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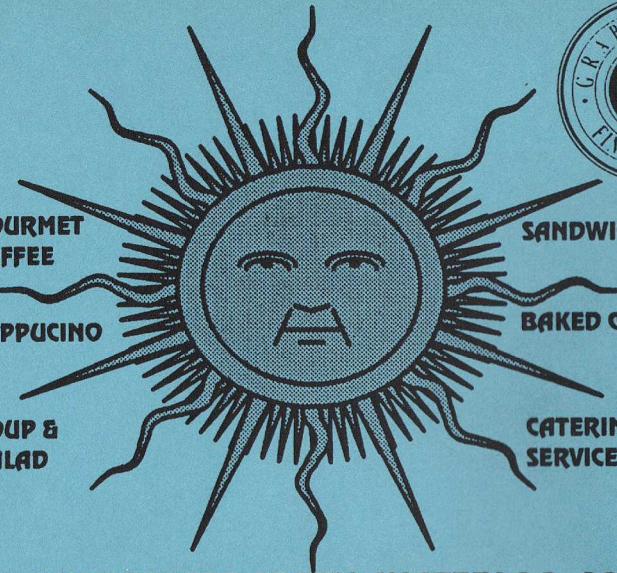
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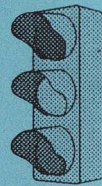
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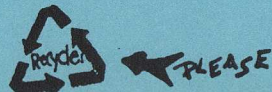
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HOUSE VOTES TO BAR GAY MARRIAGES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Washington (CNN): After an impassioned debate fraught with biblical quotes and gay-baiting allegations, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly July 12 to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman - excluding same-sex unions from recognition under federal law.

Under the measure, passed 342-67, states could still legalize gay marriages, but other states would not have to honour them.

President Clinton is prepared to sign the bill if it passes the Senate and reaches his desk in acceptable form, a spokesman said. Clinton has said he does not believe in same-sex marriage, and White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the president "has very strong...personal views" on the subject.

However, McCurry said Clinton believed the measure was politically motivated.

"I think, in fact, it is gay-baiting, pure and simple," McCurry said, adding that the Republican sponsors were "raising an issue that doesn't arise anywhere."

Under the bill, gay couples would be ineligible for spousal benefits under the

Social Security and Medicare programs and any other federal benefit program reserved for heterosexual married couples.

The so-called Defense of Marriage Act was introduced by conservatives to head off the possible results of a court case that could lead Hawaii to become the first state to legalize same-sex marriages.

Supporters of the bill said they feared if Hawaii were to free to recognize gay marriages, the Constitution would then require all other states to accept such marriage performed in the state as legal.

Rep. Bob Barr, (Georgia), the bill's sponsor, said that with the Hawaiian case on the horizon, "the very foundation of our society" is at risk.

"As Rome burned, Nero fiddled," Barr declared during a heated floor debate. "...The flames of hedonism, the flames of narcissism, the flames of self-centered morality are licking at the very foundation of our society, the family unit."

But Rep. Barney Frank, Democratic (Massachusetts), one of Congress' three openly gay members, argued it was silly to claim that gay relationships threaten traditional marriage.

"I find it implausible that two men who decide to commit themselves to each other threaten the marriage of people who live two blocks away," he said.

Some House Democrats waged a bitter fight against the bill, accusing Republicans of trying to whip up anti-gay hatred among voters to persuade them to vote for GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole.

"This is nothing more than election year pandering," Rep. Martin Meehan said. "This will prevent or stop nothing, but it does effectively divide people in America...and that's exactly why it's wrong."

But Rep. Tom DeLay (Rep. Texas), who

supported the bill, said polls in Hawaii and across the country "show that a majority of people don't support legalizing same-sex marriage."

McCurry pointed out that the Hawaii case is not yet law and has been sent back to a lower court. "It's classic use of wedge politics designed to provoke anxieties and fears."

As to why Clinton would sign the measure if the White House believes it is gay-baiting, McCurry said the president has to act consistently with his own personal views.

Republican Patricia Schroeder (Colorado), called the bill an outrage. "If you think there isn't enough hate and polarization in America, you're going to love this bill."

The measure could run into problems in the Senate, where Senator Ted Kennedy is expected to add a measure barring employment discrimination against gays.

Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott said that due to scheduling problems, a vote was not expected in that chamber until September.

TAIWAN TO SEE FIRST GAY WEDDING

Taiwan (OUT.com): Reuters reports a Taiwanese man will marry his American boyfriend on November 8, in what is believed to be the island's first public gay wedding. Gay writer Hsu Yo-shen planned to announce the wedding on a radio show funded by the Taipei city government.

The radio station plans to broadcast the wedding live, and the couple will ask Taipei city mayor Chen Shui-bian to host the ceremony. No indication was given as to whether the mayor would accept the

invitation. The wedding is ceremonial since Taiwan doesn't recognize gay marriage, but the significance of the event is huge in the newly liberalized country.

The Taipei city-funded station began airing a daily radio program devoted exclusively to lesbian and gay subject matter on July 1. Sex-related topics, particularly those touching on gay or lesbian issues, have long been considered taboo on the conservative island.

A recent influx of liberal Western ideas, coinciding with the end of martial law in 1987, has changed social mores, according to Reuters. Taiwan set up its first gay church and founded its first gay and lesbian magazine earlier this year.

STATE POLICE CRUSH BULGARIAN GAY ORGANIZATION

Bulgaria (OUT.com): Bulgarian gay men and lesbians, clustered around the country's first independent gay publication, "Flamingo," are accusing the state police of illegal harassment and intimidation reminiscent of the Cold War. The state sanctioned campaign against gays reached a new level of violence when the magazine's offices were stormed by police on July 10.

Bulgaria was admitted to the International Lesbian and Gay Association in 1990, and has played an active role in strengthening ties between nascent gay organizations in former Warsaw Pact countries and their more mature counterparts in Western Europe and America.

According to most accounts the efforts initiated by the "Flamingo" group became a part of the country's general

liberalization. The group claims greater public acceptance of homosexuality as a result of its efforts, or as the Bulgarians put it, a wider social embrace of "people with double feeling."

