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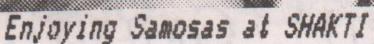
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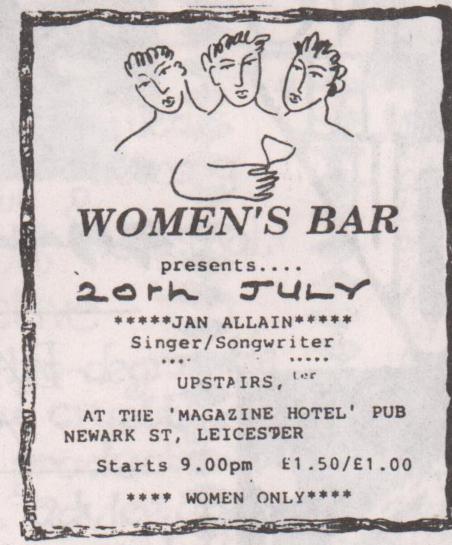
Hello, sorry we missed you last time, Let's start by looking at some new Eartha Kitt joins up with Bronski Beat to sing CHA CHA HEELS on 7" 12" and C.D. The Bee Gees have a new one out called ONE. If you like HNG records take a listen to DIVINE from Mike Hammer and LONDON TOWN from the London Boys, For more quieter moments two records that I think will be really big are DAYS from Kirsty MacColl and one of my favourite people, the outrageous Bet Midler with a song called WIND BENEATH MY WINGS from more new records this month as there is nothing worth writing about, music in the charts is bland and repetitive and that is why I use a lot of I cannot believe that intelligent people really buy some of this garbage. Some of the few exceptions to the rule are things like MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY and STURMS IN AFRICA, stuff that is really good are Donna Sugger, Sinitta and a new record called YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME LOVING YOU from

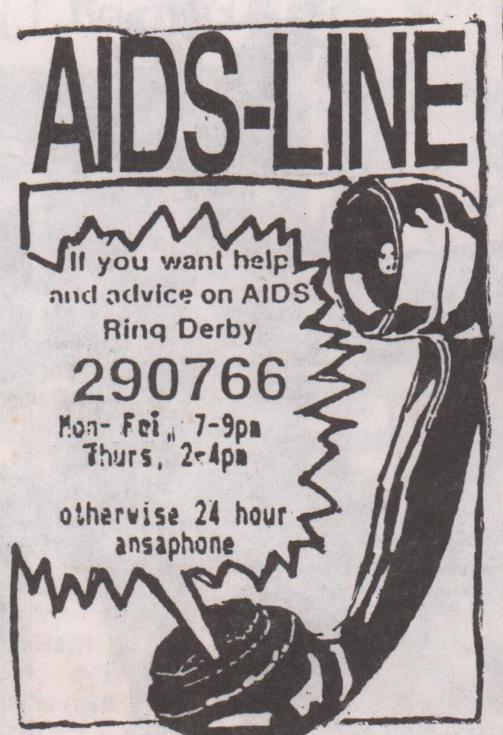
am sure that the top 50 is not a true reflection of the record buying public's

O.K. let's get down to a bit of gossip, Bobby Brown is in England on tour at the moment and attended a music awards ceremony and upset quite a few people by his rude behaviour and the presence of his heavy bodyguards. He has been paid a lot of money for a bit part in Ghost Busters II, which features his new record, Pat Butcher nee Wicks was spotted on the town with her other half attending an Agatha All I'm saying is the other half was not Frank, What a lovely lady she is, I think she is one of the best actors in Eastenders. How very nice it is to see Val Lehman (Bea Smith) here in England, I was hoping she would give me an interview as I know how many of you are Cell Block addicts like me, but I hope to catch her in one of her personal Wouldn't it have been nice if Lizzy could have been here too, Maybe she'll be the next one to come over,

