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Alex Whitaker (played by Danny Morice) celebrates the 10th anniversary of his marriage to Margaret Whitaker in the new Judy Eron/Greg Armbruster musical *The Business of Marriage*, which opened last night at Vounteer State Community College in Gallatin. The show examines whether romance can survive the strains day-to-day life puts on a relationship.

Tennessee Senate passes homosexual acts prohibition

by JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

By a 29-3 margin, the Tennessee Senate last week approved revisions in the state's criminal code, including a change in the state's crimes against nature statute.

Members of the state House of Representatives will take up the measure next Wednesday, with a vote expected by the end of next week. If passed by the House, the bill will then go to Gov. Ned McWherter who is expected to sign the bill into law.

"I don't see any problem with the Governor signing the bill into law," said Sue B. Cain, executive director of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission (TSC). "He has already said he is in favor of the bill's passage."

If McWherter affixes his signature to the bill, the sweeping changes in the state's criminal code will go into effect Nov. 1.

"The House is set to take up the bill next Wednesday with debate expected to last several hours and possibly even a couple of days," Cain said.

Senate debate on the bill raged for several hours, according to Cain, and the House is expected to consider each proposal carefully before putting the entire bill to a vote.

"The Senate voted after several hours of debate and we expect

about the same in the House. But that's not a guarantee, because the House tends to do things differently from the Senate "Cain said

Changes in the state crimes against nature law were included in the massive report issued last fall by the TSC. The Commission had been charged by the legislature with "eliminating archaic language" from the criminal code. Some portions of the criminal code have been in place for almost 200 years.

If adopted, TSC's proposal would change the current prohibition of "crimes against nature" to a specific ban on all homosexual acts. Since the crimes against nature statute has rarely been used against heterosexuals, TSC members said the legislature should make the law more specific if it is attempting to enforce the ban on homosexual acts.

The proposal being considered by legislators calls for a reduction of homosexual crimes against nature to a Class C misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of not more than 30 days and/or a fine of \$25.

The Tennessee criminal code currently prescribes a felony sentence of not less than five years and not more than 15 years to be levied for committing a crime against nature.

Surreptitious HIV-test suit proceeds

"John Doe" sues Nashville's Baptist Hospital and mandatory-HIV-testing advocate, doctor John Lamb

by JEFF ELLIS Managing Editor

A lawsuit originally filed last December charging Nashville's Baptist Hospital with testing a patient for HIV-infection without his knowledge or consent was recently re-filed by attorney Abby Rubenfeld.

The patient, referred to only as "John Doe" in court documents, claims that hospital officials had no right to test him. The test was performed on Dec. 27, 1987, when the man visited the hospital's emergency room for treatment of a broken leg sustained earlier in the day.

Attorneys for Baptist Hospital have yet to respond to the suit, although sources have told *Dare* privately that the hospital will consider changing its policies regarding HIV testing, but does not feel financially obligated to the man. The suit seeks some \$500,000 in compensatory damages and an unspecified amount in punitive damages.

The man known in court documents as John Doe said Tuesday he still has not shown any secondary signs of infection.

"I'm still healthy as a horse and my T-cell count is 532," he said. "Although the doctor who ordered the test said I looked chronically ill when he first examined my leg."

According to John Doe, Baptist Hospital staff orthopedist John Lamb ordered the HIV

test while setting the man's broken leg.

Lamb told reporters in January, 1988, that he ordered the test because the man appeared to be "chronically ill."

The test for HIV-infection is usually ordered for those Baptist Hospital patients "known to be at increased risk for the human immunodeficiency virus, as well as those patients whose clinical illness suggests AIDS or other recognized HIV-related syndromes," according to hospital spokesperson Aileen Katcher.

The policy also calls for patients who test positive to be counseled.

John Doe maintains that he was not offered any type of counseling, although his medical charts list counseling as part of the procedure Lamb was supposed to have followed.

"He told me I had AIDS and was going to die. I asked him, "What am I supposed to do?" and he said, 'Call your primary care physician,'" John Doe said.

