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NOTTINGHAM BISEXUAL CONFERENCE

The eleventh national Bisexual Conference takes place at Nottingham University over the weekend of 1st-3rd October with over 200 participants expected. Interest in the Conference has been wide ranging from women's health groups to 'Women's Journal' magazine. Jo Eadie (pictured page 2) one of the organisers, said that they hoped to be flexible enough to respond to the needs of a diverse range of people. He said: "The agenda will be set largely by those who attend. The Health Education Authority is now putting money into HIV prevention for bisexual people. Workshops range from monogamy to massage and will offer the chance for people to share ideas and experiences, form new groups, and generally have three days of positive, supportive time."

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DERBY BAR ATTACKED

Hammer-wielding thugs attacked drinkers and police as they went on the rampage at a gay bar in Derby last month. Pub boss, Dave Litchfield described how the yobs went out of control at Freddie's Bar on Curzon Street.

The violence began at around 9.30pm when drunken teenagers congregated outside the premises, smashing windows while customers dived for cover. Later some members of the gang burst in to assault drinkers and staff. "These kids went mad, it was a very nasty situation that got well out of hand," said Dave (pictured left with Keith).

"One of the gang threw a hammer through one of the windows where a customer had been sitting only a few minutes earlier. It was terrifying." Mr. Litchfield and four customers then grabbed two of the gang as police dashed to the pub. As police were taking statements from witnesses, other members of the gang launched a second attack, assaulting customers inside and police outside. One PC suffered severe bites to his hands when he was attacked outside. Four people were later detained by police in Derby Central Police Station where they were held overnight.



EUROPEAN PREMIERE AT LEICESTER HAYMARKET

The Haymarket Theatre presents the European Premiere of Larry Kramer's play, 'The Destiny of Me' from 16th September to 9th October, prior to a West End run.




Simon Callow

Directed by and starring Simon Callow, 'The Destiny of Me' is set in a New York government hospital, where Ned Weeks lying in his hospital bed, recalls his Jewish childhood lived in the shadows of the Depression, the Holocaust and McCarthyism and in the new subdivisions of a rootless post-war Washington. Reviled and beaten by his father for being 'different' and 'a sissy', Ned grows with rage and creativity alike and chooses to surround himself with his love of theatre. It unsparingly examines the reality of growing up gay in a post-war America which saw

psychoanalysis as the answer to everything, and explores how we become who we are.


"The Destiny of Me" is the sequel to Larry Kramer's award-winning play, 'The Normal Heart'. Highly emotional and deeply moving, Destiny opened to huge critical acclaim in New York and went on to win an OBIE - an off Broadway Award for Best Play.

"Larry's play is about AIDS, about himself, about America, about all of us. Out of the depths of his despair and frustration, he has written a theatrical masterpiece, angry and passionate, which aches with the universal yearning for love," said Simon Callow, the Director.



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BISEXUAL CONFERENCE

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Three campaigners from Countdown on Spanner Campaign discuss the Court case and issues therefrom at a public meeting on Saturday 2nd October, 1.30-3pm, Nottingham University, Social Sciences Building. Another workshop, Lebedo, a discussion group for lesbians and bisexual women, is currently being planned. For more details and a registration form send a SAE to BICON, The Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW or contact Jo (0602) 703533.

SHEFFIELD WOMEN'S FILM GROUP present 'DREAM ON' by The Amber Film Collective in collaboration with residents from Meadow Well Estate. Peggy, a psychic, visits and powerfully affects the lives of local women, struggling with poverty, unemployment and domestic violence. Plus 'Getting to Grips with the Grit' + 'Ironing'. 30th September, 8pm, Library Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield £3/£2 (conc.)

PEDDLING POWER

Regular Cyclist, Leon Unczur (pictured), setting off on a world tour to raise money for cancer research several years ago, has recently been elected a Councillor for Aspley Ward in Nottinghamshire. He sits on the County Leisure Services and Equal Opportunities Committees as well as several others.

Leon will also be just one of hundreds of competitors taking part in the International Velo City in Nottingham in early September, promoting non-motorised transport.



METRO CINEMA

Green Lane, Derby: box office (0332) 40170

Being at Home with Claude

Director: Jean Baudin Canada, 1992, 85 mins. Adapted from Rene Daniel Dubois' controversial stage hit, this is not a whodunit but a whydunnit. Yves, a male prostitute makes love to and then kills his partner Claude. Three days after the murder Yves turns himself in to the police...

Friday 4th September-Sunday 5th September, Fri. & Sat. 7.00pm, Sun. 6pm.



Tango

Director: Patrice Leconte, France 88 mins.

A sardonic, stylish tale of misogyny and wife murder, Cinema Francais style. Paul receives poetic justice when his wife walks out on him. His uncle a judge and a confirmed bachelor convinces Paul that it's better to be a widower than divorced. And if Paul can't face killing his wife, then he knows a man who can....

Friday 10th-Thursday 16th September, Fri.-Sun 8.45pm, Mon-Thurs. 8pm.

