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## SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN AMENDMENT 2

*"Profound Victory For Principles of Democracy"*

This week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Colorado's Amendment 2. The decision was 6 to 3, with Justices Kennedy, Ginsberg, Souter, Breyer, O'Connor, and Stevens ruling against Amendment 2, and Justices Rehnquist, Scalia, and Thomas dissenting. The measure would have amended the Colorado state constitution to overturn existing protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and prohibit the passage of any such protection in the future. It was passed by majority vote in 1992. The following statement is attributable to Melinda Paras, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director. NGLTF is the nation's oldest gay and lesbian civil rights organization.

"The Supreme Court decision today on Colorado's Amendment 2 is a profound victory for all who believe in basic equal rights and the fundamental principle that all Americans deserve to live free from discrimination. It would have created special barriers to basic equal rights. It would have blocked the open and free participation in our democratic process for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

We commend those justices who defended basic civil rights and stood up to the anti-democratic agenda of religious political extremists. This case was not just about gay, lesbian and bisexual people. At stake are the very principles of democracy: justice, freedom, personal liberty, and the right to be different and still live free from the tyranny of the majority. We are reminded of the words of Justice Blackmun, who in his 1986 dissent to the loathsome *Hardwick v. Bowers* case that upheld discriminatory sodomy laws, said, "The freedom to differ as to things that do not matter much is a mere shadow of freedom. The real test of its substance is the freedom to differ as to the things that touch the heart of the existing order."

Thank you Supreme Court justices for protecting our constitutional freedoms. This is a joyous day for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. The time is drawing closer when we do not have to live as second-class citizens anymore. When we can live free from violence, persecution, discrimination and intolerance. When the mistruths of religious, political extremists are exposed as lies.

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## GAY DAY AT DISNEY WORLD!

It's "Gay Day at Disney!" On Saturday, June 1st 40,000 gays and lesbians prepare to descend upon the Magic Kingdom for a weekend of "fabulous family frivolity and fun!"

The traditional "wearing of red" continues to be a strong sign of support for the lesbian and gay community. Highly visible vacationers have made "GAY DAY at Disney" one of the most popular "gay and lesbian circuit parties" in the country, equal to events such as "Hotlanta's" River Expo in Atlanta, Colorado's Ski Weekend in Aspen and the Folsom Street Festival in San Francisco.

The 6th annual event has grown in popularity. It first began when a group of computer enthusiasts met there in 1990 sporting their red shirts. In 1994 the total grew to about 16,000 and almost doubled in size last year.

To help coordinate the mass, The Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida organized a clearinghouse of information and has produced a detailed gay tourist guide to help all the Lesbigan attendees make the most of Gay Day weekend in Orlando

"Gay Day at Disney" has received more national attention perhaps due to Disney's recent decision to extend health benefits to their employees' same-sex partners.

Apparently, Disney's decision to extend health benefits was due largely to finances. Disney purchased a company which already provided same-sex benefits. So Disney continued the practice.

Disney's decision was not a popular one with some locales. In fact, a letter was sent to Disney, drafted by 15 conservative Florida State Legislators, stating their displeasure. The legislators called the new policy a big mistake, both morally and financially

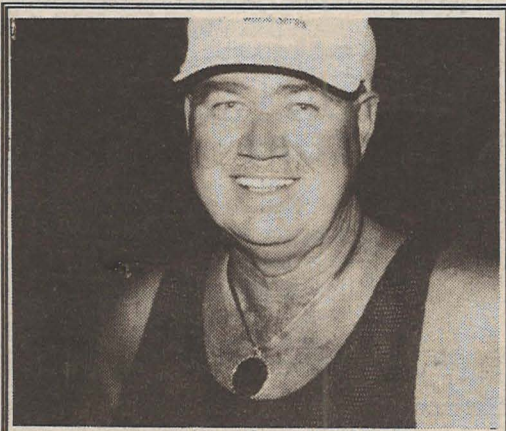
Despite the red shirt clad enthusiasts flooding through the gates of Disney World, Disney officials are quick to say that Gay Day is not officially endorsed by the Walt Disney Corporation!

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## COMMUNITY FOCUS

### GET WELL SOON HARRY!



Harry Harrington, the Music City Sports Association Commissioner, under went triple by-pass heart surgery last Thursday and is doing well! Friends report he was up and walking miles, just days after his surgery.

## XENO

GENY  
xenogeny is from the Greek words, "xeno," meaning stranger or alien, and "genesis," meaning production or creation. In this context, XENOGENY means "strange child," and reminds gays, lesbians and bisexuals that we remain second-class step-children as long as we continue to be denied civil rights and civil protection.



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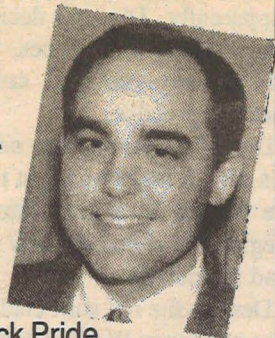
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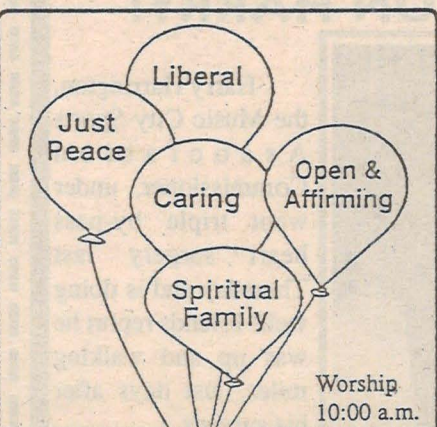
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## HIV/AIDS DIGEST

### RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

From The CDC AIDS Daily Summary

President Clinton signed a law Monday that will extend the Ryan White CARE Act for five years, providing funds to communities for home care, transportation, counseling, hospice care, and other support for people with HIV and AIDS. Since the law was passed six years ago, it has provided care for more than 300,000 people. The law allocates \$738 million to AIDS services for fiscal 1996, up from \$632 million last year. The law includes a provision calling for \$10 million to be used to urge pregnant women to voluntarily seek counseling and HIV testing. States will receive \$52 million to provide new AIDS drugs to patients who cannot afford them.

### THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF AIDS

In a series of letters to the editor of the Wall Street Journal, health officials and others respond to a recent article which reported that a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public education campaign exaggerates the risk of AIDS to the general public. Dr. David Satcher, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Dr. Helene Gayle, director of its National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, write in a joint letter that the article was unbalanced and incomplete. They argue that the broad public education campaign was important in curbing the spread of HIV, noting the decline in the rate of AIDS in some groups. Dr. C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General, also objects to the "seriously flawed article." Koop writes that the government made the best decision it could—to educate the general public—because there was evidence that HIV would not be contained in high-risk groups, saying "it was the right thing to do in 1987. It is still the right thing to do." Meanwhile, William, M. London, of the American Council on Science and Health, applauds the article, adding that he has tried to spread the same message and has been criticized for it.

### FANFARE: BOXING

The California State Assembly passed a bill that requires boxers to test HIV-negative in order to be licensed in the state. The bill came in response to the announcement that former heavyweight Tommy Morrison has HIV. Seven states and Puerto Rico required yearly HIV tests before Morrison's announcement, and other states have since implemented the requirement.

### DIALING UP AN AIDS CURE

Bell Atlantic customers in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia now have the option of donating 1 percent of their monthly bill to support AIDS research at the Whitman-Walker Clinic. For the project, part of the company's Community Threads program, donations are paid by Bell Atlantic, based on the Bell Atlantic portion of the bill, and do not add to the cost to the customer. The project was started in April 1995 on a trial basis and made official in November.

### POWER ON WHEELS FOR AIDS FIGHT

The first-ever Florida AIDS ride ended on Sunday on Miami's South Beach, as 757 cyclists rode into Flamingo Park to celebrate the end of their three-day ride from Orlando and the \$1.5 million they had raised for several AIDS organizations in the state. Riders had to raise at least \$1,400 to participate in the event, which ended with much emotion and celebration.

### DRUGSTORE COWBOYS

A black market for prescription drugs has been on the decline but may now resurge as demand for protease inhibitors rises. The AIDS drug black market, in which people who receive the drugs free from clinics sell them for a profit, is generally unprosecuted, since drug enforcement efforts are often focused elsewhere. David Gilden, of Gay Men's Health Crisis, notes that the black market for AIDS drugs has declined on its own in recent years, as the price of AZT has fallen. The new protease inhibitors, as well as cutbacks in funding for Medicaid and other programs that pay for AIDS drugs, may help to raise demand again, however. In addition, some small pharmacies are buying black-market drugs and selling them at retail prices to compete with larger stores. Drugs bought on the black market may not be safe due to improper storage. Furthermore, since most people buying black-market drugs are taking them without medical care, any side effects could go untreated. Thomas Staffa, assistant attorney general in the New York Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, says that AIDS drugs account for just a small portion of the black market for prescription drugs, claiming that it is "the high-priced drugs, like those for cancer, or Prozac, that command the most money."

