CORRECTION:

Lenora Fulani, New Alliance Party candidate for President, does not identify herself as a lesbian, as was incorrectly stated in a headline in last week's Dare.

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An unidentified protestor, wearing a Ronald Regaan mask, demonstrates at the Hyatt Regency Nashville against Reagan administration policies and the appearance in Nashville of Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Eleven Sentenced in Nashville Teen Sex-for-Pay Sting

By JEFF ELLIS

Managing Editor

Eleven men last Friday were given suspended sentences and placed on probation after pleading guilty to charges leveled after Metro Police used a 15-year-old boy in an undercover prostitution sting last winter.

The 11 were among the 42 men arrested as a result of a three-month-long undercover operation conducted last December, January and February. Tony St. Clair, the 15-year-old east Nashville boy used as a decoy in the sting, will testify in the 31 cases still pending in court.

Of the 42 men originally charged, the 11 men sentenced last week agreed to drop allegations that the operation was illegally conducted because of the use of a minor as a decoy. Last May, defense attorneys argued that the court "must decide whether we are going to permit the use of minors [as decoys in undercover operations]."

Attorney William Farmer argued that use of a minor for "obscene purposes" is illegal under Tennessee law. He cited a 1984 state attorney general's opinion that law enforcement officials could not legally use minors to buy beer at establishments suspected of selling it to minors.

That opinion, signed by Attorney General

W. Michael Cody, who will be leaving that office to enter private practice, said such undercover operations involving minors are in violation of a state law that prohibits contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Assistant district attorney Richard Fisher argued in court then that Caroline St. Clair, the boy's mother, agreed to let police use her son as bait when she learned of his year-long history of prostitution on east Nashville streets.

The men pleading guilty last week were all indicted on one count of soliciting a minor for obscene purposes, soliciting prostitution and solicitation to commit a crime against nature.

Sentences handed down ranged from 11 months, 29 days to three years, followed by probationary periods ranging from three to eight years. In some cases counseling and/or public service was ordered.

Fines of \$1000 were levied against several of the men

One man, a former lab technician, saw his \$1,000 fine waived because he had been fired from his job as a result of his arrest. His wife is terminally ill and he has no income.

The sex sting operation was begun after authorities received a call from Caroline St. Clair in September, 1987. She said her son had continued on page 7

North Appearance Draws Protests

Area Activist Groups Demonstrate

By JEFF ELLIS

Managing Editor

Retired Lt. Col. Oliver North brought his financial appeal to middle Tennessee last week in an effort to shore up support for his upcoming legal battles only to find almost 100 Nashvillians protesting his appearance here.

Sponsored by the Nashville chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), Central American Solidarity Association (LaCASA) and the Nashville Youth Network (NYN), the protest outside the Hyatt Regency

citizens face to face with anti-North activists.

Bearing signs reading "Ollie Belongs Behind Bars" and "Just Say No to Ollie North," the protestors attracted the attention of the media, the perplexed looks of passers-by and the scorn of the limousine set arriving for the dinner inside the posh Hyatt Regency ballroom.

"We're here because we feel we must be here," said LaCASA spokesperson Gene TeSelle. "We wanted to represent the many Nashville residents who find the support of someone like Oliver North to be repugnant."

North was in Nashville raising some \$50,000 to go toward the estimated \$10 million legal bill he is likely to accrue during his upcoming legal battles with the United States

Bush Visits Murfreesboro

Tennessee War Heats Up

By JEFF ELLIS

Managing Editor

Tennessee's emergence as a key battleground in this fall's presidential sweepstakes was made even more apparent with the Monday afternoon appearance in Murfreesboro by Republican hopeful George Bush.

The Vice President's visit to the Middle Tennessee State University campus came just ten days after an appearance by the Democratic standard-bearer, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, at the Wilson County Fair in nearby Lebanon.

Bush siezed the opportunity of the MTSU visit to deride Dukakis' stands on defense, capital punishment, taxes and drugs.

