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Teen Sex, Porn, Burglary Ring Claimed

Karate Teacher Charged, Accused of Satan Worship

By JEFF ELLIS
News Editor

Two Nashville men have been charged with using a minor for obscene purposes as investigations continue into a devil-worshipping karate school operation in east Nashville.

Robert Brian Canter, 32, of 713 South Summerfield Drive, and Everett A. Chapel, 41, of 2003 Greenwood Ave., were each charged last Thursday with using a minor for obscene purposes after taking photographs of a partially-clad 13-year-old boy.

Former Explorer Scout leader Chapel was charged May 2 with using a minor for obscene purposes after a police search of his home uncovered photographs, videotapes and slides of young boys.

He is suspected of taking the photographs in connection with his involvement in the karate school operated by Canter at his Madison home. Canter, a ninja instructor, was charged three weeks ago with having sex with two 16-year-old boys.

Metro police recorded "eight or nine" telephone conversations between Canter and one of the youths during the last week of April, after receiving information from the

parents of still another youth that Canter was recruiting teen-agers to commit burglaries for him.

During one such recorded conversation, Canter told the boy about having oral sex with two other boys, buying marijuana for one of them and making a videotape of another posing nude.

"I don't try to push anybody," Canter told the boy, urging him to have sex with him. "It's the flow of the universe. It's got to happen."

Youth Guidance Detective Rhonda Cox testified in general sessions court that two boys named by Canter in a recorded conversation confirmed that they had indeed had sex with Canter.

According to the most recent arrest warrants, Canter allegedly took the 13-year-old boy to Chapel's house on several occasions during the past year. Chapel allegedly photographed the boy in various stages of undress, "leaving on only a pair of bikini shorts" provided by Chapel.

Canter conducted a karate school in the backyard of the Summerfield Drive house for about 10 boys and instructed his students in burglary as well as the martial arts, police said.

Canter and his students have been implicated in at least five burglaries in the east and south Nashville areas, authorities report.

Canter is said to be a satan worshipper and used his knowledge of the occult to

intimidate the youths into having sex with him and committing the burglaries.

Police say they discovered a number of satanic worship idols and icons, along with voodoo masks, in a search of Canter's home.

MAP Plans Educational Sweep of Housing Projects

By CURT FOLTS
Staff Writer

Minority AIDS Project will take its AIDS-prevention message to the Sam Levy and Lane Gardens housing projects Saturday, according to director Joyce Perkins.

Volunteers will be distributing condoms and bleach to residents of the two housing projects in an effort to educate them about AIDS, Perkins said.

In addition, she said that "enough food to feed five or six hundred people" has been donated and will be distributed Saturday by volunteers.

Condoms have been shown to effectively guard against sexual transmission of the AIDS virus. Because of a large number of intravenous drug users in the projects,

bleach is distributed for the cleaning of needles. Needles shared by intravenous drug users have been identified as primary means of transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Accompanying Perkins and staffers from the Minority AIDS Project will be E.L.S. - a local rap group which recently penned a rap song about AIDS prevention.

Perkins said that she had urged teenagers to become involved in the effort to educate minorities about AIDS. E.L.S., she said, came up with the idea for a rap song and they now travel with her as she makes her presentations.

Stella Harding and Tony Carter will also take part in the Saturday effort at the two housing projects.

Paul Tucker: Life after Antigay Violence

By HARRISON HICKS
Staff Writer

Two weeks after vandals broke into and ransacked his east Nashville home, the Rev. Paul Tucker, pastor of the local Metropolitan Community Church and outspoken gay activist, reflected on his feelings on the community response to the incident.

As friends and volunteers helped repaint walls that had been defaced with anti-gay slurs, Tucker spoke of the healing process. "We still feel pretty nervous about being here," Tucker said. "Our first reaction was to move."

But after much discussion, Tucker and his housemate decided to stay: "We're both determined nobody's going to run us out of our home," he said.

Many factors went into the decision, Tucker said, but one thing that definitely helped was the positive community response to the episode.