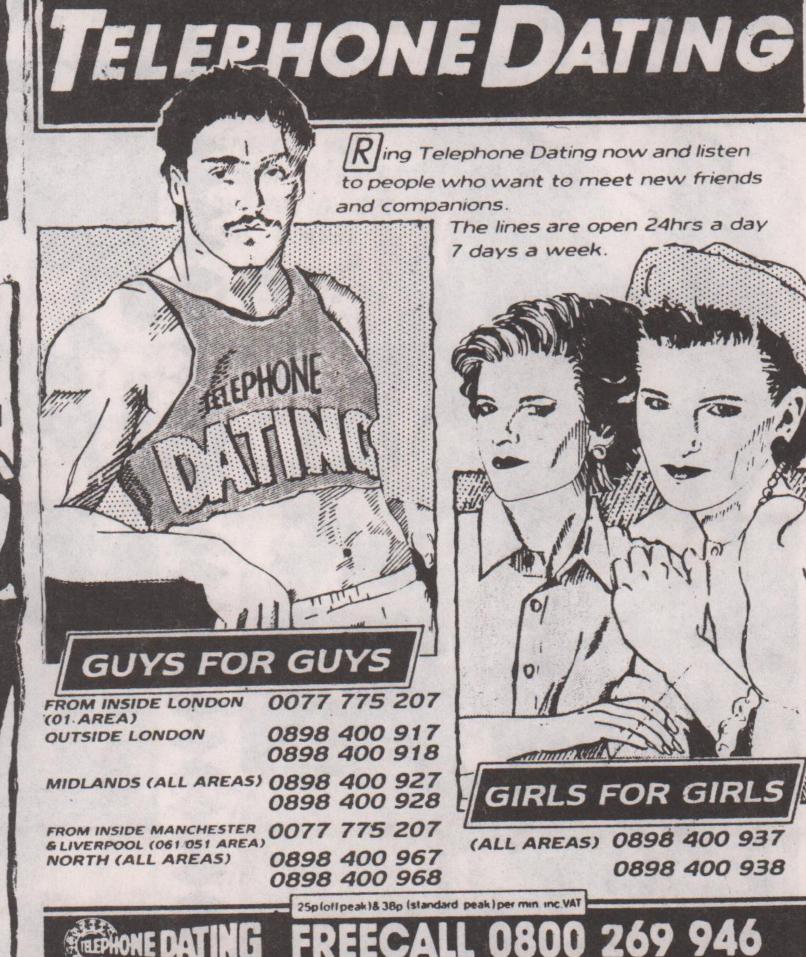
Michael Jackson is to play the Russian poet Pushkin in a film and has persuaded Marion Brando to play his dad,

Our old friend Madonna has told friends she and Warren Beatty are getting married, I wonder if she will, Keep your ears in tune and remember Cell Block is the real business,







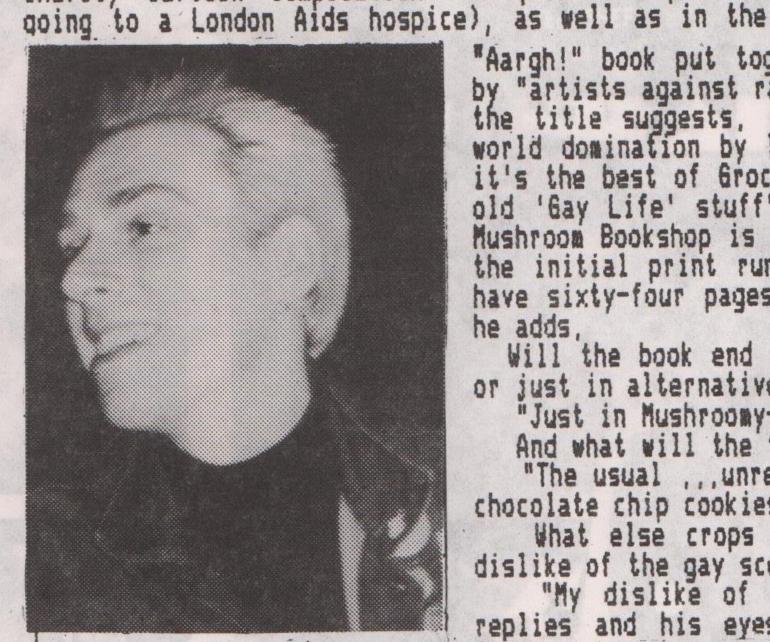


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It's been two years since Metro Gay last talked to our very own home-grown gay celeb, the fab and groovey illustrator Groc, Our intrepid reporter RICHARD SCHOLEY tracked down this elusive style-guru to his bed-sit in downtown Nottingham to find out what our self-proclaimed "media bomb" has been up to since those early days when we all thrilled to his crucial cartoons in the Manchester-based monthly 'Gay

