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## Teen Prostitution Sting Was Entrapment: Michaud

By JEFF ELLIS  
Managing Editor

Attorneys for George L. Michaud argued in Davidson Criminal Court last Friday that the Donelson entertainment manager was a victim of police entrapment during an undercover sting operation conducted last winter.

Michaud was one of 43 men charged in the operation geared toward eliminating the boy prostitution business which police allege flourished near the fashionable east Nashville neighborhood of Edgefield.

Michaud was charged with promoting prostitution, using a minor for obscene purposes and soliciting to commit illegal sex acts involving then-15-year-old Tony St. Clair.

St. Clair has been at the center of the growing controversy since the sting operation began in December, 1987. Defense attorneys for the 43 men charged in the operation have argued that police illegally used a minor for obscene purposes during the three-month long undercover sting.

Jerome Edmondson, 25, testified Friday that he, during a long term relationship with Michaud, would procure young boys for sexual liaisons with Michaud. He said that last December 29, he drove downtown where he met St. Clair.

St. Clair, who was wired with a body transmitter, discussed a possible meeting with "George" at a later time, according to the transcript of the meeting between the 15-year-old and Edmondson.

St. Clair, who apparently was uncertain of his next move, asked an undercover police what he should do. According to the transcript, the policeman told the boy to "get him

("George") to come down here."

Unable to persuade Edmondson to bring "George" downtown, St. Clair agreed to a meeting with the man at a Franklin Road nightclub. Michaud met the boy and discussed particular sex acts and their prices, before telling St. Clair they could not meet that night.

"Are you wanting to take me out tonight?" St. Clair asked.

"Maybe," Michaud said. "But right now I have to go pick up some friends. Maybe we could make it some other night."

According to the transcript, Michaud told St. Clair that "if you get two or three good customers going, you could make pretty good money."

Defense attorney Charles Ray argued that the instructions given St. Clair by the undercover policeman amount to entrapment of his client.

Ray told Judge Tom Shriver that police instructed St. Clair to "go out and snare this citizen." He argued that this resulted in a violation of the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution which guarantees due process of the law.

Ray said St. Clair was serving as "an agent of the state" during the three-month long sting.

Shriver rejected Ray's request for dismissal of charges against Michaud but said he would take under advisement Ray's request for a separation of trials for Michaud and Edmondson.

The sting operation was begun after police received a telephone call from St. Clair's mother, Caroline St. Clair, in September, 1987. She said her son had been paid by adult men

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**They're a pair.** Terry and Robyn Kevlin danced together at Robyn's high-school reunion. They're smart, well-educated, politically hip — and they're a team. Jeff Ellis talks with them about what it's like being a couple and being out of the closet in *Couples*, page 6.

## "Latent" Chapel Gets Probation

By STUART BIVIN  
Editor

Nashville photographer Everett Chapel, 41, was placed on three years' probation Tuesday for videotaping a 16-year-old as the boy masturbated.

Chapel's psychologist, Gary K. Wilson, testified that Chapel was "passive" and lived in a "very structured, religious environment," and that he was unlikely to commit further crimes. He added that Chapel had "some hidden, latent homosexual tendencies inside of him," and that Chapel needed to "deal with" them.

Chapel testified that Robert Brian Canter, a Madison karate instructor accused of leading a satanist teen-sex and burglary ring, "informed me he had a young man that would like to get into modeling." Chapel said that he continued

to tape the boy even after he disrobed and began "playing with himself," adding that he kept the tape but did not show it to anyone.

Chapel's parents and other prominent members of the politically-powerful Madison Church of Christ, the largest Church of Christ congregation in the world, asked the court to put fellow-church-member Chapel on probation.

Retired Court of Criminal Appeals Judge William S. Russell, hearing cases for his daughter, Criminal Court Judge Ann Lacy Johns, said that he could find no reason to limit Chapel's involvement as a volunteer Boy Scout leader.

In addition to three years of probation, Russell ordered Chapel to get counseling and to perform 300 hours of public service work. •

## Wolf Granted New Child-Sex Trial

From STAFF REPORTS

Nashville physician John Stuart Wolf, Jr., granted a new trial when reports surfaced that a male court officer had had a sexual liaison with a female juror, will face trial again on charges that he sexually molested his son and daughter.

Wolf attorney Lew Conner asked Judge Ann Lacy Johns to delay setting a new trial date until the state's Court of Criminal Appeals reviews Johns' refusal to dismiss the charges against Wolf.

Wolf, who has steadfastly denied the charges, said that his former wife, Libby Polk Wolf, "programmed" his children to make false accusations of molestation against him because she did not receive all the money she wanted in the couple's 1986 divorce. •

## Oregon Voters Repeal Gay/Les Rights Order

By DEBORAH BURKS  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — To the dismay of gay and lesbian activists, Ballot Measure 8 was approved by Oregon voters on November 8.