Venturing into the Democratic heartland of middle Tennessee, Bush was greeted by a number of hecklers brandishing campaign

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government. More than 400 well-heeled Nashvillians paid \$100 each to hear North's appeal following a program of patriotic music from former Miss America Kellye Cash of Memphis.

TeSelle said he found it disturbing that so many people were "ready to hail as a hero a man who went far beyond his duties as a public servant."

Thousands of people were killed because of the aid directed to the Contras in Nicaragua," TeSelle charged. "That money would have been better spent to deal with human

of misplaced priorities."

The 100 activists decrying North's involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal and his subsequent cross-country fund raising tour included a wide cross section of the city's population. From the AIDS activists of ACT-UP to the youthful politicos of NYN, the face of Nashville activism was a difficult one to describe.

Victoria Webb, who described herself as being "peripherally involved" with LaCASA, said she came primarily "as a private citizen."

"Oliver North and what he has done represents everything that is bad in the U.S. government," Webb said. "I'm saddened anyone would support what he did."

Webb contended that the protestors represented the opinion of the majority of Americans with regard to the Iran-Contra scandal.

"It is against the majority sentiment in this country to illegally invade and arm a small group of rebels who operate outside the politically popular government in Nicaragua," she said.

Webb said North represents "the worst continued on page 3

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signs for the Democratic ticket of Dukakis and Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

One person carried a sign which read "Bush-Noriega in '88 A Crack Team," a reference to charges that Bush should have been aware that Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega was trafficking in illegal drugs.

"It is our administration that indicted Gen. Noriega and is trying to bring him to justice," Bush told the crowd.

The crowd, estimated at 2,500, consisted primarily of students at the state's third largest university. That group contrasted with the more than 5,000 people who gathered at the Wilson County fairgrounds to hear Dukakis.

"It was a huge success for MTSU. We got some wonderful coverage for the University," said Dorothy Harrison, MTSU director of public relations. "The Bush campaign people couldn't have been more pleased with the way things went.'

The school's next foray into the political arena could be Sunday, Sept. 11, according to Harrison. Incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Jim Sasser and his Republican opponent, Bill Andersen, have been invited to the Murfreesboro campus for a debate on issues in their race. At press time, Sasser had accepted the invitation and Andersen was attempting to work the debate into his campaign schedule.

Bush's first stop on the MTSU campus was the ROTC headquarters, where he reviewed the cadets performing calisthenics and rappelling down the side of the building.

From that photo opportunity, designed to present the Vice President in the most patriotic of venues, Bush travelled the short distance to the historic Kirksey Old Main Building for his

Former Senator Howard Baker, in his introduction of Bush, called the Vice President "my friend," recalling that the two both entered Congress in 1966 when "it was a lonely time for Republicans in the South."

