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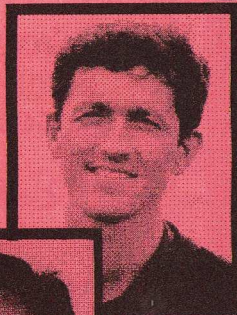
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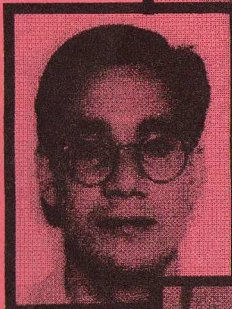
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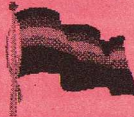
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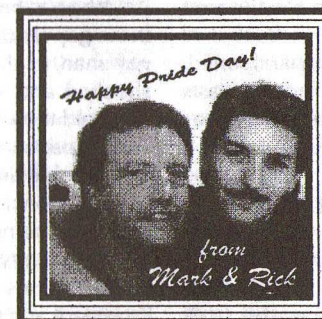
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HAPPY PRIDE DAY!



Gay Bar in New Showdown with Ku Klux Klan

(DataLounge)BOSWELL, Pa.— The Philadelphia Inquirer reports the owners of a small gay bar, who have been defending their establishment in the face of protests and attacks since it opened four months ago, now have to contend with threats from the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

The warning from KKK leader Barry Black comes just as the owners of the club arrived at a truce with locals who have been picketing the establishment since "it went gay." The tavern, called the Casa Nova, has been around for almost 60 years.

Thirty Klansmen disembarked from a bus which pulled up just outside the Casa Nova and conducted a silent four-minute "prayer vigil." At its end, the group leader Black picked up a bullhorn and said, "Please don't make the next call...a business call."

In March, not too long after the bar opened, an unidentified assailant fired two shotgun blasts into the bar's heavy wooden doors. No one was injured in the attack.

Belfast Cop Killed In Gay Bar

(NewsPlanet) – The first police officer to be killed in Northern Ireland since the Irish Republican Army's (IRA) ceasefire of August 1994 was a gay man, shot in Belfast's best-known gay bar on the night of May 9. The Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a nationalist group which separated from the IRA in 1975, has claimed responsibility for the carefully planned assault. Irish Prime Minister John Bruton and Northern Ireland Office Minister Tony Worthington were among the officials to condemn the terrorist action.

At the time of the shooting, Constable Darren

Bradshaw (actually a recruit still based at the training centre in east Belfast) was not only off duty, but was on suspension while an internal investigation was underway. Although police have not made public the nature of that investigation, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC, Northern Ireland's police force) is not accepting of openly gay police officers. Although in the past officers have been warned away from the Parliament Bar because of possible terrorist attacks there, it had not been off-limits to them for several years.

For Bradshaw, it was the place where he found the support he needed to come out as a gay man despite his strict Protestant religious background.

A regular patron of the always-crowded Parliament Bar, he was reportedly much liked there by those on both sides of the political fence.

He was enjoying drinks with friends when a pair of bewigged, disguised men entered the bar, one heading for Bradshaw and shooting him four times at close range in the back, the other warning off the bar's staff with a gun. The two were quickly driven off by a third man in what proved to be a stolen car with false plates, which was later found abandoned and burned.

It seems to have proved more dangerous for Bradshaw to have been "out" as a police officer in the gay venue than to have been known as a gay man to the police. The bar staff were shocked and saddened that the killing had occurred there.

One patron described the bar as "a neutral venue, a melting pot. No one is interested in who is nationalist or unionist. We have enough problems being gay in this country without having to worry about stuff like that. There are three religions in Northern Ireland: Catholic, Protestant and gay."

A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association went even further, telling the "Irish Times" that, "There has never been any political division in the gay community. The only conflict has been between lesbians and gay men. Even during the 1981 hunger strike when emotions were running very high, we remained united."

But one of the INLA's leading spokespersons in Britain, deputy coordinator Simon McGill of the Irish Republican Socialist Party (INLA's

political wing), is also openly gay. The way he sees it, "The police raid gay bars and constantly harass gay men. Anyone joining the police is betraying their community....I have no problem with the attack. He was a member of the RUC. He put on a police uniform and became part of a state which oppresses nationalists. His sexuality is irrelevant. If a child is killed with a plastic bullet, what difference does it make whether the policeman who fired it is straight or gay?"

The other known gay man to be killed in Belfast this year was Presbyterian minister David Templeton, who died last month as a result of a so called "punishment" beating by loyalists.

Egyptian Transsexual Wins Inheritance Rights

The Egyptian government-run "Al Akhbar" daily newspaper reported a court ruling on a question of transsexual inheritance. The deceased in the case was a millionaire with two sons, who would normally split the inheritance in half under Islamic law. But when one son underwent gender reassignment surgery after the father's death, the other went to court claiming that the transsexual should receive only the 1/3 of the estate normally granted to a daughter. A court in Alexandria dismissed the case, leaving the tranny to inherit as a son, because she was still a male when the father died.

Although the court case was said to be unprecedented, it was in line with a June 1996 religious decree by the head of the Sunni Moslem Al-Azhar.

Youth Suicide Increase

New Zealand youth suicide numbers increased in 1995 to 156 people up from 137 in 1994 for those aged between 15 and 24, figures released last month reviewed. The male youth suicide rate per 100,000 in 1995 was 45.4 up from 39.9 in 1994. The female rate was 12.9, up from 9.7 in 1994.

While reports mentioned no appreciable differences between the rates for Maori and non-Maori, no information was available on the sexuality of those who committed suicide. While this information is not recorded it is

generally accepted that a large portion of the male youth suicide rate is gay men.

Pentagon Probes Alleged Gay Harassment

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The Pentagon opened a formal review last month into allegations that military investigators are wrongfully conducting aggressive inquiries into the sex lives of gay service members, the Washington Post reported May 14.

Gay rights advocates have charged that military commanders had turned a blind eye to the harassment, the newspaper said.

Quoting unidentified defense officials, the Post said the review was not aimed at amending a three-year-old policy regulating homosexuals in the ranks, but at ensuring correct enforcement of rules that were painstakingly negotiated with military leaders and Congress during President Clinton's first months in office.

Under the policy, dubbed "don't ask, don't tell", the military agreed to stop searching out gays provided they kept their sexual orientation private. Being homosexual is no longer a bar to military service, but admitting it or engaging in homosexual activity can trigger expulsion.

Since the regulation took affect in early 1994, the number of gays dismissed from military service has climbed 42 percent, reaching 850 in 1996, the Post reported.

The discharge rate last year was the highest since 1987, prompting complaints by activists that investigators had stepped up probes of gays in violation of the policy, accoeding to the newspaper.

Based on preliminary analysis, officials told the Post that some homosexual cases had been mishandled but they called the errors little more than minoe technical violations and attributed them largely to inadvertence or unfamiliarity with the policy's complexities.

Safer Schools Plan Shocks NSW

(NewsPlanet) – A widely-circulated report in the May 15 "Sydney Morning Herald" gave a detailed account of plans to test an anti-homophobia program in eight Sydney schools in preparation for its institution throughout the state of New South Wales – but then the state's Minister of Education denied that any such plan

was in place. In the hours between the paper's publication and broadcast of the Minister's denial, the NSW state National Party had already leaped up to demand the government halt the program, claiming it would be using public funds to "promote homosexuality" and contradict so-called "family values;" and within the article itself, the Opposition's education spokesperson Stephen O'Doherty anticipated "extreme nervousness among the community," particularly in the absence of public input to the plan. The newspaper article cited Kevin Gardner as the Department of School Education representative on a committee organizing the trial program, but NSW Education Minister John Aquilina insisted that there had been no official approval, although the Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Students Association (GaLTaS) may have had some discussions with some local teachers. In fact, Aquilina called the plan "absolute lunacy."

From a pro-gay point of view, the plan as outlined sounded terrific; to NSW National Party leader Ian Armstrong its efforts to "normalize gay lifestyles" were merely terrifying. It reportedly would have involved six primary and two secondary schools which had volunteered to test the pilot program beginning in July. Methods and materials said to be added to the core curriculum included role-playing by students, study of gay-positive theater and of fiction works treating gays and lesbians as "normal," placement in school libraries of non-fiction works on homosexuality, teaching about anti-discrimination laws protecting gays and lesbians, revised disciplinary policies against homophobic verbal and physical abuse of students, and training of teachers to respond to such abuse.

GaLTaS' Williams said the department had been forced to act, and the Department of Education's

Gardner agreed that "strong steps must be taken to deal with [vilification of gays and lesbians]."

Certainly the idea of anti-homophobia activities in the schools had been raised in connection with the lawsuit brought last month against the NSW schools by openly gay 14-year-old student Christopher Tsakalos for their failure to protect him from repeated severe gay-bashings by other students. GaLTaS has supported Tsakalos and a number of other students planning to file similar claims, possibly as a class action. The Teachers' Federation, while supporting the teachers rather than Tsakalos, proposed that education is a more appropriate way of dealing with homophobia than litigation.

Florida Man Sentenced for Distribution of AIDS Patient List

TAMPA, FL. - The Associated Press reports a former funeral home director, 33-year-old Gregory Wentz, has been sentenced to 60 days in jail for mailing a list containing the names of 4,000 AIDS patients to two Florida newspapers back in September.

33-year-old Gregory Wentz told the court his action was to stop misuse of the list by his former roommate who was using the list to screen potential dates for himself and his friends.

The list originated from confidential files kept at the Pinellas County Health Unit. The St. Petersburg Times and the Tampa Tribune received the list on a computer disc along with an anonymous letter charging "a county health worker" with wrongfully discussing the information in public. Both newspapers called the police.

The ensuing state investigation identified William B. Calvert III as the worker responsible for stealing the list. The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services fired Calvert soon after the disclosure for breaking

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Wentz's reasons for mailing the list to the two newspapers is still unknown, though a personal vendetta against Calvert clearly played some roll in his actions. Wentz, who is now a cabdriver, expressed little remorse over his actions. "The media has made a circus of this," he told the Associated Press. "You ruined my life."

Gay Father Fights to Win Back Kids Before NC High Court

RALEIGH, N.C. - The North Carolina state Supreme Court heard arguments in a child custody case which will determine whether the gay biological father of two boys can be deemed an unfit parent because of his sexual orientation.

The Raleigh News and Observer reports Fred Smith, father of two boys ages 8 and 11, raised his sons alone when the mother left Smith in 1991 to pursue an extramarital affair. At some point Smith acknowledged his gay sexual orientation and years later invited his long-time partner, Tim Tipton, to move in and live with the family.

Smith's ex-wife, Carol Pulliam, sued for and won custody of her children in 1995 when Henderson County District Judge Deborah Burgin agreed with her allegation that a gay home was an unsuitable environment for two young boys. Smith appealed, and the decision was overturned in the state Court of Appeals in October. Pulliam appealed to the state high court.

Philip Jackson, the mother's lawyer, argued displays of affection such as kissing and the private sexual practices engaged in by the two men were detrimental to the well-being of the children. "[Smith] has admitted he has engaged in fellatio with Mr. Tipton, which is a violation of state law," he told the 7 judges. "That behavior, immoral and illegal, creates an environment unsuitable for children even if done in private because it is a felony," the Raleigh Observer quotes Jackson.

Ellen Gerber, the lawyer representing Smith, countered that Pulliam, too, had admitted to engaging in oral sex, and that to focus on the private sexual practices of parents would turn child custody cases into prurient travesties.

"Parental fitness is about being a good parent, a warm parent, a supportive parent, a loving parent. It is not about private sexual activity behind closed doors."

A ruling on the case is expected by summer's end.

Brit Court OK's G/L Adoption

(NewsPlanet) - A British mother's objections to her daughter's adoption by a lesbian who is in a live-in relationship were rejected by the High Court last month in a ruling made public May 21. Although only married couples are allowed to adopt jointly, Justice Singer ruled that there was nothing in the 1976 Adoption Act to preclude adoption based on a prospective parent's homosexual orientation or same-gender relationship. He noted that objections to adoptions by gays and lesbians were generally based on a confusion between homosexuality and pederism. The adoption approved last month is said to be the first of its kind in England or Wales. A gay man in a relationship had previously been allowed to adopt a disabled boy in Scotland after a ruling last year by the Inner House of the Court of Session there.