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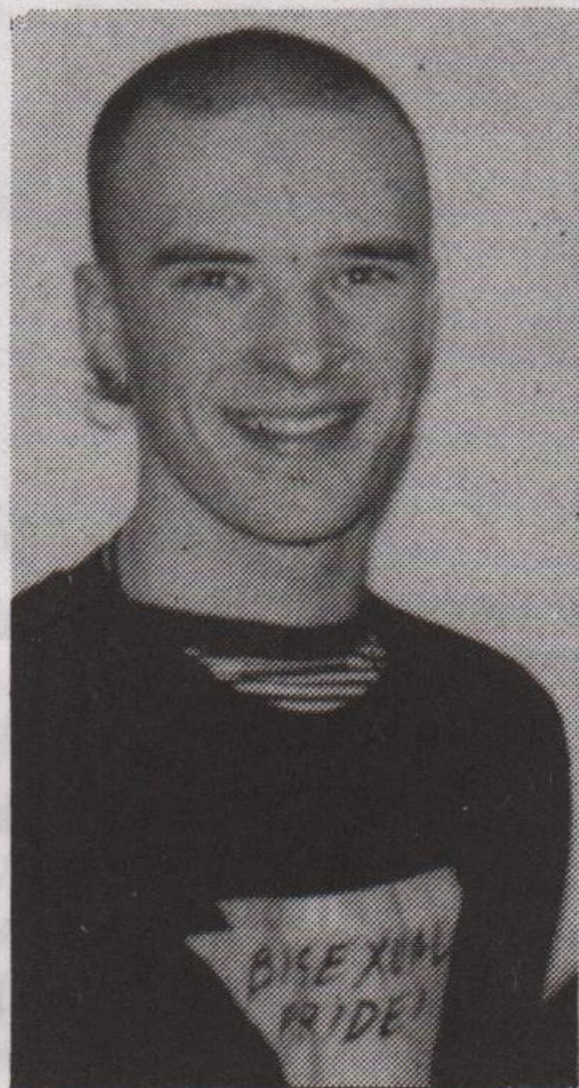
Director: Sally Potter, 92 mins. Tilda Swinton potters around for 400 years, firstly as a foppish Elizabethan man, then as a free-spirited woman. Woolf down a beautiful slice of quick costume-changing cinema. Friday 24th-Sunday 26th September, Fri. & Sat, 6.45pm, Sunday, 6pm.



The Fencing Master (El Maestro de Esgrima)

Director: Pedro Olea, Spain, 90 mins. Oblivious to the rumblings of revolution in Madrid, 1868, fencing master Don Jamie de Astarloa lives only for his art. The beautiful enigmatic Adela offers herself as a pupil but the Don's codes of honour forbid him to teach a lady. However a demonstration of her skill has him intrigued and infatuated. A cruel plot thrust soon reveals Adela's ulterior motive for mastering the elegant instrument of killing.

Friday 3rd-Thursday 9th September, Fri. & Sat. 8.45pm, Sun-Thurs. 8.00pm.



▼ Jo Eadie, one of the Bisexual Conference organisers.

HALLOWE'EN NIGHT, NOTTM. WOMEN'S CENTRE

High jinks at the Women's Centre for a Halloween do on Saturday 30th October. The fun will include nasty turns, ghastly games and mystery guests to delight and entertain you. Followed of course by a wonderful witches disco. All proceeds to the Lesbian Centre. **WOMEN ONLY**, starts 8.30pm, finishes late, tickets available, watch next issue.

"GROOVE TO THE BEAT"

Saturday 18th September, 9pm-2am, Dance to the best of Soul, Reggae, Chart hits and House. Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer St, Admission £4.50/£2.50/£1.50, sorry no wheelchair access. A Spinsta Sound Production in Dolby Stereo.

CENTRE APPEAL Nottingham's Lesbian Centre has been established for ten years. During that time it has provided a safe and positive environment for hundreds of women from its space within the Women's Centre at Chaucer Street. It receives no statutory funding and relies on voluntary donations. Now the Finance Group is launching an Appeal and seeking regular donations by standing order from people who want to see the Centre continue providing a service for the next ten years. Standing order forms can be obtained from the Lesbian Centre at the Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer St, Nottingham.

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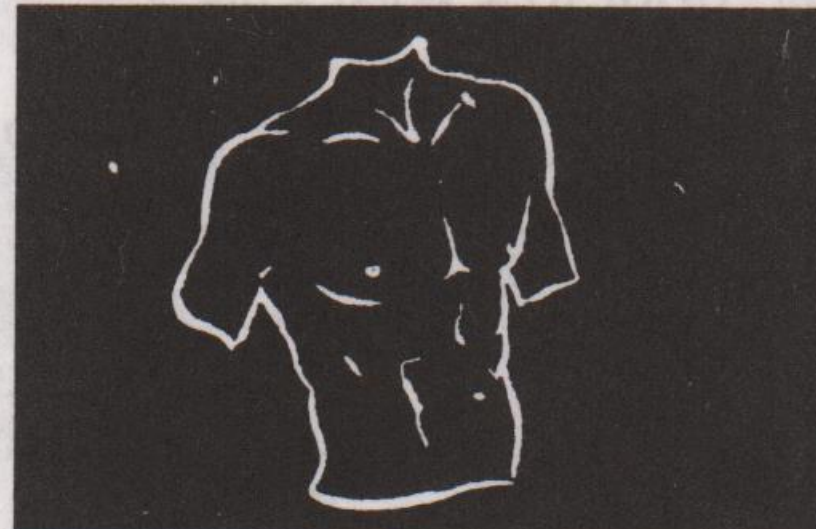
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GAY OUTDOORS

An activity weekend in Shropshire is planned for the 10th/12th September by the West Midlands Gay Outdoor Club. On Sunday 26th September they are meeting jointly with the East Midlands GOC for a walk in the Ashby de la Zouche area.

East Midlands has a 30 mile cycle ride planned for the 3rd October in East Leicestershire, and a joint 10 mile walk with the Transpennine GOC from Tissington in Derbyshire on the 17th October.

More details on West Midlands events from Andy on 021-779-2402, East Midlands from Nick on 0533-811138, and Transpennine from John on 0532-737040.

YESTERYEAR

Fifteen Years Ago

Coventry: The Campaign for Homosexual Equality held its annual National Conference at the August Bank Holiday weekend in the city. The City Council had refused a civic reception, so a 'civil reception', a parody of the real thing, was organised on the steps of the De Vere Hotel. Also during the weekend, CHE members demonstrated at W H Smiths, who were still refusing to stock 'Gay News'. They collected piles of things they didn't want from the shelves, took them to the checkouts and when asked for the money, they asked for a copy of 'Gay News'. On being refused, they left the operator to deal with the pile of goods. Eventually the police were called by the management, the CHE Vice President was led away to the cells and the shop was closed.

