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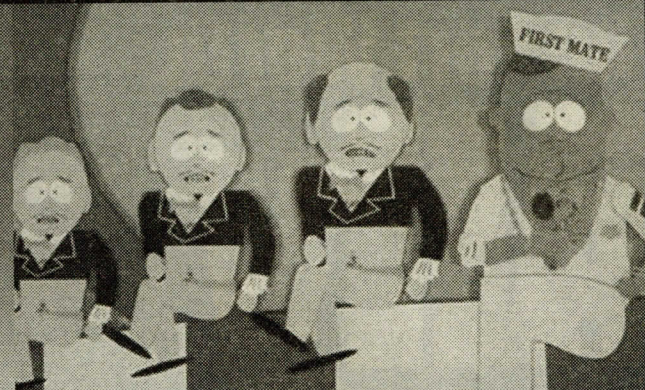
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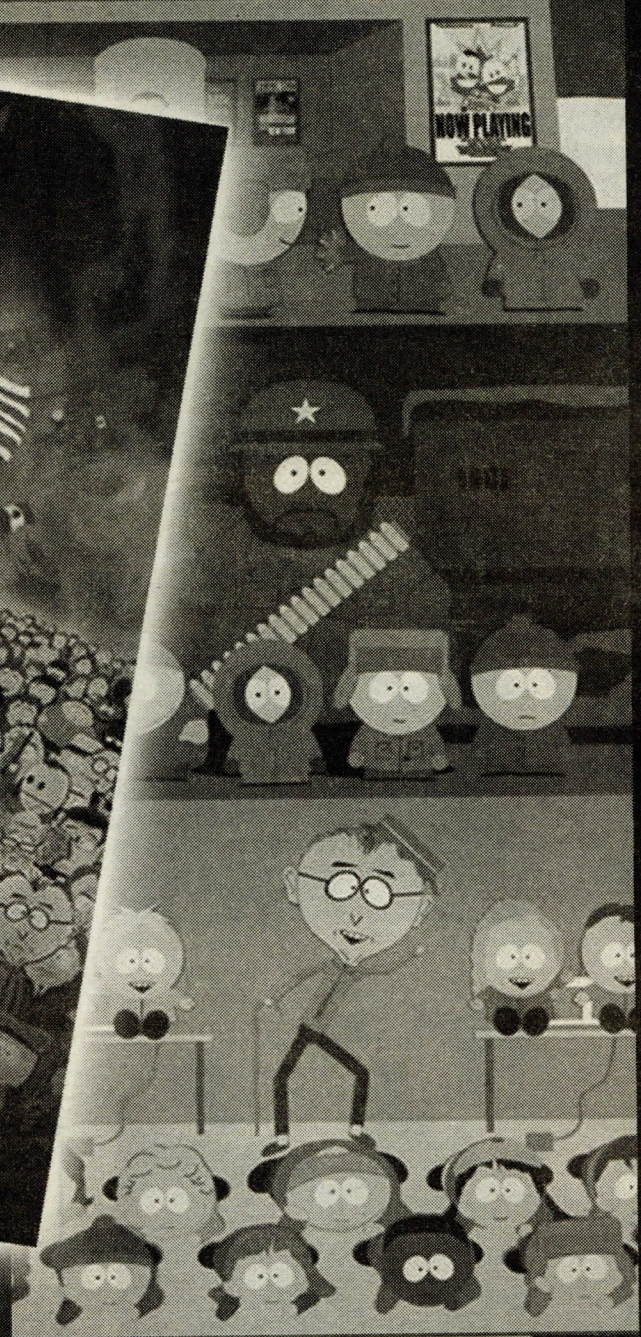
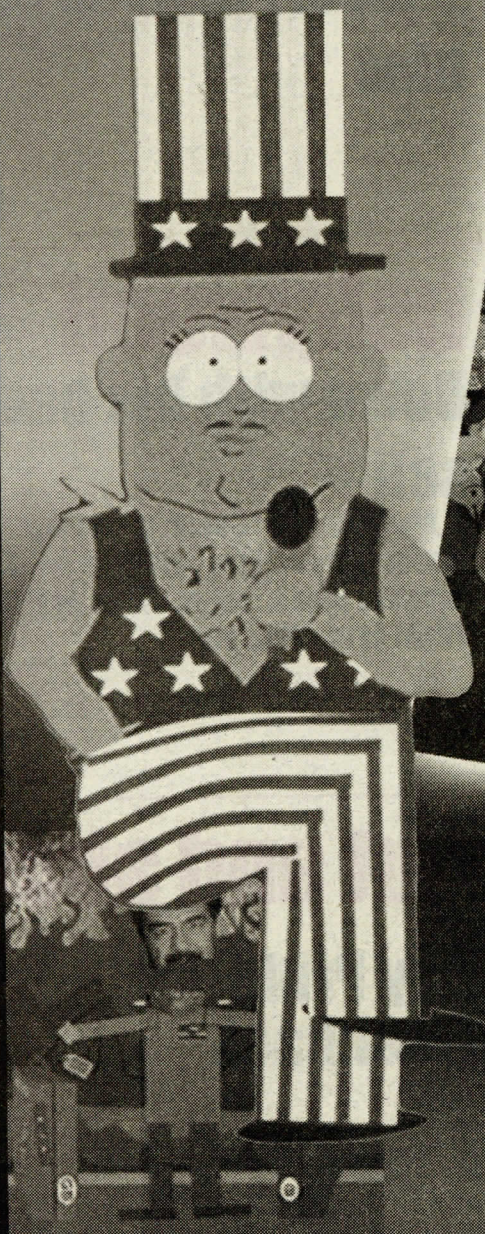
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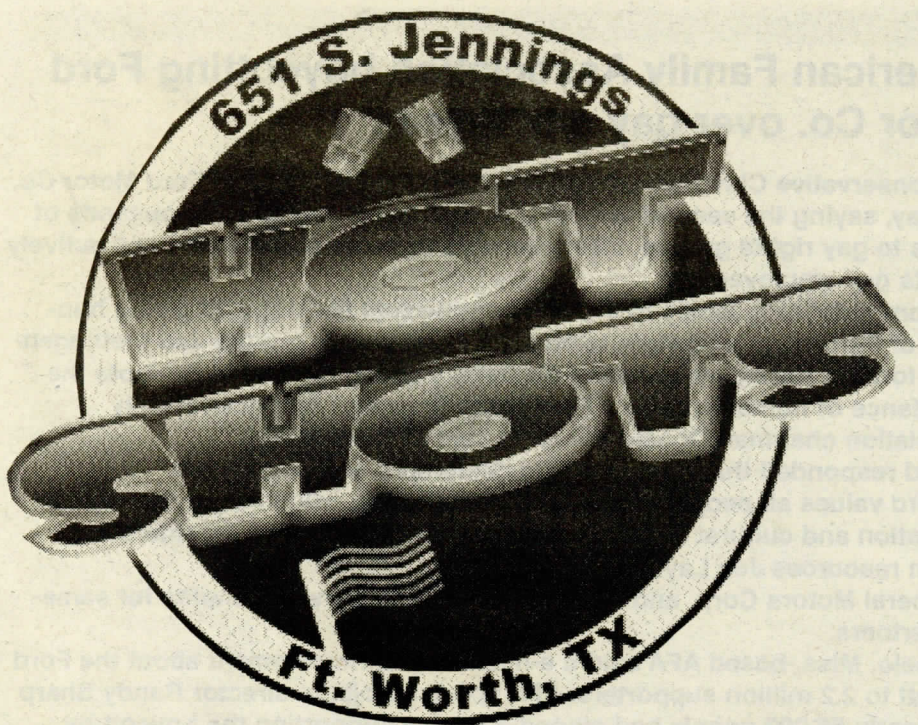
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Quick Clips

