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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 Piasente, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, had a cautious reaction to the legislation, calling 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.

Piasente 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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SO HOMOPHOBIC THAT HE WOULD KILL RATHER THAN BE PERCEIVED AS BEING GAY?

By The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Talk show host Jenny Jones denied misleading the public about the topic of a taped show on homosexual crushes when she expressed condolences on-air to the family of a guest who had been slain.

Testifying in the first-degree murder trial of a former guest, Jones said she sometimes doesn't know the topic of each day's show until she receives a folder of background, a script and other information the night before.

Jones was called to testify by lawyers for Jonathan Schmitz, a heterosexual accused of killing Scott Amedure three days after the two taped a "Jenny Jones Show" segment in which Amedure revealed he had a crush on Schmitz. Defense lawyers contend the show misled Schmitz into thinking his secret admirer was a woman and ambushed him with the revelation it was Amedure.

The show never aired, but about two weeks after it was taped, Jones read a statement on the air.

In the statement, part of which Jones read in court, the show said it wanted to set the record straight "about a show involving secret admirers."

Under questioning from defense attorney James Burdick, Jones denied misleading the public with the statement in failing to specify the show was about same-sex crushes. Jones said there was no deception in not mentioning the admirers were homosexual.

"The premise of the show was that it was a surprise," she said. Schmitz, 26, was charged with first-degree murder for the March 9, 1995, shotgun slaying. Three days earlier, he and Amedure were in Chicago to tape the "Jenny Jones Show" segment. Schmitz's lawyers have not denied that he shot Amedure, 32. But they believe Jones' testimony will bolster their claim that Schmitz was misled and humiliated.

That, coupled with his existing physical and psychological problems, left Schmitz unable to form the intent to kill Amedure, they say.

During the taping, which was never broadcast but has been played in court, Amedure told the audience about his crush on Schmitz.

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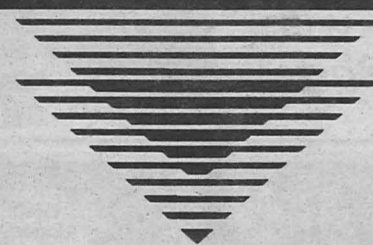
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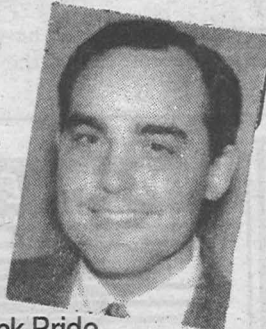
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By Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

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 out 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 Waybourn, 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 work place.

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.

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
CENTER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!**

LOS ANGELES, Elizabeth Taylor will present Elton John with the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's highest individual honor — the Rand Schrader Distinguished Achievement Award — at the organization's 25th Anniversary Ball, November 23rd, at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center is the largest gay and lesbian organization in the world. Also being honored on the same occasion is MTV/Judy McGrath, President. Courtney Love will present Ms. McGrath with the Corporate Vision Award.

"With Elizabeth Taylor presenting our award to Elton John we have two of the most visible champions on behalf of HIV/AIDS," said Lorri L. Jean, Executive Director of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. "Both have fought to end prejudice and discrimination and have been vanguards in the battle against AIDS."

"To make it a truly memorable evening, we have Courtney Love presenting the Corporate Vision Award to MTV/Judy McGrath, President," continues Jean. "We are honoring MTV for its global leadership in responsibly portraying lesbian and gay people in its programming and for advancing gay and lesbian equality in the workplace."

The Rand Schrader Distinguished Achievement Award is named for the late Hon. Rand Schrader, one of the Gay & Lesbian Center's earliest supporters, the first openly gay attorney in the L.A. City Attorney's office and one of California's first openly gay judges. The Corporate Vision Award recognizes companies that set a high standard for others by exhibiting leadership in advancing the cause of gay and lesbian equality, by enhancing lesbian and gay visibility and combatting homophobia, and/or significantly serving or contributing to the gay and lesbian community.

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, is one of the oldest gay and lesbian organizations in the world and a leading HIV/AIDS care provider, welcoming more than 14,000 visits from ethnically diverse youth and adults each month. It is a powerful non-profit force for gay and lesbian civil rights and home to the largest array of free or low-cost health, legal, employment, educational, cultural and social programs designed especially for gay men and lesbians. It is served by a staff of more than 240 employees and 3,000 volunteers.

GAY ART WORLDSAN 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 on-line. QAR at <http://www.queer-arts.org> will provoke questions and provide a stimulating context for discussion about aesthetics, politics and censorship as it cybercasts the beauty of the homosexual/bisexual/transgender dynamic in the visual arts.

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SHORT ATTENTION NEWS BYTES

BLACK AIDS STATISTICS

The Associated Press

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, 39 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 protegee.

ASK DR RUTH

By Dr. Ruth Westheimer

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. Whether all of this has 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 ritually 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.

