DOMESTIC PARTNERS WIN!
By Associated Press

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved landmark domestic partners legislation prohibiting The city from doing business with contractors who don’t provide the same benefits to employees’ domestic partners that they do to spouses.

“This bill is cutting-edge legislation,” said Supervisor Leslie Katz, who co-wrote the ordinance with Supervisor Tom Ammiano. “It is the first time a major city has taken action to ensure domestic partner benefits are provided by the private sector.”

If enacted, the bill, approved Monday, would affect thousands of private companies seeking to do business with San Francisco. It would require them to provide benefits such as health insurance to their employees’ domestic partners if they already provide them to spouses of employees.

Failure to do so would make them ineligible for city contracts.

City officials estimate 8,000 to 10,000 contractors do business with San Francisco.

Carol Plasente, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, had a cautious reaction to the legislation, saying it “obviously well-intentioned.” But she added there are “a lot of unresolved issues about what its impact will be on small businesses.”

She said some of the bill’s language was murky, specifically as to how some small businesses might be exempted.

“There also are some issues around its fairness to San Francisco business ...,” she said, because the measure would apply to businesses in jurisdictions, like San Francisco, where domestic partnerships can be registered.

Plasente also expressed concerns about how the measure would be enforced, whether businesses that required domestic partner certificates also would have to require marriage licenses for spouses, and the cost and availability of domestic partner insurance for small businesses.

The legislation once again puts San Francisco at the forefront of the domestic partners issue. Four years ago, it was one of the first cities to adopt a domestic partners law that allowed unmarried couples - gay and straight - to register their unions with the city, and it extended benefits to city workers.
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CHASTITY BONO ON BOARD
By Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

LOS ANGELES, CA - Chastity Bono, writer and former spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, a national lesbian and gay political organization, has been named Entertainment Media Director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Chosen after a national search, she assumed her role with GLAAD on November 1, 1996.

"This is an exciting time in Hollywood," said Ms. Bono. "With Ellen's imminent 'coming out' and with more than twenty lesbian and gay characters already on television, GLAAD is uniquely positioned to take a proactive approach to how we are represented on television and in film."

As Entertainment Media Director, Chastity Bono will act as GLAAD’s lead representative in dealings with entertainment industry professionals and will develop strategies addressing lesbian and gay concerns. Ms. Bono will design public forums and educational events that focus on lesbian and gay issues and trends unfolding from within the entertainment industry.

"We are putting Chastity Bono’s lifetime of experience in the entertainment industry to work for GLAAD—it’s a natural fit," said William Waytourn, GLAAD’s Managing Director. "Chastity’s personal experience as an out lesbian in Hollywood gives her firsthand knowledge of what it takes to promote fair and accurate images of lesbians and gay men in the media."

NATIONAL PROTEST DAY

The Chrysler Campaign is an easy, fun way for you to work in your community to educate the public about employment discrimination and gay bashing.

The immediate purpose of the protests is to pressure Chrysler to realize that we will not tolerate their blatant bigotry. Chrysler has refused the United Auto Workers demand to add sexual orientation to the contract for equal protection in the workplace.

Protest at your local Chrysler dealership Thursday, November 14th!

Send a message to Chrysler to accept the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the UAW by writing to:

Chief Executive Officer: Robert Eaton
800 Chrysler Drive
Auburn Hills MI 48371

GMC EXTENDS BENEFITS
By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT—In an apparent first for the auto industry, General Motors Corp. agreed Tuesday to extend employee benefits to the same-sex partners of its 26,000 employee members of the Canadian Auto Workers.

The provision was included at the last minute as bargainers in Toronto reached tentative agreement on a new contract to end a 20-day strike, said Basil "Buzz" Hargrove, the union’s president.

Company executives said they were unaware of any comparable policies at other U.S.-based auto companies. In the United States, the practice has generally been limited to the entertainment and technology industries.

GAY ART WORLD

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31 /PRNewswire/ - Raising the eyebrows of the conventional art world, San Francisco-based Queer Arts Resource (QAR) announced today the launch of the first Internet-based forum for the display and discussion of queer art online. QAR at http://www.queer-arts.org will provoke questions and provide a stimulating context for discussion about aesthetics, politics and censorship as it cyberslips the beauty of the homosexual/bisexual/transgender dynamic in the visual arts.
BOSTON (AP) — AIDS warnings are apparently reaching high-risk whites but not many blacks, who continue to contract the disease in disproportionately high numbers, experts said Tuesday.

Galvanized by statistics indicating that blacks will account for more than half of new AIDS cases by 2000, black leaders convened an emergency summit to plot prevention strategies.

Conference organizer Mario Cooper noted that the number of AIDS cases among blacks and whites were, for the first time, equal in 1995. Both amounted to 40 percent of newly reported cases, while Hispanics accounted for 19 percent and Asians and American Indians made up the rest.

The statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that last year, there were 93 cases of AIDS reported for every 100,000 blacks, compared to 15 cases for every 100,000 whites.

Experts Tuesday said the solution is more complex than simply telling minorities how the disease is contracted: through sex or sharing of needles among drug users. They said blacks must embrace the cause of AIDS prevention the way gays did a decade ago.

According to CDC, 70 percent of white men who contracted AIDS from July 1995 through June 1996, were infected through homosexual sex, while 11 percent of cases were blamed on intravenous drug use.