Baptist Hospital's staff physicians reportedly voted for universal testing of new patients following the death earlier this year of Harold Dennison, former head of surgery at the hospital

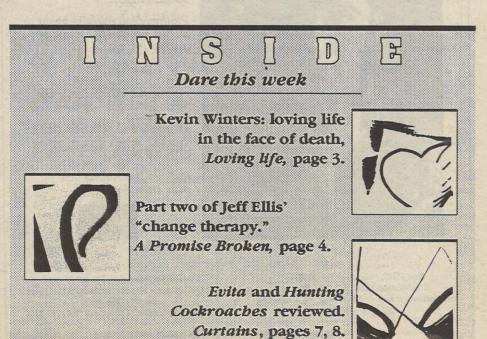
Dennison claimed to have contracted AIDS as the result of infected blood splashed into his eye during surgery. Hospital spokespersons refused to comment on the vote by staff physicians.

Lamb has since been a vocal advocate of mandatory testing, and appeared frequently in Nashville media, including television news, the *Tennessean* and the *Nashville Banner*, espousing the policy during heavy media coverage of Dennison's illness and death.

Attorney Rubenfeld, former legal director of

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, is nationally known for her pioneering work in AIDS-related law and as the author of the first AIDS legal guide.

Action on the case involving John Doe is expected to be heard in Davidson County Chancery Court sometime later this year.



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Saturdays

Twisted Sisters (ACOA) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. Noon. Info 901 276-7379.

Sundays

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MCC, 5:30pm. Into 615-327-4614.

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Lambda Group Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church, Spm.

MAGNET (Married and Gay Network) Support group for married gay men, 1st & 3rd Mondays only. MCC. 8pm. Info 515-320-0288.

Tuesdays

Nashville CARES ARC/AIDS Support Group. 4pm. Info 615-385-1510.

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P-FLAG Meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 4th Tuesday only. Unitarian Church, 7:30pm. Info 615-662-0332.

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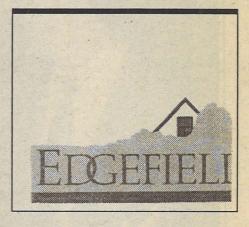
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Sunday, May 21

Meeting Planning meeting for Nashville Pride Week '89. 1pm. Free. Info 615-297-4293.

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Loving life, cheating death

by **JEFF ELLIS** *Managing Editor*

DESPITE SEVERAL CLOSE CALLS with death, Kevin Winters remains in love with life.

Since he was first diagnosed in 1986 with AIDS, the 24-year-old man has beaten death at its own game at least three times, most recently battling back from a bout with pneumonia. Now he is somewhat of a legend among the staff at Nashville's Park View Hospital.

Just days ago, Kevin "slipped away," as he referred to it, only to be revived by the nurses and doctors at Park View.

"I went into a dark tunnel and I swear to God I saw a really bright light," he remembers. "The spirits were with me — my grandmother and my grandfather were there. I can't say if it was the medication causing me to hallucinate or if it really happened, but I believe it did."

"He had been sick the day before, and that night he just gave up and decided his time had come," said Janice Haugk, a licensed practical nurse at Park View.

Last July, Kevin needed another miracle to save him from the severe pain resulting from a high fever, an abdominal abscess and swollen lymph nodes.

"We didn't expect him to survive," said Robert Alford, Park View's medical director. "We started a four-drug regimen and four days later he was sitting on the side of the bed eating. The point is, you can't give up on these people."

Kevin has certainly refused to give up.

Although he was first diagnosed three years ago, Kevin maintains that he probably showed signs of AIDS as early as 1982. Then, when very little was known about the disease which rav-

ages the body's immune system, he was diagnosed as having a retrovirus. After that initial illness, he was not sick for another five years.

Last January he was hospitalized with meningitis, another of the opportunistic infections which attack the body's immune system as a result of AIDS.

Now at 117 pounds, Kevin has gained 10 pounds since he left the hospital last week. His normal weight is 145.

And since leaving the hospital, he is now involved in a campaign to educate the public about his fight against the disease and about the financial and economic consequences of AIDS. Kevin's only income is \$338 per month in social security supplemental income. Medicaid will pay the bulk of his hospital expenses, but he will be unable to pay the balance.

His recent 18-day stay at Park View resulted in a bill exceeding \$50,000.