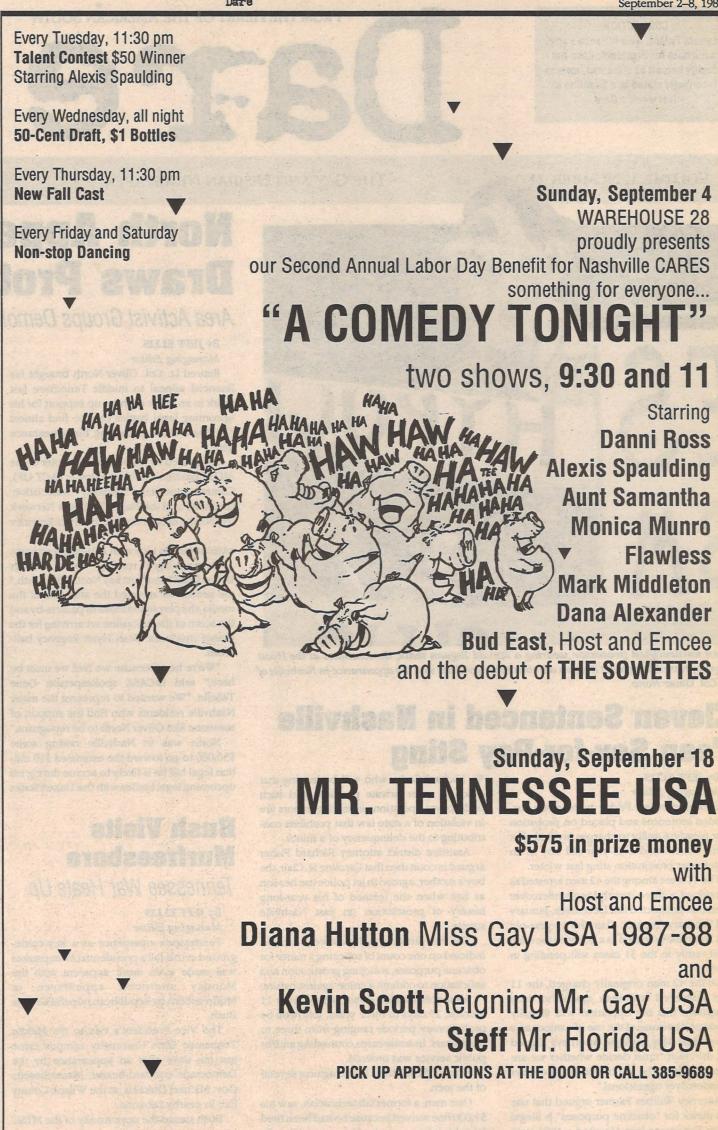
Bush, taking aim at the Democrats, said, "This is no time to retreat to the policies that failed this country so miserably in the past."

Alluding to President Jimmy Carter's past experience as governor of Georgia, Bush warned th MTSU crowd to beware of "moderate-talking liberal governors making vague promises.

Bush's address was primarily a restatement of his acceptance speech at last month's Republican National Converntion in New Orleans, including his reiteration of a promise not to raise taxes and the charge that the election of a Democratic administration would ensure higher taxes.

Immediately following the speech, Bush was whisked away to Nashville via a heavilyguarded motorcade for two fundraisers at the Belle Meade homes of David K. Wilson and Alvin Beaman. The parties brought mnore than \$350,000 for Republican coffers to aid their efforts in Tennessee during the upcoming campaign season.

Greeting Bush after Air Force Two landed at the Air National Guard Armory was a handful of state Republican luminaries including former Gov. Winfield Dunn, 7th District U.S. Rep. Don Sundquist, Memphis Mayor Dick Hackett and Bush's Tennessee campaign chair Jon Thomas.



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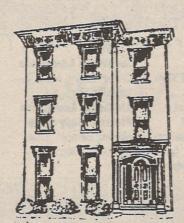
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...anti-North protests

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kind of warmonger," adding that "the only real heroes are peacemakers."

Attorney Joe Prochaska said he was protesting North's appearance "because I believe in the constitution."

"The United States is a nation of laws. We are governed by laws, rather than men," Prochaska said. "I'm here because I believe in the rules of the law."

A self-proclaimed political activist since childhood, Prochaska said he had talked earlier in the day with "a lot of friends who realize North broke the law, lied to Congress and subverted the constitution."

But while the anti-North protestors were the most vocal and most visible, a few North supporters stationed themselves outside the Hyatt Regency to watch the demonstration.

Two young men, who refused to give their names, referred to the demonstrators as "assholes who probably don't even work."

"We pay taxes so they can eat and have clothes to wear," one said. "I bet they're all Democrats."

The two young men claimed the "great percentage of the people inside the hotel are Republicans, including some of the wealthiest people in Nashville - the ones who really run this city."

Among those wealthy Nashvillians to which the young men referred was former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Guilford Dudley. A reception for North held at Dudley's Belle Meade mansion attracted people willing to pay \$400 for a chance to meet North and have their pictures made with him.