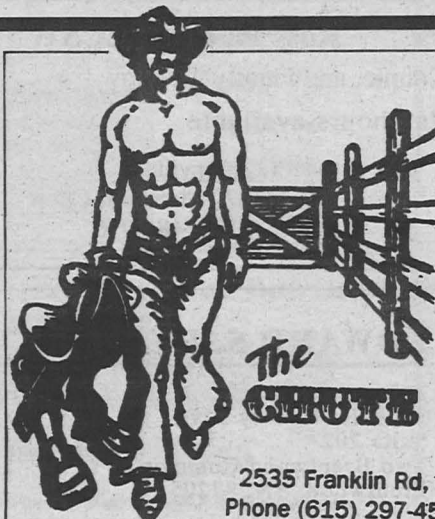
Cytolin is a monoclonal antibody designed to prevent one part of the immune system — a particular type of "killer" CD8 cells — from attacking another part — CD4 cells, the destruction of which results in AIDS. Cytolin is designed to protect the immune system's natural defenses while antiviral drugs take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

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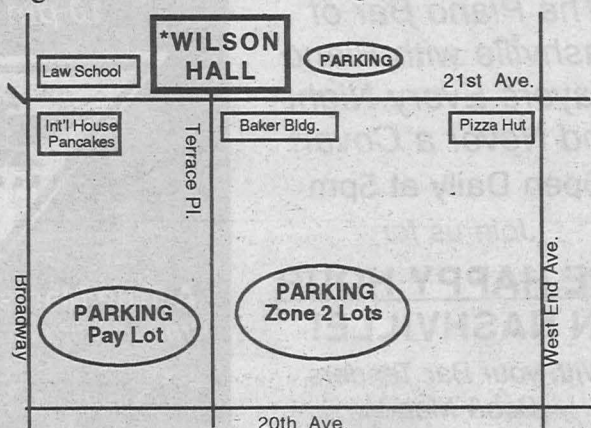
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**MOVIE REVIEW "BOUND"**

BY PAULA GHERGIA

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 squeamish tale up for you.

There's over two million bucks up for grabs, the mafia is connected to the money.

There's Caesar (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 spent the past five years doing time for a crime, and it was because, as she puts it, "I trusted someone." and Violet has been living 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?

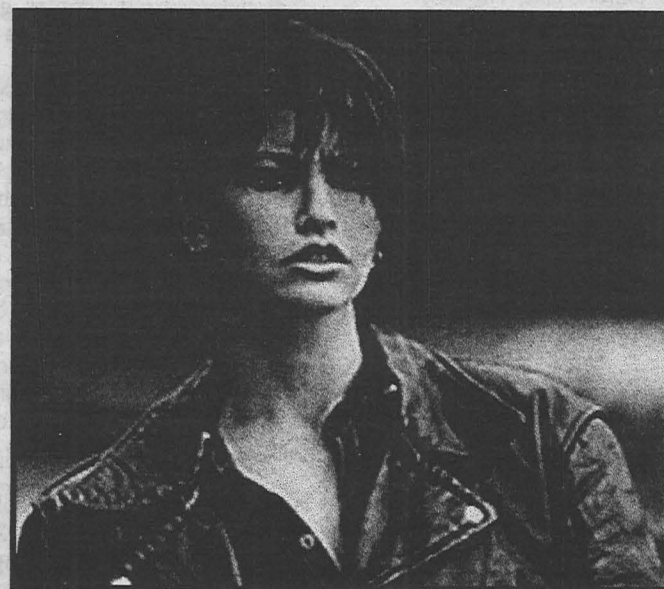
I sat on the edge of my seat as Caesar and his goons tried to get the desired response from another crooked hood, cutting off his fingers one by one with some pruning shears. I winced and shifted, as I watched this evil sinister man do his job. I can say I actually hated him.

Meanwhile, things get pretty steamy for our girls back at the apartment, their attrac-

tion 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! I

mean, can you trust a thief with over two million, cash? Can a woman who's trust has been betrayed ever really let her guard down again?

Our girls fall into bed and the sparks fly! The money seems to move



Gina Gershon as "Corky" in Bound, at Belcourt.

around, like the pea in the shell game, and soon Caesar finds out the money is missing.

He freaks! Completely losing control. His boss is on the way to retrieve the money and it's gone! Caesar is so far over the edge at this point I started to feel sorry for him.

The acting in "Bound" is great. Very believable characters, well developed. You get lost in the movie's twisting plot, the girls falling in love and their feelings growing 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 save anyone. I even blushed when the girls made love, and that's not my usual reaction!

I can't reveal the ending, even though Gina gave it away on Letterman a few weeks back, just trust me, go see this flick! Bring someone you can grab onto, you'll enjoy the ride, up one side of the roller coaster and sailing down the other side with helpless abandon.

What's the last thing to come between a sleazy guy and two million?

A couple of women with brains to die for, and bodies to match.

Who do you trust?