IN ADDITION TO ORTHODOX medical treatments, Kevin said he may try holistic methods to fight AIDS. His primary physician, Larry Mitchell, is considering possible use of the newly-approved drug GOQ-223, which is derived from the cucumber plant and was discovered by researchers in the Peoples' Republic of China. The drug is said to have killed the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in test tubes. HIV is believed to be the virus which leads to full-blown AIDS infection.

"I've started educating myself as well about other healing techniques," he said. "I've read some of Louise Hay's works about her battle against cancer and how she was able to cure herself.

"I'm not saying I'm cured yet, but I could be in remission for quite a while." •

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stage designer Swensson, known heretofore for his architectural designs. His imposing columns and constantly moving platforms and stairways were far and away better than the hotel architecture for which he is known in Nashville (which ranges from the mundane Vanderbilt Plaza to the garish Opryland Hotel).

All of the parts add up to a glorious whole. Evita is a spectacle not to be missed. •

BRIFFS

from STAFF REPORTS

AIDS activist balts bunger strike

ATTORNEY STUART MCDONALD has stopped his four-and-a-half-month hunger strike in protest of California Governor George Deukmejian's anti-gay policies. McDonald began his hunger strike January 2 and escalated it to a water-only fast at the end of April in order to bring pressure on the governor and the state's legislature and Congressional delegation.

The San Francisco attorney, who has AIDS, sought a statewide educational program and legislation addressing anti-gay and AIDS-related discrimination.

McDonald said that he felt he would be more effective alive than as a martyr. •

Texas House okays no-consent HIV tests

THE TEXAS HOUSE of Representatives has passed a bill that would allow doctors to test patients for HIV exposure without informing them or getting their consent. Supporters of the bill said that the measure is necessary to avoid doctors' confusion about when consent is needed.

Civil rights and AIDS activists have opposed the bill, noting serious civil rights concerns, especially in housing and employment.

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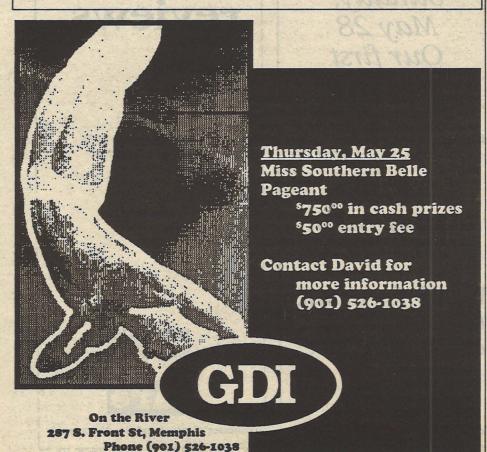
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by **JEFF ELLIS** *Managing Editor*

"MY NAME IS RICH and I have had numerous sexual relationships with men in my life, but now I'm sort of involved with a woman and I want to be faithful to her..."

With those words, I introduced myself to the other men who were seeking an answer to their questions about sexual orientation. For whatever their reasons, they sought a promise that they would no longer submit to their sexual desires for others of their own sex.

Their problems accepting their homosexuality had brought the other eight men to Promise, a 24-week program administered by the Nashville-based Christian Counseling Services (CCS). Located in a modest bungalow in east Nashville, CCS is, according to its informational brochures, "a two-fold private non-profit ministry offering counseling and social services...supported primarily by the Christian community of Middle Tennessee."

Promise, a sexual orientation change program, is affiliated with Exodus International, a coalition of evangelical ministries across North America, "dedicated to lifting up the ultimate hope of Jesus Christ to those struggling with homosexuality."

As a reporter, I went undercover as Richard, to learn about the workings of "change therapy," its methodology and techniques, and to learn about the people seeking change and those who hoped to bring it about. My investigation began last fall with telephone calls to several local churches, inquiring about the existence of an Exodus program in Nashville.

In November, Mike Malloy, executive director of CCS, denied the existence of such a program. At that time, Malloy was serving as a facilitator for a support group of family and friends of people with AIDS, conducted under the auspices of Nashville CARES, an AIDS services organization.

However, when I called Malloy in January, posing as Richard, he told me about Promise.

"We don't have a group that's meeting at the present time, but we hope to have one going soon," he said.

But before Richard could become a part of the group, he would be required to come for individual counseling for at least six weeks, Malloy said. Later, when the group was actually formed, at least four weeks of individual counseling was a prerequisite for membership.

