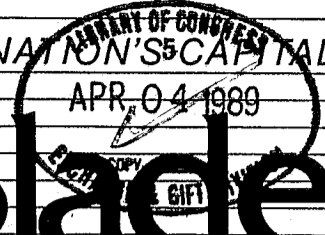


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## Hill conservatives pummel two federal AIDS efforts

### Helms, Armstrong, Nickles block action on extension of federal AZT subsidies

by Lisa M. Keen

It was only the first volley in what is expected to be a long war of wills in the 101st Congress, but Senators Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), William Armstrong (R-Colo.), and Don Nickles (R-Okla.) won the first skirmish last week by blocking action on a bill that would have sent \$5 million in AZT subsidies to financially strapped people with AIDS.

The battleground was a bill introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) to give the Department of Human Services an additional six months in which to award AZT subsidy money to state governments for distribution to people with AIDS. The Congress, last fall, approved a bill to authorize HHS to spend,

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Sen. Jesse Helms refused to give his consent to Sen. Edward Kennedy's request to forgo committee action on the AZT bill.



Dannemeyer, in a statement released by his office, said "middle America" will be offended by the intimate nature of the survey.

### OMB, at Dannemeyer's request, halts funding for federal sex survey

by Lou Chibbaro Jr.

At the request of Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has blocked funding for a federal sex study that calls for asking as many as 20,000 Americans intimate details of their sex lives, including questions about whether they engage in Gay sex.

The study, expected to cost approximately \$15 million, is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and is being billed as a necessary step in the government's efforts to prevent the spread of AIDS.

An OMB spokeswoman said funds are being held up for the sex study while OMB officials determine whether ques-

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### IN FOCUS



Letitia Gomez and Paula Salinas have brunch together at Julio's on Capitol Hill.

## 'P Street Pickpocket' trial ends with deadlocked jury

by Lou Chibbaro Jr.

A week-long armed robbery trial of Eugene Price, a suspect known in the Gay community as the "P Street Pickpocket," and codefendant David Caldwell, ended in a mistrial last Friday after D.C. Superior Court Judge John Suda ruled that the jury was deadlocked and could not reach a verdict.

The case involved charges that Price robbed Gay bank teller Scott Schaut at knife-point in the wooded area surrounding P Street Beach on the morning of Gay Pride Day last June and that Caldwell "aided and abetted" Price in the robbery.

Suda directed the prosecutor and defense attorneys to return to court on April 14 to argue whether or not he should schedule Price and Caldwell for another trial or dismiss charges against

the two. Suda said a dismissal would be based on allegations by the defense that prosecuting attorney Kathryn Myerscough engaged in "prosecutorial misconduct" during the trial by coaxing a witness to disclose that Price had a prior encounter with police.

The accusations against Myerscough, who denied acting improperly, climaxed a sometimes acrimonious trial in which court rules prohibit the prosecution from informing the jury that Price had been arrested numerous times in the past for allegedly robbing Gay men in P Street Beach and in Gay bars in the Dupont Circle area.

Schaut testified that he was approached by Price, who wielded the knife, and Caldwell as he walked through

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## Barbara Bush embraces man with AIDS

by Lisa M. Keen

First Lady Barbara Bush focused media attention on AIDS this week and startled some city activists when she hugged a Gay man with AIDS in deliberate view of a field of news cameras.

Bush had just finished visiting a local shelter called Grandma's House, for babies with AIDS, Wednesday morning when she escorted a small group of AIDS activists outside to a waiting corps of press photographers and reporters. According to Lou Tesconi, a Gay man with

AIDS who heads up another shelter for people with AIDS, Bush made a statement about AIDS "and then gave me a great big hug in front of everybody."

Tesconi and Jim Graham, administrator of the Whitman-Walker Clinic and one of the other activists who briefed Bush on AIDS during the visit, said they considered the First Lady's hug to be an important symbol.

"This was really a splendid opportunity," said Graham, "for the First Lady to indicate her general concern about people with AIDS. Her holding Lou Tes-

coni was historic. It was totally on her own impetus, she came forward, it was very emotional but warm, she gave him a real body hug."

Tesconi said Bush was clearly responding to his suggestion during the briefing inside the shelter that the First Lady use her visibility and position to "collectively hug people with AIDS in front of the world." Tesconi said Bush hugged him while they were inside the shelter, too.

Wednesday's meeting was initiated by

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## Activists lament deficit's effect on D.C. AIDS budget

by Lisa M. Keen

The D.C. Council voted Tuesday to trim its original AIDS budget for the current fiscal year to \$4,769,000—down from the \$6,211,000 it approved last March—and to approve an AIDS budget of \$6,164,000 for the next fiscal year, 1990.

The budget for FY 90, while seen by D.C. Gay activists as inadequate to address an ever-increasing caseload, represents a 27 percent increase over what the city is expected to spend in FY 89 at a time when the Council is increasing the overall city budget by only 7 percent.

D.C. Gay activists seemed ready to acknowledge this week that the Council's decision not to raise the AIDS budget by 42 percent—the same percentage by which the number of people living with AIDS in the District has increased in the past year—is in reaction to the D.C. government's serious financial woes over a \$175 million deficit.

But some activists expressed frustration that the Council refused to mandate that the city's agencies dealing with AIDS prepare quarterly reports on how, when, and where the Council's appropriated AIDS budget is actually spent.

"I'm extremely frustrated," said Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance President Roger Doughty, "that the Council would not want a means to rectify the problems we've been pointing to as chronic problems in AIDS-related areas." Doughty said Council Chairman Dave Clarke, at the suggestion of the Metropolitan Committee on AIDS Issues, introduced an amendment to the city budget bill to require the Department of Human Services' AIDS Program Office to file quarterly reports on how its budget is being spent.

The Metropolitan Committee asked for the amendment in reaction to revelations in recent months that the city has not spent much of the money Council appropriated last year for AIDS and has, instead, attempted to direct some AIDS money to cover the budgets of agencies dealing with other health and welfare issues.

Councilman H.R. Crawford (D-Ward 7), who has in the past led Council efforts to increase AIDS funding and programs, led the opposition Tuesday night to the Metropolitan Committee's request for quarterly reports. According to a spokesman for Crawford, the Councilman believes the AIDS Program staff is too

small to handle the workload necessary to prepare quarterly budget reports.

Cases up 42%; dollars up 27%

Gay activists following the D.C. AIDS budget said this week that while they feel compelled to acknowledge the Council's budget constraints because of the city's fiscal crisis, they believe that short-changing the AIDS epidemic at this point will only lead to much higher costs down the road.

"People concerned about AIDS are concerned about the entire budget picture," said Steve Smith, a member of the Metropolitan Committee. "But the caseload continues to grow and will continue to grow, and Council will have to find a way to fund real needs—not just what they think they can manage within budget constraints."

Last year, at this time, there were approximately 437 people living with AIDS in the District. Currently, there are about 200 more people. Data available from Congress indicates that about one in four District citizens with AIDS is receiving federal subsidies for purchasing AZT. Statistics available from the Whitman-Walker Clinic indicate that its monthly



by Doug Hinckle

Councilman H.R. Crawford, who has led Council efforts to increase AIDS funding, led the opposition to the Metropolitan Committee's request for quarterly reports.

caseload is up 17 percent over last year.

In his budget requests, Mayor Marion Barry asked to revise the Council's FY 89 AIDS budget down from \$6,211,000

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### Correction

In last week's obituary for Ray Kent, we inadvertently left Steve Blum's name off the list of close friends surviving him.

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## 700 women attend Passages conference

by Robin Kane

More than 700 women attended the day-long Passages conference last Saturday at Hine Junior High School in D.C. Funny stories, inspiring speeches, and challenging workshops were all part of the fifth annual event, subtitled "a multi-racial conference on aging and ageism for all Lesbians."

After a slide show featuring Lesbians of different ages and races, local author Minnie Bruce Pratt introduced Pat Parker, the keynote speaker. Parker is the author of several books of poetry, including the recent *Jonestown and Other Madness*.

Parker, in a speech that was both passionate and humorous, said that when the conference organizers first asked her to speak, she surprised even herself by asking her lover, "Do you think they think I'm old?"

She said she realized then that she had not escaped ageism.

Parker told stories of her grandmother and the way her family respected older generations but noted that much of society still disregards the large portion of our population that is elderly.

Parker questioned why Lesbians don't plan for or discuss growing older and said she believes it is especially important for Lesbians to talk about economic security and health care.

Parker ended her address by talking about issues of racism within society and the Lesbian community and how that affects Lesbians' ability to speak to and learn from each other.

"One of the problems with the civil rights movement is that people learned what *not* to say because it's the *wrong* thing to say," Parker noted. "Today, I need to be able to hear why you might think affirmative action is reverse dis-

crimination. I need to be able to hear you say that without getting angry...I'll tell you why I wear makeup if you tell me why you wear jeans with holes in them."

All participants attended the same opening workshop, though the women were separated into several smaller

groups to make the numbers more amenable to dialogue. The workshop was entitled Reducing Ageism, Racism, and Other Barriers to Knowing Each Other and Building Community With Each Other.

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## Older Washingtonians testify

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Gerontology (NALGG) presented a paper on "Gay Men and Lesbians: Issues in Aging" at the 35th annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Tuesday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Peter Wey of Gay and Lesbian Older Washingtonians (GLOW) was invited by NALGG to present the paper.

The inclusion of Gay issues in the conference is considered particularly important by the older Gay activists because the conference is a forum for the 1991 White House Conference on Aging which occurs every 10 years and is instrumental in forming policies on aging.

The issues addressed by Wey included legal rights and protections, health and mental health care, housing, alcohol and drug abuse, family structure and social supports, the impact of AIDS, and survivors.

According to Wey, NALGG estimates that eight percent of the population is Gay and that senior citizens comprise 11.3 percent of the population. By the year 2030, the aged population is estimated to become al-




By Doug Hinckle

GLOW member Peter Wey addresses the American Society on Aging.

most 21 percent. Wey said NALGG believes focus on the need for service providers to be made aware of issues sensitive to Gay men and Lesbians among the elderly.

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**NEWS**

**Two Lesbians among suspects in 1983 bombing of U.S. Capitol**

by Lou Chibbaro Jr.  
 Attorneys for two Lesbians and four other people accused of participating in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Capitol filed motions last week before U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene in the opening round of what is expected to be a highly controversial trial.

The Lesbians—Linda Evans and Laura Whitehorn—and the other defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury last May on charges of conspiracy, malicious damage of U.S. property by means of explosives, and aiding and abetting and causing an illegal act in connection with the bombing of the Capitol and seven other government buildings.

The grand jury indictment charge the defendants with being part of a secret "Communist politico/military organization" which operated under the names Revolutionary Fight Group, Armed Resistance Unit, and Red Guerrilla Resistance.

In addition to detonating a bomb at the Capitol, the indictment accuses the defendants with exploding bombs at the National War College in Ft. McNair and at the Computer Center and the Officer's Club at the Washington Navy Yard. It also charges them with setting off bombs in four locations in New York City, including an FBI building, a building owned by the government of Israel, and the headquarters of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

The defendants' attorneys and a committee formed to assist them have accused the government of rehashing past charges in an effort to persecute them because of their association with radical leftist political groups. Supporters also say the government is seeking to influence the jury in a negative way by assigning the defendants to a special courtroom which contains surveillance cameras and a bullet proof glass partition separating the well of the courtroom from spectators.

The defendants' supporters say that at the time of the indictment, five of the six, including Evans and Whitehorn, had already been tried on charges that make up the majority of the alleged illegal acts now included in the current indictment.

Lesbian activist Judy Greenspan, one of the organizers of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, has joined supporters of the defendants by calling on the D.C. Gay community to participate in demonstrations criticizing the government for prosecuting the six activists.

They were convicted on some and found innocent of other charges, but each defendant is currently being held in jail on either previous conviction sentences or pre-trial detention.

Most of the local Gay rights groups, however, have remained silent on the upcoming trial.

Herbert Rutherford, the United States Marshall for the District of Columbia, said the defendants were assigned to the courtroom containing the partition because of intelligence information gathered on the defendants, the nature of the charges, and the defendants' "criminal history."

In a statement released by the support committee, the defendants denied engaging in the bombings.▼

**Council trims current budget**

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 to \$3,861,000 and called for an FY 90 AIDS budget of \$3,864,000. Additional information from the Commission on Public Health indicated that Barry's FY 90 budget proposal was actually \$4,114,000. Although there was no explanation for the difference in the Barry budget documents and the Commission budget figures, the Council used the higher figure in its calculations on the AIDS budget this month.

that he believes the city plans to spend money on AIDS in both the Commission on Social Services and the Commission on Mental Health. But neither the Council's budget office nor a spokesman for Human Services Committee Chairman Crawford could identify AIDS funds in those agencies. Referring to the \$335,000 identified by Tuckson in the Long-Term Care Association, the Crawford spokesman said Wednesday, "There is no other money specifically broken down like that."

In approving a revised FY 89 budget, the Council added \$908,000 to Barry's proposed \$3,861,000, bringing it to a total of \$4,769,000. According to Public Health Commissioner Reed Tuckson, the city will also spend \$335,000 on AIDS-related services in the Long Term Care Administration, bringing the city's overall AIDS expenditure for FY 89 to \$5,104,000.

The lingering question, according to Doughty, Smith, Graham, and others, is whether the city will spend what it says it will on AIDS.

In approving an FY 90 budget, the Council added \$2,050,000 to the mayor's reported FY 90 AIDS budget of \$4,114,000, bringing it to a total of \$6,164,000. Tuckson said the city would also spend \$335,000 in Long Term Care in FY 90, too, bringing the city's overall AIDS budget for FY 90 to \$6,499,000.

Graham said he plans to pressure Tuckson to make sure that the \$908,000 approved in the Council's revised FY 89 budget is spent as soon as Congress approves the budget, 30 days after the mayor signs the bill. Graham said he would like about \$200,000 of the money for a major advertising campaign aimed at Gay and bisexual men as well as money for additional social workers to help with case management at the Clinic.

Jim Graham, administrator of the Whitman-Walker Clinic, said yesterday

Currently, said Graham, the Clinic has six social workers for more than 600 clients. The ratio should be one social worker per 40 clients.▼

## Metro notes

### GLAA gets early start on meeting mayoral candidates

Officials with the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance met on March 13 with D.C. mayoral hopeful Sharon Pratt Dixon to discuss issues of interest to the Gay community, according to GLAA President Roger Doughty.

Doughty called the meeting, held in Dixon's office at the Potomac Electric Power Company, "highly productive."

Dixon is expected to declare her candidacy for mayor within the next several weeks. She currently holds the post of vice president for community affairs at PEPCO. She served from 1984 to 1988 as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.

GLAA's meeting with Dixon comes a year earlier than the group's traditional election year meetings with political candidates. Doughty said the group decided to begin meeting mayoral and council candidates sooner to ensure that challengers are given ample opportunity to present their views on Gay rights and AIDS issues.

"We're expanding our options," said GLAA member Craig Howell, who noted that GLAA and other Gay groups were angry with D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and the Council last year over decisions on an AIDS insurance bill, a Georgetown University bond measure, and the Armstrong amendment, which threatened to weaken the city's Gay rights law.

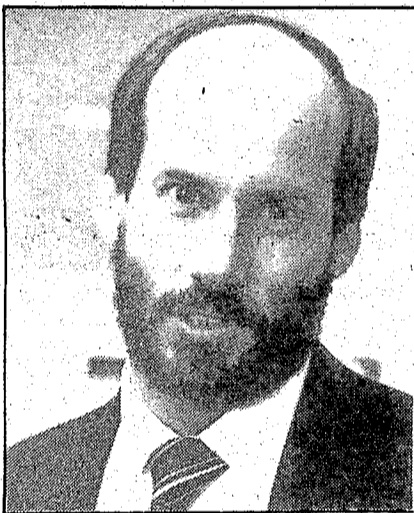
"This doesn't mean we're writing off the incumbents," said Doughty. "It does mean we're exploring other candidates."

In addition to Doughty and Howell, those who met with Dixon included former GLAA President Lorri L. Jean, GLAA Vice President Mindy Daniels, and members Tom Ainora and Frank Kameny.

—Lou Chibbaro Jr.

### Alexandria group elects new president, sets goals

The Alexandria Gay Community Association this month elected Northern Virginia activist David Bouk as its new president. Bouk, a 27-year resident of Alexandria, has been instrumental in starting up the new statewide organization, Virginians for Justice, as well as a Gay political organization in Fairfax. Bouk, who designs computer-based educational courses for a living, succeeds outgoing president David Keltner.



David Bouk

Also elected this month was John Scott, as the organization's vice president for administration, and Jeff Hudson, as vice president for programs. Ralph Jarnigan and Charles Nason were reelected as AGCA's treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Bouk said the organization hopes to launch its familiar educational advertising campaign—which has appeared in local and Richmond newspapers—on D.C.'s Metro subway

cars this June in conjunction with Gay Pride celebrations. To do so, said Bouk, AGCA is looking to raise \$7,000 to cover subway ad space rental and poster production.

### Outgoing AGCA President chairs city advisory board

David Keltner, outgoing president of the Alexandria Gay Community Association, was elected chairman of the Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board March 20.