The ruling came in the case of W, an 11-year-old girl who has lived with her prospective adoptive mother since 1995 and is apparently thriving. Although the child has been in foster care for several years, her biological mother has wanted to retain the connection of legal parenthood as well as the right to oppose her daughter's adoption by a lesbian couple. She's said she has nothing against the adoptive mother personally.

There is little legal precedent in the U.K. on the question of gay and lesbian adoptions. The only other ruling was an English judge's 1993 approval of a single lesbian's bid to adopt. The current decision affirms the finding in the Scottish case, so the courts appear to be united in their interpretations that it's the individual circumstances and best interests of the child that need to be considered, not the prospective parent's sexual orientation or relationship per se. Justice Singer indicated that it was up to Parliament, not the courts, to amend the law if they intended to ban gay and lesbian adoptions.

NYPD Settles With Gay Cops

New York – The New York Police Department has reached an out of court settlement with the Gay Officers Action League, which filed a discrimination lawsuit against the department last year. The group had charged the NYPD refuses to recognize GOAL, which represents some 800 gay and lesbians officers, like other ethnic and fraternal groups in the police force.

The police department has agreed to pay GOAL \$15,000 in the settlement, but doesn't admit any wrongdoing on its part. GOAL's suit demanded that it get the same treatment as other police groups, including a display at Police Headquarters, a recruitment van at the annual gay pride parade in Greenwich Village, and more gay officers in the community affairs unit.

Since then, the department has agreed to allow the group to hold a ceremony June 26, assigned a van to the June 29 parade, promised to appoint eight additional openly gay or lesbian officers to community affairs, and promised to put a gay officer in its equal employment opportunity office.

YMCA Helps Fund Gay Summer Camp

Portland, Ore. – While there are a handful of family summer camp programs for lesbians and gay men with children to take their summer vacations together, the Family CampOUT program may be the only one in the U.S. operated through a YMCA.

This year, the Equity Foundation of Portland has given the YWCA a \$1,500 grant to help provide low-income families with partial scholarships to underwrite fees for the four-day Family CampOUT program.

Lawyers Prepare Appeal In Child Custody Case

(Washington Blade) -- Lawyers are preparing for the appeal of an April 1996 Maryland divorce case where a judge ordered that two children could not have

overnight visits with their father because the father is gay.

The case is unusual because the judge's order against overnight visits with the father came despite statements favouring the visits from a social worker, a child therapist, and the children's mother.

According to court documents, County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence H. Rushworth stated, "There is to be no overnight visitation and under no circumstances is there to be any visitation of the children with the father in the presence of the father's partner or anyone having homosexual tendencies or such persuasions, male or female, or with anyone that the father may be living with in a non-marital relationship."

According to the documents, the children's father, Robert Glenn Boswell, told his wife he was gay shortly before their separation in August 1994. In February 1995, Boswell's partner began living with him.

Both a court-appointed social worker and the children's therapist agreed that neither the gender nor the sexual orientation of Boswell's new partner is relevant to the children's difficulties.

The social worker recommended Boswell get visitation with the children every other weekend, every Wednesday overnight, and one week per month in the summer. The children's therapist recommended against Wednesday overnight visitation, but only on the grounds that it would be too disruptive.

Following the therapist's recommendation, the children's mother, Kimberly Boswell, requested that Boswell not keep the children overnight on Wednesdays. She also requested



no visits in August and that Boswell's June and July visits not be consecutive weeks.

Most of the trial was about property, not the children, said Nancy Polikoff, the lawyer for Boswell and a professor of law at American University. There was relatively little dispute concerning the children, Polikoff said.

But Judge Rushworth said it is his standard practice to restrict children's exposure to the non-marital relationships of a non-custodial parent, according to Polikoff.

"Our argument is that that's wrong," Polikoff said. She said that they will argue "that the court would have to find that the children were being adversely affected by the exposure to the relationship."

That the judge barred any gays from having contact with the children, Polikoff said, shows his underlying motivation.

"There isn't any question but the judge has the authority to make decisions about the children that are different than what the parties agree to," Polikoff said. But, she said, "the bottom line is that he didn't give any reason as to why."

Clergy Picket Cyprus Parliament Over Gay Bill

NICOSIA (Reuters) – Priests and nuns picketed Cyprus's parliament for a second consecutive week May 15, urging MP's to toss out a government bill legalizing homosexuality.

"This is the island of saints, not homosexuals," said 76-year-old nun Sofia Herodotou in a crowd of around 1,000 demonstrators, many of them clerics.

"Long live the Nazarene," said the nun, dwarfed by a placard she held along with a wooden crucifix.

The government has come under pressure from the Council of Europe to decriminalize homosexuality after the European Court of Justice

in 1993 sided with a Cypriot's fight to overturn the 19th Century law for violating his right to privacy.

But the powerful Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus has strongly opposed the bill, saying its adoption would open the floodgates of sin and taint traditional values.

The government has been trying for months to push the bill through parliament to avoid the risk of being ejected from the Council of Europe. It is expected to be approved before the start of the summer recess in July.

"This is not ethically correct," said Barnabas Mishi, 19, a novice priest from north London. "We are not against homosexuals, we don't want to cut them off. They need help. Like all sins it is something man has to take control of."

MPs were jeered or given a pat on the back – depending on their stand – by demonstrators standing at the entrance of parliament in the capital Nicosia. Access to parliament was blocked by police.

"If you want to be president again don't vote for that law," several demonstrators shouted at former president George Vassiliou, who has come out in favor of the bill.

His wife Androulla, who is also an MP, turned to respond, but was given a shove by her husband to move on.


Romanian Church Blasts Gays

(Wockner Int'l News) – Homosexuals, drug abuse, "baby-murdering mothers," and "unnatural sins and debauchery" are destroying Romania, Orthodox Patriarch Teoctist said in his Orthodox Easter message.

The message was read in churches April 27, Orthodox Easter eve.

Teoctist denounced parliament for its technical legalization of homosexuality last year. MPs lifted the nation's sodomy ban under pressure from the Council of Europe but also passed

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two new laws that prohibit the development of any kind of gay community.

One measure – which bans gay clubs, media and most anything else gay – reads: "Propositioning or enticing a person to take part in sexual relations with a person of the same sex, as well as propaganda or association or any other acts of proselytism with the same purpose, is punishable by one to five years imprisonment."

A second law states: "Sexual intercourse between persons of the same sex, taking place in public, or producing a public scandal, is punishable by one to five years imprisonment."

Romanian law defines "public scandal" as anything two or more people find offensive.

Brazilian Commits Mass Murder Because Called Gay

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - A former soldier killed his ex-wife, her parents and at least 12 other people before being gunned down by police. He left behind a note indicating he was upset that he had been called a homosexual.

Genildo Ferreira de Franca, 27, began the shootings May 21 in a town on the outskirts of Natal, 1,300 miles northeast of Rio.

"The reason I am writing these few lines is not to justify the wrong I have done, but it is only in this way that I can ...challenge those who wanted to prove I was a homosexual," de Franca wrote in a three-page letter found after he was killed May 22. It was not clear who made the allegations.

The killings began when de Franca, armed with two pistols and wearing a bullet-proof vest, shot his wife and her parents, said Gustavo Mariano, a spokesman for Rio Grande do Norte state. Franca then went to his former wife's home and shot her.

Later, police believe de Franca used a 16-year-old girl to lure men into a wooded area where he killed them, Mariano said.

The girl, Valderici Ribeiro da Silva, was first

thought to have been de Franca's hostage but police later believed she was working with him, Mariano said.

On the morning of May 22, de Franca began walking down the street and killing people at random.

Around noon, police surrounded de Franca and two hostages in a wooded area. In the ensuing shootout, de Franca was killed and the hostages were released unharmed.

"Gang's" Website Bait Teacher

FLORIDA – Two Florida high-schoolers are up on felony charges for a gay-baiting website that included a death threat against a teacher.

A pair of 19-year-olds have been arrested in Lecanto, Florida for creating a website that gay-baits a teacher at the local high school,

according to a UPI report. A former student had been sentenced to six months' probation just a few months previously for harassing the same teacher, whose name is apparently being kept out of the press.

The website was said to show the female body of another student's prom date with the teacher's face in place of hers. The home phone numbers of both the

teacher and the student pictured were given, while an electronic voice said the teacher "must die." The student was videotaped crying while viewing the site and another teacher reportedly threw up after doing so.

Ryan Vella and Christopher Cohen face charges of publishing material exposing a person to "hatred, contempt or ridicule," typically a first-degree misdemeanor which in their case will be considered as a third-degree felony under state anti-gang law sentencing enhancements.

Hit AIDS Early and Hard, Doctors Agree

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter) - Most experts in treating infectious disease agree the HIV virus that causes AIDS should be hit early and hard with a cocktail of strong drugs, a survey released

on May 27 found.

Three-fifths of those surveyed on behalf of Merck and Co Inc. (MRK.N) believed it was important to use the most potent drugs first, even at the risk of developing resistance to the drugs.

"Early treatment with the most powerful medicines is the patient's best shot at a longer, healthier life," Dr Luc Perrin of Hopital Cantonal Universitaire in Geneva, said in a statement released in London by Merck.

"We are often trained to be conservative and cautious. In fighting HIV, we have to be aggressive and fast to act."

Studies have found that three-drug combinations including two different classes of drugs – protease inhibitors and nucleoside analogues – can reduce the virus to undetectable levels in the blood.

Some of the drugs have been shown to be more effective than others.

Although there have been some suggestions that starting out with a weaker drug might be the better approach, saving the strong ones for

when they are "really needed," 68 percent of the doctors surveyed said this would be unacceptable treatment.

Merck told a conference on infectious disease in Lausanne, Switzerland that most specialists favoured treating HIV early.

"Fifty-nine percent said that patients who were HIV-positive, but who had not developed AIDS, should be treated with triple combination therapy: a protease inhibitor plus two...nucleoside analogues," Merck said in its London statement.

"Nearly nine out of 10 respondents believed that patients who have gone on to develop AIDS should receive triple combination therapy including a protease inhibitor."

The survey, by Taylor Nelson AGB Healthcare, involved 100 doctors across Europe and North America.

Thalidomide Joins AIDS Arsenal

(Data Lounge) – The Boston Globe reported last month that Thalidomide, the sedative that

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caused horrible birth defects among the children of European women who took the drug in the 1960s, is being looked at as a possible new treatment in the fight against AIDS.

A report in the May 22 New England Journal of Medicine found that thalidomide drastically reduced in size large, painful mouth ulcers among patients in the advanced stages of AIDS. In one month, the Journal reports, the drug completely healed the ulcers in 55 percent of patients. 90 percent, said researchers, reported partial healing.

Thalidomide did cause a rise in the patients' viral load, but researchers said the rise in the amount of virus in the blood was an acceptable risk given that the drug would be used only briefly.

The Globe reports that other studies are underway which are examining thalidomide's use in treating complications arising from bone marrow transplants and in the treatment of certain types of cancer.

Spain Will Enact Domestic Partnership Bill

(NewsPlanet) – The vote in the lower house was a tight squeeze, but now the Spanish Parliament will have to pass a domestic partnership bill by the end of June.

The Madrid-based Triangle Foundation reports that the lower house of the Spanish Parliament, the Congress of Deputies (Congreso de los Diputados), on May 26 narrowly approved a measure establishing legal registered domestic partnerships. The bill introduced by the Coalicion Canaria party would recognize both heterosexual and same-gender relationships for a range of legal and economic purposes. Fundacion Triangulo will be supplying further information, but says the bill's approval means that a partnership bill will have to be passed before the end of the legislative session. The parliament will begin summer break on June 30.

In mid-March, initial consideration of domestic partnership proposals introduced by the PSOE

(Spanish Socialist Party) and the IU (Izquierda Unida party) resulted in two unprecedented tie votes in the Congress of Deputies when the Canary Islands deputies largely abandoned the opposition mounted by the ruling PP (Partido Popular). Although the third vote shelved the bills after two absent deputies were rounded up, the PSOE and IU immediately reintroduced them and the PP agreed to establish a committee to study partnerships which would report by June 30. The Canary Islanders had said then that they would not only support partnership legislation, but would introduce their own proposal if action was not taken in a timely fashion.