Some 20 protestors demonstrated outside the gates to the Dudley estate without incident.

"It went very well," TeSelle said. "We really appreciate the broad supoprt we've gotten from people who are involved with so many other concerns. There are a number of very motivated individuals in this city." •

Sociables

Glove Story

By JAAN STURGIS

Staff Writer

Oh, summer's end is fast approaching. Labor Day means we must say goodbye to white shoes, tubes of Coppertone and the endless round of pool parties and barbecues.

But we do have one last chance to kick up our heels and live, live, live! If only we had a chorus line of high-stepping dancers behind

And aren't we on the road again?! The "Outreach Committee" for T-GALA is headed for Pensacola, Florida, to spend this last-of-summer holiday weekend. Wonder when their "outreach" will bring someone new to town?

Save the early part of Saturday evening, Sept. 24, because Krys Krakoviak and Diane Easter have been planning a Premiere Party to introduce Gay Cable Network/Nashville to the Warehouse 28 at 7 p.m. For only \$3 you will be fed mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and palate-tingling (and tongue-loosening) champagne. The Gay Cable Network will air for one hour every Saturday at 8 p.m. on Viacom's Channel 35. Why not mark your calendars now? I am!

Although the turnout was bit shabby for their raffle drawing, T-GALA realized a healthy \$1,000+ profit with winners being announced last Saturday night at the Unitarian Church. Many people sold tickets and even more purchased the tickets. All are to be thanked for making this a successful event.

Congratulations to G. Scott Osten on his new position as education coordinator for Nashville CARES. Scott's formal education comes from one of the country's most prestigious private institutions (No! Not the Betty Ford Center): Northwestern in Chicago. He will be beefing up CARES programs to reach out to the gay and straight communities as well as assuming other duties. Remember: CARES is a social service organization we can all be proud of, and they are always in need of more volunteers. Why not spend some of your free time in a productive manner? Call them today at 385-1510 to offer your time and talents. And say hi to Scott if he's around!

Last Saturday morning while some of you

were still in bed, I attended the softball game that MCC had with the Crisis Intervention Center. To who you how hard up both the teams were, I ended up catching for both of them (I had no choice - I was the only one wearing white opera-length kid gloves.) However, MCCers Jim Aldredge, Jac Gregory, Frank Webb, Paul Tucker, Debbie Neely, Holly Merkison and Deb Fleming literally beat the pants off the Crisis Center sqaud 25 to 9 (Thank goodness the park rangers were otherwise engaged). And, boys, you should have seen Paul Tucker when he caught a fly ball early in the game. I've never seen a man's legs fly so high into the air and then wrap around his body so quickly. I wonder if he's had lots of practice?

Carole Cunningham has been studying hard for her upcoming LSATs, and we all wish her well. Getting into law school is certainly no easy task - unless you're planning to run for vice president someday.

The women's dance after the T-GALA drawing last weekend certainly did draw a dichotomy of characters — well-known Nashville artist Jan Bell as well as *Dare*'s own Pat Applegate, Ann Taylor and Deborah Burks. Other prominent women attendees were Linda Goss, Laura Tek, Terry Kevlin and Devie Levin. A handful of men even attended the soiree, including Sheffield Clark, Krys Krakoviak and Jack Prostko.

Before we finish packing our bags for our weekend jaunt to more exciting environs, I know that some of you have been wondering just where the devil has Penny Campbell been recently. Well, she forsook us - kinda - for a trip to visit her sister in Durham, N.C. Why not ask her what fascinating things she enjoyed on her junket away from Music City.

Giving a party? Driving away for the weekend? Having an anniversary or celebrating a new job, a birthday, a divorce, a windfall from the I.R.S., or the fact Pat Sajak will be having his own talk show this fall? For whatever reasons, if it's fit to print - and maybe if it isn't - give me a call at 226-4034 (evenings).

