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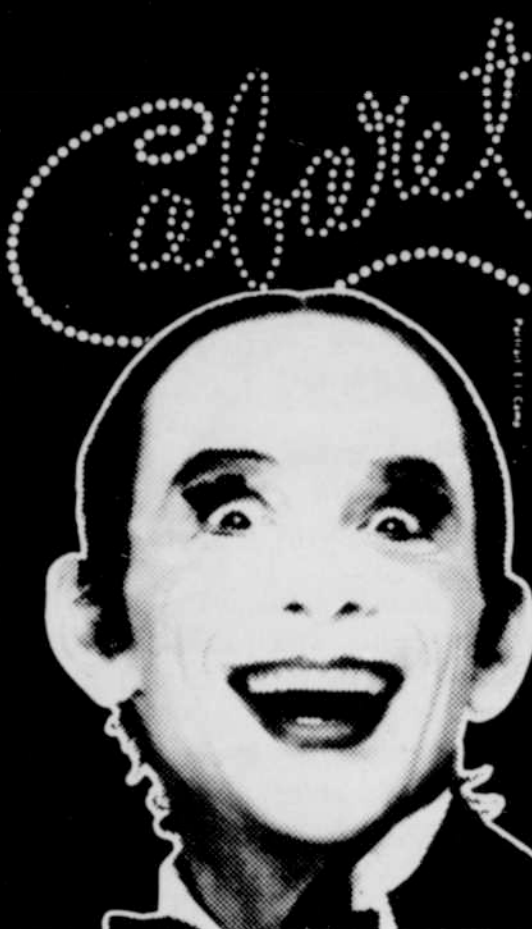
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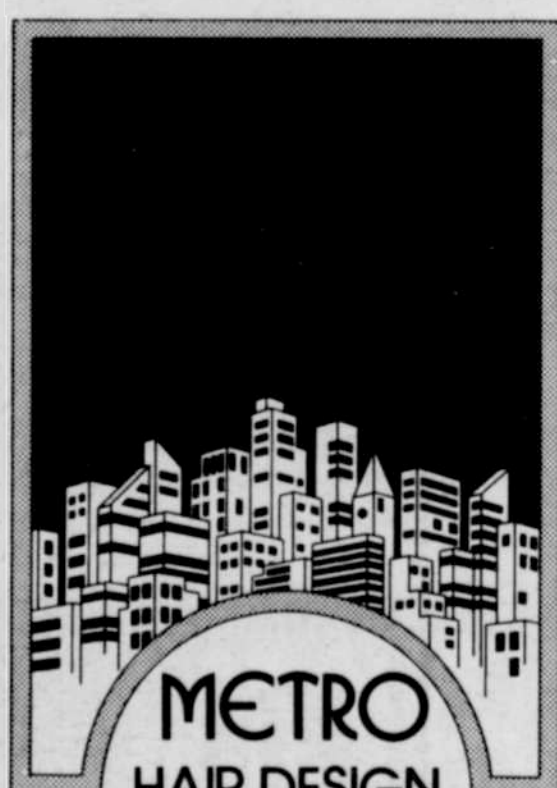
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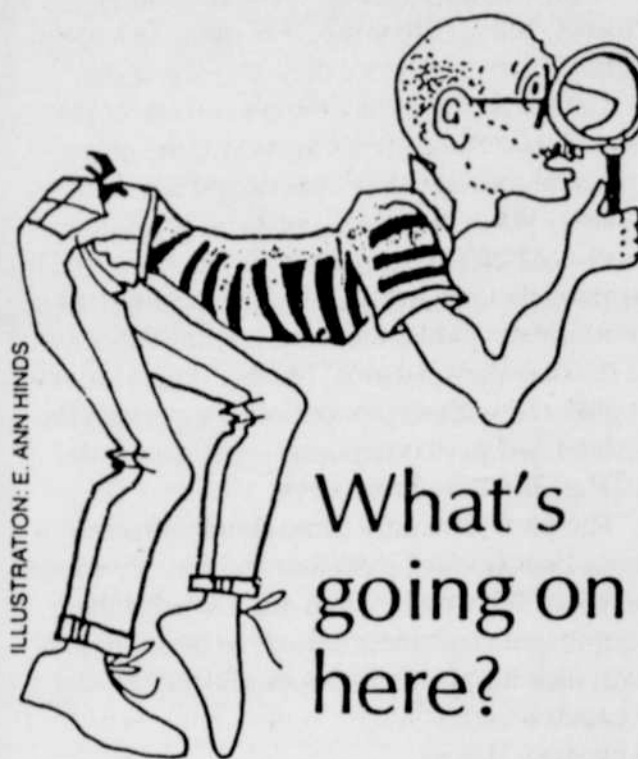
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Voices in the wilderness

“I figure you’ve got a choice. One, you can behave as though being gay were something to be ashamed of, something so nasty it needed to be kept secret. So when people are gossiping about you at the office, they’re saying, ‘Well, whatever he’s doing must be pretty awful, or he wouldn’t go to such lengths to hide it.’