Life' magazine, Well, the man's output is now prolific, Not only does he continue to hit the target with his regular slot in 'Gay Life' (now relaunched under the new title of 'Scene Out'), he has had his finger in many pies. In addition to holding his own "Groc Master Class" workshops for the recent lesbian/gay arts exhibition in Nottingham, there has been an exhibition of 32 Groc originals at his old art college in Mansfield, while on the publishing front Groc's progress towards megastardom has unstoppable. His cartoons have appeared in (deep breath) a book for teenagers published by Virago, the "The Truth", the now defunct Viz-style comic lifestyle comic magazine, "Heartbreak Hotel", charity cartoon compilation "Strip Aids' (profits





"Aargh!" book put together in protest at Section 28 by "artists against rampant government homophobia" as the title suggests. And now the next step towards world domination by 1992 - the Groc book, it's the best of Groc for the past two years and the old 'Gay Life' stuff", says Groc, Mushroom Bookshop is putting up the money for it and the initial print run is for three thousand, It'll have sixty-four pages and sell at about £3 a copy, " he adds,

Will the book end up on the shelves of W.H. Smith

or just in alternative bookshops?

"Just in Mushroomy-type places", he informs us, And what will the theses be in this retrospective? "The usual ...unrequired love and the delights of chocolate chip cookies!

What else crops up time and time again, ... your

dislike of the gay scene?

"My dislike of the Nottingham gay scene!", he replies and his eyes mist over as he bemoans the

passing of Part Two and the Garage, two legendary clubs from the city's distant past. One thing that crops up regularly in Groc's cartoons down the years is the fact that his characters are always noseless,

So why dont you put noses on them, Groc? "Don't know", he beams. Come on you dont get out

of it that easily,

"I honestly dont know! (He giggles nervously), "People say it's because I can't draw noses, but I can really! The real reason is probably deeply And no, I haven't got a castration Freudian, complex!", he protests,

But back to the book - is he confident of

shifting the first three-thousand?

"Hope so, It'll be out in October, just in time for the Xmas rush, It's an ideal stocking filler!"

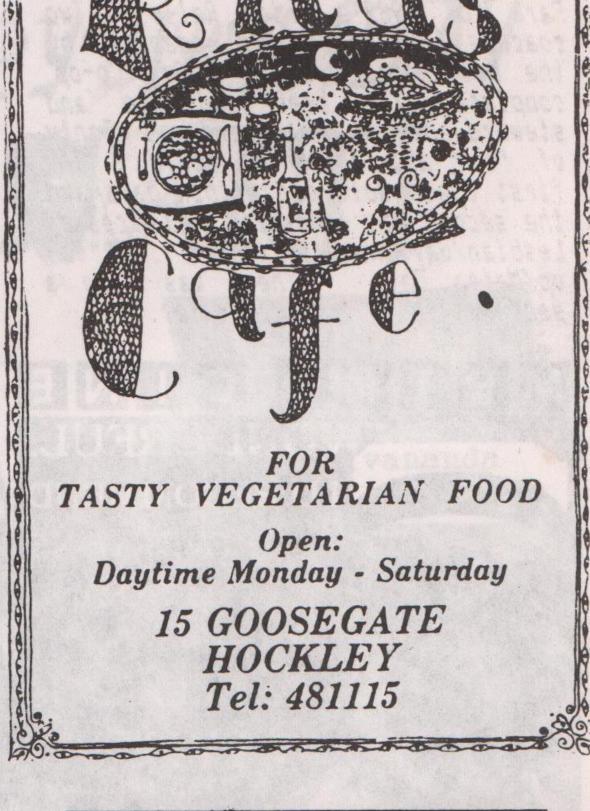
Groc is currently trying to get back into College to complete his formal artist's training. He'll know in June whether he's been accepted by the Chelsea College of Art to study for a three-year course leading to a BA in Graphic Design and Illustration.

