
Report backs l/g military

by JACKI MOSS
Staff Writer

Although the report on gay men and lesbians in the military was released earlier this month, it is interesting to note some of the more specific information contained in the document that was commissioned and then rejected by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

According to the report's preface, "The Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center (PERSEREC) performs research and analyses in support of DoD's personnel security programs. One of its top priority projects, approved by the Office of Security and Defense (OSD), is to validate existing criteria for personnel security clearance determinations and to develop more objective, uniform and valid adjudication standards, e.g., clarify relationships between risk and various personal characteristics."

It also said that, "this study was initiated to obtain the broadest range of scientific input in the formulation and revision of agency policy... the knowledge and insight derived from an accumulation of rigorous studies and analyses will contribute to the development of appropriate policy."

Some other excerpts from the study:

- "Given continuing manpower needs in the armed forces and also social pressures to remove traditional barriers that exclude homosexual men and women from military service, it is timely to review current perspectives on homosexuality."

- "It is common practice to employ the concept of sexual preference in discussions of same-gender and opposite-gender issues. The use of 'preference' is misleading except for persons who are bisexual, that is to those to whom either gender is acceptable as a sex partner. For most other cases, the gender choice of a sex partner is not a matter of 'preference.' The desired gender of the sex partner is fixed or at least firmly chosen to share one another's lives, providing social security, and to define a stable family."

San Francisco drops domestic partners law

Supporters view vote as temporary setback, vow return

by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

The defeat by voters of San Francisco's landmark domestic partners legislation, approved by the city's Board of Supervisors last May but later put on the ballot for a November referendum, does not mean that supporters of the law have accepted defeat.

Instead, according to Board of Supervisors President Harry Britt, proponents of the measure are "alive and well" and consider the defeat at the polls only "a setback."

Members of the Board of Supervisors last May approved "domestic partnership" legislation recognizing homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples as families. The ordinance defines domestic partners as "two people who have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring."

The law's intent was to extend to qualifying domestic partners some of the rights usually reserved for married heterosexual couples, including health benefits, property and life insurance, bereavement leave, and annuity and pension rights.

Known as "Proposition S" on the November 7 ballot, if approved the measure would have made San Francisco the first city in the nation to formally recognize the existence of gay and lesbian relationships by providing domestic partnership registration by city government.

"Virtually every poll taken prior to the election indicated widespread support," Britt said. "The legislation was unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors and signed by the Mayor [Art Agnos], and endorsed by every major newspaper in the city. Despite the election results, we are confident that the vast majority of San Franciscans welcome gay men and lesbians as part of the family."

Some experts say that to define "family" is now an impossible task, while others fear that recognition of domestic partners could "family" is now an impossible task, while others fear that recognition of domestic partners could...
D A T E S

Just like clockwork

Saturday, November 25
Organizational Meeting of new Chattanooga Gay and Lesbian Alliance. At Shoney’s Golden Gateway, Chattanooga. 7pm. Free. Info (615) 867-5911.

Monday, November 27
Planning meeting for Pride ’90 celebration. At 1223-8 Ashwood Ave, Nashville. Info (615) 297-4653.

Thursday, November 30
Film screening. Discussion follows. Sponsored by Vanderbilt Lambda, at Heed Library Classroom, 21st Ave South, Nashville. $1 donation. Info (615) 292-9654.

Friday, December 1
WORLD AIDS DAY

Saturday, December 2
Craft Show Women artisans, sponsored by Nashville Women’s Alliance, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville. Free admission, 2-6pm. Info (615) 299-9670.

Sunday, December 3

Tuesday, December 5
Holiday Party Vanderbilt Lambda Association. Peabody President’s House, Edgerton. 18th Av South, Nashville, 7-9pm.

Saturday, December 9
Christmas Party Gay and Lesbian Student Union, University of Tennessee/Knoxville. 8pm. Info (615) 595-8686.

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Benefit Chattanooga Gay and Lesbian Alliance Chattanooga. 7pm. Donation. Please bring toy for holiday distribution by Chattanooga Fire Dept. Info (615) 867-5911.
Hampton dead at 87
NEW YORK — Black lesbian activist Mabel Hampton, one of the founders of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, died of pneumonia at New York’s St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital on October 26 at the age of 87. Hampton played a pioneering role in the battle for civil rights, women’s and gay liberation, and was honored by many national black, lesbian and gay organizations for her work. In the past decade, she appeared in several film and television productions documenting her involvement in the Harlem Renaissance and in lesbian/gay life prior to Stonewall. Hampton was born in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1902. *

Hacker address P-FLAG meet
NOVI, Mich. — Sylvia S. Hacker, associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, was the keynote speaker at the Eighth International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Speaking on the importance of regarding sexuality as “normal and good,” Hacker told an audience of 300 at the Novi Hilton, “Sexuality is welded to one’s personality,” and includes “holding hands, kissing,” and other forms of physical contact besides intercourse.