The passage of Measure 8 repeals Governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order prohibiting Oregon state agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. After Goldschmidt signed the order last October, opposition forces began organizing to revoke the law. Despite disapproval from numerous newspapers, elected officials, and civic groups, Measure 8 was approved by a margin of 53 to 47 percent.

Cathy Siemens, deputy campaign manager of "No On 8", credits the tactics used by right-wing groups such as the Oregon Citizens Alli-

ance with the passage of Measure 8.

"The ad campaigns of these groups campaigning for Measure 8 were extremely sensational," explained Siemens at the recent Creating Change Conference in Washington, D.C. "They used emotional issues like children in the hands of homosexuals as well as AIDS to create fear of this law and unfortunately, it worked."

Another approach used by conservatives in revoking the executive order included the claim that it grants "special rights" to homosexuals. "Why should homosexuals have special rights? We are all given equal rights under the Constitution," states literature from the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

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#### Thursdays

**P-FLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)  
Support group. St. John's Episcopal Church, 322 S Greer. 1st Thursday only.  
Info 901 761-1444.

**Phoenix** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30pm. Info 901 272-9459.  
**Into the Light** (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 276-7379.

#### Fridays

**Phoenix** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 10pm. Info 901 272-9459.

#### Saturdays

**Twisted Sisters** (ACOA)  
Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. Noon. Info 901 276-7379.  
**Phoenix** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9459.

#### Sundays

**Agape New Life Church**  
Sunday School, 9:30am. Worship service, 11am. Info 901 327-4145.  
**Into the Light** (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. Noon. Info 901 276-7379.  
**Phoenix** (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9459.

### Nashville

#### Mondays

**Nashville CARES**  
AIDS/ARC Support Group. 6:30pm. HIV Education Support Group. 8pm. Family  
Support Group. 6:30pm. Info 615 385-1510.  
**Lambda Group**  
Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian  
Church. 8pm.  
**MAGNET** (Married and Gay Network)  
Support group for married gay men. 1st & 3rd Mondays only. MCC. 8pm.  
Info 615 320-0288.

#### Tuesdays

**Vanderbilt Lambda Association**  
Meeting for gay and lesbian Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and alumni.  
Vanderbilt Divinity School, Room G 23. 5:30pm. Info 615 385-4283.  
**AI-Anon**  
Open meeting. MCC. 6:30pm.  
**Nashville CARES**  
HIV Education Support Groups. 7pm. Info 615 385-1510.  
**Sister Sisters** (Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous)  
Closed meeting. MCC. 8pm.

#### Wednesdays

**Sex Addicts Anonymous**  
Closed meeting for gay men and lesbians. MCC. 5:30pm.  
**Nashville CARES**  
AIDS/ARC Couples Support Group. 5:30pm. AIDS/ARC Support Group. 6:30pm.  
HIV Support Group. 7pm. Info 615 385-1510.  
**MTSU Lambda Association**  
Meeting for lesbian and gay Middle Tennessee State University students, faculty,  
staff, and alumni. 7pm. Info 615 890-3787.

#### Thursdays

**Nashville CARES**  
HIV Support Group. 6:30pm. Visualization group. 6:30pm. Info 615 385-1510.  
**Alternatives** (Alcoholics Anonymous)  
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**Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics** (ACOA)  
Meeting. 8pm. Info 615 385-4776 or 615 352-5823.

#### Fridays

**Sexuals Anonymous**  
Closed meeting. MCC. 5pm.  
**Gay Parents Support Group**  
Meeting. MCC. 1st Friday only. 7pm. Info 615 292-0817 or 615 320-0288.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group**  
Meeting. Belmont United Methodist. 7:30 pm.

#### Saturdays

**Nashville CARES**  
AIDS/ARC Support Group. 4pm. Info 615 385-1510.  
**Metropolitan Community Church**  
Mortgage Meal, all you can eat. 7:30pm. \$5.  
**Gay Cable Network**  
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**Sunday, November 27**

**HARVEY MILK REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Monday, November 28**

**Aid to End AIDS Committee** (ATEAC). Open  
meeting. 689 Melrose, Memphis. 7pm. Info 901 458-  
AIDS.

**Tuesday, November 29**

**P-FLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)  
Open organizational meeting of new Nashville chapter.  
Location to be announced. 7:30pm. Info Jean Floyd,  
615 662-0332.

**Thursday, December 1**

**Film** *Lianna*, Vanderbilt Lambda Association. 220  
Garland Hall, Vanderbilt, Nashville. 7pm. \$1 donation.  
**World AIDS Week Lecture** *Educating Young  
Adults About AIDS*, Richard Keeling, President,  
American College Health Association. Sponsored by  
Vanderbilt AIDS Project. Rm 108 Light Hall,  
Vanderbilt, Nashville. 7:30pm. Info 615 322-2252.

