

The Front Page

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University of S.C. Sued By Gay Student Group

Columbia (AP)—A group of gay students filed suit against the University of South Carolina claiming the school violated the group's civil rights by refusing to recognize it as a licensed student organization according to a recent Associated Press report.

The suit filed in U.S. District court December 8, says the Gay Student Association received conditional recognition from the university in May.

But the complaint says the university informed the association in August that the organization would not be recognized because the school administration said the group's proposed constitution advocates conduct illegal in South Carolina.

The suit asks the court to order the university to grant official recognition and licensing as a student organization and to award judgement for actual and punitive damages.

The American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina is representing the gay students, who are unidentified in the suit.

Melissa Metcalfe, ACLU-SC executive director, said the case is similar to suits filed by gay student organizations in a number of other states.

"Virtually every case has been won on the grounds of free speech and association," she said. University Counsel Paul Ward said the following day that he had not received official notification of the suit.

Metcalfe said the group has about 30 members including "University faculty, staff and full-time students."

Attached to the lawsuit is a copy of an Aug. 2nd letter from Marsha Duncan, Student Affairs Dean, informing the association that university recognition would be denied.

Duncan's letter states that "it is the opinion of the university administration that the proposed constitution of the Gay Student Association advocates and promotes conduct which is illegal in South Carolina."

"Accordingly," the letter continues, "it would be most inappropriate for a state-supported institution to officially license or support the Gay Student Association."

Metcalfe said the university's action has the effect of denying the group its rights of free speech assembly, due process and equal protection under the law.

"If they can use sexual preference as something to keep gays from organizing," Metcalfe said, "next week they might be doing it to women." She said illegal activities "are not the purpose of the association."

The Havelock Progress Is At it Again!

HAVELOCK, NC—*The Havelock Progress*, an eastern North Carolina newspaper, has apparently found homosexuality to be a hot topic. As a follow up to their cover story on October 13, "Police Warn of Homosexual Activity" (see *The Front Page*, Vol. 3, No. 20), they printed a follow-up on November 3 (although not on the front page) entitled "Latest Homosexual Incident Reported." The North Carolina Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has sent the newspaper a letter of protest.

"The latest incidence of homosexuality," wrote reporter Stephanie S. Hailey (who is obviously becoming the paper's expert on the subject, having authored the previous article), "was reported to local authorities October 31 by a Lundy's Trailer Park man.

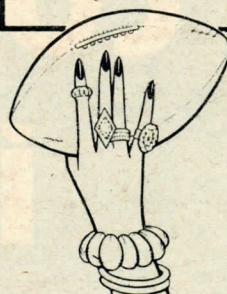
"According to the Havelock Police report, the young man was in Central News and Card Shop on E. Main Street, when he was approached.

"A man, described as being about 5'10" tall, weighing about 200 lbs., with light brown hair and wire frame glasses, and wearing dark trousers and shirt, approached the man, asking for directions to Morehead City. The victim (*editor's note — victim??*) gave the directions and the subject reportedly asked the victim to go along with him and the subject would pay. The victim replied, 'No.'

"The subject then asked the victim to go to his motel room at the Sherwood Motel and drink beer. The victim said, 'No, thanks.'

"The subject then asked the victim to go to
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LETTERS



The Drag Controversy:

Our Readers Take The Ball And Run With It!

Dear Front Page:

I don't know Patrick Coughlin, but I'm willing to bet that he just broke up with a drag queen lover.

Sincerely,
Rob
Charlotte

Dear Mr. Baker,

I read the Front Page regularly now and could not let the opportunity pass to stand and be counted among the who "agree" with the lengthy letter from Patrick Coughlin of Charlotte.

He has expressed my sentiments precisely! I would be much happier if there was not a single "drag bar" in our entire state. I go to the bars for the purpose of meeting and talking with others, not to see some guy parade around on stage pretending to entertain.

Mr. Coughlin deserves a sincere pat on the back. I think he has said what I am certain many of us wanted to.

It would be interesting to see just how many readers do or do not want drag shows to continue.

Why not take a poll and find out?

Adrian,
Durham N.C.

Dear Front Page,

Any honest observer will have to concede that Mr. Coughlin made many valid points about the nature of drag in North Carolina. This subject was, however, put off by the vicious tone of his letter. If female impersonations are truly as nich and pathetic as Mr. Coughlin portrays them, he must be a very small person to attack them.

There are many kinds of obsessions. A casual reading of the personal ads in this

newspaper will confirm this. There are persons imagining themselves to be master, and others who think that attiring themselves in levis and leather will somehow make them more masculine. Many people in society at large consider these obsessions "sick", just as many people find homosexuality pre se wrong.

In my opinion persons who think like Mr. Coughlin should not expect society to treat them with dignity and respect until they learn to accept diversity within our own ranks.

Sincerely,
S. Allen
Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Baker,

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Mr. Coughlin's letter concerning female impersonation. I am a 26 year old professional currently employed in private industry. While growing up I took 12 years of professional dance training and also taught under a master of the art for 2 years. I left this career partly because of the many prejudices held against male dancers. In this tirade in question Mr. Coughlin's remarks that female impersonators move "like cows." As a person who truly enjoys this gay art form, and as a professional in the area of dance, I say "BULLSHIT!" Mr Coughlin is the one who is "sick". He obviously feels threatened by female impersonation, and as the rest of his letter reveals, he is obviously insecure and detests being gay. I cannot imagine anyone who is gay and content with being so, harboring such hostile feelings toward any member of the gay community.

Sincerely, Michael Gregory

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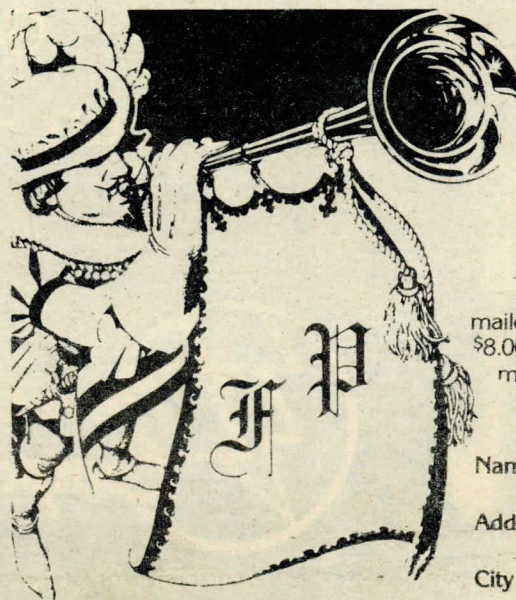
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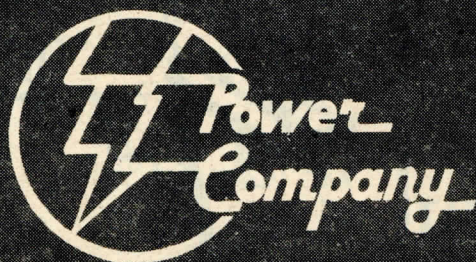
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TOOTSIE!

by John W. Rowberry, IGNA

You'd think by now that yet another movie about a man in drag might be taking a weak joke too far. You might think that, if you also thought Sydney Pollack's *Tootsie* was on of the infinite variations on the *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Victor/Victoria* themes. But you would be dead wrong, honey, because it isn't and Dustin Hoffman isn't Julie Andrews, and *Tootsie* isn't a heterosexual version of a transvestite joke. There are four things that lift this film above the two afore mentioned; the screenplay, the direction, Dustin Hoffman's sensibility, and the acting. In short, everything.

The screenplay, by Larry Gelbert and Murray Schisgal, just happens to be based on an original story idea by the duo, and Gelbert is one of the great television writers (he authored 97 segments of *M.A.S.H.*). The pair manages to cover all the bases inherent in a story where a man dresses as a woman and becomes a public figure; he is suspected of being gay by his roommate, he is suspected of being a lesbian by a soap opera leading lady he has fallen in love with; he gets a marriage proposal from her father; he is chased by the leading man from the soap opera series (who has a reputation for seduction to maintain), and every so often he gets his high heel stuck in a crack in the pavement.

But Gelbert and Schisgal don't go after the obvious cheap gags and the humor in all those situations is beautifully conceived and superbly written.

The same goes for Sydney Pollack, a man who carefully chooses the material he works with, and usually scores a direct hit: "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?", "The Way We Were," "The Yankuza," "Three Days of the Condor," and "The Electric Horseman". Right away you could expect something out of the ordinary with *Tootsie*.

Pollack is very good at getting restrained performances from his cast; this time he makes Bill Murray into a calm just slightly off-beat playwright, Hoffman's roommate, in one of the neatest little acting jobs ever to come from the usually frantic child of *Saturday Night Live*. Pollack does the same with Jessica Lang; her understated character -- the soap opera actress that Hoffman falls in love with -- is one of the best performances she's managed.

Second Thoughts on Some Recent Motion Pictures. . .

by Daniel Curzon, IGNA

TOOTSIE. Strangely enough, there are no gay people in this movie about a man who dresses like a woman in order to get a job on a soap opera. While it's not offensive to real homosexuals, there's just a little something annoying about all this heterosexual flirtation with cross-dressing and other trappings of the Other Sex, as they used to say. Makes me think we haven't progressed much from the Elizabethan (and later? endless?) fascination with the same idea: boys dressed as girls. In *TOOTSIE* besides all Dustin Hoffman's feminist drag, there is a near-kiss between Tootsie and her girlfriend, played by Jessica Lange, which provides all the delicious "frisson of the forbidden", followed rigorously by the ever so orthodox pairing off of the male and female leads. There's a straight roommate who's not, married at 40, there's a straight father after Tootsie. But, as I said, there are no gay people in this movie, not one.

SOPHIE'S CHOICE. Um. Is Meryl Streep really beautiful? They keep saying this in every movie she is in, but I keep thinking: "pretty maybe, but beautiful?" Even the Nazi she is to work for tells her how lovely she is just when I was silently congratulating Ms.

But when it gets to Dabney Coleman, who plays a tyrant television director, and who admits he loves playing villains, Pollack gives him the free reign necessary for him to put his character against most of the others.

Pollack also keeps the humor on a consistent, original, honest level -- forgoing obvious cross-dressing gags for some highly well-conceived verbal and visual humor. And he doesn't just set up the situations, pull the gag, and go on to something else -- every moment is carefully built into a cohesive overall pattern, everything fits in place.

The cast must have individually and collectively loved their role in this movie because each one is played to the hilt. Terri Garr, as Dustin's semi-girlfriend and a young New York actress getting nowhere fast, is a delightful mixture of post-me-generation insecurity and driving passion. Charles Durning, who plays Jessica Lang's father, and who falls in love with the refined, vivacious Dorothy Michaels (Dustin Hoffman) is a joy in both his amorous moves toward Dorothy and his painfully honest self-realization when he discovers Dorothy is a man and that he has made a fool of himself.

But clearly the film belongs, finally, to Dustin Hoffman, playing a consummate actor who auditions, dressed as a woman, for a role on a daytime soap opera and becomes the toast of television. Hoffman is a consummate actor, one of the real treasures of the stage and films, and, as he has done in the past, shows and extraordinary ability to make his material work far better than one would expect.

His *Tootsie*, the nickname of Dorothy Michaels, is an amazingly delicate, well-considered, finely-hewn characterization that works to well that it is easy to forget Dorothy is a real man.

Tootsie also manages to deal with abstract concepts like sexual duality, gender identification, and sexual role assignment without ever not for a single moment, sounding preachy. But that's because all the elements of this film, the screenplay, the direction, and the acting, are so well meshed -- so artfully executed. This is great comedy, flawless performances, and a totally satisfying movie. Dustin Hoffman clearly deserves an Academy Award for his performances.

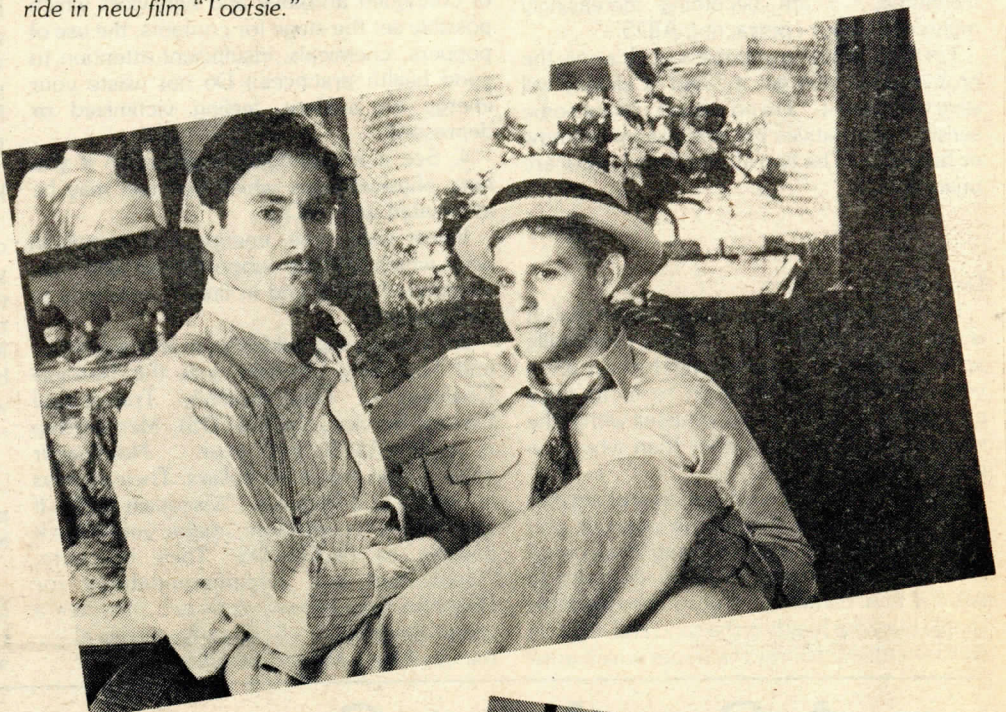
Streep on her courage in foregoing all that glamorous Hollywood makeup and looking really concentration-camp-like. She is a splendid actress, and the movie is very fine overall, though with rather slow patches here and there, but Kevin Lein as the neurotic husband is indeed the sexy one in the film. In fact the film would've been even better if the "sensitive" Southern boy writer (Peter MacNichol) had an affair with the husband instead of with Sophie. The script acknowledges what is transparent to all (gay) eyes by the overall circumlocutious apology from the "sensitive" one about not being able to help having a "crush on Nathan's mind." Come on now, we're all grownups here.

