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Nashville Council kills Community Access TV

Anti-CAT forces cite Gay Cable Network

by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

Community Access Television (CAT) has ceased operations, "until further notice," after a vote by the Metro Nashville council deferred a resolution that would have added \$188,200 to the CAT budget.

By a 19-18 vote, council members Tuesday night deferred for four weeks a resolution which would have increased the budget and guaranteed uninterrupted operation.

Deferring the vote for two council meetings effectively spelled an end to CAT/Channel 35 and Gay Cable Network/Nashville (GCN). Earlier this year, a Metro government source who spoke on condition of anonymity told *Dare* that new budget restraints at CAT were the result of the decision to cablecast GCN programming.

While CAT officials met Wednesday to determine the agency's course for the coming weeks, general manager Elliott Mitchell said it was unlikely CAT could continue to operate.

"There may be some of us who will have to invest our severance pay into keeping it going," Mitchell said.

GCN general manager Krzysztof Krakowiak told *Dare* earlier this month that if CAT closes operations,

his group will have to reevaluate its mission. Possibilities include going to a broadcast station which, he said, would be an expensive endeavor.

"They said they were waiting for 'new things' to happen to keep CAT open," Krakowiak said Wednesday. "But we've been waiting for new things for a long time."

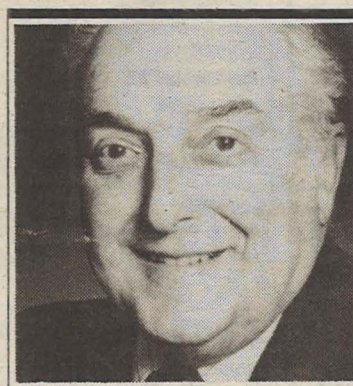
GCN figured into the scenario at Tuesday's meeting when council member Tandy Wilson, voicing his opposition to the resolution, lambasted CAT general manager Elliott Mitchell.

"I was on vacation last year when this gay and lesbian network thing was first broadcast," Wilson said. "But as soon as I got back, I started getting phone calls from people about it. I called Elliott Mitchell to talk to him about it, to suggest that the program be shown at a later time when there weren't so many children watching."

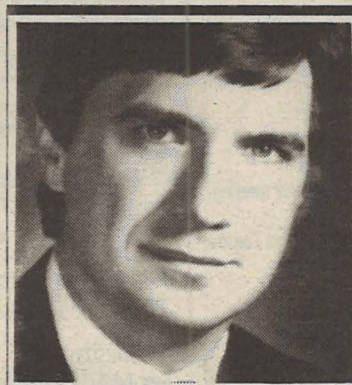
"You wouldn't believe the lecture he gave me on who should control the TV in the home... Not long after that, I got a phone call from a reporter at the *Tennessean* who wanted to know why I was trying to get the program off the air. Then the phone calls really started coming and they began to take on an harassing manner," Wilson said.



Paul Koulakov represents Nashville's 3rd District. — METRO COUNCIL PHOTO



Tandy Wilson represents Nashville's 33rd District. — METRO COUNCIL PHOTO



Gary Odom represents Nashville's 23rd District. — METRO COUNCIL PHOTO



Stewart Clifton represents Nashville's 18th District. — METRO COUNCIL PHOTO

Wilson denied his actions were directed at removing GCN from CAT's programming schedule. Rather, he said, his opposition to the bill was directed squarely at Mitchell.

"I can't vote to fund an organization that's headed by someone like

that, someone of that persuasion," Wilson said, calling for the resolution to be deferred until a replacement for Mitchell could be found.

The additional funds were intended to compensate for a drastic cut in CAT's budget. Under new fiscal recommendations by Mayor Bill Boner and chief budget aide Butch

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Int'l AIDS meet set for Nashville

by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

AIDS educators from around the world will gather in Nashville next month for the Third International Conference on AIDS Education.

Sponsored by the International Society for AIDS Education, local organizers of "Changing Environments: Meeting the Challenge," expect almost 1,000 delegates to attend the four-day conference at the Stouffer Nashville Hotel and the Nashville Convention Center.