The partnership issue has come to top the political wish list of Spanish gays and lesbians, including 10,000 who made a February demonstration the nation's largest in about 20 years.

Canada Reviews AIDS Funding

Following months of campaigning and screaming by gay and AIDS activists, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien has announced renewed funding of the National AIDS Strategy. "We have decided that the National AIDS Strategy will be carried on at the same level for years to come," Chretien said last month in Vancouver.

Funding for the programs was set to expire next year. The delay in re-allocating the money was a huge source of contention at the 1996 International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, which Chretien refused to attend – breaking a tradition set by heads of state of other nations where the conference has been held.

Ontario Human Rights Chief For Domestic Partnership

Sixteen Ontario laws should be revised to give lesbian and gay couples the "immediate and significant benefits" of domestic partnership provisions – and to save the province lots of lawsuit money – according to the Human Rights head.

Keith Norton, Chief of the Human Rights Commission of the province of Ontario, has made a written recommendation to the provincial Attorney General that 16 laws be revised to give gay and lesbian couples recognition equal to that of unmarried heterosexual couples. By amending the legislation, Norton hopes to see a more "cost-effective approach" to what has been a long-running series of court struggles to correct each statute individually, due to the inaction of the provincial legislature.

Norton's predecessor, Chief Commissioner Rosemary Brown, had initiated an investigation of provincial statutes, towards bringing them into line with a 1995 Supreme Court decision that found "opposite sex" definitions of common-law spouses to be unconstitutional. That study, which included discussion with gays and lesbians, identified 65 problem statutes – including the definitions of "spouse" and "marital status" in the province's Human Rights Code. The 16 priority targets recommended by Norton include issues of employment benefits, authority to give consent for treatment of a partner's child or a disabled partner, and inheritance rights. Norton believes the amendments "will provide immediate and significant benefits" to gay and lesbian couples' daily lives.

The specific statutes named by Norton are: Child and Family Services Act, Consent to Treatment Act, Employment Standards Act, Estates Act, Family Law Act, Human Rights Code, Insurance Act, Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, Municipal Act, Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act, Ontario Municipal Employee's Retirement System Act, Pension Benefits Act, Public Service Pensions Act, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton Act, Succession Law Reform Act, and Workers' Compensation Act.

NY Rape-Killer Sentenced

(NewsPlanet) – The cops' insistence on blaming one lesbian victim made the Lugo case a New York cause celebre, but the real perpetrator has finally been brought to justice.

A New York judge on May 29 sentenced Alex Villanueva to at least 50 years in prison for the rape of an unnamed lesbian social worker and the shooting murder of her lover, Sylvia Lugo, as well as the murder and attempted murder of two unrelated men. Although Lugo's lover was raped, sodomized and had her leg broken by a gunshot, police made her their leading suspect in Lugo's murder from the July 5, 1995 incident until Villanueva confessed on July 18, 1996. Only then, to the outrage of the local gay and lesbian community, did police believe the surviving partner's story that Lugo had been killed trying to protect her from her assailant.

The social worker (whose identity, as a sexual assault survivor, cannot be revealed) reportedly broke down on hearing the sentence, but issued a prepared statement saying, "Fifty years to life doesn't seem enough to me, but imposing that sentence will at least give him time to think about the destruction he has created." Villanueva will not be eligible for parole until he's served at least 50 years.

Pioneers Honoured at Human Rights

Three inspiring activists travelled to New York City to receive the 1997 Felipa de Souza Awards presented by the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) at a ceremony on June 2 at the New York Academy of Art. The award honors activists and organizations who have made significant contributions to the freedom of sexual minorities anywhere in the world, and are named in honor of a Brazilian woman convicted by the Portuguese Inquisition in 1591 for sexual relations with other women. This year's awards will be given to an organization in Namibia and individual activists from Turkey and Albania.

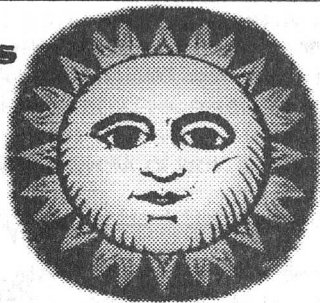
Demet Demir is a transsexual woman from Turkey who was the first person in history taken as an Amnesty International prisoner of conscience, due to persecution on account of her sexual orientation in 1991. Because of her various political activities she has been

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imprisoned numerous times, tortured, had her home broken into and telephone cables cut in efforts to silence her. Even in her efforts to attend this ceremony, the government has refused to issue her a passport.

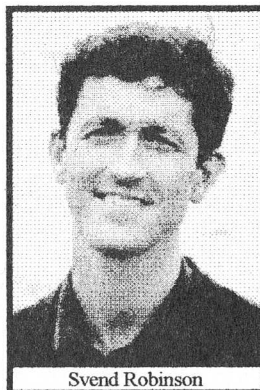
The Sister Namibia Collective is a feminist organization and publication in Namibia which has been publicly fighting against the government's recent, blatant homophobic declarations. In glaring similarity to the public uproar against homosexuality in Zimbabwe caused by President Mugabe's outrageous statements about lesbians and gay men, Namibia's President Nujoma declared in December 1996 that "all necessary steps must be taken to combat influences that are influencing [sic] us and our children in a negative way. Homosexuals must be condemned and rejected in our society." The President's pronouncement was an echo of previous remarks by other high ranking government officials, such as, "Homosexuality is like cancer or AIDS..." and homosexuals should be "operated on to remove unnatural hormones in them."

Genc Xhelaj is the founder and president of the first and only gay and lesbian organization in Albania. He was instrumental in the repeal of an anti-gay law which penalized same-sex acts between consenting adults with up to ten years imprisonment. Despite extreme governmental and societal oppression – including police harassment and the loss of his job – and more recently, the onslaught of civil unrest, Xhelaj has continued to be actively involved in gay and lesbian activism in Albania.

The ceremony was emceed by comedian Kate Clinton and presenters included author Andrew Tobias and cultural historian, activist, and founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock, Bernice Johnson Reagon. Sponsors of the event included The Advocate, Lufthansa Airlines, Freixenet, Heron Lake Wineries, Naya Water, Seagram's, PlanetOut, and the Soho Grand Hotel.

Gay MPs Re-Elected

(NewsPlanet) – It was smooth sailing for Svend Robinson and Real Menard on election day, despite the changing tides in Canadian politics – but what will the new balance of power in Parliament mean for lesbian and gay rights?



Svend Robinson

Both of Canada's openly gay Members of Parliament had easy reelection victories in June 2 elections, but the shifting of the mantle of Official Opposition from the gay-friendly Bloc Quebecois to the homophobic Reform Party promises uphill fights on gay and lesbian issues as the ruling Liberal Party has lost much of its strength.

Open gay Svend Robinson, who for 18 years has represented the Vancouver area riding of Burnaby-Douglas, was re-elected handily with 43% of the vote. Robinson topped five other candidates led by the Reform Party's Gary Eyre at 27% and the Liberal Party's vice president Mobina Jaffer at 26%, despite a concerted effort by the Liberals to unseat him. Robinson's gay-friendly New Democratic Party (NDP) gained seats in the election and is the only party whose support was not strictly bounded by geography,

but their total numbers remain small.

Real Menard, who came out publicly as a gay man in September 1994 and who tried unsuccessfully to enact a domestic partnership measure thereafter, retained his seat in the Quebec riding of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. His 46% of the vote topped Liberal Denise Malo's 34%, with the other parties' candidates far behind. Menard's Bloc Quebecois has usually been viewed as second only to the lefty NDP in its support for gay and lesbian equality. But now the Reform Party, based in the West and driven largely by reaction against the Quebecois' separatism, has edged into the position of Official Opposition.

How homophobic is the Reform Party? Here's what happened in February when they tried to recruit an openly gay candidate of their own, Toronto city councilmember Kyle Rae: Based on the party's opposition to national hate crimes and equal rights measures, Rae said, "They're not racists, they're bigots." When Reform demanded an apology, Rae denied he had anything to apologize for and repeated, "As far as I'm concerned they're bigots."

Although in early May, Reform leader Preston Manning told a Calgary high school group the party supported equal rights for all, with the exception of same-gender marriage, few found it convincing. On May 21 about 25 high school and college students chanting, "Racist, sexist, anti-gay, Preston Manning, go away" worked to cut an hour off the time Manning had intended to greet the public in Guelph. In April, Reform's candidate in Mississauga Janice Lim publicly asserted her agreement with notorious remarks that got Reform MP Bob Rigma suspended from the party caucus in 1996: that should a biased customer complain at being served by a black or gay employee, he wouldn't hesitate to move the employee "to the back of the shop." Alberta

Reform MP David Chatters also made a public statement the Christian schools should be able to fire gay workers.

Elected to the national parliament in Saskatoon June 2 was Reform candidate and former evangelical minister Maurice Vellacott, who encouraged the district health board to reject a proposal for specialized mental health services for gays and lesbians, saying they tended to blame all their problems in life on homophobia.

Jean Chretien and his Liberal Party remain in power, but by a much narrower margin. The Liberals have been generally positive on gay and lesbian issues, although 3 NDP

candidates declared the Liberal government homophobic at a Toronto press conference last week, because it appealed the 1996 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's decision that federal government employees' partners should receive spousal benefits. The government did enact the national law against discrimination based on sexual orientation, plus a hate crimes bill that includes gays and lesbians as a target of bias. Geographically, the only real stronghold remaining for the Liberals is in Ontario, the gayest of the provinces, although even there they lost seats to the Conservatives.

The Conservatives are officially a party in the parliament once again, having passed a dozen seats. When the party was unseated in 1993, it fell hard, and before the current election had only a pair of seats left in the parliament. No one seems to know much about where the Atlantic coast-based party stands in its rebirth.

EGALE, the Canadian national group Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere, attempted to distribute questionnaires and develop a report card on the parties in preparation for the elections, but only the NDP actually filled out the detailed survey EGALÉ sent out.



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North American Manhunt Underway For Murder Suspect

A North American manhunt is underway for Andrew Phillip Cunanan, a gay California "party boy" who is the prime suspect in three Minneapolis slayings and a possible fourth in San Diego.

Cunanan is wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of his former lover, 33-year-old architect David Madson. Madson's body was discovered at an abandoned country farmhouse, four days after the body of another man, 28-year-old Jeffrey Trail was found in Madson's Minneapolis apartment.

Police are also seeking Cunanan in connection with the stabbing death of Lee Miglin, 72. Miglin, a wealthy Chicago developer, was found in his home by authorities with Madson's stolen Jeep parked across the street.

An all points bulletin was issued for the 1994 Lexus authorities believe Cunanan stole from Miglin soon after his murder.

Hunt Moves to East Coast

The manhunt underway moved to New Jersey, as the spree-killer's body count rose to four. Following a pattern since the killings began, the body of a cemetery caretaker was found near the abandoned jade-coloured Lexus.

Police have been trying to discover a connection between Cunanan and the Chicago businessman. In a strange side, an acquaintance of Cunanan's, Bruce Kerschner of San Diego, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that Cunanan and Miglin's son, Duke, were friends.

Duke Miglin, who has a small role in the movie "Air Force One" starring Harrison Ford, told police he and Cunanan had never met. Kerschner later told police he was only repeating a rumour he had heard.

Five days after Miglin's body was found, his stolen Lexus was found abandoned at a military cemetery in New Jersey, along with the body of grounds-keeper William Reese, 45.

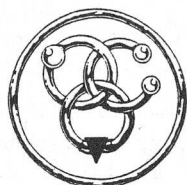
Authorities believe Cunanan is now driving the slain caretaker's truck, a 1995 red Chevrolet pickup with New Jersey plates. Linda Vizi, spokesperson for the FBI's Philadelphia bureau, told authorities Cunanan is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Killer Continues To Elude Authorities

The New York Times says the focus of the manhunt has moved to cities up and down the East Coast, following a presumption by police that Cunanan would head for New York City. The Chicago Tribune reported that on May 13 alone, federal authorities were tracking down at least two dozen unconfirmed sightings of the suspect. Agents have cast a dragnet that includes constant contact with anyone connected with the suspect and alerts to bus terminals, train stations and airlines.