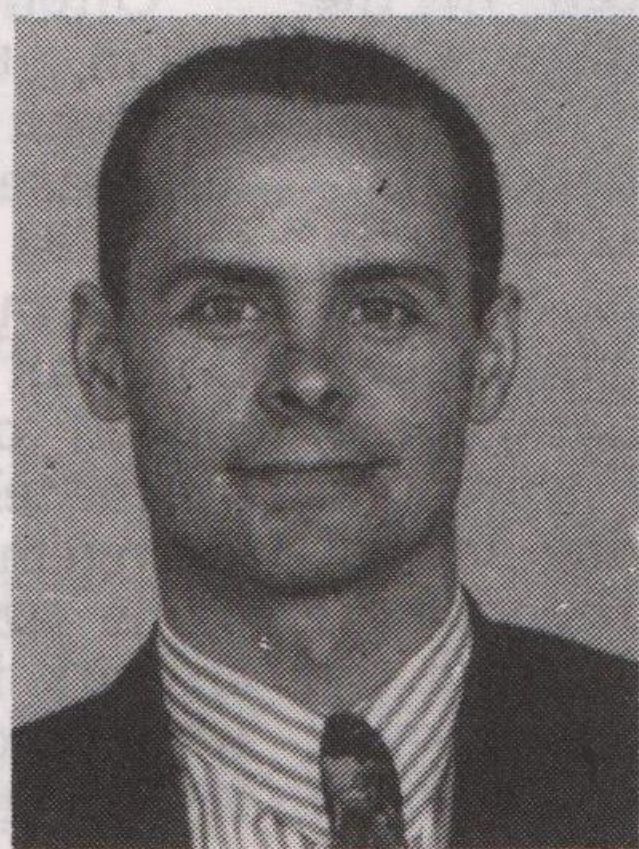
WE'RE HERE....AND WE ARE GOING SHOPPING!

Trolling around the shops on Sunday will be a regular occurrence if a new law on shopping comes to pass. If it succeeds then it will be in large measure due to the efforts of the Shopping Hours Reform Council under its more snappy title 'Sunday Shopping Campaign'.

The campaign began in 1988, but was reactivated in 1991 soon after Simon Wilkinson joined the organisation as Head of Campaigns.

"No wonder visitors to this country think many of our laws are strange and with some justification. For example, you can buy porn on Sunday but you can't buy a bible; you can buy fresh milk but not dried milk; this was all defined by the 1950 Shops Act," says Simon.

Apart from changing the law, the Campaign wants to enshrine in law the



right of an employee to say 'no' to working Sundays, and not fear the weight of discrimination from an employer. "Our campaign is supported by several large trade unions including GMBATU and MSF, for premium or enhanced rates of pay."

"People like students, pensioners and single mothers find the idea of two days pay for one days' work very appealing."

Said Simon: "I went to work for Sunday Shopping partly because I would like to help change the traditional Sunday into a day like any other. For it means little to me as a gay man. I work hard during the week and like to be leisurely about my shopping."

And he's sure there will be a new law on Sunday shopping before very long. "I am convinced of that", he says.

OUTBURST!

Dear Editor.

Just a brief letter to make a suggestion about a new section that your organ would benefit from having. How about including a Media Watch column that would include snippets or stories that have a lesbian or gay angle from the local area - be it from the local newspapers or the free press. Something like the mediawatch in *Gay Times*.

If an eye is kept on the local press, including the freesheets, it would help as a reference for monitoring what is being said, done or reported about the lesbian and gay community- both for and against.

Best wishes,

Allan,

West Bridgford.

Editor: A good idea, Allan. We always welcome news (and views and gossip too!) from readers. We can't be everywhere at once and we rely on you, the readers, to help keep us informed.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Leicester Black Lesbian and Gay Group is looking for new volunteers to train for its helpline. The group also has monthly get-togethers at 45 King Street. The September meeting explored aromatherapy, bodycare and general pampering. More information about volunteering and get-togethers from BL&GG, 53 Regents Road, Leicester.

ICEBREAKERS

This is the name for a new fortnightly social group being launched by Nottingham Lesbian and Gay Switchboard in September. More details from Switchboard (see helpline panel page 6).

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RECORD ROUNDUP

By Simon Smalley

Rita Coolidge - Nothing to be scared of!

He was Bold! Dashing! Debonair! - not to mention camp as arseholes. Who? Why, that Adam Ant, Queen of the Wild Frontier and Princess Charming. As pop, pop, pop music was just about recovering from the napalm blast of punk and had re-stagnated into a pomp-rock parade, Miss Ant strutted and minced into the charts and our hearts with a codpiece full of classic three minute extravaganzas. With astute timing he injected a heady potion into the main vein of popular yooof culture, a mix of camp, sex, style and knicker-wetting excitement last seen in the sensual heights of T. Rex. From ripped-off Red Injun rockin' and 18th century posturing to 50's Brando homo-biker eroticism, yer man was there. So, to recall those ecstatic days, we now have an updated Greatest Hits collection. Rehearsing the tracks, you forget just how many hits there were and revisiting them is as satisfying as slipping between clean sheets. The video is probably the best buy as although the songs stand and deliver on their own, the visuals give them that extra whoosh of pink lip gloss and white eye-stripped flamboyance, complete with ye olde Fat Marco playing a faithful Black Bess to Adam's Betty, sorry, Dick Turpin. Essential!

Got Any Change Mate?