"The conference will be another opportunity to highlight AIDS issues and to raise awareness locally," said A. Gene Copello, president of the International Society for AIDS Education.

Copello, an assistant professor at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, is director of the Vanderbilt AIDS Project and chair of the board of directors of Nashville CARES, a local AIDS services organization.

"People are so accustomed to looking at AIDS in terms of state or local statistics. Clearly this conference is going to help Nashville; it will help people to focus on AIDS as an international problem," Copello said. "AIDS is a multi-faceted problem. We hope the conference will start people talking about the legal

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MAGNET workshop will address issues of women married to gay and bisexual men

by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

Nashville's Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) and the Married and Gay Network (MAGNET) will jointly sponsor a workshop designed to address the issues of women married to gay and bisexual men.

The workshop, featuring Trudie and Ray Barreras of Atlanta, will be held Monday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. at MCC, 131 15th Avenue North.

According to MCC pastor Paul Tucker, the Barrerases, who have been married for 30 years, are members of First MCC in Atlanta.

"Ray is an openly bisexual male, Trudie is a heterosexual woman, and they are one of the few couples I know who have managed to sus-

tain a healthy long-term marriage and still honestly deal with the dynamics of bisexuality within that marriage," Tucker said.

"I've always really admired Trudie for the way she's handled her marriage and her relationship with Ray."

Tucker said he had talked with the two last April during an MCC regional conference and invited them to Nashville for a workshop. MAGNET members, along with some of their wives, will hear the couple's story during a joint session, which will be followed by separate sessions for women and men, closing with another joint session.

"We are bringing them to Nashville to share their insights. As far as I know, this will be the first time something has been offered in Nash-

ville specifically designed to address the issues of women married to gay or bisexual men," Tucker said.

"The men who make up MAGNET are obviously directly affected by these kinds of dynamics. Several have felt the need for a long time to provide something for their wives similar to the support and strength they get through MAGNET," he added.

The workshop is open to women and men who are involved in relationships such as the Barrerases', Tucker said.

The MAGNET group has been meeting at MCC since last year, offering a support group for gay and bisexual men who are married to women. MAGNET meets on first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. •

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Mondays

Chattanooga CARES Closed support group. 6:30pm.
Info 615 266-2422.

Thursdays

Gay/Lesbian AA Open meeting. Unitarian Church. 8pm.

Johnson City

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church Worship service,
7pm. Holston Valley Unitarian Church. Info 615 926-4393.

Knoxville

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church Worship service,
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Mondays

aids Response Knoxville PWA Support Group, 7-
8:30pm. Info 615 523-AIDS.

Tuesdays

aids Response Knoxville Circle of Love family and
friends support group, 8pm. Info 615 523-AIDS.
Gay and Lesbian Student Union/UTK Weekly meeting.
8pm. Info 615 521-6546.
Knoxville's Ten Percent Monthly meeting, 2nd Tuesday
only, 8pm. 1320 N. Central. Info 615 521-6546.

Wednesdays

aids Response Knoxville HIV+ Support Group, 6:30pm.
Info 615 523-AIDS.

Memphis

Mondays

Gay Alternative Hour Radio show, WEVL-FM 90, 6-
7pm.
Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting.
Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9549.

Tuesdays

Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting.
Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 8pm. Info
901 272-9549.

Wednesdays

Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open meeting.
Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9549.

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 901 272-9549.
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-
9549.
Seriously Sober (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Meeting.
Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9549.

Saturdays

Twisted Sisters (ACOA) Open meeting. Memphis
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Memphis Lambda Center. 8pm. Info 901 272-9549.

Sundays

Agape New Life Church Sunday School, 9:30am.
Worship service, 11am. Info 901 276-1872.

Holy Trinity Community Church Worship service,
11am. 1216 Forrest Ave. Info 901 726-9443.

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 901 272-9549.

Murfreesboro

Tuesdays

MTSU Lambda Association Meeting for lesbian and gay
Middle Tennessee State University students, faculty, staff,
and alumni. 7pm. Info 615 563-4926.

Nashville

Mondays

Nashville CARES ARC/AIDS 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. 7:30pm.
Info 615 320-0288.