### SITTING PRIDDY

Laurie Priddy, who was fired from her job in 1991 after disclosing that she had HIV, says the anger she felt from the experience gave her the impetus to speak out as an AIDS activist. She now educates professional basketball players and their partners about HIV and AIDS through the NBA Players Association (NBPA) AIDS program. The program was organized through the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, following Magic Johnson's disclosure. She has also worked on the curriculum and training for the NBA's Winning Against AIDS program, in which NBA players educate inner-city kids about HIV at basketball camps. She frequently shocks people in her sessions, and helps them to see that anyone is vulnerable to the virus, by telling them she has HIV. She regrets the way gender and race have divided the activist community, fearing that the fight for funding and rights for people with HIV will suffer. Priddy's husband, whom she met after she was found to have HIV, is HIV-negative. They live in Baltimore, and when not working to fight discrimination, Priddy enjoys fishing and crabbing along the Chesapeake, and riding her motorcycle in rural Maryland.

The HIV/AIDS Information compiled on this page is provided by the Center for Disease Control's National AIDS Clearinghouse.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

SECOND ANNUAL  
PRIDE PLAY DAY &  
PICNIC

The Sports and Fitness Network (SFN) will host its second annual Pride Play Day and Picnic on June 9th. Organizers expect over 150 people to attend the event. It combines the traditional Pride picnic with planned recreational and sporting activities. Activities will include basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, walking / running, bicycling, ping-pong, kick-ball, and a motorcycle ride. The Pride Play Day and Picnic will be held at the Shelby Park Community Center and adjoining grounds (corner of Shelby and 20th) from 10AM - 2PM.. Watch *Xenogeny* for specific times for some recreational events, lunch will be at noon.

In addition, this year the organizers have invited other community groups to join the festivities. "Our idea is to have many community groups represented around the grounds, with a huge potluck in the middle, and activities for everyone to participate going on all around," said SFN Director, Bev Clendenen. "Each group can meet to do their own thing and also take advantage of the activities we provide. Members from their group can access other groups and each organization will gain more visibility as other individuals visit their area."

Community groups may consider changing their annual Pride event and joining the picnic, or they may consider adding participation as an additional event. Several groups have already committed to participate including We Are Parents Too, The Partners Network, One In Teen, Edgehill United Methodist and The African American Picnic. This type of "true community picnic" will benefit the community as we continue to find ways to work together and it will benefit individuals who usually have many Pride events to attend. For instance, an African American couple with kids will be able to stop by the partner's area, the parent's area and the African American picnic area.

The Sports and Fitness Network will provide the gym rental, drinks, plates, utensils and activities. Each group will be asked to help contribute a main dish or meat. Each individual is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. If your community organization would like to be a part of this event, please contact SFN by leaving a message for them at the Center at 297-0008.

D'SAUCE...THE FLAVA  
OF FUNK FOR YOUR  
TASTE

Whether you like it hot, mild, spicy or smooth D'sauce has flava of funk for your ears. King Goody recording artist D'Sauce is making a big dent in the industry with her hit single "So Freaky" from the album entitled "Lost N'D Sauce." "So Freaky" has captured many audiences with the array of mixes on CD5. From the high energy dance mix to the hip hop rap mix, everyone is sure to find a flava of choice. The video for "So Freaky" having just been added to rotation on Black Entertainment Television (BET), receiving a raving review in *Billboard* from J.R. Reynolds, steadily climbing the national record pool charts and strong radio response have surely been the proof in the pudding that

success is a big part of the master plan.

D' Sauce is not just a singer, but a true entertainer. With a second single to be released soon, you can expect to be thoroughly entertained.

If you haven't had an opportunity to taste D'Flava, catch D'Sauce LIVE on Saturday, June 8th at 2pm at the '96 Pride Celebration at Riverfront.

'96 PRIDE  
THE VISUAL EYES

This year's Pride Celebration will include a celebration of lesbian and gay creativity, "the Visual Eyes." If you are a poet, painter, performance Artist, or a dancer and would like to publically display your talents, please call Monte Pennington at 269-5878 for additional information.

This event is the very first event of it's type. Visual Eyes will be held at Elliston Cafe on Tuesday, June 11th, from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The visual art will be hung in the cafe for the month of June.

## MEL WHITE VIDEO

Subject: Free Video: "Rhetoric of Intolerance." To order your free copy of the 30 minute video, The "Rhetoric of Intolerance": An Open-Letter Video to Pat Robertson from Dr. Mel White (and a free User's Guide to the video), call 714-224-9329 or send \$5.55 (for duplicating, packaging, postage, and handling) to Justice Report, 1280 Bison, Suite B9-431, Newport Beach, CA. 92660.

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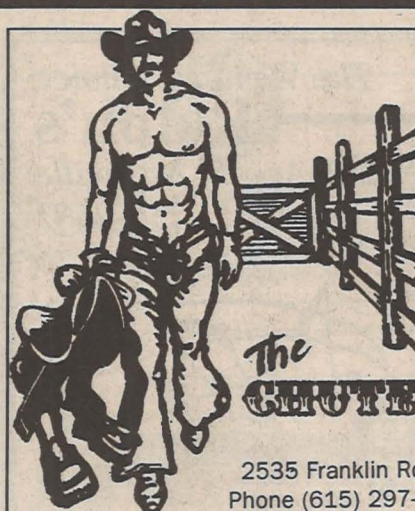
Showtimes are 8pm on Friday & Saturday, and at 4pm on Sunday afternoon. Darkhorse Theater is located at 4610 Charlotte Avenue, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with IDs. For further details call 297-7113.

## CARE FOR A CURE!

Nashville CARES proudly presents the cast of "Grease" for an evening of comedy, song and dance to benefit Nashville CARES and Broadway CARES/Equity Fights AIDS. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, 11:30pm at Cowboy LaCage, located at 4th and Broadway, for a \$20 donation.

The evening of cabaret, song and dance will include approximately twenty numbers; everything from vocal solos to full ensemble dance pieces. Each member of the Grease Company will bring their own style and personality to this production to truly make this an event to remember.

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**SUPREME COURT**

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When the horrible rhetoric that we seek "special rights" or that we threaten "traditional family values" is replaced with the truth that we demand the same basic equal rights that all Americans enjoy, including the ability to work free from discrimination and nurture our own families.

This ruling should be the stake through the heart of the divisive, unconstitutional and extremist anti-gay ballot measure campaigns of the Radical Right. Last year we defeated a similar measure in Maine. In 1994, despite a Republican sweep in the elections, voters rejected anti-gay measures in Oregon and Idaho. In 1992, Oregon defeated yet another measure. In fact, Amendment 2 was the only state anti-gay ballot measure to be passed, even though it never went into effect. Now, it too has been struck.

Let this be a message to the sponsors of these bills: The American people do not support your campaigns of intolerance and bigotry. They do not support discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. They do not want you tying up their courts in costly, prolonged legal battles. They do not want you to come to their communities to destroy and divide. Let this message be heard in every state where voters are considering anti-gay ballot measures in 1996 - on election day this year strike down your anti-gay ballot measures just as the Supreme Court has struck down Amendment 2.

Unfortunately, our victory may be short-lived. Despite this ruling, the Radical Right will not stop. They are already evolving their measures to make them more difficult to challenge in court, such as the failed attempt in Maine last year that simply "omitted" gay people and others from the list of those protected against discrimination. They are launching other attacks, including anti-education measures that censor the teaching of diversity in public schools, or "parents rights" rhetoric that really tear apart families and communities instead of building stronger ones. Religious political extremists will not stop until they have advanced their broader, anti-democratic, repressive agenda. An agenda that rolls back civil rights for people of color; scapegoats gays, immigrants and others for our country's social and economic problems; and denies women constitutionally protected reproductive freedom.

That's why we call on all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to remain vigilant. We call on all our families, friends, and neighbors, as well as all Americans of conscience to stand with us as we struggle for basic equal rights. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) launched its "Undo 2: The Supreme Response" campaign last October during hearings on the case. At that time scores of people in more than 35 cities held vigils and rallies to speak up for justice. Today, a similar number of communities were poised for this announcement.

**SUPREME RESPONSE**

NGLTF announced a 4-point "Supreme Response" call-to-action plan in the wake of this ruling. They anticipate a backlash from the radical right to this ruling, and we must be prepared.

**Our Supreme Response campaign will:**

(1) Organize events to celebrate the ruling! More than 40 cities are already slated to protest. We urge people to join in these actions and make their voices heard.

(2) Call on elected officials in the U.S. Congress and in state and local governments to support comprehensive protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. We ask them to sign our "Justice for All" resolution and immediately introduce civil rights laws in the next legislative session. We will work with our grassroots lobbying and NGLTF cooperating organizations to mobilize a critical mass of support for local and state anti-discrimination measures. We call on President Clinton to lead the charge for federal anti-discrimination protections. President Clinton and other elected officials must do what the Supreme Court justices would not: ensure basic civil rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans.

(3) Gather activists from every state at the Creating Change Conference this November. We'll strategize on how to mobilize our communities and our allies to fight for basic equal rights, respond to the backlash, including fighting state ballot measures and other radical right attacks. Creating Change is the largest conference of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender activists in the country.