Individual counseling was necessary, Malloy said, to determine a person's eligibility for Promise, to "make sure everyone is appropriate to the group."

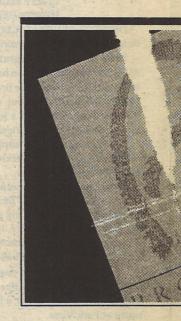
SOME PEOPLE, he explained, wouldn't feel comfortable in the midst of a group setting, discussing the most intimate details of their lives, while others might be interested in something far different: "You can let your mind go on from there."

Perhaps Malloy was implying that past groups had been marred by sexual activity between members, as claimed by some critics of sexual orientation change programs.

That issue was addressed on April 24, when the group's facilitator distributed "Administrative Policies for Promise Clients."

"Sexual activity — that being sexual play, erotic overtures, phone sex or actual genital contact — is out of order between clients. Both of you will be automatically excluded from participation in group meeting for five sessions. If there is a desire to return, you must pay for the five sessions (\$50) and the decision to allow your return rests with the group members and the staff."

UNDER



A Promise

Part Two of Jeff Ell six-month investigation of f sexual orientation

For the eight men taking part in the newly reactivated Promise group, individual counseling had included the topics of changing thought patterns, outside readings and religious teachings.

In return for their preparation, and their subsequent 24-week commitment to the group, the eight men were told that Promise "promotes the pursuit of truth through a variety of services."

Among those services, according to the group's informational leaflet, are:

- · confidential individual counseling
- group meetings for support, encouragement and discipline
- periodic "marriage enrichment" groups (where a spouse has/is struggling with homosexuality)
- education for parents, family, friends, pastors and concerned congregations or civic groups
- research in an effort to "provide the helping community with competent, value-based knowledge" in this area
- disseminating factual information about AIDS and supporting individuals and their families affected by the virus through the Beyond Fear program, also administered by

BECAUSE OF CCS' ROLE as a "Christian" counseling center, firmly grounded in fundamentalist teachings, the importance of the client finding the proper Protestant "church home" was stressed.

Before my first group meeting, I discussed the situation which might face me with both a social worker and a psychologist. Reporting a story — any story — through an undercover investigation requires an inquiry into one's own value system and sense of ethics and responsibility.

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se Broken

Ellis' report on bis of fundamentalist Christian on change therapy

> WHILE THE ACTIVIST in me was outraged by some of the beliefs espoused by Promise that being happy and homosexual was a contradiction in terms - I was, nonetheless, forced to admit that others were well within their rights to disagree with my assessment.

> And before that first meeting, I made a promise to myself - and to the other men of Promise — that the names of the participants would remain confidential.

> As with any support group, the initial order of business was introducing ourselves and "telling how the past week has been and where you are spiritually," according to the group's facilitator.

> The months preceding that meeting did little to prepare me for the emotional outpourings of the eight men searching for answers.

> "My name is William and today has been a really difficult day for me. It was my day off -I'm a preacher - and I wanted more than anything to just go out and pick up some guy," the first man said. "But I didn't do it. I feel like I'm at a crossroads in my life.

> William, in his mid-30s and pastor of a fundamentalist congregation, is married and the father of two. He had unsuccessfully fought his attraction to other men, finally confessing his feelings to his wife, who had remained supportive throughout. He turned to Promise in order to salvage his marriage and his spiritual and religious selves.

> 'My name is Steve and the past week actually been a pretty good one for me," the second man said. "But the next few weeks are going to be difficult. My divorce will be final soon.

> Steve told a story of a failed marriage, the consequence of illicit sexual encounters with other men throughout the years. After his wife discovered his "other" life, he was forced to move out and relinquish his family.

"I went from living with my parents to living in a fraternity house while in college. Then we got married right before graduation and I moved in with my wife. She had a child from a previous marriage, so we never really had any time together alone. Now, for the first time in my life, I'm living by myself in an apartment," he said. "I hope I'll be able to change. I've given up hope of ever reconciling with my wife. But I hope I'll be able to have a relationship with my children...if I change."

John, a businessman in his late 40s, attributed his involvement in the group to his brother's insistence he seek help and his own belief that only through change could he know a truly Christian existence.

