Police still seek killer
by JEFF ELLIS
Editor
Metro Nashville police are continuing their investigation into the brutal stabbing death two weeks ago of 34-year-old Barry McDonald. McDonald was found dead in his home at 2003 Upland Drive, in the Ingletwood section of east Nashville, by his roommate, Gene Rice, when Rice returned home from vacation Wednesday, July 12. Rice told investigators he had last spoken to McDonald by telephone the previous Sunday evening.

According to reports, McDonald was stabbed some 30 times in the back and chest. Sources termed the murder "one of the most violent crimes in the city's history."

"It was obvious, from the violence of the crime, that it was committed by someone who was very angry, who had a lot of pent-up rage," said Det. Terry McElroy of the Metro Murder Squad.

Investigators say that McDonald's murder "could have been directly related to his being gay," but that it is continued on page 3.

Activists say high court's ruling affects lesbian rights
by HARRISON HICKS
Staff Writer
Does the U.S. Supreme Court's Webster v. Reproductive Health Services decision on abortion affect the lesbian and gay rights movement? Yes, according to several community leaders in the Nashville area.

Penny Campbell, one of the coordinators of the Pride Week Committee, said that the decision, in which the high court affirmed state controls over abortion, signals the possibility of the destruction of abortion rights. But, Campbell noted, abortion is part of a larger issue of people's control over their own bodies.

"Everyone who is concerned with personal privacy rights, whether they be gay men, lesbians or heterosexual women, need to bond together," Campbell said.

Since the court's Handrick v. Bowers decision, which upheld Georgia's sodomy statutes, Campbell explained, the court has continued to fail to uphold privacy rights, a trend she doesn't expect to change soon.

Deborah Burks, chair of Advance, the political action committee of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA), also expressed her displeasure with the court's decision.

"I was deeply disturbed and disappointed by the Webster decision," Burks said, adding that the decision was indicative of what can probably be expected from the current high court.

"I'm not real optimistic," Burks said about future court action on abortion and privacy rights.

Burks echoed Campbell's opinion that the privacy issues raised by abortion and women's rights to choose tie into the lesbian and gay rights movement.

"I see it relating to gay and lesbian issues, all sorts of civil rights," Burks said.

At stake, she said, is who controls women's lives — the state or women themselves. If the state can impose... continued on page 3

Fed judge strikes city bookstore ordinance
Metro Nashville law “unenforceable”
by JEFF ELLIS
Editor
The doors have gone back up on the individual viewing booths in Nashville area adult bookstores and video arcades, following a ruling last week that Metro's “peep show” ordinance is "too vague and unenforceable."

The doors to the booths were removed and operating hours for the establishments set from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m., following a 1987 investigation by the Metro Health Department. Joseph Bistowich, then-director of the department, told members of the Metro Council that adult bookstores are breeding grounds for sexually-transmitted diseases.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Higgins, in a 60-page opinion issued last Monday, enjoined Metro officials from enforcing the ordinance which had required the removal of doors from private viewing booths and subjected bookstore employees to extensive background checks.

In that same opinion, Higgins refused to award $200,000 in damages sought by Swinger’s World, doing business as First Amendment Bookstore, and Ellwest Theatre, both located on Broadway.

Swinger's World — which lost its lease at 400 Broadway after efforts spearheaded by Merchants Hotel owner Ed Stolman and members of the Nashville Coalition Against Pornography (NCAP) proved successful — is in the process of moving to a new location at 412 Broadway. The lease on the 400 Broadway location expires July 31.

NCAP organizers have been looking toward Chattanooga for inspiration in the battle to rid the state's capital city of pornographic materials. A similar group in Chattanooga was successful in bringing about the closing of adult bookstores and video arcades in the southeastern Tennessee city. According to sources there, the group then set its sights on closing the city's gay bars.

Several adult bookstores have reopened in Chattanooga, but none of them has private viewing booths, which are prohibited by local ordinance. The Chattanooga ordinance was used as a blueprint by Metro Council members when restrictions were adopted for Nashville.

Tennessee statutes define obscene materials as "patently offensive, or which give offense to the average person with a modest sense of morality or to the community."

Such materials include extreme depictions of sexual intercourse, bestiality, and sadomasochism.

"I hope we can look at changing the City Code fairly soon," said Councilman Bob Abernathy, chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Abernathy said his committee will meet Tuesday to discuss the issue.