MY FAVORITE YEAR. Here is yet another example of cinematic heterosexualizing of a gay reality that hums just beneath the surface. The Alan Swann character (Peter O'Toole) is obviously based on Errol Flynn and the reason he was "assigned" to the boyish writer on the staff was not the one mentioned so fraudulently in the script -- he just adores Alan Swann's crummy movies! Grow up! Putting O'Toole in bed with two female cuties and a glass of champagne shows how acceptably bohemien the swashbuckler is

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Dustin Hoffman (in the stunning hat) and Charles Durning share a romantic tractor ride in new film "Tootsie."



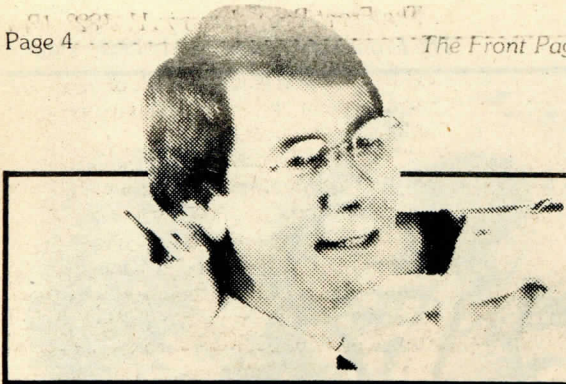
(Above:) Kevin Kline (on the top) and Peter MacNichol (on the bottom) share "a romance of the mind" in "Sophie's Choice," which actually stars Meryl Somebody.

(Right:) Young Mark Linn-Baker looks anxious as his hero, the swinging Peter O'Toole, prepares to show-off for him.



(Below:) Henry Thomas, as Elliott, tries to adjust to the idea that E.T. is actually gay.





JACK ANDERSON

Dear Jack,

Everyone is talking about AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) and I see lots of articles about it. I'm worried. The course of the "epidemic" is classic. I ask myself "when will it arrive here?"

I don't want to be one of its victims. On the other hand, I am (sadly) single and do like the bars. If I found someone to become lovers with I would retire from the bars. In the meantime, while looking, I am also going home with men who appeal to me and hoping to find the right guy. And, also in the meantime, I am becoming increasingly frightened about contracting AIDS.

I'm tired of hearing people say, "It's only the promiscuous who get it," and "Celibacy will save you from it." I'm no expert. I want some sensible alternatives but don't seem to know or hear any. The two alternatives I know are unacceptable.

Andy

Dear Andy,

I feel for your dilemma. It is deep and real. It is one that is shared by a majority of sexually active gay men. It's essential not to dwell upon your dilemma, but to begin to focus your energy upon a solution for yourself within the framework of what is rather than what you would like it to be.

If you don't actively engage in seeking and reaching a realistic solution for yourself, you are increasing the risk of being confronted with a more profound problem—contracting AIDS. It is natural and normal to want to simply bury our heads in the sand and not deal with potentially destructive issues which arise

in our lives. Repression and denial do not serve us well in these instances. It is also natural for us to feel angry, cheated, singled out, anxious, scared and depressed. It's very important to begin to convert all of the energy that is being channeled into those kind of feelings, into consciously taking responsibility for your attitudes and behavior in relation to this threat to your health.

Begin to convert your energy into taking action. Do the following things:

1. Learn all you can about AIDS.
2. Carefully weigh the pluses and minuses of continued attitudes and behaviors which possibly set the stage for contacts, the use of poppers, chemicals, insufficient attention to good health practices.) Do not waste your energy on anxiety, feeling victimized or depressed.
4. See a knowledgeable physician if you note physical signs which you feel may be associated with AIDS.

Invest your time, energy, and money in ways which will help support those who have contracted AIDS and in finding solutions to this problem.

As a beginning guideline, in learning more and becoming involved, join the National Coalition of Gay Sexually Transmitted Disease Services (NCGSTDs). Membership is only \$15.00 per year. Newspaper subscription only is ten dollars. Their address is: Box 239, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to NCGSTDs. Their brochure, "Guidelines and Recommendations for Healthful Gay Sexual Activity", provides a useful checklist. It's \$1.00 and available at the the coalition's Milwaukee address.

There are other useful publications and support groups which have emerged around the country in major metropolitan areas. Why don't you begin to either help in forming one here or seeking one out to join? You sound like a talented and concerned person.

If you or any of your friends are unfortunate and do contract AIDS, the same emotional responses which we experience with any potential catastrophic illness can be expected. Typical ones are shock, disbelief, denial, over-riding anxiety, anger, hurt, blaming ourselves, blaming others, guilt, the list goes on. The important thing to do is not to panic and to reach out, first of all, to those who can offer medical, emotional, and spiritual support. Allow the experience to be a vehicle for deeper growth and awareness of the meaning of life.

Andy, thought out the history of humankind we have had to deal with life as it is and not as we would like it to be. This is an opportunity for you to reach deeper within yourself and make serious decisions and commitments to yourself and as to how you choose to deal with this sobering situation. My best wishes to you and all of our gay brothers and sisters in handling this situation with maturity, creativity, and courage.

Copyright Jack Anderson

Catherin de' Medici must have been quite a stage mother. Her three sons all ruled as kings of France; two of them were Gay.

Funky chic maybe older than you think. Diaghilev, founder of the Ballets Russe, had his overcoat lined with fur -- but held it closed with safety pins.

the Front Page

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A RECORD REVIEW:

by Scott Ross

If, like most of us, you don't get to New York often enough to satisfy your appetite for the current musical fare on Broadway, take heart. Columbia Records has just released the original cast album of the multiple-Tony-award winning "Nine", director and choreographer Tommy Tune's one-up of the much-lauded Fellini film "8 1/2", and the results are fairly pyrotechnic.

While Fellini's number indicated the chronological order of the film itself in his biography, the numerical distinction here refers to the (if one can call him that) halted state-of-mind. "Nine" deals with a film director in the throes of a mid-life/mid-film crisis; as he sings, "My body's clearing forty/ As my mind is nearing ten." Guido Contini, the toast of inter-continental paparazzi has come to Venice to escape the rigors of his life and his fiery French producer. Married, Guido is carrying on simultaneous affairs with two women and his own ego.

This is pretty standard stuff. What is extraordinary about "Nine" on record, at least is the seductive, albeit often derivative, score by Maury Yeston. It seems at times to fairly jump the expanse between traditional Broadway sound and what amounts, in essence, to grand opera. Which brings me to an essential question: are the admittedly dramatic but somehow trivial travails of an over-aged adolescent quite the stuff of opera? Kabuki theatre and Grand Guignol provided Stephen Sondheim an excuse to attempt such audacity with his "Pacific Overtures" and "Sweeney Todd", but these were grand themes to begin with, and I question all of that effort expended on Fellini.

Even so, Yeston's gift for the expansive - sometimes - is overwhelming is beyond reproach (or at very least, denial), even if his lyrics occasionally fail to stretch above the lame ("Be Italian/You rascalion") or the insipid ("When he was working on the film on ancient Rome/ He made the slave girls take the gladiators home.") Points which from a

"9"

more seasoned hand would be far more subtle in "Nine" practically beat one over the head. He also takes the easy rhyme. (there are lots of "me's" and "be's" and a good number of ideas that just don't jell, or worse, make no sense.) His music on the other hand while occasionally lapsing into over-familiar territory (there are phrases which sound for all the world like tonal larceny from sources as divergent as Neopolitan street songs and Leonard Bernstein's "Mass", shows a grasp of technique that sometimes astounds with its assuredness and complexity.

There are patches of real ingenuity here, and perhaps none more scintillating than "The Bells of St. Sebastian" (you may remember him as the patron saint of homosexuals), one of the most searing indictments of the Catholic Church ever put on stage. ("The nuns at St. Sebastian's tried to teach the facts of life/ Explaining there were two kinds of women/ One was a whore/ One was a wife"), a number which argues pretty convincingly the case against religious training as a breeding ground for insidious ideals and life-long gender confusion.

A lot of familiar names appear in "Nine's" credits, not the least of whom is orchestrator Jonathan Tunick, Stephen Sondheim's perennial arranger and surely the freshest, most original in the business. His arrangements never attempt to stifle either intent or execution of the composer's melodic creativity. In Tunick's handiwork lies much of Yeston's accomplishments; perhaps no other orchestrator today utilizes strings to quite Tunick's advantage. A nod must also surely be given to Wally Harper (you may remember him from Stephen's as Barbara Cook's indispensable arranger and accompanist) as

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the motel to talk and again the victim refused.

"The next request was a sexual proposition which the victim refused. With this, the subject left.

"The cooperation of all area residents was sought by local authorities in mid-October after an increase in homosexual activity in the Havelock area was noted.

"According to Havelock Detective Lt. Bill Dodson at that time, a young boy had recently been tricked into a vehicle and driven some miles from home. Fortunately, Dodson said, the youngster was able to free himself and get help.

"As of mid-October, all the victims had been young boys with maturing bodies. They had been approached at school bus stops, after athletic contests, and at convenience stores and game rooms."

The article does not state the exact number of solicitations implied by "all the victims," nor is the extent of the incidents related. The age of the man "victimized" in the latest incident is not given; he is only referred to as a "young man," and it left to our imaginations whether this young man's body had finished maturing or not.

George H. Gardner, Executive Director of the North Carolina A.C.L.U., wrote a letter to the Editor of the Progress, dated December 20, 1982:

"One of our members has sent us, for comment, a story from the Progress of October 13, captioned 'Police Warn of Homosexual Activity.' A reading of the story informs us that it is not homosexual activity but child molesting which is the subject, which leaves us wondering about the state of journalism in your neck of the woods.

"The sexual molestation of a child is a despicable crime and when it is the object of a news story, we find that the perpetrators are almost always fathers and step-fathers, uncles and grandfathers. The assumption is clearly in favor of a heterosexual offender. Of the occasional tragedy where a child is molested, injured, even killed by a stranger, I know of no

evidence that this is the work of other than a terribly deranged person, sexual preference unknown and irrelevant.

"What the Progress has done is to express an unprofessional ignorance which will play into the hands of those who seek to deny homosexual their rights as human being in employment, education, religion and other areas of life to which they are fully entitled. The issue of homosexuality may be troublesome to many for a variety of reasons, many of them unexamined, but there is no excuse for a newspaper, large or small, to treat so sloppily an issue of public importance where prejudice is already a large and unhappy factor."

For those who also wish to write letters of protest, the address is: Editor, Havelock Progress, 310 W. Main Street, Havelock, N.C. 28533.

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

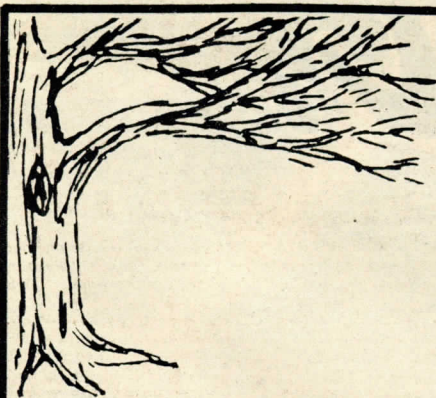
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I remember having lunch with Charles McCabe, one of the senior columnists of the Chronicle who is quite homophobic. Curiously enough, he liked me and got me my entree to the editors. He knew that I was gay but, because he's Irish, he prefers the company of any man to any woman. Later, he took me to lunch again and said, "Now tell me the truth. Don't you think this is exaggerated? I really don't think there are more than twenty thousand homosexuals in San Francisco."

I tried to explain to him as politely as I could that this was the number that he saw on his way from his home to the bar where he drinks at twelve o'clock in the morning.

F: Do you regard "Tales of the City" as a gay work?

A: No. I regard it as a work written by a gay man that has gay characters in it and appeals to a lot of different kinds of people. I don't want to preach to the choir. I think a lot of gay writers write books for gay people and that's fine; they are telling them things that they already know and that they can chuckle at. But I want to reach the people who need to know the truth about gay people.



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Letters

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Dear Front Page,

A place for drag and drag in it's place! I agree! I agree! I hope that every bar owner reads this letter and the fine one by David Wright (on the unfairness found in the judging of contests.) Almost all of my friends and associates never go to bars when the drag queens are unleashed upon "gay sensibltiy". Could your average drag queen actually be a closet existentialist, commendations to their effectiveness in producing the state of NAUSEA in almost every (forced) viewer.

Thanks to the clear-headed
guys and the Front Page
Deni of the RFD

Dear Mr. Baker,

You were right when you anticipated a response to Patrick Coughlin's tirade on the demerits of female impersonation. When an individual tries to write about a subject of which he had only peripheral knowledge the results are often inaccurate, misleading and sophomoric. The few specifics that Mr. C did refer to were not well researched for a college grad. His voluminous collection of cliches and stereotypical stabs has set a new benchmark for prejudicial thinking and ignorance.