But if he's not accepted for the course he has another project up his sleeve, It goes under the name of 'Kiosk', Freviewed recently in London as part of a performance art showcase at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, it was made in collaboration with a friend, who composed the accompanying atmospheric music, 'Kiosk' is a bold experiment in musical theatre, a fusion of words, dance and sound performed against a highly visual backdrop created by Groc himself, who sees this venture into costume and set design as "leading the post modernist revival", Ideally Groc would like to take 'Kiosk' on tour, performing it in shopping centres around the country - or shopping malls, as he prefers to call them, He enthuses at this point about an American phenomena that has yet to cross the Atlantic but which has clearly caught his imagination - huge 'theme' shopping malls, Shopping then is evidently a major preoccupation for our favourite cartoonist, But how, we asked, can he be into shopping so heavily when he's got so little money?!

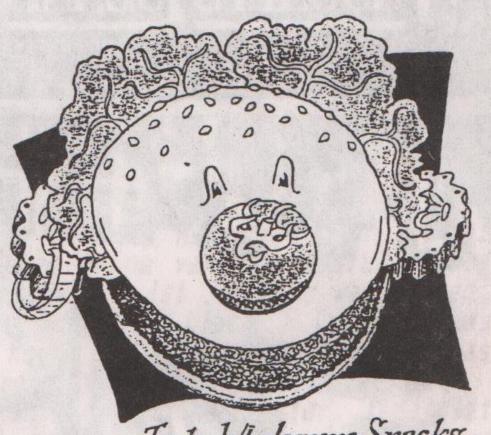
he laughs, "Er, , well, , I'm into window shopping! There's this leading post modernist and one of his key phrases is; "There's no place to go but to the shops!" Groc pauses then announces, "I'm a mall rat, A mall rat leaving the sinking economy!", And on that watery note we say farewell to Groc until our paths next

cross, We wish him luck in his future plans,









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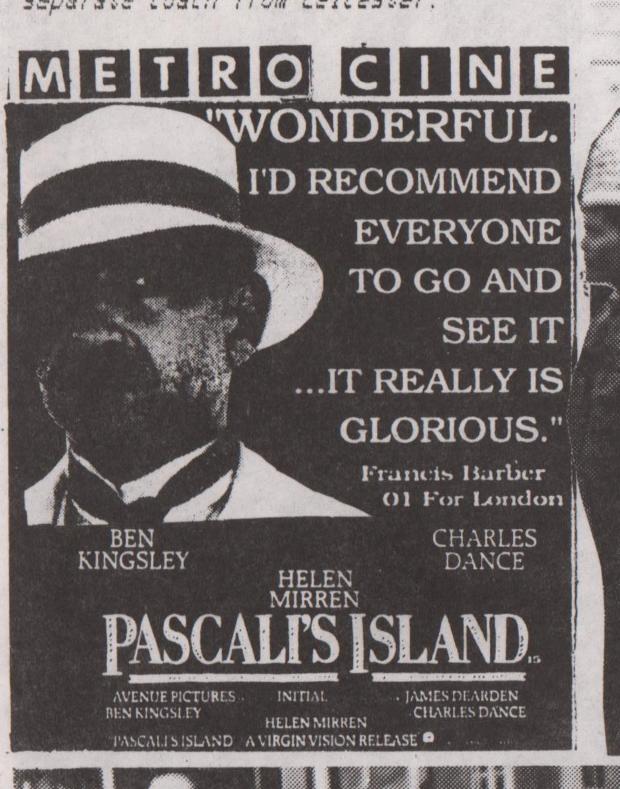
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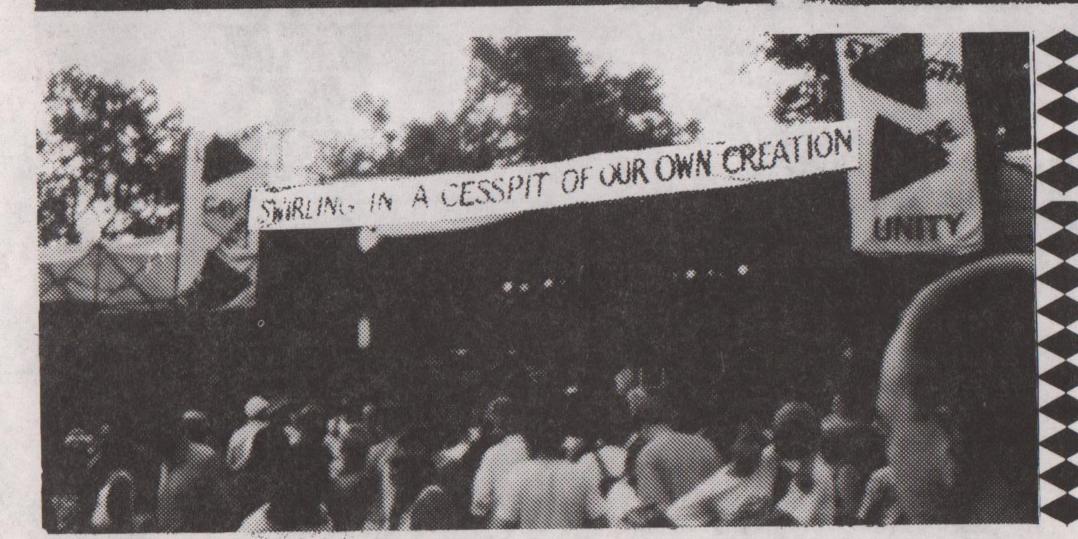
Over 30,000 people packed Kennington Fark for 1989's fride Rally, Two coaches from Nottingham organized by the Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Co-op, complete with beer and pop and steward ensured that there was plenty of food and drink on board. The first coach sold out within days and the second was sponsored by Leicester Lesbian/Gayline-Nottingham Co-op/Metro Gay, There was also a separate coach from Leicester.