Among black men, the percentage of cases blamed on sex and drug use were equal — 33 percent.

Among white women during the same period, 33 percent of new cases were attributed to drug use, and 41 percent to heterosexual contact. Among black women, 36 percent of cases were attributed to drugs and 37 percent to heterosexual sex.

PROUST’S LOVE LETTERS

By The London Daily Telegraph

LONDON — Secret letters written by Marcel Proust to his lover Lucien Daudet have revealed the secret anguish of the homosexual writer.

More than 100 letters, discovered in a private collection in Europe, will go on sale at Christie’s in London at the end of the month.

They reveal that Proust was much more coy about his emotions in real life than in his books. He used coded language to express his feelings.

Daudet was a son of the novelist Alphonse Daudet and was Proust’s junior by seven years. He was 16 when he met the writer. When they met, Proust was involved with Reynaldo Hahn, a Venezuelan musician and composer, but by the end of 1895 Daudet stepped into the breach as Proust’s companion.

Because Proust was afraid of discussing the homosexuals openly, he called them the “mauvais genre” (bad people) in his letters.

“At this time there were tough laws in France about homosexuality — so you just didn’t talk about it,” said Priscilla Thomas, the expert on continental letters at Christie’s.

Proust often bounced ideas for his books off his young protege.

Q. I’d like to know if you think same-sex marriages should be legalized?

A. I believe that if two people live together and have a relationship, they should be able to have the legal protection that heterosexual couples get like health-insurance coverage, pension rights and sick leaves.

I also believe that there should be some sort of ceremony that a gay couple could hold where their friends and family could celebrate their love and commitment to each other. We will all have to come under the canopy of a “marriage” doesn’t seem to me to make a big difference, but I’m not a politician or theologian.

I know that there may be a law passed in Hawaii, but I don’t think that such a law is likely to be passed in most states. That shouldn’t stop homosexuals from being able to make the same type of commitment that heterosexual couples do.

* Editor’s Note ABC TV, Thursday Night, Nov. 7, “Turning Point” will focus on same gender marriage. A non-political interview, features four couples who have formally declared their union publicly — their personal experiences.

NONTOXIC AIDS DRUGS.

LOS ANGELES—BUSINESS WIRE—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has given CytoDyn clearance to test Cytolin, the first in a new class of nontoxic AIDS drugs.

Unlike current AIDS drugs, which attack HIV directly, Cytolin aims to correct the self-destruct mechanism of the immune system that is triggered by an HIV infection.

The progress of the new drug’s development is notable in part because CytoDyn’s efforts have been funded on a tight budget of $1.25 million — a small sum by pharmaceutical standards. Most of that amount was raised from HIV-positive, gay male professionals and businessmen with a personal stake in fighting AIDS.

Cytolin is a monoclonal antibody designed to prevent one part of the immune system — a particular type of “killer” CD8 cells — from attacking another part — CD4 cells, the destruction of which results in AIDS. Cytolin is designed to protect the immune system’s natural defenses while antiviral drugs take the offensive against HIV.

“What distinguishes Cytolin is its apparent ability to restore the body’s defenses,” said David N. Hart, M.D., CytoDyn’s medical director. “It works to repair a chink in the immune system’s armor that HIV managed to expose.”

Many experts believe that both offensive and defensive strategies will be required for the long-term control of HIV/AIDS, according to R. Scott Hitt, M.D., a Los Angeles area physician who chairs the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

“Some Americans believe that the fight against AIDS is practically over, now that combination drug therapy has shown us a break in the clouds,” said Hitt, “but the storm is far from over. More options as well as less-toxic treatments are needed.”

“We are encouraged by the growth to test Cytolin, the first in a new class of non toxic AIDS drugs.

The Associated Press

The Associated Press
I drove through the light mist of rain falling over to the Belcourt Cinema last Friday to see the movie “BOUND”. I had really been looking forward to this little film noir and expected it to be walking a bit on the wild-side. After all, I had heard the stories.

Let me set this squamish tale up for you.

There’s over two million bucks up for grabs, the mafia is connected to the money. There’s Ceasar (Joe Pantoliano), the man who launders the money for the mob. There’s Violet (Jennifer Tilly), Caesar’s girlfriend of five years, and there’s Corky (Gina Gershon), the recently paroled thief, hired to do maintenance in the apartment building where Caesar and Violet live.

The chemistry is instantaneous, as soon as the two women are in the elevator together their eyes meet, and you know something is going to happen, something that is very...passionate.

The two have much in common, Corky being ever stronger. I felt a bit uncomfortable at some points, not because of the violence, but because I felt like I was watching someone’s life unfolding right in front of me. And I was helpless, I couldn’t reach out and help.

Meanwhile, things get pretty steamy for the girls falling in love and their feelings grow stronger. I was beginning to wonder if they could pull this off! I mean, can you trust a thief with over two million, cash? Can a woman whose trust has been betrayed ever really let her guard down again?

Our girls fall into bed together, their attraction grows, as does their lust for that money, a chance for them to start over, a fresh start, a clean break, just the two of them, happily ever after? I was beginning to wonder if they could pull this off!

The acting in “BOUND” is great. Very believable characters, well developed. You can say I actually hated trusted someone.” and Violet has been living in her own hard time story, locked in a relationship with the mafia tough, Caesar. They bond.