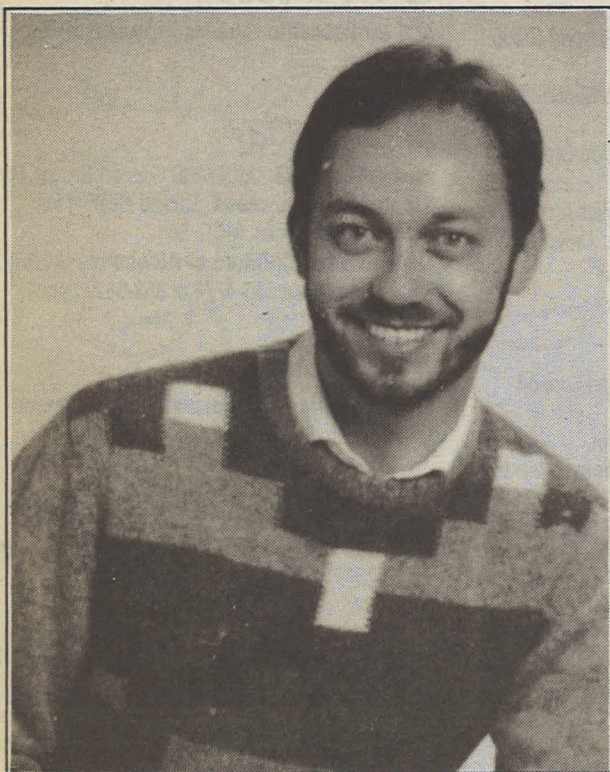
"It has been a transforming experience for us," Tucker said. "It has helped turn a vicious and cruel experience into a symbol of healing. That's what people have done for us."

As news of the break-in spread, response from the gay and lesbian community was immediate. Tucker, who had been in Charleston, S.C., attending an MCC district conference, spoke of returning to his home to find several MCC members helping to clean up and repair the damage to his home.

"I had been real worried about him (my housemate) having to face this by himself," he said.

Within days, members of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) made plans to hold a fund-raiser to benefit Tucker. Other leaders in the gay and lesbian community helped alert members of the mainstream media and other local community leaders to the vandalism.

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The Rev. Paul Tucker, pastor of Nashville's Metropolitan Community Church, whose home was vandalized last week by antigay intruders.

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ACT UP Nashville Meeting, Towne House Tea Room. 7pm.

19 Thursday

Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group. 5pm.
Alcoholics Anonymous Closed meeting for lesbians and gay men, MCC. 8pm.
Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Information phone 385-4776 or 352-5822.8pm.

20 Friday

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Belmont United Methodist. 7:30pm.

21 Saturday

Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group. 4pm.
Human Rights Campaign Fund *Southeastern Gala*, fundraiser, Marriott Marquis, Atlanta. 7 pm. \$150. Information phone 373-4047.

22 Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church Worship services, 11am and 7pm.
The Office Co-ed softball, Mericourt Park, Clarksville. 1pm.
Tennessee Association of the Deaf Women's softball practice, Calvert Field. 1-3pm.
Pride Week Organizational meeting, Towne House Tea Room. 4pm.
New Attitude *Sunset Boulevard*, movie. 8pm.
Warehouse 28 *The Slut Sisters*, show. 11:30 pm.

23 Monday

Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group. 5:30pm.
Nashville CARES Gay Couples Support Group. 6pm.
Nashville CARES Family Support Group. 6:30pm.
Lambda Group Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church. 8pm.

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Nashville CARES Board of Directors meeting, Room 106, American Red Cross Building. 7pm.

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28 Saturday

Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group. 4pm.
Metropolitan Community Church *Homosexuality: What the Bible Does and Does Not Say*, Part 1, video. Community Forum. 8:30pm. Free.
Pride Week Fundraiser, Ralph's Rutledge Hill Tavern. 9:30pm. \$3.

29 Sunday

NAMES Project *The Names Quilt*, exhibit, Exhibit Hall A, World Congress Center, Atlanta. 9am-11pm. Free.
Metropolitan Community Church Worship services, 11am and 7pm.
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Juanita's	1700 4th Av South	256-9681
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Conductors		
Nashville CARES Sandee Potter, <i>Director</i>		
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	AIDS Crisis Line	385-AIDS
Nashville Women's Alliance		
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National Organization for Women (Tennessee) Elizabeth Jamison, <i>President</i>		
	Box 120523, Nashville 37212	
Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA)		
	Box 24181, Nashville 37212	
Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF) Carole Cunningham, <i>President</i>		
	Box 24181, Nashville 37212	
Tennesseans Keeping Abortion Legal and Safe (TKALS)		
	Box 120871, Nashville 37212	297-8540
Vanderbilt AIDS Project		
	Hotline	322-AIDS
Vanderbilt Lambda Association		
	Box 121743, Nashville 37212	
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	Suite 234 B, 4004 Hillsboro Rd	298-5369
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Metropolitan Community Church Rev Paul Tucker, <i>Pastor</i>		
	131 15th Av North	320-0288