Gay soldier wounded in Iraq discharged from Army

An Army sergeant from Ohio who was wounded in Iraq and wanted to remain in the military as an openly gay soldier was officially discharged, according to an advocacy group.

Sgt. Robert Stout, 23, was awarded the Purple Heart after a grenade sent shrapnel into his arm, face and legs while he was using a machine gun on a Humvee in May 2004.

Stout, of Utica in central Ohio, told The Associated Press in April that he wanted to remain in the military and be openly gay, but that would conflict with the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Aaron Belkin, director of the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California-Santa Barbara, said Stout told him he was due back in the United States on Tuesday, the day of his discharge.

"I know a ton of gay men that would be more than willing to stay in the Army if they could just be open," Stout said in April.

Stout said he was openly gay among most of his 26-member platoon, part of the 9th Engineer Battalion based in Germany.

Army officials at the Pentagon could not immediately confirm the discharge. The Army declined to comment earlier on the case other than to say that soldiers discharged under "don't ask, don't tell" typically receive honorable discharges.

Full Document View Rare sexually transmitted disease reported in Boston

A rare sexually transmitted disease that can scar the genitals has been found in six patients in Massachusetts, health officials said.

Lymphogranuloma venereum, or LGV, is a form of chlamydia that can damage the bowels and scar the anus. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also have confirmed cases in San Francisco, Atlanta and New York.

So far, episodes in the United States appear to be limited to gay and bisexual men.

One patient told a doctor at the Fenway Community Health clinic in Boston that he probably caught the disease while visiting Brazil.

"This is probably a case of biological tourism," said Dr. Daniel Cohen, a specialist in infectious diseases who has treated patients at the Fenway clinic.

Dr. Alfred DeMaria, the state's director of communicable diseases control, said the disease's reemergence may be a sign of unsafe sex.

"And that's a concern in terms of other sexually transmitted diseases and HIV," he said.

Unprotected anal intercourse is the key risk factor for the spread of LGV. Symptoms include painful rectal infections, but the first symptom may be a painless pimple or lesion on the genitals.

Dr. Hillard Weinstock, a medical epidemiologist at CDC, said the agency plans to work with state labs to set up testing for the disease.

If identified early, LGV can be treated with antibiotics. Untreated, it can cause permanent damage to the bowels and swelling and scarring of the genitals. Death is rare.

In the past two decades LGV has primarily been found in the tropics. But in November, the Netherlands said 92 cases of LGV among gay and bisexual men had been reported there over the preceding year, compared to the usual two or three cases a year.

American Family Association boycotting Ford Motor Co. over gay employees

A conservative Christian group launched a boycott against Ford Motor Co. Tuesday, saying the second-largest U.S. automaker has given thousands of dollars to gay rights groups, offers benefits to same-sex couples and actively recruits gay employees.

"From redefining family to include homosexual marriage, to giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to support homosexual groups and their agenda, to forcing managers to attend diversity training on how to promote the acceptance of homosexuality... Ford leads the way," American Family Association chairman Donald Wildmon said in a statement.

Ford responded that it respects its customers and employees.

"Ford values all people, regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and cultural or physical differences," Ford vice president of human resources Joe Laymon said.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp. also provide benefits for same-sex partners.

Tupelo, Miss.-based AFA said it e-mailed an announcement about the Ford boycott to 2.2 million supporters. AFA special projects director Randy Sharp said nearly 55,000 people had signed a pledge supporting the boycott by Tuesday afternoon.

Ford was the only automaker among the 56 companies that got the highest rating last year from the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group. Companies are rated on several factors, including whether they offer benefits to gay partners, donate to gay rights groups and market their products to gays.

Sharp said he is upset by Ford's marketing tactics in gay-oriented publications, including offering to donate \$1,000 to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation for every Jaguar or Land Rover sold.

"Ford is willing to do something they have refused to do for any other group," Sharp said.

Ford spokesman Oscar Suris said the company donated \$77.9 million to a wide variety of groups last year. The majority, \$39.6 million, went to education, he said. A much smaller percentage went to community organizations for gays, Hispanics, blacks, Asians and other groups.

The AFA recently ended a nine-year boycott of The Walt Disney Co. over Disney's decision to extend benefits to same-sex couples and promote gay-related events at its theme parks. The boycott appeared to have little effect, since Disney reported higher earnings and increased theme park attendance during that time.

