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for gays lesbians and bisexuals in central england

DERBY PULLS THE STOPS OUT

Plans have been laid in Derby to provide the biggest and best benefit yet for The Derby AIDS Trust Fund on Sunday 11th September. Mark Clements, Artistic Director of the Derby Playhouse, and David Polkey are behind the big push to make this Derby's biggest ever AIDS benefit.

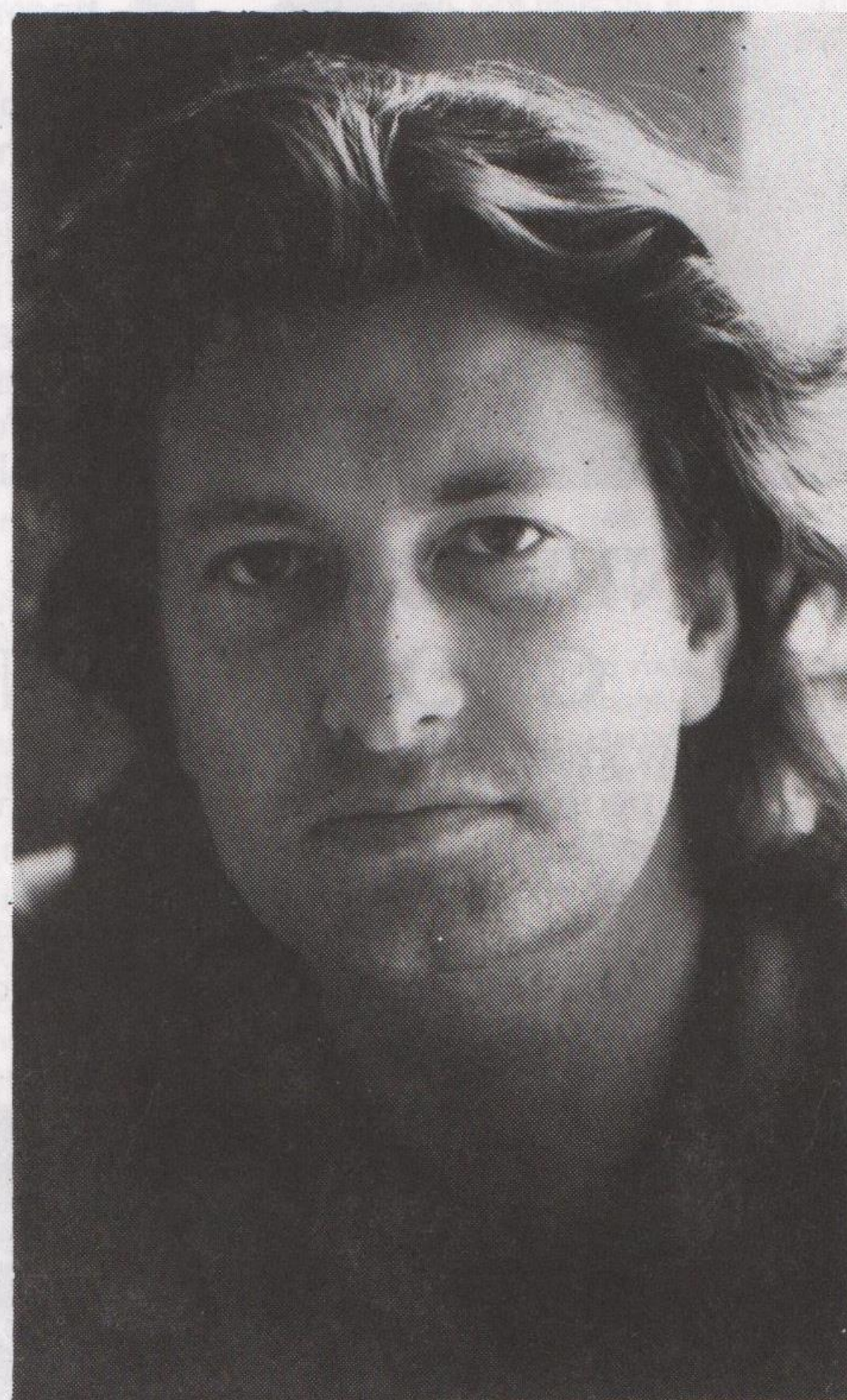
Said Mark: "Friends of mine did a similar gig at a London venue and it seems right for it to happen in Derby at this time. I wanted to do something for one of the Aids Charities. Most of us working in this industry have lost a friend, partner or colleague or know someone who has, which brings things even closer".

Entitled 'I'm Gonna Wait for the Midnight Hour' - a sizzling soul night is promised. Derby Playhouse is joining together with stars from the West End for a benefit concert, staged by stars of such hit West End musicals as 'Sunset Boulevard', 'Cats', 'Miss Saigon' and the latest smash hit 'She Loves Me', with over 2 hours of soul and rock n' roll, from 8pm onwards on Sunday September 11th.

Said Martin Fox, Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Aids Liaison Unit, "This is the biggest fundraising event we have had and it is hoped to raise over £5,000 for the Fund."

The Derby AIDS Trust Fund exists to provide one-off grants to a wide range of people living within the Derbyshire area, who are experiencing financial problems as a result of their illness. There is an ever-growing demand for help, illustrated by the fact that since 1992, grants made have quadrupled in number.

Tickets for the event are £10, Box office (0332) 363275 or visit the Playhouse Box Office in the Eagle Centre, opposite the Market.



PERPETUAL SAUNAS

A right reverend do is set to happen at Strykers Sauna on 1st October, when the steam room will be blessed by Sister Dominatrix of the Divine Tongue, assisted by the Abbess of London. Says owner John Turner, "Members simply pay £5 which

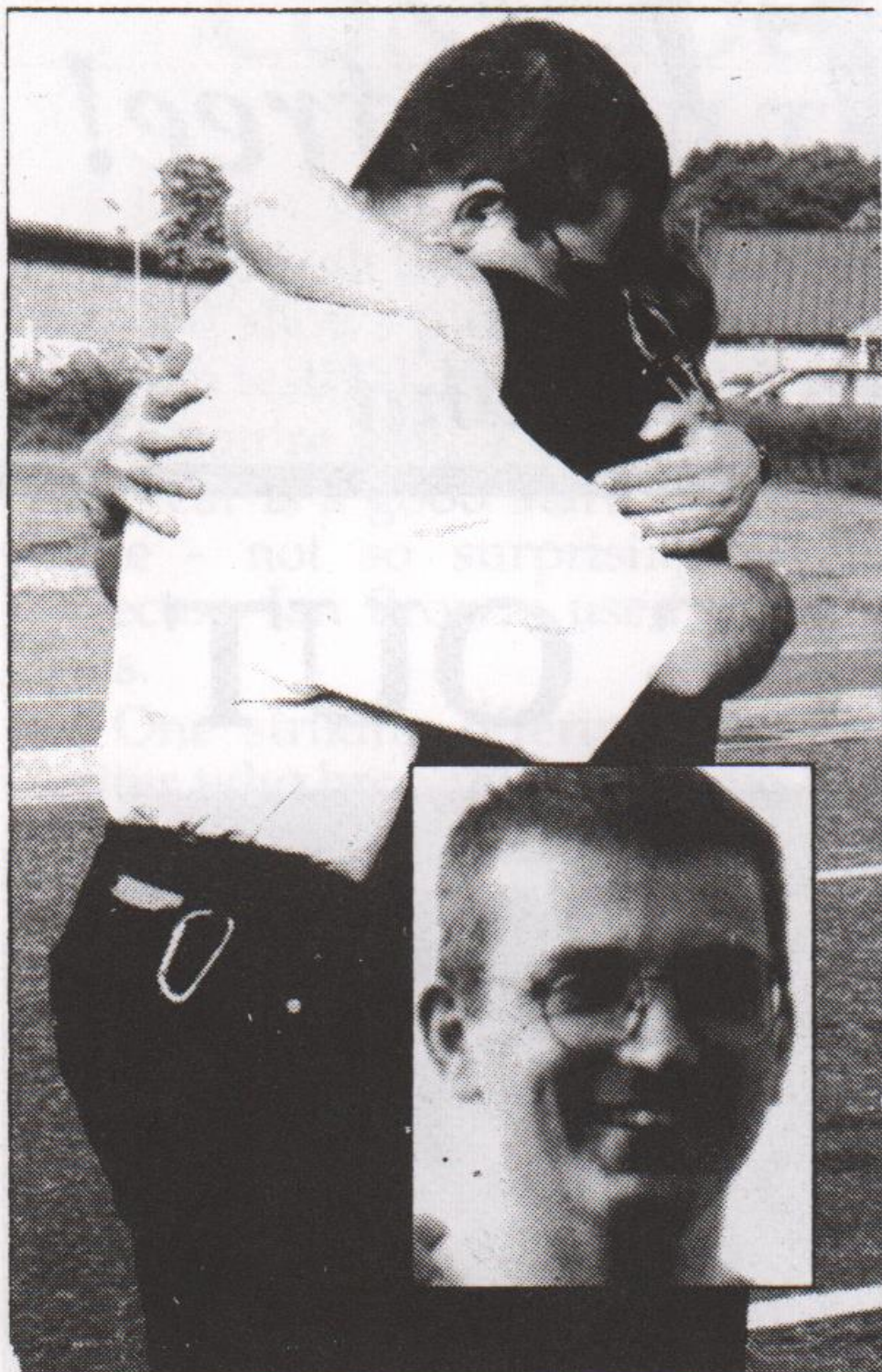
entitles them to a free ticket for their next visit". And just in case the Reverend Sisters get hungry or anyone else for that matter, a buffet will be laid on (not by them, thank goodness!). The solemn occasion will be marked by appropriate hymns during the service of blessing. The party, sorry 'service', begins at 9pm with the blessing taking place around 11pm, with the event continuing until 6am. In other words, nun of this, nun of that, and plenty of the other!



