Memphis g/l parents organize
by LISA PARHAM
Staff Writer

The first formal meeting for gay and lesbian parents in the Memphis area was held at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center February 25. This was the first formal meeting since the group dissolved two years ago. Some 14 gay and lesbian parents — and two children of gay parents — attended the highly emotional meeting. The parents discussed topics of interest to all parents trying to raise children. Custody and "coming out to the children" were among the most talked about topics.

Of the parents who attended the meeting, only three actually had custody of their children. The other parents and their partners did not have custody, retaining only limited visitation rights. The goals of this newly-organized group is to provide support for gay and lesbian parents and their children and to organize a political task force to benefit the gay and lesbian parents in the community. There will be social events scheduled and announced to help the parents and children participate in activities together and interact with other "special" families, organizers said.

Vocal participation in the meeting was not mandatory, but was encouraged. Parents attending said that talking with other parents was beneficial to all who attended the meeting. Although not everyone attended, everyone participated.

Are poppers dangerous?
Experts says inhalable nitrates may be linked to Kaposi's sarcoma
by JACKIE MOSS
Staff Writer

Poppers, or inhalable nitrates, are generally used to heighten the senses and to enhance sex, but experts now agree that they probably do something else. Popper inhalation can become active. "We know that KS is spread, primarily, sexually — that is, shed mostly in semen. Therefore, if someone has what we believe to be a KS virus and has a compromised immune system and then does poppers, they run a risk of developing KS," said Swinger.

Although, according to Swinger, poppers do not cause KS and can not shift someone from ARC to AIDS, poppers are a co-factor that sets up a physiological system in the body so that other things, like KS, can become active. "We know that KS is spread, primarily, sexually — that is, shed mostly in semen. Therefore, if someone has what we believe to be a KS virus and has a compromised immune system and then does poppers, they run a risk of developing KS," said Swinger.

It wasn't too long ago that the pungent odor of poppers permeated the dance floors of gay bars across the county. Now, since the era of AIDS, the use of poppers has drastically diminished but is by no means nonexistent. Poppers were made illegal some years ago, but that did not stop the use of variations of similar chemicals to do the same thing. Swinger said, "What you see in the stores now is not sold as poppers. They go under a synonym to hide it. Now they are called things like locker room deodorizers."

Still, poppers by any other name may be risky, and Swinger is glad to see that their use has been on the downswing. He said that KS is the only AIDS-related disease that has shown a decrease in the past five or six years. "We think this may be a combination of factors," he said. "One is the decreased use of poppers, and the other is the use of safer sex techniques."

It was once thought that poppers caused AIDS," said Swinger. "Now we know that is not true, but they can still be dangerous, especially is used often."

Investigation continues
Trio still not linked to Sibert murder
by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

Despite a national magazine's claim to the contrary, Goodlettsville police say that accused killer Keith Goodman was not carrying any credit cards belonging to slain Volunteer State Community College professor Robert Sibert at the time of his arrest in California last January.

According to a report in the February 27 issue of THE ADVOCATE, police found Sibert's credit cards in Goodman's possession at the time he was arrested in San Clemente, California.

However, Lt. John Bell of the Goodlettsville Police Department said Monday that there was no truth to the claim and that attempts to attribute the statement to law enforcement officials in California, Mississippi or New York had not been successful.

Senior Investigator Richard Kadien of the New York State Police said no credit cards were found in Goodman's possession when he was arrested.

"There was nothing to link him to the murder case in Tennessee," Kadien said in a telephone interview Monday. The arrest of Goodman — along with two companions, Jon Mead and Tracy Lynn Holland — in San Clemente in January initially had authorities in Tennessee investigating the possibility the trio could have been involved in the October, 1989, slaying of Sibert. Goodman, Mead and Holland have been charged with the murders of three people in Itawamba County, Mississippi, and one person in Windsor, New York.

A .38-caliber automatic pistol, believed to be similar to the weapon used to kill Sibert, was among the six weapons discovered when authorities arrested Mead and Holland. San Clemente authorities claim that Goodman and Mead met in an Indiana prison in 1988 and are believed to have traveled throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, New York and Oklahoma since their release from prison sometime in 1989. Ballistic experts determined that the pistol found when the trio was arrested was not the same one used to kill Sibert.

According to THE ADVOCATE's report, "...police alleged (Goodman) was involved in the Oct. 22 killing of Robert Sibert, a biology professor at a state community college in Tennessee. Sibert was shot in the forehead. After Goodman was arrested, police found Sibert's credit cards in Goodman's possession."