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"Adam and Steve" and "Hate Crime" win top honors at seventh annual Fort Worth Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The producers of Q Cinema, Fort Worth's Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival are pleased to announce the winners of their annual Q Awards, including the \$1,000 Shawn A. Moore Best Debut cash prize awarded to pictures made in Texas or by Texan filmmakers.

The four-day festival - held May 19-22 in various venues throughout Fort Worth - featured more than 40 films including three Texas premieres, 12 Southwest premieres and a world premiere along with appearances by several filmmakers, including Adam and Steve writer/director/star Craig Chester. Many of our screenings were sold-out successes and much of this year's festivities were covered live by Q Television and the Film Festival Channel.

All of the awards were chosen based on program committee panel reviews and audience ratings. And the winners are . . .

Best Overall Film

Adam and Steve, directed by Craig Chester

After a disastrous chance encounter in the '80s, two lonely souls reconnect years later only to have their unfortunate past potentially sabotage a chance at true love. Former Dallas resident Craig Chester (who wrote, directed and stars) mixes rude humor, genuine sweetness and an occasional dance number or show tune to concoct one of the most satisfying gay romantic comedies in years.

"I defy anyone to leave the theater without a smile on their face," says artistic director Todd Camp. "I've known Craig for years and have always known that he had knack for comedy, but this extraordinary first feature is something special. I expect it to go on and become THE gay film of the year."

Best Gay Film

Beverly Kills, directed by Damion Dietz
Shot in six days, this over-the-top comedy about a deranged drag queen out to exact

her revenge on LA by recruiting an army of celebrity impersonators is a hilarious change of pace from Dietz's much darker Q Award winner *Neverland*, but it's every bit as interesting.

"Exaggerated performances, gut-busting musical numbers and plenty of male flesh make this one an easy audience-pleaser, but thanks to Damion's keen eye and his adeptness at guerilla filmmaking, this effort is nothing short of extraordinary."

Best Lesbian Film

Girl Play, directed by Lee Friedlander

The true story of two women who fell in love while playing lovers in a play takes the meet-cute formula to a whole new level.

"We couldn't have asked for a better film to close out this year's festival," Camp says. "I wish I could find 10 more like it every year."

Best Documentary

Tying the Knot, directed by Jim de Seve

Few documentaries about gay marriage have cut to the core of the issue as eloquently as Jim de Seve's efforts here combining facts and figures with emotionally arresting true stories of couples caught in the crossfire.

"While audiences loved this picture, a few felt it was kind of depressing," Camp says. "The only thing depressing about it is how much it demonstrates the incredible amount of work ahead before gays and lesbians truly reach equality."

Best Animated Short

John and Michael, directed by Shira Avni

This animated short about a gay couple with Down's Syndrome was created by the painstaking process of manipulating clay on glass and photographing it one frame at a time. The result is a heart-rending, yet ultimately uplifting, story of love, sexuality, death and healing.

"This is quite frankly one of the most

beautiful shorts I have ever seen," Camp says. "There was not a dry eye in the house and our audiences could not stop talking about how wonderful this little film was. I fully expect this to be in the running for and Academy Award next year."

Best Dramatic Short (Men's) TIE

Myopia, directed by Mark Alan Dashnaw

A married man gets more than he bargained for when cruising a local park in this amazing film from director Mark Alan Dashnaw.

"David Pevsner delivers a powerhouse performance in this deliberately paced story that takes audiences places they never expected to go," Camp says. "The film's increasingly complicated finale will have viewers tied into knots before it finally chooses a path both painful and honest."

Dare

directed by Adam Salky
A hunky jock-turned-actor and a shy light boy spend a steamy evening in a swimming pool in this powerful short film.

"This is one of the sexiest pictures I've ever seen without any actual sex taking place," Camp says. "Longing glances, forbidden acts and the final push over the line lead to a wonderfully satisfying conclusion."

Best Dramatic Short (Women's)

Everything Good, directed by Elizabeth McCarthy

A perfect blend of melancholy, guilt and release, this poignant tale of a lonely woman paying for companionship while on vacation strikes a chord in all who watch it.

"Almost as funny as it is emotionally savvy, *Everything Good* more than lives up to its title," says Camp.

Best Comedic Short (Men's)

Felch Sanders, directed by Abe Silvia
Partners, in business and in bed, try to solve the case of a missing twink in this hilarious send-up of '70s-style detective

shows.

"Clever, campy and nicely acted, it captures the cheese of yesteryear with just the right twist of rude humor. Bring on more adventures of Felch and Blossom!" says Camp.

Best Comedic Short (Women's)

Getting to Know You, directed by Liz Lachman

Blending animation and live-action, this hilarious short about a lonely cartoonist who's unlucky at love was as big a hit with male viewers as it was with women.

"A sensational cast and hilarious dialogue puts this at the front of the pack. I really want Liz to do a feature now," says Camp.

Best Gay Debut and Audience Choice (with \$1,000 cash prize)

Hate Crime, directed by Tommy Stovall

Shot entirely on location in Dallas, this searing drama about a couple torn apart by a horrific crime becomes an engaging mystery with a surprising ending you won't see coming.

"It's been a continuous part of Q Cinema's mission to provide a home for Texas-made films because we've learned over the years that we have an amazing pool of talent in our home state," Camp says. "Tommy's film connected on a gut level with viewers who left the theater stunned, shaken and moved. I can't wait to see what he does next."

Last year's award winners included *Cowboys and Angels* (Best Gay Feature and Best Overall Feature), *Laughing Matters* (Best Lesbian Feature and Audience Favorite), *Saints & Sinners* (Best Documentary), *Drag Queen Heist* (Best Gay Comedy Short), *Breaking Up Really Sucks* (Best Lesbian Comedy Short), *Nightshadows* (Best Gay Dramatic Short), *A Woman Reported* (Best Lesbian Dramatic Short), *The Deadbeat Club* (Best Gay Debut) and *How to Pick Up Girls* (Best Lesbian Debut).

Have a Great Gay Pride 2005!