The convention’s theme was “Listening, Learning, Loving,” and included 22 workshops and the annual report of P-FLAG President Paulette Goodman. A special Federation Award was presented to Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMIB Project Foundation, which coordinates the expansion, touring and display of the AIDS quilt. *

Episcopals elect gay man
ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Bruce Colburn has become the first openly gay man to be elected as a deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the church’s highest policymaking body.

Colburn, who was elected to represent the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, is chair of the Diocesan Homophile Commission and immediate past Northeast Regional Vice President of Integrity, the national lesbian and gay ministry of the Episcopal Church.

“I think my election represents the feeling of the Diocese of Rochester that all gay men and lesbians are indeed children of God and have a place in our church,” said Colburn. The next General Convention will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., in July 1991. *

Judge dismisses sailor

NEW YORK — Judge Oliver Gasch dismissed the suit by Joseph Steffan, a midshipman who was forced to leave the Naval Academy after saying he was gay. At a Nov. hearing, Gasch ruled that Steffan could not go forward with his suit unless he answered questions about whether or not he had engaged in homosexual conduct before and after being discharged from the Academy.

Steffan had refused to answer the questions on the advice of his attorneys, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Lambda argued that such questions were irrelevant because Steffan had not been accused of homosexual conduct, only of admitting to being gay.

“We will appeal the dismissal,” said Sandy Low, a Lambda attorney. “Sexual conduct has never been an issue in this case, and the Judge’s dismissal of the entire suit is unfair and legally improper.” *

HRCF honors Weisel
NEW YORK — Holocaust scholar Elie Weisel received the Human Rights Campaign Fund’s Humanitarian of the Year award at the group’s eighth annual dinner. *Those who hate you, hate me,* said the Nobel Peace Prize winner. "Bigots do not stop

NGRA plans expansion
SAN FRANCISCO — The Board of Directors of National Gay Rights Advocates approved on Nov. 11 a plan for nationwide expansion of the law firm’s litigation and development projects, including the opening of Washington, D.C., office.

“This is the beginning of a new era,” said Richard White, newly elected chair of the NGRA Board. “We are putting the emphasis on ‘national’ in National Gay Rights Advocates.” A national advisory council was approved to act as a forum for national leaders to assist in planning the group’s agenda.

The Board committed to opening a branch in the nation’s capital as soon as funds are available. The San Francisco office will continue to operate at full strength and most of the executive officers of the organization will remain headquartered in Los Angeles. *

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The City Council of Madison, Wis., announced the formation of single-parent families and unmarried children under 18, but with the proliferation of non-traditional family units, the definition may have become obsolete. The City Council of Madison, Wis., approved the creation of non-traditional family units. The City Council of Madison, Wis., approved the creation of non-traditional family units.

Although Census officials still exclude most non-traditional family models from the bureau’s records, former senior demographer Paul Glick predicts a major shift in federal legal definition of family sometime after the turn of the century. Efforts in San Francisco are only a part of a national trend toward the recognition of non-traditional family units. In July, the New York State Court of Appeals held that a long-term, live-in gay couple may be considered a family under the state’s rent-control regulations. The City Council of Madison, Wis., approved sick and bereavement leave to domestic partners of city employees and extend the right of domestic partners to live in single-family zones. Supporters of the San Francisco measure termed the November 7 vote a “setback,” but consider it only “a temporary postponement” of recognition.

“People from the start of this election that those who were most likely to vote were against us,” the openly gay Britt said. “We knew we needed an extraordinary turnout to offset that relatively small, but frequently-voting group of conservatives who do not represent the San Francisco experience of inclusion, acceptance and understanding,” he added. “We launched an aggressive campaign only three weeks before the election.”

Political pundits have attributed low voter turnout to the aftermath of the October 17 earthquake that rocked the Bay area. Despite that aggressive campaign by supporters of Proposition S, “all of [the] energy and resources were diverted to assist in the city’s recovery,” Brit said.

“We have suffered a setback, but the defeat only temporarily postpones these important steps in recognizing non-traditional relationships,” Brit said. “The Mayor’s Task Force will immediately move forward.”