The article to which Mr. C took great exception had one purpose. The sole upose was to let the many people -- yes, many people -- in North Carolina who enjoy and follow pageants know the status of the North Carolina pageant system. Anyone with good vision and common sense should be able to see how popular pageants are in this state. That does not necessarily give female impersonation claim to a "majority opinion" but it puts female impersonation a lot closer to claiming widespread support than I can find for Mr. C. Pageants would not enjoy the success that they do in North Carolina without the gay community's enthusiastic support for female impersonation and pageants. Hopefully all of these people are not that ignorant to talent and entertainment.

I have no idea which pageant Mr. C judged in order to gain such insights into female impersonation but I hope that it was not one of the city preliminaries to the state pageant and I can assure your readers it was not the North Carolina Pageant for Female Impersonators. We are -- as Mr. Wright's letter in the same issue suggested -- insisting that the city preliminaries to the state pageant screen their judges for the most qualified and non-biased judges available. It is difficult to believe that Mr. C. could have been a judge in the North Carolina system of preliminaries in the recent past.

On the subject of the personal mannerisms and physical characteristics of female impersonators, I find it a sorrowful state of affairs when a gay male uses such terminology as "sick" and "schizo" to describe a whole subculture of gay people. This is the very type of thinking that those noble human rights organizations mentioned in Mr. C's letter are trying to eradicate. Comments of such discolor belong with the slanderous generalizations made about "Jews", "Niggers" and "Queers" -- BURIED!

Concerning the North Carolina Applause Awards and why the three bar owners were nominated for the public service and why organizations such as the ACLU were not nominated, the answer is simple to anyone taking the time to find out what the Applause Awards are. The North Carolina Applause Awards are only voted on by and given to people involved in the gay entertainment business of North Carolina. The three gentlemen in competition with the Front Page for the public service award were nominated on the basis of their works with and contributions to local charities, social service organization and local gay right organizations.

I might add at this point that many female impersonators contribute their time and talents on stage to charitable effort in North Carolina. All of this information could have been had for the asking.

I seriously question which fantasy is more uplifting -- that of a female impersonator striving on stage to be a "star", or that of a

man looking through gay bar after gay bar for the perfect "masculine appearance". To all of the Mr. C's of the world let me say that what tasted like a rutabaga to you may taste like honey to us. What is "talentless" and "boring" to you is obviously talent and entertainment to us.

Pageant Enterprises
P.O. Box 1011
Greenville, N.C.

Dear Editor:

I agree with almost all of Mr. Coughlin's points about "female impersonation," but I fear he may have lost some readers through the length of his tirade and the language used. I get the impression he wrote it all in a rush, shoved it in an envelope, and mailed it. It really would have benefitted from some dispassionate rewriting.

Nevertheless, as I said, I agree with his points, and felt he might need some backing-up. His letter reminded me of something I read a while back, so I went poking through my old copies of Gay

Anyone with good vision and common sense should be able to see how popular pageants are in this state. . . Pageants do not enjoy the success that they do in North Carolina without the gay community's enthusiastic support.

Drag, at its best, is a form of satire; the two ideas meet in the word "travesty," whose Latin roots literally mean "cross-dress". . . A man dressed as a woman is funny -- at least, initially. But that's not enough. Once that point's been made, it has to develop. There has to be something more.

Community News until I found it. It's an interview with Natch Taylor, artistic director of Les Ballet Trocadero de Monte Carlo, the group which sets the standard by which all "drag" must be judged.

"Drag, at its best," wrote interviewer David Foushee (GCN, November 28, 1981), "is a form of satire; the two ideas meet in the word 'travesty,' whose Latin roots literally mean 'cross dress.' In ballet, certain female characters have traditionally been danced by men *en travesti*. These roles: witches, mothers or other supposedly awkward or ugly women -- travesty the ideals of grace and beauty which the ballerina is supposed to embody. Hence the unwritten rule that women do not travesty themselves.

"Good satire can celebrate a form and destroy it. The Trocks' satire was good because it was built, as it ought to have been, upon a rigorous knowledge of dance. I saw their performance as a carving up of everything I didn't like about dance and a playful celebration of everything I liked."

The author then continued the article with a question and answer section (I've eliminated the quotes to make it easier to type):

DAVID FROUSHEE: What do you think your ballets say about men's dance vs. women's dance? For example, Robert Joffrey has said that there isn't any dance step which is necessarily male or female.

NATCH TAYLOR: I don't think there is either. I mean, an arabesque is an arabesque. Obviously the physicality is going to make a difference: the physical mass and the shapes of the bodies. You normally see the four swans in the second act of *Swan Lake* done by pretty little ballerinas in precision; when

you see us, rather large people doing it, it becomes gawky and awkward.

DF: Do you think that play on physicality is the essence of what makes you so funny?

NT: No, because we couldn't sustain two hours of that. Once you've seen the first guy in a tutu *en pointe* that visual joke is over. The humor's got to come out of the ballet and what's done with it.

DF: It seems to me that there are two elements in your appeal to audiences: first, your parodies of dance styles, of course, but also simply the fact that you're men wearing women's clothes.

NT: I'm sure there are people who come in a voyeuristic way and get titillated by seeing men run around in pink tights and point shoes with wigs and eyelashes on. It would seem to me that they could get a lot more for their money by going to some club and seeing a tacky drag show.

DF: Of course, you're not serious female impersonators, what you do is more like gender-fuck.

NT: Exactly. We're not impersonating women at all. We're not trying to do Barbra Streisand or Makarova or anybody else.

have substance. A man in a dress is, after all, only a man in a dress. How much of that -- and how often -- can anyone stand?

Brandy Alexander is an exception. . . she talks to and works with an audience, making a excellent m.c. Hot Chocolate is remarkable, both in and out of drag. Bryan Murphy does his own singing. And Thank God for someone with a sense of humor like Kitty Hawk!

Sincerely yours,
Ed
Durham

Dear Front Page Editor:

Patrick Coughlin's letter to the editor about the boring and talentless drag queens certainly does speak for me and many of my friends. What is curious is why so many bar owners eager to make more profit have not recognized the large gay audience who find drag shows dull and unappealing and who would be more interested and willing to pay for entertainment by men with talent. Many of us avoid gay bars not because we are afraid to come out, but because we find the so-called entertainment offered by female impersonators pitiful and monotonous.

I appreciate the Front page for its willingness to share and communicate gay's unique concerns.

Sincerely,
H.R. Edwards
Charlotte

Dear Mr. Baker,

I am writing in response to Mr. Coughlin's lengthy letter published in your last issue in which he attempts to explain what he feels is the majority opinion of female impersonation.

As a former manager of a bar in N.C. and one who has dealt extensively with gay customers and entertainers I would like to say that I think Mr. Coughlin "doth protest too much."

Concerning his comment that "most of the audience looked bored, vaguely impatient..." and so on may I say that as a manager I know that bars try to give their customers what they want and a great number of them ask to see female impersonators. Having been a bartender himself, I would think that Coughlin should realize that very often the "biggest nights" at the bar are show nights. No bar owner in his right mind would continue the practice of booking this costly entertainment if the majority of his customers held Mr. Coughlin's viewpoint.

Part of the letter describes the first "drag show" Mr. Coughlin had ever seen. Those of us who have lived in N.C. for some time must admit that the fact this "display" took place at the Electric Company in Chapel Hill certainly dates the performance. This enlightening discription is simply further proof of how far this form of entertainment has come since that time.

I think it is sad that Mr. Coughlin should go on and on at such length based on such little knowledge of the subject. Having dealt with female impersonators from across the country I know that most of them are exceptionally interesting, motivated and talented men. Many hold full time jobs in interesting professional fields, own their homes and hold degrees most comparable to the one that Mr. Coughlin boasts of. To compare these men with the few "drag queens" he has known and had experiences with is certainly unjust.

Coughlin, himself, admits that he has never seen this opinion expressed in any publication and since he is so particular about proper representation I find it odd that he should feel that this could possibly be a "majority" opinion.

Most bars in the state try to host a variety of entertaining activities to please all of their customers. I think this is an excellent idea since each of us is an individual and entitled to pursue our own enjoyments. If the art of female impersonation upsets Mr. Coughlin so much, may I suggest that he stay away from his favorite bar during show time and choose another time when there are activities more to his liking. There is room for all of us.

Brooke Lancaster
Plymouth, N.C.

We're doing a satire and the audience shouldn't be confused about whether we're men or women. It's the same in Shakespeare. The men were simply doing a role in a play, they weren't trying to be female impersonators. In that society, ladies weren't allowed on the stage. Travesty, or drag if you want to call it drag, is nothing new to theatre or to ballet. When ballet first started, no women were allowed -- and some roles are still done by men, such as the ugly sisters in *Cinderella*. There's really nothing new about what we're doing.

Taylor also explores why there are more men in drag as women than the reverse: "Arlene Croce quoted someone else as saying that something light trying to look heavy isn't funny, but something heavy trying to look light is very funny. The visual humor just didn't work with women." I think there are two important things here: a man dressed as a woman is funny. . . at least, initially. But that's not enough. Once that point's been made, it has to develop. There has to be something more going on.

"That's one thing that bothers me about some dancers," Taylor says in the same article. "They're so damn serious about it that they get constipated. You have to be able to look at what you do from a distance." I would make the same remark about some drag queens -- they take themselves so damn seriously. And that's, I think, where drag shows become boring and the drag queen something other than a picture of mental health.

The purpose of any entertainment is to be entertaining; drag, to be any good at all, must be amusing and, hopefully, funny. And it must

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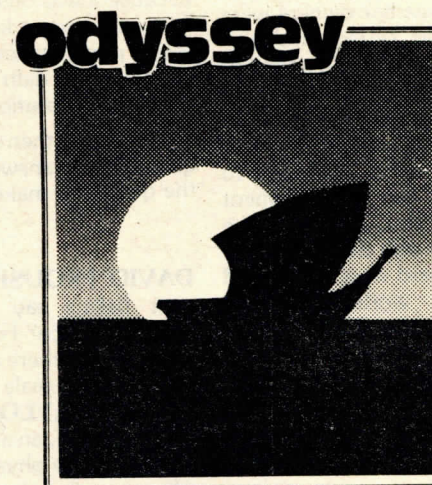
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Re: Preston

Dear Michael Baker:

I've been enjoying the John Preston flap, although I suspect the whole thing was deliberate on your part, so you would be forced to grovel publicly. Still, wasn't it nice not having to make a decision about what was going to be on the front page? (And if you want to send Preston a further offering, I understand he's not exactly averse to white jockey shorts.)

Happy New Year,
Tak Loufer
SLAM Newsletter
Chapel Hill

Dear Tak:

In the timeless words of that immortal play *Boys in the Band* (of which, like any semi-literate homosexual of my generation, I've memorized every word): "Thank you and Fuck you."

For the record: I am an avid reader of both Mr. Preston's fiction and non-fiction. And, personally, I admire both his principles and his bluster.

And, while I don't know about those white jockey shorts, I have sent Mr. Preston a small check in exchange for one of his old, much-abused jock straps and a pair of year-old sweat socks. (So much more personal than an autograph, don't you think?)

Sincerely yours,
Michael Baker

P.S. If I spelled "Tak Loufer" backwards or sideways or something, would I discover your true identity?

Dear Front Page:

My thanks and compliments for the good job you are doing. The results I got from my ad were too good! Loved the expanded classifieds in your recent issue. . . and the upcoming special feature about your the

whole classified section sounds great.

Also, an idea for a little feature or letter to the Editor, or such. . .

How about some publicity for the "Gay Give-In" that a lot of gay guys and gals are trying to popularize? The idea is to get some public recognition (and to promote public-spiritedness among gays) by getting those who are regular blood-donors to the Red Cross (and to recruit a few more?) to schedule their donor visits to the Red Cross on the first Sunday of each "odd" month. (Appropriate, some would say!)

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Bill
Charlotte

Dear Front Page:

Keep up the good work. You are wonderful!

Thank you,
Vickie
Wilson, N.C.

Dear Front Page

After living away from this area for the past several years, I was quite surprised and pleased to discover your informative paper. I live in a small town in the Sandhills Area and believe me, it's been quite hard to meet the right kind of people when you are used to San Francisco and Fort Lauderdale.

I would appreciate your printing my ad in your paper when you find space. Perhaps I'll find I'm not the only one of my persuasion in this area? Thanks for your service.

Sincerely,
W.B.
Pinehurst, N.C.

RECORD REVIEW

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musical director. The chorus is guided to heights of pure, unrestrained and harmonious ecstasy. Both Overture and Epilogue are vocalized, and everything in between (despite a few mangled tones from some of the principal leads) is, to John Simon's phrase, endlessly resourceful.

One of the highlights of this LP (and, from all reports, the show itself), is Anita Moris' dazzling performance as Guido's mistress. One only wishes that one could see as well as hear her (reportedly) brilliant, acrobatic and sensuously ribald kama sutra routine, "A Call From the Vatican", scrubbed from the Tony award broadcast last year.

One further note. Although most collectors want a show's album if, for nothing else, the cover itself (I'm a confessed freak for liner notes), be aware that the cassette version of "NINE" contains over 80 minutes of music extant from the show, making the album somewhat abridged. (And anyway, there aren't any liner notes, as it turns out, so buy the tape.)