**Saturday, December 3**

**Christmas Bazaar** Metropolitan Community  
Church, 131 15th Av North, Nashville. 10am-7:30pm.  
Info 615 320-0288.

**Thursday, December 8**

**Brown-Bag Lunch** *Writing Fiction About AIDS*,  
Franklin Brooks, Vanderbilt professor of French and  
Italian. Lesbian and Gay Studies Lecture Series,  
Vanderbilt Lambda Association. 205 Sarratt,  
Vanderbilt, Nashville. 12:10-1pm. Free.  
**Film** *The Berlin Affair (Interno Berlinese)* Vanderbilt  
Lambda Association. 220 Garland Hall, Vanderbilt,  
Nashville. 7pm. \$1 donation.

**Saturday, December 10**

**Gay Women's Social Group** Ornament-making  
party, Memphis. Info 901 458-1973.  
**Concert** *Encounter International*, inspirational music.  
Metropolitan Community Church, 131 15th Av North,  
Nashville. 8:30pm (follows Mortgage Meal). Info 615  
320-0288.

**Sunday, December 11**

**Feminist Book Circle** Meeting. Guest speaker  
author Merril Mushroom, on her new book *Daughters  
of Khaton*. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808  
Woodmont Blvd, Nashville. 5-7pm. Free. Info 615  
385-4283.

**Thursday, December 15**

**Film** *Caravaggio* Vanderbilt Lambda Association.  
220 Garland Hall, Vanderbilt, Nashville. 7pm. \$1  
donation.

**Thursday, January 12**

**Brown-Bag Lunch** *That Strange Girl: The Alice  
Mitchell Murder Case (Memphis, 1896)*, Sherre  
Dryden, Vanderbilt University librarian. Lesbian and  
Gay Studies Lecture Series, Vanderbilt Lambda  
Association. Sarratt 118, Vanderbilt, Nashville.  
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## ...teen prostitution again

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for performing sexual acts, Metro detective Harry Harris testified in May.

"The mother felt like she wanted us to go ahead with the sting," Harris said. "She wanted these people off the street."

The corner of Fatherland and 10th streets was placed under surveillance by police to

confirm St. Clair's claims about teen prostitution which allegedly flourished in the area.

Since the first arrests were made last February, St. Clair has been a patient, at state expense, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Child and Adolescent Clinic for treatment of a drug and alcohol problem. •

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was shocking," said Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "It points out the potential danger of the conservative forces in this country."

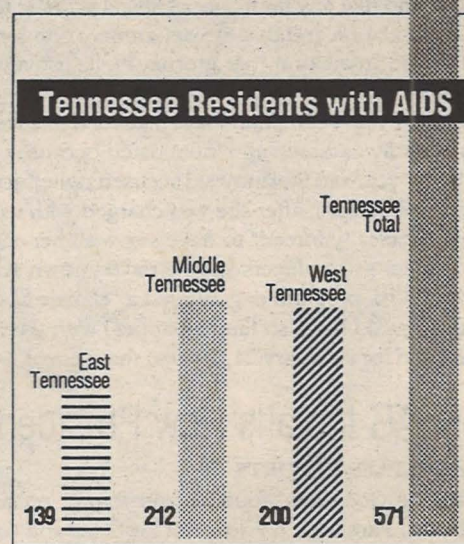
Radecic also noted some good news from the November elections - all 71 co-sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. House of Representatives were re-elected.

Election results in California were, for the most part, encouraging to the gay and lesbian community, Radecic believes. Proposition

102, an initiative that would have revoked anonymous HIV antibody testing, was defeated. However, Proposition 96 requiring HIV antibody testing for those charged with sex crimes passed overwhelmingly.

Gay San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt was re-elected and will serve as president of the Board of Supervisors for the next four years. Lesbian activist Pat Norman was unsuccessful in her bid for the city's Board of Supervisors. •

Since the state Department of Health and Environment began keeping records in 1982, almost 600 Tennessee residents have been diagnosed with AIDS as of October 31, 1988. Figures are slightly lower than last month because they no longer include non-residents being treated in Tennessee. Altogether, 616 people have been treated for AIDS in Tennessee. Source: Tennessee Department of Health and Environment. —DARE STAFF GRAPHIC



## Briefs

### NAMES Project AIDS Quilt Goes International

From STAFF REPORTS

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, made up of individual 3x6 foot panels, each bearing the name of a person who has died of AIDS, will officially become international on World AIDS Day, December 1.

Local NAMES Project chapters in Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Norway and West Germany will organize small displays of the Quilt, including panels made in their own countries.

Chapters in the United States are also organizing displays, and several are holding community quilting bees or candlelight memorials.

In the United States, the Quilt has helped many people express the loss of their friends and loved ones, and it has helped many others learn about the impact of AIDS," said Jeannette Kojane, director of International Programs for the NAMES Project. "But AIDS is a global tragedy and people from around the world have expressed interest in the Quilt's message. World AIDS Day will help them get involved with the Quilt."

World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS. It is a day for all AIDS organizations to talk about the disease and explain to their communities what is being done in education, research and direct services for those with AIDS.