And, dearhearts, for this week, that's Sociables - the column, not the crackers. See you next time! •



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Alcoholics (ACOA) Meeting. 8pm. Info phone 385-4776 or 352-5823

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relationships. Metropolitan Community Church - Nashville, 131 15th Ave North. 8:30pm(following weekly Mortgage Meal). Free. Info phone 320-0288.

Sunday, September 11

Feminist Book Circle Meeting. Discussion of works by Katherine Forrest. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 5-7pm. Free. Info. phone 298-9931.

Pride Week '89 Committee Planning meeting. Info phone 297-4293.

Monday, September 12

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) Meeting, Towne House Tea Room. 7pm. Free.

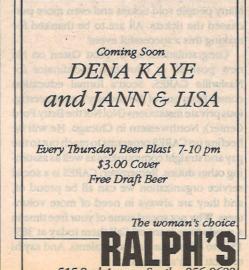
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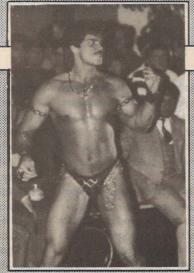
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Wiews

Adults, Children and Sex

The fallout from last winter's teen prostitution sting continues as eleven men are sentenced for their roles in the operation.

Once again, headlines and newscasts grind away uncomfortably about the men who have tried to buy sex from minors – boys.

What does this mean to the community?

First, it's important to state most emphatically that very few would be willing to advocate exploitative sexual relationships, and even fewer those between children and adults.

And that is not our purpose here.

The intimacy of sexual relations should take place in the context of free personal choice, without coercion and without exploitation.

While we abhor the intrusion of the state into private, consensual adult relationships, we do not think that sex between children and adults is a good idea – even if the children willingly agree.

Why?

First, it's difficult to imagine how the lopsided personal power of the participants can be evened out when one of them is a child. We're not talking about a 17-year-old dating a 19-year-old. We're talking about a sexual relationship between adults and children, the kind of relationship in which one partner so much less mature than the other or others as to preclude the kind of rational choice that is true consent.

Second, because there is such disparity of pwer between the participants, there is also invariably some kind of coercion, no matter how subtle. Whether it is as obvious as the use of force or the threat of harm to the child or its family, or as seemingly innocuous as the

promise of gifts or only of affection and human warmth, the superior ability of the adult to persuade the child and to encourage its participation makes the granting of true consent almost impossible.

Of course, there are exceptions and borderline cases. Almost everyone has heard some story about child sirens seducing adults. But those are exceptions, and the existence of exceptions implies the concurrent existence of rules.

As to our community, the sting operation has had some bad effects. It has reinforced the age-old myth that homosexual people., especially men, prey upon the young and the innocent – that we "recruit" children into our ranks – and serves as fodder for the radical right's campaign to further toughen laws which criminalize our expressions of love.

More than that, it has damaged our view of ourselves, especially those of us who are not yet out of the closet.

And there are those among us who would say that thee men arrested got what they deserved. Reputations shattered, jobs lost, family relationships destroyed.

- Did they deserve this?

No.

While we still do not condone the use of children for sex, entrapment is not an appropriate way for a government to enforce its laws.

And the use of a minor by the government in an illegal venture, even in order to attract potential lawbreakers, is more than just ill-advised. It is just plain wrong.

Screens

Eddie Murphy 's Coming to America: The Phobe Falls Flat

By HARRISON HICKS

Staff Writer

There's only one thin missing from Eddie Murphy's new film, *Coming to America* - the comedy.

In what has been touted as his first romantic leading role, Murphy, who has a history of gay-baiting and demeaning women in his comedy routines, plays an African prince who journeys to the United States to find a wife rather than follow through on a marriage arranged for him, in his country's tradition.

While in New York City, Murphy's choice of a likely place to find a new bride, Murphy, as Prince Akeem, poses as a poor immigrant who takes employment at a fast food restaurant. Once there, he falls in love with the daughter of the restaurant's owner and finds that he must compete for her affections with the heir to a hair-styling fortune.