RECENT MOVIES

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supposed to be, but if he were shown with that boyish writer, as it no doubt makes the most sense the film would not have been made in the first place or probably would have no commercial life beyond San Francisco if it got made! And thus we learn why we're back to gay invisibility as we enter the year of Our Lord 1983.

An afterthought or two: it occurs to me that there were a few more films in 1982 which images of the gay community. . . some good, some bad. Let's consider:

THE ROAD WARRIOR. The bad guys in this bash-'em and bang-'em murderous romp are a combination of the general public's most despised types: arresting motorcycle cops, Hell's Angels, punks with brightly colored Mohawk haircuts, and effeminate homosexuals. The obvious "sweetie" of the

baddest bad guy of them all is always behind him on his bad bike—fem charms and flowing blond hair making him, like the other villains, ripe for slaughter. The blond sweetheart gets it with steel boomerang to the forehead natch. This Australian film is a thoroughly sensationalistic sledgehammer of a movie that caters to just about every violent emotion known to humankind. The really horrible part is that it's so entertaining.

VERONICA VOSS. Fassbinder's last movie is an imitation of a Forties' B movie which aspires to high things. Only it doesn't reach them, except technically. Fassbinder, gay himself, couldn't seem to resist putting in those old-fashioned images of "sinister lesbians" in this case a woman doctor and her "companion" who makes morphine addicts out of the depressed and then forces them to sign over all their property to them. God knows, lesbians have no more right to be portrayed exclusively in flattering images than anybody else, but this throwback to the Bad Old Days is offensive. But it may be so understated an image that most people won't notice—no, even worse, they will pick up the message subliminally and carry it around with them much longer.

E.T. That's right, E.T. is gay. Didn't you see the scene where he dresses in drag? Remember that fetching wig? He didn't object, did he, when Elliot's little sister put it on him! Of course he may have been so drunk he didn't know what he was doing, right? All those cans of beer! Don't gays have a problem with alcohol? He was left behind in the first place because he was outside the spaceship tricking with earthlings. Don't hand me that bull about him picking flowers! You can even hear him grunting and carrying on in the bushes! His lover, on board the spaceship, gets so pissed off waiting for him that he closes the door and flies off, only to return later when he realizes that he can't live without E.T. Meanwhile E.T. himself realized that he misses Zork (the lover dummy!) and wants to be reunited with him, and they fly off together at the end. It's a very beautiful story, if you ask me.

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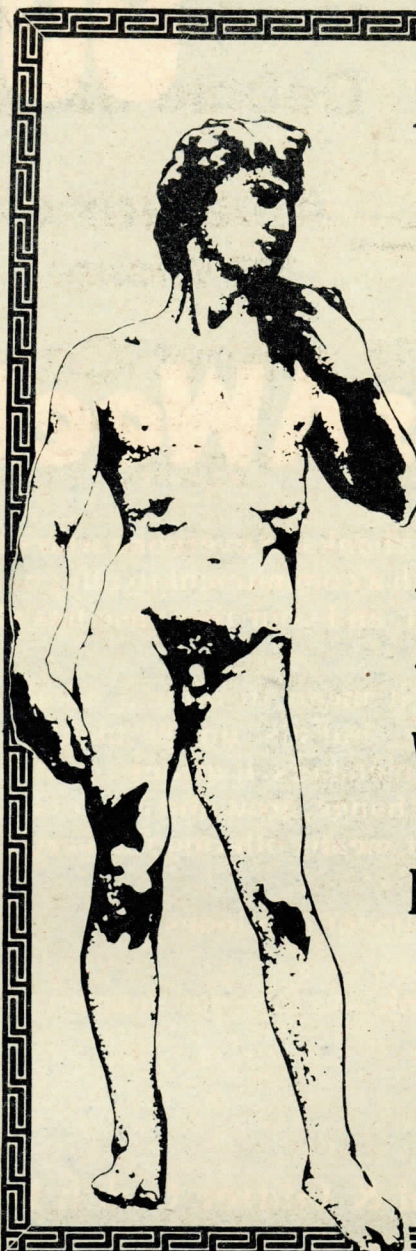
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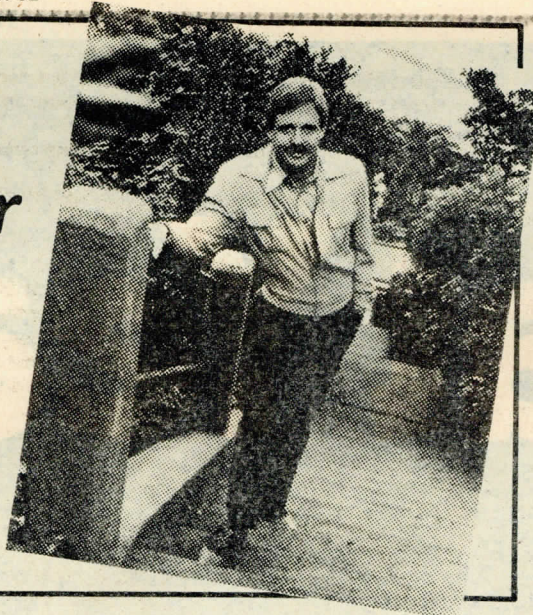
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FREEMAN GUNTER: Your books seem at times like a love song to the California way of life. How do you like living in California?

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN: I love it. I hope that shows in the books.

F: People come back to New York from California and they put it down. I think they are just jealous of California.

A: I think it works both ways. We come back to California from New York and reassure ourselves that it's too noisy and too hot and too cold and too crowded and too dangerous but, in the long run, we sort of think... well, it could really be exciting.

F: Have you ever lived in New York?

A: No. I've spent marvelous two-week periods in New York with cash in my pocket, which helps.

F: It's essential. I guess it doesn't hurt in California, either.

A: It is much easier to be poor in California. Because you're in love with your surroundings. The weather's not cruel to you. Psychologically, it is much less demanding.

The people in Los Angeles are very friendly. I think they have some of the best gay life in the country there. When you're out in Los Angeles, you're really out because there is an enormous number of very pretty hypocrites working in industry who have to maintain a front for the sake of their career or think they do. I have a close friend who is 23 years old and is a budding actor. He's one of the stars of what was supposed to be the biggest teen movie of the summer. He asked me to come to the wrap party with him. Half an hour before the party was to begin, two of the prettiest twenty-year-old women I've ever seen showed up at the apartment and said, "Hi, we're your dates!" They had been sent over by the studio. We all doubled over with laughter, including the women. We arrived at the party together. By that time I liked the women. I was enjoying their company and I looked around for them to get them a drink as soon as we got inside the door. They were gone. Their duties were done. Their only function was to get past the photographers into the party to be sure that my friend and I were seen entering with dates.

F: Let's talk about your books. The characters are all multi-dimensional and they often reveal surprising facets just when the reader thinks that he knows them well. The one that he fascinates me most is Anna Madrigal, the landlady at Barbary Lane. She is a warm, understanding woman of sixty who is more than a mother to her tenants. She is their confidante and supporter. She grows her own grass and, in the second book, has a lovely romance of her own. I was flabbergasted when you revealed that she is actually a transsexual who began life as a man. Did you originally conceive her as a man? This comes as such a surprise to the reader.

A: Yes, I did. Well, it had to come as a surprise because I had tested the water with the editors of the *Chronicle* and they had said, "No. No sex change. No transsexuals." This was in 1977. They didn't want to upset the people in the suburbs. I am not writing for a gay audience. The books are devised to appeal to a multifaceted audience, to be appealing to gay people and also to work for sympathetic straights.

Anna Madrigal was based on a friend of mine who was a transsexual, who did grow up in a whorehouse in Winnamuka, Nevada, and whose mother ran the whorehouse. Her personality was not very much like Anna Madrigal's which is based more on my grandmother. She was English and a leading figure in the women's suffrage movement in England. She was an enormous influence in my life while I was growing up. This crazy English grandmother was the person who told me that there was another world out there that was a little more tolerant than that of Raleigh, North Carolina.

F: So do you write from actual experience?

A: All writers draw from certain aspects of their own personality and those of their friends. I am constantly asked, "Are you Micheal Tolliver?" And my joke answer is, "No, I'm really Dee Dee Day." I think there's more truth to that than I care to admit.

Originally, Anna's secret was revealed in the first book, but my editors at Harper and Row very wisely suggested that I save it for the second book and leave the anagram a mystery. So what they have done is to create a situation where the first stay as alive as the most recent. If readers come in late, they back up and buy the first two books.

The original stories run daily in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. They are changed somewhat from their original form for the books and I am allowed to say certain things to use four letter words in the books. The *Chronicle* has a rather Baroque sense of censorship. They told me, for instance, that I could use the word "shitfaced" to mean drunk but I couldn't say "shitkicker" to mean country and western. When I asked them why, they said that "shitkicker" comes in the first paragraph and they didn't want to jar the readers.

F: Did you want to introduce the gay characters from the beginning?

A: I wanted to, but I was very careful about it because I knew exactly what the management of the *Chronicle* was like. It's very button-down pink Brooks Brothers shirt and suspenders, very Eastern school trained upper class San Franciscans with lots of secrets. So I pitched it to them by saying that I wanted to write a story about a new girl in town, carefully avoiding telling them who the new girl was. And I wrote about Mary Ann for six weeks which was the required length of lead time. I wrote six weeks worth and I introduced Micheal at the end of the six week period. I introduced him through the eyes of the female character, through Mona. I knew that if I got the readership hooked on the story that I could do anything I wanted to a future date. And so did the *Chronicle*, curiously enough. They said, "Take it slow. We can handle it but let the readers buy it a little bit at a time." In a way it worked very much to my advantage, because if I had jumped in right away and said all the things I wanted to say right away, it would have killed me.

F: How did they know that it was taking off?

A: Reader response. When the first serial stopped, they got twenty thousand letters of protest. It was the first time the *Chronicle* was aware of how many faggots there are in San Francisco, for starters.

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A Lesson in Definitions.

1) Refuge /ref-(.) yüj/'n.

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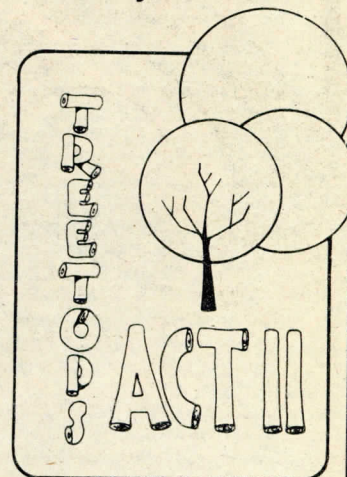
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RALEIGH: GWM roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom apt. in North Raleigh. Must be clean, honest, and responsible. Furnished except your room. Cost is 1/3 of rent (\$132.00), phone, electric, and HBO. Prefer 30 or under, smokers welcome. Call 848-1519 or write 7107 2-B Sandy Forks Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27609

RALEIGH: Seek responsible male roommate to share furnished apartment. Monthly fee is \$200, which includes rent, heat, phone, cable and electricity. Write Bob, 900 Navaho Trail, #202, Raleigh, N.C. 27609

GROUPS

Married Feminist couple, writer/photographer team who've been published nationally, seek to interview lesbian couples about their lifestyles and photograph them realistically in all aspects of daily life, i.e., work, play, children, housework, sex. We seek lesbian couples whose primary motivation is to help remove the myths and sensationalism for a largely straight, mass market audience. Participants will have total veto power over manuscript content and photographs. Contact: H&M, PO Box 975, Cary, NC 27511.

Gay Counseling and Support Group now forming in Greensboro for ages 16-24. If you are interested please call (919) 852-4619 or 855-5442 for information.

For Legal Referral & Information, write: North Carolina Human Rights Fund, Box 10782, Raleigh, NC 27605 or call and leave telephone message (919) 828-2077.

Triangle Area Gay Scientists (TAGS)—Social/professional organization of physical, biological, and mathematical scientists and engineers. Meetings every second Saturday of every month. Write to TAGS, Box 1137, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or call 781-0419 (Raleigh) evenings or weekends.

New York Wrestling Club has 400 macho members nationwide (many in the South). For info, and newsletter, write: John Handley, 59 West 10th St., New York, NY 10011; (212) 477-4227.

You've Got A Friend

Anyone may call The Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Charlotte (704) 525-6128 from 7-11 nightly and talk with a trained volunteer, who can provide information and referrals, or just listen to and provide help with gay-related problems.

"Aware," Winston Salem's gay group meets every 3rd Sunday at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2873 Robinhood Rd. Next regular meeting September 20.

GREENSBORO STUDENTS

Come join us in our gay student activities at UNC-G! We have many exciting social and educational programs planned for this year. Write today: Gay Student Services (G.S.S.) Box 5732, Greensboro, NC 27403.

TRIANGLE LEVI-LEATHER CLUB

The **DUKES LEVI-LEATHER CLUB** has arrived in Durham to serve the leather fraternity in the greater Triangle area. Do you march to the beat of a different drummer? Have you got "honcho" potential? Are you looking for gray, black, purple, red, blue, yellow, olive drab, and orange hanky wearers to help you realize or share your lifestyle and fantasies? Then send SASE to P.O. Box 462, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 for an application—NOW!

BWMT/NC had recognized and is now **BWMT-Raleigh-Durham**. BWMT/RD is an interracial support group designed to bridge the gap between gay people of all races. Programs include regular social events. BWMT/RD welcomes anyone sharing its goals. Address: BWMT/RD, 1025 Kent Street, Durham, NC 27707. Phone (919) 832-2129 (Jon), 868-4430 (David), or 489-2695 (Noland).