Coupled with wider acceptance, however, are increasingly aggressive police actions by "marauding bands of officers operating outside the law," according to Angel Bliznachki. Bliznachki dispatched an appeal over the Internet, seeking political asylum from "crudely fabricated accusations" levied upon him by authorities in Sofia.

Bliznachki claims police have confiscated card files, correspondence, computer equipment, advertising materials, merchandise, and sealed the centre after a rude and "demonstrative arrest" of the magazine's staff. Employees have been coerced, says Bliznachki, into supplying false evidence and confessions. The next day, he says police expanded their raids into the countryside with names confiscated from the magazine's records.

MICROSOFT APOLOGIZES

(GLINN.com): Microsoft Corporation issued a public apology in Spain and Mexico for a Spanish-language version of a software product that offered "savage" and "man-eater" as synonyms for the word "Indian." The problems turned up in the thesaurus for Microsoft Word 6.0, a word processing program. Other synonyms included "vicious" and "inverted" for homosexual and "vicious and "pervert" for lesbian. Microsoft apologized in a press release in Mexico City and also took out newspaper ads in Mexico and Spain promising to make new software available for free.

GAYS EJECTED FROM BOSTON CLUB AWARDED \$10,000 EACH

Boston (OUT) The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the state's civil rights watchdog agency, has ordered a former nightclub owner to pay a gay man and two lesbians \$10,000 each for emotional distress suffered when they were tossed out of the club six years ago.

Mary Bonauto, an attorney with Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders said the MCAD award was the first in the state involving anti-gay discrimination in public accommodation. "These rulings show that non-discrimination laws have vitality in the 1990s. Both stand for people being treated equally and eliminating any double standards," she said.

"We're saying if you open your business to the public, then you must serve the public," MCAD Commissioner Charles Walker, told Reuters. He said the \$10,000 payment per person "is a dollar figure based upon the assault of their dignity as human beings."

Richard Creswell of Scituate, Mass., Kelly McSorley of Boston, and Jacqueline Stoll of New York City, were in a small group of gay men and lesbians at the 'Stocks and Bonds Restaurant and Bar' in 1990. The Boston nightclub closed two years later.

According to court records, the group danced and "demonstrated physical affection" attracting negative attention from other patrons. When Creswell and his partner, Jamie Pierce, kissed, a police officer on paid private detail grabbed Creswell by the neck, lifted him off the floor and pushed him out the door. Other bouncers then tossed out McSorley and Stoll. Said Creswell of the decision, "It's

been an awful long time in coming, but it definitely was worth the wait...there's a feeling of vindication."

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN DISMISSED OVER ANTI-GAY REMARKS

Orlando, FL.: The Orlando Sentinel reports Sheriff Kevin Beary of the Orange County Sheriff's office has dismissed the Reverend John Butler Book, a volunteer chaplain notorious in the central Florida community for his anti-gay bias.

Book recently went out of his way to condemn a deputy in the Sheriff's department for attending a gay pride parade in June. He has long been harshly critical of gay people and has stated publicly they should undergo therapy to become heterosexual.


An editorial carried in the July 26 issue of the Sentinel praised the move, saying "It's easy to see why Mr. Book was

dismissed. What's tough to understand is why he was ever recruited as one of the agency's 40 chaplains.


The deputy's attendance at the pride parade, said the paper, is a matter of public service and should be considered by all in the community as the routine fulfillment of an officer's responsibilities.

Said the Sentinel, "Book's public intolerance casts an unfair shadow on all deputies who must be counted on to protect residents, especially people most likely to be targets of persecution."

The paper said that by their very nature, "chaplains are expected to have the genuine compassion necessary to comfort all people who have been affected by tragedy. Mr. Book's overt disdain for a segment of the population makes him inappropriate for the job."



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POSSIBLE 12TH VICTIM OF VIRGINIA SERIAL KILLER FOUND

Chesapeake, VA: The Virginia Pilot reports a nude body found early July 22 on the shoulder of a dead-end road in Deep Creek, near Chesapeake, could be the 12th victim of a serial killer who has preyed on transient and gay men since 1987. The latest victim was identified as Andrew D. Smith, 38, of Portsmouth.

Members of the multi-agency Serial Killer Task Force were summoned to Yadkin Road near Interstate 64 and George Washington Highway, shortly after the body was discovered by a utility worker. They were joined by other Chesapeake detectives and at least one agent from the FBI, which has been assisting in the investigation.

No official link has been made to the serial killings of 11 men said spokeswoman Elizabeth Jones, but the case "bears many similarities" to the others. The victim was male and found nude on a roadside in a rural section of the city. Nearly all the other victims were found in Chesapeake. Only the first victim linked to the other murders was found clothed. Police have not located clothes or property belonging to the other 10 victims. Most were dumped within a few miles of where Smith's body was found.

None of the victims, including the most recent, have shown signs of overt trauma. The cause of death of the 11 known serial-killer victims has been strangulation. The remaining two may have been strangled, but the bodies were too badly decomposed when found for investigators to be sure. Police would not speculate on how Smith died.

Nearly all the serial killer's victims were last seen in Norfolk's Ocean View, downtown, or in the Truxtun section of Portsmouth, where police say Smith lived with his family. Many frequented late-night hangouts, and several had stayed in Norfolk's Union Mission. Most victims were gay or had ties to the gay community. The similarities in the victims' lifestyles first tipped off police that the murders were linked.

GAY ATTENDANCE SOARS AT CENSURED BAPTIST CHURCH

Granville, OH: Members of the First Baptist Church thought they were doing the right thing when they decided to open their doors to gay and lesbian parishioners. But their decision led to formal censure and removal from the Columbus Baptist Association.

The Reverend George Williamson Jr., the church's pastor, told the Associated Press their removal from the Columbus Baptist Association was the best thing that ever happened to the parish. Since being ousted, attendance is up 60 percent, and the church has been enriched by a more energetic and enthusiastic congregation. Gay men and lesbians from all over the state - many made to feel unwelcome in their own churches - call it their new home.