(4) Launch through our NGLTF web page a "Supreme Response" electronic network to inform and mobilize activists nationwide. Log onto our web page at <http://www.nglft.org> to get plugged into actions and information.

This was a momentous day for our movement and for all those who believe in personal liberty, justice and freedom. We are making progress toward ending intolerance and educating America about who we really are. At the same time we know our battle is not over. We must remain on guard and defend against what surely will be a backlash. With the ruling, we are one important step closer to attaining our dream of a more compassionate and fair society.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is a progressive organization that has supported grassroots organizing and pioneered in national advocacy since 1973. Since its inception, NGLTF has been at the forefront of virtually every major initiative for lesbian and gay rights. In all its efforts, NGLTF helps to strengthen the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement at the state level while connecting these activities to a national vision for change.

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**Volunteer Volleyball:** 1:30 p.m. - 297-0008  
**Stonewall Mission Church:** 6:30 p.m. at 703 Berry Road 297-0008  
**Dayspring Christian Fellowship:** 7:00 p.m. 120 B S. 11th St. 227-1448 Metropolitan Community Church 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 262-0922  
**Rejoice and Be Glad:** 1st & 3rd Sundays 646-5163  
**Positive Attitude:** Sundays from 6-8pm at The Connection. Call 742-1166

### MONDAY

**NOW: National Organization for Women** 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. 292-6371  
 1016 18th Ave South

**Lambda Group (AA):** 8:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd

### TUESDAY

**Reconciliation:** at 6:00 p.m. 292-6371  
**MTSU Lambda Association:** 6:30 p.m. Fall & Winter 780-2293  
**Southern Country Dance:** At The Chute 7:00 p.m. 2535 Franklin Rd.  
**P-FLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays** 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. meetings held at 1808 Woodmont Blvd  
**Married and Gay Network:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. At the Center for Lesbian & Gay Services located at 703 Berry Rd 297-0008  
**NWA: Nashville Women's Alliance** 3rd & 4th Tuesday 7:00p.m. At the Center 703 Berry Road 297-0008  
**Integrity:** 4th Tuesday 297-0008 for details

### WEDNESDAY

**Co-Dependents:** Anonymous 7:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008  
**Free to Be {AA}:** 6:30 p.m. 419 Woodland St.  
**One in Teen:** 6:30 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008  
**Women's Discussion Group:** 7:00 pm at the Center 703 Berry Road. Call 297-0008

### THURSDAY

**Music City Rollers II: Bowling League** 6:30 p.m. Donelson Plaza Lanes 227-3543  
**The Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice:** The Board meets 7p.m. the 1st Thurs. & the general membership meets 7p.m. the 3rd Thurs. At St. Ann's Episcopal Church 5th & Woodland. Info 298- LGCJ (5425)  
**INTERACT:** Gay men's discussion group 7:00-8:30 P.M. on 2nd & 4th Thursday 703 Berry Road 297-0008  
**Vanderbilt Lambda Association:** 7:30 p.m. Winter & Fall 322-0376  
**Alternatives (AA):** 7:30 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

### FRIDAY

**HIV-infected & Affected (AA):** Noon at CARES, 209 10th Ave. S. Ste 160 1-800-845-4266  
**Overeater's Anomynous:** 5:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008  
**Program Study Group (AA):** 7:00 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

### SATURDAY

**Nashville '96 Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee:** Meets every week at Noon! At the Center 703 Berry Road. Everyone is welcome!!! For details call 832-5653.  
**Tennessee Vals:** Transgendered Group 2nd Sat. 664-6883

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**Positive Voice:** 383-9285  
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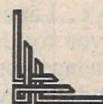
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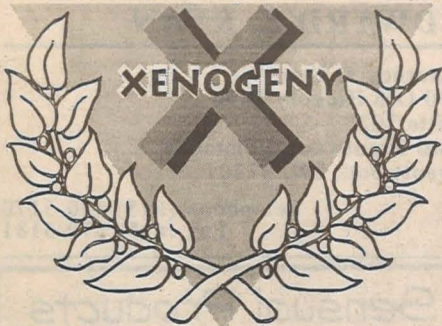
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## BOOK REVIEW

BY ASHTON MONTCLAIR, III

David Leavitt has carved quite an impressive niche in the world of gay literature, and *While England Sleeps* has brought him the most treasured legacy that a gay person could ever hope to achieve--scandal, but more importantly scandal beyond that of just being gay. If we as a community are to achieve collective equality, we must show everyone that we are just as capable as straight people in age-old endeavors such as stealing, cheating and plagiarizing. The notoriety the author received after the initial release of *While England Sleeps* and the subsequent lawsuit filed by Stephen Spender has been instrumental in our mission to purport some semblance of human equality. Leavitt has admitted that portions of his novel are based on Spender's autobiography, and Spender was successful with his lawsuit.

Even though sometimes the story behind the story is more interesting, the tale of Brian Botsford and Edward Phelan as narrated by Brian in *While England Sleeps* is an excellent addition (whoever the author) to an ever-increasing volume of gay-themed work.

Leavitt weaves a heart-wrenching story of love realized too late; a universal story of class differential, betrayal, and a life forever changed and filled with the reality that happiness is a lazy, morbid creature, which on a good life may deliver a lone soulmate only to whisk him away under the guise of propriety.

Using a backdrop of pre-World War II England and Spain, we follow struggling novelist, Brian, through his two worlds. One filled with the luxuries of the

upperclass elite and the problems inherent in the privilege of dwelling and traveling with society's finest. The supporting cast includes Aunt Constance, an elderly benefactor who splits her time between writing and arranging female interludes for Brian. The latest being with Philippa Archibald, who Brian believes he can love and live with forever, thus forgoing the struggle to maintain, yet separate, his dramatically different

lives. Since the union between Brian and Philippa would please Aunt Constance tremendously, Brian would be assured of his elderly Aunt's continued support. As with most men, Brian breaks rule #1 of Lifelong Planning: Check with the straight woman first.

For the most part, Brian's other life is shared with the younger Edward, who with giant puppy dog eyes looks through a hazy innocence for life's answers, Edward's search for inclusion progresses (with the help of one of Brian's old school "chums") to the world of communism and the Spanish frontline. Overburdened with guilt and possibly love, Brian, with his own newly-acquired communist party card, sets out across Europe to rescue Edward. Typically, as the search is prolonged and fruitless, Brian finds others to soothe his wounds while Edward's plight worsens.

Leavitt's chaotic reunion of the two lovers and the events that follow during their return home compels the reader to reflect on our haphazard daily existence and perpetual inability to negotiate through the simplest elements of life's cycle: love, commitment, and loss.

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**Taurus** April 21st - May 20th

You could find yourself enmeshed in domestic or familial affairs. A gathering of the clan for graduation, holy union or other festivity is possible now. Of course, there might be a few difficult moments, but all in all, things come off quite well. The entertainer in you may decide to make an appearance. You could choose to express yourself in a local a mature play or performance at a community event.



**Gemini** May 21st - June 20th

This is a good week for entertaining, so invite friends over to your home for an informal party. A misleading incident might cause you to question your perception. Remember the old saying: "Believe only half of what you see and none of what you hear." Buying food and household products in bulk will save you money. Be careful not to purchase items you really don't need just because they are on sale!



**Cancer** June 21st - July 22nd

A big gathering could leave you feeling happy, but emotionally drained. Now you may want to take some time for yourself to rest and recuperate. Focus on your own needs first. Although you may be flattered by a glamorous offer from a prominent or influential person, you might be happier in the long run to be a big fish in a small pond rather than a small fish in the ocean.



**Leo** July 23rd - August 22nd

One of the best times to launch new projects is an the cycle of the new moon when it begins to wax. Put your efforts into building this undertaking over the next two weeks and you'll be able to see the results when the moon is full next month. You might be shocked by the attitudes or actions of someone you thought was under your thumb. A wise person never takes others for granted.



**Virgo** August 23rd - September 22nd

Be extra protective of the things you value. Watch your wallet when you're in a crowd and remember to lock to car. You might also want to look into a home security system or new locks for your doors. Tension in a close personal relationship could arise due to a holy union baby or new pet. A shift in power or responsibilities might be necessary in order to restore harmony.



**Libra** September 23rd - October 22nd

New relationships either personal or professional could begin for you this week. If you nurture these associations carefully they'll provide rewarding experiences for you in the months ahead. If you sense that someone close to you is trying to play on your feelings or manipulate you in some way you may be right. Remember they can't get away with it if you don't let them. You may ruffle some feathers but you'll feel better in your heart of hearts.



**Scorpio** October 23rd - November 23rd

This is a good week to start new ventures and put new plans into action. People you meet now could be important to you so don't stay home alone. You may discover that you have more influence on other people than you thought. If you share your ideas now you could gain their support. This is an ideal time to brainstorm with friends about an upcoming activity.



**Sagittarius** November 23rd - Dec. 21st

You could find yourself going in several directions at once this week. Unless you're able to organize yourself now. You could end up spinning your wheels without getting very far. Keep your wits about you. You might even attract the attention of someone special. This is the week to pull out all the stops and push ahead aggressively. Whatever you take on now, provided it's not harmful to others, You should succeed.