Hollowly hollerin' about alternative lifestyles and fair-do's for all, crusty-by-numbers combo the Levellers are on their third (proper) album, which regurgitates the preceding two and flounders

as two sides of sixth form ersatz protest songs and lacklustre Fairport Convention emulations with occasional half-hearted pseudo funk bass-lines. Since day one, each Lev's track seems to have the same chord progression accompanied by dreary fiddle drivel and a nasally whined vocal as if the dog's bit of string was too tight. This caring, sharing crew should be Tory MP's, as they're about as riveting as John Major and as sincere as Maggie Thatcher. Their fanclub thingie is called "On The Fiddle" - nuff said. Absolutely zero.

Daisy, Daisy

Often dismissed as a diluted Dylan, tousle headed troubadour Donovan has one of his finest albums re-released after years hidden away in specialist collector's shops. 1968's "A Gift from a Flower to a Garden" saw Donovan tripping gently away on blissed out waves of mellow post psychedelia with delicate, simplistic arrangements tinged with Mingus-esque jazzy undertones. The original artwork is retained with our windswept hero atop a remote cliff surrounded by grasses, beads, peacock feathers and other (now) cliched late 60's accoutrements bathed in swashes of colour which perfectly indicates the contents. This easy action album still comes over as a 'nice' LP, inoffensive without being bland and a welcome antithesis to the prevailing trend for hard-core-techno-jungle whizztracks. Call me old hippy chick..... but, sling us me kaftan!

That's all for this month. See ya.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lesbians, gays and bisexual people have been working on a Training Course for eighteen months and since December last year have organised a very successful course around issues concerning myths and stereotyping, attitudes towards us, recognising discrimination and ways of challenging it. There followed several half-day courses on HIV/AIDS and Bisexuality. They are planning two further courses on a Black Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual perspective and a session for Lesbians, Gay Men and Bisexuals.

The planning group is anxious to expand and welcomes further involvement from the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual communities. Work may include fundraising, administration, planning and discussing course content.

Their next monthly meeting is at the Nottingham Aids Information Project Office, 8 Eldon Chambers, Nottingham on Tuesday 7th September, at 1.30pm. They pay appropriate travelling expenses to low/unwaged, and child care costs.

For more information please contact Chris Pereira or Irene Murray, Nottinghamshire Community Work Training Group, Nottingham CVS, 33 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, 0602 476714.

TRIANGLES

will be celebrating their 1st year during the month of September, culminating in a Birthday Party on Saturday 25th. During September there will be a variety of Live Music on every Friday night with the regular disco on Saturday nights. Entrance on Saturday nights during September will be FREE for everyone and Beer and Spirit Promotions behind the bar to tempt your taste buds. Mary and Vikki wish to thank everyone for their support over the last year and remind you all membership is now up for renewal.

Puppets and Things

The sun shines in through the windows of the top floor workroom and a glassy eye glints malevolently from a green Stingray body. Puppets hang from the walls, some complete, others part finished, wooden legs dangle on strings, a cross-eyed hawk keeps watch simultaneously on the door and the window. A bearded man sits on a stool, adding a touch of paint to a banner on which two golden bears walk away into the darkness, arms crossed behind their backs.

The bearded artist is Russell, of 'Sherwood Puppets & Things', the company named after himself rather than the district. Russell came originally from Worcester in the early '80s to study theatre design at the Trent Polytechnic. Now he runs his own company making 'puppets and things'.

Russell never did finish his course but his interest in theatre crafts stayed with him while he worked at a computer in the daytime and served drinks at Part Two, the club in Nottingham's Canal Street, or answered the Polytechnic Gaysoc phonenumber at night. Computing remained his main source of income until he gave it up. Then followed two years of unemployment until he enrolled for the Enterprise Allowance and set up in business on his own.

Russell recalls making and collecting puppets at the age of six, and he's built up quite a collection: in 1992 he exhibited them at the Nottingham Castle 'Peoples Show'. About five years ago he started making them for friends. As word got around, people started bringing him their own for repair. So last year he applied for a job as a puppet maker for a company based in Cheltenham. He'd already designed a range of puppets but just before he was due to start work, the company went into

liquidation. So he decided to work for himself. There was a bonus too. The liquidators had stocks to sell, and he came away with a box of pumice stone puppet heads which now reside in a large drawer in his workshop.