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 Stonewall Mission Church: 6:30 p.m. at 703 Berry Road 269-3480
 Metropolitan Community Church 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 262-0922
 Rejoice and Be Glad: For Catholic's meets monthly for mass & potluck, call 646-5163

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: 6-8pm at the Connection support for HIV+ individuals & friends
 Excellent Verbs: lesbigaytrans prose-poetry-factual songwriting group, 7pm. 650-0961

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: Lesbians Episcopalians. 4th Tues. Eucharist potluck & Service, 6:30pm 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- 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: 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

HIV-infected & Affected (AA): Noon at CARES, 209 10th Ave. S. Ste 160. 1-800-845-4266
 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.

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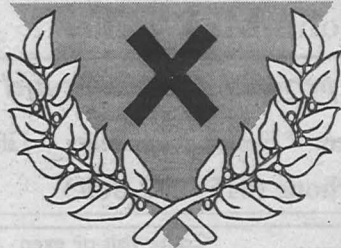
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By Billy Masters

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
a-flyin'.

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 Gautier 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
note of the scene stealing Barrett, Paige's
assistant. Played by our very own Jack
Plotnick, I can confirm from one of my
best friends that he is very sweet, very cute,
and very much "family". If my friend has
his way, I'll have more updates for you
later!

Speaking of family members on tele-
vision, good news for our very own
Mitchell Anderson. His character, Ross,
will be back on Party of Five shortly and,
starting in episode 16, he has a big story
line coming up which even he doesn't
know about. Stay tuned.

Wondering why Whoopi Goldberg is
featured so prominently in all of Larry
King's print and TV ads? It's because La
Whoop was majorly pissed off when she
wasn't even shown in passing during the
King's anniversary show. Larry is trying
to keep Ms. Goldberg happy - and it's
working.

Someone who isn't at all happy is

Elizabeth Taylor. Lizzie has not only been
dumping husbands, she's also dumping
hairdressers. Yes, La Liz and Jose Eber
have parted company, and not
too amicably. Seems that
Elizabeth wanted a shorter
hair-do which would be easier
to take care of and Jose insist-
ed she keep it long and HIGH.
Liz is said to have found a
friend who comes to the house
to do it for her, and Jose is out
in the cold with his hair exten-
sions.

Babs would be proud to know that
her son, Jason Gould, is quite the smart
shopper. While at a WeHo second hand
clothing shop, Jason not only made a num-
ber of purchases (a portion of proceeds
assist AIDS charities), but also used a
coupon he clipped from a local bar rag.
Alas, all he was able to find in his size were
men's clothes!

Jean Smart is back on the New York
stage in "Fit To Be Tied". The role of
Nessa requires Jean to be sarcastic,
overblown, and outrageous. As a fan of
"High Society", this sounds like a perfect
role for Jeanie! But, if you go to see Jean
limping, don't worry. She twisted her
ankle during previews but is still going on
with the show.

So, I see that former NBC Today show
anchor (at least on the weekends), Giselle
Fernandez has a new TV show "Access
Hollywood". Will we have access to her
closet, as so many other women have?

Could it be that Rosie O'Donnell has
snagged the lead role in a remake of "Mary
Poppins"? Rumor says yes but only if they
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
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Aries March 21st - April 20th

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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 risqué things together. Carefree play with a loved one livens 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.



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- even 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.

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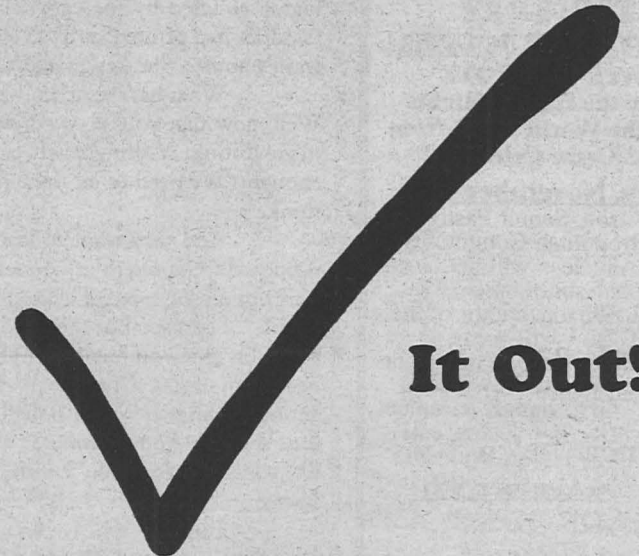
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Wednesday, November 6th

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Sunday, November 10th

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Tuesday, November 19th

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Friday-Sunday November 22-24

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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 BEGINING

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 reintegrate the rituals of citizenship with our social lives, rather than seeing them as conflicting. During the nineteenth century, people often viewed politics as the best available source of entertainment.