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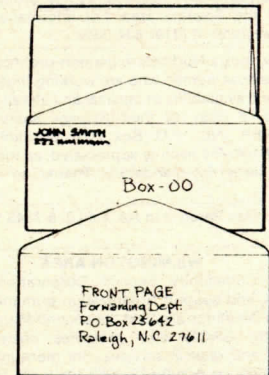
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THE GAY HELPLINE of Lynchburg, VA: (804) 847-5242. Run by the Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance, the Helpline offers information, referral and outreach, and is staffed Fridays, Sundays, and Mondays from 7pm to 11pm. At other times, a recorded announcement plays. The address of the Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance is P.O. Box 10511, Lynchburg, VA 24506.

Feminary: a Feminist Journal for the South emphasizes a lesbian vision. Individuals, \$6.50/3 issues. Institutions, \$13.00/3 issues.

SOUTHSIDE VA/NORTHSIDE NC—I am trying to form some type of informal network of Gay men and women. We need to help each other in such troubled times. It feels good to have a friend to support you, and it is hard to be different in a conservative rural area. Please write Henry, Post Office Box 1002, South Boston, VA 24592. Remember, to help ourselves we must help others.

Cigar Smokers

Cigar Studs is for men who smoke and get turned on by cigars. Write: P.O. Box 26004, Seattle, Wa. 98102.

ACCEPTANCE—CHARLOTTE

Why not take advantage of the alternatives? **ACCEPTANCE** is Charlotte's only secular gay community group. We meet on Tuesday nights at 8 pm in the Park Road Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. No membership dues. This is a good way to meet people. Join us!

ATTENTION

Writing to prison inmates has risks as well as rewards. Some prisoners are sincere, others are con artists. Proceed very carefully by checking with authorities or The Prometheus Foundation. Report rip-offs and attempts to Prometheus, which aids gay and young prisoners, and also protects against prison rip-offs. For information about the PenPal Group and other programs, send SASE (contributions optional) to: Prometheus, #2352, 495 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE - RALEIGH

The Women's Culture Collective presents the Women's Coffeehouse at 3313 Wade Ave., Raleigh on the first and third Fridays of the month. Entertainment includes singers, round robins, potluck dinners, films, etc.... All women are welcome. For confirmation, information or our calendar, please call 834-0937 (Raleigh) or 682-1061 (Durham).

GAY MEN OVER 40

A discussion group is forming to put gay men over 40 (GMOF) in touch with each other. For more information, write GMOF, Box 4345, Charlottetown Mall Station, Charlotte, NC 28204.

STRINGERS NEEDED

Don't know what a stringer is? Then ignore this ad. But if you do know what it's all about, Michael Baker would like to see your resume and copies of your past efforts. We're looking for professionals who'd like to make a little extra part-time money. The areas we're looking for now include Charlotte, Norfolk, and the Triad (Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point). Write to: TFP, P.O. Box 25642, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

The Durham Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "The Killing of Sister George" by Frank Marcus on January 17 and 18 at 7:30pm in The Durham Arts Council Theatre, 120 Morris Street, in downtown Durham. Four women will be cast. Also needed: backstage personnel. For more information, call 688-4259.

Also the poster contest for the production is still accepting entries. For more information on the requirements and deadlines, call 682-5106.

GORILLAS IN BONDAGE!!

It's a sordid, disgusting story but somebody had to tell it! Read it in lurid detail in issue number 6 of SLAM: North Carolina's Leather/S&M newsletter. Coming in February.

"Back to School Preppie Party" with the NCSU (State) Gay Community. This will be a "Preppie Party" so put on your Izod's and come dressed as your favorite "Frat Rat." Also featuring Beta-Max Disco from Frisco with Elmer as D.J. Friday, January 14 from 8pm-until in the Packhouse, Basement, NCSU Student Center. All Gays and Gay Preps are cordially invited.

EXPERIENCED PIANIST/MUSICIAN NEEDED

Several gay folk in Raleigh are trying to create a "Gay Cabaret" that might offer an alternative kind of entertainment in clubs. A personable musician is much needed for this effort; in fact, without one, we're sunk. Need someone who can transcribe (by ear), arrange (for singers) and perform for a revue-type entertainment. We don't ask for much, do we? We're not sure what kind of money this venture could make, but whatever money there is, you'll be paid FIRST, since your talent is the key to the rest. Call 833-5473. Please leave a message.

Dignity/Tidewater meets on Sundays at 6:30 in the Sacred Heart Church, Stockley Gardens, Norfolk. For more information, write Box 434, Norfolk, VA 23501, or call (804) 623-3970 or (804) 623-3120.

Metropolitan Community Church on the Peninsula. 415 Youngsmills Lane, Newport News, VA 23601. (804) 244-9498. Services at 7pm on Sundays.

The Lambda Association of Bodybuilders: a communications network for the sincere, dedicated gay male bodybuilder. For information, send \$1 to Box 25, Kew Gardens Sta., Jamaica, NY 11415, or call (212) 847-0763.

ATLANTA IS COMING TO CHARLOTTE! Adventure! Charlotte, a sports and recreation club for gay men and women forming from the bylaws of nationally famous Atlanta Venture Sports is now organizing. Charlotte, if you're ready, call 523-9376.



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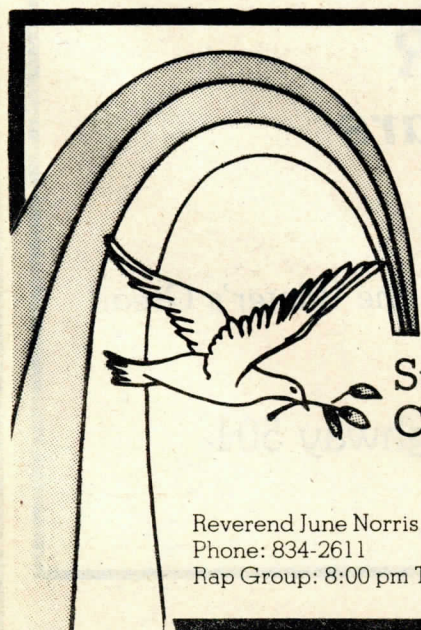
I, the undersigned, hereby certify with my signature that I understand and accept the above stated terms of advertising in *The Front Page*; that I am 18 years of age or older; that I am the person represented and possess the full legal capacity to execute this authorization; and that the data in my ad is true and correct.

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NATIONAL COALITION OF BLACK GAYS

Are you interested in organizing a political, educational, and/or support group for Black lesbians and gays in your city or town? It may prove to be the most rewarding community service you have ever done. If there are 3 or more persons in your town, then you can indeed begin organizing a National Coalition of Black Gays Chapter. Write us for details and support: 1311 West Pitt Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60626-7789.

GAY MEN OVER 30—A discussion/social group for you meets monthly in the Triangle area. For information on the next meeting, call John at (919) 834-3302.

Ladyslipper, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, is a project of several women who are working together to expand the scope and availability of musical and literary recordings by women. For a copy of their 28-page catalogue, write to LADYSLIPPER, INC., P.O. Box 3124, Durham, NC 27705. A donation of 10¢-25¢ each is appreciated, as they are costly to print, but this is not mandatory. Thanks so much for your support.

Greensboro Gay Persons in AA. Call 275-7843 If Drinking Is a Problem.

WILMINGTON AREA

GROW, A Community Service Corporation is a social, educational, and support organization primarily for gay men and women. Meetings are held the second Monday evening of each month. GROW also promotes crisis intervention, counseling, and referral services. For more information, call (919) 763-3695, or 1-800-672-2903, or write to GROW, Box 4535, Wilmington NC 28406.

GAY PARENTS

We are forming a discussion/support group for gay men and lesbian women who are parents. If you have concerns about raising children and the impact of our lifestyle on our offspring, please write Box 2301, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or call David, 919/967-9729

GAY MEN'S FOLK DANCE CLASS

Fun, non-competitive, non-sexist teaching. Beginners welcome. Every other Sunday evening, 7-9:30 pm (Dec. 12, Dec. 26, Jan. 9, Jan. 23). At the Ark, E. Campus of Duke U. in Durham—Buchanan Street entrance. \$1 contribution, free first time. Info: 596-4511.

EXPLORING GAY IDENTITY

A group to be held at the Durham County Mental Health Center. For further information, call Joy Justice or Sally Feather at 688-4363.

In the Hickory area, a new support group for lesbians, gay men, and their friends is in the process of forming. We are hoping to reach a broad range of people, bringing together diverse elements in the gay community. Ideallyistically, we are hoping to offer an alternative to bars and bookstores in a non-competitive, non-threatening social environment. For information write, P.O. Box 853, Hickory, NC 28603.

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An on-going, open-ended series of discussions for Gay Men and Lesbians. 8-10 pm Wednesday evenings in Carrboro. Please call 929-4997 or 929-8843 for more information. An activity of St. John's Metropolitan Community Church, Raleigh.

Have you suffered from DISCRIMINATION Because you are GAY?

In your job, in housing, in legal matters, in financial dealings, in ANY WAY? The North Carolina Human Rights Fund is working to compile a history of discrimination against gay men and lesbians in North Carolina... and we need to hear from you. In dealing with lawmakers and the courts, we must have examples of the kinds of discrimination that are going on in our state before we can ask for changes. Absolute confidentiality is assured. We will telephone or write in reply to all who share their experiences with us. Please write a brief description of your experience with discrimination and send it to: Ken Nimblett, P.O. Box 4535, Wilmington, N.C. 28406

BWMT—Charleston

Black and White Men Together is a gay, interracial support group committed to actively promoting interracial friendship and goodwill. BWMT seeks to provide an alternate way to meet people who share these goals and aims to develop a framework to address real problems of its members and the community. BWMT/Charleston is now being organized. Persons interested should call Darryl at 803-553-2835.

Dignity/Piedmont is an organization for gay Catholics and others of all philosophies which offers spiritual, social and emotional support. For more information write: Dignity/Piedmont, P.O. Box 5572, Greenville, S.C. 29602

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WOMEN

BiBm age 30 would like to serve you. Sex, your way of course. I have my own toys. Box 44, Mount Holly, NC 28120

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Would you like to meet interesting lesbian women by mail? Reaching Out Pen Pal Club is looking for new members of all ages, especially older women. R. Cramer, PO Box 986, Westminster, CO 80030. Membership fee only \$5.00. Your identity protected with secret assigned number. (2)

"I'M WAITING FOR YOU"

BWF, 26, seeks women who understand and need the best of both worlds. I enjoy the good things in life, like quiet evenings, getting mellow, and soft touches under candlelight. If you're looking for this type of relationship, please send photo and write to Pat, P.O. Box 7413, Rocky Mount, NC 27801 (2)

GWF, 33, 5'8", 162 lbs., nice looking. Am gay parent with well adjusted 13 year old son. Looking for the right lady to love us. Am not into playing games. Am very honest, loving, caring and sincere. Have a variety of interests. If you are between age 23 and 35, love children and are looking for someone to love you and take care of you, here I am. Reply to WLB, 216-A Faison Ave., Fayetteville, N.C. 28304. Picture appreciated but not necessary. (2)

MEN

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RAW RECRUIT WANTS ACTIVE DUTY

Hard-ass, arrogant, military master wanted. WM, 28, wants to enlist. The recognition of authority, submission and obedience are virtues in a world that is soft and undisciplined. Make a man of me, and that man will belong to you, totally. Will then be prepared, out of strength, not weakness, to bare my ass and bend my back to your service. Box 451, *Front Page*. This is for real. (20)

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GWM, 5'6", 130 lbs., well-educated, straight-appearing, retired. Interested in pen pals and mutually discreet friendships, and visits if you travel eastern Pennsylvania. I vacation in N.C. and VA. No racial hangup, no drugs, no S/M. Interests: good music, religion, home-making, quiet times with sincere friends, crafts. Happiness is having a friend who is someone special. Awaiting your call to 215-434-3435. (2)

GWM, 19, 5'8", 145 lbs., sandy blond hair and blue-gray eyes. I'm new to the Norfolk area and I need to make new friends. I'm very cute, love to party and into Pink Floyd, small Furry animals, and Unicorns. I would like to someday start a relationship, but if you're not, "that's ok". Write to me anyway. Please write and send picture if possible to W.A.W c/o Mrs. A. Pennystone, 736 W. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23510. Thank you. (2)

GWM, 30, 6'3", 220 lbs., former professional football player. I am a hairy, big chested, well-endowed man. I'm considered attractive. I have brown hair, brown eyes. I am looking for a MAN about the same size not fat but like me, solid as a rock. I am looking for a hot time. May lead to more but only if mutual. Not into S/M or degradation. Do not care for bars or games. Just good time between consenting adults. Write me and tell your preferences. Please send photo. Will answer all. Write: Tony Adams, PO Box 91, Tobaccoville, NC 27050. (2)

Nice looking GWM seeking other GWMs for friends or significant relationship. Tired of insincere, half-hearted, irresponsible people. Seeking friends, age 19-38, with enthusiasm and a purpose in life. I am into quiet evenings with good food and conversation, music, architecture, tennis, racquetball—to name a few of my many interests. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., dark brown eyes, and hairy, early 40's. Live in Winston-Greensboro area, but will answer all. Include phone if possible. Reply to *Front Page* Box 620. (2)

WM, 27, goodlooking, 5'9", 170 lbs., looking for same 20-35 for possible relationship. If you're not the type to reply to an ad, I'm not the type to write one; tired of bars. Bi or married, OK. Write: P.O. Box 93, Newport News, VA 23607. Photo appreciated! (2)

NCSU STUDS

You don't have to go back to your dorm room horny after a night of cruising Crazy Zack's and Edward's Grocery. Not if you've got my phone number in your pocket. WM, 31, attractive, discreet, seeks young straight guys ONLY who dig getting good head. All I want is for you to get off, that's my scene. No obligation, no reciprocation. Drop me a line at Box 604, *Front Page*. (2)

