Tennessee sodomy law debated

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Efforts by legislators to revise the Tennessee Criminal Code are one step closer to being realized as lawmakers last Friday introduced a bill in the state senate based on the findings of the state's sentencing commission.

The commission's report includes proposals that would "eliminate archaic language" in the state's criminal code, according to Nashville attorney David Raybin, chair of the subcommittee which forwarded the report to Capitol Hill.

"We filed the bill on Friday in the senate and are still seeking new co-sponsors in the house of representatives and in the senate," said Sue B. Cain, executive director of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission. "We're now ready for the report to be considered in committee."

Among the proposed revisions is a change in the state sodomy law which would eliminate language regarding heterosexual "crimes against nature," but would specifically criminalize all sexual acts between two persons of the same sex.

The state house of representatives' version of the bill is expected to be filed next Thursday, according to 90th District Rep. Karen Williams (R-Memphis), one of the bill's primary sponsors.

Gov. Ned McWherter last week seemingly gave the report his stamp of approval, indicating he was pleased with the proposed increases in sentences for major crimes.

McWherter and his staff met last Friday with members of the commission to discuss details



Edward Lear, Victorian homosexual, painter, travel writer and author of *The Owl and the Pussycat*. Lear is the subject of a new biography by Susan Chitty, reviewed on page 5. —PORTRAIT OF EDWARD LEAR BY WILHELM MARSTRAND

of the report. Afterwards, the governor told reporters he would probably hold another meeting before deciding whether to fully support passage of the recommendations by the legislature.

Most of the attention of the media and politicians has focused on revisions in sentencing standards, some of which were designed to help alleviate current overcrowding in state prisons.

"From what I'd heard about it, I found it much more acceptable than I thought it would be," McWherter said. "I was pleased to learn that on some of the major crimes — murder one, murder two, armed robbery — they have

increased the mandatory sentencing requirements."

Passage of the massive bill, however, will not be an easy task, according to both lawmakers and political observers.

"Even in a year when everyone was not so tense, this would be a difficult undertaking," Williams said.

"There is a lot of public pressure to lock folks up. If you look at the proposed revisions against what the code presently says, it looks like a lot of changes are in store. But when you compare it to what's actually going on, it shows some ups and downs in sentencing," she said. continued on page 3

Kowalski and Thompson meet again

by DEBORAH BURKS
Staff Writer

Karen Thompson was allowed to visit her lover Sharon Kowalski Thursday for the first time since August, 1985. The visit, termed by gay and lesbian activists a "significant victory" in this case, was facilitated by a new court order issued in late December by Minnesota Judge Robert Campbell.

Kowalski and Thompson have been separated since Kowalski was severely injured in an automobile accident which occurred in 1983. At the time of the accident, the women had been lovers for four years and had purchased a home together. Kowalski's father, Donald Kowalski, was appointed her guardian in 1984 and has refused to allow Thompson to visit Kowalski. Since then, Thompson has waged a legal battle to obtain better care and rehabilitation for Kowalski and also to have their life together restored.

The new ruling by Judge Campbell came at a hearing on the results of the competency testing of Kowalski. The competency testing was requested by Thompson and was conducted last September. The judge's order recommended that "Ms. Kowalski be placed into a long-term rehabilitation facility to look particularly at her communication skills and also to assess the situation concerning her family and significant other relationship."

Two weeks ago, Kowalski was moved to Miller-Dwan Clinic in Duluth, Minnesota. Under the new order, Sharon may request visitors but they must be approved by her doctors. continued on page 4

ABA backs les/gay rights law

by SHERRE DRYDEN
Book Editor

The American Bar Association (ABA), the largest lawyers' group in the country, voted Monday to support a resolution calling for laws banning discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

The 350,000-member ABA's policy-making House of Delegates, meeting in Denver, approved the resolution 251-121. The House of Delegates, which has twice refused to adopt the resolution, called for federal, state and local laws "prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodation."

Abby Rubinfeld, a Nashville attorney and former legal director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, praised the action.

"The resolution is very significant. Symbolically, it's very important and it will have great

practical application," she said.

Rubinfeld noted that the resolution passed by a wide margin. "We expected to win, but not by that much. This issue came up in 1983 and we lost by 24 [votes]. In 1985, we lost by 9. This time, we had great institutional support. The measure was introduced by the new president-elect of the ABA," Rubinfeld said.

Proponents of the measure said that its passage would add weight to arguments for civil-rights protection for gay men and lesbians, noting that several states and cities already have such legislation.

The often-emotional debate sparked charges by opponents of the measure that the ABA was promoting "perversion" and "the corruption of children," according to Associated Press reports. A South Carolina delegate claimed it "encouraged a federal statute that will invade the rights of every American." •

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Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272 9459.

Thursdays

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 meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30pm. Info 901 272 9459.
Into the Light (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 276 7379.

Fridays

Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 10pm. Info 901 272 9459.

Saturdays

Twisted Sisters (ACOA) Open meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. Noon. Info 901 276 7379.
Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272 9459.

Sundays

Agape New Life Church Sunday School, 9:30am. Worship service, 11am. Info 901 276 1872.
Holy Trinity Community Church Worship service, 11am. 1216 Forrest Ave. Info 901 276 9443.
Into the Light (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. Noon. Info 901 276 7379.
Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272 9459.