The Columbus Baptist Association, which represents 33 American Baptist churches in central Ohio, voted to condemn the church in January 1995. In June of that year, the association voted 101-34 to revoke its membership.

The church's journey toward acceptance of gay men and lesbians was not a simple one, said Williamson, but he cited a number of factors that helped the church

gradually down the path: a youth group's work with a gay advocacy group at Denison University, was one; the CBA's refusal to ordain a First Baptist member who wanted to minister to gay men, lesbians and church members with gay relatives, was another.

Matt Hartfield told the Associated Press he 'came out' nine years ago, but felt the acceptance at First Baptist long before the final vote. He felt a public stance was crucial. "The people who have been out as long as I have are pretty secure," he said. "But the kids, almost all of them talk about...suicide and wondering if it was just easier to die than having to live as a gay person...if the church isn't going to speak out about that, who is?"

GAYS BANNED FROM BOOK FAIR

Zimbabwe (Reuter): The Zimbabwe government has banned a gay and lesbian organization from taking part in an international book fair despite an earlier decision to let them participate.

Government spokesman Bornwell Chakaodza said the ban is to protect and guarantee "the cultural health of the country from...erosion."

This is the second time that the government of President Robert Mugabe - who described homosexuals as "worse than dogs and pigs" - has barred the group from participating.

Keith Goddard of the Gay and Lesbian Association said his organization will defy the ban.

See update....>>

ANGRY CROWD TRASHES GAY STAND AT ZIMBABWE FAIR

Zimbabwe (Reuter): An angry crowd burnt literature on homosexuality and trashed a stand mounted by gays and lesbians at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF) in Harare, witnesses said.

Four members of the Gays and Lesbians Association of Zimbabwe (GALZ) had left the stand 15 minutes earlier, driven away by the crowd of about 60 mostly young black Zimbabwean men, some of whom threatened to beat them up.

Ignoring a ZIBF staffer, the crowd tore down posters, burst the pink balloons which adorned the stand and overturned tables.

One assailant set fire to pamphlets on GALZ and homosexuality. The fire was put out by book fair staff.

This was the second time in two days that an angry crowd has stopped GALZ from exhibiting at the fair, after the association won two court battles to overturn a government order barring it from taking part.

GALZ administrator Keith Goddard told reporters his group had scored a victory in its fight for the right to free expression because it had managed for the first time to exhibit its material at the fair, regarded by many local and foreign publishers as the most prestigious in sub-Saharan Africa.

"Last year, we couldn't do that. So this is a victory for us," he said as he and his colleagues beat a hasty retreat from the fair.

To deflect public attention from them, fair organizers moved the GALZ stand away from the center to a secluded section guarded by private security officials after some foreign exhibitors near their stand complained they had lost business due to

the disruptions.

Several major international exhibitors - notably the Frankfurt Book Fair - said they were considering boycotting the ZIBF due to the continuing furor over GLAZ.

Last year, the government of President Robert Mugabe - who described homosexuals as "worse than dogs and pigs" entitled to no rights at all - barred the group from taking part, sparking international outrage from organizations of gays and lesbians.

**NEW STUDY:
HOMOPHOBIA LINKED TO
SAME-SEX DESIRE**

Washington, (OUT.com): Knight-Ridder Newspapers report heterosexual males who demonstrate a profound hatred of gay men are likely to have gay tendencies themselves, according to the results of a new study.

Researchers at the University of Georgia at Athens compared two groups of men who said they were heterosexual, but who expressed different degrees of hostility toward gay men. Henry E. Adams, a research professor of psychology at UG told Knight-Ridder the study results suggest "these guys despise in others what they see in themselves."

The study, reported in The Journal of Abnormal Psychology, confirms what has long been assumed in the gay and lesbian community: namely that homophobia and same-sex attraction are inextricably linked. Adams said the idea that homophobia is associated with homosexual arousal dates back to Sigmund Freud, but that no one had ever bothered to study it before.

Of the two groups of straight men, one was homophobic - defined as having an

irrational fear and hatred of homosexuals and a dread of being close to them - and the other group was not. When scientists exposed both groups to heterosexual, gay and lesbian erotic videos, over half the men in the homophobic group showed arousal to videos showing gay sex, while less than a quarter of the non-homophobic group were similarly aroused.

Adams said that while the study was based on a group of college students, and the results are not conclusive, the research provides valuable insight into the complexity of human sexuality. "All of us have affections for people of the same sex, as we do for people of the opposite sex," Adams told Knight-Ridder. "Whether that translates into arousal is another story altogether."

The study defines homophobia as "the dread of being in close quarters with homosexual men and women as well as irrational fear, hatred and intolerance by heterosexual individuals of homosexual men and women." The researchers note this type of aversion is much more emotional than those who feel homosexuality is morally wrong or socially undesirable. They define such responses - which are essentially intellectual - as "homonegativism."

**LESBIAN COUPLE LEGIT:
SAYS LAWYER**

Same sex couples are like heterosexual couples in every way and should have the same protection if one partner falls on hard times because of a split, the court of appeal was told.

Lawyer Martha McCarthy, acting for a woman called M, asked the three appeal court judges to "take a step back and look

at the big picture" in deciding whether Ontario's Family Law Act ought to include same sex couples in its definition of "spouse" in need of support.

"This is about access to justice," she said. "It's about deeming an entire class of persons strangers to the law."

McCarthy is defending a lower court's ruling that M is entitled to apply for support from her former lover, H, an advertising executive with whom she had a relationship with for about 10 years. During that time they started a business and bought property together.

In February, Justice Gloria Epstein ruled the Family Law Act violates the Charter of Rights by saying only heterosexual couples can sue for support.

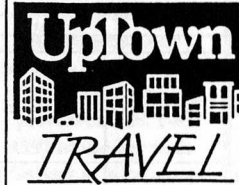
Epstein said M - and any other partner in a same sex relationship - is entitled to ask for support.

McCarthy told the court that M and H had "lived together in a conjugal relationship, (they) were emotionally tied, they celebrated anniversaries, they slept in the same bed and had sexual relations, they discussed problems and provided each other emotional support...objectively...they were similar in all relevant ways to heterosexual couples."