U/C WM, 29, wants guys. Jim, PO Box 8603N, Richmond, VA 23226 (2)

WM, average looking, 140 lbs., 25 years old, would like to hear from guys anywhere, pen pals also welcome. Will answer all. No S&M, B&D, W/S, fats, fems, or old men. Please write: P.O. Box 347, Fieldale, VA 24089 (2)

WOODSHED SCENES

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WILMINGTON MALES

GWM, 19, 180 lbs., brown hair. Seeks males 18-30 for friendship and love. Fatties welcome. Send photo PO Box 27, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480. (2)

VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS

GWM, 46, 5'10", 165 lbs., auburn/hazel. Seeks friends for occasional encounters. Fr/Gr. Slim types preferred. Write: Paul, PO Box 64543, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 (2)

CHARLESTON BI WHITE MALE

32, seeks clean-cut, hung, college or military studs for discreet action. Am Fr active/Gr passive. box 984, Summerville, NC 29483. (2)

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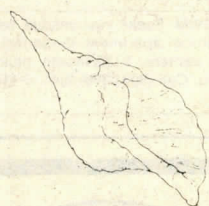
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W.M., 25, 5'9", 140, agile and trim, jogger, bl./gr. eyes, thick, curly, blonde hair, (shoulder length), 1982 UNC grad., professional in health field, straight-acting and looking, very good-looking, discreet, yet proud to be gay. Not into drugs, heavy drinking, smoking, bars, and not fem, kinky in any way, dishonest, or insincere, not a user, or a one-night-stand. My background is country. I grew up on a large farm. I began college later. I'm now definitely an urbanite, but I still love to visit the country-side from time to time. I especially enjoy camping out, hiking, taking long walks, conversation, most types of music, art, interior design. (I've had six years of experience working with an Interior Designer since I've been in college.) I love the theatre, movies of all types, old and new, church, promoting better health habits for myself and all those I come into contact with because I am such a caring person. I realize I am almost extinct in today's gay community. Or, maybe I just have not had the opportunity to meet another nice guy, or should I say a vulnerable guy like myself? This is the purpose of my ad, to meet someone similar to me. He should be caring, honest, sincere, loving, trim, but not skinny, good-looking, a professional in some capacity, intellectual, so we both could relate not just physically, sexually, but in other even more important ways, such as the intellect, the mode of thought about issues, attitudes, and more. He should be between the age of 25 and 35. He should be between 5'8" and 6'1", with appropriate weight for height! He should have a good body! Why? Because one who takes care of their looks, hence their general appearance and health, is one who respects and loves ones' self! This should not be a selfish kind of love, rather a genuine one. One must learn to love their own self, before they can even begin to learn how to love another! One thing I stress to a high degree is honesty. So many write ads, or answer them, and keep secrets about their looks, weight, occupation, goals, background! This really makes me upset. I've been tricked three times now, and from now on I'm calling the shots. I hate to sound cold, but, in cases like this, sometimes one must be blunt and to the point, yes, business-like! If you have what it takes to make for a more wonderful friendship, hopefully after some time of getting to know one another, then write me! I am a very pen and understanding guy. Tell me whatever you will, and I'll do the same! I have no secrets! I just want someone similar to me in as many ways as possible so we can share our love, our lives, and our burdens with as well! I know there must be someone out there who is like me, hopefully even better! Together we can make it happen. I'm a Libra, so I dream a lot and I'm a romanticist. At the same time I am logical and realistic enough to know that love takes time. I want to find my dream and discover that love and treasure it forever. Communication is the key. It opens love's door. Insincere and fakers need not write! My name is Michael Brooks Cambridge. My address is 601 N. Church Street, Apt. #5, Greensboro, N.C. 27401. (I will give my phone # after a letter with a recent photo. You will then get a pic of me!) P.S. A nude photo is not necessary, but it would not shock me either. I have taught classes in Human Sexuality. The male body is the most beautiful when speaking of males vs. female nudity!

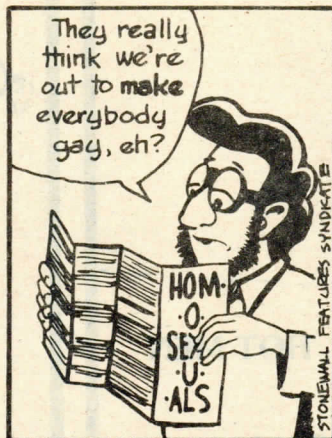
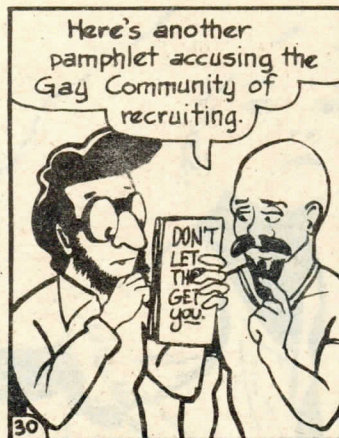
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FRIENDSHIP & GOOD TIMES

White male, 34, 5'8", 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes wishes to meet males 21-40 for friendship and good times. East coast of NC, VA, SC. Love outdoors, cooking, and making someone happy. Let's meet. Write to Occupant, Route 1, Box 650F, Chocowinity, NC 27817

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MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen

Friends, sexual contacts sought by GWM, 27. Seeks friends, contacts and possible travel companions. Send letter with photo (returned upon request) to: Scott Turner, PO Box 1155, Chesapeake, VA 23320

(2)

GWM, 50-s, trim, gentle, liberated Christian believer, tired of bars, desires warm relationship with trim Christian GM 25-60 who values love, devotion, faith. Larry, Box 833, Waynesboro, VA 22980

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BOUND AND GAGGED

Bondage slave seeks experienced Master who is serious about total ownership and continual domination. Handsome bottom needs confinement under hand of skilled top: suspension, sensory deprivation, mummification and immobilization in tight leather, rubber, plastic, rope, hoods, gags, plugs, harness. Your slave is 29, 135 lbs., 5'10". Will submit only to a man who convinces me he really knows what he's doing. No alcohol, no drugs. Box 602, Front Page.

(2)

GWM looking to meet goodlooking GWM, 18-28 for fun and friendship. No S/M or B/D. Write with photo to: BWC, 2013 Old Bermuda Hill Road, Chester, VA 23831.

(2)

DRUMMER DADDY WANTED

"The ancient societies believed that a boy becomes a man only through ritual and effort—that he must be initiated into the world of men. It doesn't happen just because he eats Wheaties. And only men can do this work."

—poet Robert Bly in *New Age* magazine
GWM, 28, 5'10", 138 lbs., seeks the exceptional man who can make this overage boy into a man. See issue #58 of *Drummer* for a lengthy description of the man I'm looking for. It's signed Mike of Raleigh. I'm not looking for a fantasy fuck or a one-night stand. I need guidance and discipline from a strict but affectionate, masculine man, intelligent, educated, demanding and experienced. Sir, I want to make you proud of me. Box 215, Front Page.

(2)

HOT TOPS

29, blond/blue, 5'9", 150 lbs., 32, brown/blue, 5'10", 160 lbs. Seek bottoms into leather, light S/M, bondage, toys. If you can handle it, reply with letter and photo to: Boxholder, Rt. 2 Box 337AC, Wilmington, NC 28403.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Police, prison guards, military MPs wanted by insatiable WM, in good shape. Am extremely discreet, will keep your secret if you decide you're interested in satisfying my need for your kind of man. Can get into almost any scene. Box 600, Front Page.

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

GWM, 20, 5'11", 144 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Desires friends 18-30. Photos welcome. PO Box 1330, Winston-Salem, NC 27102.

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Brown hair/eyes, mid'aged. Let's hear from you. All replies to: M.T.R., Jr., 433 Hazel Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

(2)

Mature GWM seeks sincere, affectionate GM near Anderson, SC. Write: PO Box 5472, Anderson, SC 29623. Bill

(2)

STRAIGHT MEN ONLY

Straight men wanted by GWM, 26, slim, clean, Fr/A, Gr/P. Aren't you tired of hanging around dirty book stores, waiting for a blow job that may not even happen? My place is safer, more discreet, and you'll get what you came for every time. Must be in good physical shape, and in Raleigh. Student, young married, and military welcome. Absolute discretion. Will service guys on a regular basis if desired, evenings or lunchtime quickies. No relationship, reciprocity, consideration or hassles wanted. Your letter gets my immediate response, with phone number. Box 247, Front Page.

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Handsome white dude loves big black men. Write to Boxholder, Box 6502, Newport News, VA 23606. Fr/Gr A/P.

(2)

WANTED: RELOCATE TO N.C.

Hickory/Charlotte, need place to stay temporarily. GWM, 25, 5'11", 165, moustache, sandy-brown hair, blue eyes, discreet, straight-acting, enjoys same, will satisfy. Write: P.O. Box 1401, Richlands, VA 24641.

(2)

Slave (early 30's) needs master/lover with strong personality to control/use me. Educated, good looking, completely submissive for the right man. Can and will relocate. This is my first ad and would appreciate a photo and letters from serious only. Would also appreciate hearing from other slaves and couples. Not a beginner or on a fantasy trip. Please write: Box 603, Front Page.

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(2)

Donavon Gray, PO Box 3874, Wilson, NC 27893. Seek professional in same for possible future adventure. My age 43.

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DISCREET FRIEND/PENPAL

Sought by handsome student, 22, 6'3", 180 lbs. Photo please, white only. PO Box 2584, Columbia, SC 29202.

(2)

CHARLOTTESVILLE/CENTRAL VA

Do we need—Are you interested in forming discreet group gays supporting gays? Clyde Burn, PO Box 7791, Charlottesville, VA 22906

(2)

A FRIEND IN D.C.?

Boyish, blond chunky/hunk, 28, 5'10", 175 lbs., enjoys concerts, museums, movies, galleries, hiking, camping, cooking, long talks over coffee or tea, caring and cuddling with bright, sensitive, furry, bearded bears, teddy to grizzly (especially blondes) from 25 to 25 (give or take). Get to know me and perhaps visit me in the Washington, D.C. area. Write with photo (optional), phone, ideas, description to Front Page, Box 353.

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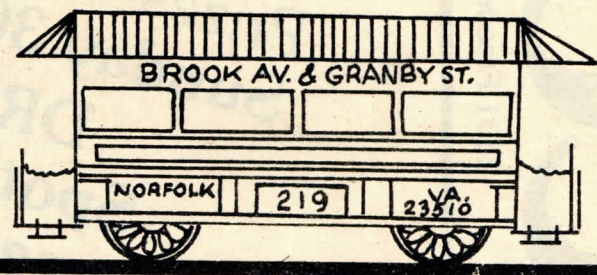
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TAURUS (April 21-May 20) You may not be bound, but you sure are determined. You know that you know the answer, and you want to make sure everyone else does. Could there be more than one answer? What's good for the gander may not be good for the other gander.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's almost too much to make in. The beauty you behold could be wonderfully overwhelming. While a rose is a rose, much of the visual stimulation is due to the fact that you're more open and receptive than usual. What you see is what's always been there. It's you that's changing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Seriously, you're feeling quite serious these days. Now that you know what you want, you're very involved in getting it. In the realm of emotions, there is a difference between firmness and hardness — be sure you understand that. Toss in a little softness and extend your range.

LEO (July 23-August 22) First, it's this, then it's that. Who's this? Who's that? Feeling a little overwhelmed by possibilities? Fickle is not only a funny word, but a good way to get dizzy. Stand still for a minute and consider the possibilities; then move on in your merry way.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) You're trying to make someone into something they're not. Your intentions may be quite good, by lay off the gilding for now. Appreciate everybody just for who they are, free of your fantasies (no matter how wonderful they may be). The Golden Rule applies here.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Family moves into the

picture right now, and in a very good way. What the past has given you and where it has brought you is on your mind. You can say the things you've wanted to say before without any problem. You find it easy to show and share your love.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) That creative energy growing within you finds release. This is no quickie, casual thing; you're ready to make something out of it. Your plans may conflict with those of others, but there's turning back now. Stay on course. The intensity of your purpose is strong, so strong. **SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21)** How about a wild weekend? Excitement is in the air, and you won't be in the mood to stay home with a good book — or even a naughty one. You'd rather make up your own romantic tale, so to speak. Well, what are you waiting for?

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) God, you're strong. Set your mind or body to any task, and it's done. Your power of concentration on whatever is in front of you is remarkable, at least. You might be too much for some, but for the right one, you're plenty, and that's enough.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) There's a whole lot of difference between your 9 to 5 and what comes later. The work routine is getting you down, and the after hours are getting you up. You're good at sticking to your course, but it may be time to consider some changes somewhere.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Oh, how you love the deep waters. Anything that requires a lot of research is just right for you now. This delving deep could take you to some places you haven't been before, but your honesty and sense of purpose will be your guide.