Paul Tucker Picks Up the Pieces

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Fred Cloud, director of the Nashville Human Rights Commission, condemned the act on local television. Even the Nashville *Tennessean*, often derided by activists for not covering gay and lesbian issues, ran reports on the incident and devoted part of its editorial page one day to denouncing the homophobia which marked the incident.

Tucker added that there were sources of support from those within the straight community. He stated that they had received cards and telephone calls from many people in Nashville and beyond offering support.

Beyond the church, he said, "There have been so many people whose positive responses have been a key in making the experience bearable."

Like many people who become victims of crime, Tucker spoke of becoming more cautious. Friends have donated a motion detector system which will be hooked up to the police department to be installed in his home, and they have also obtained renters' insurance, which they had been considering just before the vandalism occurred.

Last, Tucker spoke of his concerns that people take precautions against falling victim to incidents such as this.

"I don't know if we were specifically

targeted - it's hard to tell. But it's obvious that once they (the vandals) were in the house the facts that we represented homosexuals

probably fueled their viciousness. My hope is that this has given people a tangible reality of what homophobia can do," he said.

Briefs

From STAFF REPORTS

AIDS Employment Discrimination May Be Illegal

Job applicants with AIDS cannot be denied employment unless their illness prevents them from doing the work, according to an attorney for the Tennessee Hospital Association.

Mary Schaffner, attorney for the THA, said federal law does not, however, apply to small businesses not regulated by the federal government.

Communicable diseases are not considered a handicap that is protected by law in Tennessee. Although AIDS is defined as a "sexually transmitted disease," Schaffner said, the law is not clear.

Schaffner, along with other experts, took part in a seminar at Tennessee State University recently which is part of a series co-sponsored across the state by the Tennessee Department of Labor in conjunction with the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training.

Ron Witt, assistant director of the state's Occupational Safety and Health Agency (TOSHA) urged employers to "start deciding how they are going to deal with AIDS before it happens."

"We want to encourage written policies because a case probably will occur," Witt said.

Attorneys also asserted that employers cannot discharge workers with AIDS because of concerns the employee will be unable to work at some point in time. Employers cannot ask applicants if they have the AIDS virus or if they tested positive for AIDS.

Lesbian Activists Meet in California

The importance of lesbian visibility was the recurring theme as some 100 lesbian activists met recently in Irvine, Calif.

"Putting Lesbians in Power" was the name of the leadership conference sponsored by Southern California Women of Understanding. Supporting lesbians for elective office, as well as other business and social concerns, were the main topics considered at the conference.

Karen Clark, who as a member of the Minnesota State House of Representatives is the highest-ranking elected lesbian in the country, delivered one of the keynote addresses.

Clark said that by "demystifying" the political process, more lesbians will be encouraged to run for elective office.

San Francisco attorney Roberta Achtenberg, who recently lost her bid for a seat in the California General Assembly, also was a keynote speaker.

"Roberta Achtenberg hasn't made it yet, but I'm sure she will," Clark said, adding that she is ready to "give up" the title of the only openly gay state legislator in the United States.

Achtenberg stressed the need for using the word "lesbian" in the media.

"My overall impression is that a real change is happening in terms of being out," said Ruth Mahaney, a member of Lesbian Agenda for Action.

The need for lesbian visibility, Mahaney said, is the "subanswer" to almost all issues raised at the conference.

"It felt very hopeful. It felt as if we are at a new stage," she said.

Conference coordinator Pat Callahan agreed: "I believe the era of the invisible lesbian is coming to a grinding, slamming halt."

New Lesbian/Gay Book Club Started

Liberation Book Club, a new gay and lesbian book club, is being introduced around the country this week, according to Joseph Letendre, the club's founder.

Liberation Book Club is geared to cater to the mail order buyer of gay and lesbian books, Letendre said.

"I know that there are plenty of men and women who can't find gay books in their local bookstores. This is an easy way for them to get the books they want," he said.