Sister Dominatrix at 'Pride



HELLO MUM!



*Mark hugs mum, Ruth, outside Highdown Prison, Surrey

Former immigration officer, Mark Watson, was released on July 22nd after serving part of a six-month sentence for illegally stamping his Brazilian lover's passport in an attempt to halt his deportation.

Mark, 28, now plans to become a Stonewall volunteer, advising same sex couples on the continuing Home Office refusal to recognise our relationships. The Stonewall Immigration Group can be contacted on 071 222 9007. (Thanks to STONEWALL NEWS who originated this article).

NEW BLACK & ASIAN GROUP PLANNED

A new group specifically for Black or Asian lesbian, gay or bisexual people is currently being planned in Nottingham. If you would like to know more about its plans or be involved in helping set it up, you could pop in to see Udi at the Information Shop, Carlton Street, Nottingham or call Udi on 0602 585111 for more information. The first meeting is likely to be in mid-October.

NEW MOVES FOR DERBY

Derby Women's Centre is offering an additional service for women, beginning 6th September. Every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon there will be a female health advisor available to discuss all aspects of sexual health, and each person will be seen individually. This may include general sexual issues, sexually transmitted or other genital infections, HIV and AIDS and contraception.

This service is available at the Women's Centre at 4 Leopold Street Derby for women and appointments are not necessary. The service is free and completely confidential. The Health Advisor, Heather Foster, who also works at the William Donald Clinic at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, sees this as an exciting new forum where women can discuss personal sexual health issues in an informal, confidential environment. Further information from Kim on (0332) 341633.

COUNCIL SUPPORT GROUP

Calling all Nottingham City Council Lesbian and Gay Workers. Are you a lesbian, gay man or bisexual working for Nottingham City Council? Do you want to see more support available and our issues taken more seriously by the council as a whole?

A small group of lesbians from Community Services Division already meets for support. We are interested in working with others to plan an event for all lesbians, gay men and bisexuals working in the City Council to look at how we can make changes and improve things for ourselves and the whole City.

If you would like to take part in planning this project please come to a meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 12.30, International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham. If you would like more information please ring Dawn Claypole on (0602) 483504 ext. 3505.

Derby Playhouse

SUPPORTING DERBY AIDS TRUST FUND
A **SIZZLING** SOUL NIGHT

“ I'm gonna wait for the
**MIDNIGHT
HOUR**
when my love comes
a tumblin' down ”

**WITH STARS FROM HIT
WEST END MUSICALS**

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Over 2 hours of SOUL and ROCK'N'ROLL

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 8.00pm

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METRO CINEMA

Green Lane Derby: box office (0332) 340170

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL

Dir: Mike Newell/UK/1994/117 mins.

This smash hit comedy casts Hugh Grant as a confirmed bachelor, watching various friends fall in love and get married, but unable to take the plunge himself - until the arrival in his life of a sassy American woman changes his mind.

3rd-8th September.

Saturday 8.30pm, Sunday 8pm,
Tuesday-Thursday 6.30pm.

LOVE AND HUMAN REMAINS

Dir: Denys Arcand/Canada/
1994/100 mins.

This first English language picture from the director of 'Jesus of Montreal' is a wonderfully witty portrait of modern sexual politics and confusions. A pair of flatmates - straight female, gay male - try to sort out their romantic entanglements and emotional commitments against the background of a cold Canadian city where a serial killer - who just might be one of the film's main characters - stalks the streets.

GO FISH

Dir: Rose Troche/USA/1993/85 mins.

In downtown Chicago a mixed gang of young lesbians unite to find the ultimate babe for Max, who's been celibate for nearly a year.



30th Sept-4th October.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday
8.30pm.

LEAVING LENIN

Dir: Enfa Emlyn/Wales/1993/90 mins.

A school trip to Russia goes badly wrong when students and teachers are separated on the train journey. While the teachers struggle to survive with no money or luggage, the students are left to enjoy the splendours of Saint Petersburg and to work through a good deal of teenage angst. Shot against some fabulous cityscapes, it's a highly amusing story which won the audience prize as favourite film at 1993's London Film Festival.

30th Sept-2nd October.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 6.15pm.



16th-22nd September.

Friday & Saturday 8.30pm, Sunday
7.45pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8.30pm.

BSL TRAINING

Leicestershire Health Authority have recently agreed funding for the Leicester Lesbian and Gay Centre to run another British Sign Language Course for local HIV workers - prioritising lesbians and gay men. "It's a great opportunity for HIV organisations to provide support and information to their deaf clients and to reach the deaf communities. We've been running basic courses for 2 years now and it's great that the Health Authority have acknowledged the importance of this," says Jill Parker, Co-ordinator of the Lesbian and Gay Centre.



The new Level two training starts in September and will be an opportunity for local workers to gain more skills. The course will be run by local deaf gay tutor, Evan Roberts. For further information contact Jill Parker at Leicester Lesbian and Gay Centre (0533) 547412.

JUST LIKE MY FATHER

Peggy Shaw of 'Split Britches' is appearing in 'You're Just Like My Father' at Loughborough University during the 'Performing Politics' conference on Friday 16th September.



Outright has four pairs of tickets to give away to the first four people whose names are drawn out of a hat. Send your name and address to Outright, PO Box 4, West PDO, Nottingham, NG7 2DJ to arrive by 12th September. Each pair of tickets worth £7.00

'Performing Politics' is a two-day conference on political theatres and performative aspects of politics. Day and non-residential rates available. More info from Mick Wallis 0509 - 222956.

DERBY MEN

Following on from the 'Do Men Need to Change?' open forum in May an anti-sexist Men's group - Derby Men for Change - has been set up.

The group hopes to attract men from all backgrounds and aims to establish a non-judgemental environment where any man would feel welcome. Issues hoped to be discussed include masculinity, disability, sexuality, race, culture, male violence and pornography.

The first meeting takes place on 13th September at 7pm at 1a Willow Road, Derby (1st floor above Probation Centre - disabled access). More info from 0332-367687 or 0332-332093.

QUEERBASHINGS IN LEAMINGTON

A number of gay men have been attacked in Leamington Spa and local gay groups are urging those with information to come forward. Anyone with information is asked to contact either Coventry Friend on 0203 714199. Leamington Spa police have also issued a number for people to ring in confidence - 0926 451111 ext 4106 - and ask for Inspector Brian Donley or PC Hilary Cramhorn.

YOUNG LESBIANS

Nottingham Young Lesbian Group, meets 1-4pm at Base 51, Glasshouse Street. Activities include photography, music, time to sit and talk, cups of tea. Meet other lesbians 25 and under. More details from Clare, Base 51 on 0602 525040, or just turn up. Wheelchair accessible.

DERBY AIDSLINE

Worried/confused about HIV/AIDS?

For confidential advice and information, phone FREE on Derby Aidsline

0800 - 622738

Mon & Thur 7 - 9pm
Thurs 2 - 4pm

LIFE IS *NOT* THE SAME IF YOU'RE GAY

The laws surrounding pensions make it difficult for unmarried couples to plan for retirement. When you are gay, it is not only the law that makes it difficult. It is the misconceptions surrounding intestacy and trusts. In other words, if you think you may ever want a partner to benefit from your pension plan in the event of your death you cannot leave it to chance.

Your independent financial adviser should not only inform you of the costs involved of any particular pension policy, but the size, strength and past performance of the pension office. Financial advice, however, does not stop there.

To us, getting it right seems surprisingly simple. We do not charge and our service is confidential.