This is more than a story about how they plot to steal the mob’s money, it’s about trust. Can you really trust, trust your heart, a partner, your passion?

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**SUNDAY**
Music City Rollers Bowling League: 12:30 p.m. 227-3543
Fall/Winter Volunteer Volleyball League: Shelby Park 1:30 p.m. 297-0008

**MONDAY**
NOW: National Organization for Women, 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center located at 1016 18th Ave. south, call 269-7141 for details.
Positive Attitude: 6-9pm at the Connection, support for HIV+ individuals & friends. Excellent Verbs: lesbi,gay,trans prose-poetry-factual songwriting group, 7pm. 650-0061

**TUESDAY**
MTSU Lambda Association: 6:30 p.m. Fall & Winter 780-2293
Southern Country Dance: At The Chute 7:00 p.m. 2535 Franklin Rd. 297-0008
MAGNET: The Married and Gay Network: 1st 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. Monthly NWA Newsletter.
MENTORS: Sacred Space for Men. Discussion & Support Group. 7-9pm at the Center. Call 269-4342 for details.
Integrity: Lesbigay Episcopalians. 4th Tues. Eucharist potluck & Service, 7:00pm 297-7779.

**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 meet 7pm the 1st Thurs. & the general membership meets 7pm the 3rd Thurs. At St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, 5th & Woodland. Info 298- LGCC (5425)
INTERACT: Gay men’s discussion group 7:00-8:30 P.M. on 2nd & 4th Thursdays 703 Berry Road 297-0008
Vanderbilt Lambda Association: meets weekly at 7pm @ the Cumberland House- Westside Row on the Vanderbilt Campus. Call 322-0376 for details.
Alternatives (AA): 7:30 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

**FRIDAY**
Overeater’s Anonymous: 5:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
Program Study Group (AA): 7:00 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

**SATURDAY**
Nashville ‘97 Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee: Meets the 1st & 3rd Saturday at 12:30pm at the Center 703 Berry Rd. Everyone is welcome! Call 226-6193 for details.
Tennessee_vals: Support/social group for CD’s, TG’s, & significant others meets 2nd Sat. 6:30-4:00. P.O. Box 92335 Nashville, Tn. 37209. See Web Page® http://www.transgender.org/ltg/ltval/index.html.

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FILTH

"Filth" disgustingly offensive dirt, garbage, anything viewed as greatly indecent or obscene.
By Billy Masters

Headline in the Boston Herald - "Attacker dies after taking on blind man trained in martial arts". I may complain about Boston and I may try to leave as often as possible, but I have to admit I love this city.

You think Boston isn’t a happening place? Well, there I was in a mid-priced restaurant when who walked in but Grant "Melrose Place" Show and Alphonso "Fresh Prince" Ribiero. They were at the next table and I tried to figure out what was going on, but no luck. Didn’t look like any sparks were flying.

Then I go to NYC and bump into Uma and Ethan Hawke sitting at a very quiet table in the tres trendy E&O restaurant. Within fifteen minutes they were joined by someone who appeared to be a wedding planner. Hmm.

Have you been watching "Ellen"? I have to admit, I haven’t been watching as often as I did - between getting rid of the humpy Dan Gauthier and the awful scripts, I find myself more often than not watching "The Nanny" or "Wings". But, those of you watching "Ellen" have no doubt taken notice of the scene stealing Barrett, Paige’s assistant. Played by our very own Jack Plotnick, I can confirm from one of my anchor (at least on the weekends), Giselle Fernandez has a new TV show "Access Hollywood". Will we have access to her introductions?

Speaking of family members on television, good news for our very own Mitchell Anderson. His character, Ross, can secure the rights to a TV version of the popular film.

When Rosie O’Donnell is singing "Chim Chimery", then I know it’s time to get out my old Julie Andrews albums and wrap up this column. While I relive my childhood, feel free to write to my E-Mail address of Filth2Go@AOL.com and I’ll write you faster than you can say "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" or something like that. So, until next time, remember, one man’s filth is another man’s bible.
Sister Sage’s Astrological Reading

**Aries** March 21st - April 20th
Someone finds you very attractive and they want to seduce you, whether you are genuinely available for such antics or not. A friend with a new hobby shares the pursuit. You want more thrills in your life. It could be that you discover a friend is more than just a friend and you must shift the relationship from casual to passionate.

**Taurus** April 21st - May 20th
A deep study of metaphysical truths helps you to be more tolerant of the foibles of other people, yet in your heart you know what’s real and what is self-deception. Your love life may come under heavy fire this week. You may become romantically attracted to someone connected with your career—whether or not you can legitimately do so.

**Gemini** May 21st - June 20th
You think about a relationship and scrutinize your heart. It is quite possible to love someone who isn’t right for you in the long run, yet sometimes there are circumstances which make you need to be together right now. You want to look your best and that could mean a makeover at some local beauty spot, or a shopping spree for a new wardrobe. A little self-indulgence is likely as well this week.

**Cancer** June 21st - July 22nd
You are passionately attracted to a romantic partner this week. It seems that you each embody the other’s fantasy and you enjoy trying all sorts of exciting and risque’ things together. Carefree play with a loved one vivifies your spirits. A good deed that you do for someone else turns into a lucky break for you as well. Go ahead and give in to the desire to look your best. Exercise and healthy eating are the key.