Gay detective finds support instead of bias



Passaic County Sheriff's Department Detective Cpl. Douglas Laverty stands in the sheriff's department headquarters in Wayne, N.J., Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004. Laverty revealed that he is gay to colleagues a few months ago and has found acceptance even in the macho culture of law enforcement, he says. (AP Photo/Mike Derer)

By **WAYNE PARRY**
Associated Press Writer
WAYNE, N.J. (AP)

A few months ago, during a debate over whether government workers should get benefits for same-sex partners, Passaic County Sheriff's Department Detective Cpl. Douglas Laverty revealed that he is gay, something he had kept secret from even close friends.

In the ultra-macho culture of law enforcement, he feared the worst: harassment, discrimination or worse. Instead, what he found was acceptance and support. And he wants people to know he's grateful.

"People knew me as Doug; now they know me as 'Gay Doug,'" said Laverty, an 18-year veteran. "The guys were all great. I know how lucky I am; I am blessed that I work with good people."

In July, when New Jersey's domestic partnership law went into effect, Laverty began wondering whether the policy extending benefits to same-sex couples would extend to the county level. He has been in a committed gay relationship for three years, and refers to his partner of three years, James Roche, as his spouse and husband.

Laverty asked for a meeting with Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale, telling the sheriff's aide only that he wanted to discuss a personal matter. The sheriff didn't flinch when Laverty said he was gay, and immediately put him in contact with county freeholders to discuss the possibility of granting same-sex benefits. (That hasn't happened yet.)

Soon, a local newspaper got wind of his inquiries and profiled him in a front-page article. The night before it was to be published, Laverty couldn't sleep, fearing what he might have gotten himself into.

"It's a macho, very masculine-type job," he said. "For all these years, I had been totally afraid to reveal it to anybody. I know other gay cops that are out that have been received in a very negative manner, having bras and panties hung in their lockers, people refusing to work with them."

When he got to work the next day, his desk was filled with cards and notes, all offering support.

"Basically everyone said that 'Nothing had changed, you're still our friend, we still care about you,'" he said. "I had a few guys pull me aside and say, 'Doug, why didn't you ever say anything?' Honest to God, there was not one negative thing said or done."

It's a story that is slowly becoming more common in America as gays are more visible and accepted, said Michael Adams, a spokesman for Lambda Legal, a gay civil rights group.

"It reflects the progress being made in law enforcement and in New Jersey," he said. "New Jersey is becoming an increasingly supportive state for gay people. And we're definitely seeing progress being made with gays in law enforcement, which is encouraging."

There are several gay police groups, including GOAL, the Gay Officers Action League, which has chapters across the country, including New York, Boston and San Francisco.

His coming-out this year was the end of a journey the 37-year-old Laverty began as a child; he began to suspect as far back as junior high school that he was gay, but he says he didn't want to deal with it.

"I started realizing I was attracted to boys; it was very confusing," he said. "I was brought up in a very straight household."

Laverty did things he thought would help steer him in the opposite direction. He joined the military, got married and had two daughters. When the feelings persisted, he went to a psychiatrist, hoping for "a cure."

It was not to be; although he loved his wife and kids, his true sexual orientation was becoming clearer, and he would have flings with men behind his wife's back.

"I wasn't being the best husband or father, living all these lies," he said. "I was leading an ugly life."

Finally, after six years of marriage, he decided to tell his wife and daughters the truth, despite his fear he would lose them forever. His wife was upset at first, but has now accepted the situation to the point where Roche, a hair stylist, does her hair. She and her boyfriend are friendly with Laverty and Roche.

"It's so much easier that I can be who I am now instead of pretending to be just one of his buddies," said Roche, who recently bought a house with Laverty in Little Falls. "Now when the guys at his work have a Christmas party or have their wives over to dinner, I go with him."

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"I feel confident in any situation that he would back me up," Niethe said. "He's a great guy and a good cop. If my life was on the line, I'm not thinking of who he's kissing behind closed doors."

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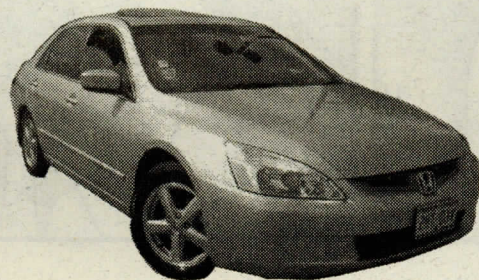
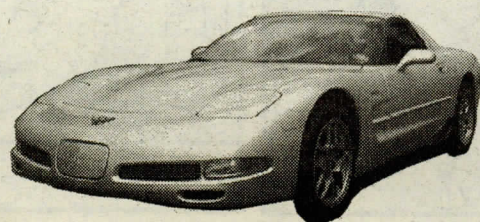
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Club Trix Opening Friday

Trix Club Fort Worth will be opening this Friday at 9p.m. in the former Magnolia Station building. The owner has spruced the place up, slapped on some paint, and made it even better for dancing and socializing. Make sure you stop by and check out Fort Worth's newest.

Hot Shots

Hot Shots seems to be the happening place to be now'a days. The drink prices are the lowest in town and the guys are hot, also the patio is now open for business so there's plenty for everybody!

Best Friends

Best Friends is giving away a computer and you can register all week long. The computer will be given away on Sunday, June 5 at 7pm and you must be present to win. They are also having an "After the

Parade Party" on Sunday June 5th.

Changes

Changes is one of the best places to be on Sunday with their Super Show. Great drink prices and \$1.25 draft beers and don't forget about the Wednesday Amateur Show.