She said in the waning years of the relationship, H drew money out of their account and "called it salary," and locked M out of their houses in Toronto and in the country.

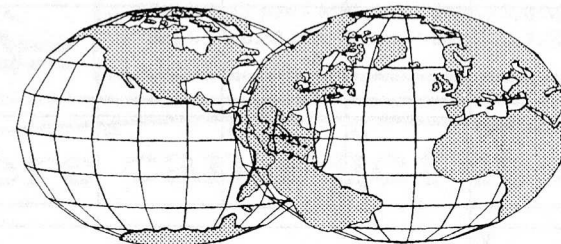
Meanwhile, assistant Crown Robert Charney defended the legislation, saying if lawmakers wanted to include same sex couples in their definition of spouse, they would have said so.

Tracy Nescdoly, (Toronto Sun)



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Learning Together About HIV Psychosocial Impact of HIV Disease



Living with HIV disease is not easy. The physical challenges posed by the virus itself and the infections that emerge as the immune system fails are numerous, debilitating and unpredictable. The long term effects of living with these challenges is extremely stressful - not only physically, but psychologically.

The stress of living with HIV disease is not simply the stress of living with a chronic life-threatening condition. It is the stress of living with a disease that is stigmatized by our society. The link between HIV and persons and activities that are considered undesirable or unacceptable remains in the minds of many people.

Like syphilis, and to some extent alcoholism, moral meaning has been attached to this physical condition. And it is the stigma of HIV disease that has the most negative impact on the lives of many persons living with HIV.

In her works, AIDS and its Metaphors, Susan Sontag writes: "Getting cancer... is sometimes understood as the fault of someone who has indulged in 'unsafe' behavior - the alcoholic with cancer of the oesophagus, the smoker with lung cancer : punishment for living unhealthy lives. But the unsafe habits associated with cancer...are the result of weakness of the will or a lack of prudence, or of addiction to legal (albeit very

dangerous) chemicals. The unsafe behavior that produces AIDS is judged to be more than just a weakness. It is (considered) an indulgence, delinquency - addictions to chemicals that are illegal and to sex regarded as deviant."

According to Health Canada, in its publication *Ending The Isolation*, "Because of the social stigma associated with HIV, infected individuals are often denied the comfort and support society otherwise gives to those who are seriously ill. The extreme stress of HIV disease has produced hitherto unseen levels of denial, distress, anxiety, anger, guilt, disruption and confusion."

In the 1980s, when HIV was first identified on this continent, people who belonged to specified "Groups" were seen as the only ones "at risk" for contracting the disease. Homosexual men were the first to be identified, followed by injection drug users and immigrants from countries where the disease was considered endemic. The majority of cases occurred in gay men, and the disease was initially named Gay Related Immune Disease (GRID). At the time, the belief that this illness only struck men who had sex with other men seemed to be the natural conclusion.

We are now well into the second decade of the epidemic of HIV disease in North America, and the reality that HIV is a virus that is transmitted via blood and blood products, and is sexually transmitted (both homosexually and heterosexually), is well documented scientifically. And yet, in the minds of many people, the stigma

attached to HIV disease and its relationship to the people considered to be on the "margins" of society (gay men, injection drug users, sex trade workers) remains. The recent, and dramatic, increase in the number of HIV positive people who identify heterosexual activity as the route of transmission has done little to shift old perceptions to the new reality: HIV can happen to anyone.

The terminology applied to those people infected via blood/blood product transfusions or through mother to infant transmission, the "innocent victims", implies that those who become infected via sexual or injection drug routes are guilty of acquiring the virus. Compassion, or the lack thereof, is often dictated by how a person became ill - not by the reality that they are ill.

Multiple Loss

To date, the majority of persons living with HIV and AIDS are homosexual men. The losses experienced by individuals who identify as gay, and their community as a whole, have been monumental over the last decade and a half. For many in the gay community, HIV and AIDS has become synonymous with "multiple loss."

For some gay men, diagnosis of HIV infection has meant disclosure of their homosexuality to parents and other family members, which has resulted in condemnation and exclusion from their families of origin.

In an article entitled *AIDS Observations of a Hospital Chaplain*, written by Douglas Graydon, and published in the *Journal of Palliative Care* in 1988, the author speaks to this isolation

and loss of family: "At a time of great vulnerability, the patient is often challenged by family and friends to justify and defend issues of acceptance, sexual behavior, and moral responsibility. While in greatest need of nurturing and support, the patient can instead experience the trauma of alienation because of fear and ignorance of homosexuality, and of illness and death. The patient, who has to deal with rejection and alienation from society because of sexual orientation most of his life, now confronts these issues again with little or no control over them."

Thus, individuals with HIV disease not only have to confront all the losses associated with life-threatening illness; loss of future, career, body image and comfort, quality of life and social interaction, loss of future... they often must deal with the loss of family. This has also been true for gay persons who have identified a family of choice - friends or lovers within their community whom they have adopted, in the absence of a supportive family of origin. It is not unusual to hear gay men talk of losing ten to fifteen close friends over a period of five years. They have watched as the people they spend Christmas with, their bowling team, and the people they vacation with, have all died.

In addition to the losses mentioned above, there is one loss that in many ways is unique to those living with HIV - the loss of human touch. Persons living with HIV have talked about the intense sense of aloneness they feel when they are treated "like lepers", and only touched with a gloved hand. They comment on feeling like, and being treated like, a walking, talking germ. Whether it is fear of infection or simply lack of knowledge that prevent caregivers or family members

from touching a person with HIV or AIDS, the result of not being touched can be emotionally devastating. An HIV positive man from Edmonton spoke of how he felt when his sister wouldn't hug him anymore or let his nephews sit on the sofa next to him: "So much has changed in my life since I was diagnosed, but I never thought my family would change: change how they respond to me as a person they say they still love. I used to get a hug every time I came over for a visit, and the kids would be all over me...it felt so welcoming. Now there is no hug at the door, and although they deny it, my nephews look scared when I'm around. And there's no more play. Babies die of failure to thrive when they don't get enough attention or human contact...well, it's killing me too."