“We will move quickly to realize the dreams which were jolted in the election’s aftershock.”

...Chattanooga organizes

The concept that homosexuals pose a security risk is unsupported by any factual data. Homosexuals are no more a security risk, and many causes are much less of a security risk, than alcoholics and those people with marked feelings of inferiority who must brag of their knowledge of secret information and disclose it to gain stature. Promiscuous heterosexual activity also provides serious security implications. Some intelligence officers consider a senior officer having illicit sexual relationships with the wife of a junior officer or (of an) enlisted man is much more of a security risk than the ordinary homosexual. The number of cases of blackmail as a result of homosexuals is negligible. No factual data exist to support the contention that homosexuals are a greater risk than heterosexuals.”

“Since AIDS is not contagious in the course of normal occupational and recreational activity, an argument could be made that HIV-positivity is not a fair criterion for rejection for military service.”

In conclusion, the report stated, “The lessons of history tell us that the legitimacy of our behaviors, customs, and laws is not permanently resistant to change. Custom and law change with the times, sometimes with amazing rapidity. The military cannot indefinitely isolate itself from the changes occurring in the wider society, of which it is an integral part.”

...voters reject SF domestic partners

...rejected Pentagon les/gay report
**Chattanooga**

Pro-choice workshop next week

A pro-choice political skills workshop will be held in Chattanooga Saturday, December 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3242 Navajo Drive.

Sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Tennessee and Tennesseans Keeping Abortion Legal and Safe (TKALS), the agenda includes a review of local legislators' voting records on abortion, an overview of anti-abortion legislation in other states, and a discussion of anti-choice legislation expected to be introduced during the 1990 session of the Tennessee legislature.

For more information, contact ACLU at (615) 520-7142 or TKALS at (615) 327-0821.

**Theatre presents Dickens classic**

Chattanooga Little Theatre will present Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, *A Christmas Carol*, December 1-16.

Presented by a large local cast, the traditional holiday story follows the exploits of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and company.

For reservations, call (615) 267-8534.

Auditions for the upcoming production of *Cyrano de Bergerac* will be held December 3-4 at the theatre.

**Alliance plans holiday fête**

Members of the Chattanooga Gay and Lesbian Alliance will host a holiday event to collect donations for the Chattanooga Fire Department's "Toys for Tots" campaign on Saturday, December 16.

The Alliance will meet Saturday, November 25, at 7 p.m. at Shoney's near Golden Gateway for a planning session.

Call (615) 867-5911 for information.

**Memphis**

**Playhouse presents 'Annie'**

For the first time in its 15-year history, Memphis' Playhouse on the Square will present, as its holiday offering for 1989, the Tony Award-winning musical *Annie*.

The show opens at the Playhouse, 51 S. Cooper, on Friday, November 17, and continues through January 9, 1990.

Some 39 people will comprise the cast and crew of director Ken Zimmerman's production, led by Brooke Smythe and Rebecca Stolarick who will alternate in the title role.

Ron West will play Daddy Warbucks and Charles Henderson is among the show's stars.

For reservations, call (615) 320-7172.

**TNA plans march**

Nashville-based Tennessee Network for Animals (TNA) will hold a march today, Friday, November 24, in conjunction with other anti-fur marches throughout the country.

The march will begin at 11 a.m. at the Centennial Park Bandshell.

TNA will hold its December general meeting on Saturday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Boulevard.

Dedicated to the total elimination of animal abuse and exploitation, TNA works for the rights of all animals through public education, legislation and direct action, said TNA president Jonathan Kasper.

For details, call (615) 383-8516.

**Music City Rollers hit midpoint**

Music City Sports Association, is planning a fundraiser in the coming weeks.

Directed by Mark Cabus and starring Virginia Burke, Reece Paw, Edsonnya Charles and Rene Copeland, the Actor's Playhouse production will be the southeastern premiere of the off-Broadway comedy.

Curtain time tonight and Saturday, November 25 in 8 p.m., and subsequent performances will have an 11 p.m. curtain. Call (615) 327-0049 for reservations.

Tennessee Repertory Theatre will reprise its holiday musical, *Christmas Memories*, for a December 7-23 run at TPAC's Polk Theatre.

The cast, under the direction of Mac Pickle, will include a number of TRT veterans and members of the 1989-90 theatre training program.

Ginger Newman, who won the Dare First Night Award for best actress in a musical, is among the show's stars.

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Both Dillard and Rothenberg were quick to point out that they don't find fault with leaders of other organizations, saying instead that those other groups place racism very far down on their lists of priorities.

