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

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

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

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

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

Gov. Ned McWherter last week seemingly gave the report his stamp of approval, indicating it was his desire to have the proposed changes in sentences for major crimes.

McWherter and his staff met last Friday with members of the commission to discuss details of the report. Afterwards, the governor told reporters he would probably hold another meeting before deciding whether to fully support passage of the recommendations by the legislature.

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

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

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

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

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

ABA backs les/gay rights law
by SHERRE DRYDEN
Book Editor
The American Bar Association (ABA), the largest lawyers' group in the country, voted Monday to support a resolution calling for laws banning discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

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

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

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

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

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

Rev. Fred Cloud, director of the Metro Human Relations Commission, termed Durst "a good teacher who could not have committed this crime."

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

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

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

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

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

The new proposal would reduce homosexual crimes against nature to a Class C misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of not more than 30 days and/or a fine of not more than $50. Tennessee Criminal Code currently calls for a sentence of not less than five years and not more than 15 years to be levied for committing a crime against nature.

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

If the revision is adopted by the legislature, Tennessee will join five other states which specifically classify homosexual acts as criminal.

Homosexual acts are considered misdemeanors in Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. Montana and Nevada statutes classify such acts as felonies.

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

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

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

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Valentine's: How it got started

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

IT HAS BEEN SAID that in spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Although we think spring is when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of a fancy young man, St. Valentine's Day is still a celebration of love and romance. For centuries, people have celebrated St. Valentine's Day, commemorating the event with the exchange of cards or letters, flowers or candies. Though named for a young Christian martyr, the holiday may trace to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia.

But whatever the holiday's beginnings, there are as many stories and customs connected with it as there are for any other holiday. In Great Britain and Italy was the custom for unmarried women to get up before sunrise on February 14, stand by their windows and watch for a man to pass. It was believed that the first man they saw would marry them within the year.

In Denmark, Pressed Flowers called "snowdrops" are sent to sweethearts, friends and relatives. Danish men are known to send a Valentine greeting called a "guldledet" (gold letter). The sender writes why he or she is sending it and signs it with a dot for each letter in his or her name. If the receiver guesses who sent it, he or she is rewarded with a decorated egg on Easter.

In the 1800's, one of the most famous early designers of Valentine's Day cards was Anna Shower Greenaway. Anna Shower was one of the first to include religious themes in her greeting cards with images of angels and biblical verses. She also included love notes and romantic verses. Her designs were enjoyed by both men and women, and her cards became highly sought after.

Though named for a young Christian martyr, St. Valentine's Day is still a celebration of love and romance. "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every fowl cometh there to choose his mate." St. Valentine, the man for whom the holiday is named, was an early Christian martyr who made friends with many children. Because he refused to worship Roman gods, he was imprisoned. The children, pining away for Valentine, tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell window.

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...lesbian lovers meet again

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

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

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

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

Other activists share Thompson's excitement. "I'm thrilled. This is a milestone in our history, one which each of us will remember and pass on," said Penny Campbell, Nashville contact for the Free Sharon Kowalski Committee. "We should all be proud and grateful to Karen because her struggle was for all of us as well as for her and Sharon. Thank you Karen for your persistence and courage."

Campbell noted that the Nashville community has been supportive of Thompson's efforts in this long struggle to have Sharon's rights restored. Thompson spoke at Vanderbilt last March and Nashville was one of the twelve cities to celebrate Free Free Sharon Kowalski Day last August. Dejanikus was excited but cautious regarding the latest ruling in this case. "This represents a significant victory but it is an interim victory," Dejanikus said. "It is not the end of the case. Her stay at Miller-Dwan is only for 60 days. Until Sharon is making decisions for herself and has control of her life, we can't quit."

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

A documentary about Thompson and Kowalski was taped last year for the CTS-TV newsmagazine "West 57th Street" and is tentatively scheduled to air in the future on network on February 18 or February 25. The Memphis CTS affiliate is WREG, Channel 3, the Nashville affiliate is WTVC, Channel 5.
That Singular Person Called Lear


Book Editor

SUSAN CHITTY HAS WRITTEN a moving and curiously disturbing biography of Edward Lear, "artist, traveller, and prince of nonsense." Lear is remembered as the author of limericks and nonsense songs like "The Owl and the Pussycat" and "The Pobble Who Has No Toes." In his own time, and Lear's confirm Lear's years after his first travel the gonorrhea episode, both had been sickly and withdrawn as children. Symonds admitted his homosexuality. For Chitty, similarities between Symonds' life and Lear's confirm Lear's own homosexuality.