Authorities believe Cunanan may be running out of cash, which they warned only makes him more desperate and dangerous. "He stole \$1000 from the Miglin home and there is no indication he had a lot of cash on him when he

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left California," said one source close to the investigation. "Gas, food, and lodging must be eating away at the cash supply."

Search Widens To Include Canada

The search for Cunanan has expanded into Canada. Colleen Rowley, a spokesperson for the FBI office in Minneapolis coordinating the federal manhunt, told the Chicago Sun-Times that FBI attaches in Ottawa were in regular contact with the RCMP.

Federal investigators are following up reports that Cunanan was sighted twice in Saugerties and Woodstock, two towns in upstate New York. Both towns are little for than a three-hour drive to the Canadian border.

Rowley told the Sun-Times that the FBI contacted the Canadian authorities as a matter of course. "Law enforcement-wise, they are our closest international partners," she said.

Officials Regroup

Frustrated by a lack of leads and declining publicity, law enforcement

officials have regrouped in their hunt for Andrew Cunanan.

Officials have conceded that they underestimated the young man's ability to elude them. Since the manhunt began in early May,

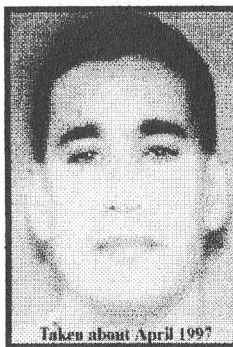


investigators have learned much more about Cunanan, including his penchant for altering his looks. (see photos)

The last reported sighting of Cunanan was in Boston. Police officials say they have received calls from several people who thought they saw a man fitting the description of Cunanan, but investigators hastened to add that none of the reports have been confirmed. There were similar unconfirmed reports last month that he was in P-town.

Police are warning that he is extremely dangerous, and under no circumstances is he

to be approached. If you do see him or have information concerning this case you are asked to contact your local police authorities. He has eluded police for some time and they are acting as though he could still be in the U.S. or somehow made it across the Canadian border.



Taken about April 1997

READER'S CORNER

POETRY, LETTERS, OPINIONS

Mind Genesis

Trudging through the forest of thought, I slash at the tangling vines of confusion and struggle with the spiny bushes of bad feelings.

I break through into a clearing, leaving the cold damp forest behind.
Peace...Serenity...Both pour freely down from the warm sun.

I pause on the edge of the clearing, savouring the feeling as I lay amongst the friendly flowers. They know. Because I told them.

I see a hole in the ground. I know this hole! It is a path to the heart of the earth. While lost in the forest I could hear the aching sounds spewing forth from the distant hole. At one time I considered finding a large rock to plug the hole, so that I would not have to bear those hopeless sounds of despair anymore. Now the hole is quiet and thoughts of plugging it lay deep in the far reaches of the forest.

A sigh emerges from the hole and I sit up to see why. On the far side of the clearing a male figure emerges into the sunlight. At first I feel terror.

(I was sure that I was alone here.)
Relief... Recognition of the figure comes to me in a whisper from the hole. The figure approaches and I speak to it:

"Hello, Lover."

"Hello, Lover."

Distant birdsong suddenly becomes a melody as the sun brightens. A gentle breeze comes from the trees, mixing the birdsong with music that is now coming from the hole.

"What are you doing in my clearing? It has always been mine alone to be alone."

"May I share this clearing with you?"

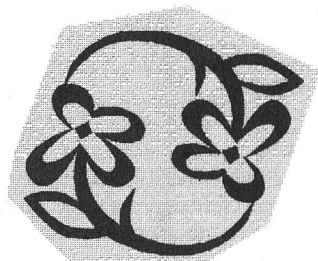
"Forever?"

"Yes. Forever."

I risk a quick glance back at the dank forest, but it is no longer dank. The vines have receded and the spiny bushes were actually roses, which have now burst into a glorious chorus of colour. Finally...A beautiful day to be a man.

"Yes....Forever."

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LOVE AND IT'S IMPORTANCE

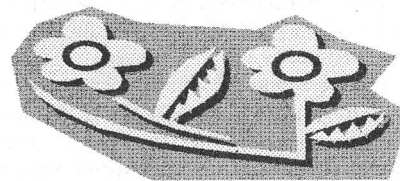
The Longer I live, the more I realise the impact of love in my life. Love to me is more important than education, the past, money, circumstances, failures, success or what others say or do. It is more important than appearances, gifts, or skills. It will make you or break you.

The remarkable thing is you have a choice everyday regarding the love you can embrace for that day. If you choose to let it into your life at that specific time.

We cannot change our past, and we cannot dictate our future. We cannot change what people think of us or the way people will act toward us. The only thing we can do is play on the only strings we have and one of those is love.

I am convinced that love is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I use it. And so I leave it to you, you are in charge of love, shall you love it?

Jason W. Spence
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i see you
a girl crouched in the corners of the world
scribbling sketching down her essential self
in a deperate attempt to obtain a reflection

i see you a girl harbouring her secret poetry
waiting hoping twiddling time
till someone truly perceives her

i am that same girl
(a revolution ago)

you think i do not see your beauty
but i do
i do

and i recognize your different strength

i wanted to uncloze you too
but how was i to guess
the hunger i was unleashing?

how was i to know
your structures were safeguards
against yourself?

i cannot take you
to the plane i'm on

i can only watch you
fumble towards solidity
drenched in ego and fragility

i can only urge you

spit it up!
sate yourself!

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you've got to know

you dont need
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Love Pain

When the one you love
doesn't love you.
When you see him.
Can't love him.
Then the pain comes.
It comes when you know that there will be
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Your heart is gone
but the pain is still there.
And the love.
And the pain.
You love him.

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Staying, Coming & Acting Out

NBC Fall Lineup: While the characters' fate is unknown, at least the shows that now have continuing gay and lesbian characters will all be back in NBC's fall lineup, which was revealed May 12. And why not? They've been some of the TV network's biggest successes: "E.R.," which has introduced the lesbian intern Dr. Maggie Doyle (Jorja Fox); "Friends," with Ross' (David Schwimmer) lesbian ex-wife Carol Wylick (Jane Sibbett) and the partner she married in 1996, Susan Bunch (Jessica Hacht); "Mad About You," with Paul's (Paul Reiser) lesbian sister Debbie Buchman (Robin Bartlett) and Jaimie's (Helen Hunt) lesbian gynecologist Joan (Suzie Plakson), Debbie's girlfriend; and "Frasier," whose gay food critic Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbert) would become the longest-running continuing gay or lesbian character on U.S. TV, if Matt (Doug Savant) really does leave FOX's "Melrose Place" as rumored.



Doug Savant of Melrose Place

Peabody Awards: One of U.S. broadcasting's most prestigious awards, the 56th George Foster Peabody Awards, were handed out in New York City. Two TV shows with continuing gay characters were honored, FOX's animated comedy "The Simpsons" with Waylon Smithers (Harry Shearer) and the ABC police drama "NYPD Blue" with Bill Brochtrup's clerk character (known as "Upstairs John") and Officer Abby Sullivan (Paige Turco).

Another winner is HBO's film realization of Vito Russo's book "The Celluloid Closet," about

Hollywood's images of gays and lesbians. Also of interest among the winners is Lily Tomlin & Jane Wagner's ABC animated special "An Edith Ann Christmas."

Thirty-one winners in all were chosen by staff of the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications, who are not restricted by categories as most awards are.

More Teasing: First it was Liz Smith, now it's the glossy gay and lesbian U.S. national newsmagazine "The Advocate": Someone Big Is Coming Out. At least with the "Advo," we need wait no longer than the upcoming edition, and the editor actually appeared on the "Oprah" talkshow to say it's someone whose opening closet door will leave Ellen DeGeneres' holding the hangers! [OK, it's hype, but you'd hate it if we *didn't* tell you, wouldn't you?]

Jodie Foster "Sad for" Brother

Outed by a brother she hardly knows, whose inconsistent story would only hold up under the dim light of a tabloid, the Oscar two-timer pities her elder sibling...but feels worse for their mom.

Two-time Oscar-winning film actress cum producer Jodie Foster issued a formal statement May 13 in response to "Foster Child," her brother Buddy's new tell-all book that insinuates that Jodie is lesbian or bi and unapologetically "outs" their mother as a lesbian. Such statements may be almost reflexive for many celebs, but it's practically unprecedented for Jodie, who has long strived to remain above the fray and to protect her privacy. Meantime, "USA Today" has dredged up Buddy's original book proposal from two years ago, which contrasts with the final product in ways that do not support his credibility.

Jodie describes her brother as more of a distant acquaintance than a relative. "Buddy left home when I was 9. He has had a strained relationship with my family from that moment on due to his on-again-off-again severe dependence on drugs, his physically violent outbursts and his constant attempts at obtaining money from my mother." She says that in the few times she's actually seen Buddy in the last 20 years, they have not discussed her personal life at all, and that his book "consists simply of



Jodie Foster

hazy recollections, fantasies, and borrowed press excerpts."

According to "USA Today," Buddy Foster's original book proposal said, "The truth is that Jodie is not a lesbian. From all that I've observed in a lifetime of being very close to my sister I've never seen anything that would lead me to believe she is gay. To the contrary she has always acted very heterosexual and interested in having loving relationships with men." However, in "Foster Child" he says, "I have always assumed Jodie was gay or bisexual, but I wouldn't dare bring it up and risk incurring Mom's wrath," although he also writes, "Jodie has had love affairs with men all her life."

When "USA Today" asked about the switch Buddy said, "I believe it (that part of the book) was something I still needed to work on."

Buddy's book proposal said about outing their mother Brandy Foster, "There is the fact that we were raised by a lesbian who was having a relationship with Mom. But after moving away from Aunt Jo, Mom had nothing but heterosexual relationships. This one had more to do with circumstance than a permanent sexual preference." When the book proposal was publicized in 1995, Brandy let Buddy know in no uncertain terms her displeasure with his revealing the family's private lives.

"I feel sad for him," Jodie's statement continues. "Mostly I feel sad for my 69-year-old mother, who has spent her life struggling to raise four children on her own with dignity and strength of character. Buddy has done nothing but break her heart his whole life. That's a kind of sadness that no mother will ever get over."

"Ellen" in ABC Fall Schedule

"Ellen" will be back – and out – next season, but she'll have a harder time finding other continuing lesbian characters to date.

The ABC television network officially announced its fall 1997 schedule on May 19, and the sitcom "Ellen," with TV's first openly lesbian or gay lead character and openly lesbian star Ellen DeGeneres, is in the lineup on Wednesdays at 9:30 PM. Its placement between the successful "Drew Carey Show" at 9 PM and "Primetime Live" at 10 PM is among the strongest lead-in/lead-out combinations the struggling network has to offer, plus "Spin City" in the 8 PM slot is their strongest lead-off of the week.

Along with "Ellen" herself, the show keeps two of TV's continuing prime time gay characters alive, the gay male couple "Peter" (Patrick Bristow) and "Barrett" (Jack Plotnick). "Spin City's" return keeps openly gay character "Carter Heywood" (Michael Boatman) on the air as well. But the finale for the long-running "Roseanne" marks the exit of four continuing gay and lesbian characters – bisexual "Nancy" (Sandra Bernhard), gay couple "Leon" (Martin Mull) and "Scott" (Fred Willard), and TV's first openly lesbian or gay senior, Roseanne's mother "Bev" (Estelle Parsons) – and the official burial of "Relativity" marks the end of openly lesbian character "Rhonda" (Lisa Edelstein). In short, "Ellen" would have to cruise another network to find a continuing lesbian character for one of those ever-so-shocking lesbian kisses – and most of them are coupled up already.

And speaking of kisses, among the other shows to be kissed good-bye is the feminist-spirited "Grace Under Fire" with Brett Butler, another veteran female stand-up comic cum sitcom star, although her return at mid-season seems likely since the network has ordered

additional episodes. But much of the ABC schedule – the first actually designed by the network's Entertainment President Jamie Tarses – is new offerings whose casts of characters have not been publicized beyond the leads.



Waylon Smithers

Meanwhile, in advance of its official announcement but more than plausibly, FOX has indicated that it will be returning its shows with continuing gay characters, "Party of Five" and the long-running animated hit "The Simpsons."

Indigo Girls: Shaming of the Sun

With lead single "Shame on You" and other sure-to-be-classics like "It's Alright" and "Caramia," the Indigo Girls prove once again that the raw energy of their live performance is in fact matched by their creativity and risk-taking in the studio.