Tuesdays

Nashville CARES HIV+ Support Group. 6pm. Info 615
385-1510.

AI-Anon Closed meeting, MCC. 6:30pm.

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

Sober Sisters (Les. an Alcoholics Anonymous) Open
meeting, MCC. 8pm.

Wednesdays

Sex Addicts Anonymous Closed meeting for gay men
and lesbians. MCC. 5:30pm.

Nashville CARES Newcomers Group. 6pm. Info 615
385-1510.

Affirmation Meeting for lesbian and gay United
Methodists. 4th Wednesday only. 7pm. Info 615 366-6448.

Gay Parents Support Group Meeting, MCC. 1st
Wednesday only. 7pm. Info 615 831-2941 or 615 320-
0288.

Gay / Lesbian Addictions Anonymous Meeting,
Belmont United Methodist Church. 8pm.

Thursdays

Incest Survivors Anonymous Closed women's meeting.
First Church Unity, Franklin Rd. 6:30pm.

Nashville CARES Visualization Group. 7:15pm. Info 615
385-1510.

Alternatives (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting for
lesbians and gay men, MCC. 8pm.

Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)
Meeting. 8pm. Info 615 385-4776.

Fridays

Sexaholics Anonymous Closed meeting, MCC. 5pm.
Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group
Meeting, Belmont United Methodist. 7:30 pm.

Saturdays

Incest Survivors Anonymous Open meeting. First
Church Unity, Franklin Rd. 5:30pm.

Metropolitan Community Church Community Dinner,
all you can eat. 7:30pm. \$5. Info 615 320-0288.

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church Worship services,
11am and 7pm. Info 615 320-0288.

Incest Survivors Anonymous Closed meeting. First
Church Unity, Franklin Rd. 6pm.

Saturday, August 5

Women's Coffeehouse Linda Johnson (of Ruby
Slipper) and Annie Freeman and Friends. Sponsored by
Nashville Women's Alliance, at Unitarian Universalist
Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville. \$4. 8 p.m.

Monday, August 7

Picnic Picnic and meeting, Tennessee Gay & Lesbian
Alliance. At Fannie Mae Dees Park, Nashville. Covered
dish supper. Bring dish. Drinks, cups, plates provided.
Free. 6:30 p.m. Info 615 297-4293.

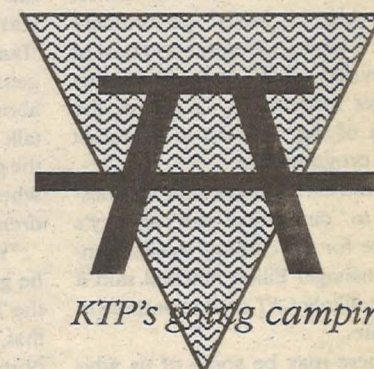
Workshop Atlantans Trudie and Ray Barreras will con-
duct a workshop for women married to gay or bisexual
men (see story page 1), sponsored by Married and Gay
Network (MAGNET). At Metropolitan Community
Church, 131 15th Ave North, Nashville. Free. 7:30 p.m.
Info 615 320-0288.

Saturday, August 12

Picnic Panther Creek State Park, Morristown. Spon-
sored by Metropolitan Community Churches of Tri-
Cities and Knoxville. Free. Info 615 521-6546.

Sunday, August 13

Feminist Book Circle Discussion of *Sister Gin*, by
June Arnold. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Wood-
mont Blvd, Nashville. Free. 5-7pm.



Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20

Camping Trip Sponsored by Knoxville's Ten Percent.
Info 615 521-6546.

Wednesday, August 23

Ice Cream on the Lawn Vanderbilt Lambda dessert
social. Peabody President's House, 1801 Edgehill, Nash-
ville. Bring your favorite dessert. Free. 7pm. Info 615
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Saturday, August 26

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Eley, CAT's funds were cut to less than \$55,000, down from \$250,000 in last year's budget.

The resolution to take \$188,200 out of a reserve fund of Viacom Cablevision franchise fees was introduced by council members Stewart Clifton and Paul Koulakov. In an apparent change of heart on the part of the Boner administration, the

Mayor gave his backing to the resolution, a move which brought heated words from still another council member.