**Capricorn** December 22nd - January 19th

Your concerns for those closest to you may lead you to making plans for the future. During this week you might want to consult professionals about insurance, financial investments, real estate or other matters that involve personal or monetary security. Love and romance could blossom for you if you open up and let a partner warm your heart. You'll be happy with the results.



**Aquarius** January 20th - February 18th

Even though you often march to the beat of your own drummer, this will become glaringly obvious. Disagreements with people may occur. A chance encounter could turn out to be profitable to you. You might have to admit that you can't change someone else. This person may be happy the way they are or be unable to see that a change is necessary. The only think you can change is your response to this person.



**Pisces** February 19th - March 20th

Domestic harmony is likely and loved ones provide a strong sense of security and belonging for you. Maybe it's time to tell how much you care. You could receive recognition and praise for your creativity. Someone may be able to help you expand your reach and turn a hobby into a business. Look into new ways to publicize your self and your work in order to make money. You might have to become more savvy and more practical about business.

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BY PAT PATRICK

Bookstar Lambda Book Discussion Group met on Wednesday, May 15th. *While England Sleeps*, David Leavitt's somewhat controversial novel, was discussed. The discussion covered many aspects of the book—including a lawsuit filed by Stephen Spender, author of *World Within World* and the "pulping" of the first release of *While England Sleeps* that ensued.

Many of the Lambda members considered Leavitt's novel the best the group has read to date, citing Leavitt's depiction of very "real" characters as well as the way he captured the setting (Europe in the late 1930's) in vivid detail. *While England Sleeps* as well as *The Lost Language of Cranes* and *Equal Affections* (also by Leavitt) --is available at Bookstar.

Lambda's next group will meet Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30pm. The book to be discussed will be *Toward Amnesia*, by Sarah Van Arsdale's first novel, has been praised for its deft characterization and fascinating storyline by many critics. The protagonist of the book faces being left by her lover and best friend of five years. In her bereaved state, she empties her savings account and trades her sensible car for a 1950 Chevy Futura. With assumed anonymity, she creates a whole new persona. She even begins writing with her other hand! Eventually, she finds herself on an island near Canada--very far away from her North Carolina home. As time passes, she realizes she must abandon her search for amnesia and accept her loss no matter how painful that process may be. Soon enough, she comes "full circle" in a way that is both sensible and magical.

All Lambda Book Discussion Group titles are discounted 30% at Bookstar, and all are invited to attend.

**June-** *Toward Amnesia*  
by Sarah Van Arsdale

**July -** *Night Swimmer*  
by Joseph Olshan

**September-** *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit*  
by Jeanette Winterson

**October -** *Like People In History*  
by Felice Picano

While future dates have not been set, the group will usually meet the third Wednesday of each month.

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## JUSTICE ON THE REBOUND

BY BILL TURNER

Ten years ago, lesbian and gay civil rights hit bottom in "Bowers v. Hardwick". In that decision, the right wing activists on the Supreme Court ignored all logic and precedent to find that the Constitutional right to privacy does not extend to private sexual conduct between consenting adults.

That decision has since earned its place in a book devoted to the 10 worst Supreme Court decisions ever. One of the justices who created the majority of five (the smallest possible majority on a court with nine justices) has since stated publicly that he made a mistake in voting to uphold Georgia's sodomy statute (which lawyers in Georgia are now challenging under the state constitution, just as Abby Rubinfeld has done here).

"Bowers v. Hardwick" demonstrated clearly that several justices on that court could not prevent homophobia from clouding their jurisprudential abilities (which were not well developed in the first place in some cases). But the composition of the court has changed considerably since 1986.

And so, as a fitting celebration of the tenth anniversary of "Bowers v. Hardwick", a solid majority of justices defeated the right wing activists by declaring that the state of Colorado cannot limit lesbians' and gay men's access to the political process. On Monday, May 20, "the Supremes" issued their decision in the case of "Romer v. Evans". This decision is very good news for lesbian and gay civil rights. But it's good news in the same way that hearing the rain finally stop is good news in a flood: you still have to wait for the water to go down before you can clean up the mess.

The decision in "Romer v. Evans" guarantees equal opportunity for lesbians and gay men only in the very broadest sense. It struck down a Colorado state constitutional amendment that repealed existing local ordinances insofar as they outlawed

## HARD ON DOLE

BY KEVIN ISOM

It's always hard on Bob Dole. If it's not a vicious Republican primary, it's a Democratic block in Congress stalling his legislative efforts. And now journalists on the other side of the world are scurrying as they try to figure out how to cover the American presidential campaign. Because transliterated into their alphabet, D-O-L-E is their word for P-E-N-I-S.

Indeed, these journalists are stiff with fear over the prospects of headlines like PENIS WINS U.S. PRESIDENCY or ELECTABILITY OF PENIS QUESTIONED or PENIS APPEARS FIRM AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. But it's not just a case of prudery. After all, these folks write in parts of the world that take their women's rights seriously. They try to have as few as possible. In such places, if Clinton wins, a headline like AMERICA DECIDES: PENIS LOSES simply wouldn't do. No sense making it difficult to keep those women under veils.

Back in our corner of the world, the problems of a few foreign journalists haven't received much attention. Yet, when they do, it'll be one more headache for Bob Dole. On the heels of a dramatic and emotional departure from the Senate, he's being called a penis.

This is truly a sad state of affairs, because you can't help but like Bob Dole. He's someone you'd be pleased to have as your grandfather. Meanwhile, his wife, Elizabeth Dole, is exceedingly likeable, easily whipping Hillary Clinton in that department. Though, of course, Elizabeth Dole can get a bit testy when you call her one of her old nicknames. After all, "Liddy" is childish sounding. And her nickname as Transportation Secretary in the Reagan administration, given for her ability to win over legislators to her points of view was truly suspect: "Sugar Lips." Given the recent foreign alphabet imbroglio, it's even worse. Imagine

discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and prohibited the enactment of any such ordinances in the future. Thus, in declaring that amendment unconstitutional, "the Supremes" merely removed a significant obstacle to lesbian/gay civil rights ordinances except in Boulder, Aspen, and Denver, where they already exist.

In other words, what we have now is the same right as everyone else to participate in the political process on our own behalf. This is no small thing, to be sure. But the mere fact that the Supremes had to issue an opinion stating this principle (especially given that the three right wing activists, Scalia, Thomas, and Rehnquist voted against us) is a sad statement indeed.

But for now, it seems, things have stopped getting worse. It's still up to us to make sure that they get better. Every United States citizen should have equal access to the political process, regardless of irrelevant characteristics. Yet access to the political process is meaningless if you don't make use of it.

I think that the decision in "Romer v. Evans" is sufficiently important that I want to discuss specific aspects of it in greater detail over the next few weeks. I want to speculate a bit on the implications of this decision for other lesbian/gay civil rights issues. I want to relate the gist of Antonin Scalia's dissent from the majority's opinion, if only to expound on the theme that Justice Scalia is from another planet. And I want to explain why I think that this decision in favor of lesbian/gay civil rights is a very conservative decision.

Above all, however, my message is the same as it has always been: the responsibility for our equal rights and equal treatment in this society lies primarily with us. "The Supremes" can help to ensure that we have the same tools for equality as everyone else. Only we can make something constructive with those tools.

the caption under the photo if Dole wins the election: JUBILANT PENIS EMBRACES SUGAR LIPS.

Yet, perhaps this whole alphabet exposure is just the sort of racism that Bob Dole needs to energize his campaign. Bill Clinton played the saxophone, an instrument whose sexual overtones cannot be ignored, on national television during the last election. In my mind, at least, a penis in the paper trumps a sax on the TV any day. Dole could end up holding his head high after all. Then, after a sudden surge in the polls, the headline could be PENIS SURPRISES CLINTON FROM BEHIND.

Clinton, however, is not a man to take such things lying down. He has proven time and time again that reversal energizes him, and he would no doubt rise to this occasion as well. Perhaps he could find something illicit in Dole's past. Maybe something even Nixon-esque. CROOKED PENIS: SCANDAL EMERGES. But Dole is about the straightest arrow I've ever seen (I mean that entirely figuratively), so Clinton probably couldn't nail him there.

No matter. Clinton would simply call in more former Republican strategists (everyone knows there are plenty of penises there) to plan a comeback. The headline? BEATING PENIS: CLINTON HAS PLAN. Though I think that headline was already used during the Jennifer Flowers controversy, and, in all fairness, none of her allegations ultimately stood up to close examination.

Either way the race ends up going, whether PENIS WINS or PENIS LOSES, at least some humor has finally been injected into the campaign. The only thing that could conceivably add more fun is if Bob Dole relaxes even more, doffing the jacket and slacks, and donning latex instead.

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# A MYTH IS AS GOOD AS A SMILE

ROBERTS' RULES BY SHELLY ROBERTS

"But I liked you so much better as a stereotype." Manny said over his half-raised, half-empty coffee cup. "You know what I mean?"

Of course I did, or at least I thought I did, but since I already knew what I knew, now I wanted some info straight from this horse's mouth. "No. I don't. Tell me."