Keltner was elected by the other 12 members of the advisory board, which provides guidance to the city manager on social welfare programs, including Medicare payments for people and home-based social services for people with AIDS. Keltner has been a member of the advisory board for two years.

### Virginia group sets priorities for coming year

The board of directors for Virginians for Justice, the new statewide Gay political group which formed last fall, met in Arlington this month and set hate crimes, home rule, and AIDS as its top priorities for the coming year.

The board announced it would appoint a study group to collect statistics concerning crimes motivated by hatred of Gays and people with AIDS. The group also targeted for action the state's Dillon Rule and Parker Law, which are currently believed to prohibit local jurisdictions from passing laws to protect Gays from discrimination. In the area of AIDS, the board indicated it would continue to seek increased funding for AIDS education programs, assemble a study group to determine the housing needs of people with AIDS, and work for repeal of a reporting measure passed by the Virginia General Assembly during its 1989 session.

—Lisa M. Keen

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**NEWS**

**Case ends with deadlocked jury**

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a path in a wooded section of P Street Beach at about 10:30 in the morning. Schaut said he was on his way to the Gay Pride Day festival, which was located in a school yard next to the woods.

Price testified that Schaut fabricated the story about a robbery after Schaut propositioned Caldwell for sex and then became angry over the arrangement during the course of his encounter with Caldwell. Price told the jury that he did not have any physical contact with Schaut and was drawn into Schaut's dispute with Caldwell after he "laughed at" Schaut's being upset. Price did not explain why Schaut became upset.

Price and a former D.C. public defender, Fred Hartwell, both of whom said they are Gay, testified that the woods surrounding the P Street Beach area are used by men to engage in sex with other men.

Schaut, during cross examination by Price's public defender attorney Jamie Gardner, was questioned sharply about his motives for entering the wooded area that Sunday morning. Schaut denied he was there looking for sex and said he had been out for a walk, window shopping in Georgetown that morning, and that at the time of the alleged assault, 10:30, he was on his way to the Gay Pride festival.

Gardner pressed Schaut's contention that he did not know the woods were a cruising area for Gay men and asked him how he could live in the Washington area for nine years and not know that. Schaut

said he had heard about some cruising areas in the city but did not know about the P Street Beach woods reputation.

A female juror, who agreed to be interviewed anonymously after the judge declared a mistrial, said that questions raised about Schaut's motive for being in the woods played a major role in the jury's inability to find Price and Caldwell guilty.

The juror said "most" of her fellow jurors voted for acquittal, with a few holding out for a conviction. She declined to say how the vote broke down.

"It was one person's word against the other," said the juror, adding that she didn't think the jury could decide whether Price or Schaut was telling the truth. The juror said she had no knowledge that Price had been arrested or implicated in other criminal acts against Gays and that she had no recollection of a police officer's testimony that revealed Price had had prior encounters with police.

Both Gardner and Myerscough declined to comment.

Price is being held in jail under the city's preventive detention program, awaiting trial on separate, unrelated robbery charges. The latest case against him involves a charge that he and Caldwell robbed a man in the P Street Beach vicinity just two weeks before he was scheduled to stand trial in the Schaut case.

Caldwell has been released on bail pending the outcome of the charges against him by Schaut. ▼

**700 attend Passages conference**

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Following the opening workshop and a brief lunch break, there were two workshop sessions, each with 19 workshops to choose from. Workshop titles included Coming Out After 40; Forces of Oppression: Racism, Ageism, and Homophobia; Life as an Aging Radical; Our Changing Sexuality; and Younger and Older Women in Relationships.

A Lesbian Elder Panel, consisting of four women of different age groups and cultures, was the focus of the final panel of the day. An 81-year-old Jewish Lesbian stole the show with hilarious anecdotes and insightful comments. She said she was tired of always being the oldest Lesbian at events. When it was pointed out to her that there was an older Lesbian in the audience, she invited the woman to come up on stage and sit on her lap.

After many stories and a lot of applause and laughter from the audience, the 81-year-old was asked how being 81 compares to what she thought 81 would be like when she was younger.

"I hardly know what to say. Words fail me," she said. "I've slowed up, physically...and sexually, damn it."

All four panelists discussed how old they were when they came out, what their marriages were like (all four had been



Poet Pat Parker said one of the problems with the civil rights movement is that "people have learned what *not* to say."

married at some point, and one woman was still married), who served as their role models, and what coming out was like within their specific cultures.

The Lesbian Elder Panel was the final daytime event. However, after a dinner break, Pat Parker read her poetry in the evening, followed by a dance which featured music from different generations. ▼

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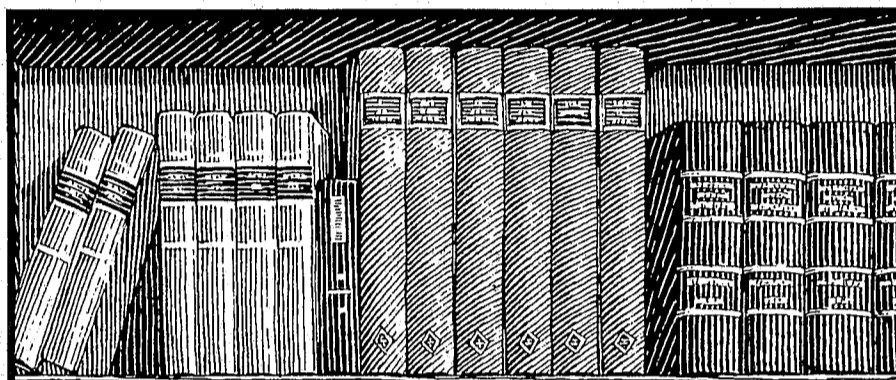
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(Above) In front of a flurry of photographers and reporters, First Lady Barbara Bush embraces Lou Tesconi, a Gay man with AIDS who runs Damien Ministries, a shelter for people with AIDS. (Right) Bush holds Donovan, a five-month-old boy with AIDS, at Grandma's House, a residential center for children with AIDS.



photos by Patsy Lynch

## Barbara Bush embraces PWA

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Bush, according to Tesconi, executive director and founder of the Damian Ministries, which provides services to women with AIDS and others. Tesconi said he also considers it an important symbol that Bush brought along with her to Wednesday's meeting Dr. Burton Lee, the new White House physician. Lee, noted Tesconi, served on President Ronald Reagan's AIDS commission.

"He came up to me afterwards," said Tesconi, "and he hugged me, too. I felt throughout the morning that they were both very sincere about their concern over AIDS. It was not just a bunch of photo opportunities with babies. She hugged adults, too. We weren't being used."

First Lady Bush answered a few brief questions from reporters waiting outside the shelter. And though Graham and Tesconi said they could not hear her remarks

from where they were standing, Patsy Lynch, who was allowed inside the shelter as a pool photographer for United Press International, said Bush called AIDS a "terrible disease." When asked whether the government is doing enough to combat AIDS, said Lynch, Bush "started to say they'd have to ask George Bush about that, then she said 'No, I don't think there's enough money for AIDS or for other illnesses'."

Graham said he believes Bush may have been inspired to visit the Grandma's House in part because she is Episcopalian and the shelter is run by the Episcopal Caring Response Committee. He said that in his brief remarks to the First Lady, he pointed out that he believes it is important for her to talk about "all people with AIDS, regardless of their age or their sexual orientation."

"I think," said Graham, "that she heard that remark." ▼



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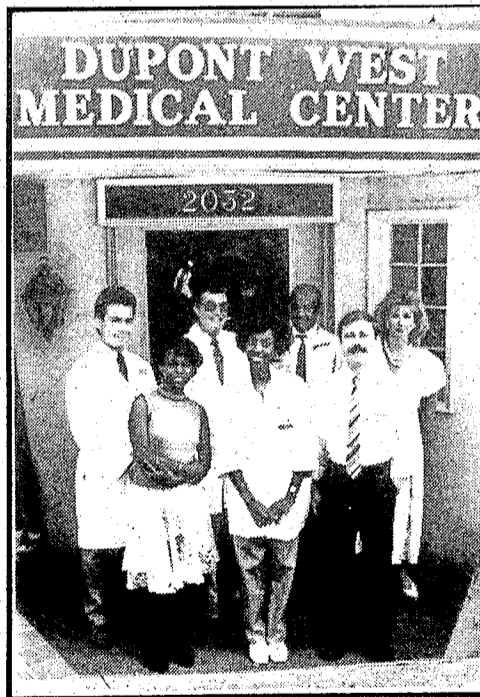
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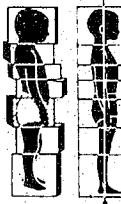
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## Conservatives block action on bill extending AZT subsidies

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through March 31, up to \$15 million in federal dollars on such subsidies. The government, thus far, has spent \$15 million on AZT subsidies, but \$5 million of the money spent came from Burroughs Wellcome, the company that manufactures the life-sustaining drug. Kennedy's bill would have given HHS more time to spend a final \$5 million in federal funds.

On March 15, Kennedy introduced his bill and asked that the Senate act on it in an expedited fashion that would forgo the need for committee action. But such a procedure, however, requires the unanimous consent of the Senate, and Helms, Armstrong, and Nickles refused

to give their consent for the move.

Spokespersons for the three senators' offices had not returned a reporter's calls for comments by *Blade* deadline time; but, AIDS lobbyists said Helms was blocking the AZT deadline bill in order to try to barter for attention to his own comprehensive AIDS bill, introduced in January. That bill calls for a requirement that doctors report the names and addresses of persons infected with the AIDS virus, prohibits use of federal funds to "promote" condoms or homosexuality, and mandates testing of a number of groups, including commercial airline pilots.

Had the deadline been extended, HHS

could have awarded AZT subsidy grants immediately in five states—Georgia, Kansas, Utah, Kentucky, and Idaho—where money has already run out for 201 people with AIDS using the AZT subsidies.

By the end of June, another 2,865 people in 12 additional states plus the District of Columbia will be without federal subsidies for AZT. And by the end of August, federal subsidies for more than 1,855 more people will have run out in the 25 other states accepting federal AZT subsidies.

In D.C., 154 people—or one in four of those living with AIDS—are using the federal subsidies for AZT purchase. In

Virginia, 74, or 18 percent, are using subsidies; while in Maryland, 55, or 8 percent, are.

Thus far, AZT is the only AIDS treatment drug which has demonstrated an ability to prolong the lives of persons infected with the AIDS virus. However, the U.S. Public Health Service began notifying states earlier this month that they could also use the federal subsidies to help financially needy people with AIDS to purchase two other AIDS treatment drugs: aerosol pentamidine, which has demonstrated an ability to ward off deadly infections with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, and alpha interferon, for the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma. ▼

## Dannemeyer's concerns halt funding for federal sex survey

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tions in the lengthy survey questionnaire associated with the study violate the U.S. Paperwork Reduction Act. The paperwork act, approved by Congress in 1980, requires OMB to determine whether all federal forms released to the public contain questions that are unnecessary or unduly burdensome.

The spokeswoman, Barbara Clay, said OMB has ruled that the survey questionnaire is a "federal form" under the definition of the act.

Supporters of the study, including Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, say OMB is using the Paperwork Reduction Act as an excuse to kill the sex study for political reasons. And a spokesman for Dannemeyer, Paul Mero, confirmed that Dannemeyer and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) want OMB to kill the study because its results will be used to give legitimacy to "unconventional life-styles," such as homosexuality.

But Clay denies OMB is basing its action on politics.

"There's nothing unusual in what we're doing," she said, adding that OMB's normal practice is to review all federal forms and questionnaires for excessive paperwork.

Clay said NIH has already revised the

questionnaire and OMB is currently reviewing the revised version. She said OMB officials will determine within the next month whether the new version is acceptable.

Details of the sex study were released in 1987 when NIH's National Institute for Child Health and Human Development published a request for a private contractor to conduct the study. NIH that same year awarded a contract for the study to the Chicago-based National Opinion Research Center (NORC).

NORC was scheduled to begin a \$2 million pilot study this year, involving surveys of 2,000 people, to determine whether the questions should be modified or how survey techniques should be fine-tuned.

Jim Brown, spokesman for the U.S. Public Health Service which has jurisdiction over NIH, said the study is supported by PHS and Louis Sullivan, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We feel there is a need for this data, especially in light of the HIV epidemic," Brown said. "We need it to develop AIDS prevention programs."

Brown said HHS officials are cooperating with OMB to correct any deficiencies in the survey questionnaire.

Dannemeyer, in a statement released

by his office, said "middle America" will be offended by the intimate nature of the questions asked by special field interviewers who conduct the study and they will refuse to participate in the study.

"That leaves only those persons who are willing to talk about such matters," said Dannemeyer. "These will be persons willing to answer questions concerning their proclivity for anal intercourse, oral sex, general promiscuity, and extramarital affairs."

NORC officials in the past have said their studies are conducted through random, scientifically designed sampling techniques that reflect an accurate cross section of the American public.

Among the information sought in the revised version of the survey is whether a respondent engages in oral or anal sex, whether the respondent has same-sex partners, and whether the respondent uses condoms or other means of contraception or "disease prevention."

A series of questions in the survey ask a respondent for details of his or her sexual partner or partners, including the partners' first name or "some unique identifiers" that describe the partner. Other questions ask about partner's race, religion, height and weight, education, marital status, locale of residence, and the number, if any, of the partner's sexual encounters with others.

Mero, Dannemeyer's press spokesman, called the questions about sex partners "outrageous" and a "double standard." According to Mero, Dannemeyer has been criticized by public health officials, Gay activists, and leaders of AIDS advocacy groups for his proposed legislation calling for mandatory reporting of partners of persons testing positive for the AIDS antibody, on grounds that such reporting will lead to breaches in confidentiality. Those same groups, said Mero, apparently have no objections to a field interviewer asking people for identifying information about their sex partners and about intimate details of their own sex lives.

"How is the confidentiality guarantees any different for this survey and for a private doctor or a public health worker who would take HIV information?" Mero asks.

"It's very different," said NGLTF's Levi, in discussing the NIH sex study. Levi said data gathered by the NIH study would not be linked to the names of survey participants and that the participants' names would only be used to locate them for purposes of a random sample. But names of persons testing positive for the AIDS antibody or the names of their partners would be linked to records kept in county health departments, Levi said. ▼

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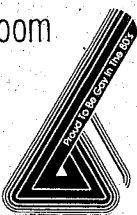
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## AIDS digest

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Officials at WETA, Channel 26, announced this month that the station will broadcast a series of programs on the AIDS epidemic as part of its "AIDS Awareness Month" campaign.

The station will focus, in the 90-minute panel discussion *Living With AIDS—A WETA Town Meeting*, on how the epidemic has affected the Washington metropolitan community. Included in the program will be taped segments by people living with AIDS, including an 18-year-old who says he never received information in school that could have taught him how to avoid unsafe sex, and a man who says he was fired from his job because his employer found out he had the disease. The program will air at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11.

Other programs on AIDS the station plans to air in April include:

*America in the Age of AIDS* (Wednesday, April 5, 8 p.m.) Host Linda Ellerbee evaluates how the moral, political, economic, and legal issues surrounding AIDS has affected one community.

*Bodywatch: Sexually Transmitted Diseases* (Saturday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.) A discussion about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and the body's susceptibility to them.

*The AIDS Quarterly* (Tuesday, April 25, 9 p.m.) The first series to focus solely on the disease. This first episode focuses on AIDS research and how federal research dollars are being spent.

*A Death in the Family* (Tuesday, April 25, 10 p.m.) A drama about how the AIDS death of a young New Zealander affects his family and friends.

For more information on WETA's "AIDS Awareness Month" series, call 998-2829.

### Life insurer pays PWAs benefits before they die

Prudential Insurance Company's Canadian offices this year began paying life insurance benefits to people with AIDS before they die, according to Knight-Ridder News Service.

Ron Barbaro, president of Prudential's Canadian branch, said he decided to change company's policy after a man with the disease he spoke to while volunteering at an AIDS hospice asked him to help him "die with a little more dignity."

Barbaro said about a dozen people with AIDS have taken advantage of the company's new policy. Barbaro said the company pays between 40 and 70 percent of the person's total benefits. The balance is paid to survivors as usual.

Joseph Vacchione, the company's vice president for public relations in the United States, said there are currently too many "legal difficulties" to pay benefits before death in this country. He said the company's lawyers are still looking into it, however.

### Insurance companies say AIDS claims rose 67 percent

The American Council of Life Insurance said last month that AIDS-related claims in 1987 rose an estimated 67 percent from 1986.

According to a survey conducted by the American Council of Life Insurance, the insurance industry paid an estimated \$487 million in AIDS-related claims in 1987, compared to \$292 million the previous year.

The survey of 265 insurance companies showed that AIDS-related claims were 1.2 percent of the total number of claims in 1987, compared to 0.9 percent in 1986.

The survey pointed out that the number of AIDS-related claims may be underestimated for a variety of reasons, including incomplete death certificates and claim forms.

### Study: AIDS incubation period may be 10 years

A new study indicates that half of Gay men who become infected with the AIDS virus will not show signs of the disease for almost 10 years, according to the Associated Press.

The study, conducted by two University of California researchers, set the median incubation time at 9.8 years. This is more than two years longer than previous studies have indicated.

The researchers, in the March 16 issue of the scientific journal *Nature*, said this incubation period might also be extended by using preventive therapies that ward off opportunistic infections common in people with the disease.