In addition to the Quilt's international scope, it has been announced that several commemorative panels collected by the NAMES Project have been acquired by the National Museum of American History, part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The acquisition will take place over a period of time in an effort to document the diversity of those who have died from AIDS. The quilt panels will be added to the collections of the Division of Medical Sciences, which has an ongoing interest in issues related to the history of public health in this country.

"The AIDS Memorial Quilt is significant not only as a symbol of those who have died, but also as one aspect of the country's response to that loss."

Since 1981, more than 40,000 Americans have died from the effects of the AIDS virus, according to figures from the U.S. Surgeon General's Office. By the end of 1991, it is estimated some 179,000 deaths will result from the estimated 270,000 cases. •

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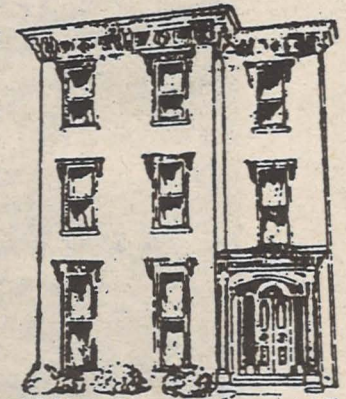
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## Briefs

### Kansas Judge: Doctors Can't Tell HIV Status

From **STAFF REPORTS**

A Kansas City, Kansas, judge last month issued a permanent injunction against a man's doctors forbidding them from informing his former wife that he had tested positive for HIV antibodies.

The man, identified in the lawsuit as John Doe, filed suit against Prime Health/Kansas City, Inc., a health maintenance organization (HMO), after officials told him they were going to disclose his HIV test results to his former wife. The man's ex-wife also uses the HMO.

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union in May took the case and won a temporary restraining order. Last month, Judge Marion W. Chipman of the District Court in Jackson County, Kansas, granted the permanent injunction.

"The court finds the plaintiff would be substantially and irreparably injured by the release of his HIV results by the defendant or its employees to his ex-wife," Chipman's ruling read.

Spokespersons for the HMO said that Prime Health/Kansas City will comply with the judge's ruling. •

### Nashville Police Officer Charges Sexual Harassment

From **STAFF REPORTS**

A former Nashville police officer has filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, charging that she was sexually harassed and intimidated by her superior officers.

The officer was fired in August of this year for using cocaine.

Lisa Stojanowski has alleged that she was harassed during her probationary period as an officer, and that any improper or illegal acts she may have committed were the result of threats and intimidation and that the department condoned the acts by firing her.

"If I sound mad, I am," her attorney Phillip Davidson told the *Tennessean*. "I am extremely angry that this could happen in this city."

"Basically, [the complaint] says that her rights were violated at the police academy and that she was sexually harassed and intimidated because of her sex," Davidson said.

The 24-year-old Stojanowski accused police academy instructors of coercing her to have sex with them in April, after she was charged with using cocaine in 1986. She alleged that she was "psychologically forced" to have sex with her superior officers. Davidson said that the police department's top officers should have known what was going on and that the Department's Master Patrol program engendered a "climate of intimidation" that led to the harassment.

Stojanowski has also filed an appeal with the Metro Civil Service Commission. A hearing is scheduled for February 21, 1989 in that appeal. •

### P-FLAG Installs New President

From **STAFF REPORTS**

Paulette Goodman, founder and former president of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), last month was installed as the organization's national president.

"Parents of gays want equal rights for their children—no more, no less," Goodman said during the group's seventh annual convention in Chicago. "It is vital for politicians to know that parents of gay men and women are committed to fighting for their children's civil rights."

Goodman, whose oldest sister, grandparents, aunts and uncles died in concentration camps operated by Nazi Germany during the 1930s and '40s, said she is keenly aware of discrimination and bigotry.

P-FLAG is a nationwide network of support groups for the parents, relatives and friends of lesbians and gay men. There are 200 local chapters, including groups in Nashville and Memphis. •

## Spotlight

### Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance

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The Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) is a Nashville-based organization dedicated to furthering "the rights of gay and lesbian people in Tennessee. This includes political, social, and psychological concerns," according to Penny Campbell, one of the group's organizers. "We sponsor activities ranging from support groups to public demonstrations. We are continuing to grow, and encourage all gay and lesbian people, in whatever stage of coming-out they are, to participate."

T-GALA has sponsored the recent Romanovsky and Phillips concert in Nashville, and has organized Advance, a political action committee. •



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# COUPLES

***"I'd had my eye on Terry for a while, but she and her last lover were an institution and I was trying to keep my distance because I didn't want to come between them."***

***Terry: "It was great in one way, and sort of not great in another. It was marvelous to be among all those same sex couples, but now I long for the opportunity of sharing that moment with people who mean so much to us."***

By JEFF ELLIS  
Managing Editor

It would seem that lesbian couples, over the years, have gotten a bad rap from Hollywood and Broadway.