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DIVINE MADNESS

Sunday, March 4
Fundraiser DIVINE MADNESS: For Music City Rollers bowling league. At The Chute, 2355 Franklin Rd, Nashville, 10:30pm & midnight. Info (615) 297-4571.

Monday, March 5
Fundraiser For Warehouse Warriors softball team. All-you-can-eat lasagna, 7:30pm. Info (615) 320-0288.

Open meeting Board of T-GAFA. At offices of Watts, Underwood & Rubenfeld, 2000 Richard Jones Rd #150, Nashville. 7pm. Info (615) 926-6778.

Consciousness Raising Black & White Men Together / Memphis. 7:30pm. Info (901) 726-1461.

Saturday, March 10
Buddy Training AIDS 122.Sponsored by aids Response Knoxville (ARK). Space limited; please register. 1320 N Central, Knoxville. 8:15am-4pm. Info (615) 325-ARMS.


Saturday & Sunday, March 10 & 11

Sunday, March 11
Covered Dish St. Patrick's Day potluck dinner. MCC / Tri-Cities. At Holston Valley Unitarian Church. Info (615) 526-4933.

Friday, March 16
Concert DISAPPEAR FEAR. Benefit for Knoxville Women's Shelter. At Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 3219 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Info (615) 523-3888.

Thursday, March 22
Meeting FREE 90. Organizational meeting. Nashville. 7pm. Info (615) 297-4293.

Big events

Chattanooga
• Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 3224 Navajo Dr. 8:30pm.

Mondays • Chattanooga CARES Closed support group, 6:30pm. Info (615) 206-2422.

Tuesdays • Agape New Life Church Business meeting, 6:30pm. Info (615) 276-1872.

Wednesdays • Agape New Life Church Bible study, 7pm. Info (615) 276-1872.

Clarksville
Mondays • Clarksville CARES Support group for HIV+, ARC, AIDS, family & partners, 1st & 3rd Mondays only, 8pm. Info (615) 648-7730.

Tuesdays • AIDS Response Knoxville PWA Support Group, 7-8:30pm. Info (615) 525-AIDS.
• Gay Gratitude Group Open, nonmoking Alcoholics Anonymous, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 3219 Kingston Pike. 7pm.

Wednesday • AIDS Response Knoxville Circle of Love family and friends support group, 8pm. Info (615) 523-AIDS.
• Gay and Lesbian Student Union/UTK Weekly meeting, 8pm. Info (615) 505-6666.

Saturday • AIDS Response Knoxville HIV Support Group, 6:30pm. Info (615) 525-AIDS.

Memphis
Mondays • Gay Alternative Hour Radio show, WEVL-FM 90.7, 6-7pm.
• Memphis Gay Coalition Business meeting, 1st Monday, 8:15pm. Memphis Public Library, Peabody & Main. Info (901) 324-0297.
• Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.

Tuesdays • Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.

Wednesdays • Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.

Just like clockwork

Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 8pm. Info (901) 272-9549.

Thursdays • P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Support group, John's Episcopal Church, 322 S Green. 1st Thursday only, 6pm. Info (901) 761-1444.
• Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 6:30pm. Info (901) 272-9549.
• Into the Light (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting, 6pm. Info (901) 276-7297.

Fridays • Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 6:30pm. Info (901) 272-9549.

Saturday • Twisted Sisters (ACOA) Open meeting, 6pm. Info (901) 276-7297.

Sunday • Agape New Life Church Worship service, 11am & 7pm. Info (901) 276-1872.

Murfreesboro
Fridays • MTSU Lambda Support group for lesbian and gay students, faculty, staff and alumni of Middle Tennessee State University, 6pm. Info (615) 320-7009.

Nashville
Mondays • Lambton Group Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church. 6pm.

Tuesdays • Gay Gratitude Group Alcoholics Anonymous, MCC/Kravvile, 1200 North Central, Noon. Lesbian Codependents Anonymous. At WRC offices. 8pm. Info (615) 933-8293.

Wednesdays • AIDS Response Knoxville HIV Support Group, 6:30pm. Info (615) 523-AIDS.