"I don't think the average gay white person really understands this. They don't seem to see the interrelationships among a lot of issues. For instance, they don't seem to be alarmed by the abortion issue. To them, what does it matter that a poor Latina mother cannot afford an abortion. What does that have to do with a gay white man making a $50,000 a year income? It's almost an utopian attitude. People cannot be selective about the kinds of oppression they choose to attack," Dillard says. "Women, Latinos, Asians, everybody shares the burden."

Both on the local and national levels, BWMT focuses on the black gay and bisexual communities, working with other groups, both social and political. BWMT considers itself just as much an anti-racist organization as it does a gay group.

Each month, the Memphis chapter holds a variety of activities to fulfill the needs of its membership, including twice-monthly consciousness raising meetings that consider various aspects of relationships, inter-raciality, racism and other aspects of gay life.

There are also social activities such as dinners, potlucks and parties designed to bring people together, and cultural activities such as museum visits and outings to performances by the Black Arts Alliance of Memphis.

While not specifically an AIDS organization, BWMT nonetheless focuses much of its energy on AIDS education and services. A grant from the Centers for Disease Control funds a subsidiary of the national organization called the National Task Force for AIDS Prevention.

Rothenberg is a member of the project management committee that oversees the administration of the grant which is a five year grant designed to provide education to black gay and bisexual men.

Its primary focus is on AIDS education, safer-sex workshops, essential prevention, behavioral modification and partnership building with other groups of similar interest.

"IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE total equality, tolerance and acceptance, people have to be willing to learn and learn and learn. And then tear up everything they've learned and go back and learn some more."

"People must not be afraid to admit they're wrong or having their consciousness level raised.

"We have to be able to say, 'Yes we are gay, we are this,' but part of the definition of our gayness is that we want to see an environment where women feel comfortable, where black people feel comfortable, where Asians feel comfortable and on and on," Dillard says. "We want to encourage an environment where human expression can feel comfortable."
We got too anxious and Metro said "Whoa." Satisfying the powers that be is no easy task... To make a long story short, we must delay our opening for a very short period of time. See next week’s issue of Dare for the official (with Metro’s blessing) opening date. Great things take time. Please bear with us!

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The eighties were not a time of innocence, but a time of sexual awakening. That decade was not only the age of AIDS but also the age of gay liberation. It was a time when the music industry embraced a new kind of sexual freedom, and when the gay community learned to love itself. Several artists emerged during this time, and many of them carried the torch of gay pride with them as they sang about love and equality.

George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley.

If the decade had its rising stars, then gay music was at the top of the heap. Now, I'm not saying that any given artist is gay if she or he hasn't already said so. After all, Liberate once successfully sued a publication for libel because it said he was gay.

The top album of the 1980s is Olivia Newton-John's "Physical," which spent 10 straight weeks at number one on the album chart. Enough said.

The top album of the '80s (and in history) is Michael Jackson's thriller. I'm certainly not saying that Michael is gay—he's got lots of money to hire libel lawyers. Besides, he gives every impression of being completely neuter. However, there was enough talk that he was gay to make it into the Timex Social Club's top dance hit "Rumors." ("Did you hear that one about Michael? Some say he must be gay.") And the fact that someone people even think is gay could be the top artist of the decade is a positive sign in this homophobic age of AIDS.

Even more heartening was the success of "That's What Friends Are For" by Dionne Warwick and Friends. Intended to raise money for AIDS research, it not only made $1.4 million, but also became the top-selling song of 1986.

The only artist to have the number one songs of two different years in the eighties is George Michael. He made the top with "Careless Whisper" in 1985 and "Faith" in 1987, and along the way became one of only a handful of artists to write six or more number one hits (all but one of which are love songs using the androgynous "you").

The top album of 1986 was Whitney Houston's self-titled debut.

But the success of such artists can hardly be said to be the best measure of the achievements of lesbian
and gay music in the eighties.
Perhaps more reflective are the successes of openly gay artists like Elton John and The Smiths. Even if listeners didn't catch on when Boy George promised to "run the gun for you" in the top 10 "Till Tumble 4 Ya," they could hardly fail to know he was gay after he said so in interviews.

And they bought his records.
The surprising success of women artists like k.d. lang, Michelle Shocked, and, most of all, Tracy Chapman. The chart-topping success of Chapman's albums, Tracy Chapman and Crossroads, cannot help but serve as an inspiration to other women singers, both lesbian and straight.