They are usually troubled, misunderstood women who tend to commit suicide by the time the curtain comes down. According to conventional movie and stage wisdom, that is.

In real life, however, lesbian couples are considered to be quite different from their fictional counterparts. They are happy, caring and oftentimes revered members of the homosexual culture.

"It's sometimes hard to find male couples; they don't seem to exist, but you always hear about lesbian couples," said Robyn Kevlin, herself a member of a couple that has been together since April, 1985.

For Robyn and Terry Kevlin (who took three letters from each of their surnames to create their new "family" name), the journey through life is made more fulfilling by the presence of each other.

"We met in 1980 when we were both working at Washington Manufacturing Company," Terry remembers. "So we had been friends for

several years before becoming lovers."

While the two carpooled to their jobs together, their friendship grew.

"I always read a lot, which was something Terry didn't do much then and I would always talk about that," Robyn says.

"We talked about everything in that car — sex, politics, religion. So it gave us a good opportunity to get to know each other and become very close friends," Terry says.

But as that friendship grew, Terry saw an existing relationship with another woman begin to deteriorate.

"Terry had gone out of town for a weekend and we both really missed each other. When she returned, she told me she felt like she was having an affair with me — an intellectual affair," Robyn recalls.

Terry soon ended her other relationship in order to pursue a relationship with Robyn.

"Robyn had decided years before that she would like to be involved with me. She wanted to be a part of a couple," Terry says.

Robyn agrees: "I'd had my eye on Terry for a while, but she and her last lover were an institution and I was trying to keep my distance because I didn't want to come between them."

But when the mutual decision was made, Robyn and Terry did become lovers and, some two months later, the two moved in together.

That move led to a decision to buy a house together, a decision complicated by several factors, the two women concede.

"I had to wait for the sale to become final on the house I had owned with my last lover," Terry says. "Then we had to find someone willing to lend money and insure two women who were not blood related, so there were some worries to contend with."

After looking at 25 houses ("from the outside"), the couple decided to view three "from the inside." They found their home — and realized a dream — in the third house.

"It actualized a lot of dreams for us. It meant we would be able to do a lot of things together that we wanted," Terry claims.

Soon after buying their house in August, 1987, the two women were married during "The Wedding" which was part of last fall's March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"It was kind of awesome," Robyn remembers. "I had never been among that many same-sex couples before. Sometimes it seems male couples don't exist in our community, but there were so many men taking part in The Wedding."





"Being among all those same-sex couples gave you a real sense of power. It was really neat to be among that much power."

Terry expressed some mixed emotions about the wedding in Washington: "It was great in one way, and sort of not great in another. It was marvelous to be among all those same sex couples, but now I long for the opportunity of sharing that moment with people who mean so much to us."

During the trip to Washington, both Terry and Robyn became better acquainted with the Nashville lesbian and gay community as a whole and political involvement resulted.

Terry, who describes herself as a "doer," found herself becoming more and more involved in the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA), eventually becoming co-chair of the group's finance committee.

"I tend to become impassioned about things. Someone called me an 'overachiever' the other day and maybe they're right. I do things passionately. Being committed to the gay and lesbian movement made me passionate about bringing activities to the community outside the bar scene."

Robyn, described by her lover as "more of a supporter — a great support to me," also became involved, but to a lesser degree.

And, sometimes, Terry's involvement led to

strain between the two.

"It really didn't strain the relationship, but her involvement began to place a strain on Terry. When that happens, I try to point out to her that she's overworking," Robyn says. "Terry has a tendency to feel responsible for everything. I've felt, at times, that she was putting a strain on herself, not the relationship."

But do they ever fight?

"We really never fight," Terry contends. "When we disagree — and that's all it is — we usually disagree about financial matters. Robyn's more of an impulsive spender than I am; I feel better knowing where my money's going. Of course, sometimes it's hard to do exactly what we want to do when it's on two women's salaries."

"We don't fight, but if we have a disagreement, it's about money," Robyn agrees. "If I want something, I'll buy it. But if we come into a chunk of money — say an income tax return — I'll think of five or six ways to spend it. Terry will decide one way to spend the money, and that's it."

Both women attribute their financial outlooks to their family backgrounds.

For both Robyn and Terry, their families' reactions to their relationships have helped to strengthen their bond.

Terry was able to reestablish ties with her mother and an older brother after she became involved with Robyn. Her father, whom Robyn characterizes as "very Christian," has accepted his daughter's lover with tact and grace.

Robyn's parents' reaction closely mirrors that of Terry's parents: "My mother is difficult to get to know and can be something of a pessimist at times, but she seems to like Terry. My father and I have had several long talks about me being a lesbian. As long as I'm happy, he's happy I'm happy. He's glad I'm healthy, live in a nice house and have a steady job."

"And I'm with someone who loves me."

And with that, Terry and Robyn turned their attentions to planning their Thanksgiving holiday.