The study was conducted by analyzing three different studies of trends in infection rates among Gay men in San Francisco and comparing those results to the monthly totals of new cases reported.

Researchers pointed out that the study does not determine the proportion of people infected with the HIV virus who will eventually develop AIDS.

—Mark Sullivan

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# Obituaries

## Former Gay Community Center officer Vernon Palmer dies at 47

Vernon Palmer, a long-time civic activist and a former vice president of the D.C. Gay Community Center, died Saturday, March 18, at his Dupont Circle home from complications associated with AIDS. He was 47.

For the past six years, Palmer served as staff coordinator for the District's Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-B, located in the Dupont Circle area. He was also a member of the Dupont Circle Residential Action Coalition and the Dupont Circle Citizens Association.

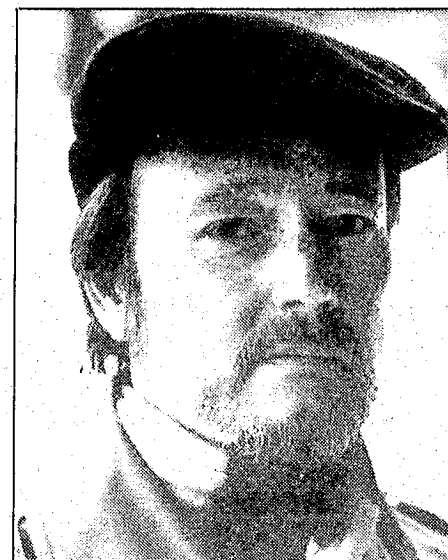
Friends and associates considered Palmer a tireless advocate for improvement of the city's neighborhoods and for a greater involvement of the advisory neighborhood commissions, or "ANCs," in city affairs. Both civic leaders and Gay activists say Palmer played an important role as a liaison between the Gay community and many of the city's civic groups.

Palmer was born and raised in Caribou, Maine and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Maine in 1964.

He came to Washington in the mid-1960s, working two years for former Rep. Clifford McIntire (R-Maine) and later for former Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.). Palmer was drafted into the Army in 1967 and spent most of his two year military duty in Washington, D.C.

In 1986, Palmer was elected vice president of the D.C. Gay Community Center. He served as a member of the center's board for two years.

Palmer, who was diagnosed with AIDS Related Complex in 1982, performed volunteer work for local AIDS service groups. He discussed his illness and problems faced by persons with



Vernon Palmer

by Doug Hinckle

AIDS in interviews on the local television program *Panorama* and the national show *Good Morning America*. Last year, he joined the board of directors of the group God's Love We Deliver, which provides meals to homebound people with AIDS.

In a February 22 interview from his bed at George Washington University Medical Center, where, at his request, he provided information for this obituary, Palmer asked that contributions be made to a Vernon Palmer Memorial Room at the D.C. Gay Community Center.

He is survived by his companion Miguel Morrez and three sisters, Sharon McKieran of Albuquerque, N.M., and Evelyn Lyons and Pauline Howes of Paten, Maine.

A memorial service will be held on April 23. For more information call 332-1107 or 332-2344.

## Thomas Brand

Thomas Wayne Brand, a resident of Washington until last year, died Tuesday, March 14, at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Delaware, of complications associated with AIDS. He was 25.

Brand, a native of Wichita, Kansas, served for two years in the United States Army, then enlisted in the Navy. After living in Washington for about a year, he moved to Rehoboth, Delaware, where he helped run the Delaware House, a private guesthouse.

Brand was an active member of the Academy Awards of Washington, and performed in drag in Rehoboth Beach

clubs under the name "Krystal K. James."

Danny Beach, Brand's lover of two years, said Brand often spoke out about having AIDS to educate others about the disease. He appeared on several radio and television programs and in several newspaper articles.

In addition to Beach, Brand is survived by his father, Everett Brand; his mother and step-father, Sandra and Richard Hanberg; and two sisters.

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## Anthony Hooker

Anthony Hooker, a native of Washington, died Tuesday, March 14, at Washington Hospital Center of complications associated with AIDS. He was 25.

Hooker attended Friendly High School, where he was known for his accomplishments in track and field events. He then attended the Culinary School of Washington.

Hooker worked at Elegant Table Caterers in the Old Town section of Alexandria. Prior to that, he worked for several other catering firms.

Hooker was an avid fan of singer Stephanie Mills and loved dancing at Delta Elite, a local Gay club.

Hooker is survived by his devoted companion, Ernest Suesbury; one brother; two sisters, and close friend, Tranel McDuffie.

Services were held for Hooker at the



Henry S. Washington and Sons funeral home on Monday, March 20. Contributions can be made in Hooker's name to the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

## Jim Reyen

James Reyen Jr., a local hospital consultant, died at his home in Arlington Sunday, March 19, from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was 42.

Reyen was a native of Stanford, Connecticut. For the last 10 years, Reyen was co-owner of Shaw and Reyen, a hospital consulting firm in Annandale, Virginia. Prior to that he worked as a fire fighter

and an emergency medical technician.

Reyen was active in the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington. Services were held for Reyen at the church on Wednesday, March 22.

Contributions can be made in Reyen's name to the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, 415 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

## Johann Savage

Johann L. Savage, a native of the Washington area, died Wednesday, March 15, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in D.C. of complications associated with AIDS. He was 30.

Savage worked as a secretary for the United States Department of the Treasury. He was also a member of the

Tenth Street Baptist Church.

Savage is survived by his parents, Valerie and Elliott Smith; two sisters, Trenita Savage and Carnetta Lee; and a few close friends.

A funeral service for Savage was held at the Tenth Street Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 21.

## Ed Shanholtzer

Edward L. Shanholtzer, a lifelong resident of the Washington area, died Friday, March 17, at the Washington Home Hospice from complications associated with AIDS. He was 47.

Shanholtzer attended Bladensburg High School and the University of Maryland. He was a co-owner of Bluewillow Limited, a florist near Dupont Circle.

Shanholtzer is survived by his mother, Grace Chamberlain; a brother, David Shanholtzer; his close friend Terry Shannon; and his extended family, Patrick Doyle, Ken Post, Brad Cole, Sharron Dunbar, Alan McGrath, and John Cowan.

A requiem mass (in the Tridentine Rite) was celebrated for Shanholtzer at Saint Mary Mother of God Church on Tuesday, March 21. He was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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Shanholtzer's name to the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009, or the Gift of Peace Home.

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## Around the nation

### Alabama judge apologizes

BIRMINGHAM, AL—A Jefferson County district court judge recently reversed his former position of keeping people with AIDS outside his courtroom. Judge Jack Montgomery renounced that position through a letter to the Alabama chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In his letter, which was discussed during a Feb. 3 press conference held by the ACLU, Montgomery also called for AIDS education for judges.

According to the *Windy City Times*, a Gay newspaper in Chicago, Montgomery offered his "sincerest apologies" to both people with AIDS and members of the Gay community for his statements. He apologized for making remarks such as "flaming queen" and "homosexuals volunteer for AIDS." Montgomery said he had come to reject the idea that courtroom personnel could contract AIDS while in the presence of people who test positive for the HIV antibody.

"I may have encouraged discriminatory practices elsewhere that will end up violating a sick person's rights as a human being," Montgomery said.

In January, 14 organizations, including AIDS service organizations, the ACLU, and chapters of the National Organization for Women, filed a complaint with Alabama's Judicial Inquiry Commission against Montgomery and two other judges. Following Montgomery's

apology, the groups dropped the complaint against him.

The *Windy City Times* reported that Alabama AIDS activists seemed impressed with Montgomery's apology.

"I'm tremendously impressed with Montgomery," said Charles Goggans, an AIDS educator. "Whatever his motives are for doing this, God bless him."

### Arson destroys Dallas offices

DALLAS—A six-alarm blaze destroyed the offices of the Dallas Gay Alliance and AIDS Resource Center, along with several businesses, in the early morning hours of February 23. Previous to the fire, burglars had stolen legal records, computers, and some cash.

While no confidential information regarding clients with AIDS was taken, complete file drawers were stolen. The files held records of a lawsuit the Alliance filed against Parkland Memorial Hospital over its treatment of people with AIDS. Alliance President William Waybourn said it appeared the fire was set to cover up the theft of the files.

"I would say they were after files more than money or equipment," he said.

By Feb. 24, the Alliance and AIDS Resource Center had relocated to a temporary office, had received food and office supplies, and \$17,000 in donations. Despite the damages, the Alliance and Center are continuing all their services.

Waybourn says that organizations and individuals in the community have chipped in and taken on various projects so that the Alliance did not miss any engagements as a result of the fire. He said he hopes to move the Alliance back to the old space by August 1.

"We have learned how to deal with crises, mainly because of AIDS," Waybourn told the *Blade*. "It's another exercise....you mourn and get going again."

Chief Doug Preston of the Arson Investigation Unit of the Dallas Fire Department said the fire was set with flammable liquid in the storage area of the Alliance and spread to the other establishments. Preston said his department interviewed 20 to 30 witnesses and eliminated 3 or 4 suspects. Currently, Preston told the *Blade*, there are no major suspects in the case.



Gail Strickland

### Christians protest *Heartbeat*

LOS ANGELES—The ABC television network says it is receiving about 1,600 postcards per week requesting that the Lesbian character on the weekly drama *Heartbeat* be removed.

A spokesman for the audience information department of ABC told *The Washington Blade* that the postcards are identical and pre-printed with a brief statement which declares that it is an "outrage to promote the homosexual

lifestyle." While each postcard was signed by different individuals, the American Family Association is the organizational sponsor printed on the cards. The association says on the cards that it is dedicated to "Judeo-Christian values."

The network spokesman said the campaign picked up tremendously in the month of March, with over 5,000 cards received during the first three weeks. A counter-campaign, in support of the Lesbian character played by Gail Strickland, "is going slowly," according to the spokesman.

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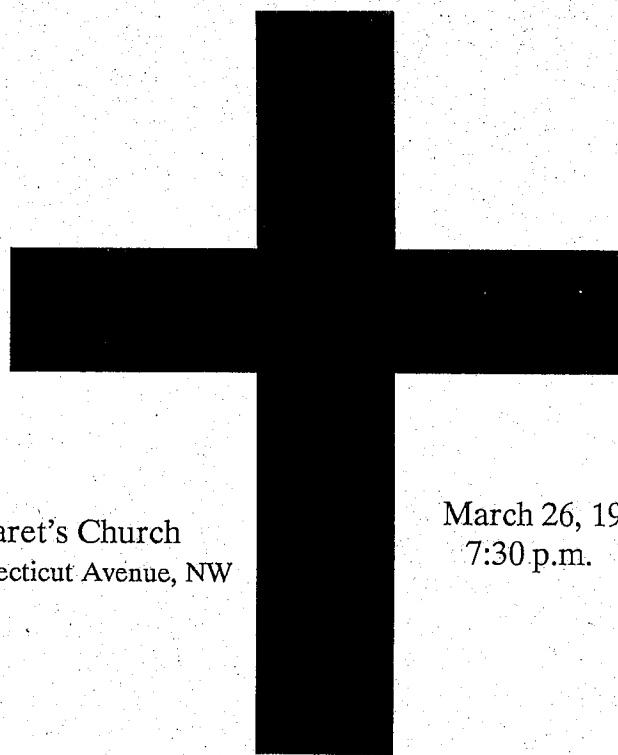
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## West Hollywood covers partners

WEST HOLLYWOOD—The West Hollywood city council voted February 21 to expand its domestic partners benefits to include basic medical coverage for the partners of city employees. The move makes West Hollywood the third city in California and the nation to do so.

West Hollywood actually passed its domestic partnership ordinance in early 1985, but 22 private companies refused to extend their medical coverage to unmarried partners of those covered by the plan. However, the city became self-insured last year and able to offer coverage to domestic partners.

According to Mark Vandervelden, deputy to openly Gay Councilman Steve Schulte, about a dozen new people will now be eligible for coverage.

The domestic partners ordinance is being implemented on a piecemeal basis. Last year, council procured a third party

dental plan for its employees. In April, council will hold public hearings to take a comprehensive look at how the ordinance might be expanded in the future.

## Gay judge approved in Mass.

BOSTON—A Boston lawyer became the first openly Gay judge in Massachusetts after an 8 to 1 vote by the Executive Council which confirms nominations.

The vote came on March 15, one week after a hearing on the nomination which included testimony from lawyers and legislators concerning Dermot Meagher's integrity and fairness. Testimony also included references to Meagher's sexual orientation and his battle with alcoholism.

Governor Michael Dukakis, who nominated Meagher and presided over the vote, said that sexual orientation was not an issue.

"I think the only question is whether the nominee...is going to be a credit to the people of the Commonwealth," he said. "The issues are integrity, competence, ability as a lawyer."

## NY Gay group wins award

NEW YORK—The Office for Substance Abuse Prevention of the U.S. Public Health Service awarded Project Connect with one of 20 1989 "Exemplary Prevention Programs" awards on March 21. Project Connect is sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Community Services

# Around the world

ENGLAND—Five men accused of severely beating a Gay man waiting to get into a London Gay bar were set free last month after a jury, acting on a judge's advice, determined that a police officer who witnessed the beatings might have been mistaken in his identification of the accused. (*Gay Times of London*)

CANADA—The National Gallery in Ottawa recently defended its decision to screen a Lesbian film, *Frankly Shirley*, against a storm of criticism that it was promoting pornography because the film includes explicit portrayals of Lesbian sex. (*Gay Times*)

FRANCE—Oscar Wilde's grandson recently wrote to a British Gay magazine to alert readers to the "sorry state" of his flamboyant grandfather's monument tomb in Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris. According to the letter, the tomb is continuously

being vandalized and covered with graffiti. (*Gay Times*)

ENGLAND—This country's first "Gay" television show reportedly won a large share of the viewing audience when it debuted in February. The premiere program of *Out on Tuesday*, an hour-long "magazine" style program, included interviews with *Desert Heart* director Donna Deitch, *Torch Song Trilogy* playwright Harvey Fierstein, and *Cotton Club* and *Women of Brewster Place* actress Lonette McKee. (*The News of Los Angeles*)

JAPAN—A new law has reportedly gone into effect here this month requiring visitors who fit a profile of a person at high risk for AIDS to take an AIDS antibody test. A characteristic in the profile is reportedly anyone who is "demonstrating homosexual" behavior. (*Frontiers magazine of Los Angeles*)