"Whenever I see some man who I lust after. I pray for him - I pray that he'll come to know Jesus Christ as his lord and saviour," John said.

Another man, Brad, a graduate student in a local college, had never acted on his same-sex desires, but was feeling tempted to succumb to those desires.

"I've had a good week, nothing major has happened," Brad said.

"Well, you look good," William told him. "You look real good."

"You've really been on my mind this past week, Brad. And I prayed that you would come back tonight," Steve admitted.

THE OTHER MEN told stories of struggles and battles waged against sexual desires for others of their own sex. They reiterated the themes of salvation and redemption as they sought their promised land of heterosexuality.

At least three men claimed Don Fento, pastor of Nashville's Belmont Church, as their spiritual counselor. Fento is a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Coalition for Traditional Values, an organization recently formed to fight the three "evils" of abortion, pomography and homosexuality.

"He's a great man," the facilitator said. "He's sort of like our guru."

Then it was my turn.

The story I told, as Richard, was one of a young man, currently involved with a woman, who in the past had experienced sexual relations with other men. Now, hoping to marry the young woman, he sought help to eliminate his homosexual tendencies

"And I had been doing well, actually, until last Wednesday. After I left therapy I drove straight to a bookstore and picked up a man and had sex with him," I said.

The other men, none of whom had straved over the line during the past week, reacted differently from the way I expected.

William nodded understandingly; Steve shook his head; John's face turned red; Brad seemed oddly embarrassed; and the facilitator looked as if he wanted to hit me.

"I have to question your commitment to change," he asked.

"I think my being here should indicate my commitment to change," I responded.

DEBATE ENSUED ABOUT Richard's actions and his fitness for the group. Finally, after the session had gone on for two hours, the facilitator adjourned the meeting

My misgivings about attending the meeting and possible discovery of my true identity were, at least momentarily, assuaged.

Then, as I started to leave, William approached me-

"I think I know you. You look awfully familiar to me," he said. My undercover assignment, it seemed, may

have been cut short. Note: This is the second in a series on sexual orientation change therapy. •

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Our new sodomy law

If we ever speak

up, we can get the

truly free America we

were all promised in

high school civics.

If we ever speak up.

Until then, we, and we

alone, are to blame.

IT IS INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS that the Tennessee Legislature is going to pass the Sentencing Commission's nasty little revamp of the state Criminal Code, including that package's Neanderthal attack on the human rights of Tennessee's lesbian and gay citizens.

Governor Ned Ray McWherter has already said that he will sign the bill into law, so there is little hope of a reprieve by principled veto.

The slobbering homophobes of the radical right are no doubt rubbing their blood-stained claws in glee at the prospect of a direct prohibition against homosexual acts. And well they should. After all, what better could they have asked for? The law as it stands now is seldom used directly, because it is a little vague ("crimes against nature"), because it applies equally to heterosexual acts and homosexual acts, and because its heavy penalties (felony - imprison-, ment for not less than five years and not more than 15 years) make it difficlut as a practical matter to get a jury to convict.

THIS NEW COLUMN will be exclusively

dedicated to monitoring Tennessee's mass

media in an effort to catch, confront, control

and combat any homophobic remarks,

phrases or jokes that, either intentionally or

wil not be tolerated.

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A BIG THUMP ON THE HEAD goes to

Nashville's 103 KDF (WKDF-FM 103.3) for

their parody of The Angels' 1963 hit "My Boy-

extremely anti-gay parody played loud and

played most often during morning and after-

noon drive time, the station's most listened-to

times. It's assaulted my ears twice, once last

week during morning rush, when WKDF has

approximately 77,000 listeners, and again this

week during afternoon rush, when they have

If you've missed it, it's easy to catch. It is an

But now, now it will be easy to use. Think of the possibilities! A misdemeanor conviction, with a slap-on-the-wrist \$25 fine and a measly 30 days in jail at the most, and specific encouragement to publicity-seeking district attorneys and politically-ambitious small-town sheriffs to go out and nail some queers with an airtight law against homosexual acts. Perfect!

It is not a simple matter to try and focus our anger on those we think

are responsible for this barbaric assault.