The mayor's apparent turnaround, charged council member Gary Odom, "sends a tremendous mixed signal to the people."

"My concern and opposition to this resolution deals with it as a fiscal matter," Odom said. "We on the budget and finance committee discussed this at length. In a time frame when we're looking at priorities and determining how best to allocate funds, CAT lost out."

Odom charged that the majority of phone

calls and letters in support of CAT came from staff members and producers.

"Which is more important? CAT or solid waste management or education?" Odom

asked. "When we're faced with changing school hours and other reductions across the board, I'm amazed we would approve this resolution to keep CAT on the air."

Resolution sponsor Clifton countered that deferring the

resolution for two council meetings — or four weeks — would "spell an end to the agency."

"I'm sorry when votes are based on a personal anecdote or an attack on someone's character," Clifton said. "We should not defer this resolution, because if we do we'll be ending a program that benefits many groups, about 100 in all, that use CAT facilities."

Clifton's arguments, however, were not enough to stop the vote to defer.

After council members tied 18-18 on the motion to defer, vice mayor David Scobey broke the tie with his vote to defer. •



...Nashville to host int'l AIDS meet

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and ethical issues of AIDS."

The conference will provide a positive statement for AIDS educators and service providers in Tennessee, as well as making the general public more aware of the complexities of the epidemic, said G. Scott Osten, co-coordinator of the Conference Secretariat.

"People are becoming more aware of the fact that AIDS is not just a disease affecting gay men in large, urban areas, but that it affects people, both straight and gay, in smaller towns as well. It affects people in Nashville and in Bowling Green," Osten said.

More than 500 people from some 19 different countries had registered at press time, with the deadline for registrants set for August 11.

"Registrations are coming in at a rate of 10 to 15 each day," Osten said. "We expect at least 1,000 people to attend."

Run on the European model, the Conference will provide structured and unstructured

periods for networking and idea exchange as well as plenary sessions delivered by experts in the field, according to information from the Conference organizing committee.

In addition, an AIDS and Arts Program is being developed by the conference art committee, under the direction of June Zaner.

Concurrent session

will be classified into three groups: research seminars, roundtable discussions and workshops. In addition, corporations and organizations will have displays at the Convention Center.

A portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will also be on display at the Convention Center during the conference.

"We expect to have around 2,000 panels

from the Quilt on display," Osten said.

Among speakers scheduled to address the conference, and their subjects, are:

- Georg Dellbrugge, West Germany, on ethical issues
- David Wilson, Zimbabwe, psychosocial aspects of behavior change
- Jean Hutton, United Kingdom, AIDS program evaluation
- Walter Almeida, Brazil, prevention
- Francisco S. Sy, U.S., public health
- Barbara Chamness, International Childkind Foundation, the needs of foster parents caring for children with AIDS/HIV

Among topics to be addressed in plenary and concurrent sessions:

- Image of AIDS in Literature, presented by Franklin Brooks of Vanderbilt University
- Reaching Gay and Lesbian Youth with HIV Education Programs, by Matt Nelson, Tennessee state AIDS education coordinator
- Peer Education, the Australian Way

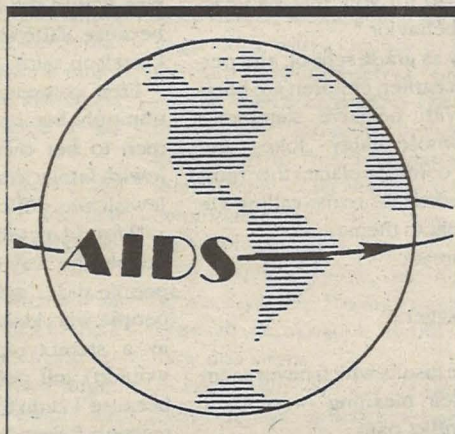
- HIV prevention with Homeless Teenage Hustlers
- Rural AIDS education
- Human Sexuality and AIDS
- Religion and AIDS
- Communication and Information Technologies

"AIDS issues of minorities — Asians, blacks, latinos, native Americans — will be the focus of several

workshops," Osten said.