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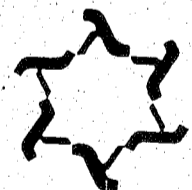
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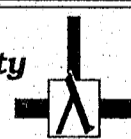
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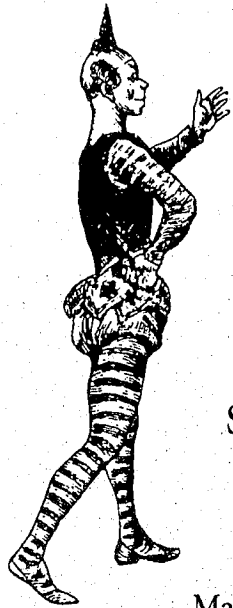
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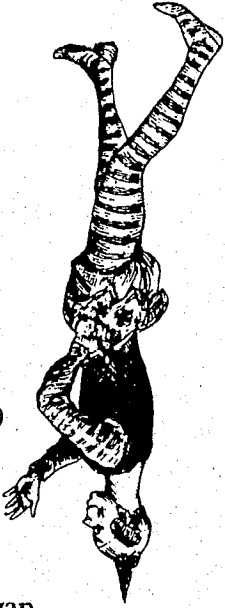
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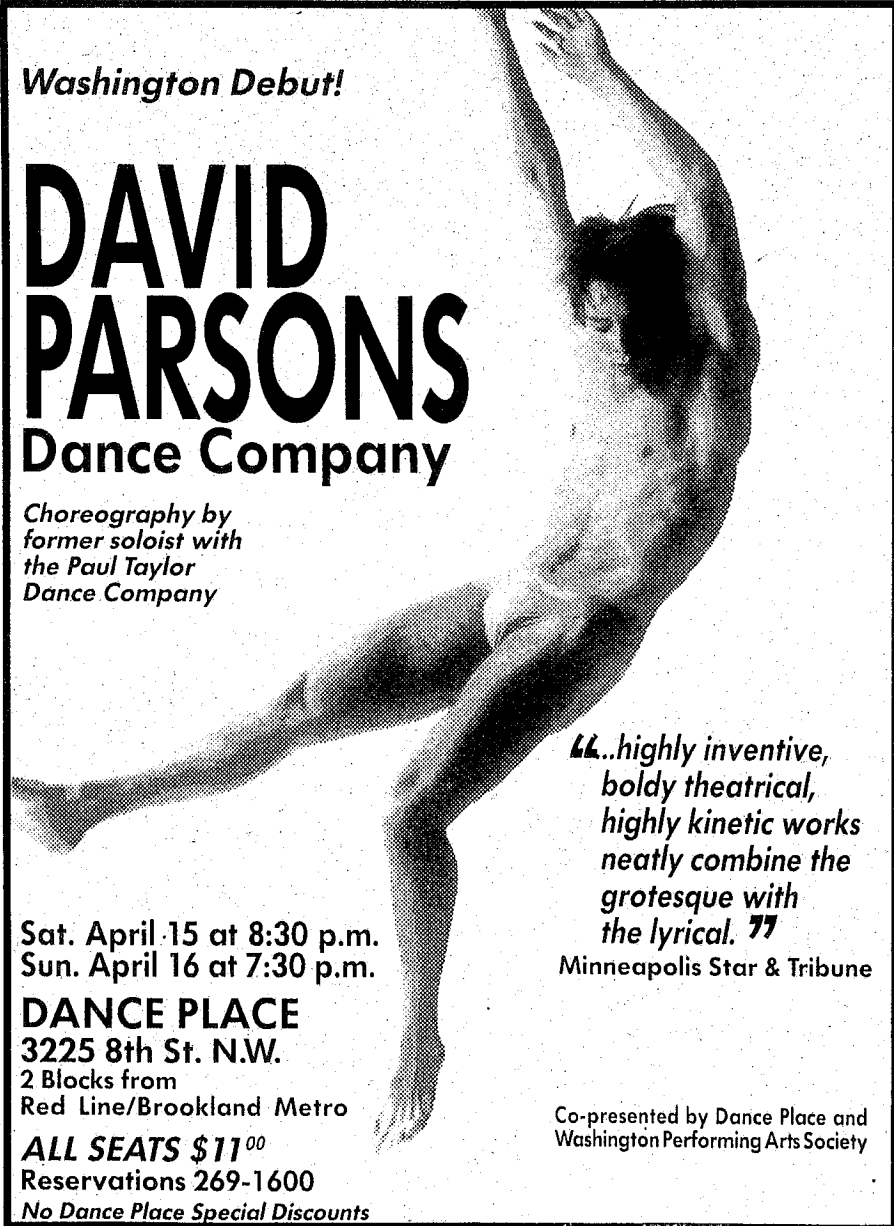
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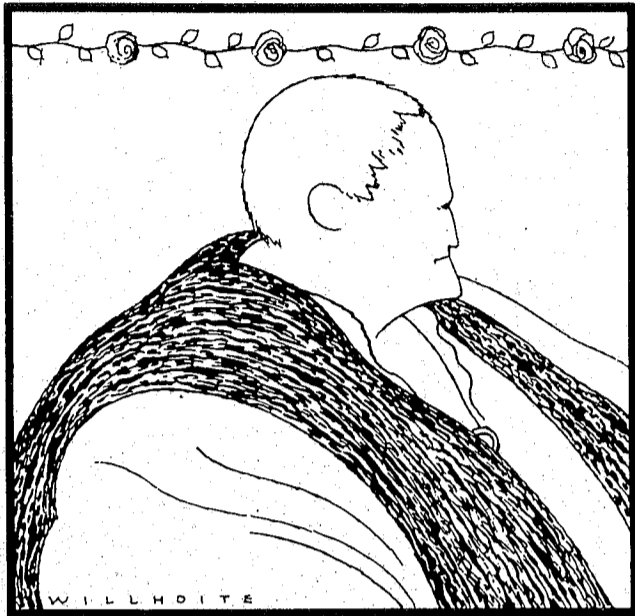
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# The Point



Michael Willhoite's drawing of Gertrude Stein for Terry Boughner's *Out of All Time*.



## Gay history, *Reader's Digest* style

by Craig Howell

For everyone who has ever been intimidated by the lengthy tomes on Gay history by the likes of Jonathan Katz and John Boswell, Terry Boughner has authored *Out of All Time* (Alyson Publications, \$6.95), a sort of *Reader's Digest* style summary of Gay history from ancient times to the present, focusing on the lives of famous individuals known to have been homosexual.

Each mini-biography is only three or four page long, but what the book lacks in depth it makes up for with style and breadth. Boughner is an engaging writer with a pronounced tendency toward tales that are entertaining, sentimental, and possibly even true. Boughner, who earned his doctorate in history from Catholic University, has mastered the art of not letting a good story be ruined by mere facts.

But unless you are a professional historian, you are bound to find some new and interesting material in this lively book. You probably think that you know all about the ancient Greeks. But did you know about the Egyptian Emperor Akhenaten who tossed aside none other than Nefertiti (whose name means "The Beautiful One Is Come") in favor of his male lover, Smenkhkara (which probably means "The Hunkier One Is Come"), only to be overthrown by a conspiracy of the priesthood and the army who placed Tutankhamen (The Tourist Attraction Has Come")?

And while you're probably familiar with England's King Edward II and his rather gruesome end, do you know about King William Rufus, son of William the Conqueror, who confronted the hypocritical priests attacking his public affair with Robert Fitzhaimo by threatening to shut down every convent within three miles of a monastery?

It's all here, and plenty more. *Out of All Time* can be read straight through in one scrumptious feast, or you can sample its delights chapter by chapter, morsel by morsel. Your pleasure will be enhanced by the whimsical drawings of Michael Willhoite, whose caricatures are well-known to *Washington Blade* readers.

When they finally get around to including a category on "Gay History" on *Jeopardy!*, this is the book they ought to use as their guide.

## (Gay) people who enriched the world

by Mark Sullivan

The title of Thomas Cowan's new book, *Gay Men and Women Who Enriched the World*, (Mulvey Books, \$17.95), is something of a misnomer. The book does give brief biographies of 40 men and women who, along with making some exceptional contribution to the world, apparently had sexual feelings for someone of the same sex at one time or another. But whether the people he included were Gay is certainly up for debate.

Some of those included, especially Alexander the Great and Sappho, certainly were unashamed about their love for those of their own sex. But others certainly were not. Tchaikovsky, for example, was so petrified that the public would discover his homosexuality that he married a woman that he found "physically repulsive." He may have enriched the world with his music, but he

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## Eighty-six *Eighty-sixed*

by Joe Bittmann

David B. Feinberg's *Eighty-sixed* (\$18.95) released by Viking in a major ad promo campaign this winter, builds the reader's anticipation from the outset that here, finally, is an existential novel that gets behind the Berlin Wall of AIDS and gives a true account of the emotional experience of having the disease. Certainly other recent efforts, like the late Robert Ferro's *Second Son* or Paul Monet's *Borrowed Time*, have communicated intensity of feeling and suffering. But Ferro's novel, is a myth-laden escape vehicle,

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and Monet's memoir is a stew of hysteria and despair from the start.

Feinberg's book, on the other hand, initially shows promise. We walk through New York in natural time through detailed sequences recounted in month-by-month diary fashion thought the years 1980 and 1986: before and after the first onslaught of the epidemic.

At first Feinberg's video-style phenomenological approach, with its plethora of literal detail, suggests a rich pattern of observation reminiscent of Renaud Camus's *Tricks* (1981) or even the style of John Reche. It soon becomes apparent, however, that Feinberg's tale is never going to affect any of the emotional depth that may be concealed beneath the surface detail.

*Eighty-sixed* (slang for ejected or killed) starts out with hapless protagonist B.J. trying to find himself, and maybe a boyfriend along the way, in the decadent morass of 1980 Gay New York. Feinberg doggedly recounts a depressing litany of B.J.'s misfires, tricks, and a few short-lived "relationships." One achievement of Feinberg's novel is his successful depiction of how spiritually desolate the Gay "mainstream" had become by that time.

B.J. reacts to his depressing lot by employing liberal doses of sarcasm and resurrecting some of the stalest Gay humor of that era. When Feinberg tires of compulsive description, he merely inserts tedious lists. Example: "Some Queens..."

Drag queens, size queens, shrimp queens (toe sucking), rice queens (Orientals), potato queens (Occidentals), Fire Island queens, circuit queens (Fire Island/gym/disco circuit), cha-cha queens (Latinos), rice-and-bean queens (Mexicans), Queens for a Day (married men from New Jersey who go to the baths), face-sitting queens, fist queens, dish queens, Astoria Queens, dinge queens, beanie-boy queens (Orthodox Jews), salami queens (Italians), salami-casing queens (uncut Italians), leather queens, opera queens, tearoom queens, smoke queens, popper queens, enema queens...

You get the idea: what a rich and varied sub-culture we are! But Feinberg's list merely serve to remind us of the superficiality and monotony that had become so definitive of most Gay pop culture in the drug-and-disco era. B.J., unable to achieve intimacy, wanders through his world in a kind of quizzical despair, picking up short-term boyfriends, all graced with perfect physiques, at the gym. There is not much else to distinguish B.J. and his friends from each other. They all seem to deliver themselves of the same sarcastic monologue.

Although the time-frame switches to 1986 in the book's mid-course, there is little to note in mood change. B.J.'s earlier despair has mutated into paralyzing AIDS hysteria. Unfortunately for us, our protagonist, who does not have the disease, does not progress or change emotionally in 1986 any more than in 1980. His friends with AIDS are not much more than passive victims. Nothing much is revealed about their experience, and the author's own literally-related experiences get more and more boring.

The novel's early promise—to reflect the depth of change in our transformed world—is frittered away in cheap digressions. There is plenty in this book for straight people to titter at. (See *The Washington Post's* Book World review.) But any informed Gay reader is likely to be bored stiff. ▼



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## The Point

# A life-long search for female virtues

by Kennedy Smith

"The question is are the two girls really guilty or not?" Mary Ellen Chase, then 23, wrote cryptically in her diary. "My head tells me 'yes,' but my heart tells me 'no.' ... I have followed one all my life. Had I better not take the other road for awhile?"

Fifty years later, Chase—by then a celebrated novelist and retired college professor—was still asking herself similar questions. To Chase, there were only two roads from which to choose: marriage and motherhood, or a career and celibacy. Her family's Puritanic ethics never stopped haunting her, sending her on a life-long search for female virtues divorced from male-defined

frames of reference. Her search is outlined in a new biography, *Feminist Convert: A Portrait of Mary Ellen Chase* (John Daniel and Company, \$9.95), written by Chase's own sister-in-law, Evelyn Hyman Chase (who died just before the book was published last month).

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Like many Lesbians of her time, Mary Ellen Chase chose a career over marriage. Safely immersed in her career, Chase created a written world of strong women and wild landscapes. But her heroines were little more than semi-autobiographical portraits of her own life and her own dreams.

Chase's life began in 1887 in Maine, where her father was a judge, orator and member of the state legislature. Judge Chase ruled the household with an iron fist, and he insisted all his eight children teach themselves to read, recite poems and study the Bible. Because he believed all his five daughters should teach school for a year or two before finishing college, Mary took a leave of absence from the University of Maine to teach 28 students in South Brooksville, a tiny seacoast town. Her experiences there—including learning to discipline students by terrorizing them with a razor strop—left a lasting impression on her, and the rugged Maine coast would appear repeatedly in her later stories and novels.

After graduating from the University of Maine in 1909, Chase landed a teaching job at the Hillside Home School in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The school, headed by the two Lloyd-Jones sisters (whose architect nephew, Frank Lloyd Wright, had designed the building—which later became his own school, Taliesin East), was Unitarian. Curiously, Chase saw no conflict between its positive humanistic values and those of her own Congregationalist upbringing, and she began forging a value system for herself that, while emphasizing traditional female virtues, permitted her the freedom to pursue her own ideas and act on her impulses.

Among those impulses was a tendency to form strong bonds of friendship with other women. Although her diary entries—heavily quoted in this biography—don't explicitly reveal her Lesbianism or describe her relationships, they leave little doubt about her sexual and affectional preference—or about the turmoil she'd experience throughout life finding ways to justify her actions.

"I must now be honest with myself," she recorded on her 23rd birthday, "write of a part of my personality, nature, character that often worries me. Sometimes the lower side of my nature triumphs and my thoughts disturb me. I shun all impurity of thought as something instinctively beneath me, and yet it often comes to me—and I do not at that moment banish it."

A number of women seem to have been important to her at different times in her life. Margaret Rhodes, a student at Hillside; Margaret Macgregor, a doctoral student she met at the University of Minnesota, where Chase taught English after leaving Hillside; Marjorie Nicholson, a fellow professor at Smith College, where Chase went next; and, finally, Eleanor Duckett, a classical languages professor who Mary met in 1929 and with whom she lived the rest of her life. Although Chase didn't discuss the nature of her relationships, they were hardly mysteries. Chase even managed to convince Smith College to grant her and Eleanor lifelong tenancy in their shared, college-owned housing.

Chase began writing fiction when she was still at Hillside, selling her first story, "His Place on the Eleven," to *The American Boy* magazine for \$17. But, women quickly stole the spotlight from men in her stories. Her next major pieces, *The Girl from the Big Horn Country* (1916) and *Virginia of Elk Creed Valley* (1917), were brash, overly-enthusiastic westerns in which heroines saved the day. Soon, her stories were being published in magazines like *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, *Scribner's*, *Outlook*, *Commonweal*, *North American Review* and *Ladies Home Journal*.

At Smith College, where Chase began teaching in 1926, she became almost as renowned as a teacher as she was as a writer. Her students included Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Betty Friedan. Her lectures were usually packed, and a crowd of dotting pupils followed her around everywhere; several even joined Chase and Eleanor to their summer house in Maine to run errands and help with the housekeeping.

Chase retired from the Smith College faculty in 1955,



A portrait of Mary Ellen Chase

at the age of 68. She and Eleanor continued vacationing summers in Maine for a few more years (and Mary continued to develop crushes on her ex-students and other female admirers), but, when they became too old to travel comfortably, Chase sold the summer house and stayed in Northampton. She died in her late 70s.

As interesting as Chase's life story is, *Feminist Convert* is nearly as interesting all on its own. The biography has its weak moments—for instance, the "feminist convert" story (about Chase eventually comes to accept and agree with the ideas one of her students, Betty Friedan, outlined in *The Feminine Mystique*—isn't even discussed until the next-to-last page of the book. And there are technical problems, like the places where the word processor obviously went amuck and repeats sentences nearly verbatim in different paragraphs, apparently without going back to edit out the earlier versions.

In spite of problems like these, *Feminist Convert* is obviously a testimony of love written by an admiring sister-in-law at the encouragement of Chase's admiring little brother (Evelyn Chase's husband and Mary Chase's brother Newton). It reads more like a family reunion journal than a polished biography, but its unevenness just adds to its sincerity. Evelyn Chase even brings herself to mention the word "Lesbian" almost half a dozen times, almost certainly breaking what must have been a long-held family silence about Mary's unconventional life.

"Although such suspicions were never mentioned

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### Books by Mary Ellen Chase

- Mary Christmas, 1926
- Uplands, 1927
- The Golden Asse and Other Essays, 1929
- Mary Peters, 1934
- Silas Crockett, 1935
- A Goodly Fellowship, 1939
- Windswept, 1941
- The Bible and the Common Reader, 1944
- The Plum Tree, 1949
- Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1950
- The Edge of Darkness, 1957
- A Journey to Boston, 1965
- The Story of Lighthouses, 1965
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□ The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington will present its annual cabaret, *Friends, Fools, and Fantasies*, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at Tracks, 1111 First St., S.E. Organizers promise the event, which features solo, duet, and ensemble numbers as well as a few number by the entire company, will be "an evening filled with fun and laughter."

Tickets, which are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, includes a light buffet and the bar's regular cover charge. Tickets are available at Lammas, Lambda Rising, and through individual chorus members. For more information, call Jill Strachan at 546-1549.

□ In addition to the current local hit, *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, aficionados of Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar will get a chance to see four of his other joyously sleazy films this week.

*Law of Desire*, Almodovar's most overtly Gay film, is about a director who becomes the object of the fatal attraction of one of his one-night stands. *Matador* is about a couple (in a very short-term relationship, obviously) who can only achieve orgasm by murdering their partners during sex. *Dark Habits* is about a cabaret singer who accidentally murders her boyfriend and hides out in a convent of nuns that drop acid, write pornography, and hang photos of Hollywood sex symbols on the walls. *What Have I Done to Deserve This?* is the tale of a bored housekeeper who sniffs glue to make her working-class life in Madrid more bearable.

All four films are showing at the Key Theater in Georgetown. *Law of Desire* and *Matador* screen Friday through Monday, the former at 7:20 and the latter at 9:20. *Dark Habits* and *What Have I Done?* screen Tuesday through Saturday, the former at 7:15, the latter at 5:25 and 9:30. Call 333-5100 for more information.

□ The Washington Performance Group, a local professional theater company, is now presenting a play by

prize-winning writer Michael McGuire entitled *God's Birthday 1945*.

The play, which had a successful 10-month run at New York City's Theatre in Action, questions the types of roles men are required to play in our society.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and 11 p.m. Fridays. The play runs until April 30. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 387-0911 or 723-7818.

□ A staged reading of Bertolt Brecht's *Edward II*, a play about the king's love for another man and its consequences, will be presented at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at Source Theater, 1835 14th St., N.W. A question and answer session with Eric Bentley, translator of the play, will follow the reading. A \$5 donation is requested. Call 462-1073 for more information.

□ Gay cartoonist Howard Cruse, best known for his strip *Wendel*, will appear on Sunday, April 2, at John-Con, a comic book convention sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Comic Book Club.

Cruse, whose work runs in *The Advocate*, is the author of two books, *Wendel and Dancin' Nekkid With the Angels*, both published by St. Martin's Press. His new book, *Wendel on the Rebound*, will soon be released. Cruse also founded the underground anthology *Gay Comix*.