Lovers, Family and Friends

Friends, lovers, spouses, parents and caregivers are all identified as persons who are affected by HIV. Although not infected, people who are affected by HIV are often immersed in the reality of living with the same stigma, isolation and fears that the HIV positive person does.

Partners or spouses must confront their own fears of infection, fear of death and questions around their own competency to provide care to a person who is dying. When the HIV positive partner is ill, the caregiver's work is exhausting, both physically and emotionally, and the knowledge that they are going to lose the person they care for the most in the world is devastating.

Parents and family members often become the caregivers for people who do

not have a partner or spouse. Again, all the fears experienced by partners can be felt by parents, sisters, and brothers. For many parents, the task of caring for a son or daughter who is dying is complicated by the strong sense that "children aren't supposed to die first."

In many cases, the parents of HIV positive persons will experience guilty feelings of somehow being responsible for their child's lifestyle or sexual orientation. If they had previously rejected their son or daughter, the guilt is compounded. The stigma associated with HIV/AIDS also has a significant impact on the parents, often leading them to lie to their friends about the cause of their child's illness.

"It's far better to have the help of friends and neighbours to care for a son who is dying of "leukemia", than to be left alone with no support caring for a son who has AIDS." (father of a person living with HIV)

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'Stonewall' Shows the Bonds of Gay Love in a Divisive Era

by Kevin Thomas (LA Times)

On the evening of June 28, 1969, the police conducted one of their routine raids of Greenwich Village's Stonewall Inn, a seedy, Mafia-controlled hangout for drag queens.

Maybe it was the heat, maybe it was Judy Garland's funeral, just held uptown, that provided the crucial spark. But this time the queens, so long at the mercy of the underworld and a corrupt brutal police force, stood their ground and fought back. After five days of rioting, the modern gay liberation movement was born, and the way gay men and women, not only drag queens, perceived themselves would be changed forever.

"There are as many Stonewall stories as there are drag queens in New York," says LaMiranda (Guillermo Diaz). "This is my legend." This is a shrewd, terms-defining opening for "Stonewall," a movie in which events building up to the riots provide the background for two love stories.

Ideally, Martin Duberman's landmark work "Stonewall," in which the

lives of six actual individuals unfold against a complex and detailed social history, should have laid the foundation for a monumental documentary. This film instead is a self-described "fictionalization" of Duberman's book, written by Rikki Beadle Blair.

Since the Stonewall riots were as major an event in the lives of gays as Rosa Parks' refusal to sit at the back of that Montgomery bus was for blacks, Blair and her director, the late Nigel Finch, could not hope to please everyone, especially on a relatively modest budget. Except for a crucial lapse in the way the riots are depicted, they have by and large succeeded in what they set out to do. They've done their homework, touched lots of bases and shown how severely the lives of all gay men and women were proscribed before Stonewall.

The arrival of Matty Dean (Frederick Weller) in Greenwich Village sets the story in motion. He's a brash, headstrong young man who's come to New York to participate in a groundbreaking gay rights demonstration to be held in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall. It is to be a sedate, dignified affair, sponsored by pioneering gay rights organizations. Matty innocently enters Stonewall, gets caught in a raid and winds up in a romance with gutsy LaMiranda, who bravely withstands humiliation from the cops.

Matty also becomes involved with a handsome, preppy type (Brendan Corbalis), a participant in the Philadelphia demonstration. Meanwhile, Vinnie (Bruce MacVittie), the mob guy who runs the Stonewall, is deeply in love with the striking, witty, tough-minded Bostonia (Duane Boutte), a tall, muscular drag queen who is den mother to the Stonewall ladies. (Although this is fictional, some of

the Mafiosi, according to Duberman, did in fact become involved with their clientele.) One of the film's key inspirations is to punctuate the film's various episodes with lip-sync drag choruses, performed by Bostonia, LaMiranda and others.

Because Matty is the film's key figure, it's too bad that, as played and written, he couldn't have had more charm and less obnoxious presumptuousness. (It would have been a big help had Weller simply not required to adopt a grating drawl.) Yet Weller is fine when his role permits, and he's surrounded by some knockout actors. Boutte and MacVittie dazzle as the heartbreaking couple they portray, and the handsome Diaz is the film's linchpin as the resilient yet vulnerable LaMarinda.

Peter Ratray is outstanding as a trim, well groomed, middle-aged gay man, the innately conservative leader of an early homophile group. (The real-life counterparts of Ratray's character did not look kindly upon the Stonewall riots and the formation of the defiant Gay Liberation Front that followed.)

Loaded with vintage songs and carefully detailed, "Stonewall" looks and sounds great and creates an entertaining

meld of fact and fantasy with a sure-fire mix of humour and pathos.

Lamentably, however, it devotes only its final five minutes to the riots themselves and then only their onset, never suggesting, even via a printed statement, their scope, duration and enduring significance. All the gay men and women who joined the brave drag queens in standing up for their rights at Stonewall deserve more commemoration than this short shrift.

There is strong language, some nudity and some discreet lovemaking.

Starring Guillermo Diaz as LaMarinda, Frederick Weller as Matty Dean, Brendan Corbalis as Ethan, Duane Boutte as Bostonia and Bruce MacVittie as Vinnie.

A Strand release of a BBC Films and Arena NY presentation. Director Nigel Finch, Producer Christine Vachon, Executive Producers George Faber and Anthony Wall. Screenplay by Rikki Beadle Blair. Cinematographer Chris Seager. Editor John Richards. Costumes Michael Clancy. Music by Michael Kamen. Production Designer Therese DePrez and Set Decorator Charles Ford.

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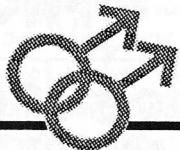
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WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE SYMBOLS?



The Pink Triangle

The pink triangle is easily one of the more popular and widely-recognized symbols for the gay community. The pink triangle is rooted in World War II times, and reminds us of the tragedies of that era. Although homosexuals were only one of the many groups targeted for extermination by the Nazi regime, it is unfortunately the group that history often excludes. The pink triangle challenges that notion, and defies anyone to deny history.