"Robyn's parents are going out of town, but we received invitations from both my parents," Terry says. "We've decided to spend it here in Nashville. We'll probably make some food and take it over to another woman's house where a good part of the women's community in Nashville will get together for the holiday."

So for Robyn and Terry Kevlin, the holiday will be spent as it should be, with family. •

**Robyn: "Being among all those same-sex couples gave you a real sense of power. It was really neat to be among that much power."**



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# Screens

## Mystic Pizza: A Big Slice of Life

By JEFF ELLIS  
Managing Editor

*Mystic Pizza* is a wonderfully evocative and eloquent film about the joys of friendship as viewed through the eyes of three young women who are dreaming of a future brighter than their present.

Thankfully, *Mystic Pizza* is not filled with action and endless car chases. Instead, the action in this almost lyrical film centers on the heartfelt — sometimes moving, sometimes amusing — moments shared by the trio of kindred spirits.

Set in the Connecticut seacoast town of Mystic, home of the Mystic Pizza, the film chronicles several months in the lives of three friends: Kat, the intellectual; Daisy, the beauty; and Jojo, the woman destined for marriage.

We first meet the three and their boss, Leona, at the wedding of Jojo to Bill, a fisherman who wants more than anything to validate his love for Jojo with marriage. Jojo, suffering a severe case of doubt, manages to elude commitment by fainting just at the moment she would be saying, "I do."

Kat, the intellectual, is set to begin her freshman year at Yale, studying astronomy (although Jojo claims she will someday be a "great astrologer") and breaking free from the

lower class restraints of Mystic. Played by Annabeth Gish, Kat is the stable member of the triumvirate, until she becomes involved with an older man (played by William R. Moses).

Kat's sister Daisy is the beauty of the three, surviving on her looks and her usually unerring ability to size people up on first meeting. Julia Roberts plays Daisy to perfection, letting us feel her exhilaration and her pain as she becomes involved with a spoiled preppy (played by Adam Storke).

Jojo, played with aplomb by Lili Taylor, is an almost touching character tinged with both brass and innocence. We laugh with her and hurt with her as she deals with her fiancé Bill (played by Vincent Phillip D'Onofrio).

Almost stealing the screen from her younger co-stars, however, is the obscenely underrated Conchata Farrell who delivers another outstanding performance as Leona, the owner of Mystic Pizza.

Directed by Donald Petrie, *Mystic Pizza* is truly wonderful, riveting you to the screen, afraid to miss the slightest bit.

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## Views

### Remember, and Prevent

**FOR THE JEWS**, gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals and other "impure" minorities of Europe, 1938 marked the beginning of a nightmare which still haunts all peoples of the world.

It was in November, 1938, that Hitler's plan for the "impure" minorities of Europe became apparent with the reign of terror that became known as Kristallnacht — the night of broken glass. As the world stood feebly by, the Nazis perpetrated their systematic extermination of more than 6 million people, including those people marked with the pink triangle.

Those people who wore the pink triangle were considered the lowest of the low among the prisoners in Hitler's death camps.

Because they dared to love someone of the same sex.

Because they were homosexual.

Oftentimes, they are forgotten. It is forgotten that even before 1938, homosexuals were rounded up and sent to work camps throughout Germany. Those work camps became death camps.

The number of people wearing the pink triangle didn't approach that of the Jews caught up in the Nazis' killing machine. But they were there.

After the death camps were liberated, survivors often lied about the crimes which guaranteed their incarceration — because after the war,

homosexuality was still considered a crime.

After the war, the people of the pink triangle continued to live under the cloud of persecution. Although they had already endured the hatred of their Nazi captors, they found themselves faced with the hatred and scorn of their liberators.

When the reign of terror began in November, 1938, mobs of Germans and Austrians ransacked, pillaged and looted the shops and homes of Jewish citizens. Some 200,000 Jews were arrested, and hundreds murdered in the nightmarish atmosphere of Kristallnacht.

While the devastation and horror mounted, the authorities watched with bemused condescension.

No one really believed it could be happening in modern times. Around the globe, other leaders of the world scoffed at the reported atrocities.

And six million people died.

It happened 50 years ago and, hopefully, will never be repeated.

Or will it?

There are those who advocate the mass roundup of lesbians and gay men and their incarceration in concentration camps. The people who support such a move do exist.

It can happen again — unless we remember. •

### Sasser Needs Education, Compassion

**RECENT REPORT CARDS** issued by the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), grading the legislative performances of the members of the United States Congress give us a balanced look at our lawmakers' opinions on gay and lesbian issues.

Perhaps the most interesting grade being handed out was the "F" given Tennessee Senator Jim Sasser for his actions during the 100th Congress. Sasser's votes were consistent with the NGLTF position only 42% of the time. His score ranks him among the Senate's most conservative members in regard to lesbian and gay issues.

This is especially distressing in view of Sasser's historic election day win, when he was elected to a third term with the highest vote total in state history.