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Mondays

Gay Overeaters Anonymous Open meeting for lesbian and gay overeaters. MCC, 5:30pm. Info 615 327 4614.
Nashville CARES HIV Education/Support Group, 6:30pm. ARC/AIDS Support Group, bimonthly, 6:30pm. Family Support Group, bimonthly, 6:30pm. Info 615 385 1510.
Lambda Group Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church. 8pm.
MAGNET (Married and Gay Network) Support group for married gay men. 1st & 3rd Mondays only. MCC. 8pm. Info 615 320 0288.

Tuesdays

Al-Anon Closed meeting, MCC. 6:30pm.
Nashville CARES ARC/AIDS Support Group, 4pm. Info 615 385 1510.
Sober Sisters (Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting, MCC. 8pm.
Gay Cable Network Viacom Channel 35 (Community Access Television). 9pm.

Wednesdays

Sex Addicts Anonymous Closed meeting for gay men and lesbians. MCC. 5:30pm.
Nashville CARES ARC/AIDS Support Group, 6:30pm. Info 615 385 1510.
MTSU Lambda Association Meeting for lesbian and gay Middle Tennessee State University students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Murfreesboro. 7pm. Info 615 890 3787.

Thursdays

Gay Overeaters Anonymous Open meeting for lesbian and gay overeaters. MCC, 5:30pm. Info 615 327 4614.
Nashville CARES Visualization Group, 6:30pm. Info 615 385 1510.
Vanderbilt Lambda Association Meeting for gay and lesbian Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and alumni. President's House, Peabody Campus, alternates weekly with Film Series (see Special Events). 7pm. Info 615 297 5352.
Alternatives (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting for lesbians and gay men. MCC. 8pm.
Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Meeting. 8pm. Info 615 385 4776 or 615 352 5873.

Fridays

Sexaholics Anonymous Closed meeting, MCC. 5pm.
Gay Parents Support Group Meeting, MCC. 1st Friday only. 7pm. Info 615 831 2941 or 615 320 0288.
Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group Meeting, Belmont United Methodist. 7:30 pm.

Saturdays

Nashville CARES HIV/ARC Support Group, bimonthly. 4pm. Info 615 385 1510.
Metropolitan Community Church Mortgage Meal, all you can eat. 7:30pm. \$5.
Gay Cable Network Viacom Channel 35 (Community Access Television). 8pm.

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church Worship services, 11am and 7pm. Info 615 320 0288.

Special Events

Saturday, February 11

House Party Hot, Horny and Healthy. Black and White Men Together/Memphis. 7:30-10:30pm. Free, make reservation. Info 901-327-3753.

Valentine's Party Sponsored by Black and White Men Together/Memphis. 8pm. Free, cash bar. Info 901-327-5894.

Sunday, February 12

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Planning meeting Plan fundraising for Aid to End AIDS Committee (ATEAC). 680 Melrose, Memphis. Info 901-458-AIDS.

Feminist Book Circle Discussion of Rita Mae Brown's *Rubyfruit Jungle*. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville. 5-7pm. Free. Info 615 385-4283.



Tuesday, February 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

Out and About Ball Valentine's Day Dance Warehouse 28, 2529 Franklin Rd, Nashville. Sponsored by Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance. 7:30pm. \$6 per person. Info 615-333-2215.

Thursday, February 16

Film *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, sponsored by Vanderbilt Lambda Association. 220 Garland Hall, Nashville. 7pm. \$1 donation. Info 615-297-5352.

Saturday, February 18

Seminar *Loving Yourself Unconditionally*, Susan Taranto. Sponsored by Gay Women's Social Group, Memphis. 7:30pm. \$2 donation. Info 901-324-6949.

Sunday, February 19

Brunch Gonzales & Gertrude's, Overton Square, Memphis. Sponsored by Black and White Men Together/Memphis. 12:30pm. Followed by outing to Memphis Brooks Museum's multimedia presentation of *Paul Robeson, All-American*. Info 901-726-1461.

Monday, February 20

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Wednesday, February 22

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Thursday, February 23

Lecture Minnie Bruce Pratt, poet, essayist, and feminist. Sponsored by Vanderbilt University Students for Women's Concerns. Vanderbilt Furman Hall, Rm 114. 7pm. Reception follows. Info 615-385-4283.

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Bond set for Durst

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Despite pleas from a minister and an attorney, a special judge in General Sessions Court last week set at \$50,000 the bond for a man accused of raping a six-year-old boy.

Walter Durst, currently on leave from his job as counselor at a state-operated residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children, was bound over to the Davidson County grand jury on a charge of aggravated rape.

Durst was arrested Monday, January 30, after the child's mother and Metro detectives obtained a warrant charging Durst with the child's rape. The boy's mother filed a complaint, which was investigated by Metro Police who in turn consulted the district attorney's office and obtained the warrant.

The claim of aggravated rape was upheld by pediatrician Dr. Paul Heil, who examined the boy at General Hospital following the alleged incident. Heil said the boy told him: "Walter does nasty things to me."

According to Heil, the boy then graphically described anal rape. An examination of the child's rectum indicated sexual abuse, Heil testified.

Rev. Fred Cloud, director of the Metro

Nashville Human Relations Commission, termed Durst "a good teacher who could not have committed this crime."

Patty George, an attorney with Legal Services of Middle Tennessee, told the court that Durst "has more integrity than anyone I know."

However, after viewing a videotape of the 6-year-old boy's allegations, special judge Mose Davie set Durst's bond at \$50,000.