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Heroes and victims

THE PROGRESS of gay and lesbian rights in the ’80s was slow, small victories followed by small defeats. Some cities and towns passed nondiscrimination laws, but men and women continued to be brutalized because of their sexuality. Sometimes the defeats seemed insurmountable, the violence unbearable.

The heroes of the decade are the individuals who defied physical danger, risking the loss of jobs of the disapproval of families and friends to transform themselves from victims into heroes. To fight back however they could when they were attacked.

The victims of the decade, those who didn’t have a chance to fight back, should also be our heroes.

• 1980 — Cumberland, Rhode Island
Police kept reporters by DARE FILE PHOTO Eagle Scout Tim Curran.

feats seemed insurmountable, the acceptable to fellow officers and the danger, risked the loss of jobs of the majority of Mesa citizens.

Aaron Fricke playfully stuck out his tongue at the press. When he put his head on Paul Guibert’s shoulder, people stared.

Fricke had sued for, and won, the right to attend his high school senior prom with the date of his choice.

• 1982 — Boston
Christine Madsen arrived at work to discover that she had been fired as editor of the Christian Science Monitor. She acknowledged that “the attack was savage and prolonged ritual of humiliation and torture” by individuals attempting to “vent their hatred for homosexuals.”

Madsen’s attorney, Katherine Triantafilo, maintained that the fact that the monitor is published by the Christian Science Publishing Company, not the Church of Christ, Scientist itself, changes their legal obligations to employees.

“We want the court to say you can’t fire a lesbian for being a lesbian,” Triantafilo explained.

• 1983 — Berkeley, California
Tim Curran joined the Boy Scouts in 1975. By the time he submitted an application to become a scout leader, he had amassed 22 merit badges and made Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts rejected Curran’s application because they’d seen his picture in an article about gay life in the San Francisco area. Quinten Alexander, head of the local scout council, denied Curran’s claim that scout leaders feared “some kind of hanky-panky molestation on my part.”

“The only real question,” Alexander said, “is whether or not his lifestyle is acceptable in an adult leader.”

Curran decided to sue. “As a Boy Scout I learned that I have an obligation to my community — and that means the gay community.”

• 1983 — Washington, D.C.
Around midnight William Hassell stopped off for a nightclub at a bar near his apartment. Kevin Kinnahan and Matthew Warring approached him and asked him to go to a party at American University.

Instead of the party, Warring and Kinnahan drove Hassell to a secluded park where they forced him to kneel on the ground while they repeatedly kicked him in the groin, slashed his hand with a knife, urinated on him and threatened to emasculate him, or kill him.

Hassell got away after swinging a tree limb at Kinnahan and Warring. One of them chased him as he ran, naked and bleeding, through the woods and underbrush. He found a house with lights, climbed the fence, stumbled over patio furniture and beat on the door. A woman let him inside and called police.

Hassell needed two operations on his hand and another to repair damage to his genitals.

Police called the assault one of the most brutal incidents of anti-homosexual violence in memory.

Assistant U.S. District Attorney Jeffrey Behm said the attack was a “savage and prolonged ritual of humiliation and torture” by individuals attempting to “vent their hatred for homosexuals.”

Clanton and Rogers were convicted of murder and sentenced to prison terms of 15 years to life.

Those murder convictions were overturned in 1989, reduced to involuntary manslaughter. White, Clanton and Rogers were eligible for immediate release from prison.

• 1985 — Gainesville, Georgia
Bill Stewart, Jr. and Doyle Lamar Self were put on probation and ordered to perform community service and pay $1,000 each in the first sodomy trial in the country after the Supreme Court upheld Georgia’s statute criminalizing consensual sodomy.

A sheriff’s deputy found Stewart and Self having sex in a van parked in an interstate rest area.

These men were caught in the act of sodomy in a public area,” Assistant District Attorney Daniel Summer said.

• 1986 — Los Angeles
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One of their victims, John O’Connell, was knocked to the sidewalk, went into a coma and died several days later. Officials acknowledged that “the attack was unprovoked and seems clearly to have been motivated solely by mindless homophobia.” Rogers, White and Clanton were convicted of murder and sentenced to prison terms of 15 years to life.

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Mitchell said he was used to being publicly ridiculed for being gay and usually ignored rude comments. Instead of ignoring the supermarket incident, Mitchell, Tullai and Batchelor filed a lawsuit accusing the market of violating the California Civil Rights Act.

In addition to paying the men's legal fees, the store agreed to issue a formal apology and forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation.