Let me back up here for a second and tell you why Manny and I were working our way through a pot of diner decaf. Manny's in his forties. He's married with five kids. Three his, and two borrowed brothers he and his wife couldn't split up when it came time to sign the adoption papers. Manny's been married mumble-something years to his first and only wife, Susan. And, though there's been a roller coaster ride now and again, they've settled happily into a smooth stretch which they think will take them to the end.

We became friends on some advertising junket, and have been examining each other's roads-not-taken for years. This time it was my turn to go under the microscope.

"Well, when I thought about lesbians at all," he stopped and sucked on his teeth. "Hmmp. Well, as a stereotype you had a much better sex life than I did."

"Honey, you've been married to the same woman for three thousand years. Anybody had a much better sex life than you did."

"I mean, well, in my imagination."

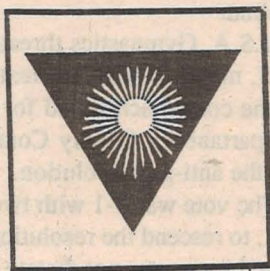
"But, Manny, if your imagination were any good, you would have a much better sex life all by yourself. Without me, thank you very much."

"Okay," he laughed. "But when I didn't know you as anybody specific, you could be this mystery. I liked it better. I mean, I like you just fine. But I know you. I know your partner. I know how long you've been together. I've been up on the roof with you to help you clean your chimney. We'd had bad barbecue in each other's back yards. How can I hold you as this extraordinary, elevated symbol of deviant sexuality when I've seen you without any make-up?"

"Hey, pal, no problem here. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go put some make-up on. Geez. Who wouldn't want to be held up as a universal symbol of vaguely exotic, extremely erotic sensuality. That's it. No more barbecues."

"But why do you care what I think. I mean, you're a lesbian and I'm a guy." "You're not all that much different than your own stereotype, Guy. What you think, lots of people think. And

since it is my worldwide commitment and global obligation to give everyone a thoroughly boring image of what lesbians are really like, what changes me in your mind from a symbol to a flesh and blood human with needs and rights and wants and flaws, is what will do the same for huge lumps of the population."



"Oh, you've met my in-laws. Mr. and Mrs. Huge Lump. I'd like to introduce you to my pet lesbian. Sure, ruin the fantasies for everyone. I mean, can you see guys everywhere looking over their shoulders as they go into that XXX room at their video stores looking for the thrill of watching you and your partner cleaning out your swimming pool. Or playing bridge with another boring lesbian couple? Or us? Whooooo. Now there's a hot seller. Gotta get me some stock in that movie company."

"Yeah, but that's the point, Socrates. If all I am to everybody who makes laws is this tower of seething eroticism, (Oooh you know that does kind of have a nice ring to it.) If all I am is that, with no real life to speak of, then when it comes time for me to get, oh, let's say, um...health insurance at the office for my sweetie, the human resources department recommends me for immediate transfer to the lobotomy lab. And my honey can't get a discount nose job, or emergency electroshock because she's not working this month, and it messes up your fantasy life."

"Oh, yeah." He conceded grudgingly. "I see what you mean. I suppose you should have something to say about cemetery rights, if the worst happens. And you are about the only girl-person I can talk to who doesn't always seem to be coming on to me." "You just don't know enough lesbians."

"Right. Could you introduce me to some sexy ones." "You know, Pal, you're going to look amazingly sensual with raspberry jelly from my donut oozing down your forehead." We laughed. The waitress poured another cup of coffee. And, much to his libido's loss, we knew each other just a little better than we did when we sat down. I know that the polls all show that it is much more difficult to be homophobic with people you actually know. And Manny and I seemed to be living proof. He knew I wasn't after his wife. And I knew I had a friend I could trust, even if it meant he had to let go of his idea of me, well, his mythical lesbian, as a sex goddess. <sigh> It's a sacrifice, but, hey, somebody's got to do it.

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## OUT ON THE AIR

\* **LITTLE SISTER.** Aired 5/27/96, Monday, USA Network Cable. "College shenanigans with a cross-dressing freshman (Jonathan Silverman) romancing his sorority sister (Alssa Milano). Time approximate after tennis." —TV Guide.

\* **TALK SOUP.** Aired 5/27/96, Monday, 5:00 PM, E! Cable. Highlights of the day's TV talk shows. They announce upcoming talk show topics. Aired 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11pm.

\* **SHATTERED MIND.** Aired 5/27/96, Monday, 8:00 PM, NBC. Heather Locklear (Melrose Place) plays a woman with five different personalities. Probably no lesbian content but one of the personalities is 'D.J.' a violent male teen.

\* **RUPAUL'S PARTY MACHINE.** Aired 5/27/96, Monday, 10:00 PM, VH1 Cable. Super-model-drag-queen RuPaul VJs her favorite Dance music videos. One hour show.

\* **SCHOOLBREAK: TWO MOTHERS.** Aired 5/28/96 Tuesday, 4:00 PM on channel 2. "Bigotry and pressure bedevil a high school athlete (Justin Whalin) whose parents (Meredith Baxter & Joanna Cassidy) are lesbians." Check your local listings.

\* **THE LOVE BOAT.** Aired 5/29/96, Wednesday, 2:00 PM, E! Cable. "Doc learns of a fraternity brother's homosexuality." —TSM-TV.

\* **ARCHIVES: ELTON JOHN.** Aired 5/29/96, Wednesday, 9:30 PM, VH1 Cable. A half hour of the openly gay singer's videos.

\* **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: FINAL JUSTICE.** Aired, Wednesday, "A man kills his childhood buddy; suspect taunts, then kills a gay man." —TSM-TV. Check your local listings.

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\* **ARCHIVES: ELTON JOHN.** Aired 5/30/96, Wednesday-Thursday, 1:00 AM, VH1 Cable. A half hour of the openly gay singer's videos.

\* **NICK NEWS.** Aired 5/30/96, Thursday, Nickelodeon Cable. "AIDS/HIV peer education." —TSM-TV.

\* **THE LOVE BOAT.** Aired 5/30/96, Thursday, 8:00 AM, E! Cable. "Doc learns of a fraternity brother's homosexuality." —TSM-TV.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### This Weekend:

#### Unidentified Human Remains & The True Nature Of Love:

A play by Brad Fraser, is presented through June 2nd by Bad Egg Productions in Darkhorse Theater @ 4610 Charlotte Ave. Showtimes Fri-Sat 8pm, 4pm Sun. \$10 adults, \$5 w/ college ID. A Must See!

### Wednesday, June 5th:

CARE For A Cure "Grease!" An evening of Cabaret song & dance featuring the Broadway Touring Company of "Grease." 11:30pm @ Cowboy LaCage, 4th & Broadway, \$20.

### Friday, June 7th:

7pm Opening Night Community Entertainment @ Connection Theater Featuring: Sue Bailey, Lee Ellis, Bianca Paige, Carol & Harry, Nashville Dance Project, Sam Meihaus, Virginia Vick, & Jazzmyn. Free w/ Pride T-Shirts.

### Saturday, June 8th:

Noon: Rally at Legislative Plaza  
1pm: Parade to Riverfront  
1:30pm: Riverfront Celebration Featuring: Romanovsky & Phillips, Nashville Dance Project, Cowboy Dick Band, Rita Ross, Tony Domenico, D'Sauce, La Boy Le Femme, Yer Girlfriend, & Tabitha Peak Band! Free!!

### Sunday, June 9th:

10am-2pm Community Picnic Playday Picnic @ Shelby Park Community Center - free!

### Monday, June 10th:

Bi-Sexual Mixer @ Cafe Elliston  
Transgender Mixer @ Connection Theater at 7pm, free!

### Tuesday, June 11th:

Business Mixer/ Business Expo @ World's End 5pm- 8pm  
Visual Eyes (Visual Art, Poetry & Performance Art @ Cafe Elliston 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### Wednesday, June 12th:

Spirituality Celebration @ Blair School Of Music Auditorium 7:30pm, 2400 Blakemore.

### Thursday, June 13th:

Couples Enrichment Workshop 7pm - 9pm Edgehill Methodist Coalition For Justice Featuring Mandy Carter @ 1st Amendment Center at 7pm.

### Friday, June 14th:

Film Fest @ Darkhorse, 6pm only \$4 for 1 or all movies!

### Saturday, June 15th:

Film Fest @ Darkhorse, Noon "A Night In White" - Nashville CARES, 8pm - 1am. Vanderbilt Stadium Club.

### Sunday, June 16th:

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### ANTI-GAY RESOLUTION DEFEATED

The defeat of a Spartanburg, South Carolina County anti-gay resolution has been a tiny Stonewall for the Upstate of South Carolina.

U.S.A. Gymnastics threatened to pull the U.S. men's gymnastics team training out of the county scheduled for July 3-12, if the Spartanburg County Council did not rescind the anti-gay resolution.

The vote was 4-1 with two members absent, to rescind the resolution. "Our job is to run this county, not dictate morality" said one of the councilmen. One can disagree with the gay marriage resolution, but there's a world of difference in passing a resolution which states gay and lesbian citizens are not compatible with the county's "values."