A spokesperson for the state Department of Mental Health and Retardation said an internal investigation into the charges continues. The department operates Cumberland House, a facility for younger emotionally disturbed children, at 3411 Belmont Boulevard.

Durst began working at Cumberland House in 1985 and taught in the Cheatham County school system last fall. His wife, Louise Durst, testified that he left that job because of the stress involved in dealing with 18 disturbed children alone.

Efforts are under way by Cloud to raise funds to pay for Durst's defense against the charges.

Under current Tennessee Criminal Code, the conviction of aggravated rape of a child under 13 carries with it a sentence of 40 years to life imprisonment. •

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"I don't think it's going to be passed as one body. You're definitely going to see many amendments tacked on to the bill," predicted Cain. "I'd be totally shocked if there weren't many amendments."

Since the report was made public last September, it has come under fire from a variety of groups including the state's district attorneys-general, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), as well as from lesbian and gay activists.

"We're taking a wait and see attitude depending on the amendments that will likely be tacked on to the report in the general assembly," said Deborah Burks, chair of Advance, the political action committee of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA).

Williams, however, said the bill's success or failure could center on the economics of the proposed changes.

"The attorneys-general don't have to balance a budget, they just have to lock people up.

They don't have to raise taxes or tell people a prison's going to be built in their backyard. The members of the general assembly have to do that," she said. "We have to balance this report against many other things besides length of prison terms."

The commission's proposal would change the current prohibition of "crimes against nature" to a ban on all homosexual acts.

Since the crimes against nature statute has rarely been invoked against heterosexuals, the subcommittee members said the legislature should make the law more specific if they are attempting to enforce the ban on homosexual

acts.

"If we're going to debate the issue we shouldn't be using words that don't mean anything," Raybin said.

The new proposal would reduce homosexual crimes against nature to a Class C misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of not more than 30 days and/or a fine of not more than \$50.

Tennessee criminal code currently calls for a sentence of not less than five years and not more than 15 years to be levied for committing a crime against nature.

"Our ultimate goal is to have the sodomy laws taken off the books, but there is a feeling among some people that the reduction to a misdemeanor is better than the law as it now stands," Burks said.

If the revision is adopted by the legislature,

Tennessee will join five other states which specifically classify homosexual acts as criminal.

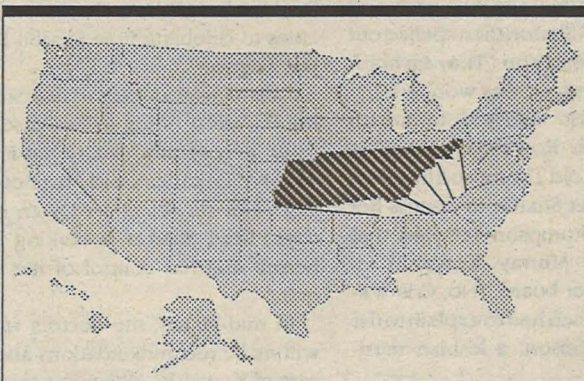
Homosexual acts are considered misdemeanors in Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. Montana and Ne-

vada statutes classify such acts as felonies.

More than half of the United States classify sodomy or crimes against nature as felonies.

Other primary sponsors of the bill in the house of representatives, in addition to Williams, are Reps. Frank Buck (D-Smithville), Jimmy Kyle Davis (R-Knoxville), Tommy Burnett (D-Jamestown) and Lois DeBerry (D-Memphis).

Williams, Buck, Davis and Burnett are all members of the house judiciary committee, to which the commission's massive report was submitted. •



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Valentine's: How it got started

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

IT HAS BEEN SAID that in spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love.

Although *we* think spring is when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of a fancy young man, St. Valentine's Day is still a celebration of love and romance.

For centuries, people have celebrated St. Valentine's Day, commemorating the event with the exchange of cards or letters, flowers or candies. Though named for a young Christian martyr, the holiday may be traced to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia.

But whatever the holiday's beginnings, there are as many stories and customs connected with it as there are for any other holiday.

In Great Britain and Italy, it was the custom for unmarried women to get up before sunrise on February 14, stand by their windows and watch for a man to pass. It was believed that the first man they saw would marry them within the year.

IN DENMARK, PRESSED FLOWERS called "snowdrops" are sent to sweethearts, friends and relatives. Danish men are known to send a Valentine greeting called a "gaekke-brev" (joke letter). The sender writes a rhyme and signs it with a dot for each letter in his name. If the receiver guesses who sent it, he or she is rewarded with a decorated egg on Easter.

Valentine's Day has also been believed to be the date that birds select their mates. Geoffrey Chaucer wrote in *The Parliament of Fowls*: "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every fowl cometh there to choose his mate."

St. Valentine, the man for whom the holiday is named, was an early Christian martyr who made friends with many children. Because he refused to worship Roman gods, he was imprisoned. The children, pining away for Valentine, tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell window.

THAT STORY ACCOUNTS for the modern-day custom of exchanging Valentine's Day cards.

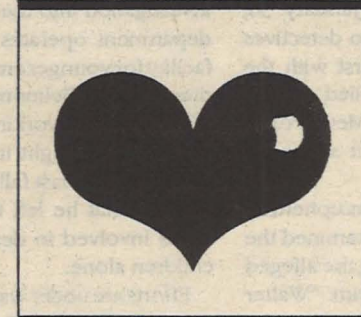
Commercial valentines, however, were not made until the early 1800s. They were most often blank inside, allowing the sender to write his or her own message.