There are the self-righteous buffoons on the Sentencing Commission who voted to keep a sodomy statute in their proposal to the Legislature. There are the spineless wimps in the Legislature who have refused to

> exorcise the provision from the Commission's bill. And there is the same Governor who signed legislation to specifically remove AIDS from the state's handicap-protection law, who will now blandly sign away our right to be free from government intrusion into our homes and bodies

Which deserves our anger most? None of them.

We should be angry with ourselves, because it is our silence, and our silence alone, that lets this and other repressive measures pass.

We don't stand up and say "No!" when the religious kooks try to cram their perverse views on sexuality in our faces. We don't stand up and tell the politicians that we are their constituents, and that we want to be able to live free. We don't

stand up and say who we are to our families, our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends and neighbors.

IF WE EVER SPEAK UP, we can get the truly free America we were all promised in high school civics. If we ever speak up.

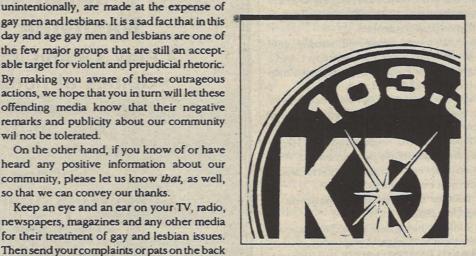
Until then, we, and we alone, are to blame.

After all, they couldn't have done it without us. •

The boyfriend's back, and be's not pleased

by LAURA TEK Contributing Writer

I was disgusted when I heard these figures. That's an awful lot of people who, in effort to ease their rush hour tension, listened to and laughed at a swishy-mouthed "faggot" singing a warning to another "faggot" about the perils



he was going to face when the first one's "magnificently strong" boyfriend returned.

NOW, I THINK PARODIES, if done with harmless intent, can be funny. We all like to laugh at ourselves once in a while. If this particular parody had been performed by one of our own, it would certainly have gotten a chuckle out of some of us. But this parody was created by a rock 'n' roll station. It was created and nurtured by an industry that is one of the most sexist and homophobic in entertainment today. WKDF's here does not simply amuse. Instead, the song provokes a reaction much deeper and stronger - a reaction that, I believe, might lead to violence.

WKDF's demographics, or the demographics of any rock and roll station, support this belief. WKDF is the number one Arbitronrated radio station in Nashville among young adults ages 18-34, with an astounding 60-percent share of that market. Its target audience is young, white, heterosexual males (and in my opinion, those with an IQ below 50). What better audience is there for this than the one already guilty of perpetrating the most violence against gay men and lesbians?

WKDF SHOULD STOP playing this vile thing because its continuing to do so is only confirming and encouraging its audience's already virulent homophobia.

The power that radio stations, especially rock stations, have is frightening. They have the power to influence decisions and to control young and ignorant minds. WKDF is using that power very irresponsibly. It's misusing its powerful 100,000-watt transmitter tower to spread a dangerous message all the way from southern Kentucky to northern Alabama, from Cookeville all the way to Clarksville.

Let WKDF know that you protest its participation in the perpetuation of anti-gay prejudice, and insist on an apology. It's a simple thing. A note will do, a postcard or even a phone call. Just say that you don't appreciate this anti-gay song, and that you want it stopped. Write to:

SLATS (yes, that's his full name) WKDF MUSIC DIRECTOR and/or KIDD REDD, WKDF PROGRAM DIRECTOR **506 2ND AVENUE SOUTH** NASHVILLE, TN 37210 or phone (615) 737-ROCK or 737-ROLL And let them know we're listening. • Dare

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Evita

reviewed by JEFF ELLIS Managing Editor

GINGER NEWMAN'S stunning portrayal of Eva Perón is reason enough to see Tennessee Repertory Theatre's (TRT) production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice opera Evita.

But Newman's performance is just one part -though a major one - of the record-setting production currently running at Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Polk Theater. TRT's fifth-season-ending Evita is both a musical and artistic triumph, the highlight of this Nashville theater season.

For any theatrical company, Evita is a challenging, back-breaking undertaking. Under

guest director Steven Kent's skillful hand and Stan Tucker's deft musical direction, however, TRT finally meets its potential as a regional professional company to be reckoned with.