What follows are situations which, in the old days of Hollywood, might have been called "madcap." Only in this film, to use such a term could only be done loosely at best, and probably wrongly.

The script, a loose variation of Mark Twain's The Prince and the Pauper, is extremely unfunny, presenting stale situations and tired jokes aimed at satirizing the American lifestyle.

The character Murphy plays, Prince Akeem, despite claims to the contrary, is not exactly an advance over other characters he has played in regards to attitudes toward women. For example, when Akeem meets the bride his father has chosen for him to marry, he demonstrates his distaste for the woman by commanding her to perform a series of demeaning actions such as standing on one foot and imitating a barking dog. She's merely seen as a "typical" fawning woman by Murphy.

Later, when Murphy goes to America to find

his bride, the woman he picks as his betrothed is faced with a single option for the future, marriage to Murphy or to another man. The idea that this woman, who is seemingly intelligent and self-sufficient, could live just fine without a man's presence, is never even entertained.

Once again, Hollywood's version of happiness for a woman is to become married to a man who will take care of her and provide for her. If this is Murphy's idea of progress as far as his attitudes toward women are concerned, I think his newfound "respect" for women would be something most women could do

without.

What's particularly disheartening is what Murphy, with all his complaints about black stereotypes, is guilty of the very thing he condemns by perpetuating stereotypes of women and gays. Despite his financial success, Murphy will never be the stereotype destroyer he claims he wants to be until he accepts the existence of other groups that are discriminated against. For all his comedic talents, which could be used to illuminate the human condition of all people, Murphy chooses to waste those talents and perpetuate the very conditions he protests. •

Briefs

Soap Adds Gay Character

From STAFF REPORTS

Network television has, for the first time, introduced a continuing gay male character with "no immediate plans to make him tragic or diseased," according to *USA Today*.

The paper reported that CBS' daytime soap opera As the World Turns character Hank Eliot, a fashion designer played by Brian Starcher, came out of the closet last week.

The character, introduced to viewers in April, will be used to explore and influence public reaction to homosexual themes, according to As the World Turns head writer Doug Marland.

"People have built-in prejudices, and it was important for us to find the characters liking him and interacting with him, The young set particularly took to him immediately, because he's fun and bright. Now we get to explore everyone's reactions," Marland said.

Marland said that the character will not be connected with AIDS, but will be a positive portrayal of a homosexual: "Many people in our audience are far removed from AIDS, and have preconceived, clichéd ideas of what a gay man is. I'd like to break that myth."

This is not Marland's first attempt to present a gay character on television. He told *USA Today* that he had met resistance to introducing "gay overtones" to a stroy line on NBC's *The Doctors* several years ago.

The Hank character has a committed, long-distance relationship with a lover.

ABC's primetime *Heartbeat* has a lesbian character, nurse-practitioner Marilyn MacGrath, and ABC soap *All My Children* had a lesbian psychologist character several years ago. •

Pages

Helmet of Flesh: Try It On.

Helmet of Flesh. By Scott Symons. NY: NAL Books, 1986. \$18.95 hardback. 513 pages.

By JOE MAROHL

Staff Writer

Scott Symons must be one of those rare birds, a gay writer who is politically aware but dares to be perceived as politically incorrect.

Symons' new novel *Helmet of Flesh* arrives with enthusiastic cover blurbs from Margaret Atwood and Northrop Frye and a cover illustration by Mel Odom that received a nice compliment from the check-out clerk in the bookstore in Atlanta where I purchased the book. Furthermore, the novel narrates the erotic adventures ("orgasmic odyssey" it's called in the book) of one York Mackenzie in Morocco in 1971.

The book is unabashedly erotic. The pre-AIDS setting gives its characters a perfect right to be as sexually irresponsible as they please. Not to say, however, that the book is simply a masturbator's handbook. Its eroticism is intelligent, and by and large its theme is comradely love and not gay sex.