The duo's first studio album since Swamp Ophelia in 1994, *Shaming of the Sun* offers plenty of classic Indigo Girls' harmonies and acoustic drive, while also finding variety with spirited percussion and a touch of other instrumentation in all the right places.

Shame on You opens in true Indigo Girls folk acoustic style but gets more aggressive, as electric guitar takes over after the banjo-led bridge. Both "Shame on You" and "Caramia" offer interesting mixes of lighter and heavier instrumental forces. "Caramia," one of the best songs on the album, opens with rich rock guitar and drums but finds its sensitivity in the combined vocal power of Emily Saliers and Amy

Ray, as well as a sensitive string section including violins, viola, and cello. "Shame on You" has all the dramatic depth of a well-done



Indigo Girls

rock ballad. "It's Alright" should immediately become a crowd favorite. The fact that Ray and Saliers make the Gay connection is just a bonus. This up-tempo tune, when transferred to a live setting, has the motion and hooks to inspire folks to sing along and dance in their seats.

Shaming of the Sun matches the high lyrical standards that Ray and Saliers have set in previous albums. Taking on political issues and relationships while also finding catchy phrases through more obscure poetic work, Ray and Saliers leave listeners with plenty to consider.

Finally, "Shaming of the Sun" includes a few surprises, most notably, the piano-based "Leeds" and guest appearances by country-rocker Steve Earle, and soon-to-be-big guitar wizard and vocalist extraordinaire Michelle Malone.

– Harriet L. Schwartz

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Seduction: The Cruel Woman, directed by Elfi Mikesch and Monika Treut. Starring Mechthild Grossman, Udo Kier, Sheila McLaughlin, Carola Regnier, Peter Weibel and Georgette Dee. Wanda, the dominatrix, uses her powers over her clients and plays similar tricks on her lovers and co-workers. Germany, 1985. on-air time: 2hrs. (Subtitled)

Monday, June 30

Kiss of the Spider Woman, directed by Hector Babenco. Debuting at the Cannes Film Festival in 1985, this film explores the relationship of two imprisoned men with radically different perspectives of life. William Hurt was named Best Actor for his role in the film. Starring Raul Julia and Sonia Braga. U.S./Brazil, 1985. on-air time: 2hrs.30min.



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Compiled by Jayson Spank

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 7. Size Queen / K-Hole
 8. Empirion / Narcotic Influence
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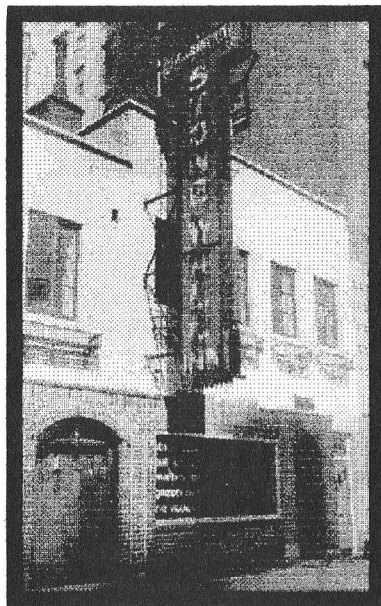
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Homo Nest Raided, Queen Bees Are Stinging Mad

Reprinted from "The New York Daily News,"
July 6, 1969

By JERRY LISKER

She sat there with her legs crossed, the lashes of her mascara-coated eyes beating like the wings of a hummingbird. She was angry. She was so upset she hadn't bothered to shave.

A day old stubble was beginning to push through the pancake makeup. She was a he. A queen of Christopher Street. Last weekend the queens had turned commandos and stood bra strap to bra strap against an invasion of

the helmeted Tactical Patrol Force. The elite police squad had shut down one of their private gay clubs, the Stonewall Inn at 57 Christopher St., in the heart of a three-block homosexual community in Greenwich Village. Queen Power reared its bleached blonde head in revolt. New York City experienced its first homosexual riot.

"We may have lost the battle, sweets, but the war is far from over," lisped an unofficial lady-in-waiting from the court of the Queens.

"We've had all we can take from the Gestapo," the spokesman, or spokeswoman, continued. "We're putting our foot down once and for all. The foot wore a spiked heel.

According to reports, the Stonewall Inn, a two-story structure with a sand painted brick and opaque glass facade, was a mecca for the homosexual element in the village who wanted nothing but a private little place where they could congregate, drink, dance and do whatever little girls do when they get together.

The thick glass shut out the outside world of the street. Inside, the Stonewall bathed in wild, bright psychedelic lights, while the patrons writhed to the sounds of a juke box on a square dance floor surrounded by booths and table. The bar did a good business and the waiters, or waitresses, were always kept busy, as they snaked their way around the dancing customers to the booths and tables. For nearly two years, peace and tranquility reigned supreme for the Alice in Wonderland clientele.

The Raid Last Friday

Last Friday the privacy of the Stonewall was invaded by police from the First Division. It was a raid. They had a warrant. After two years, police said they had been informed that liquor was being served on the premises. Since the Stonewall was without a license, the place was being closed. It was the law.

All hell broke loose when the police entered the Stonewall. The girls instinctively reached for each other. Others stood frozen, locked in an embrace of fear. Only a handful of police were on hand for the initial landing in the homosexual beachhead. They ushered the patrons out onto Christopher Street, just off Sheridan Square. A crowd had formed in front of the Stonewall and the

customers were greeted with cheers of encouragement from the gallery.

The whole proceeding took on the aura of a homosexual Academy Awards Night. The Queens pranced out to the street blowing kisses and waving to the crowd. A beauty of a specimen named Stella wailed uncontrollably while being led to the sidewalk in front of the Stonewall by a cop. She later confessed that she didn't protest the manhandling by the officer, it was just that her hair was in curlers and she was afraid her new beau might be in the crowd and spot her. She didn't want him to see her this way, she wept.

Queen Power

The crowd began to get out of hand, eye witnesses said. Then, without warning, Queen Power exploded with all the fury of a gay atomic bomb. Queens, princesses and ladies-in-waiting began hurling anything they could get their polished, manicured fingernails on. Bobby pins, compacts, curlers, lipstick tubes and other femme fatale missiles were flying in the direction of the cops. The war was on. The lilies of the valley had become carnivorous jungle plants.

Urged on by cries of "C'mon girls, lets go get 'em," the defenders of Stonewall launched an attack. The cops called for assistance. To the rescue came the Tactical Patrol Force.

Flushed with the excitement of battle, a fellow called Gloria pranced around like Wonder Woman, while several Florence Nightingales administered first aid to the fallen warriors. There were some assorted scratches and bruises, but nothing serious was suffered by they honeys turned Madwoman of Chaillot.

Official reports listed four injured policemen with 13 arrests. The War of the Roses lasted about 2 hours from about midnight to 2 a.m. There was a return bout Wednesday night.

Two veterans recently recalled the battle and issued a warning to the cops. "if they close up all the gay joints in this area, there is going to be all out war."

Bruce and Nan


Both said they were refugees from Indiana and had come to New York where they could live together happily ever after. They were in their early 20's. They preferred to be called by their married names, Bruce and Nan. "I don't like your paper," Nan lisped matter-of-factly. "It's anti-fag and pro-cop."

"I'll bet you didn't see what they did to the Stonewall. Did the pigs tell you that they smashed everything in sight? Did you ask them why they stole money out of the cash register and then smashed it with a sledge hammer? Did you ask them why it took them two years to discover that the Stonewall didn't have a liquor license."

Bruce nodded in agreement and reached over for Nan's trembling hands. "Calm down, doll," he said. "Your face is getting all flushed." Nan wiped her face with a tissue.

"This would have to happen right before the wedding. The reception was going to be held at the Stonewall, too," Nan said, tossing her ashen-tinted hair over her shoulder.

"What wedding?," the bystander asked.



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Nan frowned with a how-could-anybody-be-so-stupid look. "Eric and Jack's wedding, of course. They're finally tying the knot. I thought they'd never get together."

Meet Shirley

"We'll have to find another place, that's all there is to it," Bruce sighed. "But every time we start a place, the cops break it up sooner or later." "They let us operate just as long as the payoff is regular," Nan said bitterly.

"I believe they closed up the Stonewall because there was some trouble with the payoff to the cops. I think that's the real reason. It's a shame. It was such a lovely place. We never bothered anybody. Why couldn't they leave us alone?"

Shirley Evans, a neighbor with two children, agrees that the Stonewall was not a rowdy place and the persons who frequented the club were never troublesome. She lives at 45 Christopher Street. "Up until the night of the police raid there was never any trouble there," she said. "The homosexuals minded their own business and never bothered a soul. There were never any fights or hollering, or anything like that. They just wanted to be left alone. I don't know what they did inside, but that's their business. I was never in there myself. It was just awful when the police came. It was like a swarm of hornets attacking a bunch of butterflies."

A reporter visited the now closed Stonewall and it indeed looked like a cyclone had struck the premises. Police said there were over 200 people in the Stonewall when they entered with a warrant. The crowd outside was estimated at 500 to 1,000. According to police, the Stonewall had been under observation for some time. Being a private club plain clothesmen were refused entrance to the inside when they periodically tried to check the place.

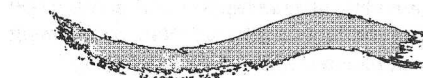
"They had the tightest security in the Village," a First Division officer said, "We could never get near the place without a warrant."


Police Talk

The men of the First Division were unable to find any humor in the situation, despite the comical overtones of the raid.

"They were throwing more than lace hankies," one inspector said. "I was almost decapitated by a slab of thick glass. It was thrown like a discus and just missed my throat by inches. The beer can didn't miss, though, "it hit me right above the temple."

Police also believe the club was operated by Mafia connected owners. The police did confiscate the Stonewall's cash register as proceeds from an illegal operation. The receipts were counted and are on file at the division headquarters. The warrant was served and the establishment closed on the grounds it was an illegal membership club with no license, and no license to serve liquor. The police are sure of one thing. They haven't heard the last from the Girls of Christopher Street.






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BEING GAY IN YOUR WORLD

I don't speak for all gay people, but only for myself. I am your brother, your best friend, your parent, your roommate, your minister, your date...but I hide it from you. You make me. Try to understand what I am feeling.

BEING GAY IS: to be condemned by most churches as sinful, by some health professionals as pathological and curable, and by the law as criminal; it's to live two separate lives, never being able to be completely honest in either.

It's listening to your friends talking about queers and making jokes about effeminate males and athletic looking females as you stand there and knowing they would say the same thing about you.

It's to go along with the women/men as they watch men/women when you would rather watch people of your own gender.

It's to awaken every morning, live every day, and go to sleep every night fearing discovery and/or rejection by your family, friends, coworkers.

It's dating people of the opposite gender when you really don't want to, just to maintain a cover.

It's pretending to be ignorant about homosexuality and quietly listening to your straight friends display their ignorance while you dare not correct them.

It's meeting someone you really like but are too afraid to find out if they're gay because they're wearing the same mask you are.

It's going to a public place with your significant other and never being able to display any affection to each other.

It's being taught to hate yourself knowing that you cannot change, knowing you can never share that wonderful feeling of being in love with your family and most of your friends.

Author Unknown.

WHY HAVE A GAY PRIDE PARADE?

by David Nava

"When do we get our parade?"

The question was asked to me more in fun than with envy, more in joking than with malice, but it struck a chord with me. I had casually mentioned to a couple of my straight friends that the Gay Pride Parade was coming up and I was looking forward to it.

"What about Straight Pride Day?" the female of the couple asked with a grin.

"Everyday is Straight Pride Day," I answered, also grinning. "This culture celebrates it with gay abandon." She laughed.

"When do we get our parade?" demanded her male counterpart.

"Turn the television on." I said. "There's your parade." We all laughed and went about our business but the brief exchange kept coming back to me through the week. The more I thought about it the more serious it became.

Why have a Gay Pride Parade? It's a question many straight people might be asking in the next few weeks. Gay people, I believe, inherently, intuitively know why we have a parade. We have a Gay Pride Parade because 25 years ago a bunch of drag queens at a bar called the Stonewall fought back for the first time when the police overstepped the bounds of their authority for the millionth time, thereby launching the Gay Liberation Movement. We have a Gay Pride Parade so that at least for one day in a year we can walk down the streets of where we live and show our numbers for all the world to see. We have a Gay Pride Parade to celebrate our defeat of The Closet, to have a day when we can proclaim, without reservation, who we are and who we love.