Evita tells vividly of the meteoric rise of Eva Duarte de Perón from the squalor of her childhood to the international fame she enjoyed as the iconoclastic first lady of Argentina. The opera follows Eva from age 15 to her death from cancer in 1952 at age 33.

Webber's music and Rice's libretto tell the astonishing - almost unbelievable - story of Eva from a decidedly skeptical perspective, viewing her with the practiced eye of a seemingly impartial observer.

Webber and Rice, with their British sensibilities, acknowledge Eva's legend but hasten to point out her human frailties and characteristic shortcomings. Yet despite the obvious skepticism inherent in the work, their portrait of Eva betrays a grudging admiration of the woman.

Evita is told in flashback, beginning with her death and the near riotous mourning that followed. As the second wife of Argentine dictator Juan Perón, Eva was the almost-deified symbol of hope and glory for the country's lower classes.

OUR FIRST GLIMPSE of Eva is as anything but a deity. She is seen as an opportunistic schemer plotting to escape the stifling confines of her village of Junin. By clutching wildly at the coattails of a fading singer named Augustin Magaldi, she gains her freedom, revelling in the neon spectacle that is Buenos Aires.

Once in Buenos Aires, Eva's calculating plan for fame and fortune is set in motion - a song from the original score calls her "the greatest social climber since Cinderella." As she moves from one lover to another, her eyes remained fixed on the ultimate prize: Juan Perón.

Peron, a member of a military junta which overthrew Argentina's government, is a decadent playboy whose interests include sex and polo. When he first meets the enterprising Eva she is enjoying moderate success as an actress.

Realizing they are both cut from the same cloth, the two marry. But a union between the two is much more of a business merger than a love match. Under Eva's guiding influence, Perón displaces the other members of the junta and is elected president of Argentina.

Perón's popularity, however, is miniscule when compared to the ardor and devotion accorded his first lady.

As she continues her crusade to bring down the country's aristocracy, Eva's loyal descamisadoes ("the shirtless ones") look to her for inspiration and guidance. But power corrupts and that proves to be Eva's fatal flaw.

Faced with the daunting task of portraying Eva, Ginger Newman proves her mettle. Her glorious soprano does beautiful justice to Webber's score and her phrasing infuses Rice's lyrics with vigor and life. She is totally convinc-

> ing as Eva - all the way from her wild teenaged days to her thrilling European tour as first lady.

> SHE GIVES US an Eva who is elegant even among the most humble surroundings, and humble even among the most elegant.

> When Newman takes to the balcony outside the Casa Rosada and sings "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina," she manipulates her audience with her superb artistry, caressing and cajoling.

When, as Eva, she is moved to tears, the audience feels her emotion. And when she dies, we feel her pain.

Providing a counterpoint to Eva - in the manner of a Greek chorus - is the fiery revolutionary Che, whose distaste for the Peróns is apparent. Performed by James J. Stein Jr. (standing in for a regrettably flu-stricken Louis Padilla), Che is the cynic in the street, giving voice to Eva's critics. Stein, who has played the role both on Broadway and on tour, is obviously comfortable in the role which he per-

Myke Mueller's Juan Perón at first seemed to be a caricaturish, cartoonish portrayal - not unexpected, considering Mueller's reputation for flamboyant, almost comical, performances. Thankfully, by act two, Mueller seems to have hit his stride, giving us a Juan who is multi-dimensional and perhaps even sympa-

Shelean Newman, in the minor role of Juan Peron's mistress, performs exquisitely the touching song, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall." Her voice is rich and beautiful, full of emotion.

BUT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT of the 21member company the production would be lackluster. Performing in the various roles of peasants, aristocrats and generals, the company provides the pulse that radiates from the heart of Evita

Kent's direction is miraculous. He presents Evita with all the glamour and glitz that one would expect from Broadway, coupled with the musical excellence one would expect from

Andrew Krichels' choreography is a theatrical mélange of tangos and flamencos, an imaginative mix of movement of color

Marianne Powell-Parker's costumes are · continued on page 3



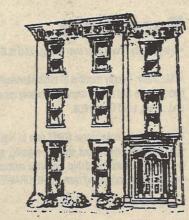
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Hunting Cockroaches

reviewed by TIM BULLARD

Contributing Writer

THE THEME OF THE OUTSIDER who is unable to succeed or even function in an unfamiliar world is an old and well-worn one. It is one, moreover, with which many, if not all, of us can identify. *Hunting Cockroaches*, which opened May 11 at Memphis' Circuit Playhouse is a new play about the problems faced by those who emigrate to the United States from the Soviet bloc.