Symons does leave himself open for criticism on at least two counts. I can see that some readers would accuse the book of misogyny and internalized homophobia. I, however, do

True, the protagonist is not overly fond of the "new woman" and seems to put the blame on feminism that hasn't followed through to its logical conclusions.

True, the protagonist holds gay men in contempt, who he views as only superficially interested in their sexuality and as clownishly relinquishing their masculinity in order to be amusing at dinner parties. Their mothers' revenges, he calls them.

True, the protagonist's point of view in these areas seems to mirror the author's own.

But. An important "but," I think.

But Symons' criticism of women is less than it initially seems. It is a criticism of unrealized potential in a movement. It is a criticism of

early feminists who misidentified the enemy, thinking that all men and all things masculine were necessarily hegemonic.

His criticism of gay culture is targetted to its blindness to the spiritual and even mystical qualities of maleness, whose icon is the cock. It is a criticism of the failure of "gay" to mean something more than just a sexual preference. It is an embrace of magic and sadomasochism as components of the homosexual mind. Above all, it embraces a concept of the masculine mystique.

I do find flaws in the book's ideology. Symons' attitude toward sadomasochism is ambivalent. It is presented as a weakness, something depraved and yet it is also the core of the novel's most erotic passages.

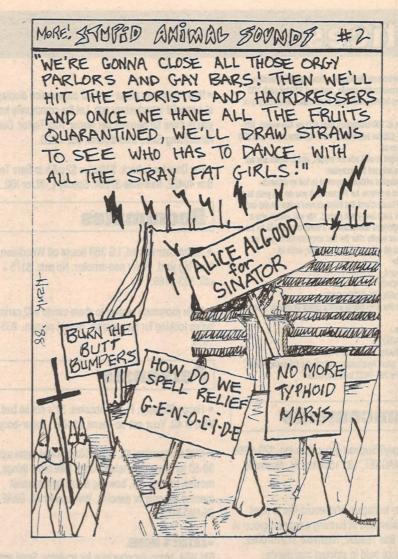
By setting most of the book in Morocco, Symons presents us with a nearly womanless society, which he then, unfortunately, portrays as utopian. (Did Atwood really read this book?)

Mackenzie's reminiscences of pastoral Newfoundland partly remediate the skewed utopia, though, as he presents male couples' acceptance and incorporation by the family-oriented heterosexual villagers.

The book's story and argument are both compelling. Symons tackles some difficult issues in the novel, including bisexuality, sadomasochism, pedophilia and monogamy, expressing opinions on each that readers are certain to find at least partly offensive. A good thing.

The literary style is sometimes a little precious for my tastes – sort of Robertson Davies doing Jean Genet, if you can imagine that – most successful when the result suggests Anne Rice. (It's uncharacteristic of me to read further when a writer uses the phrase "clatterdiclack-and-booommm" on page one...twice. Pooh bear comes to mind, for some reason.)

Fortunately, the story and characters are engaging, and Symons's stylistic tricks do not hinder them in the long run. I recommend you read – and discuss! – this novel. •



...teen sex sting sentencing

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been paid by adult men for performing sexual acts, Metro detective harry Harris testified in May.

Juvenile court officials and members of the city's victim intervention program discussed their response to the case and, when the teenager and his mother agreed to their request for his participation, the Metro police operation got under way.

The corner of Fatherland and 10th Streets, near the fashionable Edgefield section of east Nashville, was placed under surveillance by police to confirm St. Clair's claims about teen prostitution which allegedly flourished in the area.

Detective Ricky Roll testified that Tony St. Clair "admitted he had been involved in this sort of thing for a long time."

Criminal Court Judge Thomas Shriver refused in May to rule on motions to drop charges against any of the men, continuing the hearing until St. Clair's successful completion fo an alcohol abuse program at Vanderbilt's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit.

Caroline St. Clair said last week that her son was ready to testify in the 31 cases remaining on the court docket.

Max and Mona



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