A new version of the ordinance has been introduced to the Metro Council and is expected to be brought up for debate at its July 25 meeting.

Despite the setback, the Metro Council has not yet abandoned its efforts to curb the obscenity trade.

In a separate case, a federal judge has struck down a city ordinance in Chattanooga that would have made it a crime to publish or display any material that is harmful to the public's welfare or public morals.

The judge ruled that the ordinance was too vague and unenforceable. He also ruled that it was unconstitutional because it violated the First Amendment's protection of free speech.

UT gets gay student group
from STAFF REPORTS
In an historic move last spring, administrators at the University of Tennessee gave approval to the Gay and Lesbian Student Union on the Knoxville campus.

With 40 members during its first months of existence, the group hopes to have at least 100 active members by fall, according to Eric Masley, vice president of the group.

"The group's meetings and social activities have been very successful," he said. The group gave a benefit at a local community center and sponsored an event during Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Knoxville.

The Gay and Lesbian Student Union was formed after a group of gay and lesbian Christians split. Reception to the new group has been rather bland, Masley said, although opposition to the Christian group was somewhat more... continued on page 3.

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Tuesdays
Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 10pm. Info 901 327-9546.

Wednesdays
Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 6pm. Info 901 327-9541.

Thursdays
P-PLUG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Support group. Dr. John's University Center 304, 1st Thursday only. Info 901 322-8978.

Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 10pm. Info 901 276-7796.

Info the Light (Women's Alcoholic's Anonymous) Meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 6pm. Info 901 276-7796.

Fridays
Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. Memphis Lambda Center. 5:30 and 10pm. Info 901 327-9543.

NASHVILLE

Mondays
Gay Association Anonymous. Open meeting for lesbian and gay members. MCC, 5:30pm. Info 615 385-1511.

Lambda CARES. Open meeting. Lambda Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church. 5pm.

MEETING (Marital and Gay Neurality). Support group for married gay men. 1st & 3rd Monday only. MCC. 7:30pm. Info 615 320-5028.

Tuesdays
Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. MCC. 6pm. Info 615 320-5028.

Al-Anon Closed meeting. MCC. 6:30pm.

P-PLUG Meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 4th Tuesday only. Unitarian Church. 7:30pm. Info 615 329-3482.

MUTI Lambda Association Meeting for lesbian and gay college students and alumni. Vanderbilt. 7pm. Info 615 329-3482.

Sister Studios (Lesbian Alcoholic's Anonymous). Closed meeting. MCC. 6pm. Info 615 320-0288.

Gay Cable Network Breakfast Channel 5 (Community Access Television). 9pm.

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

Lambda CARES. Newcomers Group. 6pm. Info 615 385-1511.

Gay Parents Support Group Meeting. MCC. 1st Wednesday only. 7pm. Info 615 329-3482 or 615 329-3482.

Lambda Socio-Biomechanical Anonymous. Closed meeting for lesbians. MCC. 6pm.

Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Meeting. MCC. 6pm. Info 615 329-4710 or 615 323-6363.

Fridays
Southerners Anonymous. Closed meeting. MCC. 6pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group. Meeting, Belmont United Methodist Church. 8pm.

Saturdays
Incest Survivor's Anonymous. Closed women's meeting. First Church United Methodist. 5:30pm.

Phoneline (Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous) Open meeting. MCC. 5:30pm.

Metropolitan Community Church Community Dinner. All you can eat. 7:30pm. Info 615 320-0288.

Gay Cable Network. VAM Channel 35 (Community Access Television). 9pm.

Sundays
Gay Addicts Anonymous. Closed meeting. MCC. 6pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous. MCC. 6pm.

Incest Survivor's Anonymous. Closed meeting. First Church United Methodist. 5:30pm.

Corrections:

• In last week's story about Luz Maria Umpierrez, her name was misspelled.
• In the same story, Cathy Eckman provided additional research and was not credited.

Dare regrets the errors and is glad to correct the record.
...bookstore ordinance struck down

- Would the average person, using contemporary community standards, find that the work taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest?
- Does the work depict or describe patently offensive sexual conduct?
- Does the work, as a whole, lack any serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value?

Other state laws also require that videos bearing an "X" rating be placed in a separate room in video rental stores and that the room be inaccessible to persons under 18.

...police continue search for killer

"I was contacted by Metro police who asked if I had talked with Barry. He could have been, like so many others, someone who wanted to help people with AIDS," Potter said. "It's possible he had been in contact with someone at the Vanderbilt AIDS Project."