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GWM, 33, 5'9", 160 lbs., blonde beard, blue eyes, masculine hairy body. Traveling business man, N.C., S.C., and Tenn. VA, wishes to meet men 25-40 during business travels into these areas. Into sports, outdoors, good food and good sex! No heavy drugs or drinking. All letters with photos, will be answered with mine. Write Occupant, Box 1355, Atlanta, GA 30303. (2)

Loving in a small town—Chapter 2

Well that's life. I run an ad, looking for friendship, and I get a lot of mail. Not bad you say? Well, maybe. Some were good, most were fair. And to the guy who wants me to join him in a room full of ping-pong balls, up to your knees, while we whomp each other with dead kittens... well, later. All kidding aside, this GWM, 40, 5'11", 210, brown/green, who lives outside of Laurinburg is not looking for a puppydog who sniffs every tail in the neighborhood. I've been around long enough to know that the perfect orgasm doesn't exist. And, Mr. Right is never perfect. Every person has the potential to be a wonderful friend, or lover. I'm just looking to meet new friends. All relationships begin with a risk. You risk rejection, wasting your emotional energy, and time. You also risk being loved, accepted, and emotionally supported. You decide if you want to take the risk. If you'll risk 20¢, I'll answer. Perhaps it could be the start of something beautiful. Box 510, Front Page. (2)

GWM, professional, mid-forties, 5'11", 142 lbs., runners body, masculine, nice looking, sincere, honest, discreet, loving, new to area, would like to meet a quality, attractive, masculine GWM for lasting friendship, possible relationship. Interests include jogging, music, theatre, fine food. Prefer the Norfolk area but will answer all. Photo if possible. Serious only, box 519 Front Page. (2)

SOUTHEAST NC—Student would like to meet similar GWM 20-30. Physically, I'm 25, 5'5", 130 lbs., brown hair, trim beard and moustache, slim, muscular build. Reasonably intelligent, casual, masculine personality and seek the same. Interests include: swimming, movies, rock/folk/jazz, bicycling, reading. Not into living at the bars or playing games. Just looking around for someone to have a good time with. Write (if possible with photo) to Box 516, Front Page. (2)

COASTAL NC—WM, 30's, slender build, clean, attractive, educated, 5'11", 160 lbs., bikini clad slave seeks dominant trim individuals into bondage, restraint, exotic teasing and torture, F/F, sex with active coitus, exotic underwear, toys, and an open mind to try most all of your fantasies. Novice, have many varied sex slave fantasies to share with imaginative couples, singles, that are slim, clean, discreet, and enjoy sexual exploration and freedom. Once properly in your hands you'll lead the show. No heavy S&M or alcohol, drugs, etc. Just plain good clean kinky fun. Gals should be trim, small breasts and waists, bi and crave prolonged sexual fulfillment. Please send photo, phone, interests, experience, etc. (returned). Answer all who find any of this interesting immediately so we can meet. Serious and discreet only as need to get out of fantasy world. If you read the ads to decide who to write, remember this is the one, first, for you to answer. Host or limited travel to interested individuals, couples, etc. Please don't pass me by. Sincere. Write Box 518, Front Page. (2)

Newly out GWM near Aberdeen, NC wants to meet honest, sincere, sober men for friendship, companion or possible housemate. Marion, Route 1, Box 191-D, Aberdeen, NC 28315. (2)

GWM, 24, 5'9", 145 lbs., auburn hair, blue eyes, moustache. Enjoys music, dancing, good conversation, and quiet evenings at home. I would like to meet other GWM, 25-35 who is ready to settle down, and to have a good relationship. Only the honest and sincere need to write ED, Route 16, Box 142, Lexington, N.C. 27292, or call 704-352-5768 between 6pm and 10pm. No collect calls please. (Photo gets quick answer.) (2)

BiWM, 39 (looks 27-30), blond hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165 lbs. Would like to meet men between 18-40 for true enjoyment. Into weight lifting, enjoy dancing, beach, all music, am also a male stripper, with good body. Work in New Bern, but live out of town. Live alone. Write or call soon. Boxholder, PO Box 2282, New Bern, NC 28560 or call 455-7761. (2)

GWM, 21, brown hair, blue eyes, 140 lbs., 6' tall. Wishing to meet others from 18-40 who like to go out and have a good time. No kinky stuff, please. Your photo gets mine. Discretion a must. Write R.L., Route 12, Box 292, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. (2)

White male, 22, 170 lbs., 6', blonde, blue eyes, hairy, well-built body, sexy, attractive, straight looking and acting, honest, sincere, sensitive, friendly, easy going, down to earth and real easy to talk to. Some of my interests are tennis, movies, going out to eat, listening to music and enjoying my friend's company. I am looking for someone who enjoys some of my interest, appreciates having a good friend, white male between the ages of 18-22, straight looking and acting, slender or average build, at least average looks, cute rear and lives in Raleigh (since I also live in Raleigh). When it comes time to "bedding down" you must enjoy snuggling close, deep-kissing and being the bottomman (because I'm mainly the topman). If you're looking for someone to really "take the lead" and if you're needing someone to "pack you to the maximum" in all your areas I'm definitely the man to satisfy you during one of our long and hot sessions that will leave you and me passed out from a combination of pleasure and exhaustion. Do not answer this ad if you're dishonest, queenish acting, into rough and kinky sex, overweight, unclear, uncircumsized, married, into playing head games with people and if you're only out to find some quick action. If you don't meet the requirements of this ad, don't waste your time or mine by answering. In responding to this ad, it's absolutely a must that you send a recent photo and a phone number where I can call you. If I would appreciate a response from you right away if you think we could possibly become friends. Write Box 515, The Front Page. (2)

HEAVY VERBAL ABUSE

GWM, 29, brown/blue, slender, into any sexual scene as long as: a) you're the Topman, and b) you're into giving out lots of verbal abuse and humiliation. Age and race don't matter, and you don't have to be a perfect physical specimen. As far as sex is concerned, I've tried almost everything once, and most things twice. The rest I've imagined. We'll do whatever turns you on, from mild to wild, as long as I get a scorching earful. Write, in care of The Front Page, Box 190. (2)

Life is pain. Sex is punishment. Pain is everything; I can only come when I am being punished. Only serious and heavy please reply. Box 257, Front Page. (2)

SLAVE WANTED

Full time live-in with following qualifications: diplomacy of Winston Churchill, the social grace of Emily Post, the speed of a Lear Jet, the smile of a Greek God, the patience of Job, the memory of an elephant, the thick skin of a rhinoceros, the strength of Atlas, the staying power of a mother-in-law, the body condition of a quarterback, the taste buds of Julia Childs, two green thumbs and a degree in interior design. Last but not least, a love of humanity. Prefer 20 to 35 well-endowed GWM. Considerate, possessive G.W. Master 6', 169 lbs., professional in Raleigh will provide room and board, transportation, vacation, TLC and salary to the right person. Reply with photo and phone to P.O. Box 26011, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. (H.H.) No joke. No games. No fems. (2)

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GWM, 21, 5'10", blond hair, hazel eyes, 215 lbs, seeks man with dark features for friendship and possible relationship. No S&M, B&D, scat or golden showers—into some kinky sex. Please respond with picture (if possible) to Wesley G., 4008 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28206. (2)

MASCULINE, VERSATILE MEN

GWM, 36, 5'7", 160, brown hair/eyes. Masculine professional who is affectionate and sexually versatile seeks GWM, 23 to early 30's of slender to average build for friendship and possibly serious relationship. Other professionals and university students who are masculine in appearance and have varied interests preferred. No alcoholism, drug abuse, or weird scenes desired. Looking for someone responsible, honest, stable and bright. Photo gets mine. Will answer all. Write Tim, PO Box 1202, Norfolk, VA 23501. (2)

AWM, 34, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair, beard, moustache, 135 lbs. I want someone to share my life with, someone I can count on. Respect for another person's mind and needs and trying to fulfill them. You may not succeed but you try. I know I have to compromise. Sex isn't everything. You've heard this expression. It wears off, and it has to be someone who you can wake up with in ten years, you know, and still turn around and say, "I love you". I think it's hard to do. DLH, Box 3304, Hilton Head, SC 29928. (2)

GWM, 26, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'10", 150 lbs, needs friends and possible relationship. In prison, but will be out soon, very lonely. Hobbies are reading, meeting people, weight lifting, please write: Anthony Hernandez, 977 Camp Road, Salisbury, NC 28144. (2)

NOT "GAY"—JUST HOMOSEXUAL

I'm a MAN who likes MEN who like MEN—for friendship, sex, or lovers. I'm single, white, hairy, middleage businessman, like Greek &/or French with physically attractive, masculine white guys over 25 who (like me) possess most of the Boy Scout virtues! Enjoy classical music, chess & conversation by the fireplace, and an occasional 3-way. Body hair is a turn-on...and so are muscles! Sense of humor, light drinker, no drugs. (Well, maybe a popper, once in a while!) Ex-lover is now my best friend; have some friends who aren't my lovers! If you want to meet me (and them?), call me in Charlotte: 704-376-1704, anytime. (2)

STRAIGHT-APPEARING NICE GUY

GWM, 6', 160 lbs., good build, brown hair and eyes, straight-appearing, understanding, warm, friendly, real, and affectionate when appropriate. I'm a successful professional, college educated and attractive, and am seeking other straight-appearing nice guys for true friendship and maybe more. I enjoy sharing with someone special. I'm not into bars but prefer the finer things in life. I can be your friend, your lover, your big brother, your dad—or maybe even your "sugar daddy" if you're the Mr. Right and that's what you wish. If my self-description appeals to you, we can work things out. What are you looking for? Tell me and let's see if we can get it together. If you're looking for a kid, I won't do; I'm mature, always 39. I prefer others in late 20's or 30's, but all are welcome and all letters will be answered. If possible, please send your photo, which I'll return promptly along with mine. If you're seeking quality and something really special—and if you're that same type guy—write me. You'll be glad you did. Box 524, Front Page. (2)

TROPICAL VACATION OFFER

Come share it with me during the first 2 weeks of February in a Key West Guesthouse, nude sunbathing and great discos. I am looking for an athletic, 18-30, 5'8"-6", smooth trim, GWM who loves to dance and cruise. I am 30, 6', 150 lbs., GWM into wrestling, cycling, jogging, cooking, dancing, and good high times. Send letter and photograph to: Dave, 719 Graydon Ave., Norfolk, VA 23507, 622-5983. (2)

SHORT MEN WANTED

Into leather, levis, some S&M, bondage, toys, W/S, T/T, V/A fantasy trips, informs. Men under 5'10" only need answer. Those under 5'4" are a special turn-on. I am well over 6' tall, with dark brown short hair, brown moustache as well as full beard. Most people consider me as a top, but while I'm a damn good top, my biggest fantasies and hottest experiences have been on bottom with short or average height tops. Only facial hair and above average equipment are my desires. I do have limits to be respected as well as expanded by the right man or men. available for weekend travel. No drugs please. Just Hot, Heavy Sex. Contact Box 523, Front Page. (2)

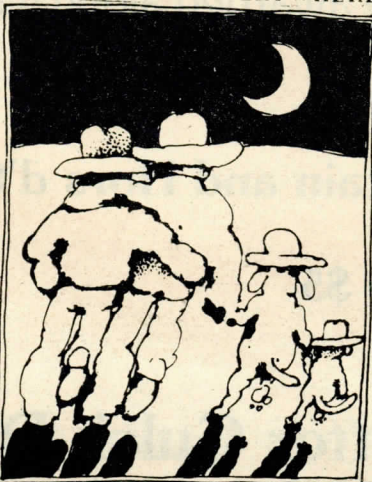
Gay white roommates looking for third person for hot menage a trois. I'm 22, 5'7", 135 lbs., 9 1/2 inches, blue eyes, black hair. My roommate is 26, 5'11", 155 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, 7 inches, very hairy body. Looking for mature, outgoing active GWM under 30 with nice physique. Travel possible. Respond with photo and phone number to P.O. Box 50351, Columbia, S.C. 29250. (2)

RELATIONSHIP-ORIENTED ARTIST

Young 33, educated, blond hair, green eyes, trim, blond beard, 5'10", 150 lbs., swimmer's body. I paint, pot, teach, swim laps and eat healthy. Love the beach, conversation, affection. Desire to connect with young man of similar or complimentary interests. Letter and pic get mine. Box 9231, Norfolk, VA 23505. (2)

GWM, mid 20's, seeking relationship with another gay or bi black male. Looking for honest, sincere, and sensitive man who knows what to do and how to do. Age is unimportant. I am not into drugs. I live in the Triangle Area. Please write and send photo. Discretion is guaranteed and required. All letters will get a reply. Respond to Box 520, Front Page. (2)