While Sasser's election was hailed by many political pundits as a mandate from the Tennessee electorate, it may well be attributed to the

lack of a viable election opponent. His Republican challenger, Kingsport attorney Bill Andersen, mounted a generally lackluster campaign, which was marred by a lack of support from members of his own party.

But as Sasser begins his third term in January, as the 101st Congress gets under way, it is apparent that he is in need of some serious education about the concerns and needs of his gay and lesbians constituents.

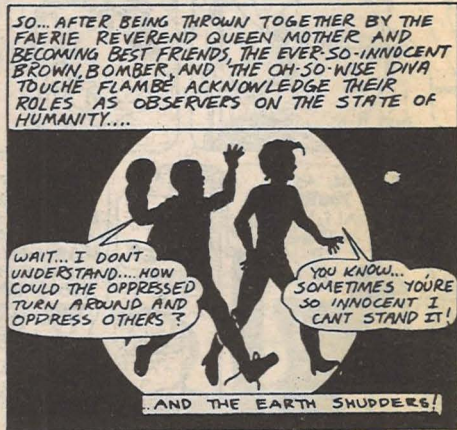
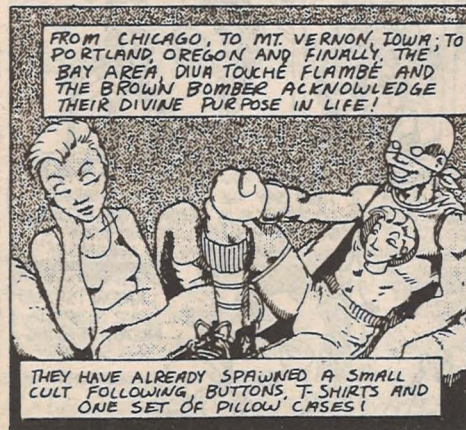
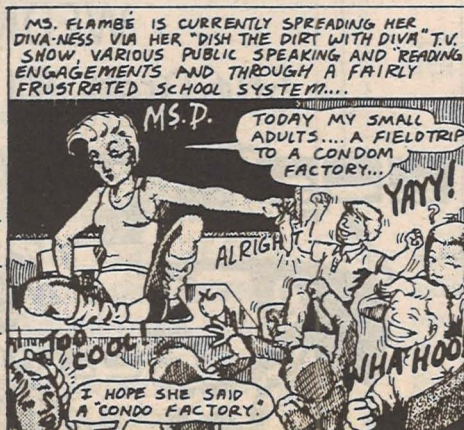
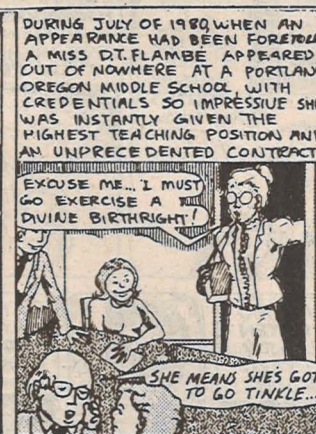
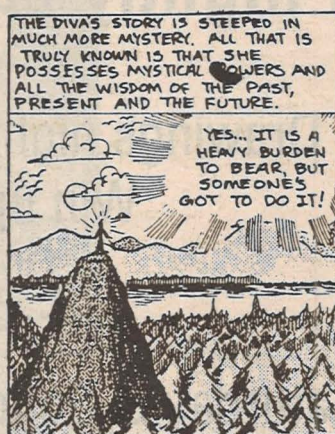
Sasser, whose political career includes a stint as chairman of the state Democratic Party, will likely listen to a group which comprises — by most conservative estimates — some ten percent of his constituency.

We urge you to let Senator Sasser know the extend of his lesbian and gay constituency and the issues considered important to our community.

If political pressure is brought to bear on any elected officials, you can rest assured changes will be made.

Let Senator Sasser know who we are and what we need. •

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## Pages

### It's a Mystery

*Double Daughter.* Vicki P. McConnell. Illustrated by Janet Fons. Tallahassee: Naiad. 196 pp. \$8.95.

*Footprints.* Kelly Bradford. Freedom, California: Crossing. 203 pp. \$6.95.

*Heavy Gilt.* Dolores Klaich. Tallahassee: Naiad. 173 pp. \$8.95.

By **SHERRE DRYDEN**

Book Editor

Mystery novels are a favorite genre for many of us – whether for escape, entertainment value or intellectual exercise. And it is particularly nice when a good mystery novel written by a woman appears. Even better if characters are gay or lesbian.

Unfortunately, *Double Daughter*, Vicki P. McConnell's third Nyla Wade book, doesn't fit the bill.

Possibly the most important characteristic of a good mystery novel is at least one character – usually the "sleuth" – who captures the reader's interest. Fans will read for chapters about Lord Peter Wimsey's plumbing without worrying when the mystery will come, eagerly await the delayed arrival of Albert Campion among a houseful of tedious guests, watch season after season of predictable plots merely on account of Jessica Fletcher's charm.