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Tel: 0602 475414

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- Hepatitis B vaccination
- Information, advice and support about safer sex, HIV and AIDS, sexual health and sexuality
- Drug advice and needle exchange
- Gay worker available

Open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5.00pm

No appointments, no names, no problem

LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS?

Then Leicester Gay Group, a social and befriending group for all gay people, wants to hear from you.

Wide variety of social activities, with pub night at 'The Red Lion' in Leicester on 1st Sunday of every month, and meetings for 'newcomers' also held monthly in the centre of Leicester.

Interested?

Phone Roy on Leics (0533) 765931, or Chris on Loughborough (0509) 415272.

ROTHERGAYS SUCCESS

Cavaliers Manager, Stella, presented a cheque for £320, following a fundraising evening held on behalf of Rothergays Social and Support Group. Peter Webb, spokesperson for the Rotherham-based group said the money raised would go towards funding future events, and to assist in the group objectives of increasing social activities of group members, to educate and promote health needs, and for outreach work to other local and national organisations. "I can only hope that such nights will expand public acceptance of the gay community", he said. Rothergays can be contacted on 0709 820304 (Mon & Wed only, 7-10pm only).

INDOORS/OUTDOORS GAY MEN TOGETHER

Spend a relaxing five-night break with other gay and bisexual men in a luxury hostel, tucked away in a remote part of Cumbria, dining on wholesome, home-cooked food, exploring the great outdoors or just relaxing sitting round the log fire late into the night. Imagine the thrill of descending by rope into a deep, tree-lined gorge and then following the rocky stream, scrambling over boulders, to the sound of rushing waterfalls around crystal clear pools. Guided walks, art workshops, dancing where you don't need a partner, massage, or making music and singing are likely to be on offer. A chance to be part of a small group and make new friends in a supportive atmosphere. Opt in or out as you please, a place to be together and a place to go solo when you want. Sliding scale, from £69 all inclusive, 21st - 26th September, a few places left. More info. from Edward on (0602) 780124.

* **STONEWALL BREAKS** * **STONEWALL BREAKS** *

DON'T DROP YOUR DRAWERS IF YOU AINT GOT CONDOMS

The AIDS Liaison Unit of Southern Derbyshire Health Authority, the Health Education Authority and the European Community have joined forces to promote safer sex when on holiday or travelling abroad.

From June 1993 to June 1994, 519 heterosexuals in the UK acquired HIV through sexual intercourse with a partner abroad or who had lived abroad. This is more than twice the number of people infected through sharing needles and syringes. Giant posters depicting condom usage will be displayed at local airports throughout the country, plus leaflets on "A Traveller's Guide to HIV and Safer Sexual Health".

"People must understand that rates of HIV infection vary considerably throughout the world and this is particularly relevant to those heterosexuals in this country who still see HIV as a problem for gay men and injecting drug users" said Clive Aylesbury, AIDS Liaison Officer.

Actress Margi Clark, famous for her work on ITV's 'Good Sex Guide' feels that the days of the carefree holiday fling are over. "It's no longer a case of dropping your drawers and worrying about the consequences later. If you don't take your condoms you won't have any drawers to drop!", she said.

THE ADMIRAL DUNCAN

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0602 502727

Wednesdays from 21st September

NEW TALENT NIGHT

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any evening for details

CHANGES AT THE PINEAPPLE

New opening times at the Pineapple Inn, Leicester are, Mon-Fri. 11am-3pm, and 7pm-11pm, Saturday 11am-4pm, and 7pm-11pm, Sun. 12 noon-3pm, and 7pm-10.30pm. There is also accommodation available.

THE MEN'S SEXUAL HEALTH PROJECT

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TRADE

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FOR THE DATE OF OUR NEXT MEETING AT
45 KING STREET, LEICESTER, PHONE ANDY.



If you would like to find out more about us, or are interested in getting involved, why not come along.

We are particularly keen to recruit volunteers from Black communities who are currently under-represented in our group.

For more information phone Andy:
0533 541747 (office hours)

FREE CONDOM DROP IN

Opening times

Every Thursday 11.30am-2.30pm

Every Friday 11.30am-2.30pm

Second Saturday each month 12.00am-3.00pm

(No appointment necessary)

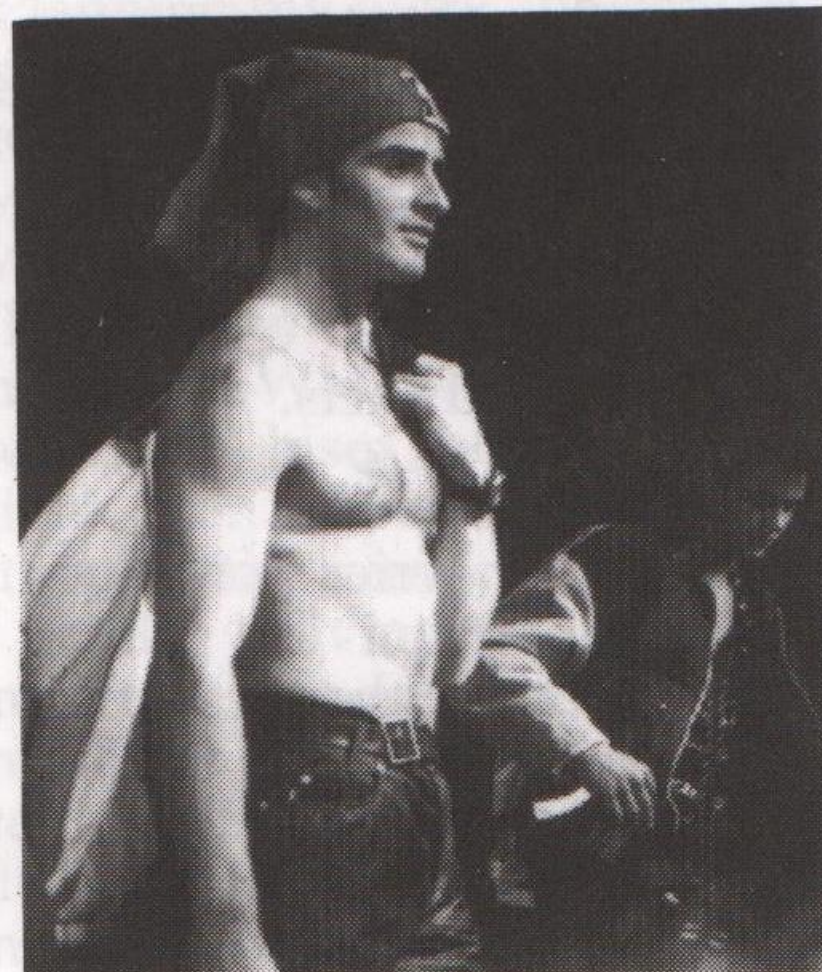
If you have difficulties visiting during these times ring
0533-541747 for an appointment free.... (and easy)

ABSOLUTELY FREE!

*A choice of gay safe condoms *Water based lubricants *Dental dams, latex gloves *Information, counselling and support on HIV/AIDS, sexuality, relationships, HIV testing, safer sex or any concerns about sexual health
*Leaflets, safer sex videos, posters etc.

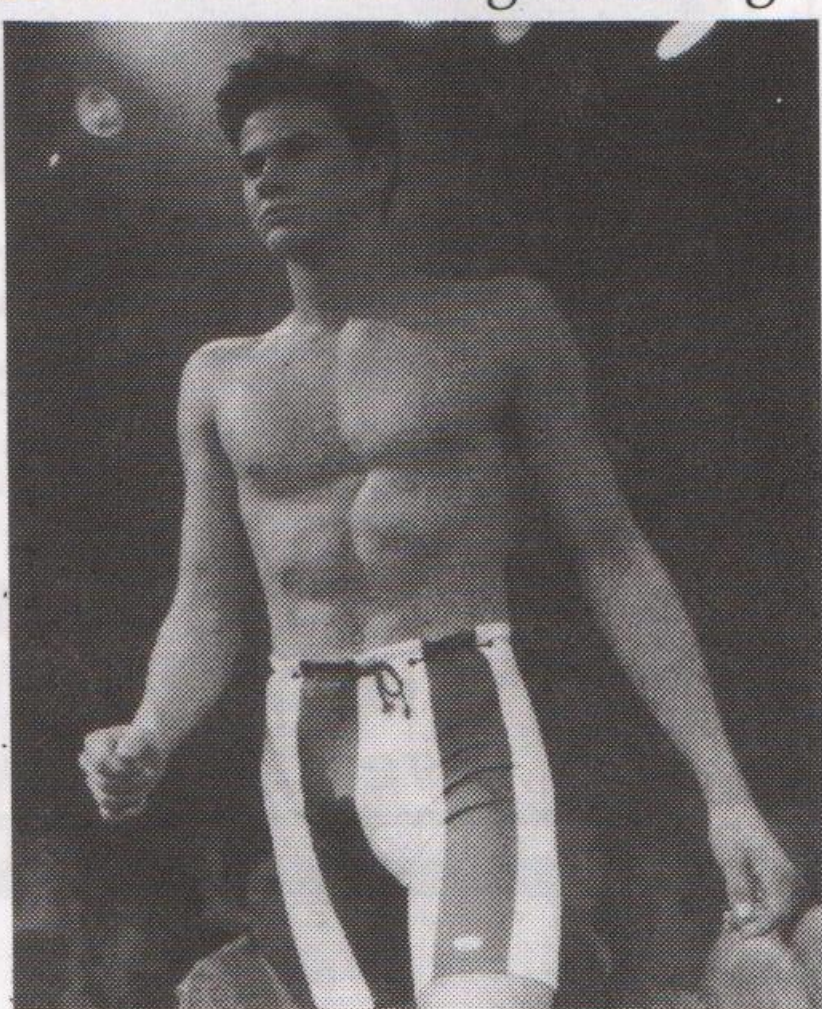
STRUT YER STUFF?