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

Chitty uses Symonds, again, to "prove" that Lear never shared a bed with Hubert Congreve, the love of his later years. Because Symonds was able to restrain his passion for Normán Moor - "the boys (Hubert and Norman) were of the same age and background and each had lost a parent" - Lear must have done the same. This is just silliness. Chitty herself provides, but chooses to ignore, equally (in)adequate proof that Lear was sexually active. First of all, Symonds is not particularly known for his celibacy and Platonic restraint. Chitty mentions that men were sometimes "alarmed" by the level of Lear's affection.

Then, there is the GONORRHEA, and the fact that Lear was plagued by mysterious ailments involving what he called his "behindical boundaries." Finally, Lear's diaries of the period of his most intense relations with Lushington, which he bequeathed to Lushington, have mysteriously disappeared.

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

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

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ST. LOUIS LAVENDERS
by JAN STURGIS
Staff Writer

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

The event was certainly a festive one and everyone who is anyone was there — and some people who aren’t but think they are. We’re open again now!

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

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

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

Lent may have begun for those who observe this time of year, but a Mardi Gras party like the one at the Gas Lite won’t be seen for many years in our fair city. And it raised nearly $700 for Metropolitan Community Church-Nashville, which, they say, the first gay Mardi Gras ball, held last weekend at the Gas Lite Lounge.

Speaking of which, can you remember when ANITA BRYANT said it was God who created “Adam and Eve” and not “Adam and Steve?” Obviously, the former second runner-up to Miss America never heard of Adam and Alan. And the second runner-up doesn’t even get a car.

DEBORAH BURKS is back in Music City, fresh from her sojourn in the city by the bay, San Francisco. The research maven reports a lovely time was had by all. But she wasn’t. She got back just in time for the big Advance fundraiser at the Jungle Sunday. JEFF ELLIS and STUART BEVIN were in Atlanta recently for the Winter Home Furnishings and Accessories Market. Jeff reports that dust peach is no longer the color of choice in fashionable interiors; instead, he says persimmon in going to be hot, hot, hot. Yeah, sure!

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

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

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

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Sex in the 80s

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LEVEL ONE: CONTAINS BEHAVIOR known as a potential risk or potential for addiction.** Masturbation, prostitution, and homosexual activities are considered examples of level one behavior. Simply being homosexual is no indication of addiction, although if the person considers himself or herself primarily heterosexual, yet engages in clandestine same-sex sexual activities it may indicate some level of addiction.

In contrast, level two behavior leans toward victimizing actions such as exhibitionism or voyeurism which may result in consequences for the victim and legal repercussions for the addict.

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

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

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

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

Despite the public's conception of the sexual addict as a trench-coat clad "dirty old man," statistics paint a different portrait. A recent survey of 54 Golden Valley patients showed that 42% earned more than $50,000 per year and at least 58% are college graduates. Perhaps even more telling was the 74% of the survey's respondents who said they had been sexually abused as children; some 91% reported some form of emotional abuse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The American Bar Association has
voted, through its House of Delegates, to
support the passage of legislation protecting
the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

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

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

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

The resolution is simple: it calls for the
enactment of Federal, state and local laws that
protect Americans from discrimination on the
basis of sexual orientation in housing, employ-
ment and public accommodation.

This means that the group supports efforts to
make it illegal to deny anyone a job, or a place
to live, or service in a restaurant, store or hotel.

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at 9 p.m.? How many of you have seen a
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ABC's Heartbeat, about a women's medical
clinic, features some delightful viewing. Being
a gay person, I am particularly excited that this
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But why do this? To quote Harvey Milk, who
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TAKE BEFORE, justice-minded lawyers
have tried to prod the organization into sup-
porting sexual-orientation civil-rights guaran-
tees, only to fail to gain approval by small
margins.

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

There is hope now that the Congressional
legislative support for the protection of
everyone's civil rights, regardless of
how they love, or whom.

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gift for every American who loves liberty.

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

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

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

Failure to cover these stories only leads me to
conclude that crimes against minors when
they involve members of the same sex are of
interest to gay people.

Frankly this gay person is not interested.
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I love you all the time.
-Mrs. P. P.

You (you know you)
Know

To Sertin:
Who is so fine, I'm so grateful that you are my Valentine.
"Fair is my love, when her fair golden hair
With the love wind go moving saunter to meet;
Fair, when the wave in the sea not shell appear;
Or in her eyes the fire of love does spark.
Fair, when her breast, like a rich-laden bark.
With precious merchandise she forth doth bring.
Fair, when that cloud of pride, which oft doth dark
Her greatly light, with smiles she drives away."

To all whom look upon our love
With envy beed.
Good will & wishes to you of finding
Your own fair love found.
♥ Dropdead! Dropdead!

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

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

C:
L'éclat des diamants et l'orient des perles?
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