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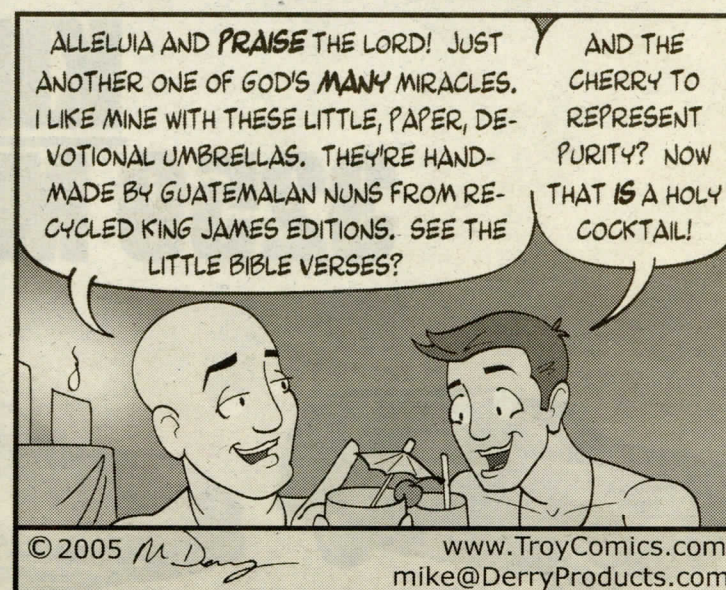
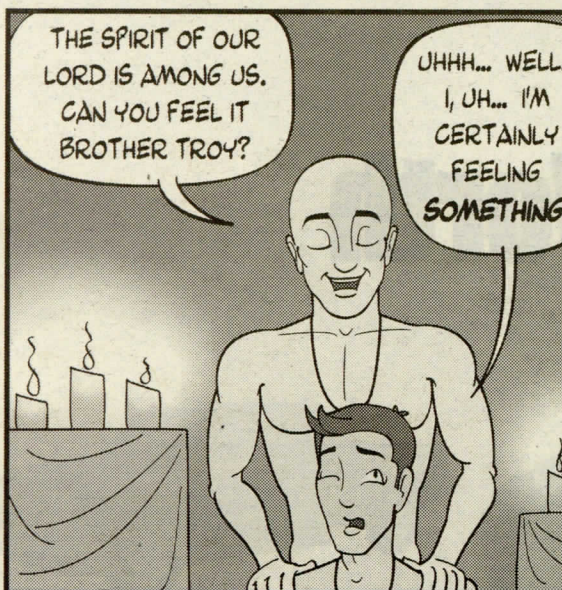
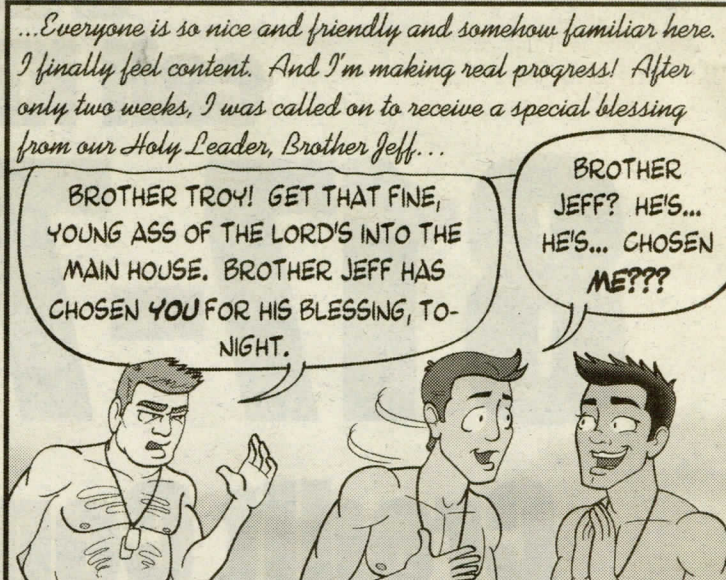
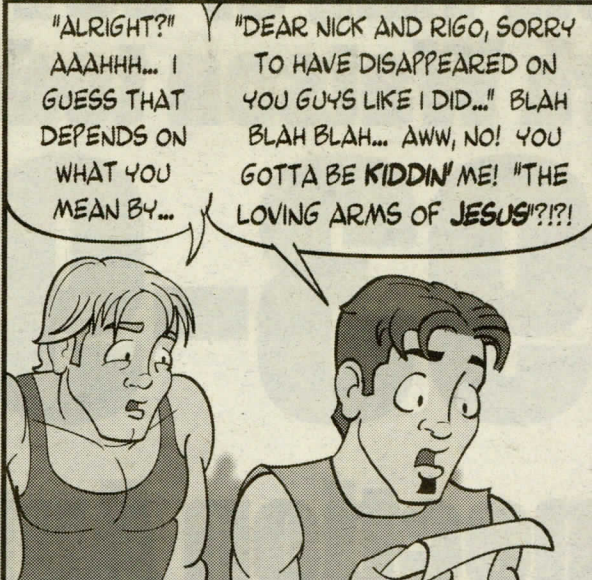
After the parade, make sure you go by and check out Gayfest 05 in the North 40. Food, games, arts and crafts and live entertainment.

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Hot Shots and Q-Cinema have teamed up to bring you a showing of South Park at 9pm. Don't Miss It!

TROY By Michael Derry

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Donald Pile and Ray Williams

"CAMPING IT UP"

The GAY Travelers

"Camping it up" has a whole new meaning after we discovered the CAMPIT Campground and Bunkhouse Bed & Breakfast in Fennville, Michigan, just 7 miles South of Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan. It is about a 2 hour drive from Chicago and is about one mile from Lake Michigan. Campit is the Midwest's largest and nicest gay and lesbian outdoor resort. Campit was established over 40 years ago and became a gay and lesbian campground 25 years ago. The current owners, Sally Howard and Michael O'Connor purchased the campground in 2000. To clarify things, Michael is a wonderful gay man and his business partner Sally is a wonderful lesbian. They are excellent hands-on owners. Ronda, who works in the office is extremely friendly and courteous with all the guests. The owners KNOW how to treat their guests and for that reason their guests keep coming back year after year. The owners are making a lot of new and exciting changes and remodeling to the Outdoor Resort. They added a privacy fence all around and another 3 dozen camping sites will be added this year. Last year they added a large swimming pool, bathhouse and recreation hall.



It is completely secluded from the rest of the world and you could easily stay here for days without ever leaving the grounds. But then if you wish to, the gay villages of Saugatuck and Douglas, Michigan are just 7 miles North where there are numerous gay businesses including antique shops, gift shops, gay bars, fitness center and gay restaurants.