Another common practice, at least in certain quarters, during the nineteenth century was visiting. People, mostly women, would visit one another — stop by to say hello. This practice became highly codified by the early 20th 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 lots of other issues 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 reelection, 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*

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 voicing support for the Clinton-Gore ticket. Just as we 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 involvement with the Quilt, as a co-chair of the Nashville display last December to a close. The Music City Panel makers had come into being to bring the quilt to Nashville after the '92 Display in Washington, DC. All our reports have now been completed, monies distributed to the agencies that provide care services in the Nashville area, and this bus trip was now under way. Eight panels were carefully packed away in the luggage area to be turned in during the exhibit. It just seemed a good place to make closure with this part of my life. However, the trip only served to re-ignite a fire to began the process all over again. I had never seen the entire Quilt on display before and the sight of it, the slow reading of the 70,000 names and the knowledge that if the past pattern holds true we would see 80,000 panels in the care of the NAMES Project by October 2000, all served to propel me on to continue the battle to bring the message of the Quilt back home to Middle Tennessee. The cure has not been found, the dying is still going on, and the need to educate still exists. It is not time to sit down and say my job is complete. While in Washington, I coordinated several interviews for showing on our Channel 4, worked as a volunteer, and turned in the panels that had been collected from the Nashville area.

Wayne Sharpe of Nashville records the following reflections on his seeing the display. "Seeing the Quilt covering the entire Mall in Washington was something else. Just think that each 3 foot

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.

by 6 foot panel represented an individual who has died of AIDS. The panel is not just a number or statistic but somebody which was, and still is loved. The '92 display was awe inspiring in itself. To see how much more it has grown is hard to believe. These 45,000 panels represent over 70,000 persons who have had a memorial panel made for them. What about those who have not been represented in the Quilt? Just think how big it would be if each statistic had it's 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 be part of the National Skills Building Conference on HIV/AIDS. "The Quilt 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.

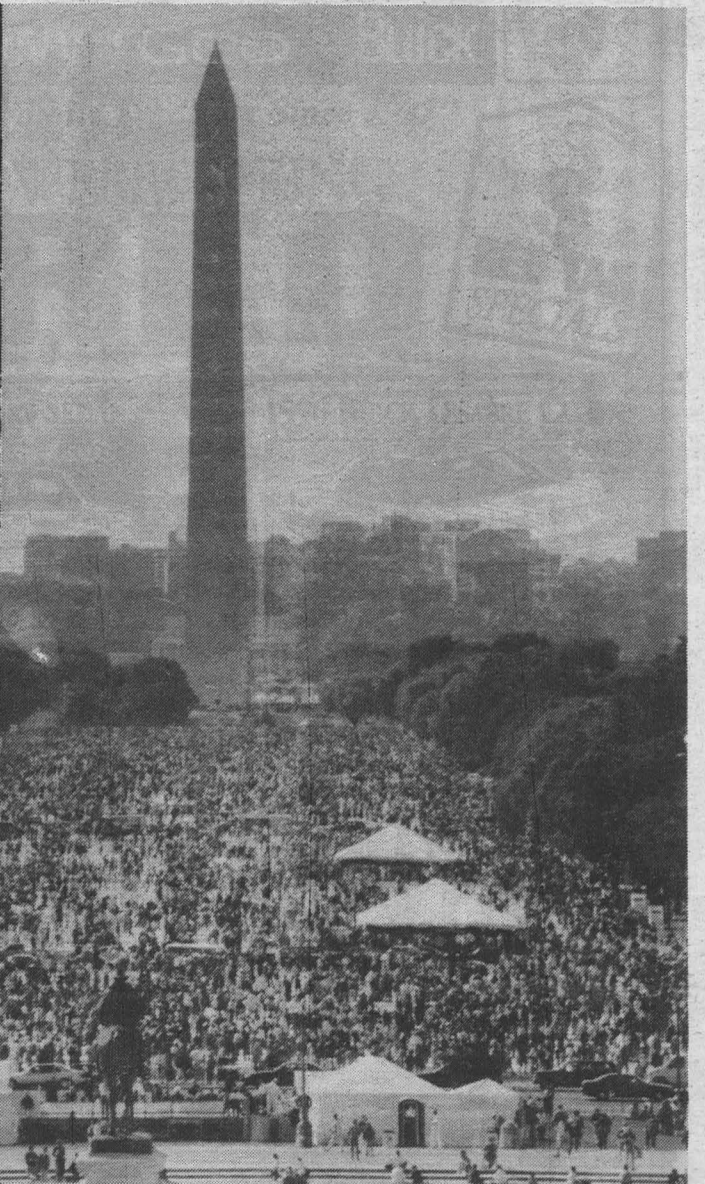
Sue and Raymond Alves were in Washington to see their son's panel on display. Sue noted "I had a feeling of comfort knowing I was one of many who had experienced a loss of a love one. I was consoled by the presence of others suffering a like loss. The candlelight march made me cry. The waves of candles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