Set the controls for 'outrageous'! The largest, liveliest fashion show to be staged outside London will take Loughborough Students' Union by storm on Wednesday 7th December 1994. The aim is to raise as much money as possible for AIDS



charities. The Cream of British fashion will be on show including Helen Storey, Paul Smith and the Queen herself - Vivienne Westwood. Organiser Phil Blake launched it last year to raise awareness and funds on learning of a friend's death. Last October 1,000 people flocked to witness the best of British fashion, comedy and music. Said Phil, "This second Red Ribbon will be bigger and better than the first. This year a competition has been launched with superb prizes to discover the most original design

from an undergraduate student's collection based on the theme of decadence. Red Ribbon 2 is also searching for ten stunning models for the show who can really let themselves go on the catwalk and have bags of confidence. Do you fit the bill! If so, please send your details and a non-returnable photograph to Phil Blake, Red Ribbon Fashion Events, 8 Gregory Avenue, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2EQ. Tickets available for £12.00 from Loughborough University Students' Union from October 3rd.



NOTICEBOARD

● Rapture Disco

The next Australian Beach Rapture disco takes place in the Asylum at Leicester University on September 23rd, 9pm-2am, Beach-wear is optional. No entry after 11pm, £2.50.

● Pink Chalk

Pink Chalk (East Midlands & South Yorkshire Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals Working in Education). Meet for a buffet and social evening in Sheffield on Saturday 24th September, 1994. More information from Anthony 0602 585814.

● Atomic Kandy

The All-women band needs a female base player. Auditions are in September prior to their autumn UK tour. Phone Mary 0602-784459.

● In Unison

Nottinghamshire Lesbian & Gay UNISON Support Group meets at Triangles last Thursday of month, 7.30-9.30pm. Next meeting Thursday 29th September. Further info. from Pam 452764 (w).

● East Mercia MSC

East Mercia MSC has a club night on the 9th Sept. and a club night with JDL Shop on 22nd September at Leics Place. More info write c/o Leics Place, Dryden St, Leicester.

● Grimsby

Grimsby & District Gay Helpline can be contacted on Tuesdays & Thursday, 7-9pm on (0472) 251818.

● GLYP

Nott'm Gay and Lesbian Young People can now be contacted c/o Lesbian & Gay Switchboard at 33 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB (see also Helpline panel page 10).

● Trent MSC

Leather, denim, rubber, uniform club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Admiral Duncan, Nottingham from 8pm (no trainers!). Wheelchair access. More info 0602-473438.

● LEICESTER ZAMI

Leicester ZAMI/Black Lesbian & Gay Group meets regularly on Thursday nights. More info from 0533-550667, office hours.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you have some spare time on your hands and are interested in doing some voluntary work in Nottinghamshire, why not try the information shop for young people?

The information shop offers information and support on matters including, justice and equality, family and relationships, health, money and housing, for 14 to 26 year olds. You will join an already established working team (paid and unpaid), and can work in the shop and/or on specific projects. If you are interested contact Jo at Carlton Street, Hockley, Nottingham.

The Information Shop is open 12-4pm, Monday - Saturday.

David and Jim welcome you to the The Queens Hotel

Level 1

Sheffield's lively new fortnightly Disco Starts Friday September 9th

Gayphone Benefit

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2 Bars * Function Room * Food and Accommodation

"Happy Sunday" - cheap drinks all night - * Ward's
Bitter £1.10 per pint, Heineken £1.20 per pint
Guinness & Murphy's £1.40 per pint. Free mixers
with all double spirits

Every Wednesday: "Trivial Trivia Quiz"

Every Saturday: 60's & 70's Disco

Monday 5th September:

Gayphone Social Group meeting All welcome

Wednesday 7th September:

"Trivial Trivia Quiz"

Friday 9th September: LEVEL 1 Opening Night
£2.00 entry, benefit for Gayphone.

Saturday 10th September:

60's & 70's Disco. Free admission, 8pm-midnight

Sunday 11th September: "Happy Sunday"

Friday 16th September: D.D.'s Women only Disco

Sat 17th September: "Level" 1 60's & 70's disco

Sunday 18th September: "Happy Sunday"

Monday 19th September: Gayphone social group,
all welcome

Wednesday 21st September: "Trivial Trivia Quiz"

Friday 23rd September: SHOUT evening

Sat 24th September: "Level" 1 60's & 70's disco

Wednesday 28th September: "Trivial Trivia Quiz"

Friday 30th September: "Level 1" Gay Disco,
£2 entry - benefit for Rothergays

Restaurant now open, lunchtime 12pm-2pm,
Evenings 8pm-late

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(0742) 726909 fax: 0742 490955

THE OUTDOOR LIFE

Here's the last of our summer samples of outdoor activities from walking groups in the region.

Sun 4th Sept *Weekenders* walk from White Lodge on A6, 3m north of Ashford in the Water (grid ref: 171713). *Pink Pathfinders* 'Jenny's Walk' from Alport (B5056 off A6, phone box on bridge) 10.45am through Lathkill Dale, Youlgreave and Bradford, 8 miles.

Sun 18th Sept *Nott'm Hyking Dykes* meet 9.15am at Womens Centre for walk from Alstonefield (grid ref: 130556) at 10.30am. *East Midlands GOC* meet 11am for walk from Stanley village to Shipley Park.

Fri 23rd to Sun 25th Sept *West Midlands GOC* camping weekend. *Stonewall Breaks* activity weekend at Wasdale (see ad on page 5).

Sun 25th Sept *Pink Pathfinders* meet 10.45am for 'Alison's Walk' at Market Cross, Youlgreave, 8 miles via Longdale and Dale End, followed by optional 3 miles.

Sun 2nd Oct *East Midlands GOC* cycle ride from Newark at 11am.

For most walks you should wear suitable clothes, water-proofs and strong footwear, and for daytime walks bring a packed lunch and drinks. There are sometimes pub stops at lunchtime but practice varies according to the group and the route.

For details of local groups and events mentioned here contact: *East Midlands GOC*: Nick 0533-811138. *West Midlands GOC*: Gordon 021-420-2694. *Weekenders* c/o Outright 0602-780124. *Pink Pathfinders* (men and women walkers): Bob 0602-678134. *Nott'm Hiking Dykes* c/o Lesbian Line - see helpline panel page 10.

COURSES AT NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTRE

Starting on the 26th September are a wide variety of courses for women including, Drama, lesbian History, Punjabi, Singing, First Aid, Creative writing for Black Women, Confident Speaking, Sign Language Interpreting, Dance Aerobics, Confidence Raising, Art (all evening courses).

Day Courses include Desk Top Publishing, Assertiveness for All Women, Assertiveness for Black Women, Assertiveness For Women with learning Disabilities. There are also a number of Work Related Day Courses starting 12th September. Further details from Nottingham Womens Centre, (contd. next column)

Are you involved in a . . .

- community group
- voluntary organisation
- self-help or support group
- campaigning group
- trades union branch
- arts or media group?

Do you need to produce . . .

- newsletters
- posters, flyers and leaflets
- address lists and mailshots
- reports and budgets
- work in Asian languages?

coda is Nottingham's City Centre computer resource facility. For a small annual affiliation fee your group can get free access to our equipment. Affiliates also enjoy large discounts on training courses and advice on buying your own computer.

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CHANNEL 4



Just for Laughs.

Presented by Chris Evans, this new three-part series runs on the 9th, 16th and 23rd September and includes the Queer Comics Show hosted by Julian Clary with highlights from the best of lesbian and gay comedy acts.