So, when do straight people get their own parade?

When straight people are prevented from marrying the people they choose to marry, precluded from enjoying tax benefits available

to married people, then they should have a parade. When straight people are barred from serving their country in the military, then they should have a parade. When straight people are routinely fired from their jobs because of who they love or live with then they should have a parade. When straight people are blocked from holding sensitive jobs in the government merely because of their sexual orientation, then they should have a parade. When straight people are forbidden to raise their own children or to adopt others, if they so choose, then they should have a parade. When straight people are beaten, harassed and shot at for holding hands in public then I'll march in their parade.

A man who lives in my neighbourhood was shot on our street two years ago by a carload of young thugs because he was bidding a companion farewell with an embrace. The companion was another man. The Human Rights Commission of this city publicly intimated that the men were "asking for it" through engaging in "provocative behavior" by embracing to say good-bye. That's why I'll be at the Gay Pride Parade. Unless we stand together, march together, care together, no one will do it for us. We Gay and Lesbian people are on our own and we must depend on each other.

So, when some well meaning, or not-so-well meaning straight acquaintance of yours questions the need for a Gay Pride Day Parade, educate the poor soul. I'm picking up the phone to call my two friends now.

-originally published 1995

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TEST YOUR GAY IQ

1. In June 1994, New York City hosted the Gay Games IV, with over 8,000 athletes in attendance. How many countries were represented?

2. What was the name of the Beatles' gay manager?

3. What mainstream movie based on a true story, included a bank robbery intended to finance sex-change surgery?

4. What 1983 Mel Brooks film was the first popular movie to focus on the Nazi persecution of homosexuals?

5. Do you know what the six colours of the rainbow flag symbolizes?

6. What did gay activist Thom Higgins do to antigay crusader Anita Bryant at a Des Moines, Iowa, press conference held in October 1977?

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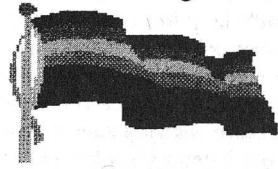
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You Said It...

"What does PRIDE mean to you?"

We asked you the readers how you described Pride and Pride Day celebrations. We thought it would be interesting to see just how you feel about the annual celebrations and how your opinions varied. Here are your responses.



"Pride celebrations give us a sense of community; when 300 of us can gather in Kitchener-Waterloo and 1/2 million of us can gather in Toronto, we gain insight into the diversity and scope of our contribution to our society. All our lives our self esteem and self perception are moulded by our families' and society's judgements. Pride day celebrations give us the opportunity to break free of these judgements and state our desire to be treated as equal and valuable citizens.

Pride celebrations give us the chance to let the world around us know we are everywhere and it gives those who accept the diversity of humanity to state their support for us too. When PFLAG marches past, I am reminded of how blessed my partner and I are to be accepted by our own families and how much we can do and must do to help others see the value in doing the same."

With Pride....Jimbo

"As a married gay guy not out to my wife, Pride Day is a day which symbolizes that freedom which I know will come as I find the time and place to share my secret with my family. It was supposed to be before now BUT death and the grief experienced has delayed the time temporarily.

While I have never been to Pride day celebrations because I have always been out of town on the important day and will be again this year, I watch with anxiousness for the expressions of pride in publications and on the national news. I feel it important to be open and educate the community fully.

I gain a sense of Pride in my own identity which I relish. I feel at ease and happy that there are others who share my feelings. I want to shout to everyone that we can all have Pride and it is wrong to put people down. Hallelujah, I am GAY."

Deejay

For me, Pride Day isn't so much celebration as it is affirmation. I grew up alone, and Pride Day reminds

me that I'm not alone, or freakish, or wrong, or evil. For me, Pride Day makes visible the invisible, and confirms my right to be who I am.

Paul, Waterloo

When I think back to my first Pride Day, I remember the sense of wonder I had. I couldn't believe there were that many gay people in all the world. I remember the exhilaration of thinking that I was among them, that I actually belonged. Most of all I remember the part of Pride that I carry with me everyday, the sense of endless possibility. There was a time when I wondered what kind of life I would be trapped in. On that first Pride Day I realised that I could be anything I wanted. Yes, even an openly gay radio announcer. But most of all, being proud of who and what I am allows me to dream about all the things I am yet to be.

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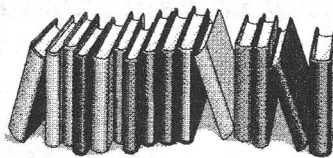
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Books of Interest



The Men From the Boys by William J. Mann

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A summertime romance with a twenty-two-year-old houseboy is the catalyst for a gay man's discovery of himself, his family, and his place in life in this fast-moving tale of love, disappointment, sex, and survival.

Combining the commercial, generational appeal of a gay saga like Felice Picano's *Like People in History* with the insight and humour of Stephen McCauley's *The Easy Way Out*, William J. Mann's debut novel is a witty, sexy, fast-paced tale of how gay men learn to be gay.

Jeff O'Brien - bright, good-looking, and inching dangerously past thirty - is caught between two generations, the Baby Boomers and Generation X. He's been with lover Lloyd for seven years now, but when Lloyd announces there's no passion left, Jeff is sent into something of an existential frenzy. For advice he turns to old friend and former lover Javitz, who's forty-seven and struggling with AIDS. "Define passion," Javitz dares, but Jeff - faced with a world he finds increasingly unfamiliar - doesn't have a clue. Desperate not to end up alone, Jeff haunts the dance floor and roadside rest stops, finding both the sordid and the sublime in anonymous encounters. But it's love he's after, so ultimately it's the bittersweet romance he had in Provincetown that previous summer with Eduardo, twenty-two and a vision of gorgeous, wide-eyed youth, that lingers in his mind and seems to hold the answers he seeks.

This is the story of one man coming to terms with the accelerating ambiguity of his world, where men die young but old age is

actively devalued. It is the story of gay life today, the life being led by thousands of gay men dancing and pumping and loving and trying desperately to keep up - and to discover if anything really unites gay men other than desire. It is the story of how the truths of gay life are handed down from gay generation to gay generation. It is the story of what separates the men from the boys.

"Bill Mann has written an erotic, riveting page-turner that also offers a profound statement about the state of evolving gay relationships at the end of the millenium. It's as sexy as relevant. Whether you're single, in a couple, or struggling to fashion an alternative 'family of choice', you must read this delightful book of our time. As a journalist, Mann knows how to deftly inform us of our historic and sociological place as gay men surviving the slaughter from AIDS. As a poet, he points to the secret place in the heart we could be going if we dared to face our loneliness and sorrow in a radical new way."

-Douglas Sadownick, author of *Sex Between Men* and *Sacred Lips of the Bronx*.

William J. Mann writes for such publications as the Boston Phoenix, The Advocate, and Architectural Digest. His short fiction and essays have appeared in numerous anthologies, including *Men on Men 6*. He is currently at work on a biography, *Wisecracker: The Gay Hollywood of Billy Haynes*, forthcoming from Viking. He lives in Provincetown and Northampton, Massachusetts.

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THE MANN FROM THE MEN FROM THE BOYS

William J. Mann's Debut Novel
Probes the Next Horizon for Gay
Men: Longterm Relationships

Interview by Michael Bride

It's a typical gathering of gay men for Sunday brunch at my friend Peter's house. We're in high spirits: preparing mushroom caps, drinking Mimosas, comparing notes from the night before, checking out that cute Tiger Woods on the cover of *GQ*, clucking over *Evita*, and, as usual, bemoaning our lack of boyfriends.

Except for Peter, of course, who met a new man last month and is the envy of all of us. "My God," I say to the assembled flock of thirtysomething gay men, "are we becoming the stereotypical gay queens or *what*?"

Mark, an unusually wise friend, simply smiles. "As long as gay men breathe, they will talk about men. Which ones they want, which ones they've had, which ones they can't get, the proverbial white knight who never seems to ride in on his damp horse."

I'm still thinking about his words the next day, when I show up to interview William Mann. His debut novel, *The Men From the Boys*, due out this month from Dutton, is about this very theme. It's being pumped as the gay novel of the summer: David Bergman has said, "Were Armistead Maupin to write *Tales of the City* and set it in Boston, he would have penned Bill Mann's *The Men From the Boys*."

"What's the most important thing on a gay man's mind?" Mann asks me as we settle down for our talk.

Hey, I think - I'm supposed to be the interviewer here. But I hazard a guess nonetheless. "Finding a boyfriend?"

"Part of the answer," Mann says. We're sitting on his deck in Provincetown, looking out over the ice-blue bay. It's a warm, sunny Saturday afternoon in late April.

"What's the rest of the answer?" I ask. "Keeping a boyfriend," he says.

And he's right. In this time of plague, we have been so struck by the slaughter for so

long that we haven't had the luxury to consider what relationships - and specifically *longterm* relationships - mean in our lives. AIDS is not over, Andrew Sullivan and the *New York Times* notwithstanding. Yet we seem to have reached a stage where we, as a community, as a culture, are stepping back and facing our future. What are the challenges posed by longterm relationships? Are we prepared for them?

True, there have been men in long-standing relationships throughout history. But they have not been the model. As we approach the end of the millennium, gay couples have historically had two images: one, the fleeting, superficial lover who seems doomed to serial monogamy; and the other, the devoted partner who loses a lover to AIDS after far too short of a time together.

It's no coincidence that the issue of gay marriage has surfaced now, twenty-five years since Stonewall. Whether one supports the idea or not, it seems part of a dawning new frontier for the gay movement: looking beyond the immediate, looking beyond specific political goals, and indeed, looking beyond AIDS. For the first time, many of us are looking at our own futures and the relationships we want to be part of them.

That's what excited me about *The Men From the Boys*, one of the few novels to really probe relationships among gay men: between friends, between tricks, between generations, but mostly between longtime lovers who are faced with adapting (or not) to the changes any longterm relationship must endure. The book is a freewheeling, lighthearted, romantic romp - the perfect "summer beach book," as Mann himself calls it, with lots of sexy adventures between the characters. But in between the melodramatics and the relationship shenanigans, there's some heartfelt, insightful commentary on who we are and where we're going. Noted author Paul Russel (*Sea of Tranquility*, *Boys of Life*) writes *The Men From the Boys* contains "a wisdom so generous it makes the heart ache."

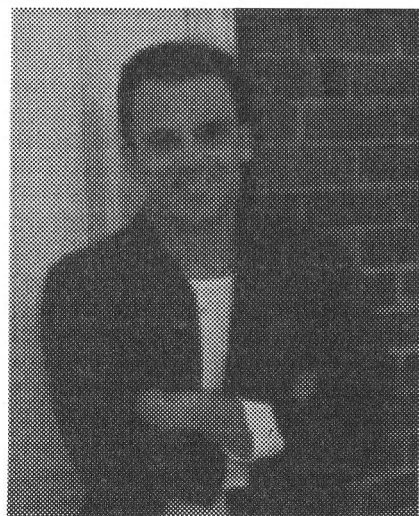
The Men From the Boys concerns Jeff O'Brien, a thirtysomething gay man who divides his time between Boston and Provincetown. He's involved in a longterm nonmonogamous relationship with his lover Lloyd. Their carefully

balanced world is threatened by three things: their advancing age (both are past thirty - *egads!*); the imminent AIDS death of their friend and mentor, Javitz; and the arrival of Eduardo, a 22-year-old houseboy with whom Jeff (quite unexpectedly) falls in love.

Mann has been an award-winning journalist for the past decade, both in the gay and the straight press. He published *Metroline*, the acclaimed New England gay newsmagazine, from 1992 to 1995. (Without Mann at the helm, the publication quickly died after he sold it to new owners.) Being a journalist, Mann brought particular social and political insights to his novel. My conversation with him proved enlightening and provocative.

MB: Why haven't longterm gay relationships been explored before?

WJM: Well, I think we've really been in crisis management for the last fifteen years. How could we consider longterm relationships when we barely had time to have short-term relationships? We've been caretaking, grieving, acting up. The literature that has explored this issue are narratives of loss - lovers who die. Paul Monette. Fenton Johnson. Beautiful, beautiful love stories. But what about lovers who don't die? I think looking at longterm relationships is the next horizon for gay men.