The heated controversy has energized many lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered persons. The normally sleepy little gay community was energized by the defeated anti-gay resolution. A number of community members broke their silence, came forth and took a stance.

### AMBER RICHARDS

Amber Richards a popular entertainer in the Atlanta, died last week in an accidental house fire. A legendary entertainer, was well-known throughout the south and elsewhere in the country. She had won many pageant titles such as Miss Continental USA, Miss Atlanta Pride Emeritus, and Southern Voice Glamour Goddess of Drag.

Amber Richard's catch phrase: "A Queen may die, but a Goddess lives forever." Glamorous, successful, sharp tongued and loyal to a fault, Amber was memorialized with an out-pouring of grief that friends

and fans shared with her large family, rushing to Atlanta from all around the South.

The obituary read: Amber Marie Richards-Williams, 38 died of smoke inhalation in the early hours of Sunday, May 10th, as a result of a fire in her home in Smyrna that Cobb County fire officials have ruled as accidental. Lisa Marie Mazur, 27, of Midtown, a friend who had driven home with Amber late Saturday night, also perished in the unusual fire.

According to Cobb County fire officials, a candle or cigarette most likely started a smoldering fire that filled the house with smoke before extinguishing for lack of oxygen. No sign of fire or smoke was visible from the exterior of the home.

### EDDIE MURPHY APOLOGIZES

Actor and comedian Eddie Murphy apologizes for the homophobic and AIDSphobic remarks he made early on in his career on a HBO special. AIDS activists demanded that Murphy be removed as a guest on the David Letterman Show.

### FLOCK TO ATLANTA

Hundreds of lesbians and gay men flocked to Atlanta to participate in the 18th Annual Atlanta's Armory Sports Classic over the Memorial Day Weekend.

What started out as a small regional softball tournament has grown tremendously to a fierce on field competition of six sports and a huge social gathering.

The athletes competed in softball, soccer, bowling, billiards, tennis and golf. Even if the teams played two games and lost, they still had a weekend full of socializing.

### MINISTER'S REBUTAL TO DESCISION

By what apology does the U.S. Olympic Committee justify itself in censoring municipalities who by the free exercise of constitutionally appointed government pass legislation that proscribes homosexual marriage? I am stunned.

Their recent actions, statements, and threats against both Cobb County, GA., and now Spartanburg County provides every indication that the U.S. Olympic Committee proposes to advance the cause of homosexuality in the United States.

It has not only overstepped its function or purpose by meddling in the affairs of a self-governing municipality but has also now ventured into the realm of civic morality, attempting, in effect, to compel community to cease opposing homosexuality. I am further amazed that such threats on the part of the U.S. Olympic Committee would evoke such fear from our politicians. I applaud those municipalities who have taken a public stand against perversion and enacted proscriptive legislation against homosexual marriage.

If the citizens of the state of South Carolina esteemed morality and feared God in greater measure than they regarded athletics or desired revenue, they could preclude the threat of the relocation of the U.S. swim team's training facilities from Spartanburg by immediately and cordially asking them to leave. The audacity of the U.S. Olympic Committee in seeking to promote moral perversion by means of official extortion is to be deplored.

—Rev. John-Gregory Farrell,

\*\*\*\*NOTE Just so that we don't get confused, I'd like to make the following points.

1. The Spartanburg resolution, whose wording is identical to the Greenville Resolution, states that gay and lesbian lifestyles are incompatible with community standards. It does not make reference specifically to legalizing gay marriage (copies available upon request). 2. Spartanburg feared a relocation of the pre-olympic training facility for the U.S. men's gymnastics (NOT swimming) team.



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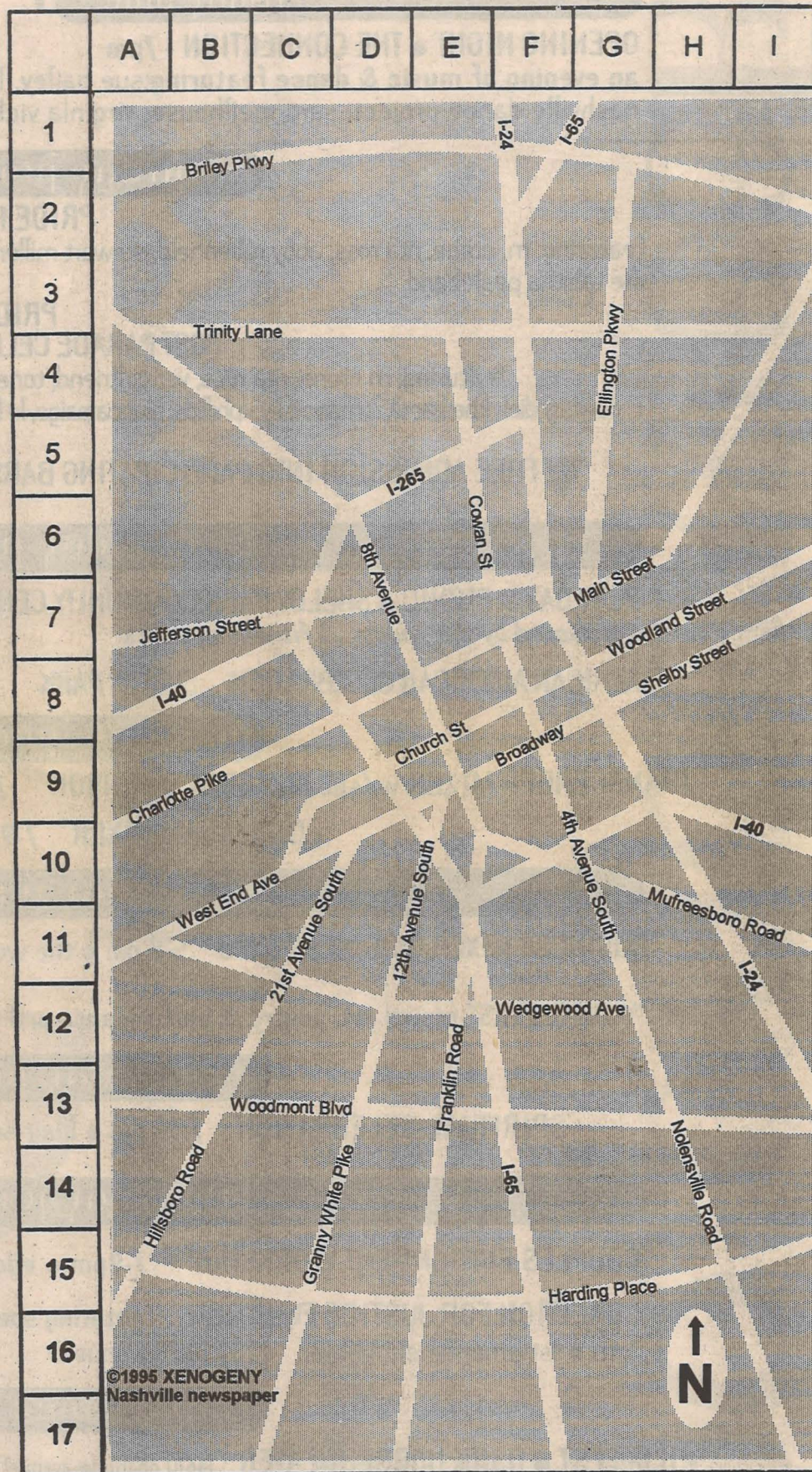
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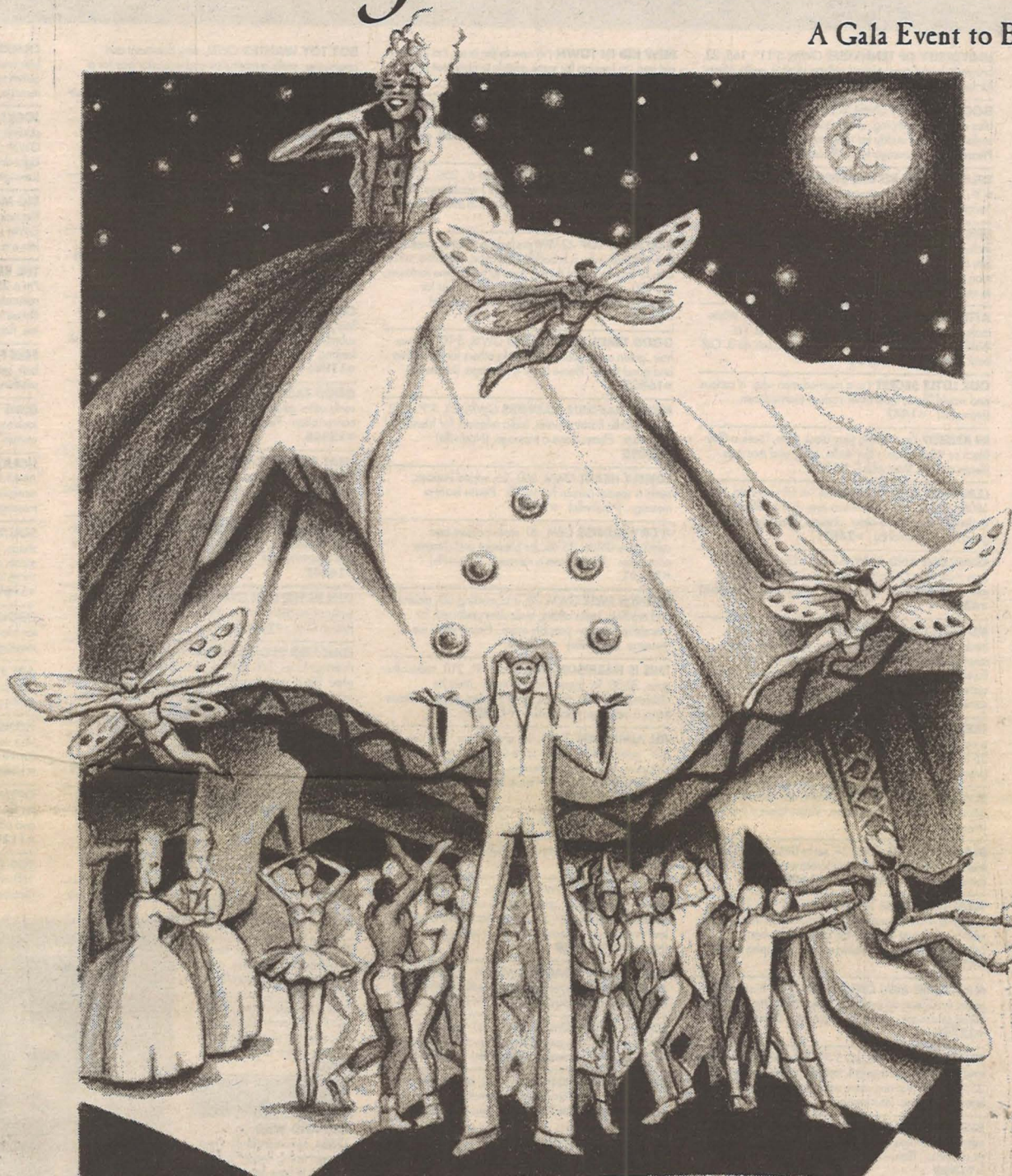