Out

The OUT series continues with a report on US soldier Perry Watkins, the first man to be thrown out of the US army during the Reagan years, on 13th September and lesbian film maker Emma Hindley looks back on 'Pride '94, in the last of the series on 30th September.

I am a law student researching the Child Support Agency. Please write to me and tell me your views and criticisms.

Strict confidentiality assured.

Contact Vanessa Hills, 28 Denegate Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 3GG.



UNISON

EAST MIDLANDS LESBIAN & GAY GROUP

Next Meeting, Monday, 12th September at 7pm, Centenary Suite, Derby Royal Infirmary, Osmaston Road, Derby.

Tea/coffee will be available.

The venue is accessible to wheelchair users and an induction loop is fitted to the suite.

Please contact a co-convenor if you have other requirements or if you need or can offer transport. Expenses are payable at regional rates.

Further information from

Karen (0602) 692317

Gary (0623) 811312

The GAI Column

Gay and Bisexual AIDS and Health Initiative

Working with Mesmen

Planning my work "objectives" recently, I found time to reflect on a significant shift in the attitudes of the "powers that be" regarding targeted HIV prevention campaigns. What I'm referring to is the move towards talking about sexual health promotion work with not only gay men, but also "other" men who have sex with men.

The recognition of a diversity of other men who have sex with men (MWHWSWM, MSM or Mesmen!) - a category that might include, for example, bisexual men, married men, rent boys who identify as straight, men in prison etc. - is something that has taken its time to drift up to the semi-rural sprawl that is North Derbyshire, where I am based. Previously I'm sure their conception has been of a homogenous group of easily identifiable men who socialise in identifiable gay venues and read The Pink Paper, Outright! etc. which are seen as universally available. Along this line of thought, health promotion initiatives for this "group" need extend no further than providing leaflets and condoms in bars, clubs or other places frequented by gay-identified men, and using the gay press to promote safer sex.

Slowly things are beginning to change. The Health Authority now acknowledges a distinction between "soft" and "hard" targets, and recognises that men in "hard to reach" settings may want to remain inaccessible because they don't want to be reached!

Outreach work ongoing in the area suggests a relatively small crossover between so-called "soft" and "hard" targets, for example between men who use the scene and men who cottage. A survey of men using one particular cruising ground showed that almost half were married. As far as HIV prevention is concerned, these men may not feel themselves to be at risk, and they may lack the support and motivation to bring about and sustain a behavioural change, even if they do. All of which has implications for sexual health promotion work that might not be apparent to funders from the recent Wellcome Trust survey findings on sexual behaviour in Britain - where the vast majority of respondents, 90.2% of men, claimed exclusively heterosexual experience!

In a rural area like North Derbyshire, even making contact with "out" gay men can be difficult. In the whole of the district there are only two gay venues and no Gay Switchboard.

And so, finally, a plug - if you are a gay, bisexual or indeed "other" man having sex with men in and around North Derbyshire, then please remember the CASH (Community Action on Sexual Health) Project was set up for you. Please 'phone any time on (02046) 559431 to let me know how we can improve the service.

Written by Richard Marriott, Community Sexual Health Promotion Worker, CASH Project, Chesterfield

COMING OUT OF THE BLUE

'Coming Out of the Blue' was published in 1993, in which British police officers talk about their lives in 'The Job' as lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The author, Marc E. Burke, served as an officer in the Metropolitan Police from 1982 until 1986 (pictured at the age of consent rally earlier this year) when he pursued a university career which led to a doctorate in sociology from Essex University. His book is published by Cassell and is available at Independent Bookshop, Mushroom and Blackthorn Books.



photo: Joe Tong

IT'S QUEER UP NORTH

The second International Festival of Lesbian and Gay Arts takes place in Manchester between 8th-28th September. With over 40 events in three weeks this must make Manchester the UK's city of queer culture. Theatre includes David Drake's off-Broadway hit show, 'The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me', 'The Diary of a New York Queen', and Gay Sweatshop's new show 'Fucking Martin'. More info from Info Line 061-236-7732

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNISON LESBIAN and GAY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on the last Thursday of every month at
Triangles Private Club, North Sherwood St.
Nottingham, 7.30pm until 9.30pm

All Lesbian and Gay Unison members are made welcome and are invited to join in!

SOCIALISING.

**ORGANISING FUN EVENTS,
OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND UNISON
NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY CONFERENCE,
SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES,
AND TO BRING NEW IDEAS TO EXPAND OR
DEVELOP OUR PURPOSE AS A GROUP**
or just come along for a drink, a chat and a laugh!
Make a date with your diary right now, and we'll see you there!

**Contact Pam (0602) 452764 or
David (0602) 775724 for more info.**

STRYKERS

Gay SAUNA

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12 noon - 10.30pm
SUNDAY 2pm - 10.30pm



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NEW BEGINNINGS...

The Albert Kennedy Trust is one of several organisations which won a Community Care Enterprise Award recently. The Trust set up five years' ago and named in memory of an isolated young gay man who killed himself, operates a supported lodgings scheme for young gay men and lesbians who they place with gay or lesbian foster carers. OUTRIGHT spoke with Yoni Ejo (pictured), the Trust's first full-time paid Placement Worker who has been with the Project for 18 months.

"Our brief is to help young people from 16-19, to live independently, by offering support and advice," says Yoni. "Teenagers in the care of local authorities who are gay or lesbian are rarely helped to find appropriate foster placements with gay

or lesbian foster carers and it's now acknowledged by many social workers that young lesbian and gay people in care often have a very raw deal as a result", she says.

"I think that having a fulltime worker and admin. support has enabled us to expand to work with more young people and to give them better support while in placement. "Often both the carer and the young person will have anxieties they need to offload in the sometimes tricky process of getting to know each other. Regular support for the carers can pay dividends to the success of the placement".

The Award will finance the compilation of a directory of lesbian and gay foster carers and help pay for more publicity, leaving money acquired for the supportive lodgings service to concentrate on that work.

"Increasingly a placement with us is a positive decision, not a reaction to a deficiency in the service. It is often lesbian and gay workers themselves who make the first moves. We are pushing for our lesbian and gay young people to have the best that is available to them. The new provisions of the Children Act makes it a legal responsibility to ascertain what is in their best interests."

"The commitment to a young person often goes far beyond the length of their placement. We find that however long someone is with us, they nearly always come back to the AKT, sometimes just to say hello, to know we are here, so when we take someone on we are prepared for a long-term involvement", she adds.

All applicants on local authority registers of foster carers have been previously assessed, including those who are lesbian or

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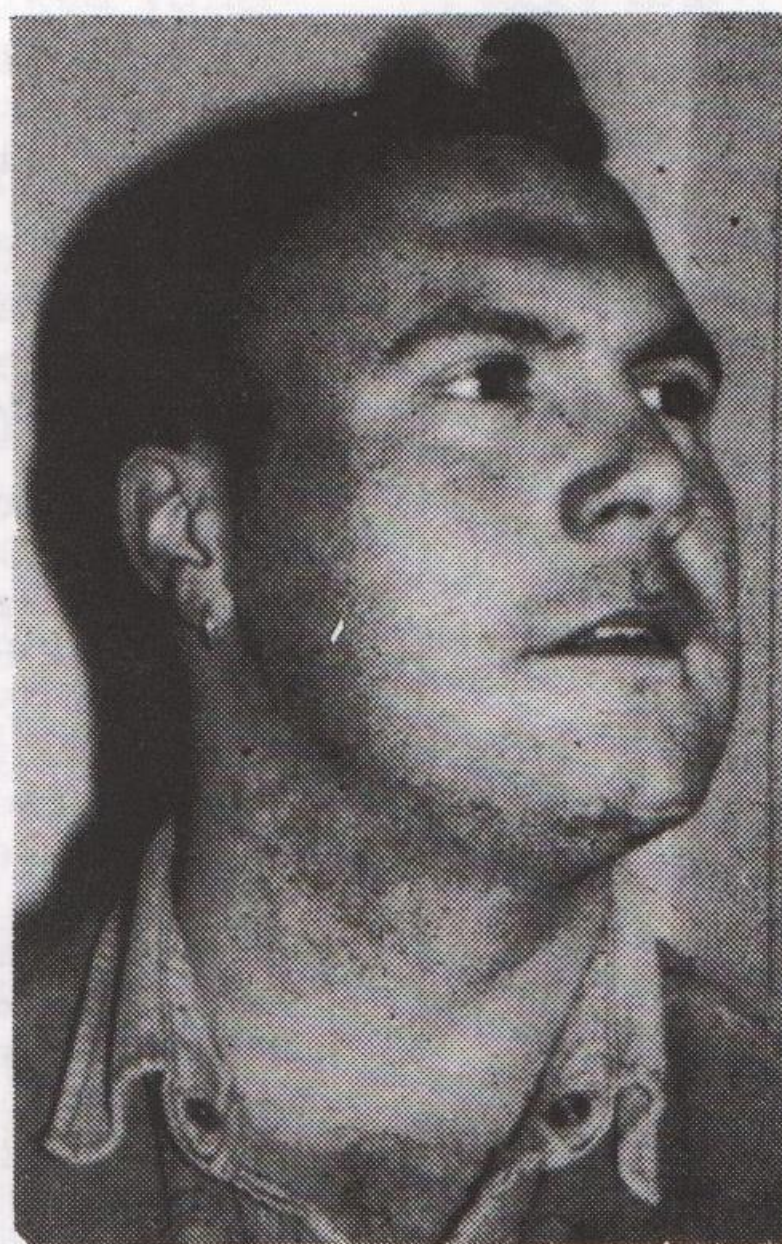
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SAMPLES by Simon Smalley