Campit Campground is composed of RV sites, tent sites in addition to the Bunkhouse Bed & Breakfast and a log cabin to rent or you can rent a trailer. There are 50 "seasonal" sites sites, total, including RV, trailer and tent sites. The Bed & Breakfast has 5 rooms, air-conditioning, and serves a continental breakfast. Guests choosing to stay in the Bunkhouse B and B have full use of the campground facilities. In addition there is a long cabin that is available for renting. There are more than 23 acres of wooded and open areas, bathhouse with toilets and showers, trails and

playground.. They have an "adult's only" policy except on "family pride week". There are special tenting areas for nudists, women, leather, etc. They have a camp store with snacks, beer, firewood, ice and propane. The Campit is perfectly spotless! You won't find any trash, bottles or beer cans thrown around the grounds. All of the guests think of this as their second home.

Can you possibly think of a better way to have a great vacation than to go to an all gay and lesbian campground resort? Getting back to nature? Building a campfire, roasting marshmallows? Snuggling with your love one in a tent under the stars? Isn't that romantic? Taking a hike in th woods? Swimming at their huge pool or sunbathing? Even if your not really into camping this would make an ideal alternative for your next trip.

When we toured the campground it was unbelievable how many people were there. Hundreds!

Everyone was so friendly. There is truly a comradery

going on here between all the guests. Many of them are "seasonal" guests that park their RV's and trailers all year long and come only on weekends from miles away. And many of their guests come from Detroit, Chicago and Indiana as well as other States.

They have special theme weeks each summer including: Summer Women's Weekend, Bears in the Woods, Commitment Ceremony, Leather weekend, Seasonal gardening/landscaping, Family pride week, and of course their famous Christmas in July weekend. The summers on Lake Michigan are extremely cool and at nights you will need a blanket.

Since this is a private resort, membership is mandatory however memberships can be purchased for as little as \$10.00 a year. They have over 3200 members! Sally and Michael have put the emphasis on their guests, making them feel as a family. The guests is what it is all about. How many times have you stayed at a resort or hotel only to be treated like a number. Not here! It is like a close knit family. It is the friendliest place that we have ever been. All of the guests enjoy being around other people. It is certainly not a bar-like atmosphere of

people just standing around. Everyone TALKS with everyone and interacts. The personalities of the owners and staff of course plays a large part in all of this.

As most of our readers know, we are NOT "campers in the woods" however the next time we go to Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan in the summer we will certainly stay at their Bunkhouse Bed & Breakfast or rent the log cabin.

The Campit is open from mid-April thru October. Their toll free telephone number is 877-CAMPIT-1. Check out their web site at: www.campitresort.com or email them at: campit@campitresort.com It is never too early to begin planning trips for this spring and summer.

Always remember to "Live, love, laugh" and if you have any questions about gay travel, email us, Donald and Ray at gaytravelers@aol.com