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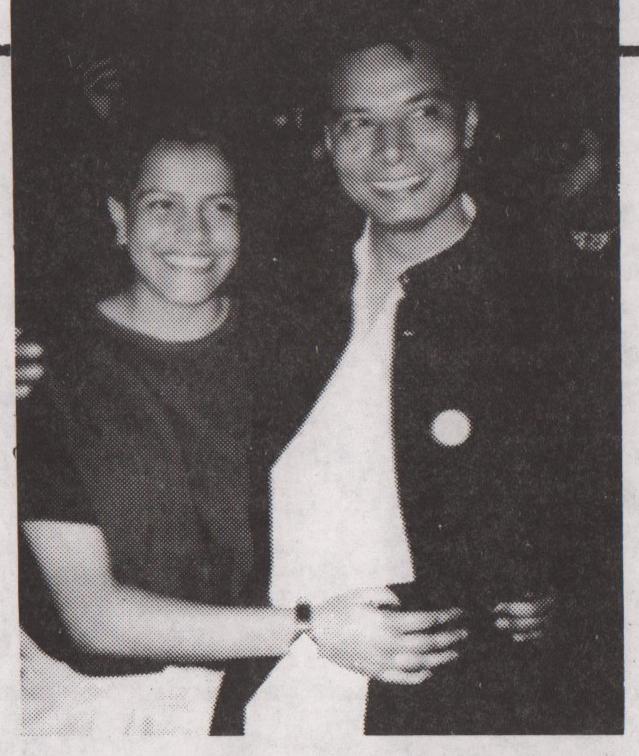
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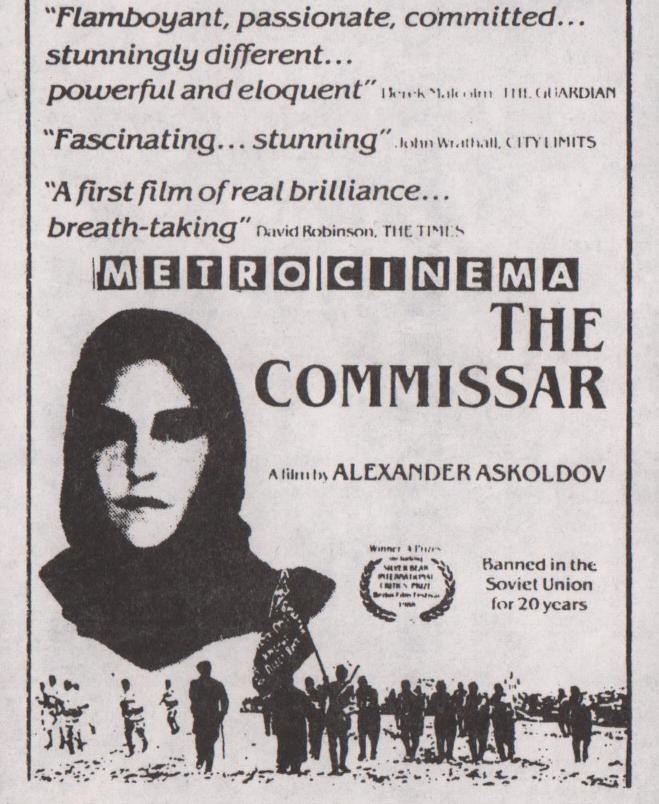
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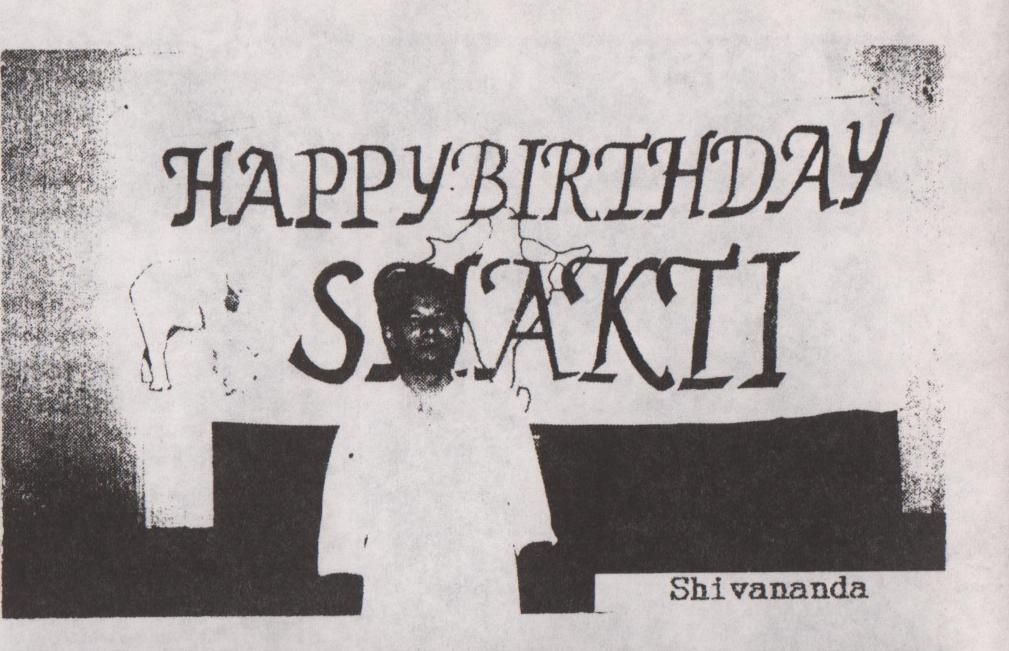
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ANNE FRANK in the WORLD