William Mann

Photo: Michael Jacobus

MB: How traditional will those relationships be? Jeff and Lloyd, in your book, have a nonmonogamous relationship. What effect does that have on longterm relationships?

WJM: That's tricky. Jeff *does* fall in love with Eduardo, and it *does* challenge his relationship with Lloyd. I'm not sure how much tradition - the heterosexual model - we need to follow. Obviously it varies between individuals. I think many gay men have prided themselves on the fact that we've overthrown the heterosexual paradigm, that we can have more than one significant relationship at a time. Certainly the characters in my novel feel that way.

MB: They also feel jealousy and insecurity.

WJM: Sure. Absolutely. We can't pretend that in redefining patterns and rewriting rules, it's not going to be scary. I think for a lot of gay men, particularly of my generation, we've wanted to believe middle-class values like home and commitment weren't as important as things like sexual freedom and social achievement. But as we get older, we start to think how nice it would be to have the security of one lover, one home - in effect, one future.

MB: Jeff wrestles with that in your book. Do you think many gay men are struggling with this sense of traditional versus nontraditional?

WJM: I do. Do we want our parents' lives? Those of us of the ACT UP generation thought we definitely did not. But now we're starting to think pieces of those lives might not be so bad. It may be just a natural process of getting older.

MB: You must have gotten some people saying that Jeff's obsession with getting older is a bit - well, much.

WJM: It is a bit, well, much. Jeff is *completely* self-absorbed at the start of the novel. One of my friends who read an early draft said, halfway through, "You know, I'm not sure I like Jeff all that much." I said, "Fine. You will." And she did. He changes, but more than that, I think people eventually see he's just really scared. This is a hard world we live in. I wouldn't trade being gay for anything, but let's face it - we don't make it easy on ourselves. We live in a culture that actively devalues the aging process - and gay men take it to the extreme, with all this pumping up and cosmetic alterations.

MB: Hey, twenty-eight is considered too ripe for the party circuit.

WJM: Some of my older friends - I'm talking forties and fifties - had a hard time understanding that. I've had some say, "Come *on*, he's only thirty-two." But younger readers - twenties and thirties - they get it. Monette said gay years are like dog years.

MB: The book raises the issue of "body fascism," which Michelangelo Signorile has just written about in his new book, and about which you did an article.

WJM: I got more mail from that article than anything else I ever did. It was syndicated to just about every gay publication in the country, and some non-gay ones too. The issue touches a nerve. People either felt completely oppressed by the prevailing imagery of what's hot and how you're "supposed" to look, or they wrote to me and said, "Get a life." I admit I still go to the gym. I had some people say it was hypocritical to write that piece and still play along with the party circuit, as I sometimes do. But the point is not so much to stop doing what we're doing, but rather to be aware of the pressures we feel to look a certain way, as well as the implications of those pressures. Striving to be big and buff is a reaction against AIDS, a reaction against feeling ostracized as kids - all those things, tied into the same youth-obsessed culture that has oppressed women for centuries.

MB: Do you think it's worse for gay men?

WJM: Not worse, although it's gotten more intense over the years. The image we seek for ourselves is now so idealized that it's practically unattainable, unless you use steroids, which Signorile's book looks at. In my book, Jeff doesn't use steroids, but he *is* obsessed about his body image and whether he can still, as he says, "get away with it."

MB: So the inevitable question: how autobiographical is it?

WJM: I'm sure people who know me will recognize characters and situations. But I've jumbled real-life stories, combined people and events. Certain things are *total* fiction. My father's still alive and healthy. I hope I'm not as anxiety-ridden as Jeff. At least, not after writing this book, I hope I'm not.

MB: The book has an unusual time structure. Paul Russell called it "innovative." Sometimes that can be code for "confusing."

WJM: Oh, no! (Laughs) Well, I think once you start reading it, it's not confusing. And even when you can't remember exactly when something happened, or if it's happened at all yet, I don't think it matters. We don't live our lives linearly. We live in the past and the future and are constantly dealing with issues we thought we'd resolved before. So that's why I structured it the way I did, thematically rather than chronologically.

MB: The character of Javitz, who's in his late forties, is the heart of the book in many ways, the font of all wisdom. Yet he's vulnerable, too. That comes through at the end, when Jeff kind of has to "take over" from him.

WJM: I'm fascinated by the interplay between generations, how we as gay men pass on our traditions and legacies. I think we run the risk of losing some of that when we don't have relationships with people who are older than we are. So many have died that it becomes vital to connect. I'm 34, and I have one foot in the world of the older, Baby Boom generation, the pre-AIDS generation, and another foot in the Gen X world. I can speak both languages, so to speak.

MB: Few books have looked at us, the in-betweeners.

WJM: That's for sure. What are we - Baby Boomers or Gen Xers? Neither. So we have a unique relationship with both.

MB: The book is also just a good old-fashioned love story.

WJM: Yeah, Jeff and Lloyd are really two very romantic guys. And it's a love story with Javitz and Eduardo, too. Jeff loves them all differently. He just doesn't know how to keep it all balanced.

MB: There's a lot of sex in the book. Was there any concern about that?

WJM: No. Hey, there's a lot of sex in gay men's lives. If not actual sex, then a lot of *thinking* about it, play around it. I used to think that public sex, anonymous sex, was more honest than the sex you find going out to bars or on the party

circuit. But there's bullshit everywhere that you have to cut through.

MB: All Jeff really wants is love, after all.
WJM: True. It's all any of us really want. I think Jeff and Lloyd are still very much in love with each other, but they don't know how to take their next step, to integrate the very real changes in their lives into their relationship. Hey, passion - as I try to point out in the book - can be about a whole lot of other things besides sex.

MB: You're writing a book on the movies next, I understand. Movies sure form a theme throughout *The Men From the Boys*.

WJM: Jeff *lives* by them. Everything is referenced through the movies. He's a working class kid. He's pretty basic. He grew up with movies and TV as his cultural influences. He wants love and sunsets and happy endings. The trick is to find the balance between having that and not settling for something that only *seems* like that. I'm still not sure he works that out completely. I'm not sure *I've* worked that out.

MB: Did you find being a journalist helped you write this?

WJM: In the sense that I'd already looked at some of the themes - the generational divides, the split between HIV-positives and negatives, body fascism - yes. Very much so. Jeff's a journalist, too, so sometimes he tries to reduce his whole life to an article, tries to figure out the sociological implications before getting to the emotional stuff. I'll tell you, though, making the jump from journalism to fiction is tough, because you can't hide behind a veneer of "objectivity" anymore.

MB: So, what's the next novel then?

WJM: The next novel will be as far away from my life as possible. I'm thinking about writing from the perspective of a 105-year-old woman who the world thinks died fifty years ago. Got to keep taking those leaps, as Javitz says.

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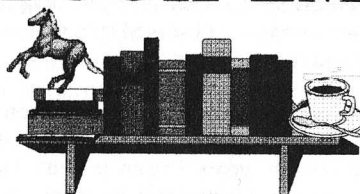
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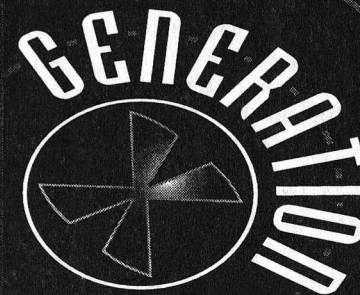


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Men on Vacation. Pink Triangle Adventures. Toto Tours. What do these names mean? They mean that the travel industry is paying more and more attention to the dollars and sensibilities of gay men and lesbians. All these names belong to companies that stage trips for largely gay clientele. Not only are more specialty tour operators tailoring their products to that market, but many mainstream travel companies and travel destinations are taking new steps to win over gay travelers. "It's amazing how it's changing," says John d'Alessandro, president of the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Assn. (IGLTA).

The Key West, Fla.-based IGLTA, founded in 1983 with 25 tour operator and travel agent members, by 1992 had grown to 585 dues-paying members. Then, as the U.S. recession eased, the group began gaining more members. As April '97 began, IGLTA's membership rolls included 1,300 travel professionals.

Until the last few years, travel professionals say, the gay travel market was dominated by RSVP Travel Productions, a Minneapolis-based firm that charters cruise ships to serve a virtually all-male clientele; Olivia Cruises & Resorts, an Oakland company that does basically the same thing with female travellers; and Atlantis Events (based in West Hollywood), which charters Club Med resorts for a week at a time.

More recently, operators have been exploiting niches within the niche. Santa Monica-based Skylink offers lesbian trips in the U.S., Europe and Africa. New York-based Our Family Abroad offers bus trips (mostly male) through Europe. Above and Beyond Tours (San Francisco) and Men on Vacation (San Diego) are among several companies that arrange journeys to stops on the global gay party circuit, such as Mardi Gras in Sydney; Gay Day at Disney World in Florida; and the annual

Nabisco Dinah Shore golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, which attracts thousands of lesbian revelers to the Palm Springs area.

The list goes on. Club Le Bon of Woodbridge, N.J., runs trips designed for gay parents and their children. Destination Discovery, run by Page Monte Wight in St. Helena, Ca., has been arranging group trips for HIV-positive travelers to Hawaii, Napa Valley and elsewhere since 1995. Hawk, I'm Your Sister of Santa Fe, N.M., specializes in female outdoorsy trips, with destinations that have included the western U.S., Russia, Peru, Mexico and Canada, and attracts a following that the Out & About travel newsletter estimates at 50% lesbian.

Except for Hawk, I'm Your Sister, all the companies above belong to IGLTA. More information about the organization, and travel agents who belong to it, is available through IGLTA's toll-free number at (800) 448-8550.

Industry veterans do caution, however, that consumers need to be careful in a marketplace so crowded with small, young companies. Fledgling gay tour operators, travel professionals say, seem particularly vulnerable to two failings. One is trip cancellations; some companies may understate the chance that a tour will be canceled if it doesn't attract enough takers. The other occasional problem: Some operators have been known to book a gay cruise "group" that amounts to just two or four people on an otherwise straight cruise. All travelers, gay and otherwise, should make it a point to ask how large their tour group will be, who their fellow travellers will be and what kind of experience the company has.

Disney is just one of many mainstream travel companies discovering how big its gay customer base is. American Airlines last year added four sales representatives to specifically target the gay and lesbian community, giving the company a total of five such specialists. In 1996, company officials say, American counted \$149 million in ticket sales through primarily gay travel agencies or groups.

Hyatt hotels in Sydney, Australia; Philadelphia; San Francisco; and West Hollywood, Calif., now pay membership dues to the gay and lesbian travel association. And Fodor's, one of the best-known names in traditional travel guidebooks, now publishes a gay-themed guide to U.S. travel.

At Our World, a monthly magazine based in Dayton Beach, Fla., circulation has more than doubled in the last five years, to about 50,000. Five years ago, says managing editor Wayne Whiston, "if you'd have called an airline and said, 'we're a gay magazine,' they'd have hung up on you." Now, says Whiston, "they're calling us." Among Our World's advertisers: Cunard, Celebrity and Norwegian cruise lines, along with United, Qantas and Iberia airlines.

Spirits are similarly high at Out & About, a New York-based monthly gay travel newsletter with about 10,000 subscribers. In January, Hyperion published Out & About's guidebook to "USA Resorts and Warm Weather Vacations" (written by O&A publisher David Alport and editor Billy Kolber-Stuart), and a guidebook to North American cities that came out in May. Kolber-Stuart suggests that the newer gay tour groups "are really less about meeting other people, and more about enjoying a travel experience that is customized, or being in an exotic environment like scuba diving or an African safari—and knowing that the people you're travelling with are not going to be . . .

bigots."

However, he concedes quickly, "that's not to say that there won't necessarily be some really obnoxious gay people on your trip."

(LA Times)

Destination Mykonos

This tiny city is hosting every year hundreds of thousands of gay male tourists.

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When the night falls, Mykonos comes alive with activity to suit every taste. The air gets heavy with testosterone as the boys come out to the streets. You name it, and Mykonos is bound to have it: a harbour teeming with men from all over the world and more clubs, bars and restaurants than all the other Greek islands put together! Hardly anybody turns in before the early morning hours.