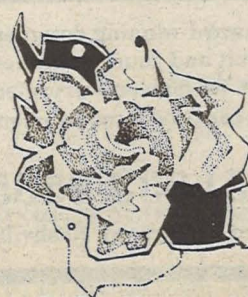
Planning an international conference of such magnitude, Osten said, requires a large number of volunteers to "staff information booths, serves as ushers at plenary sessions, answer questions."

Persons interested in volunteering are asked to call Vanderbilt AIDS Project at 322-2437, Osten said. •



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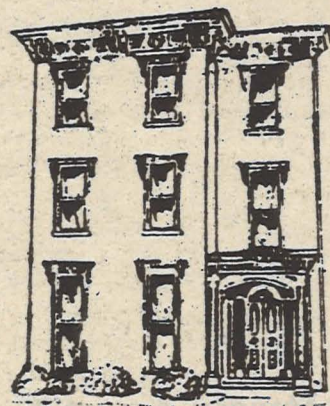
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at lesbians and gay men by homo-
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chanted by skinheads. Instead, they
are being derisively directed toward
lesbians and gay men by their own
kind — other homosexuals.

But no matter who's saying those
things — gay or straight — they are
the words of someone who is homo-
phobic. And the dangers of homo-
phobia are many, regardless if it's
being espoused by the Ku Klux Klan
or by your best friend.

Internalized homophobia is a
common problem among lesbians
and gay men, experts say, because of
anti-homosexual feelings that are
rampant in a heterosexual society. It
is both a reaction to fear and a re-
sponse to anger, which when in-
wardly directed can be devastating
to the psyche of someone trying to
deal with their sexual orientation.

"It's obvious that internalized
homophobia is a reaction to fear,"
said Judy Eron, a Nashville social
worker whose practice includes
both gay and straight clients. "Fear of
homosexuality is so ingrained in our
society, that often in order to feel a
sense of belonging, we just go along
with what society says about homo-
sexuals."

NASHVILLE SOCIAL WORKER
Steve Davidson agrees: "Homopho-
bia is a learned reaction. Almost
everything we're taught about
homosexuality is bad. If homosexu-
ality is even mentioned in the home
it is almost always in the context of
how it's bad for you, that it's unac-
ceptable behavior."

As early as grade school, and per-
haps even earlier, children are bom-
barded with negative statements
about homosexuality. Jokes and
slurs are commonplace; the most
popular words for name-calling are
homosexual in theme.

"Dick-breath."
"Fairy."
"Bull-dagger."
"Sissy."

They are insults which never seem
to lose their meaning — or their
ability to inflict pain.

"It's not only fear that causes
someone to be homophobic. Anger
also plays a major role. It's easy to
become angry at someone who rep-
resents something that's hated by
society," Eron said. "Because society

tells us it's okay to hate someone, it's
easy to get mad at those people who
behave stereotypically."

"IT'S EASY FOR GAY MEN AND
lesbians who are homophobic to be
angry with men who are swishy or
women who are butch. They ask,
'why are you bringing this [society's
homophobia and hatred] on us?'"
she said.

Davidson said that sometimes
when lesbians and gay men are
confronted by someone who fits a
stereotypical image they might react
in a homophobic manner.

"Sometimes when people see
someone who's openly stereotypi-
cal — an especially effeminate man
or a butch woman, for example —
they don't want to be compared with
them. They don't want to be identi-
fied as being lesbian or gay. They
don't want to think that someone
else would think they are gay just
because of the way they look or act,"
Davidson said.

Eron compared the internalized
homophobia of lesbians and gay
men to her own upbringing in a
Jewish family in a town where being
Jewish was difficult.

"I found myself reacting to Jewish
people the way other, non-Jewish,
people did. I was really put off by
people who looked Jewish or acted
in a stereotypical way. Often I
wouldn't tell people I was Jewish
because I didn't want to face their
reaction," Eron said. "I'm not sure
the parallels are the same with
homophobia. There is, of course, a
great deal more hiding and secrecy
among gay men and lesbians."