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**LEARNING AND YEARNING** I'm 18 years old, 5'9, 180lbs, Brown hair, and Green eyes. I'm a college student looking for an older, discreet, masculine man for good times. (Memphis) #2481

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**BIG BOY GWM**, 21, 5'11", 230, seeks GWM, 18-27, interested in music, computers and living life to the fullest possibilities. Please leave a message. (Murfreesboro) #11408

**LETS SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER** I'm a Gay White male in my early 40's looking for a Gay Black male to share some intimate times with. Call me. (Nashville) #4518

**WORKING CLASS TOPS WANTED** I'm a professional White male in search of hot working class White tops. I have my own place, plenty of movies, and lots of privacy. Call me. (Nashville) #2188

**BRAND NEW HEAVY** I'm a Gay White male, 6ft, over weight. I'm looking for an over weight Gay White male to share good times with. (Nashville) #2968

**READY FOR COMMITMENT** GWM, late 20's, 160lbs. I'm looking for a top 30 to 40 who is willing to help me relocate to the city of Nashville. (Nashville) #35032

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?** I'm a 28 year old GWM, 5'11, nice body. I'm a masculine man looking for other guys in the area. (Nashville) #37785

**GROUP GROPE** I'm a 29 year old guy. I like group scenes. If you are interested please call me. (Nashville) #41702

**TALL AND GOOD LOOKING** I'm looking for more than a friend. I'm looking for trust, honesty, and a strong relationship. I'm tall, good looking, and well built. If you are interested in a relationship call me. (Nashville) #42726

**NEW KID IN TOWN** I'm new to the area. I'm 24 years old and I'm looking for some people to hang out with. (Nashville) #42775

**OUTDOORSMAN** hi, Chris, 29 GWM, 5'7 180, black/brn, love anything outdoors, camping hiking fishing, into a relationship, if you are interested, give me a call- (Nashville) #33629

**THRILL OF DE-FEET** Hello, Steve, I'm 6', 250, 37 may not be your type, but I like foot fetish! I would give you a relaxing massage, if you are interested in this leave a message- (Nashville) #34015

**BLACK ON TOP** 42 WM professional, int in meeting a BM well built, who is a bodybuilder type, attractive, who likes to stay on top of things, want to fulfill some fantasies, 6'1 180, dk brn goatee, blue eyes, like to meet for daytime fun, if ur interested beep me! (Nashville) #34449

**GOOD TIMES ALL AROUND** GWM, 5'10", brown hair, green eyes, good build, seeks others for friendship and good times. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #16805

**MIDDLE EASTERN MADNESS** GWM, 23, 5'9", 150, seeks Middle Eastern males, India referred, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #23090

**LONELY HEART** GWM, 200, 26, varied interests, seeks a special person for my life. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #17047

**IVORY HUNTER** GBM, 40, seeks passive and submissive GWM, 35-50, for pleasure and discrete encounters. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #17181

**FRIENDS FIRST** GWM, 35, into working out, movies and reading, seeks others, masculine preferred, for friendship first then possibly more. Please leave me a message. (Nashville) #17209

**THIS IS HARRISON** GWM, 26, 5'9", 210, seeks other guys, 20-30, for friendship and more. Must be disease/drug free. Let me make you feel special. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #17225

**ALL AMERICAN** GWM, 20, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6'4", good looking, seeks same under 25, masculine and attractive, for fun and adventure. No fats/feins/drugs/smoke. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #5604

**DISCRETELY YOURS** Bi BM, 25, 170, 5'9", attractive, seeks discrete Bi BM/WM, 25-30, into working out and physical fitness. Discreteness a MUST! (Nashville) #14291

**GOOD OLE BOY** GWM, 28, 205, 6'1", nice looking, blondish/brown hair, and lonely by choice, seeks other professional males, 27-32, for a relationship based on love and honesty. Please leave me a message. (Nashville) #14729

**COCKED AND LOADED** GWM, 31, 6', 175, very good looking with a nice physique, seeks others for fun. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #14849

**LOCALS ONLY** GBM, 26, 6'1", 210, seeks local GWM's, 20-30, for special friendship and possibly more. Please leave me a message. (Nashville) #14926

**ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?** GHM, 22, brown hair and eyes, 6'2", seeks other males for friends and more. If you're the one, please leave a message. (Nashville) #15058

**STUDENT NEEDS TEACHER** GM, student at Nashville Tech student, 5'8", 190, 35, seeks GWM, 35-45, tall and well built, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #15338

**FRIEND SEEKER** GWM, 45, varied interests, HIV+, seeks friends. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #15493

**NERVOUS IN NASHVILLE** GWM, new to area, 170, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, 45, well built, bearded and attractive, varied interests, seeks others into country music and leather. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #11692

**TRAVELLING MAN** GWM, 6', 175, brown hair, olive skin, smooth and well built, seeks other GM's or Bi M's for excitement and more. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #37397

**MASCULINE MEATING** GWM, 35, very masculine, good looking, seeks other GWM's into sports, outdoor activities, and general fun. No bar flies please. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #13188

**GROUP GROPE** GWM, 36, masculine and attractive, seeks masculine and discrete GWM's, couples or groups a plus, for entertainment and excitement. I can travel or entertain. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #13260

**BLACK IS BACK** GBM, 21, college student, clean cut and shaven, 5'9", 185, seeks other GM's, 18-24, for pleasure. No drugs or alcohol. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #13310

**BOY TOY WANTED** GWM, very dominant and aggressive, seeks a masculine and muscular boy for a serious relationship. Attitude is everything and limits respected. Must be serious and extremely passive. Leave a message. (Nashville) #37008

**LONELY IN TENNESSEE** GWM, 5'10", 160, seeks friends and relationship. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #13477

**NO STRINGS** WM seeks others for non-committal excitement with no strings attached fun. (Nashville) #9951

**THE FEELING'S MUTUAL** GWM, 6'5", 23, brown hair and eyes, seeks other GWM, 20-28, for good times and mutual pleasure. Please call me and leave a message. (Nashville) #11456

**COCKED AND LOADED** GWM, 38, 6', 190, brown hair, blue eyes, dominant and masculine, seeks submissive GWM, under 25, who are slender and boyish looking. Leave your stats in my box! (Nashville) #11986

**GOOD TASTE** GWM, 27, 5'10", 170, new to area, seeks other educated males for friendship and conversation. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #12568

**HEAT STROKE** GWM, 31, 5'10", 150, seeks GWM's, 21-33, masculine and attractive, for friendship and possible relationship. Please leave a message. (Nashville) #12686

**LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU** GWM, 5'9, 155, 25, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks other GM's, 25-40, for pleasure and entertainment. Please leave a message. (Selmer) #14847

**FUN IN THE SUN** GWM, 6'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks other GM's for fun. Please leave a message. (Union City) #13080

**EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL** Rod young 48 WM Average looks, 170, 5'9 brn/brn, professional, college grad, like dinners, travel, and theatre, like to meet 35-45 educated WM interested in a long term rel. Give me a call- (Western Tennessee) #34645