Letendre announced that he will be working with almost all the gay and lesbian presses in making their books available to club members.

For more information, write: Liberation Book Club, P.O. Box 453, South Norwalk, CT, 06856.

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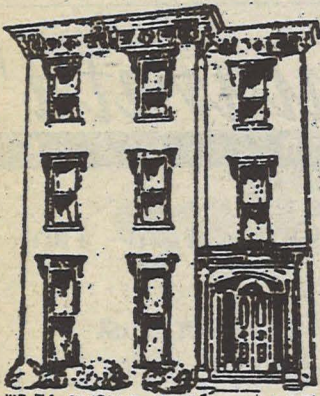
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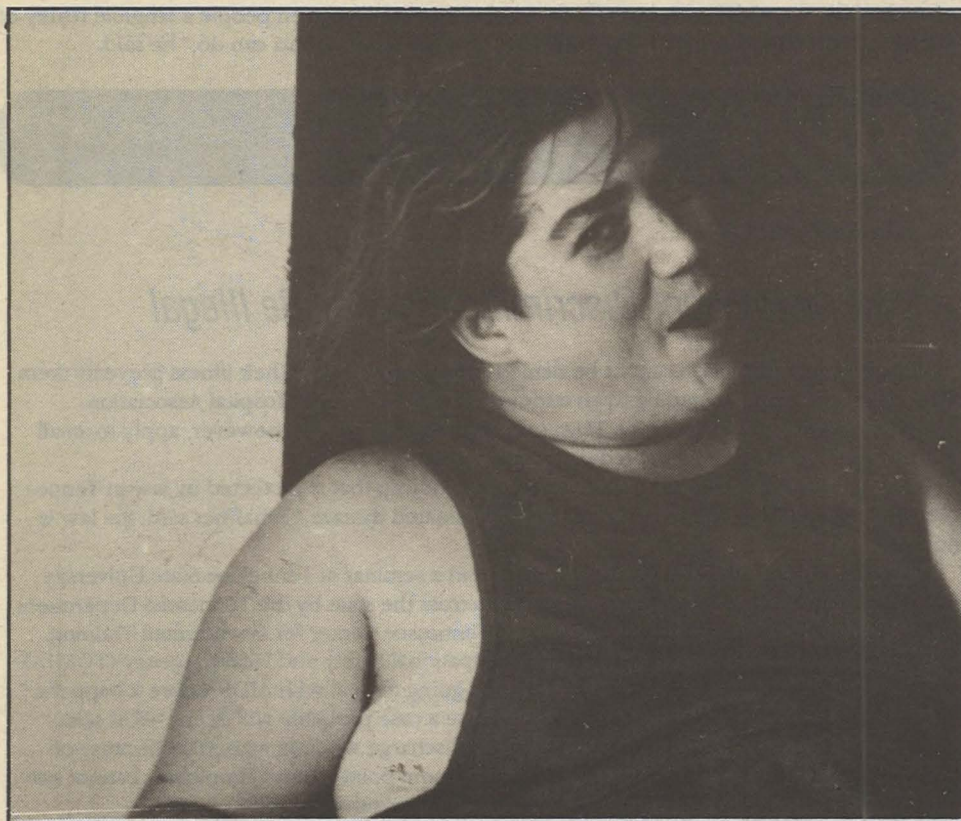


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Lea and Kelley: *Lesbian Theater Guerillas*



Lea Delaria

By JEFF ELLIS
News Editor

When you first meet Kelley Edwards and Lea Delaria the first thing you notice is that they seem shorter than you thought as you watched their antics onstage in *Dos Lesbos*.

And although it may be politically incorrect to say so, Kelley and Lea are much prettier than their onstage alter egos, Gracie and Peg.

The duo presented their critically-acclaimed production for the second time in Nashville Saturday, April 23, at Vanderbilt's Langford Auditorium, presented by Vanderbilt Lambda Association and the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Saturday's performance followed a November appearance at Unitarian Universalist Church.

"We've had our best audiences in the South," Edwards said, explaining that the standing ovations of their Nashville audiences have left the two actresses somewhat spoiled by the attention.

"Southern audiences are smarter," DeLaria explained.

For over a year now the women have travelled all over the country bringing the show to diverse audiences - both gay and straight.

"We consider ourselves to be ambassadors - to outreach to the straight community, because the gay community needs the support of sympathetic heterosexuals for our cause," DeLaria said.