Thursdays • Nashville CARES HIV Support Group, 6:30pm. Info (615) 388-1109.
• Women's Support Group Vanderbilt AIDS Project, 1st & 3rd Thursdays only, 6:30pm. Info (615) 206-0288.
• Women's Support Group Vanderbilt AIDS Project, 1st & 3rd Thursdays only, 6:30pm. Info (615) 222-AIDS.
• Nashville Women's Alliance Meeting at the Book Oasis, 2604 Dogwood Pl. 3rd and 4th Tuesdays only, 7:30pm. Info (615) 883-6833.
• P-FLAG Meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 4th Tuesday only, Unitarian Church. 7pm. Info (901) 662-0332.
• Sober Sisters (LGBT Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting, 6pm. Info (901) 206-0288.

Wednesdays • Sex Addicts Anonymous Closed meeting for gay men and lesbians, MCC. 5:30pm.

Tuesdays • Nashville CARES Newcomers Support/Education Group. 6pm. Info (615) 385-1510.
• One in Two Support group for lesbian and gay teens, 6:30pm. Info (615) 865-6545 or GALUH hotline (901) 297-0008.
• Affirmation Meeting for lesbian and gay United Methodists. 4th Wednesday only, 7pm. Info (901) 266-6445.
• Gay / Lesbian Addictions Anonymous Meeting, Belmont United Methodist Church, 8pm.

Thursdays • Incest Survivors Anonymous Closed women's meeting. First Church Unity, Franklin Rd, 6:30pm.
• Family Support Group Vanderbilt AIDS Project. 1st & 3rd Thurs only, 6pm. Info (615) 322-AIDS.
• AIDS / ARC Men's Group Vanderbilt AIDS Project. 7pm. Info (615) 322-AIDS.
• Nashville CARES Visualization Group. 7:15pm. Info (615) 382-1510.
• Alternatives (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting for lesbians and gay men. MCC. 9pm.
• Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Belmont United Methodist, 7:30pm.

Fridays • Sexaholics Anonymous Closed meeting, MCC. 5pm.
• Nashville CARES Family & Caregivers Together Sharing. Alternate Fridays, 6pm. Info (615) 385-1510.
• Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group Meeting. Belmont United Methodist. 7:30 pm.

Saturdays • Incest Survivors Anonymous Open meeting. First Church Unity, Franklin Rd, 6:30pm.
• Community Dinner Metropolitan Community Church, all you can eat. 7:30pm. $5. Info (901) 320-0288.
• GCA Viscum cable channel 35. 8pm.

Sundays • Metropolitan Community Church Worship services, 11am and 7pm. Info (615) 320-0288.
• Incest Survivors Anonymous Closed meeting. First Church Unity, Franklin Rd, 6pm.

Tri-Cities
Sundays • Gay & Lesbian AA 4pm. Holston Valley Unitarian Church.
• Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 6pm. Holston Valley Unitarian Church. Info (615) 926-4933.

Tuesdays • LETSA Lesbians of East Tennessee & Surrounding Areas social / support group. 1st & 3rd Tue only. Info Box 909 Mountain Home, TN 37684.
• Support Group Tri-Cities AIDS Project (TAP). For caregivers / families of PWA, HIV and ARC. 6:30pm. 3rd & 4th Tuesdays only. Info (615) 826-6101 or 753-8647.

Thursdays • Support Group Appalachian AIDS Coalition. For PWA's, ARC, and HIV in southwest Virginia, including Bristol, TN. 3rd Thursday only. Info (703) 985-0110.
• Woman's Night Metropolitan Community Church, 7pm. Info (615) 926-4933.

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**Nashville**

Lerner and Loewe’s award winning MY FAIR LADY, one of Broadway’s all-time favorite musicals, will be staged by Tennessee Repertory Theatre, Nashville’s professional theatre troupe, March 15-31 at TPAC’s Polk Theatre.

**Knoxville**

MCC-Knoxville elects Dixon

Tony Dixon was elected as congregation treasurer for Metropolitan Community Church/Knoxville at last month’s congregational meeting.

An active fund raiser for MCC, Dixon has been involved with the Knoxville congregation for four years, following a move from Charleston, S.C.

The church’s board of directors is looking into ways to make the job more manageable by separating some of the treasurer’s duties in order to create a position for bookkeeper.

For information about MCC/Knoxville, contact pastor Bob Galloway at (615) 521-6546.

