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Pink Panthers

*New York sets an
example for a
lesbian and gay
community policing
group*

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A gay bashing in progress comes over the radio, all units are called to respond. About 20 gay people with neon pink triangles on their T-shirts, blowing whistles, come running up the street and everybody on Christopher Street in New York City stands back and still because the energy is so intense. They're running and it's real loud from the whistles and someone from the sidelines shouts, "GO GIRLS!" Whistles continue blaring and the crowd realizes it's the Pink Panthers. Everyone starts screaming and cheering and shouting and for a second it's scary because all the shit that they've put up with, in high school, with AIDS, with everything comes out and for a second one almost feels sorry for the basher.

Almost. And just for a second.



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