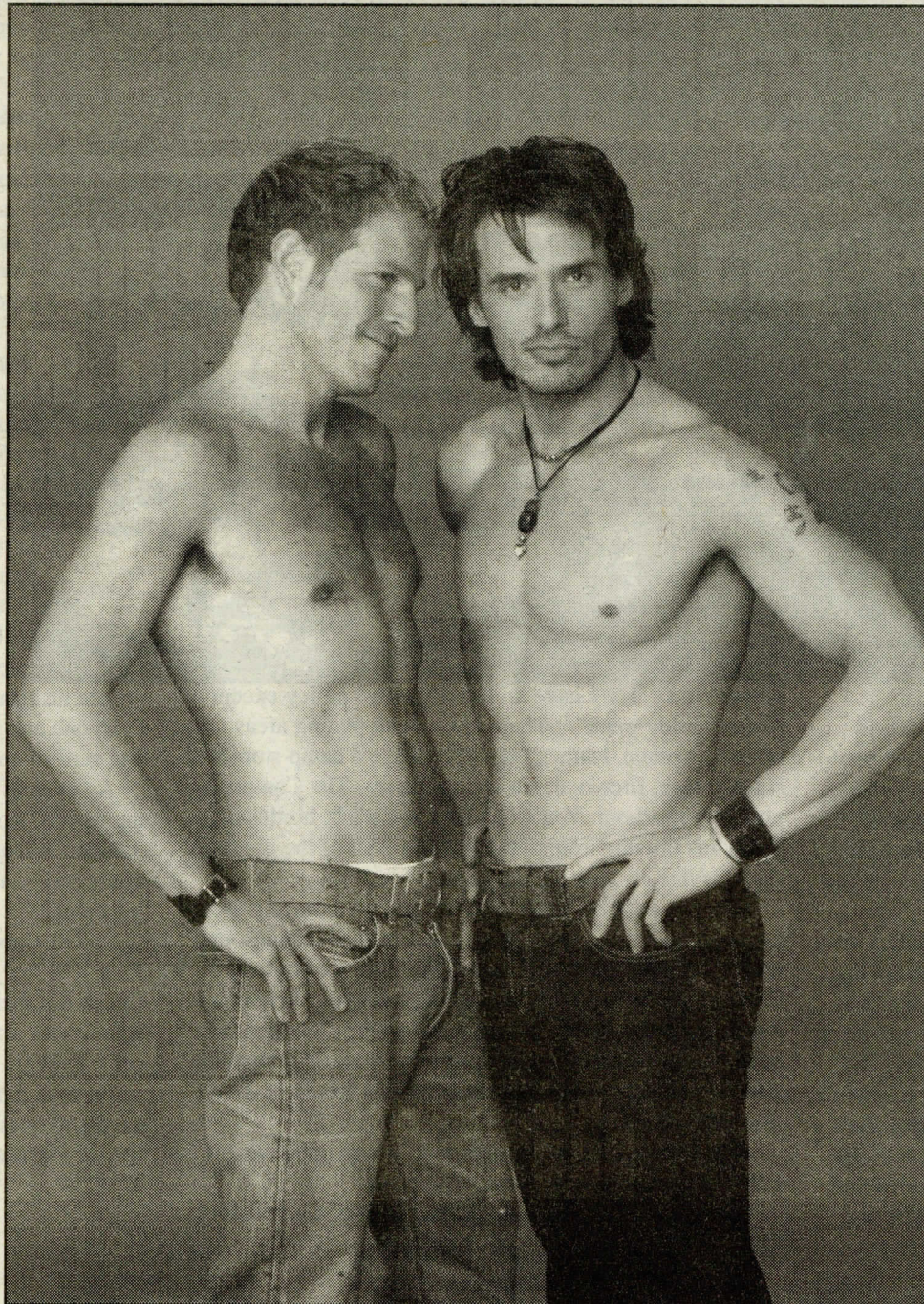
HOLLYWOOD

Down with his bad self

by Christopher S. Soden

I loved so many things about David Moreton's *Testosterone* that it's hard to know where to begin. I was thrilled to see a movie called "Testosterone" in which heterosexuality was marginalized and machismo not claimed as the exclusive domain of male breeders. In which the hero, graphic novelist Dean Seagraves (David Sutcliffe) was an angry, unapologetic, passionate, deranged queer boy going full steam ahead to get resolution (or at least answers) from his boyfriend, Pablo, who disappears one night after leaving to buy cigarettes. I loved that Dean doesn't (pardon the expression) pussy-foot around. That when he unexpectedly spots Pablo's mother (Sonia Braga) at an art exhibition he doesn't hesitate to confront her. I loved that all the gay men in the film were assertive, ravishing and indiscreet. How often have we all seen movies built around straight men who would stop at nothing to reclaim their lost female loves? Don't get me wrong on this next one but *Testosterone* defends the right of queer men to be pricks as big (get it?) as our straight brothers. It celebrates our raging male libido. In fact, it trivializes and lionizes it at the same time. Sofia (Celina Font) who helps Dean along the way in this film that is equal parts mystery, melodrama and black satire, has the best line: "I try never to get between a man and his penis." Or words to that effect.

Let's see. What else. I loved the tone. Dean rages and rushes and stalks about on his quest while the retro-jazzy, musical score undercuts it, suggesting that poor Dean might be taking all this just a lot too seriously. This of course is the epiphany that all of us, driven by mad love must embrace, usually later than sooner. I loved the dialogue. Marcos, an exquisitely cute guy Dean meets along the way asks if he can share the bed with him. Dean replies: "No, see, I've got a full day of stalking ahead of me tomorrow..." The script is peppered with rough, wry, multi-layered exchanges that are intelligent and purposeful. I loved the imagery. Dean using a stray-



dog he's befriended as a pillow when he sleeps in a graveyard. Dean defiantly eating wedding cake as Pablo's new bride antagonizes him. (Never has a bride seemed more extraneous at her own wedding). Dean undressing Marcos while making out and talking suggestively about bad Catholic school boys. Pablo (Antonio Sabato, Jr.)

baiting Dean in a way that call his own motives (and sanity) into serious question.

I loved the women. None of the female characters: Pablo's mother or Sofia or Dean's agent (played by Jennifer Coolidge) are what you would call "nurturers". Tough, sardonic, articulate and direct, they neither romanticize nor weaken women. In fact

they're often scary and vindictive. Sonia Braga is steely and merciless. Celina Font is seemingly kind but never naive. Jennifer Coolidge (A Cinderella Story, A Mighty Wind and television's Joey) has lost all trace of her ditsy, hare-brained shtick. She's still got that whiskey-voice, though, and when she bitches that she had to "lick that guy's ass for two hours" to cover for Dean, she's completely believable.

I loved the surprises. I hope I haven't revealed too many. Suffice it to say that our expectations and assumptions are often confounded. Our feelings about events change as the plot evolves and we consider them in retrospect. I loved the ironies. Dean Seagraves is a graphic novelist, an art form many find indistinguishable from comic books. In a way *Testosterone* is an homage to comic book romance and heroism. But not in the visual sense that we'd find in *Spiderman 2* or *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*. It's more about the bizarre (yet somehow valid) attempt on Dean's part to salvage his spirit using comic book ideology. Comic book logic. He sees his personal romantic struggle in grotesquely disproportionate terms. As do many of us. Throughout the film, the other characters tell him to wake up, to go home, he's wasting his time. And it's not just because he won't face the excruciating truth. He's a man chasing another man. In Mike Nichols' recent film, *Closer* (adapted from the Patrick Marber play) male/female sexuality is motivated by men's contempt for themselves and each other. *Testosterone* pitches the same wisdom. Contempt or adulation. But Dean's queer obsession (unwise as it may be) is expressed as fulfillment of manhood, rather than a subversion of it. And his insane, psychopathic behavior is ultimately vindicated. *Testosterone* shows us both sides of the coin, shows us the truth of leading with our dicks; the glory as well as the stupidity. It's smart, erotic, wrenching, funny. Maybe unforgettable.

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“Feeling a little depressed, Libra!”

ARIES March 21-April 20

Luck seems to be with you all week, so take advantage of it and play your hunches. Plan your next several days and try to stay on schedule in order to be as efficient as possible. Romance with your partner will be more than delightful. Relax and recoup in the evening.

TAURUS April 21 - May 21

It will be easy to express your thoughts and feelings this week. Since you get along with just about everyone, use this to your advantage. Be careful about any spending you will be doing - resist any impulses to buy the first thing you see. Do some comparison-shopping.

GEMINI May 22 - June 21

You naturally have great insight and practical ideas and it's time to put these pluses to good use, especially in the workplace. Pay attention to details, watch and learn from others. Any knowledge you acquire will benefit you greatly in the very near future.

CANCER June 22 - July 23

A talk with your significant other will be very productive this week. There seems to be great rapport between the young and the old, cooperation abounds. It's time to assert yourself and air your own ideas. Luck comes your way if you are willing to take a chance.

LEO July 24-Aug 23

Play your hunches - it looks like you might be in the right place at the right time. Talk over any career plans with someone you consider a mentor. Any pressure in the workplace will be alleviated with cheerful perseverance. Save time for a good friend.

VIRGO Aug 24 - Sept 23

Family and travel are highlighted this week. It's an especially good time to get in touch with friends, even those who live far away. You may need to spend extra time at work that was not planned in order to finish what you had started. Balance work and home.