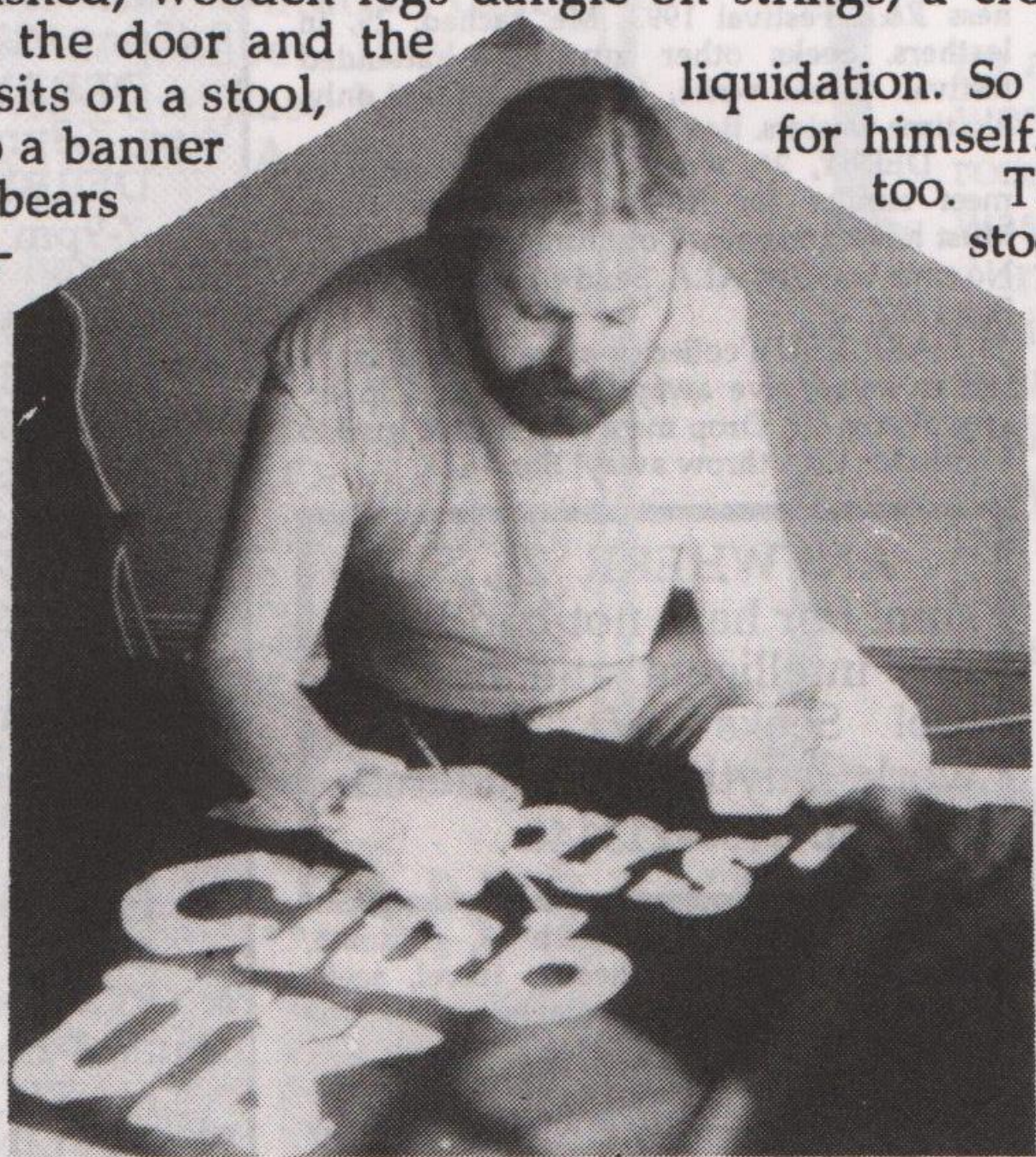
Besides soft puppets Russell makes ventriloquist's dummies and puppets in wood. Some are intricate automata with wires and springs, ears and noses made from latex. Tweaking the nose of the cross-eyed

parrot, he pulls a string and the bulbous eyes blink straight ahead. The art of making them he's learned by experiment and years of practice. So where are they sold? Not to children or parents at Christmas. None of them are toys. His customers are more likely to be television companies or theatre designers.

Besides the puppets there are the 'things'. Chief among them at the moment are the banners. His first commissions came from the Gay Bikers and Lewisham Gay Alliance. Several appeared on the '92 Europride parade and since then he's made ten. Constructed from washable materials and decorated with acrylic paint designs, he's now putting the finishing touches to one for the Bears Club UK. Which is where we must leave him.

'Sherwood Puppets & Things' is at 177 Wollaton St, Nottingham, NG1 5GE. Tel: 0602-476260 Fax: 0602-418459.

Editor: More about 'Bears Club UK' next month.



CRASH FACILITIES NEEDED

For the Eleventh National BISEXUAL Conference, to be held at Nottingham University. We need crash accommodation for people attending the conference on 30th September and 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1993. If you can help, especially for groups of people, please contact Jo on (0602) 703553 or write to BICON c/o The Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, for discussion/negotiation



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VERY LONELY East Midlands guy, tall, good looking, 35, fed up with one night stands, seeks guy 21-30 for 1-1. Must be honest, loving, caring. Can travel, accommodate. Box 1595.

LEICESTER, 30s, likes hirsute men 20-40 for safe fun. Frank letter & photo returned. Me, short hair, smooth skinned, clean shaven, active. Box 1596.

GAY MALE, 28, 5'9", medium fit build. Inexperienced, prefers loyal romantic affection, cuddles. Seeks similar. Loves music, red wine, countryside. Fun, laughter & disastrous cooking assured. Photo appreciated. Box 1597.

NOTTS/MANSFIELD, good looking couple seek regular meetings with w/e men for safe no-strings fun. Married, bi's welcome. Frank letter with photo/phone gets ours. Box 1597.

SCANTY, SILKY BRIEFS enthusiast into tiny shorts, jocks, thongs, seeks love & friendship with sensitive petit guy any age to exchange pose, relax together. Frank letters welcome. Sheffield/Chesterfield. Box 1598.

LEICESTER/NOTTS, just available after monogamous relationship. 35, 6'2", hairy, active, into walking, swimming & lots more. Ex-working class and proud of it. Needs genuine friends(s) 30-40, 1-1. Box 1599.

JIM KIRK STILL SEEKS Will Ryker. Nott'm. 30, 6'2", out, lively, sometimes serious, likes loud nights out and warm evenings in. Seeks soulmate 25-35. No ferengi. ALA. Photo please. Box 1600.

JOHN FROM NOTTS, 41, gay, seeking guys 20s-30s in Notts, must have car, for friendship/relationship. Hobbies are cycling, model railways, 60s-70s music. Tel: 0602-252988 Mon/Tue 5.30-10pm or Box 1601.

NOTT'M, gay male, 22, 6', dark hair, blue eyes, caring with gsoh. Seeks male 25-35 for a good laugh, more? Tache advantage but not essential. Photo please. Bye. Box 1602.