**HORSE WITHOUT A RIDER** GWM, 26, 5'11", seeks other GWM, 22-35, with varied interests including horseback riding. Please leave a message. (Woodbury) #13244

## Arkansas

**GOOD TIMES AHEAD** I'm looking for a good time and friendship. I'm liberal, secure, and confident. Call me, lets have fun together. (Fort Smith) #1664

**LATIN LOVER** I'm looking for Gay Hispanic men in my area. I'm tall, thin, 6'2, 160lbs. Call me. (Little Rock) #1494

**PHONE FUN** I'm 5'4, have Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a great body. I'm looking for guys 18 to 25 in my area or nation wide. I like bike riding, heavy metal music and roller blading. If you want a good time on the phone call me. (Little Rock) #29041

## Kentucky

**WET AND WILD** I'm 6'1, 175lbs, swimmers build. I'm a Straight acting bottom looking for guys to have fun with. Call me. (Ashland) #5152

**SOUTHERN COMFORT** GWM, 6'4", brown hair, 'stached and bearded, moderately hairy, masculine and discrete, seeks other local and masculine dudes for fun and adventure. (Fayetteville) #12709

**TOO HOT TO MENTION** I'm a single White male looking for a few people to get to know. I like tennis, jogging, and a few other things I can't mention. Call me. I have friends too. (Glasgow) #33694

**READY TO SETTLE** GWM, 25, brown hair and eyes, 5'8", 160, varied interests, seeks other GWM, 18-25, to share my life with. Please leave a message. (Kentucky) #16273

**KENTUCKY FRIED** GWM, 5'10", blue eyes, brown hair, 190, variety of interests, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. (Kentucky) #12998

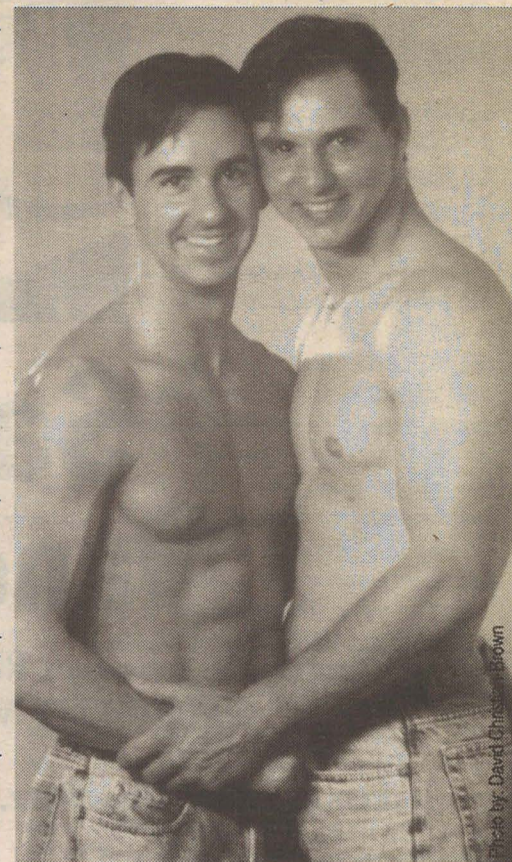
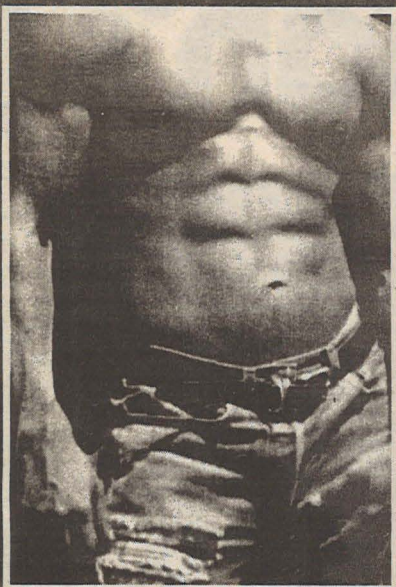


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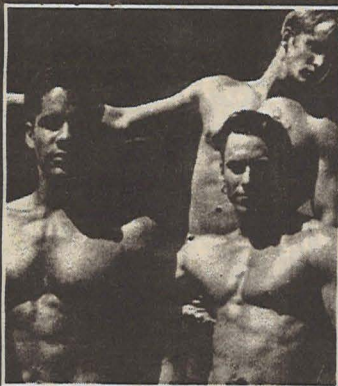
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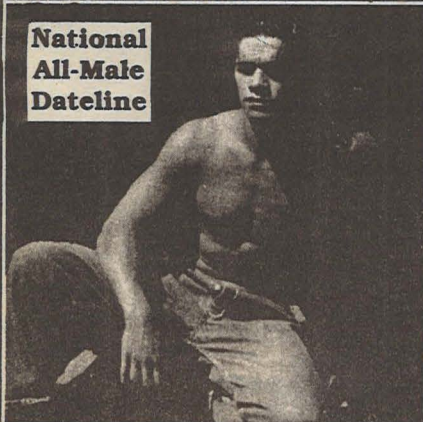
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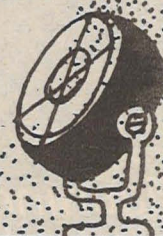
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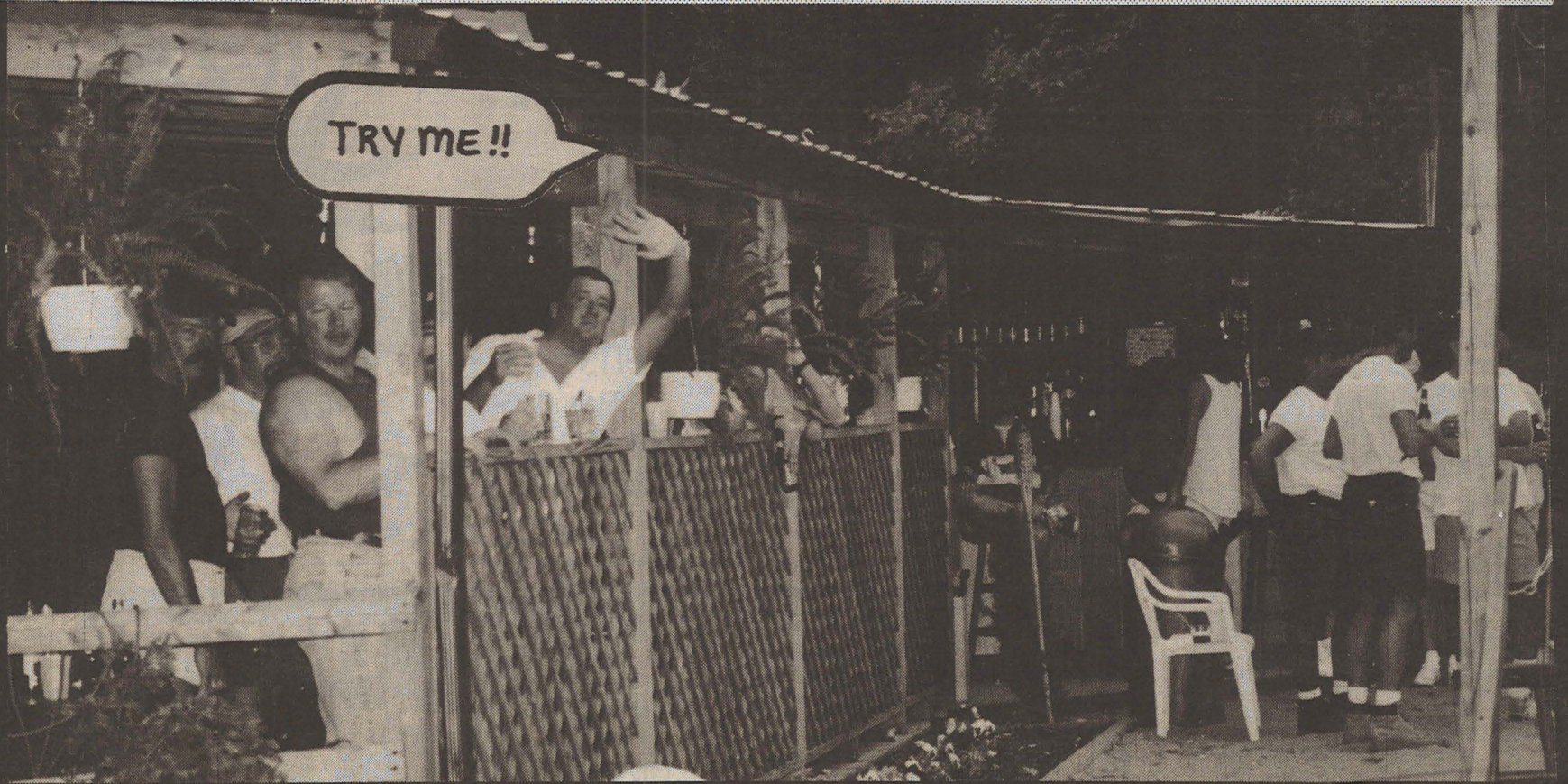


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