**Leo** July 23rd - August 22nd
Not every relationship is destined to last forever. If you have completed your karma with someone, back off and let them go with love. Kicking and screaming never helps this situation. You find yourself drawn to people who are not your usual type and because of these attractions you have to confront the early conditioning that helped formulate your basic nature. These conflicts help you know yourself better.

**Virgo** August 23rd - September 22nd
It’s not so hard to get what you want if you are willing to reach for it with all your heart and soul. A casual conversation with someone you meet in passing leads to a useful insight. Sometimes you need to search for another path to the same goal, and often on such a search you discover more than you originally needed to find. Someone trusts you and confides a shocking secret about their love life this week.

**Libra** September 23rd - October 22nd
Romance is interesting this week. You have been known to fall for some very odd ducks in the past. You think about taking a pleasure trip, perhaps with a romantic partner who also enjoys traveling. A friend who has been living at a distance is in touch with plans to return to this area. A romantic partner wants to spend more quality time together with you this week. A neighbor asks you for a favor.

**Scorpio** October 23rd - November 22nd
You feel like rebelling this week. Despite your obvious sexiness, you are a strong and reliable person and others know they can count on you. Now you feel like being a little less solid and being more of an eccentric. A relationship that had been tottering back and forth for a while could end for good if you decide there is no hope for repair. Some serious soul-searching is always in order.

**Sagittarius** November 23rd - December 21st
A casual conversation while waiting for a bus or standing in line at the store could indicate the beginning of a beautiful relationship. A new goal seems easy to accomplish this week. You review a relationship so you can decide if it should last or end. Good sense is useful in many areas of life—especially romance. Be careful who you interact with and which people you allow to share your life, so be selective.

**Capricorn** December 22nd - January 19th
This week you will meet someone new who reminds you of an individual from your past. You are in touch with all sorts of new people now, perhaps as a result of group contacts and introductions of friends of friends. A lover asks your understanding in a serious matter. You think about a potential partnership and how the person in question might help you get more of what you want from life.

**Aquarius** January 20th - February 18th
A romantic partner wants a commitment from you and you think about what it would mean to give it. Relax and let yourself receive inspirations from the universe. Meditation is a powerful tool and you can use it to create your future. A chance opportunity leads to a lucky break. You and your mate share a relaxing morning in which you open up and share your thoughts and dreams for the future.

**Pisces** February 19th - March 20th
A romantic partner wants you to take a risk and you think about the trust factor in your relationship. Someone who once meant everything to you now is just a fading memory. Goofing off now and then is no crime. Sometimes you just have to take some time for yourself so that you feel centered. Then you regain the strength to battle those dragons once again. Your mate needs to share quality time with you. Talk to Sistersage at 615-391-5286 or Sistersage@aol.com
Tuesday, November 5th - OPEN HEART- HIV/AIDS Support Group in Shelbyville. Meets at the First Christian Church at 309 Madison Street, Shelbyville. For details, call Sandy Craig at (615) 684-8481.

Tuesday, November 5th ELECTION DAY
YOU'VE GOT THE POWER! CELEBRATE THE VOTE Sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign at the World’s End from 5:30pm-til! Come Celebrate!

Wednesday, November 6th
Rev. Nancy Wilson, Senior Pastor of the MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) in Los Angeles, will be Guest Faculty at Vanderbilt University's Divinity school. Wilson, author of the book "Our Tribe", will speak at 10:00am at All Faith Chapel, basement of Divinity School followed by a noon luncheon at the Tillolet Lounge, basement of Divinity School. For details, call Lloyd Lewis 343-3934. All Welcome.


Sunday, November 10th FINANCIAL SOLUTION SEMINAR A Center benefit presented by Financial Planning Consultant and Xenogeny Columnist Linda Goss. The seminar will be held 3pm at the Center (703 Berry Road). A sliding scale donation of $10 - $30, all proceeds will be given to the New Center Fund. For additional information call (615) 297-0008 or (615) 782-0715.

Sunday, November 10th SECOND SUNDAY - Integrity of Middle Tennessee will sponsor a Social Hour at the World's End Restaurant, located at 1713 Church Street from 4-6pm. For additional information call (615) 333-7309.

Tuesday, November 12th Community Forum on AIDS/HIV Research; "What's New" 6pm - 8pm at Wilson Hall on the Vanderbilt Campus. Sponsored by the AIDS Clinical Trials Center & the AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit at Vanderbilt. Free, Door Prizes! Details call 936-1174 or 343-2437.

Tuesday, November 19th FREE! Confidential On-Site HIV Testing at The CHUTE COMPLEX, located at 2535 Franklin Road. Sponsored by Nashville CARES, Details, call 259-4866.

Friday-Sunday November 22-24 NOW State Conference in Memphis! As NOW celebrates its 30th anniversary, NOW President Patricia Ireland will be the keynote speaker. Nashville speakers include Kathleen Maloy, Cynthia Bennett, and Lynne Cushing. Registration information may be obtained: Susan MacKenzie, 1387 Linden Avenue, Memphis, TN. 38104.

ELECTION DAY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING BY BILL TURNER
You've already voted, right? Maybe you even voted early. I heard about one group who got together to socialize a bit first, then went to vote as a group. Sounds like a great idea to me. We should re-integrate the rituals of citizenship with our social lives, rather than seeing them as conflicting. During the nineteenth century, my great grandmother Gardner had printed cards to leave if she paid a visit to someone who wasn't home. She kept a guest book for visitors at her house to sign.