NOTTS AREA, guy, 33, slim, tache, 5'11", tall, likes leather etc. Seeks non-camp bloke 30-40 for fun, out or in. Notts area. ALAWP. Don't delay, write today. Box 1603.

NEW TO NOTT'M, 25, Oriental, seeks a discreet friendship with genuine & sincere 30ish. Likes art, music, cycling. Prefer 1-1 sharing love with you. ALA with photo. Box 1604.

DERBYS, 26, 6'7", tall, slim, good looking, looking for men 23-33. Varied interests, blue eyes, non-smoker, physical, caring, honest, looking for 1-1. Box 1605.

LEICESTER, 30s, discreet, sensitive, gsoh, well built, w/e, 5'8", average looks, non-smoker, likes good beer/food, pub crawls, sweaty bodies, exchange briefs. Do

you? Meet for safe, no ties fun. Box 1606.

LEICESTER, male, early 40s, seeks friends for walking, youth hostelling, camping, theatre, swimming, poss 1-1. Photo apprec. Any nationality. Box 1607.

GAY GRADUATE, 22, Northants area with 3 years of London experience. Good looks seeks warm understanding type for good times and possible relationship. Nice photo gets mine. I am sincere! Box 1608.

EAST MIDLANDS, HIV+, healthy, 37, blond, blue eyes, smooth, medium build, honest, romantic, caring, loves nights out and in, fed up being alone, seeks 30-40 HIV, handsome, smooth. Photo please. Box 1609.

NOTT'M, guy, young 56, over sexed, tall, smooth, seeks similar for friendship poss 1-1. Phone number for quick reply. ALAWP. Box 1610.

NOTT'M, old fashioned romantic guy, 50, seeks genuine, caring 1-1 relationship. You, 35+, passive. Various interests, friends first. Time to know each other is important. Box 1611.

MANSFIELD, sports guy needs squash/weights partners. Beginners welcome. Let's get fit together. Fun/friendship. Box 1612.

WEST YORKS/ANYWHERE. Good looking, white guy, 36, own place & car, seeks slim, manly, Black/Asian guys, 21-35 for fun & friendship, maybe 1-1. Into videos, massage, travel. Photo please. Box 1613.

REPLYING TO AN AD?

Please read instructions, top of page 6. Replies without 2 first class stamps for each box number reply will not be forwarded.

BURTON ON TRENT, 39, 5'8", slim, attractive, seeks similar. Enjoys music, clubs, homelife. Smoker. Lots of affection required in return for mine. ALAWP. Box 1614.

MALE, 30, wishes to meet other guys 21-30 for friendship, poss 1-1 with right guy. Interests include reading, music, clubbing, walks. ALAWP. Leics/anywhere. Box 1615.

EAST MIDLANDS deaf guy seeks young or older 1-1 relationship. Must have sense of humour. Me, 40 years old. Write me soon with photo soon. Box 1616.

MANSFIELD/ANYWHERE, 27, slim, good body, into sports etc. Wants to meet young guy 21+. Into anything. Very frank letter and photo. Love, Simon. Box 1617.

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DERBYS, tall, slim, 6', 21 yr old, shy-type, looking for guys to bring me out of my shell; never been "on the scene" but willing to give it a go. ALAWP. Box 1626.

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NOTT'M, slim, versatile, non-scene, straight acting, attractive young 30s, blond, into badminton, SF, wine & travel, seeks similar 25-35 for good times and hopefully more. Photo apprec. ALAWP. Box 1638.

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NOTT'M, 37, non-camp, romantic, affectionate, city gent/denims, seeks similar guy over 30 for friendship, poss 1-1. Must be intelligent, humorous. ALAWP. Box 1640.

NOTT'M, me: 47, non-camp, caring, loyal & sincere. Searching for Mr Right. You: 25+ & similar. Box 1641.

LEICESTER, young gay lad, 21, straight acting, wishes to meet 18-25 for funloving friendship. Interests cinema, swimming, clubbing, poss more. Your photo please with letter, can accomm. (flat share). Box 1642.

NOTT'M/LOUGHBORO/LEICS, tall bearded active guy into safe fun, kissing, stripping, stroking, sucking & condoms seeks slim/skinny passive partners. Box 1643.

NOTT'M GAY MAN, 37, 6' tall, attractive with athletic physique, interests incl squash, country walks, literature & psychotherapy, looking for similar guys for friendship with breadth and depth. Box 1644.

LEICESTER, I'm 25, tall, slim, good looking, honest, intelligent, inexperienced,

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LEICS/MIDLANDS. Fit 36 year old, good looking, vwe in need of striped bum. Seeks dominant similar or younger for safe sexy fun/friendship. Own car/hse. Box 1647.

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE. University student, 30s, stocky muscular build, 5'5", No 1 crop, varied interests, seeking fun/friendship with friendly guys 21-45 (esp other students). Photo please. ALA. Box 1648.

DERBY/ANYWHERE, sincere, loving guy, 34, tall, slim, gsoh, varied interests, seeks genuine, caring guy under 40 to share joys and sorrows in faithful 1-1. Photo/phone apprec. ALA. Box 1649.

EROTIC DREAMS wanted by young slim guy. If you can play, help me find a different kind of kins. If you're right we can play all night. Box 1650.

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NOTTS, 45, good looking guy, lonely after a 12 year relationship, genuine, honest & sincere, seeks companion for friendship & outings, very caring with lots of love to worthy guy. Box 1652.

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NOTTS, smooth, early 30s, seeks 25-40 for fun & live together. No hang ups/funny tastes. No time wasters/beaters/attached. Please meet me, you won't be disappointed. Box 1654.

GAY MALE, 21, looking for fun, gsoh, & looking for that special someone. Box 1655.

EAST MIDLANDS, novice slave, seeks master to train me in obedience. Into filthy jeans, leather & boots, cp, sm, bondage, vs. Age 30-40. Me 35. ALA with photo. Box 1656.