STICKY STUFF

As chronicled previously in these pages, I'm not the world's number one rap fan, but occasionally something will float to the surface of the rap pond to make me sit up and take notice. Falling into this category is the eponymous debut LP from a blunted trio known as G-Love & Special Sauce. Escaping from the re-runs of the same old breaks and beats, they dish up a refreshing slice of spice to jazz up the proceedings. A rootsy air of sixties experimentalism prevails, married with a fifties jazz improvisation vibe. The relaxed vocal style is so nonchalant the G-Love sounds totally unbothered and the loose but together musical waves make it feel as if the tape was left running at a mates-jamming-together session. 'Blues Music' slips into your ears with a throwback to Rickie Lee Jones' 'Chuck E's In Love' whilst the sleepy but sharp guitar on 'Garbage Man' harks back to Free circa 'Fire and Water'. People think that the re-re-re-released 'Summertime' by Jazzy Jeff is the ultimate in big city sweatbox summer songs, but one song everyone should avail themselves of is 'This Ain't Livin', a serenade of the streets, almost an epitaph for a decaying city and chasing its own tail life - definitely the nineties version of the Lovin' Spoonful's 'Summer in the City'. The employment of stand-up bass contributes an authentic air to the whole shebang and the unusual vocal threatens to become annoying, but never actually does. The re-vitalised O-Keh label have pulled 'Cold Beverage' as a single, the obvious commercial choice with its US marine marching chant. Fortunately this is about the only



weak track in this tasty set and there's a lot of corks just a-waitin' to be uprooted from this slopey, dopey, smokey slider of an album. Laidback-licious.

YAWN

Without wanting to dismiss, cavalier-style, something which gives soooo much pleasure to soooo many people (it sez here), the trouble with World Music is that it all tends to fall into an assorted ragbag of similar sounding slops. Verifying this sweeping judgement is 'The Guide (Womat)', the current fifteen tracker by Youssou N'Dour. The World Music genre never really attains chart success unless patronised by such big-name accomplices as Petra Gabriel, Paul Simon and that bit of a Miss Sting. Nouveau to the ranks of helping hands comes Neneh 'Remember Moi?' Cherry, adding her tough but sweet approach to the '7 Seconds' single, thus shoving it up the charts. But the album's so boring! Gawd, it runs on and on and on like a loop tape and you find yourself going googly-eyed 'cos you've got one eye on the lyric sheet, trying to fathom out the pretentious Modern Parents lyrics and the other on the digital display, watching the seconds turn to minutes. The only slightly er ... interesting moment is 'Without A Smile' and despite the intervention of Branford Marsalis's eloquent saxophone still manages to sound like a dodgy wine bar Eurovision Song Contest mis-fire. In spite of celebrity collaborators and hi-tech production, World Music really has to drag itself from the desert it's suffocating beneath.

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Matthew Toresen from MESMAC said 'The festival will raise urgently needed funds for our small grants scheme to Lesbian and Gay groups, and help us to continue to provide free condoms and lube, but above all it's going to be busy, proud and fun!' M-Appeal runs from September 25th to October 4th 1994 in Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield and York. You can find out up to the minute info. by ringing the M-Appeal Festival Hotline on 0532 444209.

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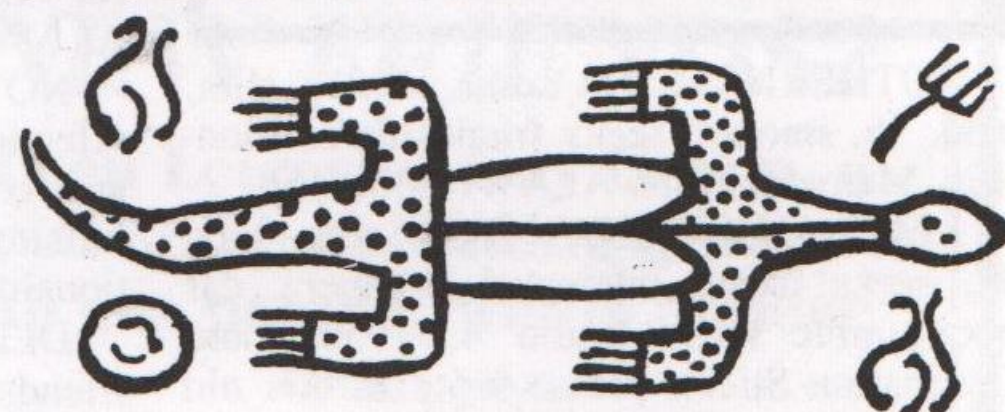
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YOUNG LOOKING 21, 5'8", very cute and friendly, just moved to Leics, looking for friendship poss 1-1 with good looking guy under 25. Box 457.

B'HAM, macho gorilla (44) stocky build, very friendly, loves bananas and guys 30-40 who are straight acting and looking, happiness could be only a letter away. ALAWP. Box 458.

EAST MIDLANDS/ANYWHERE, great looking blond 25 seeks tall dark muscular mate who like me is sick of the scene. Photo please. No pervies! Box 459.

NOTT'M early retired fit active gay guy seeks occasional casual employment for extra cash. Daytime, weekdays only. Anything considered. Would also consider daytime voluntary work. Box 460.

BARNESLEY S Yorks guy, 31, dark hair, medium build, very horny, wants to meet men who know how to be men for safe fun. Discretion assured. Box 461.

DERBY slim guy 34, hot, hung and very horny: briefs and naturist fan. Seeks uninhibited guys for raunchy fun. Long frank letter and revealing photo ensures reply. Box 462.

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BURTON/DERBY.

Guy 43, own home, would love to meet someone between 40-50 for 1-1. Very caring. Like music, pubs, dinners in and out. ALAWP or phone no. Box 465.

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LEICS/ANYWHERE. 5'6", slim guy, 37, seeks friend interested in opera, car boot/jumble sales, Radio 4, 1950's and Coronation Street: please write to this old eccentric. Box 467.

NOTTS/ANYWHERE stocky 33, tache, No 1 crop, non-smoker, seeks friends poss 1-1 for caring friendship. Can accomm. ALA. Box 468.

ADVENTUROUS GAY MALE, 21, blond, blue eyed and slim, wishes to meet other guys with a gsoh. Must be able to travel or live in E Mids. ALA. Box 469.

DERBY AREA. Horny s/acting guy seeks submissive quiet g/looking bi. Guys looking for experience and no strings no hang-up private sessions, 18-40. Fit only need apply. Box 470.

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SOUTH YORKS/ANYWHERE, gay male, 60's. Wishes to meet similar 21+ for friendship and fun times. Age, colour, height, build not imp. Can accomm. Photo if poss. ALA with phone no. Box 473.

MIDLANDS/ANYWHERE very sweet boyish 31, 5'6" smooth body. Seeks 1-1 romantic 35+ uniform workman businessman dominant type man. This is the type of guy for me. Box 474.

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE, attractive slim guy 32 non-smoker, non-scene seeks similar for friendship and poss 1-1 with someone. Tel/photo apprec but looks unimportant. ALA. Box 475.

LEICS/ANYWHERE, 44, lonely, fed up, seeking friendship with guy 30-40 for lasting relationship. Box 476.

NORTHANTS, 48, bald, smoker, glasses, tall, hairy, ac/dc, dog lover seeks active gay/bi bloke, stocky rugger type driver. I have car but don't like driving. Maybe 1-1. Box 477.

AFFECTION, fun, maybe more offered by Nott'm guy, youngish-looking 50's, slim, dark hair, responsive! Box 478.

NOTT'M, very young 60 seeks younger guy for discreet genuine active sincere friendship poss relationship. Have many interests and open mind. No time wasters. Gsoh. Box 479.

RETIRED gay male seeks similar for hols w/ends. Various interests gardening exchange visits age immaterial. ALA. Box 480.