Although they played to primarily lesbian audiences when the tour first began, the women indicated growing numbers of gay men and heterosexuals are now in attendance at virtually every stop. The Nashville performance marked the first time since Christmas that the two have played to an almost exclusively gay audience, DeLaria said.

Dos Lesbos, written in 1979 by Terry Baum and Carolyn Meyers, is a slightly irreverent, certainly hilarious and oftentimes touching account of love, life and coming out.

Although written about lesbians, the play is almost universal in its themes of self-awareness and relationships.

"It's amazing how well it's held up since 1979," DeLaria said. "The issues are just as clear today. We've done a lot of modernizing to keep it current."

According to Edwards, touring in the production was something she longed to do.

"I had seen the show and it was something I had really wanted to do," she said, admitting that while seeing other actresses perform the parts she harbored a secret "jealousy" that it was not her onstage.

DeLaria, who claims to have had her eye on the show since 1982 as a vehicle for herself, said that when she saw Edwards onstage she declared, "I've found Gracie."

Thus, the tour was begun. But Peg and Gracie aren't mirror images of the two actresses.

"Our biggest fear is that people will think we're like the characters we play," DeLaria said. "I'm always afraid people will think I'm like the loud, boisterous Peg."



Kelley Edwards

Edwards and DeLaria will continue to tour with *Dos Lesbos* for at least another year, they suspect. They will be serving a residency in Provincetown, Mass., from June through mid-October.

But the future may find the two making Nashville their home base, if all goes as planned.

"We're trying to base a theatre company here in Nashville," DeLaria said. FADREP - Fag and Dyke Repertory Theatre - as they've named their venture, will be a repertory company for gay men and lesbians.

The selection of Nashville for the theatre was a natural one, according to Edwards.

The low cost of living, coupled with Nashville's reputation as an entertainment mecca as well as a growing gay and lesbian community should ensure the theatre's success, they predict.

"There are so many people in the entertainment field already here that it will give us a headstart," DeLaria said.

The current timetable calls for a mid-April, 1989, launch of the theatre. DeLaria and

Edwards, in the meantime, will continue to tour the country with *Dos Lesbos* and a possible European tour has been mentioned.

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Pride Profiles: *Richard Halliburton*

By **STUART BIVIN**
Editor

Richard Halliburton may have been the only person from Brownsville, Tennessee ever to have slept with both Rod La Rocque and Ramon Novarro.

Halliburton, born in Brownsville in 1900, spent his formative years in Memphis where he went to Memphis University School. His parents sent him to Lawrenceville (New Jersey) Preparatory School in 1915, and he was graduated there two years later.

Although he wrote that he "made valiant efforts to get into" the military during the first World War, he wound up at Princeton in the fall of 1917, where he took mostly military courses and spent summers in military camp.

Halliburton would play Junior Soldier for the rest of his life.

His fascination with travel ignited when he joined the Princeton Naval Unit during his sophomore year. The war ended in 1919, before he could get out to sea, but his wanderlust led him to New Orleans, where he caught a freighter plying the Atlantic and spent what would have been his junior year exploring Europe.

Halliburton finally left Princeton with a B.A. and a hunger for "the liberated and colorful life" he had led in Europe and on the high seas the year before.

He and a friend went back to sea for two years, gathering adventures.

His no-doubt-heavily-expurgated account of those adventures became his first book, *The Royal Road to Romance*, which he pitched to ten publishers before finding one who would take the budding author on, and then only because the two had met socially at the Princeton Club.

Royal Road became a bestseller, earning Halliburton the princely sum of \$300.

Even so, Halliburton was an energetic twenty-five, and not about to sit collecting royalties.

He set out again immediately, this time for Greece - where else? - to retrace the steps of Ulysses, climb Olympus, swim the Hellespont, and cover the course of the original Marathon.

These exploits were fodder for the modestly-named *The Glorious Adventure*, which appeared in 1927.

His life followed the same pattern for the next twelve years - outlandish adventures followed by bestselling books, a few months' rest lecturing and writing magazine articles, and then off again.

Halliburton swam the Panama Canal, explored Latin America, and spent a summer on Devil's Island.

Between excursions, he rode the lecture circuit, commanding the highest fees of his day. He also wrote serials for a rabid *Ladies' Home Journal* following, meanwhile selling over a million books.