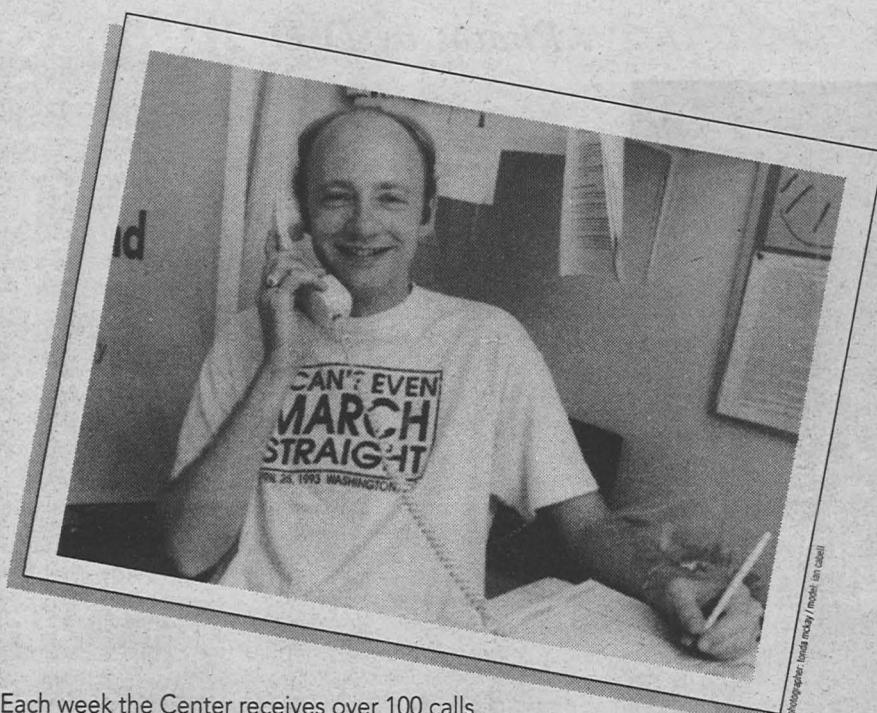
The Quilt display covered a mile long stretch of the mall. It was an area of common experience and love. It presented a picture of a group of people united in their expressions of love and concern for one another. It was a place that allowed all in the brightness of day to walk hand in hand and to hug 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 contingency to Washington, DC. on Columbus weekend.

REFLECTIONS OF THE QUILT IN DC.

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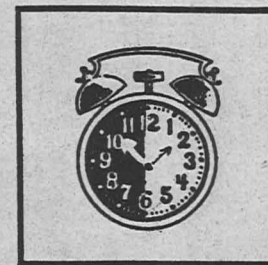


TEN TO TWO

BY DJ RON SLOMOWICZ

Artrageous 9

Mark your calendars, Artrageous 9, ("This is Your Night"), Jocelyn Enriquez ("Do You Miss Me"), Billie Ray Martin ("Your Loving Arms"), La Bouche ("Be My Lover") show the house side while hits by Bone, Thugs "n" Harmony ("tha 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*, struts 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 dissing everything in sight. "Party Train" and "A Little Bit of Love" could have both turned 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.

An interesting twist is the Circuit Suite CD to be sold at the party. This amazing compilation features some 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 can not 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 *Life is a Dance*. The CD features a diverse lineup of dance, from Reba McEntire and C&C 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

Trashy HiNRG Covers

When I was in Orlando, I picked up Newton's "Sometimes When We Touch." You can tell that John Springate 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 await 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 from 4-7pm on WRVU Nashville on 91.1 FM.

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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-vision. 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 tingly 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. So 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 a 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
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).

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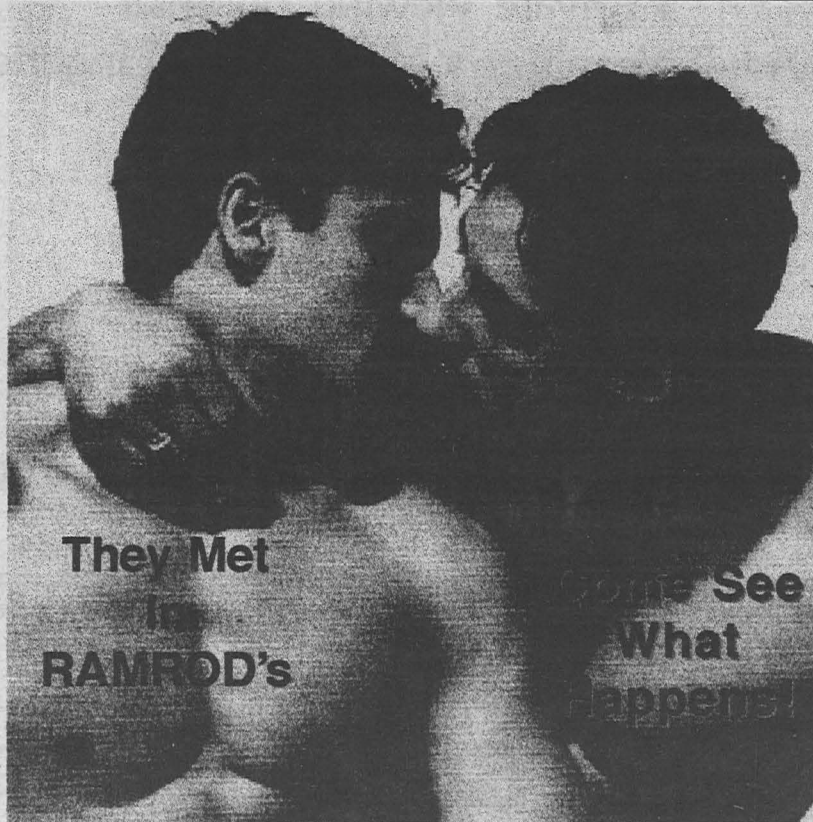
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CYBERSPACE NEWS BYTES

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 Seaton, 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 nationally in an effort to maintain a Republican majority in Congress. The group's distribution of 45 million voters guides through churches is under investigation by the Federal Election Commission.