The history of the pink triangle begins before WWII, during Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Paragraph 175, a clause in German law prohibiting homosexual relations, was revised by Hitler in 1935 to include kissing, embracing, and gay fantasies as well as sexual acts. Convicted offenders - an estimated 25,000 just from 1937 to 1939 - were sent to prison and then later to concentration camps. Their sentence was to be sterilized, and this was most often accomplished by castration. In 1942 Hitler's punishment for homosexuality was extended to death.

Each prisoner in the concentration camp wore a coloured inverted triangle to designate their reason for incarceration, and hence the designation also served to form a sort of social hierarchy among the prisoners. A green triangle marked its wearer as a regular criminal, a red triangle denoted a political prisoner. Two yellow triangles overlapping to form a Star of David designated a Jewish prisoner. The pink triangle was for homosexuals. A yellow Star of David under a superimposed pink triangle marked the lowest of all prisoners - a gay Jew.

Stories of the camps depict homosexual prisoners being given the worst tasks and labours. Pink triangle prisoners were also a proportionally large focus of attacks from the guards and even other inmates. Although the total number of the homosexual prisoners is not known, official Nazi estimates were an underwhelmingly 10,000.

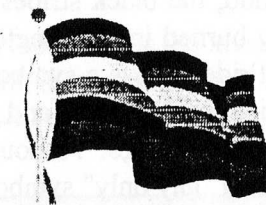
Although homosexual prisoners reportedly were not shipped en masse to the death camps at Auschwitz, a great number of gay men were among the non-Jews who were killed there. Estimates of the number of gay men killed during the Nazi regime range from 50,000 to twice that figure. When the war was finally over, countless many homosexuals remained prisoners in the camps, because Paragraph 175 remained law

in West Germany until its repeal in 1969.

In the 1970s, gay liberation groups resurrected the pink triangle as a popular symbol for the gay rights movement. Not only is the symbol easily recognized, but it draws attention to oppression and persecution - then and now. In the late 80s, ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) began using the pink triangle for their cause. They inverted the symbol, making it point up, to signify an active fight back rather than a passive resignation to fate. Today, for many the pink triangle represents pride, solidarity, and a promise to never allow another Holocaust to happen again.

Like the pink triangle, the black triangle is also rooted in Nazi Germany. Although lesbians were not included in the Paragraph 175 prohibition of homosexuality, there is evidence to indicate that the black triangle was used to designate prisoners with anti-social behavior. Considering that the Nazi idea of womanhood focused on children, kitchen and church, black triangle prisoners may have included lesbians, prostitutes, women who refused to bear children, and women with other "anti-social" traits. As the pink triangle is historically a male symbol, the black triangle has similarly been reclaimed by lesbians and feminists as a symbol of pride and solidarity.

Reportedly, the burgundy triangle may have been used to designate transgendered prisoners. Unfortunately, no one has yet to find a resource to substantiate this suggestion.



The Rainbow Flag

The rainbow flag has become the easily recognized colours of pride for the gay community. The multicultural symbolism of the rainbow is nothing new - Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition also embraces the rainbow as a symbol of that political movement. The rainbow also plays a part in many myths and stories related to gender and sexuality issues in Greek, Native American, African and other cultures.

Use of the rainbow flag by the gay community began in 1978 when it first appeared in the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Borrowing symbolism from the hippie movement and black civil rights groups, San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker designed the rainbow flag in response for a need for a symbol that could be used year after year. Baker and thirty volunteers hand-stitched and hand-dyed two huge prototype flags for the parade. The flags had eight stripes, each colour representing a component of the community: hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sun, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit.

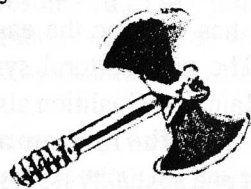
The next year Baker approached San Francisco Paramount Flag Company to mass-produce rainbow flags for the 1979 parade. Due to production

constraints - such as the fact that hot pink was not a commercially-available colour - pink and turquoise were removed from the design, and royal blue replaced indigo. This six colour version spread from San Francisco to other cities, and soon became the widely-known symbol of gay pride and diversity it is today. It is even officially recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers. In 1994, a huge 30-foot-wide by one-mile-long rainbow flag was carried by 10,000 people in New York's Stonewall 25 Parade.

The rainbow flag has inspired a wide variety of related symbols, such as freedom rings, and other accessories. There are plenty of variations of the flag, including versions with a blue field of stars reminiscent of the American Stars and Stripes and versions with superimposed lambdas, pink triangles or other symbols.

The Victory Over AIDS Flag modifies the rainbow flag by adding a black stripe at the bottom. Suggested by a San Francisco group, the black stripe commemorates those we have lost to AIDS. Sergeant Leonard Matlovich, a much-decorated Vietnam Veteran dying of AIDS, proposed that when a cure was eventually found, the black stripes should be removed from all the flags and ceremoniously burned in Washington, D.C.

The Leather Pride Flag is a symbol for the leather community. The flag was created by artist Tony DeBlase and first displayed on May 28, 1989, at the Mr. Leather contest in Chicago. Although the flag is often common in the gay community, it is not a "gay only" symbol.



The Labrys

The labrys is a double-sided hatchet or axe commonly used in ancient European, African and Asian matriarchical societies as both a weapon and a harvesting tool. Greek artwork depicts the amazon armies of Europe wielding labrys weapons. Amazons ruled with a dual-queen system in which one queen was in charge of the army and battle, and the other queen stayed behind to administer the conquered cities. Amazons were known to be ferocious and merciless in battle, but once victorious they ruled with justice. Today, the labrys is a lesbian and feminist symbol of strength and self-sufficiency.

In addition, the labrys also played a part in ancient mythology. Demeter, the goddess of the earth, used a labrys as her scepter. Rites associated with the worship of the Demeter, as well as Hecate (the goddess of the underworld), are believed to have involved lesbian sex.