- 1987 — Indianapolis
  A few weeks after Kathleen Sarris appeared on radio and television talk shows as president of the lesbian and gay rights group Justice, Inc., she was raped at gunpoint and beaten unconscious. The man who did it said he would turn her into a heterosexual or kill her.

- 1987 — Shreveport, Louisiana
  "As a gay man, I may be in the best position to write about the deeper prejudice that infuses this issue," David Connelly wrote in a column on AIDS.
  Connelly was the arts critic for the Shreveport Journal and the column appeared on the newspaper's editorial page. He had never before made a public declaration of his sexual orientation.
  Connelly's editor, Stanley Tiner, praised Connelly's "eloquence and courage," and added that he could recall no other "person of standing" making such a declaration in Shreveport, the last capital of the Confederacy. He said publishing Connelly's "long-silent truth would be liberating" to others.

- 1989 — New York City
  At a little past midnight, Bruce Ellerin had just finished a late run in the park. He sat down on a bench to talk with Stewart Elliot. First one youth came out of the darkness, then five or six others; eventually there was a gang of twelve.
  They yelled anti-gay slurs at the two men and told them to leave the park, then began to punch and kick Ellerin and Elliot. Ronald Meyer, sitting on a nearby bench, came to their aid. The gang punched Meyer, too, and then "just walked away as if they had done their thing for the night and it was okay," Meyer said.
  Meyer and Elliot were treated and released. Ellerin was hospitalized with a broken cheekbone. Even though most of the other park benches were occupied at the time, no one else came to help.

- 1988 — New York City
  Abductee Stephanie Riethmiller had an excellent job performance record with the MCI Communications Corporation. He had just been promoted. Then he was fired by a new boss who said that co-workers objected to Gatten's homosexuality.
  Gatten sued MCI, charging that the company had violated the city's statute that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation. Gatten's settlement with MCI led the company to issue a written prohibition against such discrimination throughout its nation-wide operations.
British issue germanium warning

by JACKI MOSS
Staff Writer

A letter from the British government recently warned British physicians of severe, possibly fatal side effects associated with germanium, a dietary supplement sometimes taken by people with AIDS.

Germanium may be called germanium sesquioxide or Ge-132. According to the letter, it may cause renal failure and death, in the worst cases, and other severe conditions as well. It also stated that the British Department of Health has found no evidence of nutritional value or health benefits in germanium.

If you have had difficulty or been rejected in applying for ddl treatment, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund may like to hear from you. The organization is collecting data on the ddl application process and may be reached at (212) 995-9585.

People with AIDS must be constantly vigilant against contracting opportunistic infections and diseases. To assist in the battle, the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) National AIDS Information Clearinghouse (NAIC) has made available a 15-minute videotape on cooking, preparing and avoiding possible food-borne diseases for people with AIDS.

The video discusses which foods to avoid, proper cooking techniques, eating in restaurants, eating while travelling and avoiding contamination in the kitchen.

Individuals and organizations may obtain a free copy of the video by calling NAIC at (800) 458-5231 or writing NAIC at P.O. Box 6003, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.
PAGES

Dead lovers and witchhunts


HALLOWED MURDER. Ellen Hart. Seattle: Seal Press, 1989. 244 pages. $8.95, paper.

reviewed by SHERRIE DRYDEN

Book Editor

HALLOWED MURDER and THE BEVERLY MALIBU are both good mysteries. But really, it's unfortunate that having a dead lover to long for — two or three times a novel — seems to have become part of the formula for lesbian detective stories.

It will be interesting to see what Katherine V. Forrest does about Kate Delafield's rather self-pitying reminiscences of Anne, now that she's left Kate solve the mystery and get the girl in THE BEVERLY MALIBU. Maybe she'll leave the longing to Ellen Hart's Jane Lawless, who actually manages to miss her lover Christine without being annoying.

Forrest, a long-time favorite of mystery fans, and Hart, a newcomer to the genre, both provide what I find essential to a good mystery novel — an intricate and well-crafted puzzle, a compelling sleuth and interesting, well-developed auxiliary characters. Both writers are more than competent, and certainly superior to many mystery writers published by the mainstream press. It's exciting that both choose to create lesbian sleuths and to be published by the feminist press.

The Beverly Malibu is an apartment building, the site of the gruesome murder of B-movie director Owen Sinclair. In a twist on the English house-party mystery, Forrest limits the suspects to the building's residents with a device only slightly less artificial than the English house-party itself.