What has this to do with lesbian/gay civil rights and politics? Well, now that you've voted, whether socially or singularly, it's time to go visiting. Visiting newly elected officials, that is. Just voting isn't enough. We need to let these people know who we are and what we think.

And they want to hear from us. That's their job. They're supposed to represent us. So let's go talk to them. You don't have to start out on the topic of lesbian/gay rights. That's a big leap for many people, of course. But there are people there before the General Assembly that you might want to speak to your representatives about. For example, as a professor at MTSU, I have particular concerns about funding and other policies for higher education. If my current state senator, Andy Womack, wins re-election, I plan to let him know what I think, especially because he's on the Senate Education committee.

But even if he weren't, I'd still want to address the issue with him. If his opponent, Kevin Wax, wins, I'll go talk to him about it. This semester I gave my students the book, Four Foundations of American Government, to read. In it, history professor Paul Conkin explains that voting is only one of many ways, and perhaps not the most important way, in which we participate in our government. We can also use petitions, as we did with the same-sex marriage bill.

Of course, those petitions didn't do what we wanted. We wanted to stop the bill from passing, but it passed anyway. We should not conclude, however, that petitions don't work. We should conclude, instead, that the governor and members of the General Assembly will pay more attention to the opinions of their lesbian and gay constituents only when they know that they have a significant number of us.

Which means going to visit. You don't even have to wait until the session begins. Especially if you live outside of Nashville, it might be easier to set up an appointment with your state representatives while they're still at home, before the session begins in January.

Whether we like it or not, lesbian/gay civil rights issues are very much in the news these days. Every few weeks my Co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice, Rhonda White, or I, gets a call from a local news outlet asking about ENDA and DOMA, or Coalition voting guides, or something else.

This means that enterprising members of the General Assembly are more likely to come up with issues of ours that they will feel compelled to pass laws on.

This should scare you. Unfortunately, at the moment, we can pretty well assume that any bills introduced in the upcoming session of the General Assembly dealing with lesbian/gay issues will be hostile to our civil rights and equal treatment.

And the only thing we can do about it now is to go visit.

REFLECTIONS OF THE QUILT BY DEL DORR
During the Columbus Day weekend, the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed on the Mall in Washington, DC. Thousands traveled to the capital to be a part of this program. Many of these travelers came from throughout Tennessee, in keeping with our long tradition as "The Volunteer State". The Quilt display sparked a large number of programs that focussed on meetings, seminars, demonstrations and marches calling attention to the AIDS epidemic. Tennesseans were well represented in all of these activities.

On Thursday morning, Oct. 10, two vans set out from the Rivergate mall parking lot with 19 passengers, heading for the Nation's capital. Before the vans departed, each van displayed a sign with the "DC 96" logo for the Quilt display and a rainbow flag. Van driver Jennifer Day even placed a rainbow bumper sticker in the window. Clinton-Gore supporters also flagged the vans with the sign of diversity, that is exactly what the group had brought together to make the long 14 hour drive to DC. Les-bi-gay and heterosexuals shared the space together as friends, lovers, family members of those who have died of AIDS.

As we began the trip, my own thoughts were bringing my the "Hands Around The Capital" rally and also the Candlelight march. She found the display to be "Very overwhelming, very emotional. What about those who have not been represented in the Quilt? Just think how big it would be if each statistic had its own individual panel. Absolutely unbelievable." Wayne turned in a panel for his brother during the '92 display and he and his sister served as volunteers for this showing of the Quilt.

Traci Patton of the Nashville CARES office was in Washington to part of the National Skills Building Conference on HIV/AIDS. "This reminded me of why it is so important to continue my work of education. It reminded me of those who have been lost to the disease and friends now living with HIV. I cried. Seeing the Quilt gave me a new passion for my work".

Lynn Taylor of East Nashville was in Washington to see the panel for her brother go on display. While in DC she attended the "Hands Around The Capital" rally and also the Candlelight march. She found the display to be "Very overwhelming, very emotional. It is hard for me to put it into words." Robert Humley's reflections were similar. "Impressive, very emotional." Robert made the trip to get some ideas for creating a panel for a friend recently lost to AIDS.

Sue and Raymond Alves were in Washington to see their son's panel on display. Sue noted "I had a feeling of comfort knowing I was one of many who had experienced a loss of a loved one. I was consoled by the presence of others suffering a like loss. The Candlelight march made me cry. The waves of candles was beautiful. I was impressed with the diversity of the people--all walks of life, all ages together sharing a common grief. My overall reaction, the display was outstanding."

The Quilt display covered a mile long stretch of the mall. It was an area of common experience and love. It presented a picture of a group of people united in their expressions of love and concern for one another. It was a place that allowed all in the brightness of day to walk hand in hand and to hug and to be themselves without concern of being rebuked and hurt. It was a safe space that showed the very best of the human spirit. What a wonderful sight to see what a world could be.

Editor's Note: The photos on page nine were taken by the Nashville contingent to Washington, DC, on Columbus weekend.
REFLECTIONS OF THE QUILT IN DC.