LIBRA September 24 - October 23

Swift thinking will help you meet any opposition you encounter in the workplace during the week. Any independent research you begin will be rewarding in the long run. You may be feeling a bit depressed due to minor tensions at home - work things out now.

SCORPIO October 24 - November 22

Discuss any ideas for progress and greater satisfaction in your career with someone whose advice you trust. There is an opportunity at a distance that may be worth considering. Make an effort to stay in contact with a few old friends with whom you've shared much.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 - Dec 21

There is a job opportunity which you had previously looked into which may materialize into an offer this week. It's time to make the decision, and now you have a bit more leverage. A new romance will lift your spirits and get you to start thinking about forever.

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 20

Use your knowledge for the benefit of friends and family members. If you are well prepared, the results will be obvious. Don't let jealousy and possessiveness undermine your primary love relationship. Situations this week will strengthen ties with a lover.

AQUARIUS Jan 21 - Feb 19

A cycle of self-improvement will begin this week. Your mind is incredibly active and your powers of concentration are great. Make the extra effort to spend a little more time with a loved one. Luck seems to be with you and a major accomplishment will be rewarded.

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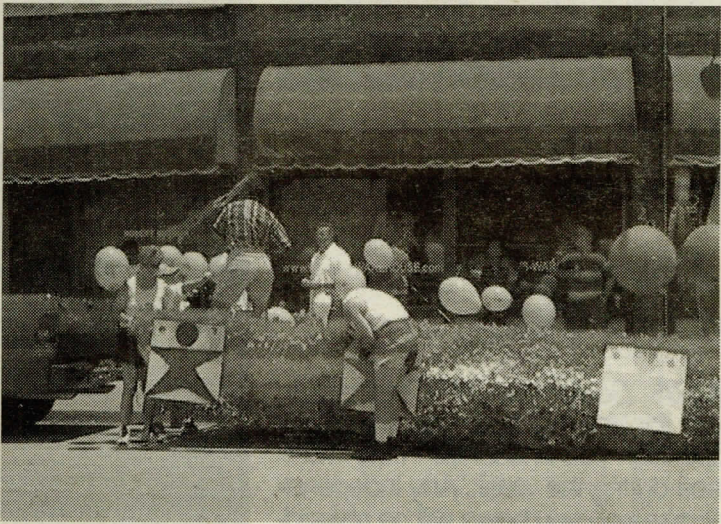
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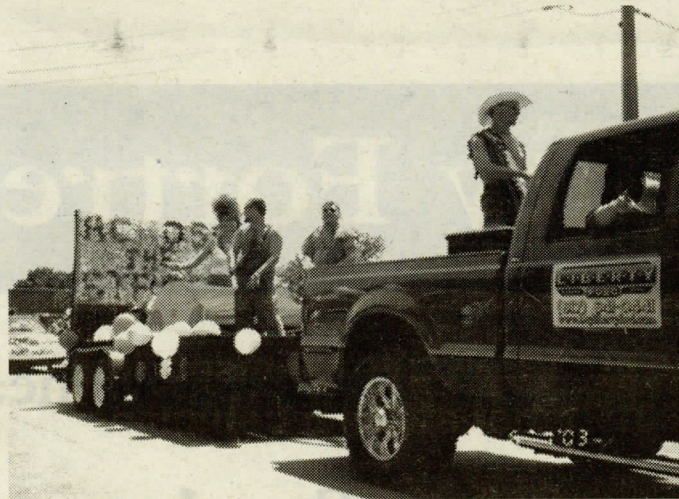
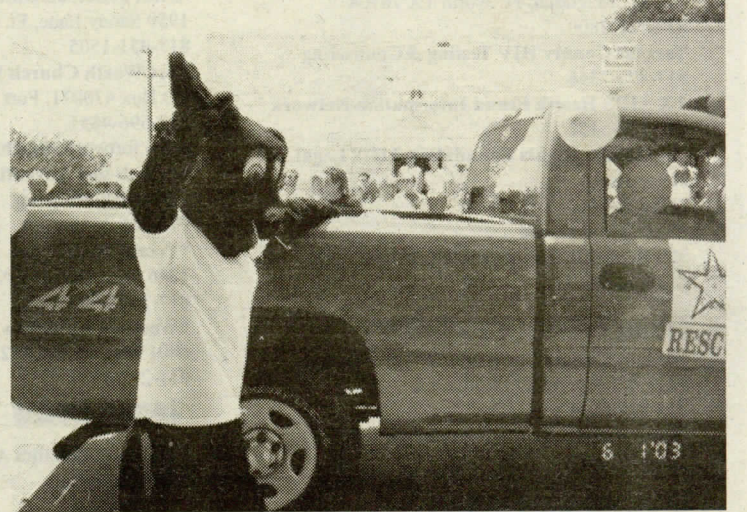
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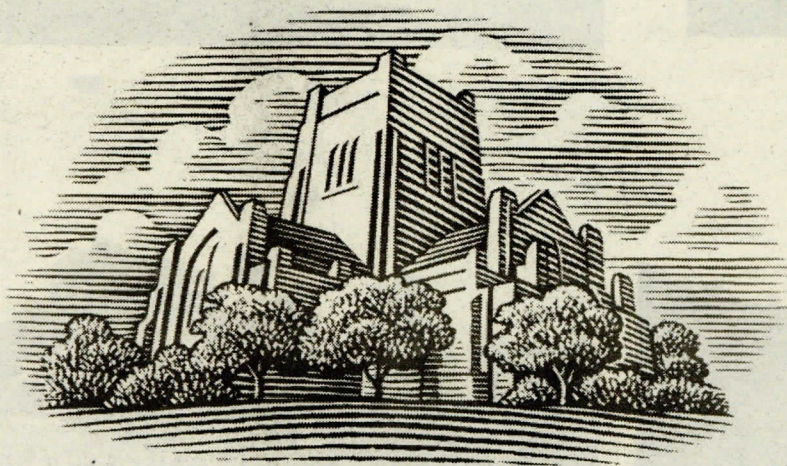
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