NORTH NOTTS, 26, 5'8", med build, blond, blue eyes, constr worker, sports minded, wants to meet similar hard hat, straight acting 30-40s for friendship/fun times. Photo apprec/ret'd. Genuine. Box 1657.

GAY MALE, 28, young outlook, car, gsoh, non-scene, wishes to pamper caring Boy 21+. Fit, attractive, honest, homely, likes music, pubs, dining in/out, poss romance. Photo apprec. Box 1658.

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LESBIAN 'fem', early 40s, seeks someone special for friendship and possible relation-

ship, enjoys most things in life. ALA. No bi's please. Leics area pref. Box 1219.

LEICS/NOTT'M, 33, non-smoker. Interested in meeting new friends/lover. I'm warm, loving, sexy & sincere, enjoy good company, sense of adventure, passion for life. Wide interests. Can travel. Box 1220.

DERBYS LESBIAN, young 40s, non-smoker, feminine, slim, looking for boyish partner, gsoh, intelligent, 5'6" + varied interests, honesty, hopefully 1-1. Photo if poss. ALA. Nationality immaterial. Box 1221.

LESBIAN, 20s, totally fed up with 'sceney' types, desperately seeks intelligent woman with a wicked sense of humour for friendship or whatever occurs. I'm waiting... Box 1222.

NOTT'M, femme blonde, 27, not bad looking. Smart, caring & passionate. Seeks dark haired, dark eyed femme and passionate lesbian. Asian or Black no problem. Photo apprec. ALAWP. Box 1223.

ATTRACTIVE LESBIAN, 24, honest, sincere, loving & fun-loving, seeks boyish counterpart to share life, laughs & love. Notts/Derby/Leics area. Box 1224.

NOTTS LESBIAN, 33, seeks older companion/friend, 40s. Love animals, countryside, varied music tastes, poetry, social evenings out, quiet nights by candlelight. Sensitive & caring, seeking honesty & gentleness. You? Box 1225.

FRENCH LESBIAN, 20, Nott'm, feminine, attractive, pretty out, fed up with scene, like clubs, pubs, travel, cinema, sports, humour, seeks similar for friendship/relationship. Photo apprec. Personality important. Box 1226.

FORTY SEVEN, educated, children grown, longing for the big one. Any romantic out there willing to jump into the unknown with me? Who knows? This could be the big one. Box 1227.

MIDLANDS, good time girl with vgsoh & wicked personality seeks boyish lesbians 25-35 who know how to have fun! Either in or out. Why delay? Write today. ALAWP. Box 1228.

ARE YOU FED UP with being used? Looking for an honest, reliable, caring, loving lesbian? Are you sincere, humorous, romantic, tactile, uninhibited, lively, extrovert, vivacious, flamboyant? I am. ALA. Lincs. Box 1229.

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LEICS, 40, female seeks similar for friendship/relationship. Non-scene, enjoys sport, theatre, cinema, walking, golf, music. Honest, reliable, sense of humour. ALA. Box 1233.

ATTRACTIVE feminine lesbian, 27, just out, inexperienced, non-scene, shy, sensitive. Seeks caring, honest women for friendship and maybe relationship. Photo apprec. E

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GAY FEMALE, 32, attractive non-scene, varied interests, wicked personality, would like to meet that someone special. Never been on a blind date. How about you? No dykes. Nott'm. ALA. Box 1237.

BUTCH LESBIAN seeks femme lady, any age, anywhere, for friendship/relationship. Likes music, sport, pubs, clubs. ALA. Photo please. No bi's. Box 1238.

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GAY FEMALE, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, sports, music, cosy evenings in/out. Romantic, sincere, genuine, honest, reliable, seeks 30-40 non-smoker for friendship/relationship. Photo. Must be someone out there for me. Box 1240.

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LEICESTER, single rm in hse share for male student/working male, £35 pw incl. Non-smoker, all nats welcome. Box 591.

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LEICESTER, young man req'd 18-25 to share brnd new 1 bedrm flat with guy, 21. All mod cons incl shower, tv etc. Box 594.

LEICS, working female req'd to share hse with lesbian. Own dble rm £50 incl. Must be hse proud & dog lover. Pets consid. Box 595.

NOTT'M, male, 27, non-smoker, veggie, straight acting student seeks accomm in comfortable quiet non-smoking dog-free house-share nr city centre, bus route. Refs avail. ALA. Box 596.

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UNISON leads in Lesbian & Gay Rights

For the last ten years NALGO's Lesbian and Gay Co-ordinating Committee led the way with its high profile campaigns in the trade union movement. Since then two other public service unions, NUPE and COHSE, have joined forces with NALGO to become UNISON, now the largest union in the country with nearly 1,500,000 members. Jackie Lewis (pictured below), co-chair of the Co-ordinating Committee gave a brief account of the last ten years of organising as Lesbians and Gay men in NALGO.

"We have moved a long way since a small meeting of lesbian and gay members at NALGO conference in the Isle of Man in 1983 when a few brave souls leafleted the delegates and were spat at, abused and greeted with open hostility".

In her speech to Conference that year, Jackie told delegates "Lesbian and Gay rights in the workplace is NOT about explaining the 'problems' of an unfortunate minority," but about confronting systematic and institutionalised discrimination in a society which is constructed around the assumption that heterosexuality is the only 'normal' and valid sexuality." Lesbians and gay men and their supporters marched through Douglas in Conference week and drew banner headlines in the local press.