**Nashville**

‘My Fair Lady’ opens March 15

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Reports surface of lesbians/gay men executed in Iran

from STAFF REPORTS
An official extermination campaign against homosexuals is reportedly under way in Iran, according to press reports from the Islamic republic, Chicago's Advocate reported.
Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson reported that "three accused homosexual men were publicly beheaded in one of the city squares of Nahavand, and two accused lesbians were stoned to death in the city of Langarud." The reports have been confirmed by monitored broadcasts of Iran Radio, an organ of the official Islamic Republic News Agency.
"The new policy toward homosexuals" was announced on December 31 in private meetings between Iranian chief justice Mortezza Moghtadai and lower judges and court officials, Anderson wrote.

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THE ADVOCATE, said he got that information from an Associated Press report in the Los Angeles Times, which attributed the statement to New York State Police.
Kadien denied the information came from New York State Police.
"We have no idea where they got that information," he said.
Tuesday's TENNESSEAN, in a "Crime Stoppers" report, said police are searching for a suspect seen using Sibert's credit cards in Nashville sometime on October 22, 1989.
Sibert's credit cards were used at Hickory Hollow Mall and at the Truckstops of America at 111 N. 1st Street, for repairs to a white 1979 freightliner truck, police said.
Goodlettsville police are looking for the man who used Sibert's credit cards at the truck stop.
He is described as white, about 40 years old, sandy brown hair and stocky build. He is believed to be between 5-feet, 8-inches and 6-feet, 1-inch tall.
A description of Goodman, given by Kadien, white male, 30, reddish blond hair and hazel eyes. He is 5-feet, 11-inches tall and weighs 140 pounds.

...Memphis parents' group
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Gay and lesbian parents and their children are invited to attend the meetings, held on the third Sunday of each month at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1291 Madison Avenue, from 3 to 5 p.m. The next meeting is set for Sunday, March 25.

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Poppers are similar in chemical composition to paint thinners and glues. They are highly volatile hydrocarbons that evaporate very quickly into mucous membranes and go directly into the bloodstream and hit the brain. The fast action allows a high concentration of the chemical to get into the bloodstream and go directly to affect the central nervous system," noted Swinger.
In addition to the KS risks associated with poppers, Swinger said poppers may be risky for people who have underlying heart disease, known or unknown, or arrhythmias. Poppers significantly raise the blood pressure very quickly, so they may also be risky for people who have high blood pressure.
"People should be very careful using any drug. Poppers are believed to be an immuno-suppressant, like alcohol or pot, and when used frequently and in large amounts, they present certain health risks," stated Swinger.
"Another problem with poppers," said Swinger, "is that they may make someone less responsible sexually. Poppers impair judgment, and this, in conjunction with an overwhelming lust and desire created by the poppers, may influence someone's decision about using safe sex practices."
Dan McLachan, HIV counselor with the Lentz Health Department in Nashville, said, "Poppers dull the senses and dull the pain and may let someone allow something to be done to him that places him at risk."
My advice to people I see here in counseling is not to use poppers." Swinger agrees: "I recommend that people not do poppers whether they have HIV infection or not. But if they have HIV infection, I strongly recommend against the use of poppers because of the KS/poppers link."
Boston

Pamphlets about sexuality made available for young people

A unique series of pamphlets designed for young people who are questioning their sexual orientation is now available.

The two pamphlets entitled "I Think I Might Be Gay/I Think I Might Be A Lesbian...Now What Do I Do?" were produced by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a national network of people who work to end homophobia through information sharing and education.

The pamphlets were designed by two sexuality educators based on their conversations with young gay men and lesbians. There are frank discussions on safer sex, self-esteem, and making contacts with other gay and lesbian youth.

For more information on the CEH, or for copies of the pamphlets, contact Cooper Thompson at (617) 686-8280.

San Francisco

TWA honors couples' rights

On the eve of filing a lawsuit over gay/lesbian couples' rights against Trans World Airlines, Inc in the Superior Court of California, National Gay Rights Advocates and its cooperating attorneys reached a settlement of the dispute.

The case against TWA arose out of the airline's initial denial of a refund to a gay man, Tony Hurd, under its family emergency reasoning applied to "immediate family members" and that a "live-in lover is not considered immediate family."

The company will add "sexual orientation" and "marital status" to its Equal Opportunity policy and said it would advocate for similar benefits elsewhere in the retail industry.

Washington, D.C.

Same-sex couples get recognition at Woodward and Lothrop

Duane Rinde filed a union grievance against his employer, Woodward and Lothrop (Woodies) last December after being refused a spouse discount card for his lover, Robert Teir.

Rinde charged that Woodies violated anti-discrimination laws.

