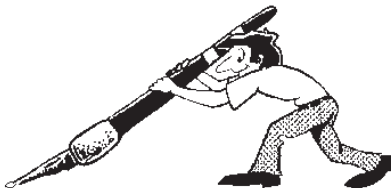
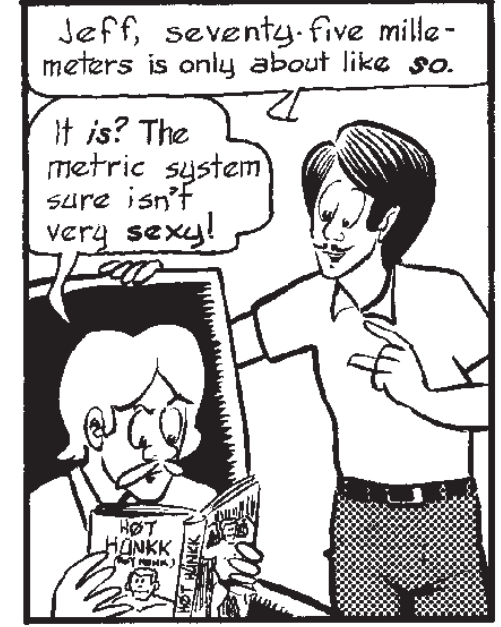


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Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to WSTD-TV's Mayoral Candidate Debate. We'll start with opening statements.



First, incumbent Republican Edith Sorella.

Hello. I just want you all to know I'm a mother of four, and our family gave \$10,000 to the Jerry Lewis Telethon. I'm also President of the legal firm, Sorella, Quiggle, and Smertz.



And next, Democrat Delbert Weipenschein.

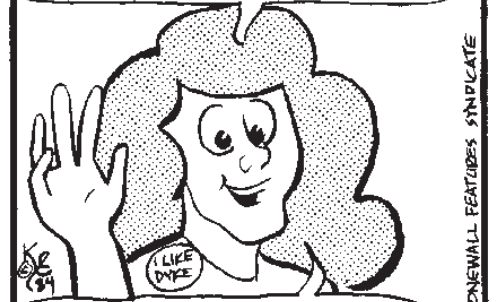
Hi, folks. We gotta have more jobs, and we gotta get rid of the missiles, the nukes, and pollution. It's all Reagan's fault, and that's why Sorella's gotta go.



Thank you. And finally, Lesbian Feminist Meg O'Keefe.

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Hi there. I'll turn this town into the Gay Capital of the World. The waterfront will be a gay resort, Council meetings will be sung as operas, and we'll have Womyn's Beer 'n' Baseball Leagues.



We'll get floods of gay tourists, and rake in the bucks. Flaunt it, folks!

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Meg, here's something I wish you'd explain. To take the "man" out of "woman," you see "Womyn," and "Womon," and "Wimmin."



What's it all about?

Well, "Women" are to the right of Fashionably Liberal. "Womyn" insist on having their own space, while "Womon" mix with men provided they're anti-nuke.



On the other hand, "Wimmin" means, "We're feminist, so let's play softball and drink some beer."



Wait. Here's another one: "Wmn."

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"Wmn" are those who regard vowels as sexist.



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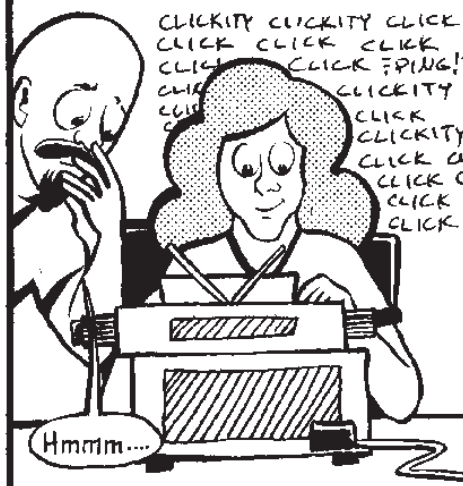
Hi, folks. I'm Meg O'Keefe, and I want to be Mayor of this town. I'm a Lesbian, and a lot of you are gay, too.



In fact, I've never seen a town so full of inhibited closet cases. But then, what do you expect of a city where all the boys take Corporal Klinger as a role model?