Written by Janusz Glowacki and translated by Jadwiga Cosicka, *Hunting Cockroaches* takes place in a one-room, roach-infested apartment on New York City's lower east side. Here two recent Polish émigrés, Anka (Ann Marie Hall) and Jan (Tony Isbell) Krupinski are having yet another of their sleepless nights.

Anka opens the play by addressing the audience. She is sitting in the dark on the edge of the stage. In Poland, she tells us, she was a famous actress, a star of stage and screen, but in America, she cannot find work because people accuse her of having an accent. She denies this and proceeds to do Lady Macbeth's "out, out damned spot" monologue, apparently unaware that she sounds like a lost Gabor sister.

IN FACT, BOTH HALL AND ISBELL do an excellent job with their Polish accents; they keep them believable and sustain them consistently throughout the show.

Anka's husband Jan is also a former Polish celebrity. He is a writer whose work ran afoul of government censors. Here in America, however, he is reduced to teaching in a community college, trying to instill a passion for Kafka in students who drive to school in sports cars. He is suffering from both writer's block and insomnia. After two years in America, he has published nothing.

Anka believes Jan's problem is an insincere smile. "All Americans have sincere smiles," she observes.

Jan, however, believes the key to Americanstyle success is to sleep well. The secret, he argues, is either to be a sound sleeper or to befriend those who are. Their one attempt atbefriending rich, powerful, attractive, soundsleeping Americans was ruined, Jan feels, by his wife's unsophisticated behavior.

Both Hall and Isbell are superbly suited to their roles. And both give convincing, haunting performances.

AS THE NIGHT wears on, flashbacks and nightmares take place in both their minds. Actors crawl from beneath the Krupinskis' bed to act out their memories and anxieties.

Michael Bothnee and Mark Pergolizzi are Polish police: Barclay Roberts is the U.S. immigration officer who demands to know if they plan to assassinate the President or to carry V.D.

Jo Lynn Palmer is wonderful as a bag lady who tells them they'll soon be living in the park with her.

Steve Butler and Augusta Palmer are also delightful as the "limousine-liberal" Thompsons who come to welcome the Krupinskis to America.

C. Stuart White's set is appropriately claustrophobic and seedy, but the bed, which moves about the stage attached to the ceiling like a trolley, is just plain distracting.

HUNTING COCKROACHES ISN'T just about the disillusionment many feel upon discovering that America isn't perfect. It is more fundamentally a play about the alienation felt by many artists trying to make a living in a capitalist society.

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"The article concerning the life-style of well heeled gays in the South was interesting only because of the subject with which it dealt. Should we watch for the next installment, in which the life-styles of the less affluent in that

community are presented? One wonders what the percentage of the gay community is that can afford to live in the style of Cox and his friends.

— John D. Murry Jr., of Little Switzerland, North Carolina, in a letter to the editor of Southern Magazine.

"In your article Billy Cox and his friends came across as very frivolous. Where are the gays

who are giving their spare hours in hospitals and nursing homes, helping the men who are dying? Where are the 'Mother Teresas' of the gay community in Birmingham? Would these gays be more likely to give of themselves if they would face AIDS as a 'gay disease?'"

— An anonymous reader of Southern Magazine,

"The article concerning the life-style of well eled gays in the South was interesting only AIDS is not a "gay disease."

"Some people in Grand Rapids never quite approved of the way Frances Gumm (a.k.a.

Judy Garland) lived her adult life, nor were they comfortable with the reason the family left town so long ago.

"Some didn't approve of her drinking, drug-taking and divorcing. Others remained outraged about her father, Frank Gumm...Some residents remember Gumm had been asked to 'leave town because of some homosexual indiscretion."

— The Minneapolis Star-Tribune, on Grand Rapids, Mich., plans for a Judy Garland festival.

"They're Typhoid Marys. But they survive."
— Comedian Phyllis Diller, on HIV-positive
people who don't take precautions against
spreading the virus.