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New York City

Police terminate rest stop action

Following massive publicity in both the gay and non-gay news media of criticism of New Jersey State Police abuses, the termination of the undercover operation at the Vince Lombardi Service Area was announced this week.

The operation led to the entrapment and arrest of hundreds of men on "lewdness" charges over the last three years.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund led a coalition of gay/lesbian/bisexual and civil rights activists and groups protesting the undercover operation in which teams of plain-clothed officers, who were paid overtime, were stationed in the restroom, engaged in flirtatious behavior, pretended to masturbate and arrested men who indicated any reciprocal interest.

Lambda is urging the State Police to implement a program of basic sensitivity training for state troopers, designed to counteract ignorance and prejudice about the extensive gay and lesbian community in New Jersey. Police in New York and Massachusetts, among others, have instituted successful programs without difficulty.

Washington, D.C.

Court backs military ban on gays

The U.S. military's ban on homosexual serving in the Army and Navy.

The court, without comment, rejected appeals by a woman denied re-enlistment in the Army Reserve in Wisconsin because she is lesbian and a California man released from Navy active duty because he is gay.

Monday's action was not a ruling on the legality of the military ban but simply a summary rejection of the appeals.

The justices did not preclude the possibility that in some future case they will agree to review the policy toward homosexuals.

Army Reserve Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom, 41, stationed in Milwaukee and has been allowed to remain in the military pending the outcome of her appeal on the homosexuality issue.

Ben-Shalom joined the Army Reserve in 1974 and was discharged in 1976 because she is an acknowledged lesbian.

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SCREENS

The story's not so good

reviewed by FLYNNE MALONE
Staff Writer

There are three reasons to see HOMERS, a love story. Angelica Huston, Lena Olin and the art direction. The story is a reason not to see it.

By using point of view camera, HOMERS starts strongly enough with a harrowing scene of Nazi, dogs and heart-racing terror. The character that presumably is Herman, played by Ron Silver (GABBO TALKS, THE ENTRANT), survives the attack by hiding in a barn loft. This has real life to it, but then the movie changes tone to a proscenium distance that never involved me in the same way, never pulled me into the "whys" of the duplicitous, confused, "lost" mind of Herman.

Herman has three wives before the film is over. He also has night sweats and hallucinations about his ordeal, or lack of it, with the Nazis. Herman hid successfully and seems to have guilt over not suffering as much as others did.

His mistress, played by the steamy Lena Olin who looks like Lauren Bacall here, was in a concentration camp.

His first wife who "comes back from the dead," is handsomely played, as always, by Angelica Huston. She was shot, left for dead and crawled out over bodies to survive in the Russian woods for three years. His second wife, a Polish servant played by Margaret Sophie Stein, saved Silver's life by giving him her last food. The main theme of HOMERS seems to be the lingering effect of these wounds.

They were, after all, very fresh wounds. The film is set in 1949 in New York, all over New York: Coney island, the Lower East Side, Central Park West. Director Paul Mazursky also set his films MOSCOW ON THE HUDSON AND AN UNMARRIED WOMAN in the city, and he recreates it lovingly and very well indeed.

Production Designer Pato Guzman who, with the director and cinematographer, is responsible for the overall look of the film, and costume designer Albert Wolsky, have created a masterpiece of period detail.

New York, after all, is a crowded place, and to arrange for it to drop back forty years in time, replete with street scenes, automobiles, interior, the Wonder Wheel of Coney Island, the subway and great looking clothes is something of a feat.

Maurice Jarre's period sound track would be one to buy if you love the era as I do.

Looking like a million bucks in frothy shoulder pads, both Angelica Huston (THE DEAD, GARDENS OF THE POSTMAN) and Lena Olin (THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING) are nominated for best supporting actress. Between the two I'd vote for Huston. (But I'm holding out for Brenda Fricker in my LEAF PoP). She plays her part as Tamara with an accessible, humorous, wise quality of mystery while exuding her unique, big-boned sexuality and walking with a limp. Olin does very well as a tempestuous vamp, Masha, whom Tamara calls the "enemy" of the title.

There's a lot of love-making in HOMERS, and it's familiarly passionate but not steamy as in, say, LADY AND THE TREE. Ron Silver as Herman is nice looking enough and intelligent, but rather a putz. It doesn't make sense that occasionally writing for a rabbi, played big by Alan King, can support all the living and loving that goes on.