NOTTS, 46, gsoh, seeks horny men 30-60, uncomplicated friendship fun and no pressure. Bi's welcomed, looks unimportant, filthy fun, colours and more, can travel. ALA. Box 481.

NOTTS. Caring guy, mid 20s, quite attractive, can you give a real commitment to someone who just wants to settle down. Then please write. Box 482.

MANSFIELD

31, professional, medium build, 5'8", blue eyes, glasses, brown hair, seeks possible 1-1. Working, non-smoker. Interests must be travel, culture, fun times. Write with photo. Box 483.

EAST MIDLANDS, 27, hairy, attractive easy going guy into cars, clubbing and cuddles. Seeks smooth, straight acting guy for fun & friendship, and poss 1-1. ALAWP. Box 484.

NOTTS RETIRED seeks 'nephew' for affection/companionship, must be honest and genuine. Discreet with gsoh. Straight looking/acting. Photo appreciated. Any nationality. Box 485.

DERBY, young gay guy wants pen-friends, any age. Send photo if poss and a long descriptive letter. All letters answered. Anybody welcome to write to me. Robbie. Box 486.

CON WOULD LIKE to write to gay, 34. Visits if poss. Nott'm, friendship, open minded, needs person to trust. Pref younger than 30. Box 487.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, 38, good looks, 6'2", chunky, non-smoker, many interests, seeks guy 25-45 for friendship poss 1-1. Photo please. Box 488.

NOTT'M. Attractive, tall, w/e, 37, submissive, seeks dominant guy for fun, friendship, 1-1. I'm very genuine and have lots of love to give. Frank letter. Photo. ALA. Box 489.

LEICS GUY, 32, masculine, medium build, gsoh, enjoys walking, swimming, cinema, theatre, seeks similar guys for friendship poss 1-1. Go on drop me a line. Box 490.

NOTT'M, straight acting/looking early thirties passive guy looking for active masculine intelligent dominant ideally bisexual. Box 491.

MANSFIELD AREA, males under mid-30's wanted for friendship (poss relationship), will set up gay group meeting if enough reply. Box 492.

LEIC/NOTT'M, horny 31 year old, 5'5", good looks/body and hung seeks friends and a 1-1 (straight acting only). No time-wasters. Get writing. Box 493.

NOTT'M/DERBY/MIDLANDS. Are you between 25-35, gsoh, honest, sincere, caring? That's all I'm asking. For friendship poss 1-1 with right guy. Photo please. I'm late 20's. Box 494.

SHEFFIELD. Tall, slim, mid 30's, looks late 20's. Homely, caring, loyal, passive. Seeks active w/e dominant(ish), caring guy 21-30 for loving 1-1. Can accomm not travel. Box 495.

GAY OVERSEAS student seeks pen-pals, any age, any race. Frank letters please. Likes travel, music, dance, art and reading. Box 496.

NOTT'M, 33, 6', slim, blue eyes, fair hair, honest, caring, into music, badminton, swimming, seeking similar tall, slim, sensitive guy with integrity, gsoh for 1-1. Box 497.

SOUTH YORKS but can travel. Guy late 40's, slim, reliable, looking for similar or younger to replace long term relationship now sadly finished. Box 498.

GOOD LOOKING BIG BROTHER, 26, seeks cute young playful puppy 21 (n/s) to look after and protect. Your own kennel possible. (Near Loughborough Uni). Box 499

EAST MIDLANDS masculine active tall fit hairy but married. Likes to get into swimming gym and discreet passive guys/couples 25-40. Interested? Photo please. Box 800.

LEICS AREA, 26, desperately seeking dark skinned/Asian male 20-40 for sincere loving 1-1 relationship. Having good personality, be honest and caring. Genuine guys only. ALAWP. Box 801.

NOT LOOKING for love, just passionate uncomplicated safe fun! I'm 35, good physique, friendly, broadminded and seek action from guys 30-66 experienced or not. Beards/taches especially welcome. ALAWP. Box 802.

LEICESTER, 45, caring guy seeks friends under 35, any race for fun. Many interests gsoh walking swimming. Can travel accomm. Box 803.

NOTTS, 32, blond, smooth, 5'7", genuinely good looking, own place, from London. I need new friends as my social life is non-existent. Under-47's only please. Box 804.

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LEICS. Young guy 'boy next door' type looks. 25, 5'10", slim, blondish, gsoh, honest/caring, straight acting, seeks friends or 1-1. Photo please. Box 808.

NOTT'M/DERBY/LEICS, 45, 5'8", slim, reasonable looks, non-scene, genuine, gsoh. New to area. Looking to meet guys 40-55 for friendship and fun. Phone no. apprec. Box 809.

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WELLINGBOROUGH GAYLINE, Thur, 6.30-9.30pm, 0933-223591.

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WEST MIDLANDS GUY, 44, out of condition body, non-smoker, romantic, non-

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scene, seeks that special guy to get me into shape 28-45 for possible 1-1. ALA. Box 811.

GORGEOUS HUNK not required! 47 year old looking for ordinary young(er) guy. East Midlands area. ALA. Photo helps. Box 812.

WEST YORKS. 40's, attractive, moustached, balding, 5'11", slim, caring, sincere. Seeks affectionate active guy, any age, for 1-1. Can accomm at any time! Genuine! ALA. Promise! Box 813.

NOTT'M. Easy-going couple, 30's and 40's, seeking new friends, couples/singles for socialising, pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in etc. Any age/background but gsoh essential! Box 814.

TWENTY SIX, dark hair, 5'11", attractive, gsoh, artistic, fun, good character, looking for brains AND good looks in genuine guy for 1-1. Photo and phone please. ALAWP. Box 815.

NOTT'M MALE 41 seeks friends 30-45 for badminton, swimming and theatre visits. Replies with phone number and photo please. Box 816.

NOTT'M BLOND, professional, versatile, slim build, into sci fi, skiing, travel and adventure, seeks intelligent slim, 25-35 under 5'9" for sharing and exploration. Photo apprec. ALAWP. Box 817.

MIDLANDS, 35, 5'10", dark hair, honest, reliable, genuine, many friends but lonely. Seeks guy up to 35 for friendship leading to 1-1. ALAWP. I can travel. Box 818.

NOTT'M, 42, 5'11", fit, professional, attractive, with young caring attitudes, seeks non-scene friends probably younger and not overweight, for interesting times together and gradual 1-1. ALA. Box 819.

LEICESTER INDIAN, 36, 5'8", medium build, hirsute, non-smoker, active, seeks fair haired guy aged 21-35 pref smooth and passive for 1-1. Interests include cinema, theatre, eating out. ALAWP. Box 820.

NOTT'M, good looking 28, slim, youthful approach, likes walks, good conversation, cinema, occasional scene, very loving and genuine with gsoh seeking guy similar for 1-1. Box 821.

JOHN FROM NOTTS, 44, hair medium to brown, blue eyes. I'm medium build, looking for 1-1 from Notts area. Must have car. Hobbies are 'Carry On' films etc. 0602-252988.

MIDLANDS/NOTT'M. Disabled gay guy would like to correspond/meet/form relationship with sincere discreet guy approx 823.

EAST MIDLANDS/ANYWHERE. Ordinary guy 26, seeks others of similar age with gsoh for good genuine friendship, maybe more. Can travel/accomm. No time wasters please. Box 824.

NOTT'M 27, tall dark good looking professional male seeks similar guy for love loyalty and laughs! ALAWP. Box 825.

NOTT'M young looking 50's seeks active younger guys for safe loving fun, any nationality, gsoh. Box 826.

DERBYSHIRE. Young looking 25, attractive, horny, seeking firm bodied men 21-35 into tight shorts etc. Come on make my day. Show me what you're made of. ALAWP. Box 827.

NOTT'M, 25, straight acting, seeks easy going caring guy, for fun and friendship. Looks not important. Up to 30. Box 828.

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HAPPY MONOGAMOUS feminist lesbian couple seek similar for friendship. We enjoy good films, real ale and great conversation, what about you? Vgsog essential! Nott'm area. Box 586.

CHESTERFIELD gay female (40's) wishes to meet others. Honest and reliable. Also non-smoker. Married, single or bi. Gsoh. ALA everytime so why not write. Box 587.

NOTTS LESBIAN, 40 something virgin' on the butch seeks companion for walking, sport, drinking, eating and sharing. Are you fun with gsoh? If so get in touch. Box 588.

GAY FEMALE 30s feminine attractive seeks feminine friends hopefully relationship Leics area only. Box 589.

NOTTS LESBIAN new to scene seeks similar for friendship possible relationship, vgsog. Photo please. Box 590.

18 YEAR OLD vegetarian white witch wishes to meet strange but interesting spelltress. Anyone freaky welcome for friendship. Box 591.