British artist Kate Greenaway is one of the

most famous early designers of Valentines. Her cards, from the Victorian era, featured pictures of children and hearts and flowers.

Esther A. Howland was the first commercial producer of Valentine's Day greeting cards in this country. She set up an assembly line and expanded her business into a \$100,000-a-year venture.

Howland's cards were hand painted with bits of lace and paper flowers added to them. Though the cards at first featured religious overtones, they gradually became more romantic in tone. •



80: A PDA for you – for
being there in rain &
sunshine, when Dutch babies
cry and sing (at a table both
empty and set)
♥ C.

It's been a long time since that
first kiss in the Warehouse park-
ing lot. Waiting for the snow.
▼-D.

ET
Best friend, lover,
valentine.
JT

*Roses are fuchsia,
Violets are, too.
Sweet Sober Sisters
Our love to you. ♥*

Wendie O. & MAT

5. ♥
*Thanks for not rushing me – it's
well worth waiting for.
I love you.
B*

We may not be sweet♥s, but
we sure can give a porch swing
a ride. And how 'bout those
crashing waves?

C – somewhere i have never
travelled, gladly beyond any
experience, your eyes have
their silence ▼C.

♥
*Holly
Though we don't know where
we're going – at least, for now, we
are going together. What a trip it
has been/is/will be! I love you.
Anne*

A little heart-to-heart talk.

It's the season of love.
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one of our favorite holidays.

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the very best Valentine's gift of all – the prospect
of another Valentine's Day next year,
and the next, and the next.

So, remember, if you drink, don't drive.
When you play, be sure to play safe.
And have a happy Valentine's *Dare*.

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According to Tracie Dejanikus, contact for the National Free Sharon Kowalski Committee, Thompson received a phone call last Wednesday informing her that Kowalski had requested that she visit and Thompson made arrangements to go the following day.

"At first Sharon didn't recognize Karen, who looks very different now," said Dejanikus. "But then Sharon got tears in her eyes and Karen got tears in hers. Sharon then spelled out on her letter board 'I Love You.' They sat holding hands and laughing – it was wonderful."

Thompson was also allowed to attend physical therapy with Kowalski, Dejanikus noted. The therapists told Thompson that they had been unable to get Sharon to discuss her music preference. Thompson recalled that Kowalski liked Anne Murray. Kowalski responded with her letter board, "No, Cris Williamson." Thompson then had to explain to the therapist about Williamson, a lesbian musician.

Thompson was able to see Kowalski not just Thursday but also Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dejanikus said staff psychologist Dorothy Rappel felt the visits "went very well". Rappel will be responsible for scheduling Thompson's visits. Thompson, according to Dejanikus, is very excited about the new arrangement but really hasn't had space to think it over.

Other activists share Thompson's excitement.

"I'm thrilled. This is a milestone in our history, one which each of us will remember and pass on," said Penny Campbell, Nashville

contact for the Free Sharon Kowalski Committee. "We should all be proud and grateful to Karen because her struggle was for all of us as well as for her and Sharon. Thank you Karen for your persistence and courage."

Campbell noted that the Nashville community has been supportive of Thompson's efforts in this long struggle to have Sharon's rights restored. Thompson spoke at Vanderbilt last March and Nashville was one of the twelve cities to celebrate Free Sharon Kowalski Day last August.

Dejanikus was excited but cautious regarding the latest ruling in this case. "This represents a significant victory but it is an interim victory," Dejanikus said. "It is not the end of the case. Her stay at Miller-Dwan is only for 60 days. Until Sharon is making decisions for herself and has control of her life, we can't quit."

In mid-March, the doctors at Miller-Dwan will make recommendations about the future care of Kowalski. Dejanikus said she and others hope this will mean continued rehabilitative care for Kowalski at a long-term facility. "Sharon has already said that she wants to go home with Karen but Donald Kowalski is still her guardian. Guardianship is an issue that will be addressed again in the future," noted Dejanikus.

A documentary about Thompson and Kowalski was taped last year for the CBS-TV newsmagazine *West 57th Street* and is tentatively scheduled to air on that network on February 18 or February 25. The Memphis CBS affiliate is WREG, Channel 3; the Nashville affiliate is WTVF, Channel 5. •

That Singular Person Called Lear

That Singular Person Called Lear, by Susan Chitty. New York: Atheneum, 1989. 305 pp. \$18.95, hardcover.
reviewed by **SHERRE DRYDEN**
Book Editor

SUSAN CHITTY HAS WRITTEN a moving and curiously disturbing biography of Edward Lear, "artist, traveller, and prince of nonsense."

Lear is remembered as the author of limericks and nonsense songs like "The Owl and the Pussy-Cat" and "The Pobble Who Has No Toes." In his own time, though, he was known as a landscape artist (he gave lessons to Queen Victoria) and a travel writer. His first *Book of Nonsense* was not published until 1846, five years after his first travel book, on Rome. Five other books, on Italy, Albania, Calabria, the Ionian islands and Corsica, followed before *Nonsense Songs, Stories, Botany and Alphabets* was issued in 1871. When he died, Lear left over 8,000 drawings.

It is clear that Chitty loves Lear dearly. But her affection does not require that she deify him. Instead, her portrait reveals Lear, clear and bright as one of his Greek water colors - devoted to those he loved, often charming, terrified of the deep despair that filled his life, lonely, tender, wildly self-centered and surely a trial to those who loved him. Ordinarily not one to find much romance in cranky, infirm old men, I confess to tears at her telling of his death.