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Artrageous 9

Mark your calendars, Artrageous 9, is November 9th. After visiting the featured art galleries (American Artisan, Bennett Gallery, Collectors Gallery, Cumberland Gallery, In the Gallery, Local Color and Midtown Galleries, Zeitgeist Gallery) from 6-9:30pm, "The Late, Late Show" party convenes at Sunset Studios. This year’s party, sponsored by Absolut and Consolidated Media Systems, was designed by Jim Mees, the Emmy award winning set designer of Star Trek. The multi-media extravaganza features more than 25 video screens and projectors as well as music by yours truly, DJ Ron. Ticket are $50 in advance or at the door of any of the galleries on the night of the event. Parking for the "after party" will be on West End with shuttles circulating every few minutes. For more information, please call the Nashville CARES office at 259-4866.

An interesting twist is the Circuit Suite CD to be sold at the party. This amazing compilation features the heart of the best club music working the circuit. Kamastutra begins the show with the Junior Vasquez mixed "Storm in My Soul." The song builds and builds, adding layer upon layer of instrumentation. Perfecto artists Grace and Brian Transeau have their singles "Down to Earth" and "Loving You More" featured prominently as well. The highlight of this CD, however, is the much sought after remix of Texas’ "I Don’t Want A Lover." When I first heard this, I cried. Words cannot express the melancholy effect of this amazing remix. The song is nearly perfect, one of the best singles of the year. The compilation will be sold at the party for $25 with proceeds going to Nashville CARES.

Do the Right Thing

Living Joy returns with "Follow the Rules," though most will recognize the song by its main hook "Do the Right Thing." Just as "Don’t Stop Movin" and "Dreamer" became huge club hits, this song will definitely follow in their footsteps. Remixes range from the high energy "Do the Right Mix" to the deep house "Transatlantic Mix" by Satoshi Tomie.

For those of you who can not wait for the single, the song is available on MCA’s new compilation Live is a Dance. The CD features a diverse lineup of dance, from Reba McEntire and C2C Music Factory to Jodeci and Vanessa Daou. This continuously mixed CD also features the hard to find Motiv8 euro remix of Saint Etienne’s "He’s on the Phone."

While on the compilation tip, MTV returns with Party to Go Volume 10. Thankfully they remember to include house and high energy dance music along with their staple urban hits. Hits by Amber ("This is Your Night"), Jocelyn Enriquez ("Do You Miss Me"), Billie Ray Martin ("Your Loving Arms"), L’Artiste ("Be My Lover") show the house side while hits by Bone, Thugz "n" Harmony ("Isha Crossroads"), Coolio ("It’s All the Way Live Now"), and 2 Pac ("California Love") highlight the big urban hits. The fact that a portion of the proceeds go to fight breast cancer almost outweighs the fact that they include a horrific version of "Macarena!"

A Foxy Lady

To be truthful, when I first received the promo of "Snapshot" by Rupaul on Rhino records, I thought that her career had reached a new low. The remixes were horrific and the package seemed disposable. However, the album, Foxy Lady, strutts a totally different feeling combining varying dance influences from freestyle and booty to house and euro. R.U. Nasty seems like a followup to "Cmon Ride the Train" except with Ru disssing everything in sight. "Party Train" and "A Little Bit of Love" could both turn up on a Real McCoy album while "Happy" sounds like "Everybody Be Somebody" part two. But instead of sounding like retreads, Rupaul pulls it off. She is in good voice and you can feel the attitude seething in the tracks. Who else could pull off a track like "Work That Body" - the ultimate aerobics record? I think that the "Queen of All Media" has a hit on her hands and with the proper promotion from her VH-1 TV show, WKTV morning radio show and Rhino records, this album will be a huge success.

Trashy HiNRG Covers

When I was in Orlando, I picked up Newton’s "Sometimes When We Touch." You can tell that John Springer produced this to sound like a follow up to his previous hit, the Nicki French smash "Total Eclipse of the Heart." The hooks and lifts are all in the right places so this will definitely be another huge hiNRG record. However, I am not as happy with Eclipse’s butchering of ABC’s "Look of Love." The vocals are off key and just do not feel right with the manic feel of the instrumentation. Avoid this bomb!

As we wait for the Frankie Knuckles and Soul Solution house mixes of Toni Braxton’s "Unbreak My Heart," we can take solace in the high energy version by Lost. The same group who covered Celine Dion’s "Because You Loved Me," Lost should be given credit for getting the cover out before the original version is even released as a single. However, I can’t help but suspect that the house mixes will be superior to these rushed high energy versions.

If you ever have any questions about dance music, feel free to e-mail me at dj.ron@nashville.com. Listen to me every Saturday 4-7pm on WRVU Nashville on 91.1 FM.

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“LOVE YOUR GREATEST FAN EVER...”
BY NATALIE BROOKS

I think they call it a “crush” because it feels like a butch, steel-toed boot just smashed you like a cheap, aluminum soda can, to leave you wobbling about, trying to look like a normal, smooth-surfaced cheap soda can. Some people crush on anything that walks. Some people are much more selective crushers. Others prefer to crush on the inaccessible - like TV and movie stars. That was never really my style. Oh, as a teenager I had my faves. I saved every picture of Brook Shields from People magazine but, unlike my brother, I didn’t have posters of my dream woman plastered on every wall and all over the ceiling. I wasn’t a member of the Farrah Fawcett fan club. Walking into his room was like facing Farrah’s winged locks with fly-visions. And unlike my best friend I was not a regular purchaser of Tiger Beat and I could really care less about the red leather butt on the Lover Boy album. I didn’t even claim my dolls were the children of Mac Davis, like my sister did. No, I wasn’t much of one to crush on the inaccessible. But you know, they always say it just takes meeting the right person. And how right they are. Just call me Crushed Aluminum.