A spokesperson for VAP, however, said they had never been contacted by McDonald about his becoming involved in VAP's counseling programs.

McDonald's death and the subsequent investigation marks the second time in less than a year that a gay man has been brutally murdered in Nashville.

Vernon Lester Larkin, a computer operator, was found gagged and bound, lying between a cocktail table and a sofa in his blood-spattered Hickory Valley-area apartment last September 7.

The body of the 30-year-old Larkin was found by officials at the Knolls apartment complex, following a phone call from Larkin's mother who had been unable to reach her son for several days.

Larkin had last been seen leaving The Jungle Lounge, located at 306 Fourth Avenue South, the previous Sunday night with a man police believed to be the prime suspect in the murder.

Metro police still have not charged anyone with Larkin's murder.

"They (the public) may have forgotten about it, but we haven't. We never forget," said Det. Mike Smith in an interview with Dave late last year.

...local lesbians on abortion decision

As decisions on women, Burks contended, states could also continue to impose or to tighten restrictions on lesbians and gay men.

Law student and activist Laura Tek expressed mixed feelings about the high court's Webster decision.

She said that she had some concerns about abortion.

"I'm not sure I believe in abortion on demand," said Tek.

She noted that in some cases abortion is used as a form of birth control and in extreme cases as a method of gender selection in children.

But, despite her concerns, Tek felt the court's decision was harmful to individual rights.

While favoring restrictions on abortion after fetal viability outside the womb was probable, Tek said she believes ultimately that women and their doctors were better equipped to make decisions about abortion than are state governments.

The decision is believed by many to indicate a willingness to overturn Roe v. Wade.

...new UT student group

The majority of members in the new group are undergraduates, he explained, although the group is "open to basically anyone in the UT community."

Currently, approximately 10 members are graduate students and another 10 are non-students.

Faculty adviser to the group is Celia McCullough, director of the Education Advancement Center at UT.

Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and Vanderbilt University in Nashville also have active lesbian and gay student groups, MTSU Lambda Association and Vanderbilt Lambda Association.
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Would it surprise you to know that lesbian couples are likely to meet each other under many different circumstances than gay male couples?
Would you believe that gay male couples average longer relationships than lesbians?
And that gay male couples have sex more times per month on average than lesbian couples?
Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples has the answers to those questions and more in its just-released preliminary results of a national survey undertaken last year of gay and lesbian couples. These preliminary results and comments, which are regularly published in the monthly newsletter, are based upon the answers so far from 812 respondents, representing 390 lesbian couples and 273 gay male couples. The survey drew about 1600 responses in all.
The "how they met" and "how long have you been together?" questions were only two of the more than 100 questions that were put to same-sex couples.
Among lesbian couples surveyed, some 28% said they had met through introductions by mutual friends. Surprisingly, another 22% of the lesbian couples said they met through work. Male couples, on the other hand, found gay bars to be the most popular meeting place. About 24% of the male couples surveyed said they met at a bar or nightclub. It was noted, however, that the newer the relationship, the more likely the couple had met at a social event instead; the AIDS epidemic obviously making the nightclub venue a less prominent meeting spot.
Only 5% of the male couples surveyed said they met through work, but 19% of those surveyed said they met through friends, making this the second most popular choice among gay male couples.
More gay men also met their partner at church or at a religious event, (6%) than lesbians did, where only 4% said they met their partners that way.
Other places noted for beginning new romantic entanglements were sporting events, political events, support groups, dating services, classified ads, public parks or cruising.
Gay male couples were far more likely than their lesbian counterparts to have met through sexually-charged arenas — baths, cruising in the park or classified ads.
Gay male couples also seem to be having more sex together than lesbian couples, according to the survey's findings. But lesbian couples said they enjoyed their sex more.
The male couples surveyed said they had sex an average of nine times a month; lesbians, only seven times per month. The most sexually active were couples who have been together for one year or less. They had sex twice as often as the average couple.
The sex itself was rated "excellent" by 54% of the women, but only 31% of the men. Sex was rated "good" by 25% of the women and 35% of the men.
Sex outside the relationship was a more common practice for gay men than for lesbians. Only 4% of the lesbians surveyed reported any outside sex during the previous year. However, 27% of the men had sex outside the relationship during the preceding year.
Only 12% of the men had sex more than once a month and another 5% said they had outside sex once or more per week.
The AVERAGE AGE of the respondents was 35 for the women, 57 for the men. The average length of the relationships surveyed was five and one-quarter years for lesbians, seven and one-half years for gay male couples.
While several couples indicated they had been together for longer than 40 years, many of the relationships had only recently begun. About 50% of the lesbian couples surveyed had been together for three and one-half years or less. About 5% of the gay male couples had been together five years or less.
So how do Nashville couples fit into these statistics? Do they represent...
Where they met:

Respondents who said they met in each listed venue:

- 28% of lesbian respondents
- 22% of gay male respondents
- 19% of gay female respondents
- 16% of gay men
- 13% of gay couples
- 10% of gay women

Gay couples meet

sent an accurate cross-section of America's gay and lesbian couples? Would they do justice to the survey’s findings?

Jeanie, 33, and Wanda, 42, a lesbian couple living in a recently-restored Victorian home in east Nashville, met at The Cabaret over six years ago.

Time and beer blur their memories of the facts about their initial meeting, but Jeanie and Wanda do remember that it was “love at first sight” for both. They dated seriously for about four months before deciding to move in together.

What about sex? “Yes, we do have a sex life,” they answer.

Tony, 35, and Richard, 25, a gay male couple living in Green Hills, met through mutual friends at a dinner party in Washington, D.C. Both men, like Jeanie and Wanda, said it was “love at first sight” for them both. They dated casually for about nine months before deciding to move into their own apartment in the Vanderbilt area just a few weeks ago.

Even though they haven’t been a couple for very long, both Mitchell and Harrison feel they fit the mold of a long-term couple.

Jane, 35, and Rachel, 28, also met at church about 18 months ago. Both sang in their Methodist Church choir and after only a month of dating, they realized there was a relationship which would last a lifetime. They live in West Nashville.

So, for Nashville’s gay men and lesbians who are still single, but want to meet a future life partner, the best bets appear to be mutual friends, bars or church. Or maybe even your sister.

FINAL STATISTICS in the Partners survey should be available soon.

“When data entry is complete, we will be able to draw an up-to-date picture of the families being created by gay and lesbian couples,” said Stevie Bryant, publisher of the newsletter. “This information will be invaluable to social service providers and civil rights groups.”

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He's back
by JASON ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I am still alive! Let me first apologize to you, the reader, for the delay since my last column. I have been dealing with some personal problems that have kept me pretty depressed since May. For some reason, I couldn't bring myself to write a column without getting upset and more wrapped up in my problems.

Fortunately, however, my problems have either been resolved or put under a reasonable amount of control.

For those of you who have been following my progress during the past year, you might remember that I have been trying to choose a college — either Rice University (in Houston, Texas) or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (in New York). Well, fortunately and unfortunately, I chose Rensselaer.

By "fortunately" I mean that I did not get into Rice. I believe that Rensselaer is far more suited to my vision of what I want out of college. By "unfortunately" I mean that Rensselaer ain't cheap! Per my father's request (or maybe per his accountant's request), I calculated what my first year at college and a computer for my summer earnings. My father's part of the deal comes to about $15,000.

Needless to say, my father almost had a stroke! I just hope he can come up with the 15,000. Now, about my trip to Rensselaer: July 4th weekend was summer orientation, which I had to attend — at considerable cost, of course. This was my first opportunity to get a peek at what the freshman class will be like.

The class is not a bunch of computer nerds like you might expect. I also was trying to gauge people's attitudes about various issues, including homosexuality. I really didn't get any strong feelings because the orientation was short and contained little student discussion.

Each student had to fill out a student interest sheet so that the school would know who might be interested in certain clubs. The Gay and Lesbian Association was listed on the sheet, along with other groups. I did overhear a few jokes about that, but I heard more jokes about the "Women at Rensselaer" organization, probably due to the fact that the student rush is five males to every female.

I should receive information about the lesbian and gay group soon. I am looking forward to finding out more about the group and I plan to get involved when school starts this fall.

Orientation was interesting for another reason as well. At the opening ceremony, the school's president spoke about the incoming freshman class. In doing so, he mentioned some specific accomplishments of various students without mentioning their names.

One student has done research at the Texas Medical Center and another had won some big science recognition. Stuff like that.

Then he recognized a student who had completed training with Vanderbilt's AIDS project to become an AIDS educator and had done programs for teens in Nashville. I felt very proud to be recognized by the president.