Hazel Turner, the eccentric manager of the building, is a stickler for security. When Owen Sinclair couldn't find his keys, Hazel insisted that the outside locks be changed, but considered it Owen's own foolishness when he refused to put a new lock on his own apartment. Thus, no one from outside could enter the building, yet anyone inside might have Owen's house key.

As a fan of house-party mysteries, I enjoyed the time Forrest could spend on her characters and their intrigues and inter-connections, time that isn't usually available in police procedurals. I also think the device was a wise idea given the character of her murder victim.

Owen Sinclair was a reprehensible man, despised by nearly everyone he came into contact with. Forrest needed an artificial limitation on the suspect pool to keep the plot from getting out of control.

Although the evidence is all there for Kate (and any experienced mystery buff) to solve the puzzle, the solution is not obvious and Kate needs one moment of light-dawning for all of the pieces to come together. Unfortunately, that moment is based on an assumption that's just plain silly. To say more will give the story away, but Forrest could have easily done better.

She could also have done better in presenting Kate's thoughts on lesbian politics and coming out, THE BEVERLY MALIBU is a highly political book, as much about the results of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's communist witchhunts, the Hollywood blacklist and informing on colleagues to save oneself as it is about the mystery of Owen Sinclair's murder.

Forrest's position on the subject is clear, and there is a message, too, in her opposition of those who have been persecuted as communists in the name of patriotism with gay men, lesbians and, particularly, people with AIDS. As obvious as Forrest's mission is — there is even a note about further reading at the end of the novel — she is never heavy-handed. The issues are presented and examined through dialogue and action, rather than exposition, so one never feels she is reading a treatise instead of a novel. Kate's personal views, on the other hand, are often conveyed as statements of the narrator and so seem less natural and more didactic.

HALLOWED MURDER is equally entertaining, with plenty of sub-plots and red herrings, so I was pleased to read that Hart is working on a second Jane Lawless mystery.

Jane is a restaurant owner — plenty of possibilities for murder plots there — with a slightly too caustic sidekick, theater director Cordelia Thorn. In Hallowed Murder, Jane gets involved when she finds Kappa Alpha Sigma sister Allison Lord's body in the river. The police aren't even sure Allison's death was murder, and if it was, they tend to suspect her lover, Emily Anderson, Jane, an alumna adviser to the college sorority, is determined to uncover the truth.

Hart is especially good when it comes to plotting. By the end of the novel, the solution is well supported, but still unexpected. The near comedy-of-errors ending, particularly, keeps the reader on edge, even after the murderer is revealed. Hart overdoes the impression of mysterious foreboding surrounding the characters a bit; her tie-it-all-up explanations of the actions at the end of the novel are somewhat anti-climactic.

Hart's characterization of Cordelia, on occasion truly a thorn in Jane's side, is the one element in Hallowed Murde that could be a problem in future novels. Cordelia is evidently meant to be a crab with a heart of gold, conclusion-jumping counterpoint to Jane's orderly rationale.

The reasons she behaves as she does, and thus the reasons her character exists in the novel, are more often inexplicable. She's a promising character, but out of control. Hart needs to use her more deliberately than she has in Hallowed Murder.

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Hearing the music

by JEFF ELLIS
Editor

DURING THE PAST several weeks, members of the Dare staff have been hard at work to bring you our eight-week retrospective of the 1980s called, appropriately, "eighty-something." As you might have guessed, that's brought about a lot of reminiscing and remembering on our part, as we've struggled to come up with interesting stories that accurately reflect the way we were in the '80s and that capture the essence of our times.

This decade has been one of many changes, not only for our staff members, but for the lesbian and gay community as a whole, so we have a number of stories yet to come.

But for me, personally, nothing has brought back so many memories as this week's story about the music of the '80s. (Let's face it, when you hear an old song, you almost always think back to the time you first heard it.) When I was asked what song typified the '80s to me, I really had several choices, because I lived most of the decade in Memphis and Nashville, and so the decade is compartmentalized, the different years are memorable for different reasons.

When I first started going out to the bars, my first trip was to one in Nashville. It was here that I first learned about the social implications of lesbian and gay life - you know, how to cruise someone in the bar and how to get rid of them the morning after - and whenever I hear 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' by Diana Ross, my memory takes me back to Warehouse 28 and the throngs of people flocking to the dance floor.

But the song that really typifies Nashville in 1981 to me is a song by AIBBA. I can't remember the name to save my life, but to me, that song was what dancing in a queer bar was all about. I never heard the song on the radio, but when I heard it, I headed to the dance floor. It's a bittersweet memory (It's hard to realize what an incredible time it was) Despite all the changes, not only for our staff members, but for the community, we act, what we think and feel. But a more important point is that so many people seem to think that a relationship, gay or straight, means someone on top and someone on bottom.