I'd heard good things about ENEMIES, and I really wanted to love it, but it puzzles me. If it purports to be realistic, then it has a highly improbable plot. It questions the effect of war on the psyche but never really makes a point. It doesn't make sense that occasionally writing for a rabbi, played big by Alan King, can support all the living and loving that goes on.

Try it. Maybe you'll like it. It's not without its virtues, but I confess I didn't really get it. I'm still shaking my head trying to make sense of it.

... Rumors

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Roo realistically portraying an analyst. Cast in the role of a state senate candidate and his wife are former sitcom star Michael Minor and Lynnda Ferguson, a gorgeous blonde who's stunning in a strapless black velvet cocktail dress.

The play's success is due largely to the overall ensemble of the piece; it's really difficult to call anyone a star, so seamless are the performances. They're a huge likable group of individuals who together have a wonderful time on stage, much to the audience's obvious pleasure.

Set in a upscale home in New York, RUMORS has a definitely affluent feel - the set is a gorgeous interior view straight from the pages of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL, a veritable panoply of subdued colors. Costuming is just as elegant, the women — with the exception of the wacky MacRae - dressed in gorgeous clothes and pre-loved.

Along with the other shows on TPAC's Broadway Series card — INTO THE WOODS, DRIVING MISS DAISY, ANYTHING GOES and THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING — RUMORS may be part of one of the best seasons TPAC has offered to local audiences.

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First, the questions start with issue 100 and go back to number 51 — so your short-term memory will be put to the test early on.

Second, we’re offering rewards for your good memory — send us your answers for the second 50 questions; postmarked by midnight Monday, March 12. The person with the most correct answers (and the earliest postmark) will win $100.

There are a few rules:

1. You must mail your answers to: Dare Trivia Quiz, Box 40422, Nashville, Tennessee 37204-0422, postmarked no later than Monday, March 12, 1990. Answers will be published in our March 16 edition. The person with the most correct answers will win $100.

2. Five runners-up will receive free subscriptions to Tennessee’s only statewide newspaper for lesbians and gay men.

3. No members of the Dare staff, or members of their families, are eligible to participate. And judges’ decisions are final. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner of the $100 first prize.

Good luck!
41. What San Francisco lesbian/gay paper was sued by Rep. William Dannemeyer?

42. Who wrote A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE?

43. Who wrote THE NORMAL HEART?

44. What is the name of the lesbian/gay student group at Vanderbilt University's law school?

45. How much money was raised at the 1989 ATEAC auction?

46. What historical topic provides the basis for Martin Sherman's play, BENT?

47. What famous lesbian poet spoke during Middle Tennessee State University's Women's History Month in March, 1989?

48. What is the name of the Chattanooga man who claimed he could cure AIDS in a 13-week diet and mind control course, according to Dare in March, 1989?

49. Who wrote THE SOUND OF ONE FORK?

50. Who wrote IN SEARCH OF GAY AMERICA?

Bonus question: For what political party's presidential nomination did Jesse Jackson run in 1988? — Dare file photo

Bonus question: Who is this man? He's a South African activist. — Dare file photo

42. What two Olivia Records artists released the album, COUNTRY BLESSED?

43. Who wrote THE NORMAL HEART?

44. What is the name of the lesbian/gay student group at Vanderbilt University's law school?

45. How much money was raised at the 1989 ATEAC auction?

46. What historical topic provides the basis for Martin Sherman's play, BENT?

47. What famous lesbian poet spoke during Middle Tennessee State University's Women's History Month in March, 1989?

48. What is the name of the Chattanooga man who claimed he could cure AIDS in a 13-week diet and mind control course, according to Dare in March, 1989?

49. Who wrote THE SOUND OF ONE FORK?

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Thank God for Christopher Durang

THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE and SISTER MARY IGNATIUS EXPLAINS IT ALL FOR YOU. By Christopher Durang. Directed by Dennis Ewing. Actor's Playhouse of Nashville. Through March 10.

reviewed by JEFF ELLIS

Christopher Durang is one of the most daring playwrights in the theatre today, creating wonderfully warped characters who say the most wicked things.

Probably Durang's most memorable character is Sister Mary Ignatius, a no-nonsense nun who is the very vision of every Catholic school nightmare. In SISTER MARY IGNATIUS EXPLAINS IT ALL FOR YOU at Actor's Playhouse, Audrey Campbell revels in the role, giving Durang's character her due and his words a thoroughly delightful translation.