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— Lord Alfred Douglas, "The Two Loves," 1892

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Lesbians and the abortion ruling
by CAROLE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

WHILE THE RIGHT to safe and legal abortions has long been championed by most women's rights organizations, the place of abortion rights in lesbian agendas has often been tangential. Most politically-minded lesbians have always supported the right of women to abortions, but like organized apartheid in South Africa or boycotting the grape industry, our support may have come more often from an urge to do the right thing politically than a sense that this issue deeply affects lesbian lives.

After all, lesbians, as lesbians, are hardly pounding on the doors of abortion clinics in record numbers to end unwanted pregnancies (a view, that while largely accurate, should not erase the significant number of lesbians who seek abortions because they were victims of sexual assault or incest or, like other women, became pregnant in the "usual" way). In fact the number of lesbians wanting to become pregnant has become staggering in recent years. Lesbian parents and co-parents now grace the covers of national magazines, that about the complexities of parenting with Barbara Walters, outline the do's and don'ts of turkey baster fertilization to awestruck reporters.

But abortion is an issue about which no lesbian can afford to remain politically minded. Within a society still largely hostile toward lesbians (however benign the Barbara Walterses of the world may be), our enthusiasm for our new families and our commitment to ensuring their safety and viability will be futile and indeed foolish unless we heed the constant call to defend the right to decide when to have a family as passionately as we defend the right of women to choose what kind of family we have.

IF THE PUBLIC outcry in recent weeks over flag burning tells us anything, it is that this new and virulent strain of traditionalism threatens much more than free speech. Gay men and lesbians should pay special heed to any and all attempts to regulate the meaning of national icons, whether the flag or the eagle.

We need only remember how Ronald Reagan and George Bush successfully convinced the American public that the majority of American families consists of a father (male), a mother (female), and their child or children — a portrait that is patently false and statistically in supportable — to see how profoundly a simple, if false, decision of an image sacred to Americans gives license to a political party or presidency to sweep the hard-won victories of women and others under the carpet of conformity.

Both Reagan and Bush, if they could not scientifically support their claims about the make-up of American families, were able to convince most Americans that at the very least, the conservative's portrait of the family was the portrait Americans most wanted to emulate and most wanted to believe was true.

And they succeeded. A claim's validity, a politician's position, no longer requires any objective substantiation to be considered "true"; trust has become a matter of fabricating the right image at the right time and flattering a public too frightened by change, too repelled by difference, into believing that things haven't changed so much since the 1950s all. Or if they have, we can still go "back to the future."

This cultural amnesia — seen most glaringly in the Supreme Court's recent decisions on abortion and civil rights — promises to pull an already somnolent nation into a deeper, more dangerous sleep. And while polls taken only days ago suggest there is still majority support for legalized abortion, conservatives have already begun to employ the rhetorical tools used successfully in the last elections to convince Americans this time that what appears to be true — that Americans want to keep abortion legal — is actually false. The polls are the mass media, they tell us, is not a majority at all; it's just a cleverly cloaked minority composed mainly of "radical feminists." And you know what a radical feminist is.

The association many conservatives would like Americans to make between pro-choice forces and "radical feminism (i.e., lesbians) touches, of course, on the issue of who supports abortion rights and why. Lesbians must speak out for themselves on this issue or have conservative politicians and pundits speak for them. We must let Americans know, we must let the pro-choice movement know, that lesbians support the right to choose when to have families and the right to choose what kind of family to have, and that for anyone — lesbian, gay or straight — to support one of these choices without supporting the other risks winning a battle only to lose the war.

BURNING THE FLAG as a form of political protest poses a question, a question that touches profoundly on the way we think about freedom and our icons of freedom. Lesbians, as lesbians — especially those lesbians starting families — who pose with their very being a question that touches the heart of cultural amnesia, the perception of what a family should be, what a woman should be, what a mother should be. Lesbians must not only continue to pose this question, and pose it proudly, but understand that it is indeed a question that is not only asked by Americans as are as afraid of the question lesbians pose as they are of the questions posed by abortion.

Are these questions related? You tell me.
Sade, Essienes and Dorian

NOW proposes new political party

Adair's prose style is tiresomely artifical and silly. He loves puns and sometimes spends a student riots in Paris, do the shattered by the intrusion of the famous May, 1968, events.

NOW convention meeting here called for a possible third U.S. political party to be formed.

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Announcements

- Do you remember the first time you read Radcliffe Hall’s The Weir of Loneliness? Dare is looking for your impressions and recollections for a Radcliffe Hall anniversary story. Phone us at (615) 327-Dare, and either tell your anecdote or leave your name and number for an interview.