He logged more than 50,000 miles around the world in his personal airplane, *The*



Richard Halliburton, native Tennessean, atop Popocatepetl.

Flying Carpet, and starred in his own documentary series.

Halliburton also managed to have a few adventures he didn't mention in *Ladies' Home Journal* or in his lectures.

Roger Austen, in *Playing the Game*, wrote that our adventurer "had a special fondness for YMCAs, spent the night with Rod La Rocque, went flying with Ramon Novarro, and settled down with another bachelor in Laguna Beach."

La Rocque was the hunky six-foot-three star of such classic films as *Let Us Be Gay* (1929) and *One Romantic Night* (1930) as well as of *The Gay Bandit* and *The Coming of Amos*.

Latin-lover sex-god Novarro starred in the original *Ben Hur*. He ultimately met a horrible death in 1968, murdered by two hustlers, supposedly with a lead dildo given him by Rudolph Valentino.

Halliburton lead the most virile of lives, at

least publicly. He was a man's man to the end, apparently in more ways than one.

Halliburton met his end at sea, at a tragically young 39.

He had left Hong Kong in March of 1939, sailing west across the Pacific in a 75-foot Chinese junk, the *Sea Dragon*, bound for the San Francisco World's Fair. A typhoon whipping up 40-foot waves battered the vessel. The last message from the *Sea Dragon*, somewhere 1200 miles west of Midway Island, was that the junk was taking on water.

Halliburton was declared dead by a jury in Memphis seven months later.

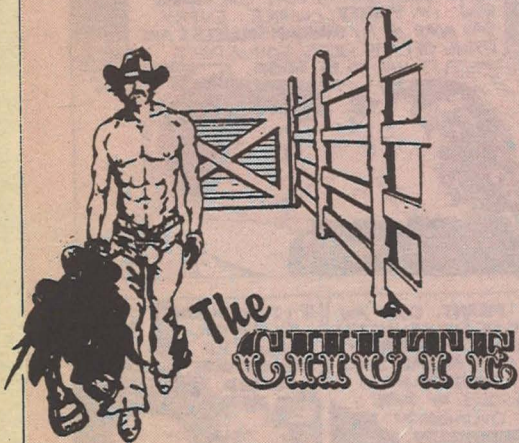
The preppy bachelor adventurer died at age 39, looking much like he did when he was in college - "deceptively delicate in appearance, slim, with auburn hair."

His athletic adventures had kept him in shape, if nothing else, and had made him one of the most sought-after men of his time.

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Saliva May Block HIV

From **STAFF REPORTS**

Doctors have found that human saliva contains a factor that blocks the AIDS virus from infecting cells, giving hope to the idea that the body may have a natural defense against the disease.

The finding was reported in the May issue of the Chicago-based *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

Philip Fox, head of clinical studies at the National Institute of Dental Research and the senior investigator in the study, said that isolating and understanding the inhibitory element in saliva may help doctors learn how to naturally prevent the transmission of the disease.

"The significance is that it's a demonstration of a natural defense that people have against the AIDS virus," Fox reported.

The research provides a biological explanation for why the mouth is not a transmission route for the disease.

"Fears about kissing, contact with eating implements and so on could be dispelled by this evidence," said Enid Neidle, assistant director of the American Dental Association.

Researchers collected saliva samples from the mouths of three healthy men and secretions directly from their major salivary glands. None of the three was considered at high-risk for contracting AIDS.

The samples were mixed with the virus that causes AIDS and lymphocytes, immune system cells that are the virus' target.

The virus was unable to infect the lymphocytes in the saliva or secretions from the submandibular and sublingual glands at the bottom of the mouth.

However, in two of the men, lymphocytes from the parotid salivary gland near the ear were infected. Secretions from the parotid gland of the third man were not infected.

Researchers are unsure how the inhibitory factor works, but Fox said it may interfere with the surface receptors through which white blood cells are infected by the AIDS virus.

More than 60,000 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the United States since June, 1981. Some 34,033 people had died, as of May 2, as a result of the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Turnabout's Fair Play?

So the Metro police are trying to clean up. Great.

This time they've gotten smart - instead of hassling the prostitutes, they're going after the customers. Great.

And, of course, like a tick after fresh blood, the Tennessean, the Banner, and the local TV stations are giving the operation front-page coverage. Great.