It is perhaps indicative of the long and continuing struggle we face that the Isle of Man has only recently decriminalised homosexual relationships under pressure from the European Courts. We still have a lot of issues to address in our fight for equality in the workplace, and in society as a whole, but we can justly be proud of our many remarkable achievements in the last ten years of self-organisation in NALGO, which in November 1992 saw more than 450 lesbian and gay members attending our tenth Lesbian & Gay Conference in Plymouth. We are moving into UNISON in a unique position for lesbians and gay men in Trade Union history. We take with us our strengths, experience and enthusiasm to carry us into UNISON alongside our lesbian and gay colleagues in NUPE and COHSE, and we look forward to continuing success."

The first lesbian/gay conference in UNISON is in January 1994, which will be attended by 500 delegates. There is a support group for lesbian/gay UNISON members in the East Midlands. If you would like to attend the conference but are not 'out' at work it is possible to do so. Further information from Richard (0602) 780124 or write 21 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottingham, NG72DS for details of meetings around the region.

STRUTTING THEIR STUFF FOR RED RIBBON

A unique charity fashion event with big name line ups is coming together for late October and its all happening in Loughborough. The idea came from Nottingham-based Phil Blake who decided he wanted to do some fundraising for local HIV/AIDS charities in Leicestershire.

So in association with Red Ribbon Fashion Events Phil has persuaded and cajoled various top line fashion designers to feature in the show, entitled "Recycled". International and local Designers include Helen Storey, Katherine Hamnett, Vivienne Westwood and Red or Dead. As a highlight of the show, the Loughborough College of Art and Design will stage a collection of garments that have been recycled from tin and plastic. Phil said "Basically anything we throw away can be recycled.



This will hopefully raise our awareness of the need to recycle the earth's resources; if you can wear it why throw it away?". The fashion show will be followed by entertainment from Jo Brand (pictured) and Labi Siffre. There will also be a charity auction of designer garments and a disco. The show will be staged in Loughborough University Students' Union in the main hall which holds over 700 people. Loughborough branch of UNISON are also supporting the bash.



The date to book is Wednesday 27th October, kicking off from around 8pm and ending at 11.30pm. If you want to offer garments or accessories for the fashion show, make a donation, or just want to get involved, call the organiser Phil Blake on 0509 223134. Tickets £9 in advance, £10 door. £7 students/unwaged in advance/door and can be obtained from Red Ribbon Fashion Event, c/o D. Parker, Loughborough Students' Union, Ashby Road, Loughborough, LE113TT. Please make cheques payable to 'Recycled Show Fund'. Credit Card booking through Way Ahead 0602 217766. (subject to booking fee). Booking enquiries please telephone 0509 217766.

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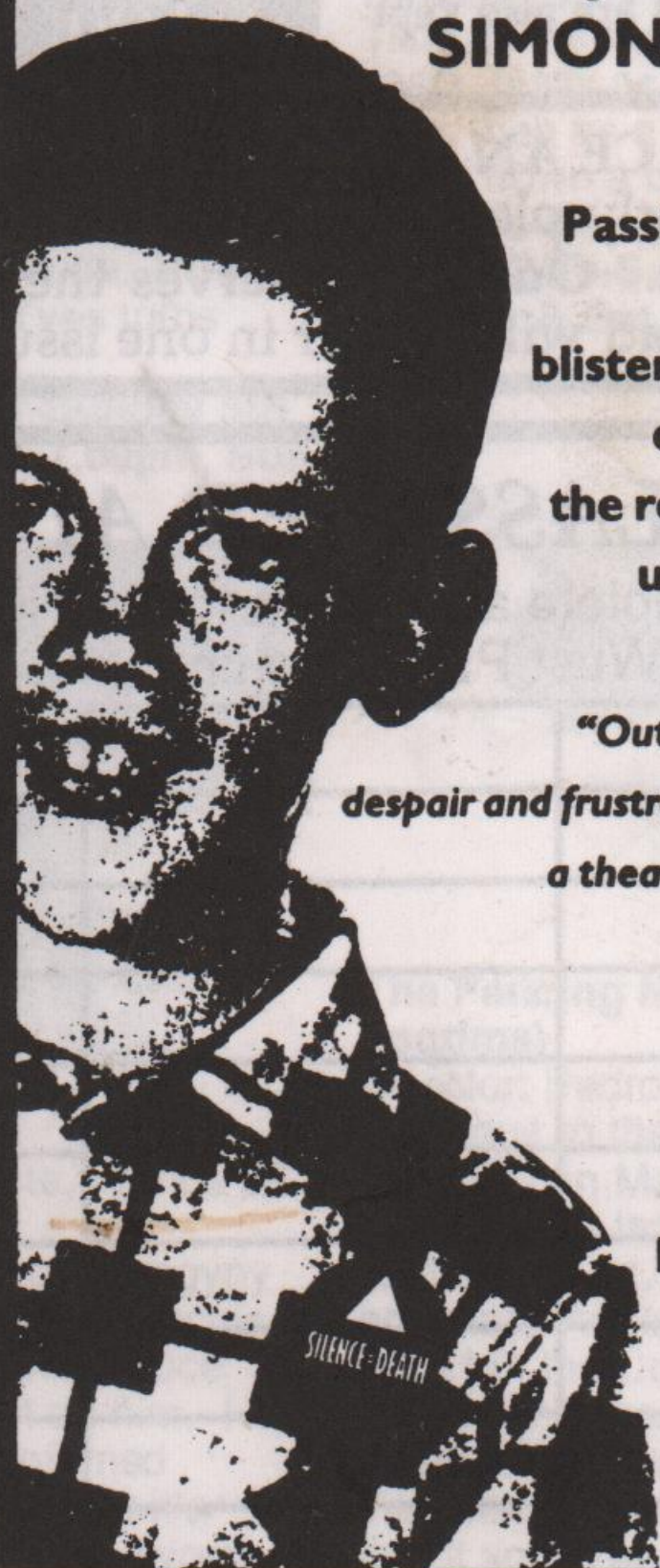
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