The blue-eyed, 35-year-old Virginia native twice helped conservative North Carolina Senator 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.

Now let me get this straight: People who lie about themselves are fit for military service while people who tell the truth are unfit. This seems a topsy-turvy way to uphold traditional values like honesty, integrity and personal responsibility.

I have the utmost admiration and respect for those who put their lives on the line to preserve precious freedoms. People we have never met have been torn limb from limb to preserve this country, offering more courage than I can imagine. Whether some people want to admit it or not, many of these courageous soldiers were gay.

Tens of thousands of homosexuals, hiding their sexuality, have served with military distinction for decades. Yet our government — the very institution charged with protecting their rights — spends millions of dollars investigating and tossing them out.

Gay people are allowed to serve in the French, German and Israeli militaries. Of the 14 NATO countries, only the United States and Britain still have a ban.

Homophobia is just that — a phobia, an irrational, abnormal fear. Perhaps homophobic people are unaware that Alexander the Great was gay. As a military commander, he conquered the world.

FROM RURAL AMERICA

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 came 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. Three 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 Word*, 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 not for this very accidental discovery," McQuary said.

The dead were found along with spent shotgun shells and handcuffs 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.

ROBERT RULES!

BREAK IT UP!

ROBERT RULES BY SHELLY ROBERTS

Kaye 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.

They didn't actually have separate names any more. Kaye-and-Ellie. Ham-and-Eggs. Shoes-and-Socks. Salt-and-Pepper. Love-and-Marriage. Love-and-Marriage Go-together-like-a-Horse-and-Carriage. 'Can't have one without the other. Kaye-and-Ellie. Everyone knows a couple just like them. Or, at least you think you know them.

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 Martina, and anybody Marvin Mitchelson happens to be suing her on behalf of.) But what's important, it seems to me, is how inconsiderate 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 could it happen to you?! The last question Diane on the phone asked, was, "How are YOU TWO?" We asked her was exactly the same. Then there is the disruption. Not in their lives, in ours!

We'll have to get used to saying, Kaye and Hepsebah. Or Ellie and Ingratiata. Not the same. And you know, at some embarrassing moment when one brings her new honey for inspection, that you are going to say it: "So what are you and Kaye." or "Ellie and you used to." Oops! It's gonna happen. Trust me.

Besides emotional costs, there are real ones. Towels for the leftie to shred in endless angst over the dear departed. Towels aren't cheap. Neither are cases of crying Kleenex. Not to mention all those flowers, boxes of candy, baubles and Home Shopping Network zerconia to reassure your own loved one that you ain't headin' South. (Or, if you live in Ft. Lauderdale, North.) Ever. Honest.

Then there's long distance. Reach out and hug someone. Sure, you try for after eleven when the rates go down. But you can't always wait for a better price to lend a sympathetic ear telephonically. When someone needs to repeat over and over and over, between teeth clenching sobbing, that

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? Ungrhh. Gruuuuuuuuu. Mumph? 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 subspecies 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 no-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.)

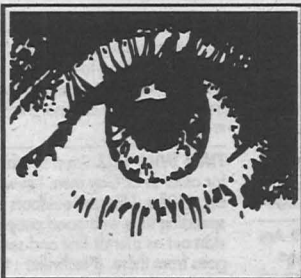
No. No. No value judgments. Even if it does seem exactly like the same thing that happened to you when you split after your umpteenth anniversary with the one who did Woody Herman imitations by blowing air through her ears, who had none of the job skills currently listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,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