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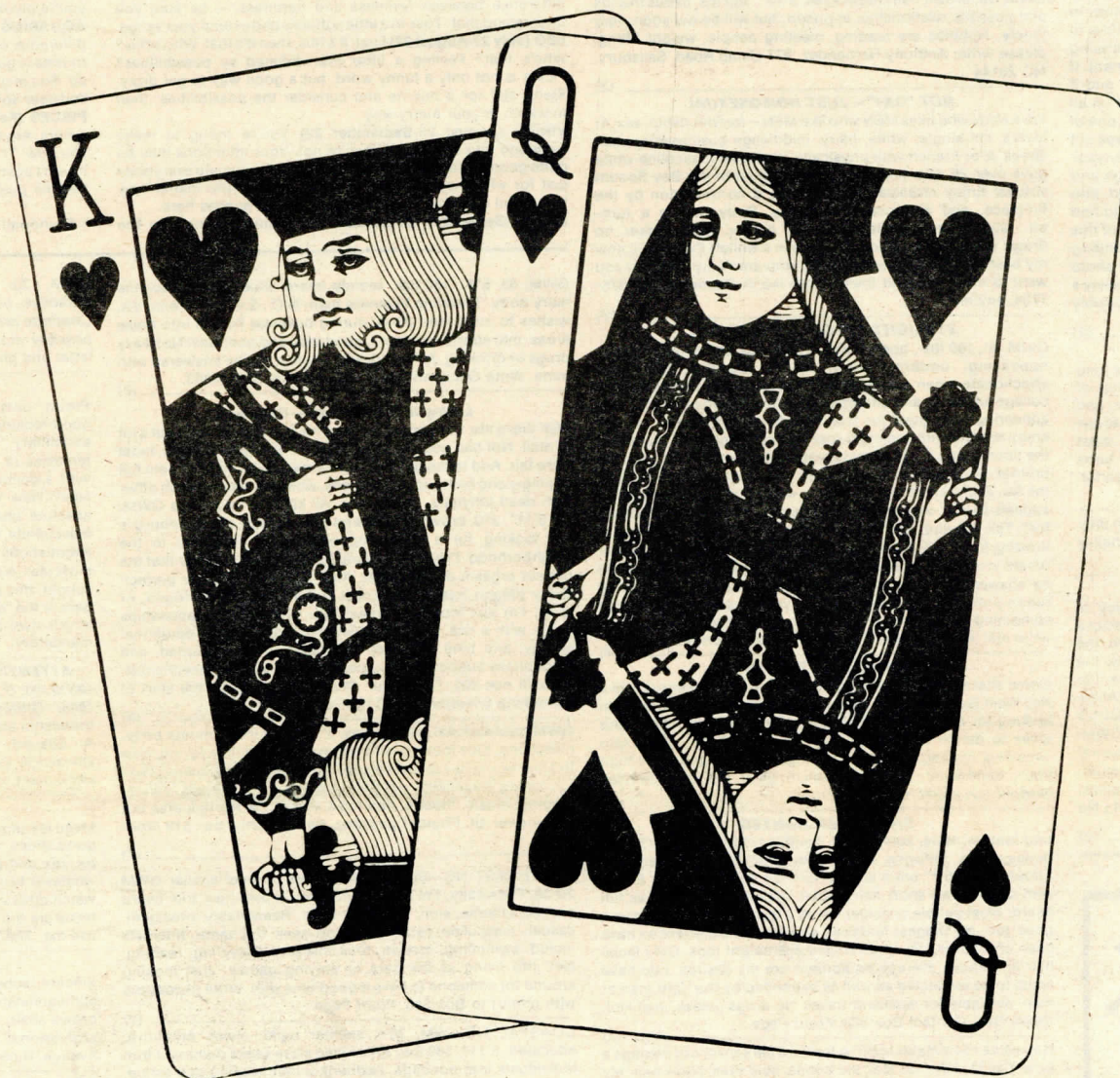
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Black Male, 33, 5'11", 180 lbs., macho, butch, good looking, curly hair, hung, passive or active, no feds. Enjoys oral deep throat, also be bottom man to man with lots of hunky body. Seek person with honest sexual drive with no hang-ups because sex is beautiful if you make it that way. Hairy or not. Hung a must, 6" to 14", welcome. Send photo if possible. Hobbies: chess, pool, music, movies. Have car, can travel or you visit. Black men or soulful white. Bobby, 1014 S. Main St., Roxboro, N.C. 27573 (2)

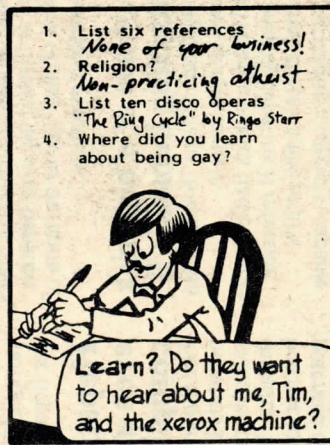
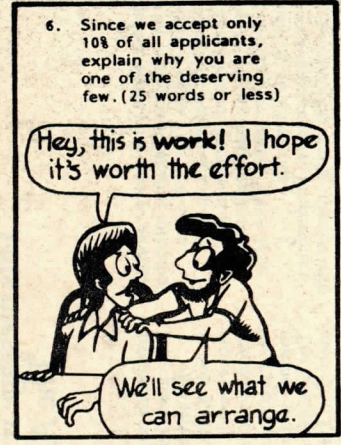
Southside Tidewater, Virginia

GWM, 44, well-preserved and youthful, intelligent and outspoken, outrageously active sense of humor, opinionated but open-minded, sensitive and, I hope, interesting. Recovering from lengthy manic-depressive illness with some fascinating complications (I did say interesting). Live in cozy beachfront apt. with easy access to I-64 (Willoughby in Norfolk). Am eager to meet and cultivate friendships with intelligent men or women of any vintage. Objectives—spirited, lively conversations, cutthroat backgammon games and whatever we mutually agree is entertaining. I smoke, drink lightly, have a broad range of interests and think of myself as cultured. Can, if motivated, give a fine full body massage. Physical particulars—5'8", 185 lbs and losing, brown hair and eyes (behind glasses), hirsute, trim beard and moustache, better than average endowment. Seeking attractive men—gay or bi—18 to 45 for casual or meaningful intimacy. Prefer Fr/Gr active role for myself but am eager to expand my horizons with the proper stranger. I enjoy good stimulating company and want to share some good times with you. Locals, or just passing through, feel free to call days or nights. Jim (804) 588-4368. Peace. (2)

Dionysis, big of belly and heavy in stature, a mythological persona that would balance my tall, slim, blond, blue eyed self; where are you? My extroverted energy needs your quiet aplomb, and as the last electric strains of some good rock 'n roll die on the stereo, will you let me put my cold feet next to your big backside? I am all male and would hope that your tendencies are the same. Professionally, I capture our world on plastic, and through modern wizardry exhibit it to the masses in two dimensions. Sex is just fine but really down the list of my priorities as is age. The awakening, a liaison of spirits, perhaps a blending of bodies,—is my bear out there? Anyone interested in forming a loosely knit organization of overweight gay folk and people that admire them please write Box 521, *Front Page*. (2)

GWM, 33, 6', 167 lbs., blond hair, ble eyes, and of average looks and build. I am a sincere, honest, considerate person who has a humanistic outlook on life and consider myself an individualist. My interests include movies, basketball, the outdoors, working out at the spa, nice restaurants, good times out and quiet evenings at home with someone special. I'm looking for a good looking, muscular, intelligent black male who is Greek active, French passive between 25 and 35 (or younger if very mature). Friendship and companionship are very important to me. If you are looking for a close friend, please write and tell me about yourself. (A picture would be appreciated.) Write CLB, Route 11, Riverview Drive, Greenville, S.C. 29611 or call 'Chuck' at 295-3469 between 4-6 PM or 11-12 PM only. No collect or insincere calls please. (2)

Gentleman, 41, conservative, good conversationalist, educated and well-established would like to meet younger guy interested in more meaningful friendship than sex. Am supportive, understanding and like to have fun. Drop me a line and I'll return your letter. Box 517, *Front Page*. (2)

MURPHY'S MANOR**by Kurt Erichsen**

College junior, lonely student, seeking friends, possible lover. Pen pals from anywhere welcome. I'm 22, blonde/blue, 6'1", 150 lbs. Photo not necessary but welcome. Will answer all. Write: Jack, PO Box 13281, Roanoke, VA 24032. (2)

GWM, 29, 5'8", 130 lbs., nice looking. Like movies, arts, talk, swim, books, sightseeing, home, biking. Seek loving lasting relationship with compatible male. Exchange letter/photo to: Box 268, Herndon, VA 22070. (2)

Uncut WM, 29, 185, 5'9", wants other A/P Fr males, 19-50. Photo gets mine! J.V. POB 8603, Richmond, VA 23226. (2)

HORNY BI-MALE

Horny 21 year old, 6', cut, blond, tanned, lots of hot sex. Will answer all. D.S., PO Box 64362, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 (2)

SEX FANTASY CAN COME TRUE

Sex, Sex, Sex, Let's try something new. Are you holding back what you wish could happen, in bed, in the woods, the pool? etc. It might just be me, I just can't get enough. So let's make fantasies a reality. I'll try anything once. If you're 18 to 35 and have any fantasies, let's try them out. I'm 21, 6', med brown hair, moustache, glue-green eyes, 150 lbs., love butch men. Picture and description a must. If you're passing through or whatever drop me a line. Fantasies will come true. Write J.M., Route 12, Box 292, Winston-Salem, NC 27107 (2)

NEW IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

GWM, 23, blond/blue, moustache. Would like meeting men in the Watauga/Avery area, 20-35, for good times without pain and possible relationship. Discretion assured and expected. Photo and/or phone is possible. Write, K.E.F., PO Box 60 (Downtown), Boone, NC 28607 (2)

GWM, 27, 5'9", 150 lbs., brown hair and eyes. I am a student who is tired of bars and looking for a more meaningful relationship with a clean-cut, good looking guy age 18-30. I like younger guys with lots of energy. I would be willing to exchange photos. Write John, PO Box 1643, Durham, NC 27702. (2)

WM, Transvestite, 27, 6'1", blue eyes, blond hair. Seeks masculine, business-like GWM age 35 or older. Must be dominant. Eager to serve your pleasure. Discretion a must. M.V.H., 307 N. Bloodworth, Apt. 3, Raleigh, NC (2)

GWM, 25, seeks other GWMs. Age is not important. I'm 5'10", 160 lbs. I have ash blonde hair and blue-green eyes. I'm interested in anyone that's honest, sincere, and that just plain acts themselves. No games. Can travel for week-ends. If there are any gay men that feel left out for reasons of age, health, color, lost one, DON'T. I would cheer you up. Come on, write me. Will answer all. Only serious minded men please. Lane, PO Box 441, Kinston, NC 28501. (2)

Are You a GBM?

If so, you just *might* be the person I'm looking for. I'm GWM, 29, 6', 180 lbs., with light red-brown hair, and blue-green eyes. I'm looking for a sincere, honest, masculine black man that is not into game-playing, hustling, etc. He should be average to excellent in physical fitness. (No overweights, please.) He would prefer the active role of lovemaking, but be *versatile* enough to take the passive role once in a while. (Also, he'll have a medium to large endowment, although, I realize there is *much, much*, more to a man than that!) Do you fit this description? Do you love good music (soul, jazz, disco, rock), mellow highs, and sitting in front of a warm, cozy fire in each other's arms? If so, write: Gary W. Watters, 221 Dacian Ave., Durham, N.C. 27701 (2)

Masculine—Young—Lonely

Masculine, goodlooking, young guy needs a place to live. GWM, born Feb. 1, 1956, weight 165, height 5'9". Brown hair average length, baby blue eyes. Profession, retail sales. Will relocate anywhere to find love and happiness. Non-smoker, social drinker, conservative. Easy going and caring. Lonely and need someone to give me strength and courage to believe in myself, go places with, grow together and enjoy life. Enjoy beach, traveling, movies, writing, camping, bowling, tennis, dining out. But mostly giving and receiving love. Let's talk, you and I should not be apart. Chuck, Rt. 2, Box 82-C, Cope, South Carolina 29038. (2)

G.W.Couple—35 years old, 26 years old. Looking for evenings of adventure. Sexually versatile. Love to fuck and vice versa. Have toys and can produce erotic joys. Interested in 8 inches of man, body hair, good times—no strings attached. Just good sex and good times. Let's do the new year right. Call and talk about it. Not collect or write: Jernigan/Herring, 311 South La Salle, Apt. 429, Durham, NC 27705, 1-919-286-3567. Ages 18-40 up to 180 lbs, 6'. We like them big in every way except Gerth. Prefer Caucasian. Call until we ball. (2)

I value intellect, emotional depth, compassion. I enjoy an "up" personality, active sense-of-humor, shared fun. I seek personal growth, spiritual exploration, a fair share of secure happiness, a little adventure. I offer maturity, stability, responsibility, positive attitudes. I require loyalty, monogamy, honesty, sensitivity. I'm a healthy, together GWM, 5'10", 140, 34, brown crewcut/moustache, blue eyes, sexy and good looking, but not overly aware of it—with only the usual kinks and fetishes—one of which being drawn only to tall, sexy, good looking, semi-macho men with moustaches who are Greek active, French passive relationship oriented. Should we meet? I live in Greensboro. Mail will be forwarded. Prefer Greensboro area. Write with photo. I'll respond: R.R., Route 6, Box 65, Thomasville, N.C. 27360. (2)

**82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION
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GWM, 23, would like to meet any gay or bi Cauc GIs in the above units, or any other soldiers currently stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. Having been in the service before, I can understand how lonely it is when you're in an area that's new to you, or as is the case of the Fayetteville area, boring. I'm 23, 6', 200 lbs., hazel eyes, and short brown hair. I enjoy movies, quiet evenings, bar hopping, and most kinds of music. Even if the lack of transportation keeps you on post, please write. I have my own car and would be willing to meet you on base, if you desire. I am straight-appearing, discreet, and promise complete confidentiality to all who answer this. Photo is not necessary. L.A.G.N.A.F., PO Box 1027, Fayetteville, NC 28302. If you know of a lonely GI who would also be interested, pass on the address. Will answer ALL replies. In the Army, be all that you can be. With me, be all that you enjoy being. (2)

GWM, 28, 6'4", 161, brown hair and eyes. Considered goodlooking! I am interested in a relationship with a man that is straight appearing. My interest include: plants, travel, reading, theater, music, cooking, art and quiet evenings at home. Bars bore me. I am straight appearing and have a great sense of humor. Would like also to meet friends in the Triangle Area between the ages of 25-45. I am new to this area. I will answer all. My phone (919) 528-1923 after 11:30 pm. Ask for JC. My address: J.C. PO Box 615, Creedmoor, NC 27522. Please include your phone #. Will be away between Dec. 18th and 27th. (2)

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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease. It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation, 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic
 The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids

from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101°F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours

following vaccination. In rare cases, fever over 102°F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