JohnCon will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Levering Hall, 34th and Charles sts., in Baltimore. For more information, call (301) 243-8939 or (301) 338-8209.

□ Continuing at the Kennedy Center Opera House until Sunday, March 26, is the **Dance Theater of Harlem**. Many of the pieces presented are homoerotic, especially Robert North's "Troy Game," which is essentially all-male calisthenics performed in speedos. Other pieces include Eugene Loring's "Billy the Kid" and Geroge Balanchine's "Serenade."



Some members of Dance Theater of Harlem performing Robert North's homoerotic "Troy Game."

Call 857-0900 for ticket information.

□ Two films from the 1930s starring the legendary cabaret performer Josephine Baker, long a favorite of Gay audiences, will screen this week at the Biograph Theatre in Georgetown.

The double-bill of *Princess Tam Tam* and *Zouzou* show off the black performer's endless energy. *The New York Times* said the films are "both sophisticated and innocent. The combination is irresistible."

On Friday and Monday through Thursday, *Princess Tam Tam* screens at 7 and 10:15 and *Zouzou* screens at 8:30. On Saturday and Sunday, *Princess Tam Tam* also screens at 3:45 and *Zouzou* has an addition 5:15 show. For more information, call the Biograph at 333-2696.

—Mark Sullivan and Noel Gillespie

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certainly wasn't someone Gays should hold up as a role model.

In a preface entitled "Purpose and Meaning in the Gay Experience," Cowan says that those included in the book offered "contributions that are unique because of the gay sensibilities of their creators." This is true in a few cases. Herman Melville's tales of all-male societies certainly were inspired by his attraction to other men, and Gertrude Stein's love for Alice B. Toklas is evident throughout much of her writing.

The book probably should have been called *Men and Women Who Sometimes Had Sex With People of the Same Gender Who Enriched the World*.

But Cowan fails to prove in most cases that "gay sensibilities" of the people included in the book had anything to do with their accomplishments. In the chapter on choreographer Michael Bennett, only one paragraph deals directly with his homosexuality. That paragraph includes a disturbing quote from one of Bennett's friends: "He led a very straight, professional life." And in the chapter on Andy Warhol, Cowan asserts that Warhol, while homosexual in orientation, was asexual in practice. Whether he intended to or not, Cowan is giving the reader a subliminal message that perhaps many of those included achieved greatness in spite of their homosexuality.

Cowan seemed to have picked very famous people for the book to prove just how much Gays have enriched the world. The book would probably have been more satisfying if he selected less famous people who were more secure in their sexuality. As it stands now, the book probably should have been called *Men and Women Who Sometimes Had Sex With People of the Same Gender Who Enriched the World*. ▼



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The Point

# The Women of Brewster Place: tearing down two brick walls

by Kennedy Smith

Now, here's a cheerful story: A Lesbian couple (a teacher and a secretary) move into a tenement apartment to avoid harassment and to hide from the over-watchful eyes of parents who might not like their children being taught by a Lesbian. One of them—the teacher, Lorraine—was thrown out of her house by her parents when she was 17 after they found a love letter she'd written a girlfriend. Her parents return her

co-produced the movie with Carole Isenberg).

As horrible as their story sounds, the Lesbian characters actually highlight the love some of the straight women in the apartment complex feel for one another.

"I love some women deeper than I loved any man," one woman tells a friend as the two of them discuss Lorraine and Theresa.

As they talk over the issue, they puzzle over where society draws the line between what's acceptable and what's not. In fact, with very few words, *The Women of Brewster Place* calls into question a number of important issues, from prejudice, love and support to self-confidence, hope, and coming out.

Coming out is a critical part of this story. While Lorraine denies that she is any different from anyone else because she's Lesbian, Theresa believes otherwise—and insists on bravely confronting prejudice rather than denying that it exists.

"As long as they own the whole damned world," Theresa sputters at Lorraine, "it's them and us—and that spells DIFFERENT. And as long as you're going to be so damned puny, there's no hope for you; no hope for us."

Eventually, the women of the tenement ask why society draws lines at all separating people from one another. Symbolically, they tear down a brick wall dividing the back of the complex from the rest of the neighborhood.

By airing *The Women of Brewster Place*, NBC may have begun tearing down a brick wall, too, making Lesbianism and anti-Gay prejudice and violence highly-visible issues. It's about time. ▼

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Christmas cards every year. She lost a teaching job in Detroit for being a Lesbian. She has a hard time dealing with coming out. And, at the tenement, she and her lover run into new gossip. It's the third apartment they've moved into to escape hostility.

"They're that way," the old woman who lives across the alley hisses to two other tenement residents. "Didn't you see the way they was up in each others' faces? I thought they was gonna kiss each other smack on the face."

Finally, on the night Lorraine musters courage to go to a Gay bar alone, trying to prove to Theresa that she's learning to accept herself, she's raped by a neighborhood punk. Terrified, she beats an old man nearly to death in the alley where she was attacked.

Sound a little depressing? Well, that's the Lesbian theme in *The Women of Brewster Place*, which aired as a two-part mini-series on NBC last week. Directed by Donna Deitch (who also directed *Desert Hearts*), the TV movie featured an all-star cast, including Cicely Tyson, Robin Givens, and Oprah Winfrey (who

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aloud in that era of acceptance of women's living with other women," Evelyn Chase writes, "and although the family accepted the fact that Mary would always have a woman companion with whom to share her life, some of her female siblings privately questioned the intense nature of her relationships among this coterie of women disciples."

Mary Chase's strong, independent female characters, rough landscapes and desolate themes often echo those of other contemporary writers, particularly Willa Cather's. In many ways, Chase's stories create a sort of pattern language that describes the ways in which women-identified women lived almost a century ago, surviving by carving out safe havens for themselves. ▼

# Out & About



Barney Frank is 49 years old on March 30. The colorful liberal congressman from Massachusetts came out of the closet recently, and is still as popular as ever.

## March 24 to April 2

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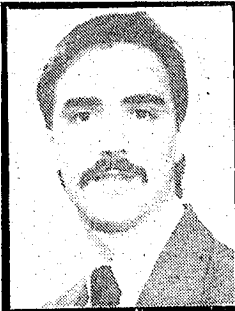
- **HARMONY**, G/L student group of James Madison Univ. sponsors forum, "Beyond AIDS 101," J. Maddiea, 7 pm.
- **EUCARIST & POTLUCK** with Integrity, 7:30 pm at St. Thomas' Parish, 1772 Church St., NW.
- **GAMMA**, Gay married men meet in Rm. 100, Church of the Pilgrim, 22nd and P sts., NW, 7:30-9:30 pm. Entrance #8, rear parking lot. Info: 548-3238.
- **GAY EPISCOPALIANS**. Integrity celebrates the eucharist and follows with potluck supper. St. Thomas Parish, 1772 Church St., NW, 7:30 pm. Info: 953-9421.
- **DIGNITY** holds Good Friday services at 7:30 pm, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1820 Conn. Ave., NW.
- **ASIANS & FRIENDS**. Washington Bridge sponsors movie night featuring *Ran*. Russ, 533-8221.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- **ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING**. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 795-3580. Phone lines 12-6 pm.
- **BET MISHPACHAH**. Shabbat service and Oneg, 8:30 pm. Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I sts, SW.

- **BOWLING**. DC Sports Assn. bowling in Alexandria and Annandale, 9 pm. Call 483-5250.
- **DEBTORS ANONYMOUS**. Help in controlling finances. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 8:30 pm. 659-1228.
- **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**, L/G social support group meets in Gaithersburg/Germantown area, 8-10 pm. Age 18+. Serge, 353-1182 or send SASE to PO Box 1112, Germantown, MD, 20874.
- **GCC YOUNG ADULTS**. Reg. mtg. 8 pm. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. Persons 18-25 only. 659-1228.
- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**. Recovering addicts and others with drug problems meet 8:30 pm. 1300 First St, NE. 338-7989.
- **SEX/LOVE ADDICTS** Anonymous. 12 step program for sex and love/romance addicts. 6:45 pm. First Baptist Church, 16th & O sts, NW, Rm 103 (enter on O St). Jerry, 667-9658.
- **SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS**. Support group for those who repeat risky, compulsive, self-defeating behavior. 12:30-1:30 pm. For location, 369-1543.
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- **TAKOMA GAY AL-ANON** ACOA meets at New Hampshire Estates Elem. School, Carroll Ave. between New Hampshire & Piney Branch Rd., 7:30 pm. Info: 445-0611.

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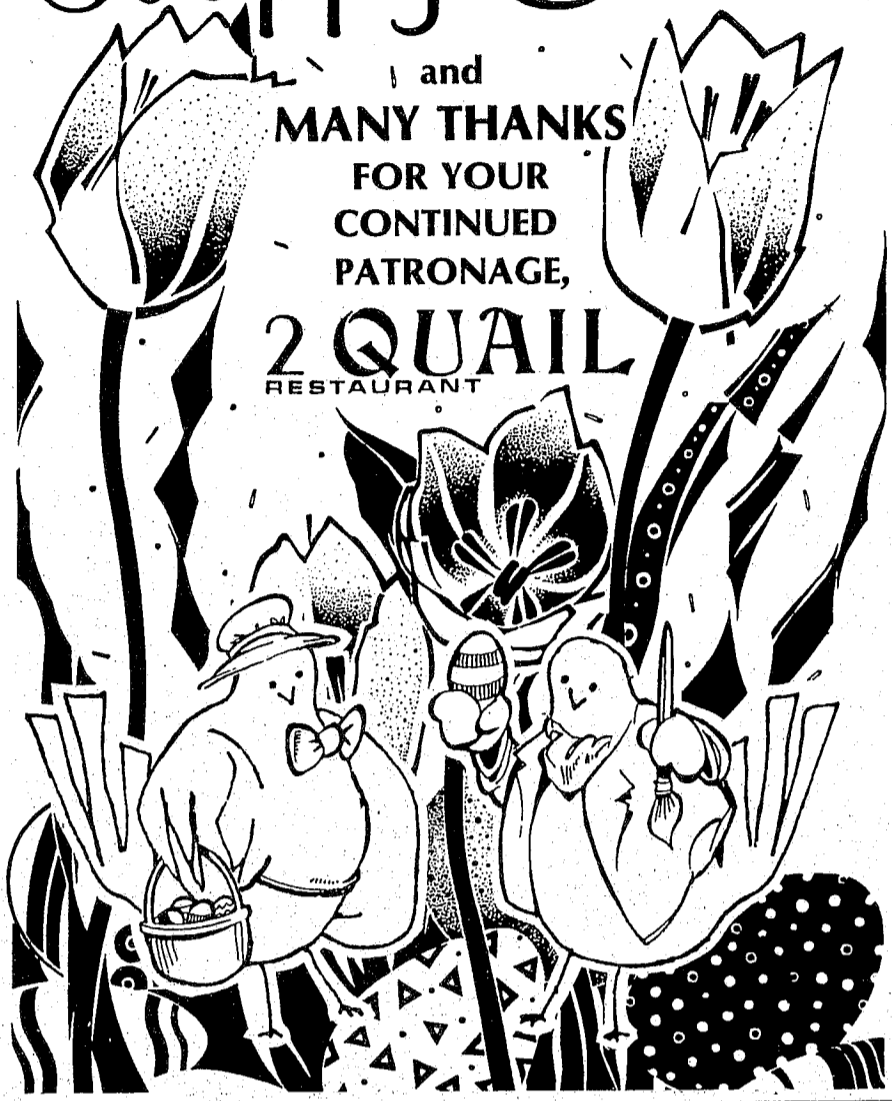
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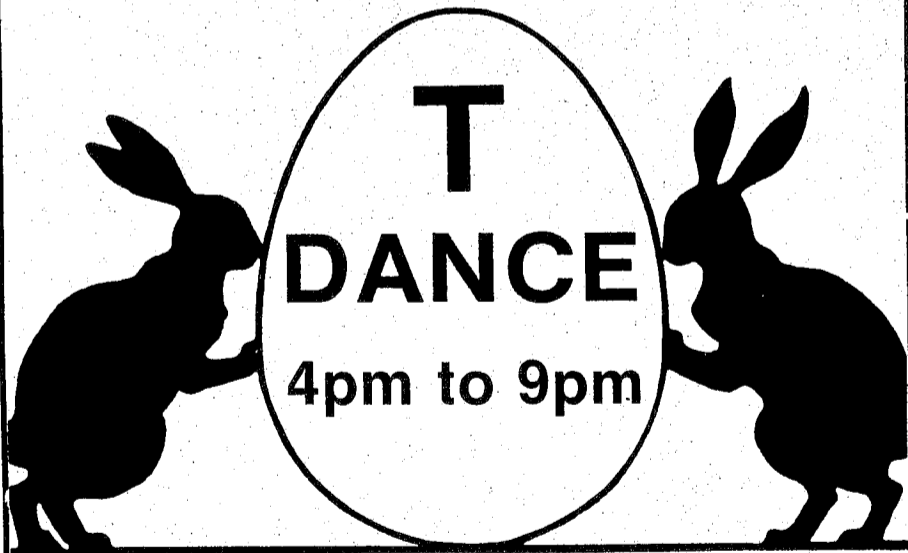
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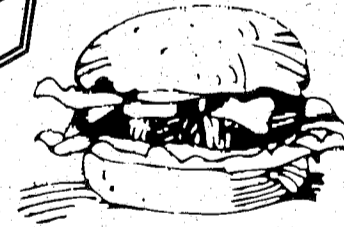
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# The Point

## Holloway: Gay Men's Chorus is a 'unifying force' for community

by Noel Gillespie

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington "not only serves as a centerpiece for area Gays active in the musical world, but also as a way for the Gay community to put its best face forward to the general community," says James Holloway, who became the group's assistant music director last fall.

"More than that," Holloway continues, "the chorus serves as a unifying force for Gays who feel a lack of a unified com-

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munity and, on another level, as a socializing group in a non-threatening atmosphere."

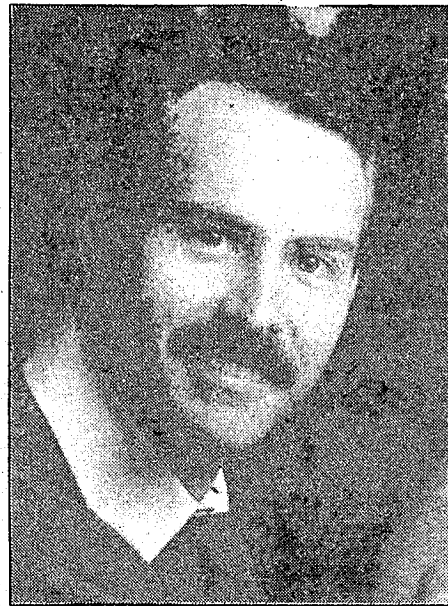
These were a few of the reasons Holloway—then a free-lance pianist, accompanist, and musical coach—and his colleague Theodore Guerrant offered to serve as an accompanist for the chorus. Conductor James Richardson, Holloway says, jumped at the opportunity.

"Ted and I were made to feel like really special, appreciated people," says Holloway.

In the subsequent five years, Holloway says he has enjoyed the camaraderie with chorus members, the rapport with the conductors, and the challenges of the repertory. On the "Genius of America" program of March 31 and April 1, Holloway makes his second appearance as the group's assistant conductor.

Holloway will lead the chorus in arrangements of four of Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, including the familiar "Simple Gifts" and "At the River," as well as Randall Thompson's moving "The Last Words of David River" and Walter Piston's brilliant "Carnival Song." The concert will also feature the Washington premiere of a musical setting of Mark Twain's "The War Prayer" by the group's musical director Bruce Trinkley. Other Trinkley arrangements include an excerpt from Kurt Weill's unfinished "Huckleberry Finn" and an "Ellington Cantata."

Holloway, who says he always wanted to be a musician—he began his first choir director-organist job when he was 17—says working with the chorus is "a great source of satisfaction since it



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employs some of my best talents. It is exhilarating to be working with a large varied, choir, especially one consisting of men's voices with the generosity of sound—a range and timbre that are particularly lush—that characterizes such groups."

Holloway says he is impressed with the group's ability to work with two different conductors with two different styles.

"I feel that Bruce and I offer really complimentary points of view," Holloway says, noting that he enjoys achieving "particular musical effects" while conducting.

Beyond the satisfaction he finds working with the chorus, Holloway says he is also pleased with its impact on his personal life. He met his companion, Steve Pflasterer at a Gay and Lesbian chorus leadership conference in Washington several years ago. After a long-distance relationship, Pflasterer, a former member of Chicago's Windy City Chorus, is now a member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington.