Hora

The island's capital, has a maze of streets, constructed originally to confuse the invaders, and filled with every imaginable shop, discos, bars, hotels, and taverns, etc.

Hora, with its colorful harbor in which little fishing-boats nestle happily side by side with luxury yachts, presents quite a different picture from the majority of Aegean island towns. While it is usual for island villages to be built on naturally amphitheatrical sites, Mykonos is spread out over a flat area and conveys an impression of solid aesthetic cohesion.

Along the whitewashed streets stand brilliant white box-shaped houses with stepped walls for sitting on, wooden doors and windows and brightly-colored balconies. These are interspersed with small and impressive churches, pretty little taverns and shops selling souvenirs and other goods, and the overall sense is of being inside a film set.

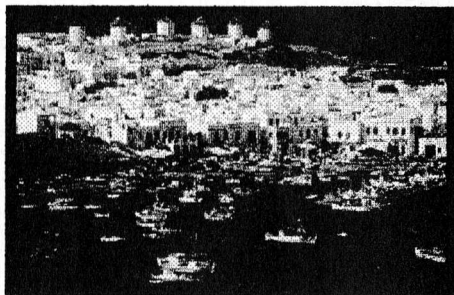
On the low Kastro hill is the complex of churches known collectively as Our Lady, a

superb arrangement of whitewashed masses created over the centuries and now recognized as a national cultural monument. Of particular historical and aesthetic interest are the medieval houses in this district of the town, which stand like a wall above the sea protecting the west side of Hora. The Archaeological Museum of Hora contains finds from tombs on the nearby island of Rhenia, sculptures, vases and figurines. The Folklore Museum brings together a number of collections of furniture, icons, pieces of sculpture and folk musical instruments. Mykonos is also the home of the Nautical Museum of the Aegean, which has interest all of its own.

The countryside of Mykonos is a mixture of gray-green rocks ringed by prickly pear plants and little fertile areas carpeted with wild flowers. Here and there are tiny white-washed chapels and windmills.

Ano Mera

Ano Mera is, after Hora, the most important of the older villages on the island. Standing 8 km. to the east of the town, Ano Mera has the



interesting monastery of Our Lady Tourliani, ornamented with fine wood-carvings. The church has a collection of valuable ecclesiastical vessels vestments and embroideries. The courtyard contains an interesting bell-tower and a marble fountain.

Here lovers of the sea will find outstanding golden beaches such as Agios Stefanos, Psarou, Kalafatis, Platis Gialos, Ornos, Elia and Panormos.

Mykonos is a busy island with all the amenities of a modern resort and with plenty to do - by day or night - for those who want to have a lively time. Yet visitors fond of

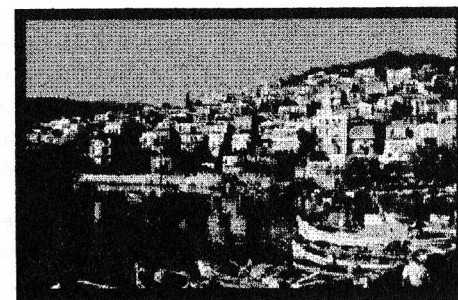
more peaceful holidays will still find quiet corners in which to relax.

Destination Lesvos

Lesvos, Greece's third largest island, has a long history and varied, fascinating scenery. The birthplace of the illustrious ancient poets Sappho and Alkaios, the guitarist Arion, the musician Terpander and Pittakos of Mitilini, one of the Seven Sages of antiquity, it even today continues the tradition of producing famous artists, poets and writers.

The island's capital is Mitilini, built like an amphitheatre above its ancient namesake and with its Byzantine castle towering over it from the top of a pine-covered hill. On the northeast edge of town there is a Hellenistic theatre with superb acoustics which once accommodated an audience of 10,000, while to the east of it you can see a section of ancient polygonal wall. The Archaeological Museum contains a wealth of finds and the Byzantine Museum has exhibits from both the Byzantine and post-Byzantine periods. The town also boasts some interesting churches: the Cathedral dedicated to St. Athanassios, Agios Therapontas and Agii Theodori, which has wonderful wood carvings and icons.

Varia, a suburb of Mitilini, is the site of the Theofilos Museum with works by Greece's best-loved naïf painter Theofilos and the Teriade Museum - Library housing the "Great Books" and art magazines published and donated by Lesvos' famous art critic, Stratis Eleftheriades (Teriade). Its walls are hung with lithographs from the Great Books done by Picasso, Matisse,



Chagall, Leger and other famous 20th century artists.

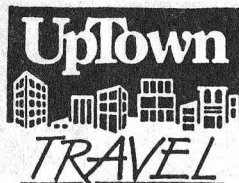
Six km. away at Moria there is a section of Roman aqueduct erected in the 2nd century A.D. In the northeast part of the island, after passing a series of charming coastal villages, the first major place you should visit is Mantamados, known for its characteristic stone houses, fine pottery, wood carvings, and delicious local cheeses. Don't miss a stop at the Monastery of the Taxiarch, which possesses the only relief portrait of the Archangel in the Orthodox world.

Further north, you come to Sikamia, the birthplace of the famous novelist, Stratis Myrivilis, and its port Skala Sikamias, a picturesque fishing harbour with a chapel dedicated to the Virgin Gorgona (Mermaid) described in Myrivilis' novel of the same name.

Another of Lesvos' well known places is Agiassos, near the middle of the island. This attractive village has kept its old flavour and the fame of its pottery and wood carving has travelled well beyond Greece. It also has an Ecclesiastical and Folk Art Museum and a Reading Society with a theatre and a goodsized library. Don't miss the Church of the Virgin (Panagia) with its collection of old icons, which includes an icon of the Mother and Child (Vrefocratoussa) attributed to St. Luke.

Further west, Agia Paraskevi, a market town with old mansions, is known for its curious Festival of the Bull, celebrated since 1774. Near here, at Klopodi, are the remains of the ancient Aeolian temple of Napaioi Apollo, while Messa, also nearby, boasts the ruins of a big Ionian temple (late 4th-early 3rd century B.C.), possibly dedicated to three deities, Zeus, Hera and Dionysos.

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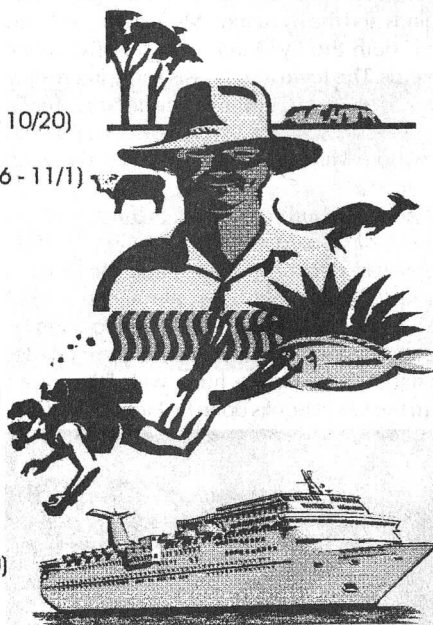
Sydney Sleaze Ball (10/1 - 10/12)
Diving Australia or Fiji (10/6 - 10/17)
Fall New England Cruise (10/7 - 10/12)
Black and Blue Weekend - Montreal (10/18 - 10/20)
Hallowe'en New Orleans (10/22 - 10/26)
1998 Men's Adventure Camp - Hawaii (10/26 - 11/1)
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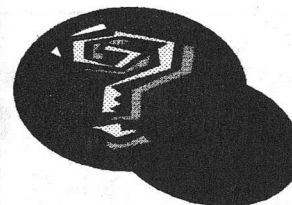
Thailand Adventure (11/5 - 11/18)
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Men: (11/15 - 11/22)
Women: (11/22 - 11/29)
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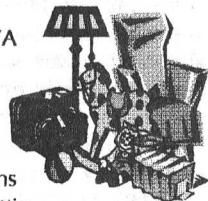
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A new support and resource phone line for people dealing with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues at the University of Guelph, in the City of Guelph and the surrounding area. Phone lines open every evening; Sunday thru Thursday, 7 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6-9 p.m. Call (519) 836-4550 or email us at: outline@uoguelph.ca

PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has a local chapter centred in Guelph that meets every third Friday of the month. For more information, call Grace or Bill at (519) [redacted] or Evie at (519) [redacted] or Sue at (519) [redacted]

Sexual Assault Centres
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Waterloo Region Alliance for Equal Rights
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Women's Centre
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Support Local Gay Radio!
Monday- Out & About with your hosts Dave Callandar and Alan Fraser airs every Monday from 9:00 - 10:00pm on CKWR 98.7 FM. **Woman Made Collective Show** airs Mondays from 6-7 pm on CFRU 93.3 **Fingers, Fists and KY** is brought to you in part by The Lesbian Avengers and airs Mondays from 10pm - 12am on CFRU 93.3.

Tuesday- Girls Taste Good with your host Kristyn airs Tuesdays at 2pm on CFRU 93.3.

Wednesday- Nowhere To Hide airs Wednesdays from 8-9pm on CKMS 100.3 FM **Womenspin** on CKMS 100.3 FM airs Wednesdays from 6-8pm

Thursday- Thursdays listen in for **Leaping Lesbians** on CKMS 100.3 FM from 6-8pm. **The Rainbow Radio Network** can be heard Thursdays on CHRW 94.7 FM at 10:15pm. **Fag Factory** with your host Adam airs at 2pm on Thursdays on CFRU 93.3 FM.

If you know of an organization that should be listed in Community Info. call 570-3453 or email us at outlook@easynet.on.ca



Community Health Department
AIDS/STD Program

I'd like an HIV test! What are my options?

The only way you can know for sure if you are infected with HIV is to have a specific blood test. In Waterloo Region, you can be tested for HIV at the following places:

1. You can be tested by your *family doctor*.

2. Anonymous Testing: available only from the Community Health Department

WATERLOO 99 Regina St. South KITCHENER 123 Duke St. E.

HIV Clinic - 2nd Floor

Duke St. Clinic - (ACCKWA)

-by appointment only
Telephone: 883-2251

-walk-in first come, first served
Thursday 4pm - 7pm.

3. Confidential HIV testing:

CAMBRIDGE 150 Main St.

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STD Clinic - 2nd Floor

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-walk-in: first come, first served
-Tuesday 3 - 5pm.

-walk-in: first come, first served
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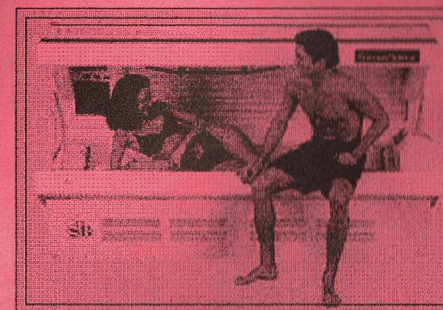
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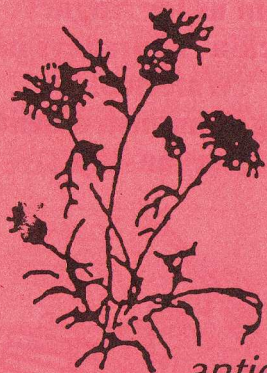
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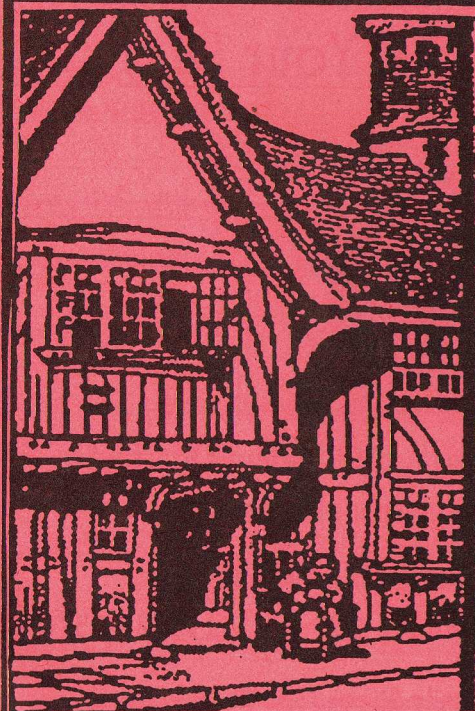
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