I do not mean to give Chitty unreserved praise, however. When I call her book disturbing, I am not sure if what disturbs me is Lear's life itself or her interpretation of it.

Chitty presents Lear as a homosexual, and her evidence easily supports that conclusion. He was devoted to (and jealous of) Franklin

Lushington for 39 years. There were intimate friendships with and allusions to physical advances toward a number of other men.

Lear contemplated marriage at least twice, but could never bring himself to propose to even the most serious candidate, Augusta Bethell.

LEAR'S HOMOSEXUALITY is not a problem for Chitty. Indeed, she seems peculiarly excited by it. It is as though she needs Lear to be homosexual. This need itself is part of what I found disturbing about the book; as is Chitty's presentation of Lear's homosexuality.

Although she is obviously correct, Chitty's fervor to prove Lear's homosexuality leads to some amazing conclusions. She uses Lear's reference to "low company" and having "contracted every sort of syphilitic disease" as evidence to support her claim. She discounts the possibility that he really had syphilis, at the time a deadly disease. Rather, he was probably infected by a prostitute with gonorrhea, even then easily cured and, according to Chitty, "even more common among male than female prostitutes."

Chitty stretches again when she compares Lear and John Addington Symonds: "The two

men...had been separated from their mothers at the age of four and brought up in woman-dominated households.

Both had been sickly and withdrawn as children." Symonds admitted his homosexuality. For Chitty, similarities between Symonds' life and Lear's confirm Lear's own homosexuality.

As interested as she is in demonstrating that Lear was a homosexual, Chitty is equally insistent that he was celibate. Forgetting the gonorrhea episode, she claims: "It seems probable that Lear's love for young men was of the Platonic variety." This may be the first case on record of contracting venereal disease through reading the

Symposium.

Chitty uses Symonds, again, to "prove" that Lear never shared a bed with Hubert Congreve, the love of his later years. Because Symonds was able to restrain his passion for Norman Moor - "the boys [Hubert and Norman] were of the same age and background and each had lost a parent" - Lear must have done the same.

This is just silliness. Chitty herself provides, but chooses to ignore, equally (in)adequate proof that Lear was sexually active. First of all, Symonds is not particularly known for his celibacy and Platonic restraint. Chitty mentions that men were sometimes "alarmed" by the level of Lear's affection.

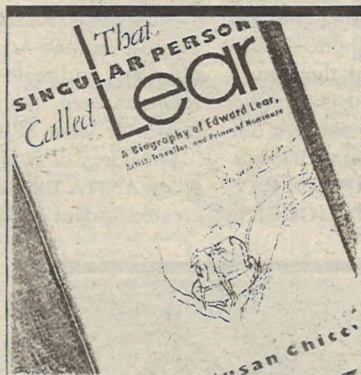
THEN, THERE IS THE GONORRHEA, and the fact that Lear was plagued

by mysterious ailments involving what he called his "behindical boundaries."

Finally, Lear's diaries of the period of his most intense relations with Lushington, which he bequeathed to Lushington, have mysteriously disappeared.

It is puzzling that Chitty prefers that Lear be homosexual but celibate. Perhaps homosexual men are enticing only if they don't do anything messy. Perhaps a lifetime of unrequited passion is more tragically romantic than a lifetime of secret liaisons. More likely, there is a basic misunderstanding of what homosexuality involves (she infuriatingly conflates the hanging of a man for raping a boy with punishment for homosexual acts). Chitty can only understand Lear's frequent depression and longing for a life companion as products of sexual repression.

REGARDLESS of whether he had sex or not, Lear's fundamentally unhappy life had to do with the fact that he was homosexual - Chitty is right about that. And if her work is flawed, it is still a kind and touching presentation of that life. Lear was a fascinating man and there is room for much more interpretation of the meanings of his life and his work. •



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St. Louis Lavenders

by JAAN STURGIS
Staff Writer

Well, my dears, I trust that I saw you at the biggest Nashville social event since the holiday season met its demise. What event, you dare-say? The first gay Mardi Gras ball, held last weekend at the Gas Lite Lounge.

The event was certainly a festive one and everyone who is anyone was there — and some people who aren't but think they are.

JIMMY CAPPS had such a good time that he could barely remember a thing about it the next morning, save for the fact that such locals as JAMES HOLLAND, JIM GROOMS, RAY ANKROM, TIM QUAIN, READ HODGES, TOM BRYANT, JAC GREGORY, BUD BLACKWELL, DEBBIE NEELEY, JAMES GARMAN, CORRINE ROMINE, PENNY CAMPBELL and a host of others attended the star-studded event where performers included SAMANTHA ST. JAMES and EILEEN DOVER.

Even a surprise birthday cake for PAUL TUCKER was laid out in celebration for his 32nd birthday. FRANK WEBB was crowned queen for a day and TIM SHARP was named king after he stunned us all with his rendition of some song that no one recognized. There was even a troupe of real down-home Gypsies dancing their little hearts out.

KEITH WALLACE took the prize for the funniest costume and I've never seen lips that red or big on anyone in my entire life. Par for the course, of course, BOB CLARKE stole the show and captured the prize for the best drag costume. And let's not forget GREG ANDERSON, who won for best overall costume.

Lent may have begun for those who observe it, but a Mardi Gras party like the one at the Gas Lite won't be seen for many years in our fair city. And it raised nearly \$700 for Metropolitan Community Church-Nashville, which, they tell me, will go toward the building fund drive which is now in progress.