An autumn touring exhibition about an ordinary Dutch family, murdered by the Nazis in World War II is to come to Nottingham in October. Fifty years after Britain's declaration of war on Germany, Nottingham is to host the major international exhibition "Anne Frank in the World". Only by chance have the diaries and photographs of the Frank family survived. Salvaged from their hiding-place after the war, these pictures tell us the story of an ordinary family destroyed by the tide of Nazism which swept Europe.

They form the core of this remarkable exhibition which shows, with hundreds of photographs and clear text, what 'great historical events' mean to the people who live through them day-to-day.

Scapegoating did not die with Hitler, The exhibition reveals how the ideology which fueled Nazism is still influencing people and events today,

Nottingham naturally costs money and the steering committee is working to raise the £15,000 needed to make the exhibition and its supporting programme a success.

Sponsors who wish to will be credited in the exhibition's publicity, as well as in the exhibition itself, which is expected to attract over fifty thousand visitors. Donations should be made payable to 'Nottinghamshire Anne Frank Exhibition' and sent to the Treasurer Roy Blacker, YMCA, 4 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, tel; (0602) 473068; and you can also be on the mailing list for information about the exhibition and its supporting events.

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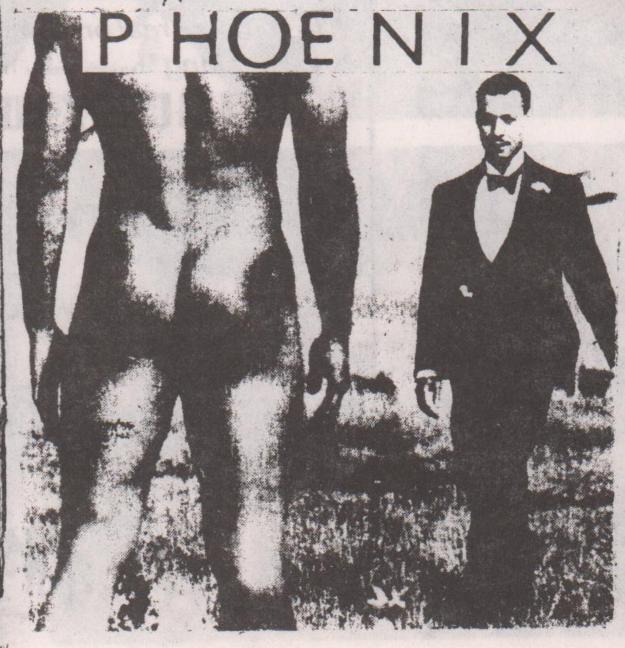
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played by Angela Lansbury, Insanely
plotted but brilliantly handled spy
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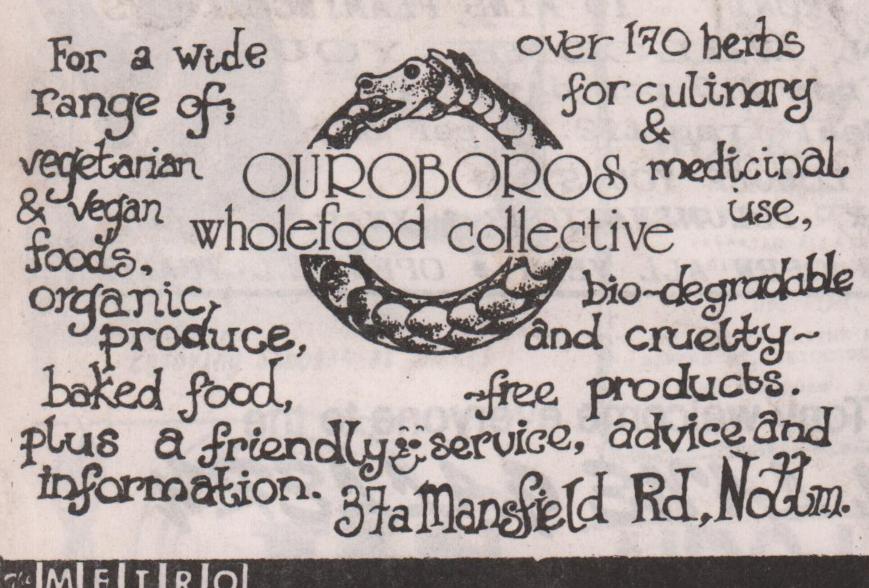
Cuddly Arnold Becker (Harvey Fierstein) doesn't want much: a good job, nice home, a forever lover and a child. But he's a loud Jewish drag artiste with a rabbit fetish, an unusual sense of humour and a voice you could stonewash jeans with. When his fiery Jewish mother (Anne Bancroft) descends on his gay family the resulting collision is an umissable theatrical confrontation.



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Steve Tyson hails from Southend and originally trained as a botanist at Nottingham University and will concentrate on development and outreach work, . He would like to see stronger links made with blackgay men and lesbians and the strengthening of the youth group, Whilst at university Steve was a prominent member of the Nottingham Clause 28 Campaign,

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