The Astrological Sign of Mercury

The astrological sign of Mercury is traditionally the symbol of transgendered peoples. In Greek mythology, Hermes (the Greek version of the Roman god Mercury) and Aphrodite (the goddess of love) had a child named Hermaphroditus. That child possessed both male and female sexual organs, hence the term hermaphrodite. Also, rituals associated with the worship of Aphrodite are believed to have been highly sexual, involving castration, transvestism, and homosexual relations.

In the symbol itself, the crescent moon at the top is supposed to represent the masculine, and the cross at the bottom represents the feminine. The ring represent the individual, with the male and female balanced at either side.

* Another obscure symbol from the 1970s is the lavender rhinoceros. Supposedly used as an activist symbol, it was chosen because the rhino is generally a peaceful animal, but when provoked becomes extremely ferocious.



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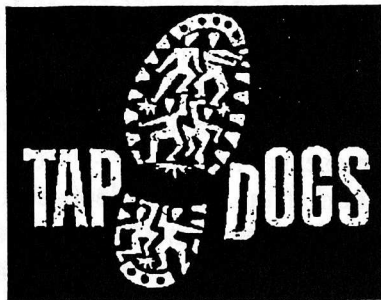
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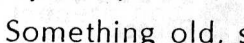


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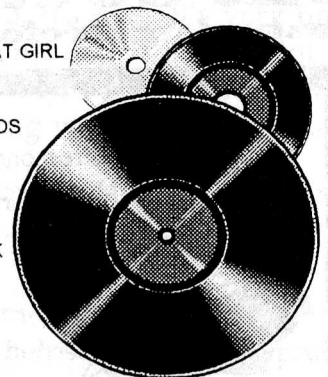
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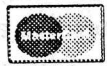
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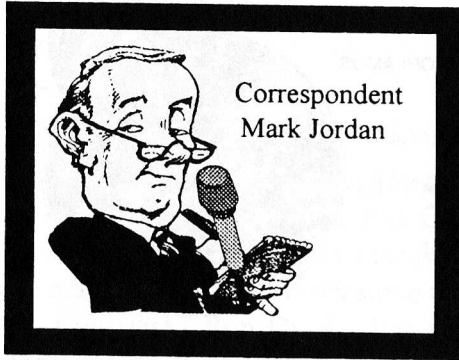
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VOCAL FOCUS

The OUTLOOK Interviews Featuring Professionals in our Community



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This is the first of a regular feature in OUTLOOK that brings members that work in the community to your eyes....This issue we chat with Walther Aguilar (Diva), disc jockey at Club Renaissance on Thursdays and Sundays to tell us a little bit more about himself. The interview follows.....

MJ: How long have you been playing music here?

WA: I've been at Club Renaissance since February of this year.

MJ: How do you like it?

WA: I love it! The people are nice and you get to know a lot of the people within the community.

MJ: How many people would you see here on a Thursday night?

WA: We get about 200-250 through the doors on nights like

this.

MJ: And you know most of them?

WA: Yeah, that's the good thing about being a D.J., you know everyone.

MJ: What do you do when you're not playing music?

WA: On my off time, I work at the GAP- a clothing store, and I do a little modelling.

MJ: What are your aspirations towards the club scene?

WA: Right now, I'm just doing it for fun....I don't see a future or career in it for me.

MJ: What about the club kids that come here on a regular basis?

WA: People are starting to get more involved. They're starting to realize that this is a serious dance club....more people are giving the community support.

MJ: What's the most popular music you play on a Thursday night?

WA: A lot of house, underground house, and a lot of you know, Eurobeat.

MJ: How old are you?

WA: I'm twenty-one.

MJ: I notice a slight accent when you speak?

WA: I'm originally from El Salvador...I'm a spanish boy.

Salvador...I'm a spanish boy.

MJ: How long have you been in Canada?

WA: I came here in 1988 - I did my high school here.

MJ: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

WA: Well, next year I'll be attending college and I'm going into marketing management, I want to become a marketing director.

MJ: Where's that going to lead you?

WA: I'd like to get involved in fashion with marketing. It's something I've been interested in for a long time, and involved in.

MJ: What would you say to someone who is interested in getting involved in being a disc-jockey?

WA: First, you've got to be a people person, you've got to like people.

MJ: How did you get started in club music playing?

WA: At first, I was joking around, saying that I wanted to be a D.J., and little did I know I would start training on Wednesdays, for about three weeks, and then I was on for

Thursdays and from there, I've developed and learned new things. I also had a good teacher, Jayson Spank, he trained me well.

MJ: It's not for everyone is it?

WA: No, it's not! It's very time consuming and it takes a lot of money. You've got to make sure everything you play, people will dance to.

MJ: What about the music? Do you have to buy it or is it supplied to you?

WA: Some of it we buy, and some the club helps out. I've got a pretty good selection now.

MJ: Thanks for chatting Walther and I'm sure we'll see you soon for more great tunes and dance greats!

WA: Ciao!

"Diva", appears at Club Renaissance, on Thursday and Sunday nights.

***Jayson Spank appears Friday and Saturday nights and compiles the dance music top fifteen list called - SPANK'D & RANK'D for OUTLOOK Magazine
Thanks to both D.J.'s***

-M.J.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Most people are about as happy as they make their minds up to be.

- Abraham Lincoln

TRAVEL

SPA VACATIONS: A Wellness Trip May Just Be The Ticket



If you have grown bored of your vacation choices and have expressed apprehension over taking yet another city hopping, plane jaunting trip, consider a relaxing spa-fitness oriented vacation as a unique and viable alternative.

One of the wonderful advantages of booking a spa or fitness retreat is the numerous options that are available. It really doesn't matter what your geographical preference, be it the peace and solitude of the mountains in the Berkshires to the crystal clear Pacific Ocean of the Hawaiian Islands.

Whatever your interests, fitness goals, budget, timetable, or desires, there are numerous options available that can be customized to suit your most discriminating tastes.

Ask yourself a few questions:

What do you expect to accomplish?

Is the goal to lose weight, begin a weight training program, better handle stress, learn time management skills, or learn how to prepare healthy low-fat cuisine.