Did I tell y'all that I went to the Gateway of the West recently? DWAYNE ESTES and his lover DALE WRIGLEY (the chewing gum queen) beckoned me to St. Louis a couple of weeks ago and I haven't been the same since.

My breath is still taken away because of that architectural wonder, the St. Louis Arch, which calls to one and all as you enter the city. (It got a wrong number, unfortunately, when it called to me.) The wonderfully restored Union Station is truly a sight to behold and is enormously successful, housing the Omni Hotel and a multitude of chichi boutiques and shoppes.

To top off my trip, we made the late night scene in East St. Louis at a pub called Faces where BETTE MIDLER has been seen on many of her jaunts to the midwest. (Sure!) It ran a bit to the bizarre, but there was something for everyone's taste, whatever that means.

Before leaving Missouri, Dwayne and I had Sunday brunch at a pub/restaurant called — yes, it's true and I know you won't believe it —

the Warehouse. And guess who waited on us? DAVID CRAWFORD, transplanted Nashvillian and former bartender at the Chute. It's a small world, after all...it's a small, small world... Well, you get the idea.

ALAN JEWELL tells me he's met an interesting man named Adam. Being confused, as I often am, and realizing Alan's fundamentally religious bent, I immediately associate this man with Adam of Bible fame.

Speaking of which, can you remember when ANITA BRYANT said it was God who created "Adam and Eve" and not "Adam and

Steve?" Obviously, the former second runner-up to Miss America never heard of Adam and Alan. And the second runner-up doesn't even get a car.

DEBORAH BURKS is back in Music City, fresh from her sojourn in the city by the bay, San Francisco. The research maven reports a lovely time was had by all. But she wasn't. She got back just in time for the big Advance fundraiser at the Jungle Sunday.

JEFF ELLIS and STUART BIVIN were in Atlanta recently for the

Winter Home Furnishings and Accessories Market. Jeff reports that dust peach is no longer the color of choice in fashionable interiors; instead, he says persimmon in going to be hot, hot, hot. Yeah, sure!

While in Atlanta, they spoke briefly with Vanderbilt nurse LIZ RERISI — yet another transplanted New Yorker/Nashvillian — and to SHANDA WILBANKS of the Corinth, Mississippi, Wilbankses.

While chatting with FRANK ASHE (the LARAWN SCAIFE of the Nashville lesbian and gay community) recently about PAUL TUCKER's birthday, he mentioned that "Mother Tucker" had turned over another model year — kind of like when the new cars come out every fall and the models still on the road become a year older. Well, Frank and I were brainstorming on what those of us who are husbandless, and he came up with a clever solution.

LaFrank says: "You know how the used car lots take out huge display ads when they are trying to rid their lots of a lot of old clunkers? I thought we could all advertise in the paper, taking out ads describing ourselves. On an appointed Saturday we would all gather at some pre-determined location (where free hot dogs and cokes would be served by Bubbles the clown) and we could pick ourselves up a new model, a new husband." (And giving new meaning to the phrase, "push, pull or drag.")

Isn't that Frank just one clever boy! I wonder if it would really work?

Well, my dears, another Sociables draws to a close. And just where have I not seen you lately? Where was my invitation, that's what I want to know?

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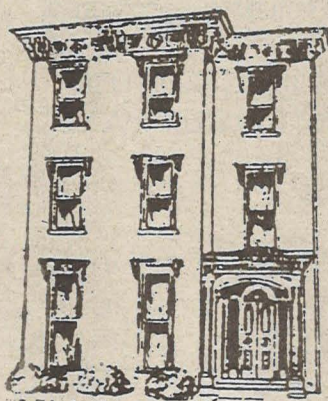
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NOTCHES ON THE BEDPOST

Sexual addiction comes out of the closet

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

MENTIONING THE TERM "sexual addict" usually elicits a response of nervous laughter or bemused snickers.

While discussions about people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol seem almost commonplace, the plight of the sexual addict is often considered no problem at all.

But, in reality, mental health officials estimate that some 13 million Americans are sex addicts—people whose sexual compulsion is controlling their lives.

Sexual addiction can be as destructive as alcoholism, as deadly as drug abuse, often ruining careers and destroying families. Its symptoms can range from excessive masturbation (termed the addict's "drug" by experts) to incest.

Last week at the first forum of the National Association on Sexual Addiction Problems (NASAP) in Los Angeles, mental health professionals attempted to bring sexual addiction out of the closet and, in turn, chart a course for recovery for sex addicts.

NASAP defines sexual addiction as "obsessive/compulsive sexual behavior which if left unattended, will cause severe distress and despair for both the individual and the family. The sexual addict is unable to control his or her sexual behavior and lives with constant pain, alienation and fear of discovery."

According to Patrick Carnes, who developed the first sexual addiction inpatient treatment program in this country at the Golden Valley (Minn.) Institute for Behavioral Sciences, sexual addicts progress through a four-step cycle which intensifies with each repetition.

FIRST, PREOCCUPATION with thoughts of sex: "The trance or mood wherein the addicts' minds are completely engrossed with thoughts of sex," Carnes said. "This mental state creates an obsessive search for sexual

stimulation."

The second phase is the ritualization of sexual thought: "The addicts' own special routines which lead up to the sexual behavior. The ritual intensifies the preoccupation, adding arousal and excitement."