BEAUTIFUL dominant lesbian with fully equipped fantasy chambers seeks genuine submissive les/bi slavegirl to submit to me totally. Frank letter, undraped photo a must. Box 592.

GAY FEMALE 35 wishes to meet non-smoking female. Honest caring gsoh.

Non-scene enjoys days out, theatre etc. Please write! Box 593.

GAY FEMALE 40's professional Notts/Derbys seeks walking companions. Hopeless map reader but ventures out in all weathers. Box 594.

NOTTS LESBIAN 25, attractive, enjoys walking, cinema, sport, motorbikes, seeks feminine female for friendship/poss relationship. ALA. Box 595.

DERBY LESBIAN age 51 vgsog loves all things in life. Looking for a 1-1 relationship, age and looks unimportant. Photo if can. Hurry up and write. Box 596.

NOTTS/MANSFIELD lesbian, 21, cuddly boyish gsoh seeks female 21-30 slim attractive gsoh to share happy relationship. No feminists or bi's. Into good times and fun. Photo. Box 597.

LONELY LESBIAN COUPLE seek friends. Notts/Derby area. Smokers. Like music, pets, computers. Is there anyone out there? Please write with photo. Box 598.

ARE THERE ANY feminine attractive gay women out there? I'm 30 look younger. Attractive. Feminine. Very caring and sincere. Need someone loving and genuine. No bi's. Lincs. Box 599.

NOTTS/LEICS, 28. Terrible cook. Lousy dress sense. Terrifying driving technique. Appalling domestic skills. Seeks similar professional to help find the Hoover and clean away life's cobwebs. Box 600.

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Edinburgh in August! Over five thousand fringe performers, 450 shows plus 45 musicals - plus the main festival and the film festival. Where do you start?

If you're gay, a look at the Traverse Theatre programme this year is a good start. There are a stream of relevant plays there - not so surprising given that the present Artistic Director, Ian Brown, used to be with Gay Sweatshop in the '70's.

One striking offering there is 'Poor Super Man' by the writer who brought you 'Love & Human Remains' - the story of a gay artist who seeks inspiration by working in a local cafe, and becomes involved with the husband in the couple who run the place. He thus learns some new things about himself. No lack of simulated sex in this one - Edinburgh is by no means as prim as it was. Also at the Traverse was 'Kissing Marianne', a witty and poetic story of two brothers who meet after some thirteen years and who have been teenage incestuous lovers all that time ago. A rarely considered subject treated with intelligence, and with splendid acting from Mark Pinkosh whose 'Sleeping with You' was also brilliant last year.

You can actually have enough of people leaping, shouting, stripping and having simulated sex and Kris Crupper's performance of 'Modern Nature' is an excellent relief from this. Cruppers appears in a grey suit and talks to you from Derek Jarman's journals - the gardening, the family, comic sexual encounters, the coded references to the lover, the illness and the approach of death. A wonderful presentation which I could have listened to long after.

It would be foolish to spend all your time in a gay ghetto when surrounded by such varied riches and I very much enjoyed communicado's 'Playboy of the Western World' set in turn of the century ultra-rural Ireland, as well as Tom Courtney's portrayal of a brilliant but despairing Russian alcoholic in 'Moscow Stations', all at the Traverse.

Beyond that Theatre, there are heaps of gay shows at various venues - the entrance to the Edge Club Cafe on Broughton Street has pile after pile of leaflets, and this is a good place to find out about all the relevant events and to eat and drink.

One act that caught my eye was 'Knockers' with Chloe Poems. This is an act from Liverpool, in which a Tory MP becomes a transvestite Socialist satirist by night. Thus, the voice of prejudice is heard off, and then a man in splendidly dishevelled wig and gingham appears and tears to shreds the conventional world upstairs. Very gay and gutsy but when I saw him he was having to work hard with an audience of about a dozen at the back of the auditorium - a common Fringe problem.

One other very worthwhile play - 'In One Take' by Aids Positive Underground Theatre Co. A grim tale, which, in its power-play, made me think of an 'Entertaining Mr. Sloane' with gloves off, and for the AIDS age. Not comfortable - as a man dying of AIDS watches his lover come under the spell of a homeless pick-up who tries to take over the house. The pick up is an ex-porn star, and there is very effective use here of porn videos behind the action, as the pick-up describes how he was completely the possession of the director, willingly performing unsafe sex for money and to keep his job. The viciousness of wage-slavery encapsulated - and you'll never see porn in the same way again. Yes, this pick-up has a splendid body - but the man with AIDS cries out, 'Is there no pity?' Edinburgh at Festival Time is a great place for feeling really alive, and for meeting all kinds of interesting people.

Tony Challis

DROP IN

Nottingham Lesbian Centre, every Wednesday, 11am-3pm, volunteers provide a drop-in service, come for a chat, a cuppa, game of pool. For more info. contact Debbie on 0602 411475.

NEW BEGINNINGS

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gay, and of course, young people who are in care must have clearly expressed a preference for a placement with lesbian or gay foster carers.

The Trust is also having an increasing amount of contact with young lesbians. Yoni points out that young women often dealt with housing problems in a different way to young gay men. "Young lesbians are more resigned to staying in a difficult situation because they often have fewer choices whereas young men on the other hand will act more impulsively, presenting themselves to Housing Advice Agencies.

The Trust is always on the look out for new carers. The National Foster Care Association have produced documents devised for lesbians and gays considering fostering or adoption. Write for info. to Leonard House, 5-7 Marshalsea Road, London SE1 1EP. 071 828 6266. If you want to contact the Albert Kennedy Trust you can reach them on 061 953 4059.

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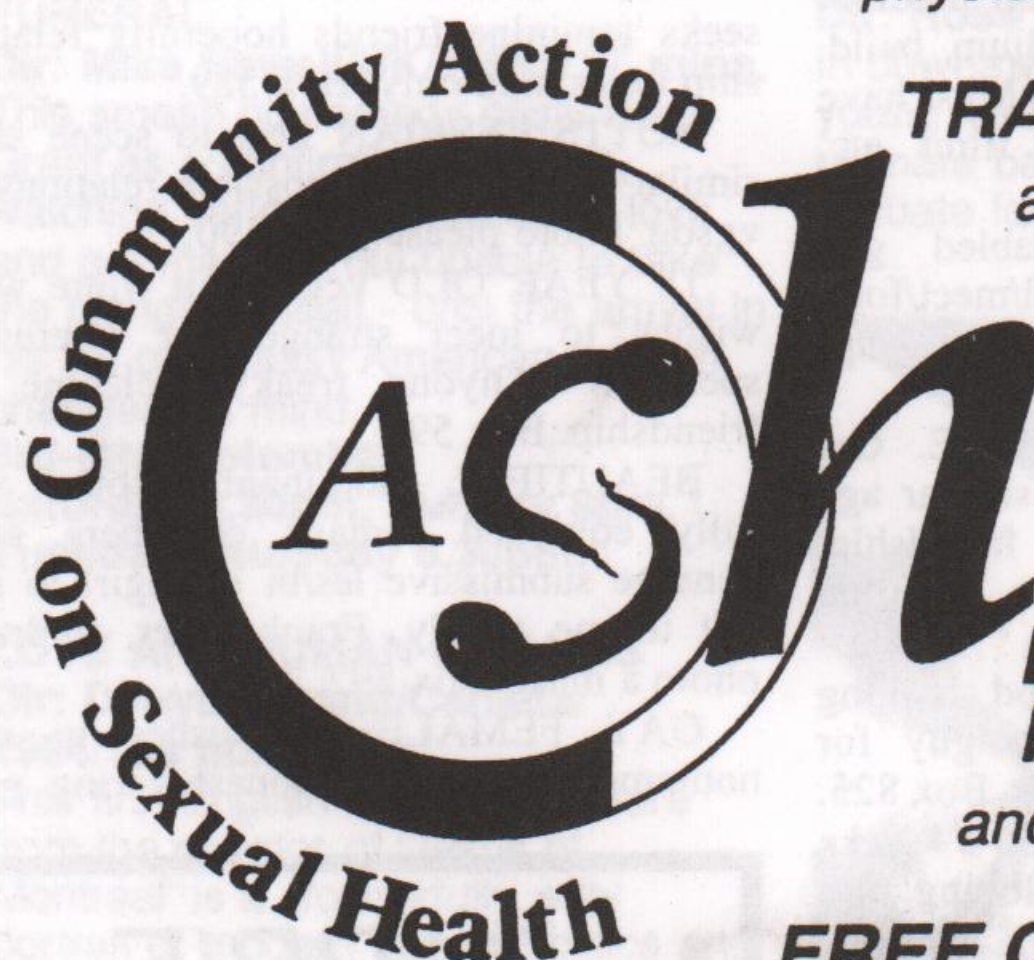
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