Davidson said that the dynamics
of homophobia are much the same

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we have to fear...



Read all
about
it...

as anti-semitism. Bigotry is bigotry is bigotry, or so it seems.

It is this self-hatred that helps to fuel the flames of internalized homophobia, often exacerbated by the fear of discovery.

"People who are inclined to self-hate are going to find reasons to hate themselves and that probably is often the case with gay men and lesbians," Eron suggested.

"Some gay people are committed to being ashamed of their sexual orientation," Davidson said.

And, according to Eron, "when you have a secret, you have fear attached to it."

WHILE THE OBVIOUS RESULTS of homophobia are insults and invectives hurled at openly-lesbian or gay individuals, other longer-lasting results are also possible.

"People don't realize how damaging homophobia can be to a feeling of self-worth and to personal relationships," Davidson said. "It might explain why same-sex relationships are traditionally considered to be less permanent."

Eron reiterated Davidson's claim that homophobia may be the real culprit in breaking up same-sex relationships.

"Homophobia can cause many of the difficulties that prevent gay and/or lesbian couples from staying together. There is certainly more anger and that internalized homophobia can be directed at the other partner. Homophobia is extremely disruptive to relationships," she said.

The "hiding" which Eron mentioned, the anger and fear of discovery, may lead lesbians and gay men to a more homophobic existence. To

combat internalized homophobia requires a lengthy, often painstaking, process.

So what's the answer?

"As lesbians and gay men get more comfortable with themselves, they let more and more people see who they are," Davidson said. "As they become more comfortable with themselves, they become more willing to demand respect not only for themselves, but for other lesbians and gay men as well."

The process of battling internalized homophobia, Davidson suggested, is much like the coming-out process.

"Fighting homophobia is an ongoing process, just as I think the coming out process should be. Every time a lesbian or gay man meets someone new, they are faced with the question of coming out to them. They have to decide if they are going to go along with a charade or to tell the truth about themselves," he said.

FOR SOME LESBIANS OR GAY men, internalized homophobia may help them to "set boundaries for them if they don't want to get too comfortable with who they are," Davidson said.

He further suggested that fighting off homophobic feelings might require an examination of the company one keeps.

"People who are gay should surround themselves with other people who are affirming and encouraging of who they are. It's best to be around people who feel good about being lesbian or gay," Davidson said.

Perhaps, then, the name-calling will stop.

To gain a better understanding of homophobia, *Dare* book editor **SHERRE DRYDEN** suggests these books:

• *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life*. Warren J. Blumenfeld and Diane Raymond. New York: Philosophical Library. 1988. 416 pages. \$25. See Chapter 5, "Prejudice and Discrimination."

• *Homophobia: An Overview*. Edited by John P. DeCecco. Haworth Press. 1984. 198 pages. \$32.95. Originally published as volume 10, number 1/2 of the *Journal of Homosexuality*.

• *Homosexual Acts, Actors and Identities*. Lon G. Nungesser. New York: Praeger Publishers. 1983. 238 pages. \$13.95. See chapter 6, "Fears and Phobias."

• *Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism*. Suzanne Pharr. Chardon Press. 1988. 91 pages. \$9.95 paper.

• *Society and the Healthy Homosexual*. George Weinberg. New York: St. Martin's. 1983. 160 pages. \$5.95 paper. Weinberg coined the term "homophobia" in this book, originally published in 1972.



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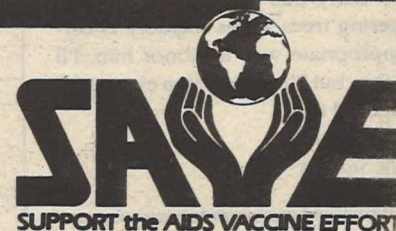
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One beautiful spring morning Barry and I were admiring some dogwood and redbud trees. Barry commented that flowering trees were among the things that he liked best about Nashville since there are none in the area he was from.

I will be planting a redbud tree as a living memorial to Barry this fall. I think planting spring flowering trees in his memory is certainly an appropriate way to honor him. I'll miss you, Barry, but I'll think of you every time I see your special tree.