Do you have any preferences on the type of atmosphere you would enjoy?

Are you looking for lots of activities, classes, individual instruction, fitness analysis, a full schedule of timed events, an all one gender environment, or do you mind mixing?

What time-frame do you have available?

There are spa programs that can be as short as a day program to seven night stays.

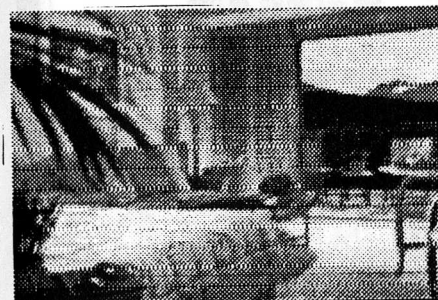
What is your budget?

Remember a spa visit doesn't have to break the bank. Programs can be had for a few hundred to several thousand dollars for deluxe accommodations loaded with plenty of spa treatments and physical activity.

Probably more than any other community in the world, the gay and lesbian community values health and fitness.

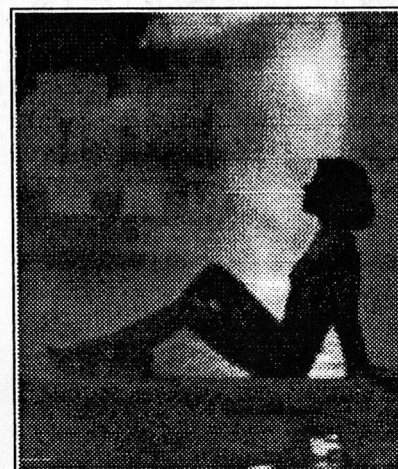
Today's spa resorts and holistic retreats are beginning to diversify their marketing focus to include gay men and lesbians. Several offer programs exclusively devoted to gay men.

Many choices of spas and fitness retreats exist, offering superlative services and extraordinary facilities welcoming the gay and lesbian consumer.



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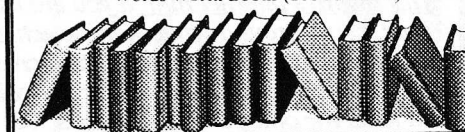
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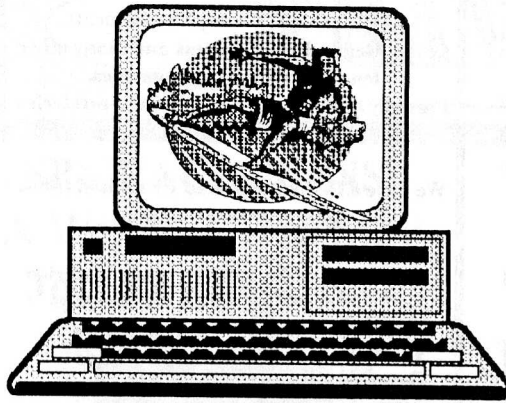
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by Jools

Links to check out this month:

- 1) THE LATE SHOW- <http://www.cbs.com/lateshow/>
 - Top Ten List/Dave's best lines of the week/Faces of Dave (guest pics)
 - even includes a section on all of the people who make up The Late Show
 - as a Letterman fan, I found this to be a highly entertaining page. I think you will agree that this web site is "diggity-dank"!
- 2) THE TONIGHT SHOW-<http://www.nbc Tonight Show.com/>
 - daily joke from his nightly monologues
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 - this page leaves a lot to be desired, especially compared to Letterman's
- 3) HOTSHEET-<http://www.tstimpreso.com/hotsheet/>
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-gives a history of who she is, what she's done, and what she hopes to do

This month's Internet hint: If you are using Netscape as your browser, moving your mouse around while waiting actually loads and starts a Java applet quicker than staring blankly at the screen!!! P.S. Don't forget to send us your favorite web pages (e-mail us at: outlook@easynet.on.ca), so we can pass them on to all the other Outlook readers. See you next month and Happy Surfing!

The Adventures of Catherine and Via



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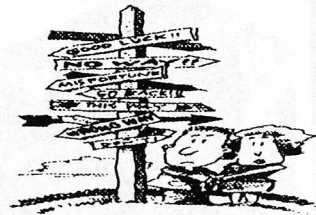
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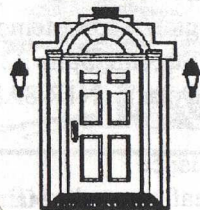
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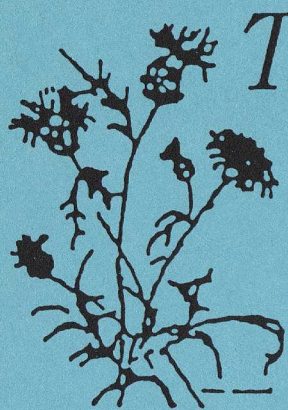
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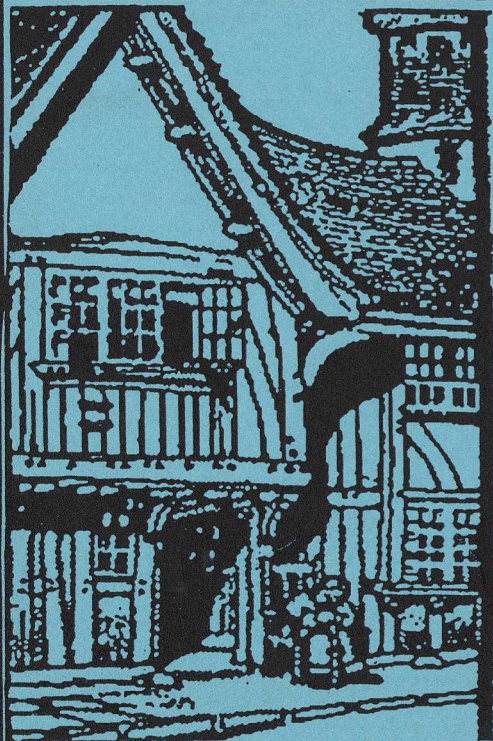
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