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington will perform Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1 at the University of the District of Columbia Auditorium. For ticket information, call 462-6969. ▽

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## SATURDAY

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- **CHRYSALIS HISTORICAL** Tour. 8 am-7 pm. Civil War battlefield tour. \$15. Call Craig, 462-0535.
- **BLACK LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets in SE D.C. For more information, call 453-8785.
- **BIWOMEN WRITERS & ACADEMICS** Group potluck, 2 pm. Bring food, beverages, and interest in "Bisexuality in Literature." All women welcome. For directions, call 494-8853 after 11 am.
- **PWA DROP-IN COFFEEHOUSE**, free informal get-together for persons with AIDS, hosted by Friends Meeting of Washington. Refreshments, board games, socializing. 7:30 pm, 2111 Fla. Ave., NW (enter on Decatur). Info: 483-3310.
- **GIRTH & MIRTH SPRING FLING**. Gay chubbies and their admirers gather for a party in Alexandria at 8 pm. International cuisine and a swimsuit competition. Ken or Cedric, 461-9184.
- **RACQUETBALL PARTY** sponsored by D.C. Sports. 7:30 pm. Courts Royal, 1122 Kirkwood Rd., Arlington. Bill, 764-3066.
- **LAVENDER DISCO PARTY**, sponsored by PWLGA. 8 pm-midnight. Home of Mark and David. David V., 368-6262.
- **NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMON** Bond. Monthly social at a member's home in VA suburbs. 8 pm. Bill, 352-2861 or Larry, 569-7747.
- **AGCA SOCIAL** in Alexandria. 8:30 pm-midnight. For directions, call Liz or Chris, 548-2947.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **AEROBICS**, Spons by D.C. Sports, 4 pm, Office Health Ctr, 1990 M St, NW. \$4. 232-5565.
- **AIDS NUTRITION**. Carl Vogel Foundation offers nutritional products used in adjunctive therapies for AIDS/ARC/HIV, 10 am-2 pm, 2025 I St, NW, Suite 917. Info, 293-5153.
- **AL-ANON GROUP** meets 7:15 and 8:30 pm at Gay Community Center, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **CLUB MED** a support group for people in 12 step programs who must also take medication, e.g., anti-depressants, 7 pm. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **DAYTIME DROP-IN CENTER** for older, retired Gays, sponsored by GLOW. 1-4 pm Thurs. & Sat. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 587-3966
- **GAY/LESBIAN YOUTH OUTREACH**. Social/support group for women up to 24, men up to 20. Spons. by Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League. Noon to 3 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. Emily, 387-8644; Bob, 871-6597
- **GAY OVEREATERS**. Step/discussion group, 4:30 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 979-0828
- **HIV (AIDS) ANTIBODY TESTING**. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St, NW, 10:30 am by appt. only. Confidential and free, but \$25 donation requested. For appt. info, call 332-EXAM between 9:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:30-5:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.
- **NON-SMOKING AL-ANON**. 8:30 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 862-1334.
- **RAP GROUP**. G/L Student Union of Univ. of Maryland meets, 2-3:30 pm, room 0105, Armory Bldg, Main Campus. For info, 454-7361.

- **ROCK CREEK RUN**. DC Front Runners holds 3-mile run, Rock Creek Park, 10 am. Runners of all speeds welcome. Meet at 23rd & P sts, NW. Doug, 483-1766; Emily, 667-9758.
- **SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS**. 2 meetings 7-8 pm & 8:30-9:30 pm. Call 369-1543.

## SUNDAY

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- **BICYCLE WARM-UP** Ride with Adventuring. 45-50 miles. 9 am, Dup. Circle Metro, Q St. Bob, 232-6131.
- **P-FLAG ANNAPOLIS**. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets at the Unitarian Church of Anne Arundel Co., 333 Dubois Rd., 2 pm. (301) 849-FLAG.
- **LESBIAN & BISEXUAL WOMEN** Writers Social Group meets at members home, 2 pm. All women welcome. For directions, call 546-6263.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **AA SUNDAY SPEAKERS MEETING**, 7:30-8:30 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **AL-ANON**. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 11 am.
- **AL-ANON/ACOA**. Discussion meeting on issues of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, 6 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **AL ANON+AIDS**. Meets 7:30 pm at GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **BOWLING**. DC Sports Assn. bowling in Annapolis. 6 pm. Call 483-5250.
- **CATHOLIC MASS**. Dignity, Gay Catholics, celebrates Mass at St. Margaret's Episcopal Ch., 1820 Connecticut Ave, NW. 7:30 pm. Interpreted for the hearing-impaired. "Todo bienvenidos." 332-2424.
- **CHAPEL IN THE WOODS**. Upper Marlboro, Md. Christian worship, with ministry to Gays and Lesbians, 11 am. 627-8164.
- **CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE** (Science of Mind), 6:30 pm, Regency Plaza Room, Dupont Plaza Hotel, Dupont Circle. Rev. Tallman. 730-1040.
- **DC SPORTS ASSN.** host bartends at D.C. Eagle, 639-N.Y. Ave, NW. 3 pm. 232-5565.
- **DUMBARTON UNITED METHODIST** Church welcomes all persons, Gay and straight. Worship at 11 am. For info, 333-7212.
- **FAITH TEMPLE**. A predominantly black, non-denominational Gay church. All welcome and encouraged to attend. Worship at 1 pm, Chapel of the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, 1313 N.Y. Ave, NW. Info, 544-2766.
- **FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN & GAY** Concerns holds meeting for worship, 10 am. 2111 Fla. Ave., NW. Info: 483-3310.
- **GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses, 6:30 pm. Selma Levine School of Music, 36th & R sts, NW. 338-SING.
- **GAY QUAKERS**. Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns meets for unprogrammed worship. 10 am. Quaker House, 2121 Decatur Place, NW. Interpreted for hearing-impaired. Call Meeting House weekdays, 483-3310; evenings, Riley, 745-5758.
- **GAY UNITED METHODISTS** Affirmation meets for worship, discussion, and fellowship. Dumbarton United Methodist Church, 3133 Dumbarton St, NW. 6 pm. Ralph/Ron, 863-1965; Julie, 232-1386.
- **LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** sponsors on-the-air meetings. Mark, 258-9395 or Larry, 569-7747.

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## Community notes

### Swing into spring

The days are longer, the air is warmer, and softball season is just around the corner. D.C. Sports Association invites the community to join in one of three divisions: Women's, Co-Ed Recreational, and Co-Ed Open (Competitive).

The season begins Saturday, April 15. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays at the fields located at South Capitol and I streets, S.W. Individuals of all levels of ability are welcome to join a team, and organizations are also needed to sponsor teams.

Those interested in playing or sponsoring teams should call Mark at 547-1518.

### Durham discussion

The local organizers for the Lesbian Agenda Conference will hold a meeting to discuss the events and decisions of the first national meeting, held in Durham earlier this month. People who attended that meeting are welcome to discuss their views of the event and those who did not can attend to find out what happened there and what will happen next.

The discussion will be held Thursday, March 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Post Office Pavillion, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., room M-14. The meeting will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. For further information, call 727-3419.

### On the airwaves

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club invites licensed amateur operators or others interested in amateur radio and electronics to join the club. The radio club sponsors twice weekly on-the-air meetings on Sundays and Thursdays. Also, the club holds a monthly dinner social at a members home. The next social is scheduled for Saturday, April 1.

During the summer, the radio club sponsors outings to amateur radio meetings and conventions outside the Washington area.

For further information about the club and the upcoming social, call Mark at 258-9395 or Larry at 569-7747.

### Dr. Ruth of Dykedom

JoAnn Loulan, Lesbian author and psychotherapist, will be in town in early April for three presentations about Lesbian sex.

On Friday, April 7, the author of *Lesbian Sex* and *Lesbian Passion* will present an evening of "provocative humor and Lesbian sex education." The lecture will be held at 8 p.m. at the University of the District of Columbia, University Auditorium, Building 46, 4200 Conn. Ave., N.W. Tickets at \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Loulan, often called the "Dr. Ruth of Dykedom," will also offer an all-day community workshop on Saturday, April 8, entitled, "Reclaiming Lesbian Sex with a Passion." In ad-

vance, tickets are \$50 and \$55 at the door. On Sunday, the author will facilitate a professional training seminar called, "Psychotherapy for Lesbian Clients." Tickets for the seminar are \$90 in advance and \$95 at the door. Both these events will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., each beginning at 10 a.m.

Tickets for all events are available at both Lammas Bookstore locations. For more information, call 332-3522.

### Don't be a fool

Don't miss the annual cabaret of the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington. This year's event "Friends, Fools, & Fantasies," will be emceed by Judy Reagan. The cabaret will feature solo, duet, and ensemble numbers and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

The cabaret will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Tracks, 1111 First St., S.E. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$12 or \$15 at the door. The fee includes the Tracks cover charge for the entire night and also a light buffet. For those who would especially like to donate to the chorus, the category of "Grand Jester" allows for two tickets, special seating and recognition in the program for a \$50 donation.

Tickets are available in advance at Lammas Bookstores, Lambda Rising, and through individual chorus members. For more information, call Jill Strachan at 546-1549.

### Gay Vets

The Gay American Veterans, a local veterans organization formed last year, will be holding a meeting on Sunday, April 5.

Gay American Veterans, a non-political group, welcomes anyone who served in the armed forces to attend the meeting. Guest speakers have been invited to address the group at the April meeting.

The event will last from 6 to 9 p.m. at 733 15th St., N.W., Suite 250. For more information, call George Belanger at 628-4080.

### No sweat

Badlands is sponsoring a benefit on Tuesday, March 28, in the form of a Sweatshop Aerobics Class. The class will be held from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the club, 1415 22nd St., N.W.

The suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, an organization which provides direct financial assistance to people with AIDS, volunteer services, pastoral counseling, and a bi-monthly support group for mother's of people with AIDS.

For more information about the class, call David at 387-7867. For information about NoVAM, call 751-5520.

—Robin Kane

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- MCC-CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES worship services 3 pm at Ministry Center, 2122 P St, NW (second floor) ministering to all of God's children. Rev. Harry Stock, 331-0055.
- MCC NOVA. 6 pm service. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, 532-0992.
- MCC ROCKVILLE. 7 pm service. Rockville Unitarian Church, 501 Manatee St. 948-1160.
- METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Washington ministers specifically to the Gay Community. 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. 415 M St, NW. 638-7373.
- MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE bowls 6 pm. Bowl America, Cameron St, off Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, Call 587-6024.
- MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS. Westminster Presby. Ch, 4th & I sts, SW, welcomes Gays, 11 am. 638-4214.
- RELIGIOUS SERVICE/PWAs, in support of people with AIDS. Weekly service, 5:30 pm, Oakland Mills Meeting House. Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, Md. Followed by reception. Rev. Lillicropp (301) 740-7898.
- SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets 8:30-9:30 pm. For location, call 369-1543.
- SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS. 7:30-9 pm, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Conn. Ave, NW, 2nd floor.
- UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Congregation. Liberal, non-credal religious group seeking diversity welcomes Gays, Lesbians, 11 am, 921 Penna. Ave, SE. 588-6367.
- WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER meets 4-6 pm at offices, Suite One, 1350 Penna. Ave, SE. Please call Center if you plan to attend. 546-0246.
- WOMEN'S RUGBY PRACTICE noon-2 pm. College Park, Md. No experience necessary. Call 699-5955.

### MONDAY

- OUT! Gay and Lesbian direct action group meets at West End Library, 24th & L sts., NW, at 6:30 pm. Info: 794-8829.
- FIGURE SKATING. Sponsored by the Gay Blades. 7 pm. Call Steve for location, 549-7099.
- D.C. LESBIAN COMMITTEE to Free Sharon Kowalski meets at 7:30 pm. For directions: 667-3415.
- CABARET BENEFIT for Children with AIDS Foundation of Whitman-Walker Clinic. Members from Folger Theatre's *Beggar's Opera* perform at Friends, 2122 P St., NW, 8-10 pm. \$5 donation.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- AL-ANON ACOA meetings, 6:30 & 8 pm, Church of the Holy City, 1611 16th St, NW. Info: 882-1334.
- AL-ANON ACOA Non-smoking step meeting, 6:30 pm. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. Call Fred, 462-3411.
- ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 797-3580. Phone lines: 12-6.
- BOWLING. DC Sports Assn. bowling in Annandale, 9 pm. Call 483-5250.
- D.C.'s DIFFERENT DRUMMERS. Band rehearses 7:15 pm sharp. DC Eagle, 639 NY Ave, NW. For info, call Joe, 589-8969.
- GAY AA closed discussion meeting, 8:30 pm. Emmaus Church of Christ, 900 E. Maple Ave (Rte. 123), Vienna.
- GAY AA CHIP MEETING. Fresh Start, open non-smoking. 8:30 pm. MCC-Wash. 415 M St, NW. Jim, 723-5821.

- GAY AA MEETING, 8:30 pm, University Methodist Ch, 3621 Campus Dr. (at Adelphi). College Park. Open to all non-smokers.
- GAY CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS. Emergence meets weekly, 7:30-9:30 pm at members' homes. Readings and discussion followed by social hour and refreshments. Bruce, 337-6223.
- HIV COUNSELING. Whitman-Walker Clinic offers short-term, drop-in counseling on HIV-related questions 10 am-noon. Appointment not necessary, but can be made. Call 797-3533.
- HIV (AIDS) ANTIBODY testing and counseling conducted by Prince George's County Health Department is free and anonymous. Testing is done by appointment. Call 386-0348.
- HIV (AIDS) ANTIBODY TESTING. Rockville Health Center, 50 Monroe St, Rockville. 1-3 pm by appointment. Free and anonymous. 279-1645.
- LEGAL CLINIC at Whitman-Walker, 6:30-8:30 pm. Legal questions related to HIV. Walk-in, 1407 S St., NW, or phone-in, 797-3527.
- LESBIAN RESOURCE & COUNSELING Ctr. Open rap group, 7:30-9 pm. Walk-in, phone counseling, 7-9:30 pm. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St, NW. 332-5935.
- MCC-CHURCH OF DISCIPLES. "Healing alliance of body, mind, and spirit" (a holistic support group) 7 pm. 2122 P St, NW. 331-0055.
- MASTERS SWIMMING. DC Sports. All ages and skill levels welcome. 8-9 pm. Marie Reed Pool, 2200 Champlain St, NW. Info: 328-6109 or 820-5225.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS. Recovering addicts and others with drug problems meet, 8:30 pm. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 659-1228.
- PGCC GAY PEOPLE'S UNION outreach 4:30-9:30 pm, movies, talk, social, at Largo Student Center. Check with Info Desk for room number. For info, Jim Williams, 322-0900, 322-0888, or 345-7424.
- POSITIVE SUPPORT. AIDS support group meets in Bethesda area, 7:30 pm for people with AIDS, HIV positive, significant others. Professional facilitators. No fee. 530-3595.
- PWAs "WORRIED WELL" COUNSELING group at GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 8 pm. \$5 donation suggested. 659-1228.
- ROLLERSKATING. DC Sports Assn. hosts skating. 8-10:30 pm at Wheel-A-While, 9915 Lanham-Severn Rd., Seabrook, Md. Members \$4; non-members \$5. Info: 232-5565.
- SEXAHOLICS ANON. 7-8 pm. Call 369-1543.
- SOCIAL WATERPOLO. DC Sports Assn. meets 7-8 pm, Marie Reed Pool, 2200 Champlain St, NW. Practice & scrimmage with the "Washington Wetskins." 797-7807 or 820-5225.
- WASHINGTON WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB is looking for new or experienced players. Practice, 6:30-8:30 pm at 10th & Michigan, NE. Info: 544-0790.

### TUESDAY

- ASIANS & FRIENDS. Washington Bridge attends happy hour at Julio's, 16th & U Sts., NW, 5:30-7:30 pm.
- PRESBYTERIANS FOR L/G CONCERNS meets 7 pm. Light supper, devotional and program. Westminster Presb. Church, 4th & I sts, NW. Karen, 345-0324 or Ron, 332-8143.
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMON BOND. Social group gets together for dinner at Shakey's in Kamp Washington (Fairfax), 7 pm. Bill, 352-2861 or Larry, 569-7747.
- BEST FRIENDS, org. dedicated to helping people of color with AIDS. Monthly mtg. at Reeves Center, 14th & U sts., NW. 7:30 pm. Chuck, 953-0681.
- GAY CELTS meet at 7:30 pm. Eric, 276-9636.

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**GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE**, a non-partisan political organization, meets at Charles Sumner School, 1201 17th St., NW, at 8 pm. Info: 667-5139.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING.** Whitman-Walker Clinic, 797-3580, 12-6 pm.
- **DC AREA FEMINIST CHORUS** practices at Catholic University, 7 pm. New members welcome. For room location, call 891-3662 or 591-2273.
- **HIV/AIDS ANTIBODY TESTING.** Arlington County Dept. of Human Services testing is free, confidential, or anonymous. 4-6 pm. 1800 No. Edison. Info: 358-4960.
- **HIV POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP** of Capitol Hill, sponsored by MCC-Disciples, 7:30-9 pm, near Capitol South Metro. For info, Jon, 543-7984 or Rev. Harry Stock, 331-0055.
- **LAMBDA LADIES FOR LUNCH** meets near Farragut Sq. for lunch, 12:30 pm. Jennifer, 254-3066.
- **LEGAL CLINIC** at Whitman-Walker. Questions regarding estate planning and public benefits, by appt., 7-8:30 pm. 797-3527.
- **LESBIAN & GAY CHORUS** rehearsal, 7:30 pm. Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 5th & Seward sts, SE. For info, Jill, 546-1549.
- **LIFELINE BAPTISTS** meet in Bladensburg, 7:30. Jim, 345-7424 or (804) 973-5232.
- **MEN'S VD.** Whitman-Walker Clinic tests and prescribes treatment, 6-7:30 pm. 1407 S St, NW. 332-7114.
- **OUTREACH.** G/L Student Union of Univ. Maryland at College Park meets, 7-9 pm. Rm 0117, Armory Bldg. Info: 454-7361.
- **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Gay & Lesbian meeting, 8:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church. Carlyn Springs Rd. & Vermont Ave. (near Ballston) in Arlington. For info, 941-1882.
- **PEOPLE EXCHANGING POWER.** S&M group holds general mtg. For all sexual orientations. \$5 donation. 7-10 pm. GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. 369-7667.
- **SEXAHOLICS ANON.** 12:30-1:30 pm. Call 369-1543.
- **SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL.** DC Sports. Mackin High School. 22nd & Calif. sts., NW. 7:30-9:30 pm. Members \$3; non-members \$4. Call 522-3568.