THAIS CARR

Thompson Station

...a Lone at the top

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"football knee," Ray says it's because of a "football head."

"Hell," Ray tells him. "You've got to be pretty stupid to fail an Army test."

The two brothers, enjoying a night, looking up at the stars in the summer sky outside Angel's bar, reveal much of themselves and their lives as they hoot 'n' holler, banter 'n' boast.

As we get to know Roy and Ray — and Cletis, a dweeb who's always tried to emulate Ray but just can't pull it off, what with his pocket protector and those "damn high school loafers he wears" — we learn there's a lot more to them than meets the eye.

Harrell is wonderful as Ray. Appropriately swaggering and conceited, he's a perfect example of small-town hero-and-sometime-philosopher.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about his talent is his ability to become the characters he plays.

Unlike some other local actors, whose performances tend to be one-dimensional portrayals of themselves, Harrell breathes life into his roles, giving them subtle shading and nuances that are at times unexpected, at others just plain enthralling.

Scott Moreno proves himself Harrell's equal with a no-holds-barred, yet very understated, performance as Roy.

He plays Roy with just the right hint of awestruck admirer and gee-whiz, hot-damn Texan beer-drinker. He, too, infuses his character with a genuine charm that goes beyond the confines of the tiny Actor's Playhouse stage.

In the brief, but terribly funny, role of Cletis is Mel Toombs, who proves himself to be the perfect foil for the two brothers. His performance is a deft blend of acting expertise and down-home characterization.

In fact, the ensemble casting of *Lone Star* could well be the best of the season. The three actors work beautifully together, transporting us, as if by magic, to the Texas honky tonk where the action takes place.

Lone Star is the late-night show at Actor's Playhouse, presented at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights through August 5. •

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"we didn't realize that he shaved
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"no nazi, we thought he was in
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"Some of our best friends are
Jews and Homo Sexuals."



— DARE CARTOON BY LESLIE GUERIN-HAINES

PAGES

A little Cherton place

Cherton. David Telfair. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1989. 194 pages, \$14.95.

by SHERRE DRYDEN

Book Editor

ALTHOUGH DAVID TELFAIR overdoes things a bit — I occasionally had to resist reading with a kind of high-queen, drop-dead accent — for those fond of English house party novels or ensemble casts of malicious eccentrics, *Cherton* will provide plenty of amusement for an afternoon by the pool.

As is usual in books with many characters of nearly equal importance, there are several plots which intersect and intertwine and are sure to come out right in the end. It's all pretty implausible, of course, but *Cherton* is a small town and its upper class citizens are either profoundly stupid and eccentric or pleasantly wicked and eccentric. The stupid ones are in charge and the wicked ones are bored, a situation guaranteed to cause all sorts of implausible havoc.

The incident that starts the story rolling is an unfortunate bathroom accident suffered by Lord Charles Mauley, described by the author as "rather a dismal subject," the owner of Cherton's village manor, Mauley Hall. Lord Mauley slips on a cake of soap while stepping out of his bath to reach for his loofah, which has inexplicably been left on the bath stool (toilet?) by Birkett, his butler. In falling, the bulky Lord Mauley brings down on top of himself the steam-heated towel rack and is "grilled to medium rare."

Lord Mauley's accident requires visits and gifts of sympathy from the locals and brings to Cherton Emily, Lady Mauley (Lord Mauley's mother); Miss Agnes Pollock, Lady Mauley's companion; and, eventually, Lord Mauley's sister Jean Tunstall and her husband Philip. Already on hand are the vicar, Frederick Staine, and his wife Lela ("Occasionally, strangers would marvel that so intelligent a man should have married so silly a woman, but

that was only until they knew the vicar better."); Miss Frances Granby, who owns a photo of Jean Genet and thinks nothing of using such words as syphilis and homosexual at the vicarage tea table; Dr. Stephen Robbertson, a painter of life studies of beautiful (nude) young men; Thomas and Portia Hitchcock; Julia Dodridge and her confidante Lady Thelma Mullen; and Julia's brother-in-law, the Right Reverend Charles Dodridge, Bishop of whatever diocese Cherton is in.

