

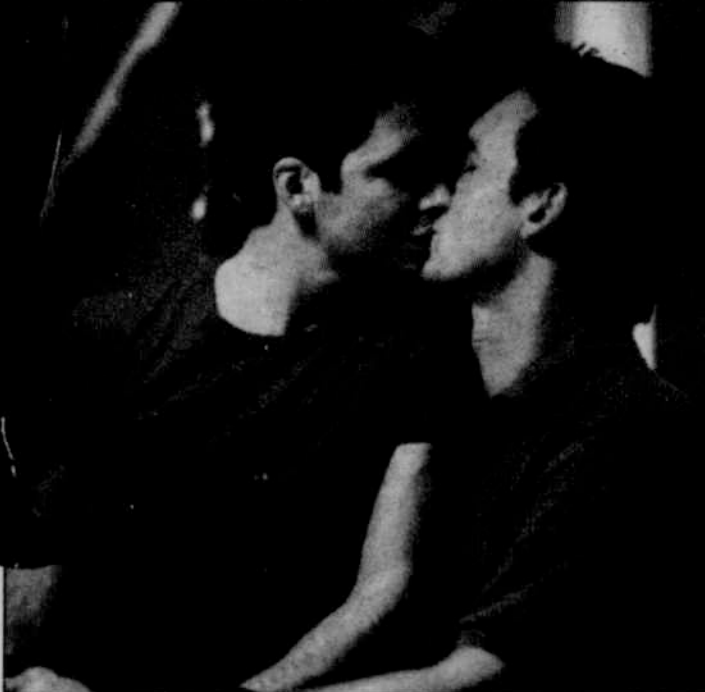


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Television's gayest season brightens the airwaves

by Andy Mangels



(Clockwise from top left) Out-and-proud dyke Original Cindy befriends *Dark Angel*; Tara and Willow are wooing witches on *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer*; gaydar detects Lt. Malcolm Reed on the good ship *Enterprise*; Max is flummoxed by best friend Erica's transformation on *The Education of Max Bickford*; Michael gets lucky on *Queer as Folk*

Summer dunk

Openly gay sheriff's captain oversees new jail facility

BY TOM STEVENSON

You might have to excuse Jay Heidenrich if he seems a little proud right now.

Not only was the openly gay man recently appointed to the rank of captain with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, he also is overseeing construction of a prominent jail project. The facility is being built on the Northwest edge of Smith and Bybee lakes in the St. John's area.

What Heidenrich is most proud of is the fact that the county was able to co-locate the jail with an alcohol and drug treatment center. Adult Community Justice will operate the facility.

When the jail opens, it will house 225 inmates and will have the potential for 300 alcohol and drug clients, according to Heidenrich. "At ultimate build-out, the facility will hold 2,000 people," he says.

Heidenrich is equally proud of the way the jail is being constructed, as great pains are being taken to make sure it fits into the surrounding environment.

"At the moment, the site is basically sand with little or no vegetation," he says. "During the design process, we achieved a model in which very dense native vegetation will be planted to screen the facility from the surround-

ing area. Now, and in the past, strong, productive relationships were developed with the community and environmental groups. I'm proud to be a part of these relationships, and we'll continue to maintain them. I have committed to maintain the site and to aid in the maintenance of...the surrounding area."

Heidenrich has come a long way since he was a young man who caught a break and landed an opportunity to work as a temp in Lane County's jail. He always had dreamed of



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