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- Dare is now in Knoxville! Look for us at the Carousel, the Peppertree, Traditions, Metropolitan Community Church/Knoxville and Davis-Kidd Bookellers. Tennessee’s Lesbian and Gay Newsweekly.

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- GWM, 27, BuBlue honest, sincere, romantic, career-oriented, in search of self-confident GWM age 21-30 who enjoys dining, dancing, romancing, music and conversation. Will answer all inquiries. DARE DRAWER.

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which, hopefully, is a good sign about the administration’s interest in AIDS education.

After orientation, I stayed an extra night in Troy to save on air fare. With orientation ending at noon, I had plenty of time to do nothing, which was good since there’s not much to do in Troy. To fight boredom, I walked around town for a while.

Then something caught my eye: a large pink triangle on a billboard. I gave it a second look and realized it was an advertisement for Albany’s Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. It had a phone number for information about the

Events and, although the week had passed, I called the number.

The number belonged to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Albany. The center provides a place to gather to socialize or to attend meetings, including a weekly lesbian/gay youth group meeting.

It was exciting because we’ve also organized a youth group in Nashville. The group meets regularly, but could use some more members.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the group, let me know. Write me at P.O. Box 158002, Nashville, 37215-8002.

Erasure of a kiss

“[If the British press] couldn’t find something nervous to say about Erasure, they sure aren’t above taking something out of context. I’m sure Boy George is a good enough sort, but I hardly know him.”

— Erasure’s Andy Bell, denying stories that he had “soul kissed” Boy George at the Grammy-like British Press International Awards.

“Did I ever hit a woman?” I slapped her... but very gently. You don’t punch a woman the way you punch a man. It can be a sign of love. A man can hit a woman.”

— Actor Anthony Quinn, ne'er-do-well wanna-be, on the syndicated television show, A Current Affair.

“I don’t like my voice. I don’t like the way I look. I don’t like the way I move. I don’t like the way I act. I mean, period. So you know, I don’t like myself.”

— Actress Elizabeth Taylor, whose book, Elizabeth Takes Off, had asserted that the first step in self-improvement is liking yourself, on Entertainment Tonight.

“The tabloids always make me appear to be a vice queen and a prostitute. I cannot sue for damages when they write about my sex life 25 years ago. I hated them. I thought they were the devil’s disciples.”

— Christine Keeler, central figure in a 1963 sex scandal that helped topple Britain’s Tory government, which provides the plot for this summer’s film, Scandal.

“I thought he was quite good. But physically, he was all wrong.”

— Actor Matthew Broderick talking about Marlon Brando who “horsed around” during filming of a new movie, The Freshman, by playing Broderick’s girlfriend while running lines through rehearsals.

“All humans have the same human rights!”


“...means, ‘I missed you. I love you. How you been?’”

— Detroit Piston’s star Isiah Thomas to talk show maven Oprah Winfrey on why he kisses Los Angeles Lakers’ star Magic Johnson “hello” before basketball games.

“In the 100-yard dash of men showing male affection, men have gone about a yard.”


“The old stars — Bing and Bob — kiss each other. Now we’re homophbic. There’s nothing wrong with showing a little love. I’m trying through example to create a new era.”

— Talk show host and Eddie Murphy best-pal, Arsenio Hall, waxing eloquent on the subject of male affection.

“In pairing a story about homosexuals with one about AIDS [The Tennessean] subtly reinforces the false notion that the disease is exclusively a problem of the gay community.

“Was this a deliberate act by an ignorant and bigoted Tennessean employee? I doubt it. More than likely the decision to place these stories on the same page was made like many in the newspaper business, motivated by the pressure of a deadline, the economy of space and the ‘logic’ of content.

“This daily newspaper influences thousands of readers, as your sales staff, I am sure, frequently reminds potential advertisers. Don’t fail these readers by promoting falsehood, whether by negligence or design.”

— Jackie Solomon, of Murfreesboro, in a letter to the editor of Nashville’s morning newspaper.

“I have not found an innocent person on earth. We are all guilty of sin. And we do not have to interpret the Bible in regards to homosexuality.

“The Bible is plain-spoken about homosexuality and needs no interpretation. May God help those who are too illiterate to understand the plain, simple word of God.”

— H.L. Bingham, in another Tennessee letter to the editor.

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