Compulsive sexual behavior is the third step in the cycle: "The actual sexual act, which is the end goal of the preoccupation and ritualization. Sexual addicts are unable to control or stop this behavior."

Finally, despair: "The feeling of utter hopelessness addicts have about their behavior and their powerlessness."

Sex addicts very often live a secret sexual life, finding controlling urges nearly impossible to resist. They may also pursue sexual interests obsessively, the risk-taking behavior heightening their arousal.

IF THE SEX ADDICT is lesbian or gay, Carnes says, the problem may be exacerbated by a low self image resulting from societal pressures.

"The problem of sexual identity intensifies all sexual issues," Carnes added.

What often gets confused in the question of sexual addiction is the question of sexual orientation. Experts say, however, that being gay doesn't make someone a sexual addict, although some gay people are indeed sexually addicted, as are some heterosexuals.

"Having anonymous sex is not a gay issue, it's an addictive behavior. You see identical behavior among heterosexual addicts. If you didn't mention an addict's gender, there is no way to tell if the addict is gay or straight when examining the addictive behavior. Whether gay or straight, sexual addicts will demonstrate the same behavior, including crossing sex lines—gay people experiencing heterosexual acts, straight people engaging in homosexual acts—and blurring sexual orientation," said a Nashville psychiatrist who asked not to be identified.

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In order to identify patterns of addictive behavior, it is best to examine its operation on three levels.

LEVEL ONE CONTAINS BEHAVIOR usually considered acceptable at best or tolerable at worst. Masturbation, prostitution and homosexuality are considered examples of level one behavior. Simply being homosexual is no indication of addiction, although if the person considers herself or himself primarily heterosexual, yet engages in clandestine same-sex activities it may indicate some level of addiction.

In contrast, level two behavior leans toward victimizing actions such as exhibitionism or voyeurism which may result in legal sanctions.

Level three behavior includes incest, child sexual abuse or rape, all of which may result in grave consequences for the victim and legal repercussions for the addict.

It is possible for a person to experience level one behavior, without ever engaging in level two or three activities. But it is unusual for level two or three addicts not to have experienced level one behavior.

TED BUNDY, the man recently executed in Florida for the murder of an 11 year old girl and implicated in more than 30 grisly sex-related murders, exhibited typical level three behavior.

"Our society likes to deny its sexuality and doesn't like hearing about sex offenders," Richard Salmon, executive director of the Boulder, Colo., chapter of NASAP, told *USA Today* last week. "But Ted Bundy is a monster, skewed from the average. The reality is we who have this problem are husbands and sons."

But wives and daughters may also be sexual addicts. Although experts say the majority of those people classified as sexual addicts are indeed men, more and more women are seeking treatment.

Despite the public's conception of the sex-

ual addict as a trench-coat clad "dirty old man," statistics paint a different portrait. A recent survey of 54 Golden Valley patients showed that 42% earned more than \$30,000 per year and at least 58% are college graduates. Perhaps even more telling was the 74% of the survey's respondents who said they had been sexually abused as children; some 91% reported some form of emotional abuse.

Men who consider themselves heterosexuals, yet whose addiction manifests itself in homosexual liaisons, form another large segment of the more than 13 million people in the grips of sexual addiction.

EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT MANY of the people arrested by police during the much-publicized arrests in city parks in both Memphis and Nashville are sexual addicts.

"Many of them are addicts, they will go back again once the fear is gone. Fear is like pain, you forget after a while," a Nashville man suggested. "It's like a woman having a baby. In time she will forget the pain and will have other babies."

For persons who believe themselves to be sexually addicted, several support groups (based on 12-step programs similar to that of Alcoholics Anonymous) are available. Three groups are active in Nashville, including Sexaholics Anonymous (SA), Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA) and Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA).

Information about Sexaholics Anonymous is available by calling (615) 747-5942. A toll-free helpline, sponsored by NASAP may be reached by calling 1-800-622-9494.

Because sex is considered a largely private subject, awareness of sexual addiction as a problem which afflicts many is likely to remain somewhat closeted. That, along with society's general acceptance of sex and the prevalence of pornography — often termed "the sex compulsive's tool of the trade" — could lead to increased cases of sexual addiction. •

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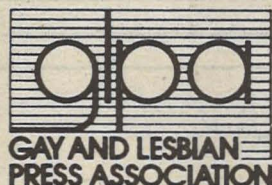
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We Salute the ABA Stand on Lesbian and Gay Rights

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION has voted, through its House of Delegates, to support the passage of legislation protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

This is a breakthrough action. Like the American Psychological Association's 1972 removal of homosexuality from its list of psychological disorders, and the American Psychiatric Association's similar action shortly after, the ABA has removed yet another barrier to the enactment of full civil rights guarantees to a large portion of the American population.

The ABA, although it certainly has its faults, has this time done the right thing and should be applauded.

It is not often that an extremely powerful, wealthy, largely white, male group follows the lead of conscientious. When that does happen, such a group should be hailed for its decision.

THE RESOLUTION is simple: it calls for the enactment of Federal, state and local laws that protect Americans from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employ-

ment and public accommodation.

This means that the group supports efforts to

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make it illegal to deny anyone a job, or a place to live, or service in a restaurant, store or hotel. And that's a big step.

TWICE BEFORE, justice-minded lawyers have tried to prod the organization into supporting sexual-orientation civil-rights guarantees, only to fail to gain approval by small margins.