It's always amazed us how excited the media get when sex becomes a crime, how especially jazzed up they get when they can

follow cops busting citizens for consensual sex "crimes".

And here's another one.

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to keep their hands off one another. And this time, they're out cruising in public. And paying for it.

Now all this coverage is just terrific for the

holier-than-thou crowd - they get to see just which of their strong-spirit number had weak flesh this week, and the Tennessean printed all the appropriate names and addresses, just like they did when all those homosexuals were arrested in the park, or in the teen-sex-for-sale sting a few weeks back.

But lest we forget, the august Tennessean also saw fit to print the occupations and employers of those charged - not convicted - with crimes involving homosexual acts, with the result that scores of lives were ruined, jobs were lost, and innocent people were harassed and emotionally and physically assaulted. Can't take the heat? Don't do the crime, the Tennessean's editors seemed to be

saying.

We wonder why it is that the Tennessean didn't do the same for those arrested for soliciting heterosexual prostitution.

Actually, we don't wonder at all. We think we know, and the reason isn't pretty.

Can you say "bigots"?

Soapbox

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By TERRY KEVLIN

I was trying to finish the excavation and paving with field stone insets of a 70-foot culvert when I took my friend up on her offer to help. As she mixed the concrete, I did the masonry work. We joked about the infrequency of her doing "something butch," and about the neighbors' opinions of "those crazy lesbians" out there in that yard again.

During the course of our work she asked, "Does doing this sort of thing make you feel more like a lesbian?" My response was, "Not more like a lesbian but much more like a capable, self-sufficient woman who is not dependent on a man, and is not intimidated by a task that could previously have been labelled 'a man's job.'"

I grew up being told I couldn't do... for the single reason that "girls don't do..." Even

as a child that sounded like faulty reasoning to me. I hear the same twisted argument now: "you can't do...you're a woman." It triggers a more colorful and descriptive response now than I gave as a child, but that warped pattern of thinking lives on. A barrage of degradation and forced limitation, based solely on the shape of my body, has never fit with my sense of worth and power. It is as if women should humbly apologize for being a less-than-optimum-gender. It seems common knowledge women are incapable, weak both of mind and of body. If not buying in to that way of thinking makes one a lesbian, I'm one of the most hard-core dykes you've ever met.

I don't consider many things beyond my ability to accomplish, and I refuse to admit anything is beyond my ability to attempt. My preference has been to undertake a task myself rather than pay someone else to do it (especially a man). Having a man do it has always seemed to bolster the old teachings of helplessness. The sense of accomplishment and pride in completing a job - a job I shouldn't be able to do because I'm a woman

- is immensely satisfying.

You don't have to be a lesbian to dispense with the demeaning mentality that race, sex or religion are the determining factors in levels of competency or capability. I think women everywhere are adopting a new level of consciousness toward their worth. It might just be that lesbians, having challenged the concept of being docile counterparts for men, have hastened the awakening of all women to their vast potential.

Maybe that is why lesbians do so many "butch" things. They are the spearhead force in rejecting the old definitions of what it means to be a woman. They want to be everything a woman can be, and that potential cannot be limited by society's definition of femininity. They have rejected the perpetrated image of ineptness, submission and weakness in their own lives, and seek out other women with like beliefs.

Believe me, we want to be women, and be with women, teaching women of the beauty in their intellect, talent and strength.

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Dykes to Watch Out For™



"After Dolores", Read Something Better

After Dolores, Sarah Schulman. (E.P. Dutton, 1988) 158 pp. \$16.95.

By **SHERRE DRYDEN**
Book Editor

Sarah Schulman's *After Dolores* seems to be a realistic portrayal of life in the seedier sections of New York City. Lord knows most of us wouldn't want to be able to say for sure if this is what it's like.

The Dolores of the title is the ex-lover of the unnamed female protagonist. Our hero(ine) spends most of the novel thinking up ways to seek revenge on Dolores for dumping her for the motorcycle-riding yuppie Mary Sunshine. Pleasant little revenges like smashing in "her ugly little face" with a hammer. We never meet Dolores

in person, but it isn't hard to imagine why she would want to leave this woman.