## Spins, leaps, and figure-eights

"The United States Figure Skating Association is very homophobic," said Steven Shipman as he sat at the Mount Vernon Ice Rink tying the laces to his \$680 skates. "USFSA President Hugh Graham wants to eliminate men receiving flowers on the podium after competitions as well as removing frilly flower gardens from the TV interview area in competitions," said Shipman pulling out the February issue of *Skating* magazine to prove his point. "Graham wants to discourage the use of sequins, beads and strange outfits saying it will attract more men to the sport. You can't put a Gay skater in competition without him wanting to wear some sort of costume."



by Doug Hinckle

Gay Blades member Richard Sherwin on the ice

Enter "The Gay Blades" of Washington, D.C., Shipman's brainchild to promote figure skating among Gay men and Lesbians in the metropolitan area. The skating expertise of the six charter members ranges from novice to professional—some are former members of the Ice Capades.

"The club will eventually include male and female singles skaters, pairs skaters, and ice dancers. An innovation the club hopes to introduce is same-sex couples in pairs and ice

dancing competitions," said Shipman. "Our ultimate goal," he said, "is to field a figure skating team to represent Washington in the 1994 Gay Games."

The club plans regular skating sessions at local facilities, including Mount Vernon Ice Rink, Fort Dupont Ice Rink, Pershing Park, and the National Sculpture Garden. There are two indoor rinks open year round so they plan to skate weekly. The Gay Blades skate when the rinks are open

to the public as well as renting the ice for just the club use.

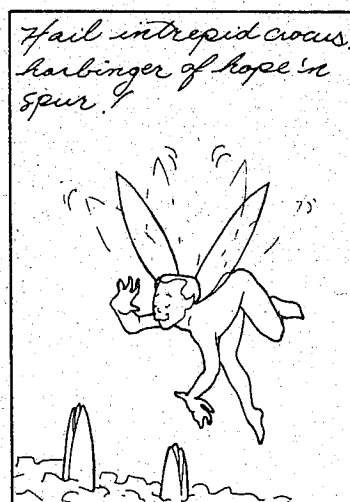
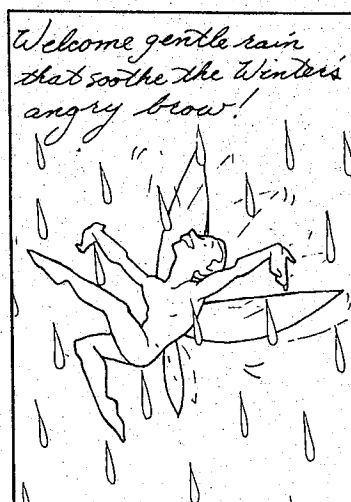
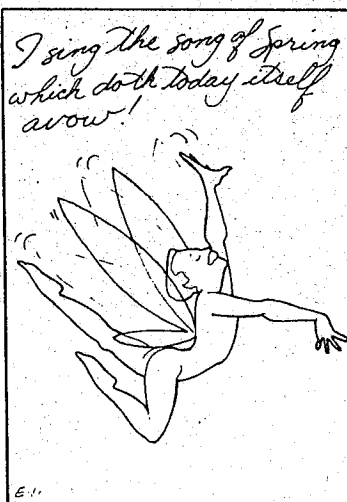
"We also skate for a healthy lifestyle," said Shipman, who boasts of losing 30 pounds since starting the club. "We feel a more positive self-image and greater sense of community and cohesiveness is possible through figure skating."

For more information, call Steven Shipman at 549-7099.

—Doug Hinckle

*Morgan Calabrese*

*By N. Leigh Dunlap*



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- **SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS**. Self-help support group for men and women 18 years and older who were sexually abused as children. Migs in Alexandria, 7:30-9:30 pm. Lana or Linda, 979-1608.
- **TWELVE STEPS & HIV** meets 7 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW. Open to all concerned with this issue. For more info, Mickey, 667-6523.
- **VOLUNTEER NIGHT**. National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, 7 pm. All welcome. 1517 U St, NW. 332-6483.
- **WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER** open 6:30-8:30 pm. 1350 Penna. Ave, SE. Info: 546-0246.
- **WOMEN'S AL-ANON ACOA** (Non-smoking). 8:30 pm, Church of the Holy City, 1611 16th St, NW.
- **WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM NOVA** meets for practice 6:30 pm near Lincoln Memorial. No experience required. Call 525-8727.

## WEDNESDAY

- **MEDITATION & Relaxation** Techniques demonstrated at GWA, 7750 16th St., NW., 8 pm. \$4 donation. Info: 369-6003.
- **ANNAPOLIS & FORT McHENRY** Tour with Chrysalis. 9:30 am-6 pm. Cost is \$25. Craig, 462-0535.
- **RAP GROUP** of GCC, 8-9:30 pm. Topic: Let me tell you about my "ex." Socializing afterward. 1228 17th St., NW. All 18 & older welcome.
- **SILVER SPURS** guest-bartends. Country-western music, dancing. 9 pm at Remington's, 639 Penna. Ave., SE. Info: 543-3113.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **AIDS**. PG and Mont. Co. support groups. 7:30 pm. PWA positives, families. P.G. Cheverly 386-0348. M.C. Rockville, 217-7681.
- **AIDS NUTRITION**. Carl Vogel Foundation offers nutritional products used in adjunctive therapies for AIDS/ARC/HIV. 7-9 pm. 2025 I St, NW, Suite 917. Info, 293-5153.
- **AL-ANON GROUP** meets 7:15 and 8:30 pm, GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.

- **ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING**. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 12-6 pm. 797-3580.
- **BI-RAP GROUP**. Confidential, supportive discussion & social group spons. by Bi-Ways (bisexual men and women) meets, 8 pm. Write Box 959, DC 20044.
- **BOWLING**. DC Sports Assn. bowling in Alexandria, 9 pm. Call 483-5250.
- **CLUB MED**. A support group for people in 12 step programs who must also take medication, e.g., anti-depressants. 6:30 pm, basement of GCC, 1228 17th St, NW.
- **HIV (AIDS) ANTIBODY TESTING**. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St, NW. 6 and 7:30pm. By appt. only. Confidential & free, but \$25 donation is requested. For appt. info: 332-EXAM between 9:30 am-12:30 pm & 2:30-5:30 pm, Mon-Fri.
- **HUMAN DIVERSITY LEAGUE**, a union of Lesbian, Gay, bisexual & supportive students meets, 8:30 pm, Univ. Lounge-Butler Pavillion, American Univ. Call Jason, or Libby, 546-5683.
- **LAMBDA SQUARES**. Gay/Lesbian square-dance group hosts mainstream, and plus level dancing. Guest callers. 7:30-10 pm. For info call Dick, 332-4626; Debbie, 588-7247.
- **MASTERS SWIMMING**. D.C. Sports. All ages and skill levels welcome, 8-9 pm. Marie Reed Pool, 2200 Champlain St, NW. Info: 328-6109 or 820-5225.
- **SEXAHOLICS ANON**. 8-9 pm. Call 369-1543.
- **WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER** is open 6:30-8:30 pm. 1350 Penna. Ave, SE. Info: 546-0246.
- **WATERPOLO**. See Monday's listing.
- **WOMEN'S RUGBY PRACTICE**, 7-9 pm, College Park, Md. No experience necessary. Call 699-5955.
- **ZEN MEDITATION** group for Gay men/Lesbians meets in Adams Morgan, 6:30-8 pm. Newcomers welcome. Write, include phone no.: Box 21022, Kalorama Stn, DC 20009-0522.

## COMING UP

**DAY OF KAYAKING** lessons on the Potomac, sponsored by Adventuring, \$50. For reservations, call George, 742-8367 by April 27.

## THURSDAY

■ **L/G RIGHTS COMM.** of D.C. Bar spons. job forum & social. 7 pm. Charles Sumner School, 1201 17th St., NW. Robert, 488-1757.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING**. Whitman-Walker Clinic, 12-6 pm. 797-3580.
- **BASKETBALL**. DC Sports weekly basketball, 7:30-9:30 pm, Frances Jr. High School, 24th & N sts, NW. Info, 920-4903.
- **BIBLE SEMINARS** spons. by Faith Temple, a predominantly black Gay church, 1313 NY Ave, NW. 8 pm. 544-2766.
- **COUNTRY AND WESTERN SOCIAL** sponsored by DC Sports. Music and dancing at Lost & Found, 56 L St., SE. 7 pm, free.

## Latino AIDS Helpline:

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Outside D.C.: 1-800-322-SIDA



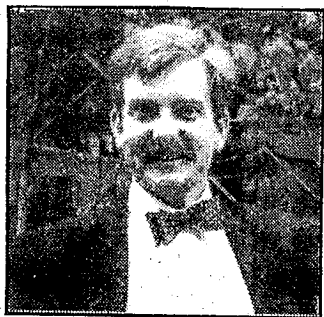
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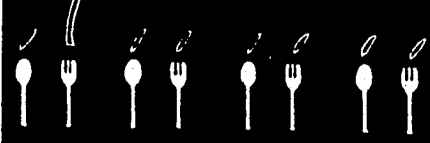
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## FRIDAY

■ **MCC of Northern Virginia** holds potluck social at 7:30 pm. For directions and information, call Pam at 370-6520.

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■ **WEEKLY EVENTS.** See Friday, March 24.

### Got a news tip?

Call The Washington Blade News Department at 347-2038.

## SATURDAY

■ **BLUFF TRAIL HIKE**, Shenandoah National Park. Spons. by Adventuring. 13 miles. Meet at Dupont Circle Metro (Q St. Entrance), 8 am. \$6 fee. Eric, 521-0290.

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■ **LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** hosts dinner social. Mark, 258-9395 or Larry, 569-7747.

■ **WEEKLY EVENTS.** See Saturday, March 25.

## SUNDAY

■ **BWMT.** Black & White Men Together hold consciousness raising group session at 6 pm. Gay Community Center, 1228 17th St., NW. Info: 371-1919.

# 2

■ **COUPLES SUPPORT GROUP** of Washington Metro Area gathers for brunch along waterfront. Springtime walk to view cherry blossoms. Brian or Jay, 888-2636.

■ **WEEKLY EVENTS.** See Sunday, March 26.

### DEADLINE

Please notify us by the *Friday* before the issue in which your announcement should appear.

# We Are Everywhere

**NAME:** Aaron McGee Brown  
**AGE:** 26  
**HOMETOWN:** Williamsburg, Va.  
**FAVORITE ENTERTAINER:** Joan Rivers  
**MOST RESPECTED POLITICIAN:** Jesse Jackson  
**FAVORITE HOBBY:** Shopping  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** *All About Eve*  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** *The Life and Times Of Heidi Abromowitz* by Joan Rivers  
**OCCUPATION:** Fashion show consultant and bar employee  
**WHEN I WAS A KID, MY FIRST CAREER CHOICE WAS TO BE AN:** Entertainer  
**PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RECENT YEARS:** Organizing and keeping afloat the AMB Production Company  
**FAVORITE ACTIVITY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY:** Working in a bar atmosphere  
**MOST UNUSUAL THING DONE:** At age 15 made his first (and last) parachute jump.



by Doug Hinckle

Aaron was the middle child in a family of five children, and the only Gay of the siblings. At the age of 16, he left home and the slow pace of colonial Williamsburg to live with relatives in northern Virginia. Aaron says he became aware of "boys" during his freshman year in high school.

While attending Falls Church High School, Aaron was active in Key Club, Drama Club, and track and was Vice President of the Senior Class. He was voted Most Talkative and Most School Spirited by his classmates.

Two years of community college at

NOVA studying Fashion Merchandising didn't work out for Aaron, he says, because he just didn't like school. He is currently working at the Fraternity House bar and is starting his own business—a fashion consulting and production company known as AMB Productions. His company puts on fashion shows for charity organizations—one, "Poetry in Motion," for the D.C. Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, was held at Tracks this month. Aaron comes up with a concept and theme for the shows, selects the models and trains them, and then selects the clothes they wear.

Aaron is single and says his favorite things are traveling, good food, and good company. When he gets off work in the wee hours of the morning, he unwinds by listening to good music and reading a fashion magazine.

Aaron says his lifetime ambition is yet unfulfilled. He wants to be an entertainer. His first love is comedy and, he says, he can't resist being the life of the party. Someday he would like to own a Gay bar that would feature comedy entertainers, including himself.

—Doug Hinckle

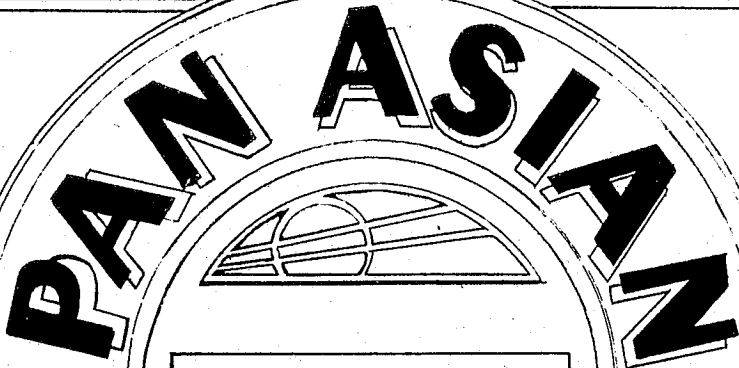
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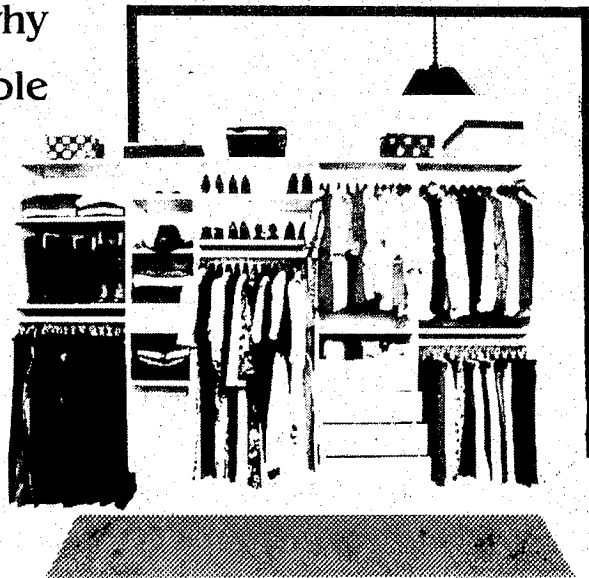
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## KISSES & CURSES

### John Tower; Lesbian sex

by Don Michaels

**CURSE:** The morality tune to which John Tower found himself dancing should strike a sour note for Gays, regardless of one's personal opinion of him. Watching liberal Senate Democrats take a moral high ground in rejecting his nomination on the basis of personal behavior allegations is scary, particularly given the circumstances. A secret investigation, unsubstantiated allegations, and a lack of evidence of personal behavior that led—or could lead—to malfeasance of duty is all too familiar to the many Gay men and Lesbians drummed out of the military.

Rather than relish an opportunity to see equal treatment applied to someone as powerful as Tower, reflect on the possibility that our Democratic leaders were gripped by a self-righteous, moralistic fervor. Even if, as some pundits have suggested, the moralism was simply a cover for partisan one-upmanship, it's no less disconcerting for the atmosphere it created. Little comfort can be found in watching liberal Democrats waltzing with ultraconservative homophobe Paul Weyrich, one of Tower's chief accusers. Can they be counted on to *really* understand the seriousness with which Gays regard threats like the latest security clearance proposal?

**KISS:** A 'turnabout is fair play' award is due movie actor Dennis Quaid (*The Right Stuff*, *The Big Easy*) for a story he told in a March *Esquire* interview. Quaid recounts running into rock star Robert Plant (former Led Zeppelin band member) in a hotel lobby:

[He has] no idea who I am...but I know who he is. So I say, 'There's a question I've been wanting to ask you, Mr. Plant.' And he says go ahead. So I say, 'Mr. Plant, suppose you were camping out in the woods one night and woke up to find your trousers pulled down to your ankles and Vaseline rubbed all over the backs of your thighs. You're lying flat on your face, okay? Well, what I was wondering, Mr. Plant, was, if you would tell anybody about it?'

Plant looked at me like I was some kind of crazy man or something and said, no, he wouldn't tell anyone about it.

'Wanna go camping?' I said.

He was still staring at me when I turned and walked away.

Zeppelin aficionados may recall their "Whole Lotta Love," a vintage sexual—and sexist—rock song, the lyrics of which go, in part, "Shake for me, girl! I wanna be your back door man!" Plant helped compose those lyrics.