This time, though, the new president-elect was behind the proposal. Strong lobbying by a patient gay and lesbian caucus in the ABA, coupled with some good sense raised by the specter of an AIDS-phobic backlash against homosexual people, managed to crush the forces of bigotry and hatred with a two-to-one victory.

There is hope now that the Congressional lesbian and gay civil rights bill may pass. The influence of this largest, and most conservative, of legal groups is sure to have some effect on American politicians, if only to show them that there is widespread support for the protection of everyone's civil rights, regardless of how they love, or whom.

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Looking for 1000

Dear *Dare*,

I would like to take a poll. How many of you watch television on a regular basis? How many of you watch television on Thursday evenings at 9 p.m.? How many of you have seen a program aired on ABC at this time called *Heartbeat*? If you answered yes to all those questions, and even if you didn't, you and 999 more people are who I am looking for.

ABC's *Heartbeat*, about a women's medical clinic, features some delightful viewing. Being a gay person, I am particularly excited that this show featured an openly lesbian couple as a continuing storyline. Their relationship was portrayed in an honest and thoughtful manner by the show's writers.

However, that was little too much for those of the viewing audience who would prefer that lesbians and gays be shown as pathetic and deranged characters. I am speaking of the Christian fundamentalists. They have sent one thousand letters or more to ABC calling for the cancellation of the lesbian storyline or the series.

I don't know about you, but that really chaffs me — the idea that just one thousand or so "loving" Christians could force ABC to alter the course of programming. It is appalling and needs to be stopped!

What I am asking you to do is become involved in an action tree. What is that? I would like to get at least one thousand people to commit to writing a letter to ABC to show that there is support for the other side of the issue. Providing at least one-for-one letters in support, ABC would have a difficult time and probably second thoughts about pulling the plug on this series. We could also use the tree in other instances when we want to make our voices heard.

It would work like this. I would have the name and phone numbers of at least ten

people I could call and tell that we need to write letters on this, to that person, at this address. I would only know the names and numbers of ten people. Those ten people would call ten other people, relaying this information and writing their letters, and they in turn, would call ten people, and so on and so forth, until we generated one thousand or more letters.

But what about confidentiality? You could call ten of your friends, and they could call ten of their friends. You need not go outside of your circle of friends.

But why do this? To quote Harvey Milk, who lost his life trying to correct the injustices done to lesbians and gay men: "Rights are won only by those who make their voices heard."

Let us make one thousand or more voices heard by getting involved. You can contact me at (901) 274-0454.

RICK BRAY
Memphis

Not interested

Dear *Dare*,

I have been puzzled by *Dare's* coverage of two stories: first, the story of Dr. John Wolf and his alleged sexual abuse of his son, and second, your recent coverage of the arrest of a Cumberland House counselor on the charge that he had sex with a young male Cumberland client.

I am puzzled because it is difficult for me to understand why either of these stories would be of interest to your target audience of gays and lesbians in Middle Tennessee. I have not read stories related to pedophilia in other lesbian and gay publications. Had the so-called mainstream press covered the stories as though they were related to homosexuality, I might understand *Dare's* decision to cover them. But neither the *Tennessean* nor the

Nashville Banner covered these stories as though either Dr. Wolf or the Cumberland House counselor were gay or as though their conduct could be thought of as anything but illicit conduct with minors.

It concerns me that people reading *Dare* would assume that because I am lesbian or gay I want to read about instances of same-sex sexual activity between adults and minors, or that I consider this conduct to be part of the culture with which I identify myself.

I do not wish to imply these stories "hurt my pride." The stories are not about persons with whom I share any identification—but that is exactly the reason I am disturbed to see the stories on the front page of *Dare*. The connection implicitly made in your stories between these alleged crimes involving the exploitation of children and being gay per se is as shocking to me personally as it is politically. *Dare* does not cover stories involving sexual conduct between adults and minors who are of the opposite sex. The week you covered the Cumberland House story, there were several stories in the "mainstream" press about adult males sexually abusing minor females. Your failure to cover these stories only leads me to conclude that crimes against minors when they involve members of the same sex are of interest to gay people.

Frankly this gay person is not interested.

CAROLE CUNNINGHAM
Nashville

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Day to Patti!
♥ Love, Gail

My love to you forever
And yours to me returns,
Our hearts entwining ever
Our love-light always burns.
Kevlin ♥

♥
Jamie & Scottie:
I love you, too, but let's not
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♥
C:
L'éclat des diamants et
l'orient des perles?
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♥
Oh, God, Rich. I want
you just the way you are.
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Happy Valentine's
Day to Nonye!
♥ Love, Gail

♥
You
(you know you)
Know
♥

To the other two
musketters:
Oh, my Mandy and little
Linda Lou. I ♥ you lots.
-Annie

To Sonja

Who is so fine, I'm so grateful that you are my
Valentine.
"Fair is my love, when her fair golden hairs
With the loose wind ye waving chance to mark;
Fair, when the rose in her red cheeks appears;
Or in her eyes the fire of love does spark.
Fair, when her breast, like a rich-laden bark,
With precious merchandise she forth doth lay;
Fair, when that cloud of pride, which oft doth dark
Her goodly light, with smiles she drives away."

To all whom look upon our love
With envy brood,
Good will & wishes to you of finding
Your own fair love food.

♥ *Huggles!*
Elizabeth

♥
Jupey:
No doubt you're doin'
the Red Ball Jets routine
in Dawg Heaven. We miss
you and love you. See 'ya
in the next incarnation.

-Momma and Grrr



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