Most of the activity centers on the main character solving the murder of a 16-year-old go-go dancer she calls Punkette. Along the way, we meet Beatriz and her son, Beatriz's lover Charlotte (who sexually abuses the protagonist) and Coco Flores, who tells stories. Like the one about Patti Smith's affair with a woman named Judith.

We also meet Priscilla Presley. Well, not the *real* Priscilla Presley, only a woman masquerading as her at a party. She and the main character go off together and "Priscilla" leaves her purse behind. Inside it is a gun.

The protagonist becomes obsessive about the gun, fantasizing about whom she's going to kill and how. She takes it to bed with her

at one point, referring to "its nose nestling in my pubic hair." Later she talks about the way the gun feels against her pubic bone. Please.

It's not clear what Schulman is up to. The only sexual relationships we see are between women, and they're all abusive and/or exploitative. The protagonist revels in the welts and bruises that result from her encounter with Charlotte. Beatriz and Charlotte have deceived each other for so long neither knows the truth. Dolores ostensibly takes up with Mary for material gain.

In the explosive ending you wait for some hope, some indication that everything will be all right now. It never comes. Schulman deflates the hope, leaving instead a sense that things will continue as they have been.



It's a frightening and depressing feeling.

This is a scary book. There's a lot of violence and meanness and dirt. Coco Flores and "Priscilla Presley" are engaging and wonderfully crazy, but they're minor characters.

Everyone else is just crazy.

Pages

"Book of Lists": Fluffy Summer Reading

The Gay Book of Lists, Leigh W. Rutledge. Alyson, 1987.

By **OLIN J. NETTLES**
Special to *Dare*

The trivia craze of the past decade gave birth to a sub-fad, the list. From the best-selling *Book of Lists* series to David Letterman's sardonic "top ten lists," the semi-genre appeals to the urge in all of us to categorize, prioritize and collectively analyze the infinite universe, mostly inconsequential, of people, places and events around us.

Lists have been around as reference tools since the advent of the written word; only lately, does it seem, has the information explosion made collections of lists a literary amusement.

A book of gay trivia in the form of lists was inevitable. Rutledge's compilation does not, on the whole, disappoint. Though the serious student of gay issues or history will be disappointed, this volume, by its very nature very light reading, is perfect for "browsing" and offers a welcome respite from over-written gay fiction, psychological analyses to help us live our "lifestyle," and

books on AIDS.

There is something for virtually every taste here, from the socially conscious ("The five states with the harshest criminal penalties for homosexual sodomy" - yes, Tennessee did

(Shhhhhhh - don't tell Metro or the *Tennessean*!). One of my personal favorites was "Hung like a horse: Average erect penis lengths for 10 species" (this one will put all you guys in your place; I suppose there are

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make the list) to the literary ("five 'dirty' gay novels written before 1930") to the sexual ("Sixteen famous men, all reputedly very well hung" - the stories here are a hoot, particularly the one about Errol Flynn).

Many of the lists do intend to titillate, for example "Sixteen men who paid for gay sex"

some advantages to being a rhino.); another was "36 hot actors who shucked their clothes for the cameras, and in what movies you can see them naked."

Many of the lists treat historical material, whether in the context of famous gay and lesbian relationships or of antiquated ideas

on homosexuality. Many lists, which aren't quite so funny, treat incidents of repression, anti-gay violence, censorship or vocal homophobia.

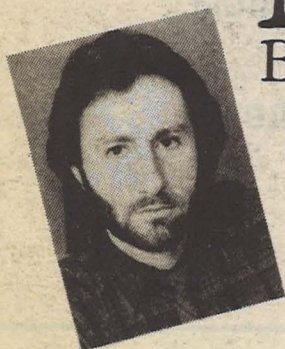
Most of the lists are sufficiently annotated, and some of the stories and explanations are fascinating. Several lists, however, such as "24 famous people who acknowledged having had at least one homosexual experience in their lives" (including the likes of Tiny Tim and James Dean), demand explanations but have none.

Although Gertrude Stein and others do make an appearance, lesbians are largely ignored. Though the author does not explain this lack, he does apologize for it in his introduction and leaves it to others to write a *Lesbian Book of Lists*.

This book is fun to read or flip through, and everyone who is interested in a broad range of gay issues or who is naturally curious about people will love it.

Although *The Gay Book of Lists* numbers about 200 pages and comprises almost 100 lists, one wishes, like a bright day at the fair or a giddy night on the town, that the fun could go on and on.

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