This commandant of the convent spews forth, rather than talks, as she relates such important lessons as how to get to heaven, how to avoid hell and the dangers of purgatory ("It last anywhere from 300 to 700 billion years"), instilling her enormous dogma in generations of students — including a winning seven-year-old Mason Noel as a current second-grader, and Janet Claire, Mark Welsch, Mark Everitt and Trish Potts (all of whom are remarkably well cast) as an alumni quartet come to give Sister a taste of her own medicine.

It's all raucous good fun, featuring some zinging one liners that have become part of the popular lexicon since the play premiered ("Do you do the thing that makes Jesus puke?

Spreading some fun


reviewed by JEFF ELLIS

Neil Simon's RUMORS is an entertaining romp, two and a half hours of unbelievable happenings and improbable situations performed by a talented ensemble.

Opening Tuesday night at TPAC's Jackson Hall, the touring company brought Simon's farce to Nashville, delighting first night audiences with the playwright's most broadly drawn characters in what must surely be his wackiest play.

Set in the fashionable New York home of Myra and Charlie Brock, Simon's unlikely plot brings together a group of the Brock's eight friends to celebrate the couple's tenth wedding anniversary. But when the guests arrive, they find Charlie on the bedroom floor with a bullet hole through his ear lobe... and Myra is no where to be found. On top of that, the help has disappeared and dinner has not been prepared.

Then the rumors start. Were Charlie and Myra having marital problems? Did Charlie attempt suicide? What did Harold Green have to do with all this?

As implausible as the whole thing might be, it's tremendously fun, a light-hearted escape involving a fifty-something group of elegantly dressed people hoping to steer clear of any untidiness.

Director Peter Lawrence's winning cast is headed by stars Peter Marshall and Patty McCormack as Penny and Claire Ganz, whose new BMW was nearly totaled by a hit-and-run driver. Former game show host Marshall is almost surprisingly good, giving the audience just what they came for — a good time with someone who's almost like an old friend. McCormack (who was not wearing Rhoda Penmark's tap shoes, or I'd have been scared) was lovely and amusing, her voice stretched to a Larchmont whine.

But the audience's favorites were Gibby Brand and Kandis Chappell as Ken and Chris Gorman, the first guests to arrive at the party. Brand and Chappell were hilarious, skillfully playing their broadly drawn characters with humor and warmth. Chappell very nearly stole the show with her distinctive performance and, in Act Two, almost brought the house down with her comic style.

Heather MacRae and Reno Roop as Cookie and Ernie Costello were appropriately off-the-beam, MacRae channeled an antique dress and • continued on page 6

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The 1990 Census gives lesbian and gay couples a chance to be counted for the first time, just by checking the box marked "unmarried couple." It's a terrific opportunity to show our numbers. Still, some people are afraid to fill out their Census forms accurately. They think the information might be used to discriminate against them. But the fact is that the U.S. Census Bureau maintains high standards of confidentiality. By law, Census information about individuals can't be released to anyone. Not even the President of the United States.

Answer the lavender question.
The 1990 U.S. Census. Stand up and be counted.
Stay calm

Editor’s note: The following letter is being sent to Nashville area video store owners in response to efforts by the Nashville Coalition Against Pornography (NCAP). The letter is sent by members of another group, Citizens Against Legislating Morality (C.A.L.M.), recently organized to counter some of NCAP’s efforts. Publication of this letter does not indicate any support or endorsement for either organization.

Dear Video Store Proprietor:

Recently, a special interest group calling themselves the Nashville Coalition Against Pornography (NCAP) has been contacting many video rental businesses. They are exerting pressures in an attempt to influence these businesses to discontinue a significant portion of their profit base. Specifically, they have requested that you discontinue the leasing of adult-oriented material. NCAP claims the altruistic motive of public safety and the prevention of exploitation of women and children. This extremely conservative group not only hints that all adult material is already illegal and they would like you to think that you could be in danger of prosecution in the future if you continue to offer this material.

We want you to know that their opinion is not the only one that exists. Citizens of this community from all walks of life have become disturbed by the heavy-handed, emotional campaign of NCAP and related groups. They have begun organizing to present a calm and sane view while preserving some of the basic rights and freedoms that are guaranteed under the Constitution.

Although we, too, condemn child pornography, we know that you do not carry this material. Therefore we feel that child pornography is not the issue. The practice of NCAP to continue to mislead adult-oriented businesses into illegal or exploitive material is a very misleading and dangerous one. This sort of distortion and manipulation of the facts could lead to grave and frightening damage to some of the rights and freedoms that we as adult Americans are guaranteed under First Amendment rights.