**KISS:** The March issue of *Cosmopolitan* (honest!) offered its readers "What It's Like To Be A Gay Woman Now," and for the most part, it's the usual awkward rendering of life on the 'other' side. But, if for no other reason, a kiss is deserved because of the section on "What Do Lesbians Really Do in Bed?" There aren't any graphic 'how-to' tips,

but what a pitch for Lesbian sex! Some excerpts:

Lesbians... seem to be getting *more* of what all women want.

Masters and Johnson found that even when men performed oral sex on female partners, "there was simply no comparison to the skillfulness... employed by women."

'I've never heard a lesbian complain about her female lover in bed; but it's common to hear straight women bitch about men being lousy lovers. I always wonder, Why in God's name do they *bother*?' (quote from an East Village Lesbian).

*Cosmopolitan* readers, eat your hearts out! This article should have been promoted on the front cover, along with the one titled "Longterm Lusty Sex: Taking the Monotony Out of Monogamy."

**KISS:** To Jim Lynch, a reporter for columnist Jack Anderson, for his "Witch Hunt at Parris Island," in the March issue of *the Progressive*. He documents the zeal with which Naval Investigative Service agents go about trying to ferret Lesbians out of the Marine Corps. Much of the territory Lynch covers is familiar because of news reports that have appeared in the *Blade* over the past months, but his well-documented piece may prove to be the catalyst needed to move this story farther out into the mainstream media.

To underscore the point that the military's witch hunt runs deeper than just Lesbian bashing, Lynch quotes a male Marine to that effect: "I thank God every day that I'm a male Marine in this male Marine Corps. If a woman Marine is a little too friendly, she's a slut. If she doesn't smile at all, she's a dyke."

**CURSE:** The March issue of *Ms.* offered a piece by contributing editor Barbara Ehrenreich about a mother who withdraws from her friends and an active social life for fear that others may find out her Gay son has tested HIV antibody positive. The mother fears ostracism, along with damage to her husband's business and her son's reputation as a local honors student, but readers are offered just one minor—and dubious—example to buttress the mother's fear.

The author's stated purpose was to heighten awareness of AIDS prejudice, but in this case the prejudice never materialized beyond the mother's paranoia. This flimsy example is used by the author to grimly conclude that "prejudice has pushed [the mother]—along with millions of others, gay and straight, already afflicted and just 'at risk'—into a shrinking world of secrecy and dread."

*Ms.* readers would have been better served if the author had shown that by not confronting her fears head on the mother was an accomplice in perpetuating the effects of prejudice. There's an analogy here to the internalized homophobia that stifles so many Gays.

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## WAVING THE P-FLAG

### Exactly what is a family?

A young friend of mine recently asked his family's rabbi whether the latter would consider conducting ceremonies of union for Gay male and Lesbian couples. The rabbi said he would refuse, in large part, as he put it, in the interest of "family values."

This led me to ponder the concept of "family values." What sort of family, I wondered, did the rabbi have in mind?

It could have been one such as the Smiths. They rarely speak of (and never to) their son since they learned he is Gay. They will bend your ear at length, however, about their daughter's upscale marriage and her husband's prestigious law firm. Their paramount family value, apparently, is conventional respectability.

#### Robert Bernstein

A quite different perspective on family values, though, is suggested by a letter written by a young woman named Mary to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. It told of Mary's mother, who for years had reacted to her child's Gayness in much the same way as the Smiths. Then she happened to read some material from Parents FLAG with the following result, as Mary tells it:

"Dear P-FLAG:

One night in October, 1985, my mother called me (woke me, in fact) to tell me: 'I know you're Gay, and I want you to know I love you, and I love Lillie' (my lover of 10 years). She then proceeded to read me your entire newsletter! I believe she heard of you through an advice column in the newspaper....

"The three of us started to socialize after that—pizza and Lesbian films at Lillie's and my apartment—and she asked *lots* of questions. It was great to have my mother after 27 years.

"Then, on New Year's Eve, she was diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer. She died in May of 1986, and was buried, at her request, in a dress my lover had bought for her.

"...Thank you for helping my mother and me find each other. It has made the loss infinitely more bearable."

I thought about the contrast between the values of the Smiths and those expressed, however belatedly, by Mary's mother. And, my friend's rabbi notwithstanding, it is clear to me which set of priorities more faithfully reflects the teachings of my childhood-synagogues.

There, in Sunday school, I was told that the supreme family value is that of

love. Its chief ingredients, I was to learn, are mutual respect, acceptance, and support. At its best, this family love is an unconditional sort of thing. It is never at higher pitch than when one of the clan is in need or under fire from the outside. And its embrace normally extends more or less automatically to the life partners of family members.

But now the rabbi sends a different message. He seems to suggest that "family values" would have me expel my own daughter from the brood because she has the courage, in a hostile society, to live openly as who she really is, a Lesbian. He suggests, ironically, that a caring and committed relationship, when entered into by her, has no place in a tradition theoretically grounded in the value of love.

No, rabbi, it is the Smiths of the world—sadly, with your apparent blessing—who are abandoning the best of traditional family values. And it is their own lives that are thereby deprived of warmth and richness.

Where social image commands high priority, the homosexuality of a child, understandably, is quite unacceptable. So, tragically, such parents can fail to see that the true source of their angst is not their child, who did not choose to be Gay, but society's mindless cruelty toward an innocent minority.

Yes, a member's homosexuality does put a family to the test of its values. And either path it chooses—whether that of social convention or that of caring acceptance—reflects a set of "family values" common in our society.

So there is no question but that the rabbi's stance promotes family values. He just happens, by my view, to be looking at the wrong families.

We live in a time in which heterosexual marriages, with all the organized support of church, state, and society, fail something like half the time. It is a profound tribute to the Gay community that even without those advantages, it nurtures large numbers of faithful long-term relationships. Those unions deserve not just blessing, but celebration.

As Mary and her mother discovered, there is at least one organization composed largely of traditional family representatives who cheer caring same-sex unions.

You are welcome to join, rabbi. You might find we're carrying on some of your most hallowed traditions.



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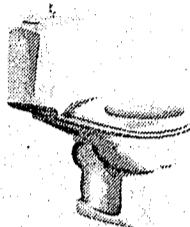
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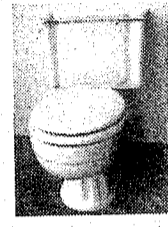
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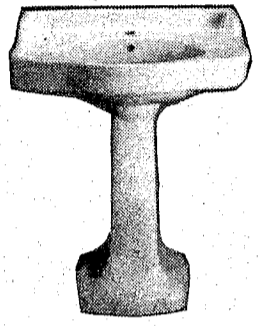
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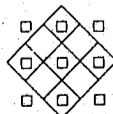
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Life is short as it is. Now with AIDS in the world, life is even shorter for those who get AIDS. Gay and straight, we all seem to be living on the edge. Taking chances and getting away with it brings excitement. Unfortunately, practicing unsafe sex—that is, not using a con-

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and good byes and I am sorry for not being what you wanted out of life for me.

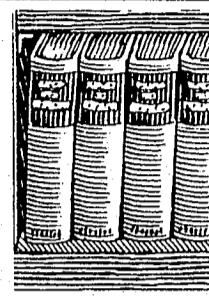
We have but one chance on life, so why live on the edge and take a chance of stumbling. Get to the center of things. Use a condom.

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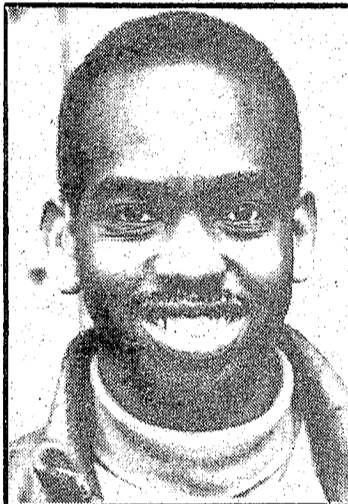
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## Out spoken

by Doug Hinckle

If you were granted a private audience with the Pope, what would you tell him?



**Patrick Richardson**  
Business admin major

"I would encourage the Pope to let the people who are Gay be welcomed into the church. I would ask him to give his support towards people with AIDS instead of rejecting them. And then I would ask him to at least have a little change of heart!"



**Luke Adams**  
Community organizer

"I would ask how a caring shepherd could try to starve his most challenging sheep and still think he loved them. I'd remind him of the way Saul treated David and Jonathan and what God did to Saul. And, I'd point out how irrelevant he is making himself to the mind of the Church at large."



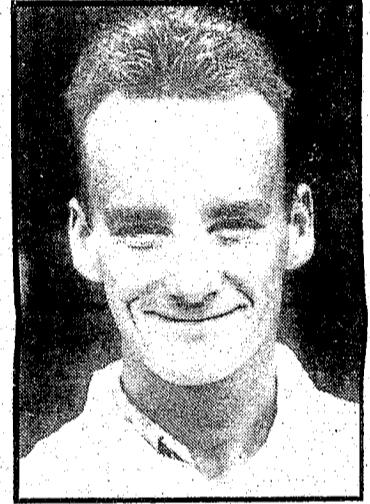
**Christopher David**  
Account Auditor

"Gays were put on this earth by God, therefore how can homosexuality be wrong. We're just men who want to love other men. I consider myself a good Catholic and yet am being told I'm not. This does not seem like a very sound Christian attitude."




**Tom Morgan**  
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**Jay Hogan**  
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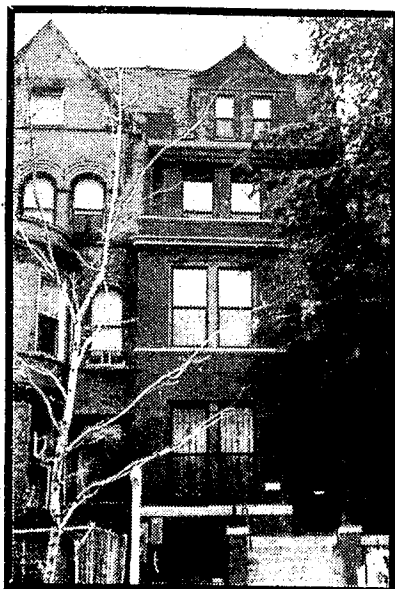
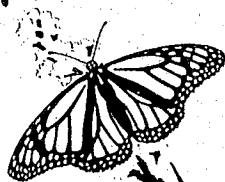
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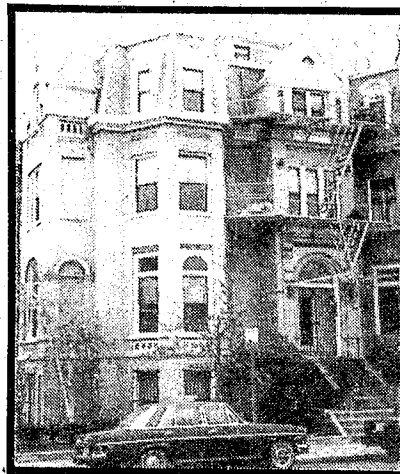
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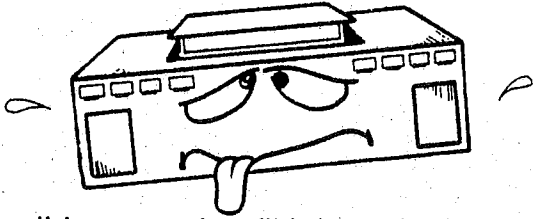




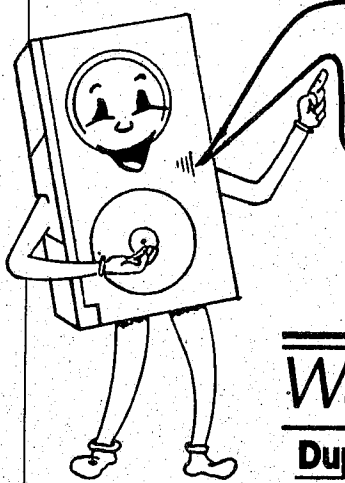




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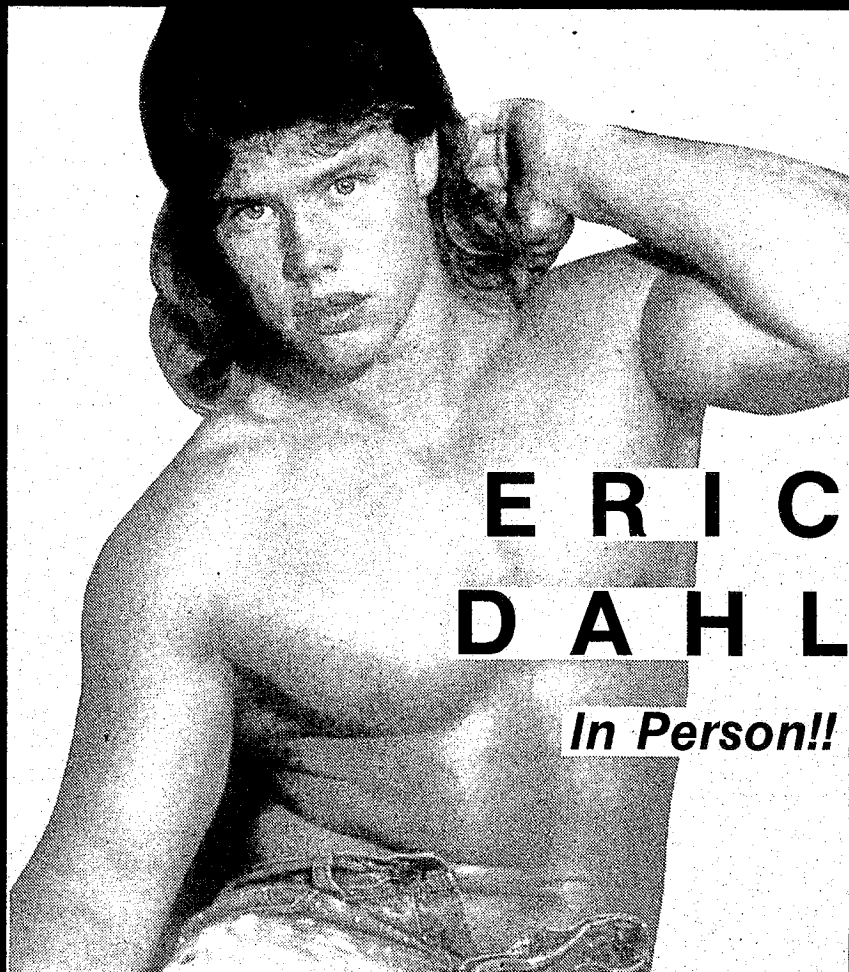
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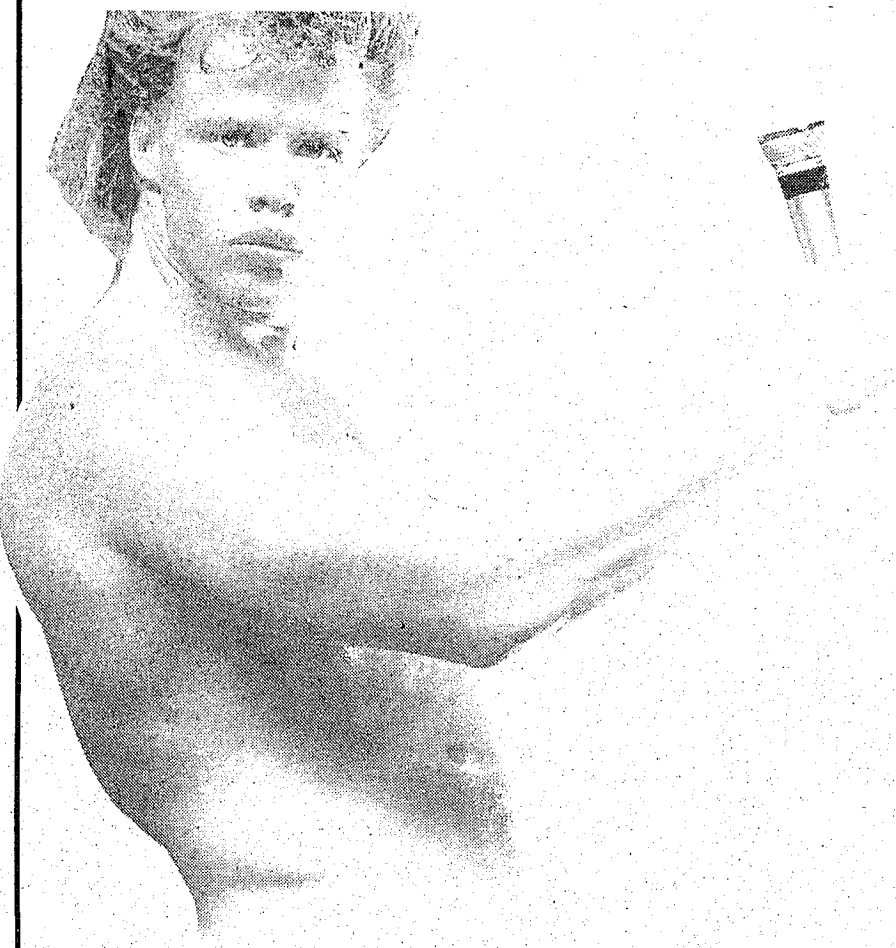
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