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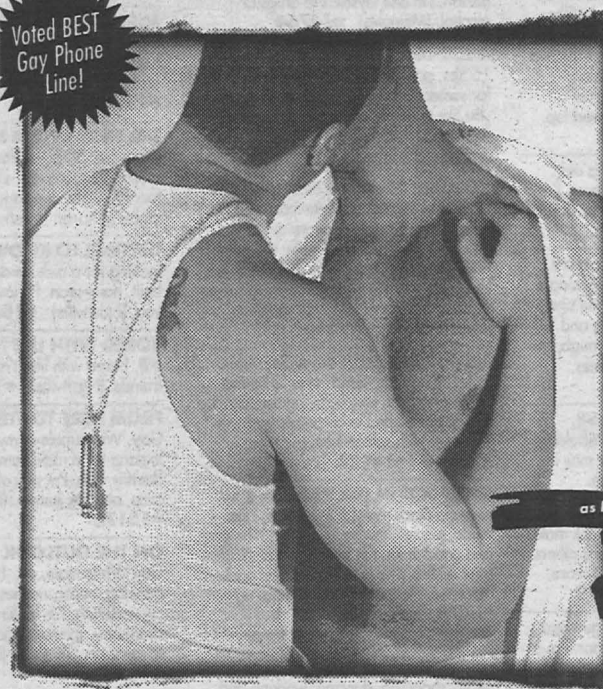
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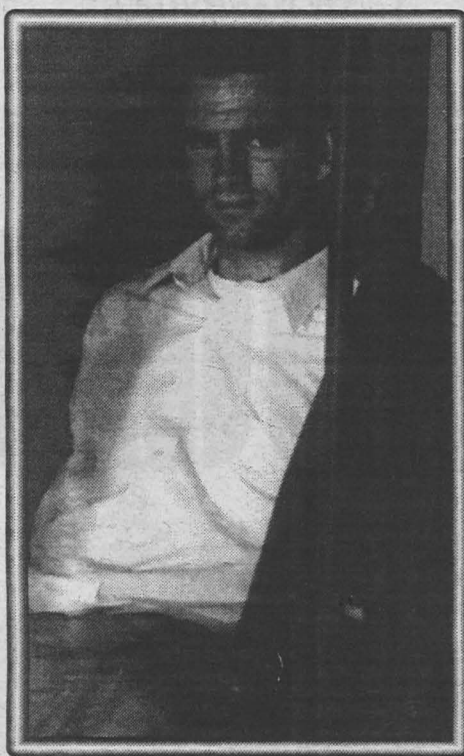
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THRILL ME AND PLEASE ME I'm 20 years old, very attractive, 5'7, 145lbs, Green eyes. I'm a model. I'm looking for some hot guys for some safe and discreet times. I like theatre, music, dancing, clubs, good times, and more. I'm a bottom looking for a well endowed top. (Clarksville) #8025

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FRIEND SEEKER I'm a Gay Black male, 36 years old, 5'11, 170lbs. I seek others 26 to 40 for fun, friendship, and more. Call me. (Johnson City) #33919

NEXT DOOR BLUES I'm the guy next door looking for the boy next door. I'm a professional White male, 35 years old, 5'11, 165lbs, Black hair, Blue eyes, clean shave, good looking, masculine. I'm looking for a stable jock or prep 18 to 30. Call me. (Knoxville) #19593

LETS EXPLORE MY LIMITS I'm a 31 year old White male, Blonde hair, Green eyes. I like sports, outdoors, and more. I seek a male that can show me the ropes. I'm getting into the leather scene. I'm interested in bondage and discipline. Call me. (Knoxville) #47471

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GOOD TIME BUDDIES We are looking for someone who likes to get out and have a good time. I'm 5'11, 175lbs. My friend is 5'11, 175lbs. Lets get together sometime. (McMinnville) #1184

LITTLE, TOY BOY I'm very interested in meeting hot, top men. (Memphis) #10906

ONLY FROM THIS WORLD, PLEASE I'm looking forward to meeting a normal person. I'm one myself. No drugs or alcohol. (Memphis) #14764

A LOT TO GIVE I'm 35 years old, 5'9, 155lbs, good shape, top man. I'm looking for someone 18 to 25 who is a bottom. If you like to have a lot of fun call me. (Memphis) #15051

THIS MID TOWN MAN WANTS YOU I'm a 23 year old Black male. I would like to meet a White male who is ready for a possible relationship. I'm in mid town Memphis. I do enjoy the clubs. I have light skin, Hazel eyes, 5'11, 180lbs. I like to have a good time at home, cooking, computers, videos, good conversation, and more. (Memphis) #1646

BIG PERSONALITY I'm a Gay White male, Blond hair, Green eyes, 31 years old, hairy chest, very large personality, top man. I'm attracted to corporate business type men with salt and pepper hair. (Memphis) #14924

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK I'm a 36 year old Black male, 5'8, 185lbs. I like music, movies, theatre, walking in the park and good times. I'm seeking a tall man over 200lbs who is safe, clean cut and drug free. Please respond. (Memphis) #6379

BROTHER TO BROTHER I'm a 24 year old Gay Black male, 5'5, 155lbs. I like music, shopping, dancing, working and the outdoors. I'm looking for another Gay Black male 24 to 35. Call me. (Memphis) #10023

I LOVE PREPPY MEN I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, very discreet, straight acting. I'm into preppy type guys. I want someone 24 to 30 who is well defined, well hung, and well dressed. Call me. (Memphis) #8378

BEER GUT? I'm a Gay White male looking for other Gay men to have fun with. I want someone who is around 200 or 250lbs. I like someone with a beer gut. If that's you please call me. (Memphis) #8832

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU I'm a 25 year old Black male looking for other men 19 top 35. I like hot Jazz, the parks, movies, dining out, etc. Call me. (Memphis) #7921