Many people do in fact enjoy viewing adult-oriented movies in the privacy of their own homes. We resent the fact that some self-serving, conservative group presumes to decide what is best for the majority and attempts to interfere with our rights to read and view what we as adults may choose to read or view. We have decided to speak out in support of these rights and to do what we can to ensure that these rights are preserved.

To that end, one of the first things we want to do is to assure you that we fully support your continuing to provide the public with access to adult-oriented movies should they choose to rent them. Furthermore, we have decided as a group to cancel our membership in any video store that bows to pressures by NCAP or others and suspends the service of carrying adult-oriented material.

Let us work together to resist any group’s attempt to interfere with our freedom. We appreciate your support in this matter.

C.A.L.M. (Citizens Against Legislating Morality)
Nashville

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Recognizing our families

by KATHLEEN STOLL
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Special to Dare

IN LAST FALL’S round of elections, San Francisco voters were asked to affirm a measure providing bereavement leave for gay and lesbian partners of city employees. Although the vote was close, we lost this precedent-setting battle to gain a small degree of "official" recognition of gay and lesbian families. We can only speculate about why we were defeated.

It does seem clear that additional groundwork must be laid to move the general public to a point where it is willing to recognize gay and lesbian relationships as valid and healthy. The National Family Registry, created by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is one of the tools to lay the groundwork.

The National Family Registry is a central repository of records of gay and lesbian families who wish to stand proud and be counted. The Registry broadly defines family as a person’s primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships. The Registry was created to increase the visibility of gay and lesbian families in the media, in the halls of Congress and in state legislatures. In many American minds all gay men and lesbians are seen as either some far left, angry political movement or sad, desperate stragglers lurking in alleys.

We must educate all Americans that gay men and lesbians have wonderful, healthy families based on love, trust, support and respect, the qualities that best define family.

We cannot allow the far right to define our message. We can paint our own, boldself-portrait.

Educating the public about the strength of our relationships must be a priority for gay and lesbian rights advocates.

How can we do this education? The National Family Registry is part of the answer. It is crucial that we increase the visibility of gay and lesbian families. We must openly celebrate our relationships.

"Straight" couples receive constant support from the legal system, the mainstream media and in everyday culture. Even without this constant reinforcement of our relationships, we create our own families through strong bonds of love and commitment that withstand society’s pressures to destroy us. Let’s tell the world our beautiful, brave family stories! We must replace the stereotyped images of gay men and lesbians with real images of our relationships.

Perhaps the most important lesson for many Americans will be learning that our families have the same joys and problems, the same hopes and dreams, the same happy times and dramas that most other families face. The extraordinary information we can share with many people is that we are not really that different.

DURING THE NEXT decade our lawmakers will be making critical decisions about gay and lesbian rights. These lawmakers, and their constituents, will make the right decisions if they have a clear picture of our community — not the picture painted by the "Religious Right." The National Family Registry needs the help of gay and lesbian families from across the country to be successful.

The more families that register, the stronger our message. We can paint our own, boldself-portrait.
"Loose Lips
But can he dance?

Rita Hayworth. Or Richard Gere? Separated at birth?
— Same File Photo

"I had very long hair, which I refused to cut. When I first came to New York, it came down to my tis. I looked like Rita Hayworth." — Actor Richard Gere, reminiscing about the old days, in a story in IFAME magazine. But can he dance?

"Society responded, in many ways positively. But there is still variety in feminist ideas. Some take stronger pacifist stands than others, or more extreme views on women's abortion rights. Some see male domination as inevitable that they exclude men from their lives; others combine their feminism with balanced heterosexual partnerships.

...Women are equals, plain and simple. They are equally important as men to all aspects of the human endeavor. They have and always will bear the greater physical burden in propagating the race. Should they have to sacrifice other life opportunities because they play this vital role?"
— Elizabeth I. Perry, associate professor in the history department at Vanderbilt University, writing in Nashville's THE TENNESSEAN.

"He feeds us, he clothes us and we're behind him 100%. He's the nicest guy in the world, and I ain't even met him. But someday I will and I'm going to shake his hand." — John O'Donnell, 20, to an Associated Press reporter, responding to the allegations of sexual misconduct directed at Bruce Ritter, head of Covenant House, a Catholic-run halfway house in New York City. Ritter is accused of having had sex, in a story in IFAME magazine. But can he dance?

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