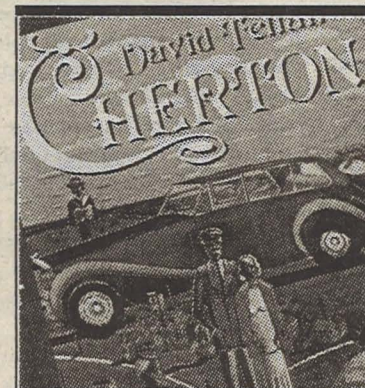
When Lady Mauley's car breaks down on the road to Cherton, she is taken up to Mauley Hall on the back of Dirk Henderson's Vespa. Dirk, "a young man of about twenty, with thick curly black hair and a leather jacket," is Dr. Robbertson's favorite model and the lover of his American nephew Tommy. Tommy, by the way, made his living in the States as a teen-aged hustler.

Lady Mauley is entranced by Dirk and his motorbike and, being one of the bored rather than one of the stupid, invites everyone round for drinks.

Things Happen. I won't say what, because they're rather fun and, though events are neither completely unpredictable nor particularly profound, surprise and mistaken assumptions are part of the fun.

TELFAIR TIES THINGS UP a little too hurriedly and a little too nicely — everybody gets a happy ending, of sorts — but he's at least amoral with a leaning toward immoral. The stupid do get their Just Desserts and are certainly not redeemed. They just get to go off unmolested to Paris and things like that.

Sequels to *Cherton* are promised, a mistake I think, because none of the characters is that compelling. A thirty-minute sitcom on Fox might be fun, though. •



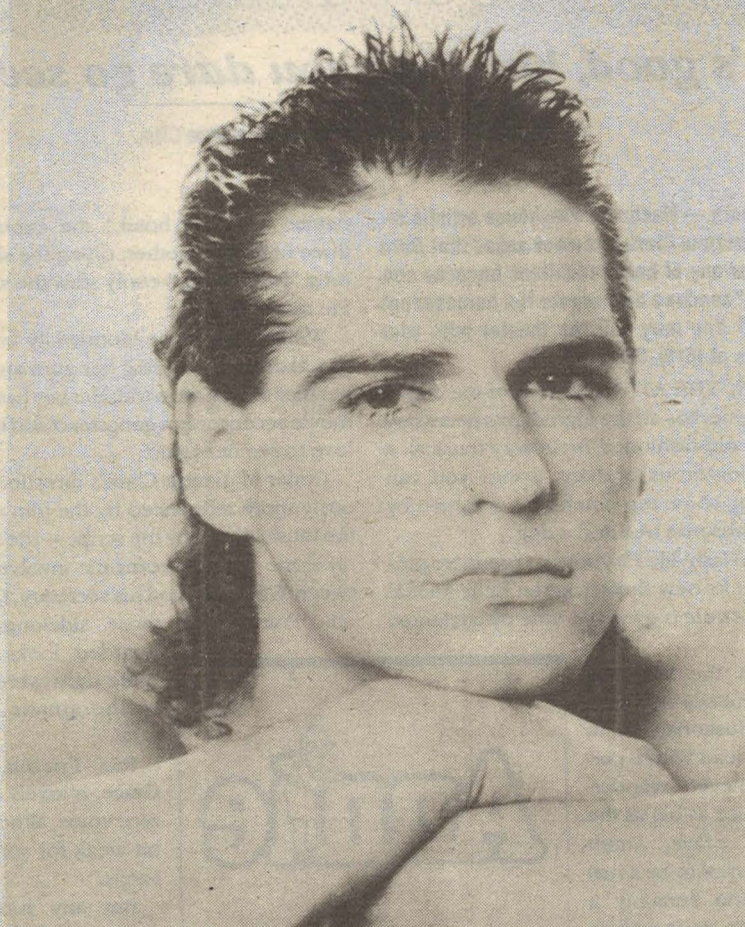
QUOTES

"One of the most lovable qualities a person can possess is tolerance. It is the vision that enables one to see things from another's viewpoint.

"It is the generosity that concedes to others

the right to their peculiarities and it is the 'bigness' that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our way."

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