LET'S BUILD A RELATIONSHIP I'm a professional Gay White male, 32 years old, 5'8, 140lbs, good looking, well endowed bottom. I'm looking for a professional Black male for a relationship. Serious calls only. (Memphis) #7283

SALT LOOKING FOR PEPPER I'm a Bi White male looking for a Bi or Gay Black male 30's or 40's. I'm a laid back type of person, home body. I would like to get to know a Black male for friendship and possibly more. Call me. (Memphis) #4449

LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS I'm 21 years old, Japanese, 5'11, 130lbs. I'm looking for guys around my age to go out and do things with. Please call me. (Memphis) #4738

TEDDY BEAR LOOKING FOR LOVER I'm a 28 year old White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 5'10, 230lbs, mustache, beard. I'm seeking a sincere relationship with an older man 35 to 50, someone I can love and share my life with. I like theatre, movies, music, etc. If you are full of life in and out of bed please call me. (Murfreesboro) #6303

AND EVERY THING NICE! I want to meet someone who will treat me right. I'm a very good looking, 27 year old, Black male, butch, clean, and neat. I'm sweet as sugar and fun. Let's chat. I love the Gay life, what about you? (Nashville) #15833

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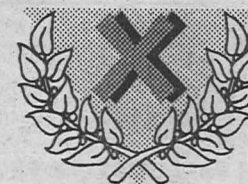
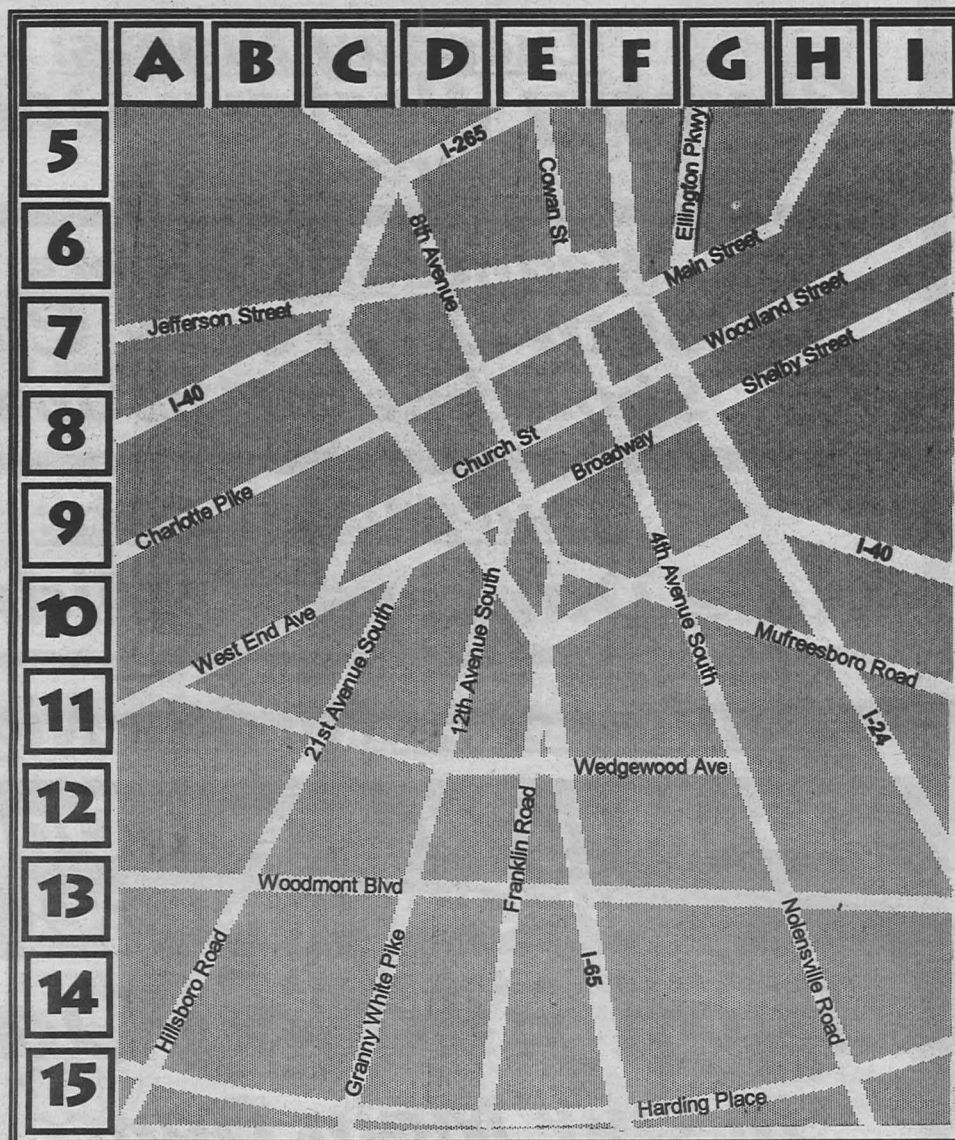
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