I’M IN LOVE WITH ROSIE!
Rosie O’Donnell of course. What an incredible woman. Beautiful, funny... rich even. I have had a thing for her ever since I first saw her on VH-1’s Stand-Up Spotlight. Now I get to see her everyday. I have this fantasy. I get tickets to see the taping of her show in New York. When she gets to the last joke of her monologue, I shout “Because it’s taped to the desk!” louder than anyone else so that she can’t help but notice me. Her eyes lock with mine and she is momentarily speechless. Not the type of speechless she was when Meatloaf kissed her but a good, mesmerizing, body tingling type of speechless. On impulse, she calls me to the stage to sing a song with her. We are both so incredibly bad the entire audience and crew splits in disgust, leaving us alone in an un-manned (or un-womaned) spotlight. She sends her agent to her apartment to boot out her girlfriend. I, of course, have my U-haul double parked out front. From there we spend blissful years together. The baby and I happily watch the show from backstage, laughing and sending her positive reinforcement vibes, ready to jump to her defense in the case of another stupid guest like Donnie Osmond.

Sadly, it’s just a dream. If I really got to meet Rosie on the set of her show, she would probably think I was some kind of stalking, freak. But you know, I’ve learned something from her. She raves and raves about people she would like to have on her show, they see the episode or hear about it, are touched by her passion, and call up to schedule their appearance. So Rosie if you’re reading, I have my plane ticket all ready to go. (Do you think it worked?)

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
BY LINDA GOSS

Why is it that many Americans fail to plan for retirement? Does the daily stress of making ends meet put retirement planning on the back burner? Are you so busy that it can wait until later? Later can be a long time.

Pay yourself first is one of the rules of getting ahead. But so many of us just don’t have any extra money. How can a person save for retirement or pay ourselves first when they live from paycheck to paycheck? Simple, just do it!

Here Are Some Suggestions:
1. Take a good look at your finances. Complete honestly a list on how you spend your money.
2. Keep a log for one week of every penny you spend.
3. Categorize your log. For example: Groceries $50, Gas $15, Eating Out $40 etc.
4. Repeat 2 & 3 for an entire month.
5. Total each category by the week and then total for the month.
6. Make a new category in your log called savings.
7. Review each category, one at a time.
8. As you review, consider what categories you are willing to reduce.
9. Be specific as to the bottom of each category the dollar amount you commit to reducing.
10. Write down at the bottom of each category the dollar amount you committed to reducing and add it to the savings category.
11. Take the dollar amount you committed to reducing and add it to the savings category.
12. Do steps 2 & 3 again.
13. Add up all the categories for the second month.
14. Compare the results with what you committed to.
15. How’d you do?
16. When your savings category reaches $25.00 a month, start investing. Pay yourself first. This step is very crucial in being able to retire and not have to work.
17. If no money is available for the savings category, it may be necessary to work a second job.

Planning is very crucial in your financial life. How much money do you need when you retire? When your income stops at retirement where are you going to get money to live on? Social Security is only a supplement and who knows if it will be there when you retire. Who will take care of you if you do not plan for your retirement?

It is very sad to see older people working when they should be playing and enjoying their retirement years. Where do you want to be?

If you need help getting started, call 782-0715.

* Editor’s Note: Financial Seminar
Linda Goss will be presenting a Financial Seminar (to benefit the new Center fund) to be held on Sunday, November 10, 1996 at 3pm at the Center (703 Berry Road).
Donations will be $10-$20 on a sliding scale. Everyone is welcome. For additional information call the Center at (615) 297-0008 or Linda at (615) 782-0715.

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**CYBERSPACE NEWS BYTES**

**HARVARD KISS-IN**

By The United Press International

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 30 (UPI) About 20 kissing gay and lesbian students from Harvard University interrupted a speech Wednesday by Christian Coalition head Ralph Reed aimed at drumming up votes for pro- Christian candidates.

As Reed began his speech at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, half of the audience held up signs blasting the coalition’s attacks on homosexuality.

In the ensuing ruckus, same-sex couples among the protesters embraced and kissed until police physically removed them from the hall, but not before Reed told them “get used to us, because we’re going to be here a long, long time.”

There were no arrests.

During his speech outlining the coalition’s pro-life, pro-family stance, Reed condemned separation of church and state and said “morality and religion” should be the “two pillars that support a Republican government.”

Claiming this election would “set the tone for the ensuing century,” Reed criticized Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole for being a “single issue” candidate who sidestepped social issues to champion his 15 percent tax cut.

“The facts are these. The American people are not interested just in lowering their tax bill or in balancing the budget, he told the small audience. “They are interested in saving their children and instilling in their children and grandchildren the values that they believe made America great.”

Republican Gov. William Weld lost many pro-life and Christian supporters in his Senate campaign because of his support for taxpayer-funded abortion and the partial-birth abortion procedure, Reed noted.

During the question-and-answer section, a black lesbian lashed out at Reed for invoking the political legacies of both Dr. Martin Luther King and Winston Churchill, who supported the eugenics movement advocating racial purity.