So why would two lesbians or two gay men want to have anything to do with one of the most oppressive systems around? As a couple there are certain things that my lover David and I want to share. Time together. Interests. Friendships. We already know the worst that heterosexual relationships have to offer - inequality and oppression. So why would two lesbians or two gay men want to have anything to do with one of the most oppressive systems around? We have a number of stories yet to come. We might not even be allowed to visit each other. More immediately, I was hoping to take college courses this summer, but can David and I, as a couple, count on being able to use married student housing at any college I might go to? Or would we, because we are gay, be forced to live separately? In other words, if I want to go away to school and want the same services other students get, I might not be able to get them. For us going away to school as a couple would be more difficult and costly because we are gay.

Now there are legal ways around most, but not all, of this. Wills, powers of attorney and probate forms. But after all is said and done it still would be a relationship that is legalized in spite of the community we live in instead of with its help.

It's still second class citizenship no matter how you look at it. Slowly we are beginning to get our rights here and there across the country. But there is a growing number of people who oppose our rights to state- or church-sanctioned relationships.

We are a threat to the family. A threat to its oppressive male-oriented foundation. A threat to its dominance-oriented mentality. To its set rules and regulations.

But IN SPITE of what marriage and family has grown to represent to many of us lesbian and gay people, marriage, church unions or domestic partnerships are options we can keep the best of relationships going while we toss out what isn't of any value. As time goes on and lesbian and gay relationships in all their different forms are recognized by city and state governments, churches and organizations like the California Bar Association, we will help redefine marriage. Redefine relationship. What I hope people will learn form watching us is that we bring more to relationships than the roles we are supposed to play, or the clothes we're supposed to wear. •
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Personal

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- Dear Nashvillians: Don’t eat at Noodles Restaurant. Tacky people work there. Ta, ta, Lady A. — Memphis.
- Scottie, Joe and Joel: Do you miss us as much as we miss you? We think the beach is calling our names... (901) 423-1609.

Loose Lips

Sandra on the waterfront

"I don’t consider myself to be a racist and I don’t suppose many people do — even racists. Some people enjoy their racism. Racism is hatred to me, and I don’t think I have hatred. I grew up in a small town in the South, and life there was pretty strange for everybody."
— Singer Dianne Davidson, responding to charges that she made racist comments at the Michigan Women’s Music Festival last August.

"When gays 'act up', lock 'em up!"
— Unsigned poster found at Yale University.

"I have a good understanding of the needs of the lesbian and gay community. I also have a good understanding of how the Democratic Party operates. I hope to combine my knowledge to make some concrete headway."
— Jean O'Leary, executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates, commenting on her appointment to the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic National Committee.

"Many studies have discovered a close link between prejudice and 'patriotism'. Extreme bigots are almost always super-patriots."

"Sex education classes in our public schools are promoting incest."
— More rantings from televangelist Jimmy "Motel 6" Swaggart.

"I listen to the feminists and all these radical gals — most of them are failures. They're blown out. Some of them have been married, but they married Casper Milquetoast who asked permission to go to the bathroom. These women just need a man in the house. That's all they need. Most of these feminists need a man to tell them what time of day it is and to lead them home. And they blew it and they're mad at all men. Feminists hate men. They're sexist. They hate men — that's their problem." — Jerry Falwell on feminism.

"Women have babies and men provide the support. If you don't like the way we're made you've got to take it up with God."
— Phyllis Schlafly, the total woman, on the birds and the bees — and women and men.

"Men are attracted to serve in the military because of its intensely masculine character. The qualities that make [men] courageous soldiers — aggressiveness, risk-taking and enjoyment of body-contact competition — are conspicuously absent in women."
— Phyllis Schlafly, again. Obviously she doesn't know the same women we know.

"I think contraception is disgusting — people using each other for pleasure."
— Joseph Scheidler, director, Pro-Life Action League.

"Ooh, yuck! Sex for pleasure? Give us a break, Joe."
— I don’t think Christians should use birth control. You consume your marriage as often as you like and if you have babies, you have babies."
— Randall Terry, pro-lifer and philosopher.

"We will certainly deal with Russell again."
— Marshall Herskovitz, executive producer of the ABC-TV series thirtysomething, commenting on reports that several advertisers had pulled their support from a recent episode that dealt with two gay characters.

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