Nyla Wade should be such a character. In fact, the *Gay Community News* blurb on the book's back cover ("we can't wait to find out what happens to Nyla...in her next adventure") hints that in the earlier novels she did inspire devotion. But here Nyla is flat and uninspiring.

The plot concerns an anti-gay hate group that's targeted Nyla's old college crowd, known as the Passionate Few. Nyla gets into the case when Passionate Few mentor professor Pat Stevens is the victim of a hit-and-run driver. When a stack of hate mail is found among Pat's belongings, friends and the police assume she was attacked by the group.

When another gay professor has a brick thrown through his car window indicating he will be the next victim, the perpetrators must be found. Police welcome Nyla's help because of her contacts with the gay community.

Most mystery plots are no more believable than this one is. But here there is no good writing, intriguing twists or strong characters to produce a suspension of disbelief. The solution to the mystery is obvious by page 75, many characters are more silly than anything else and the writing leaves a lot to be desired.

A compelling Nyla could have made McConnell's lifeless secondary characters and wooden prose unimportant. Without that spark, this book has nothing to recommend it.

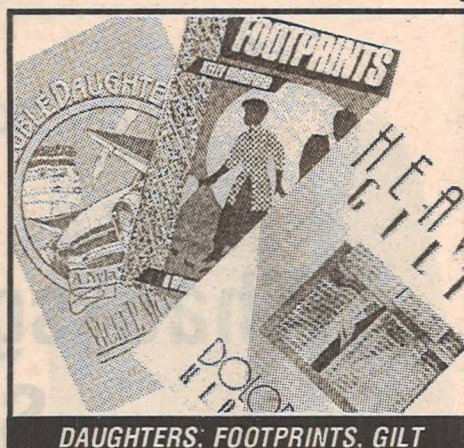
Kelly Bradford's *Footprints*, one of Crossing Press' WomanSleuth series, is very well done.

Private eye Derek Thompson and California Assistant Attorney General Torrance Adams are both characters that could develop a loyal following among mystery readers.

We learn early on that Derek is gay, and his gayness allows him to perceive an element of the case in question that no one else has seen.

The police suspect the father in a kidnapping case, interpreting the incident as part of a child custody battle. Derek, picking up clues from the child's mother, realizes the father is gay. He finds the father, eliminates him as a suspect and, unlike the police, gives the case serious consideration.

This nicely understated episode of gayness as superiority – done in only a few paragraphs



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– is the only time Derek's sexual orientation has any direct impact on the mystery plot. It contributes significantly, however, to his growing friendship with Torrance Adams.

Torrance is the Attorney General's specialist in civil law. She lives with two cats in the top floor of the San Francisco Victorian house she and her husband, who has since died, restored. Below her lives Monica, a slightly eccentric relative of the husband.

There is a good bit of understated and completely believable sexual tension in Torrance and Derek's relationship, plus room for legitimate speculation about what's going on between Monica and Torrance. Nothing that disrupts the plot, mind you, just enough to make the characters authentic and interesting in themselves.

While Torrance is clearly attracted to Derek, she doesn't moon around over him. He's conscious of her feelings but doesn't let them interfere. All three solidify their friendship in a typical mystery novel summing-up scene: Monica helps out by revealing Derek's gayness in a delightfully uncomfortable passage.

The main characters are interesting, the plot is solid and Bradford writes well. She builds suspense in the first chapters, throws in a few mental red herrings, leaves some questions unanswered until the very last page. The possibility of future cases featuring Torrance, Derek and Monica is attractive.

Dolores Klaich's *Heavy Gilt* is a gay/lesbian version of the traditional house-party mystery.

Closeted lovers Hillary Hope James and Dru Marx invite friends and family to a dinner party at which Hilary's homophobic brother Malcolm vanishes during a treasure hunt.

Mysterious events indeed occur during – and because of – Dru and Hilary's treasure hunt. Malcolm's disappearance is only one. Malcolm's wife Maggie has her consciousness raised by Dru's lesbian feminist sister Bettina. Sam(anth) Cake learns something about him(her)self.

Oddly, (possibly to make it more believable that so many of the queers are in the closet) the novel is set in 1975. Except for one statement of the year, though, and the hint that Christopher Isherwood is thinking of coming out (*Christopher and His Kind* was published in 1976) the "historical" setting is unimportant.

What is important is that the characters are witty and fun, the mystery plot is sufficiently mysterious, the interpersonal sub-plots enhance rather than distract from the mystery plot and the book is relatively well written. Bettina's letters home to her collective are annoying and unnecessary – Klaich could have provided the same information in another fashion – but that is a minor flaw.

The way Klaich ties things up at the end of the novel may preclude more cases for Tyler Divine, the detective who (sort of) solves the case, but for fans of the house party mystery Klaich's skill is promising. •

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