“And now it’s people like you who are telling me that as a lesbian, I can’t marry my partner,” said Ann Scaton, a Harvard graduate student in English. Clearly your disingenuous, sneaky use of Martin Luther King is just to disguise the fact that you’re nothing but sort of a geeky post-modern Christian racist in an expensive suit.”

Reed’s visit to Harvard coincides with the Christian Coalition’s mobilization of 100,000 volunteers nationwide in an effort to maintain a Republican majority in Congress. The group’s distribution of 45 million voter guides through churches is under investigation by the Federal Election Commission.

The blue-eyed, 35-year-old Virginia native twice helped conservative North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms win the re-election and was considered one of the leading forces behind the Republican Party’s resounding victories in the 1994 mid-term elections.

**FORCE SOLDIERS TO LIE?**

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a challenge to the “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy on gays in the military. “Don’t ask, don’t tell” means that gay soldiers who admit their orientation are discharged, while those who hide it may remain in the military.

By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — From rural communities across Indiana, young gay men have moved to the big city, leaving behind their families to find a place where they could openly express their sexuality. When some of them began disappearing, no one was looking for them.

Years later, at least four gay men have been identified among the remains of at least seven bodies discovered on an 18-acre suburban estate whose owner committed suicide in July. There were male prostitutes working the gay bars in Indianapolis, police said.

Perhaps the saddest part is that their families didn’t come looking for them, members of the gay community said.

“They go to the nearest big city where there’s a number of gay clubs and gay life,” said Ted Fleischaker, publisher of The World, a gay newspaper with 10,000 readers in Indianapolis. “They may or may not even bother to tell their mom and dad they’re even gone. They won’t even go home for Christmas.”

No one knew whether the men had even left Indianapolis. They were reported missing between July 1993 and July 1994, and by that time, “there was definitely some nervousness” among the gay community, said Jeff McQuary of Justice Inc., which promotes the civil rights of gays and those infected with HIV.

“Probably we never would have known if it wasn’t for this very accidental discovery,” McQuary said.

The dead were found along with spent shotgun shells and hand cuffs on the Fox Hollow Farms estate. Herbert Baumeister, 49, lived there until he went to Canada, where he shot himself to death in a park in Ontario, police said.

Baumeister, a businessman who was going through a divorce, left behind a four-page letter that revealed nothing about the discovery of the bones.
Kay and Ellie broke up.

We're in shock. Our friend Diane beat the lesbian jungle drums from California to tell us that Kaye found someone else. Moved out. Suddenly, Ellie didn't expect it. Neither did we.

I don't think I ever introduced you. You'd have loved them. They were a capital letters COUPLE. A model of monogamy. I thought there would always be time. They'd been together nearly fifteen years, and we figured they'd go for a Guinness Book of Lesbian Longevity record.


Now the details of a breakup are juicy, but really, not all that interesting if you don't happen to know the lucky couple. (Unless the couple happens to be Martiina, and anybody Marvin Mitchelson happens to be suing her on behalf of.) But what's important, it seems to me, is how inconceivable a breakup of this magnitude is on your "friends."

I mean, really. Couples of more than a decade's duration should seriously consider the impact on chums before implementing actions. Breakup like this draws faint question marks on your own expectations. If it could happen to them, well, then it could happen to you?! The last question Diane on the phone asked was, "How are YOU TWO?" We asked her was exactly who did Woody Herman imitations by the engraved set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs you had personally selected for her for your fourth anniversary, (the ones you would still personally like to wrap around her personal neck.)

No. No. No value judgments. Even if it does seem exactly like the same thing that happened to you when you split after your unseemly anniversary with the one who did Woody Herman imitations by blowing air through her ears, who had none of the job skills currently listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and who firmly believed that sex, especially with you, was dirty.

You know what happens. One agreeable remark, and then next month they work it all out, have long soulful discussions in bed of every little detail of the event, including exactly what they thought they heard you say, and what you seemed to mean by it.

And, hey, where does that leave you? With two ex-friends. Neither one of whom ever calls you again to invite you to their fabulous, catered house parties in Montauk.

Breakups are hell. On your friends.

The formerly beloved was really Satan in thin disguise, and reversed the charges because she hasn't been able to quite get it together to get to work for weeks, you can't say, "Sorry, wrong number," No way. You say, "Huh? Ungrhgh. Grunnnnnnnnnnnnn. Mump? Oh, No. Really. We were awake."

When a couple rifts, it's friends who get the toughest end of the stick. You have to be careful all the time not to be too agreeable. I mean, it's hard not to say, in the midst of the turmoil, "You're absolutely right, she is a sub-species that wouldn't get past the bouncer in a Star Wars bar. Pond Scum. And you never should have wasted the happiest decade and a half of your life on her."

Or, "Merciful heavens, Kaye, a person does need a little excitement after fourteen, fifteen years. You were absolutely right to go off with Donna Rice to up your adrenaline. Ellie should have understood that."

It's so tempting to make judgments. It's a natural law or something. Especially when the event reminds you of the time that your good, inconsiderate third lover walked out on you for that bimbo in a corporal's uniform. Or was it the fifth lover who ran off with the gym teacher/bartender/tennis pro/show girl and, dammit, actually took the engraved set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs you had personally selected for her for your fourth anniversary, (the ones you would still personally like to wrap around her personal neck.)

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