“Or, two, you can behave as though being gay were perfectly normal — as though it were just like being straight, only with better design sense and fewer children. People are going to gossip either way, but at least if you tell them the truth, they don’t get to make up a substitute.”

— Lawrence Biemiller’s
column, “Eastern Standard Time” appears
regularly in The Washington Blade
(The Washington Blade, January 13, 1989)



B Y J A Y B R O W N

“The power and beauty of the movement led by Martin Luther King, Jr. was rooted in the high visibility and strong voices of those most oppressed by racial prejudice. The hope today for Black lesbians and gays lies in how effectively we reject invisibility and silence. The dream of equality, freedom and an end to sexual oppression can only come alive when we, Black lesbians and gays, have enough love for ourselves and courage to come out. We must come out without apologies. We must come out knowing that we are rich with the power and pride of the full truth about who we are, how we live and whom we love.”

— Renee McCoy, Executive Director of the
National Coalition for Black Lesbians and
Gays speaking to Gay Community News about
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday
(Gay Community News, January 15-21, 1989)

Hypocrisy in action

“It cannot be repeated often enough that my problem with Dignity is not that they are gays and lesbians. It is only and exclusively their repudiation of the moral doctrine of the Church concerning homosexual acts,” wrote John R. Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco, to the editor of The New York Times. Quinn’s letter was in response to a story published on December 19, concerning his ouster of Dignity from St. Boniface Church in San Francisco.

Shame, shame, shame!

The following item “Pieces of the puzzle,” is reprinted in its entirety from *NorthwestLetter*, a political newsletter published in Astoria:

A bad check is all the KGW-TV of Portland has to show for its airing of a commercial sponsored by the group that Ballot Measure 8, which sought to revoke Gov. Neil Goldschmidt’s executive order banning discrimination against homosexuals in state government.

Prior to the final weekend before election day, the pro-Measure 8 group brought KGW and other Portland stations commercials. KGW refused to air the first commercial, so the group returned with a second ad. Again KGW refused. A third commercial was acceptable and it aired.

But the campaign group paid its bill with a \$5,100 check that bounced. Problem is that the people behind Measure 8, who signed the contract with KGW, have vanished.

Sanity in Salem

A reader sent us the following item. It is from Department Insurance/Finance Employee Newsletter *Newsline*, December 1988.

To all DIF employees,

Even though Ballot Measure 8 was passed last month by the voters, nothing has changed.

State government will treat all Oregonians fairly. Discrimination against any person because of their sexual preference — in any form or manner — will not be tolerated. This includes any “gay jokes” or other insensitive actions or comments in the workplace.

Actions or comments that degrade or are disrespectful to our fellow men and women — that keep them from achieving all that they can or from having the type of free and full lives we all want — are contrary to everything that we all are working to accomplish in state government.

If you have any questions about the Governor’s Executive Order, or the definitions of discrimination and harassment, contact either this office or Employee Services. If you feel you have been subjected to discrimination or sexual harassment, refer to the DIF Policy and Procedure Manual for the proper steps for remedy.

Sincerely,
Theodore R. Kulongoski
Director

‘No Anti-Gay, No Play’ Iowa school boss rules

SHENANDOAH, IOWA — Because a high school drama class production of a play about AIDS did not present sufficient negative information about homosexuality, the school administration decided to shut it down.

The students, who had been rehearsing the play since last April, were very angry over the decision, according to the *Philadelphia Gay News*.

“The only negative aspect of homosexual relations presented throughout the whole play is that one man dies of AIDS,” said Superintendent Joseph Kirchoff, in explaining why the student production was cancelled. He argued that he is compelled to uphold school board policy to present both sides of controversial issues.

A local theater group offered the students the use of their playhouse for the productions, but the students have not yet decided whether to accept the offer, *Philadelphia Gay News* reported.

— The Baltimore Alternative (January 1989)