But take heart. My administration will herald the beginning of a new era of enlightenment and freedom of expression.



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The City will grant a \$1000 tax rebate to any adult male who wears dresses and earrings and any adult female who wears a 3 piece suit and gets a crewcut.



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The Fetish of the Month Club sent a new kind of poppers you might like to try.

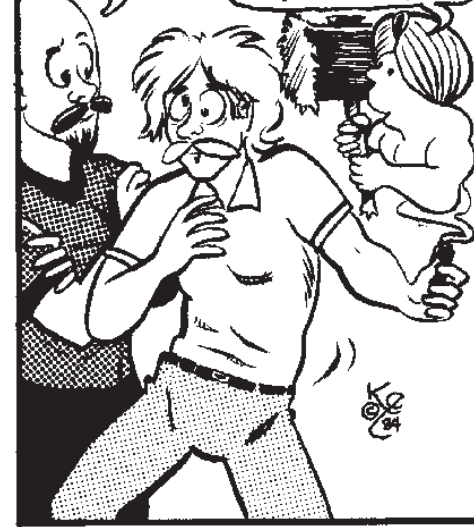


It's called "*Liquid Genie.*"



Some
rush, eh?

Doesst thou
desire another
hit, O Master?



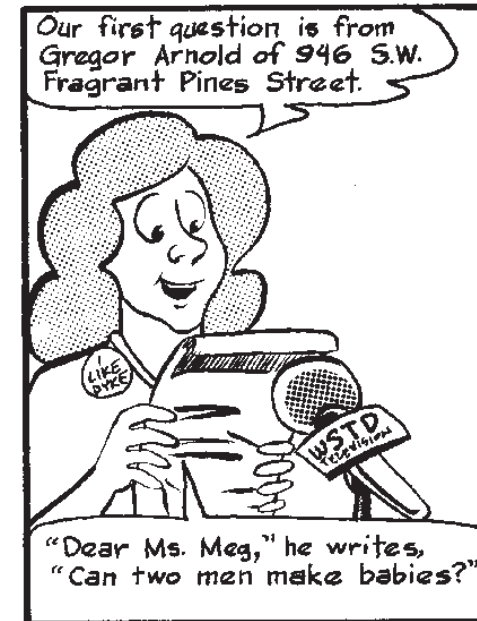
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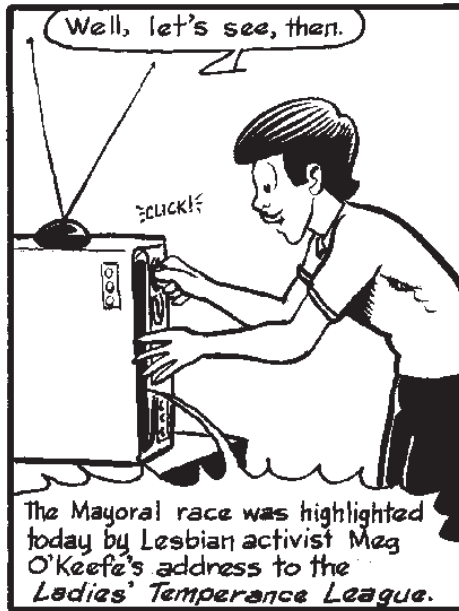


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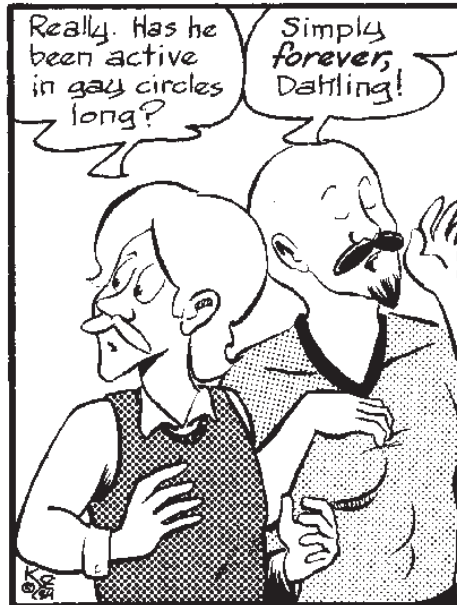
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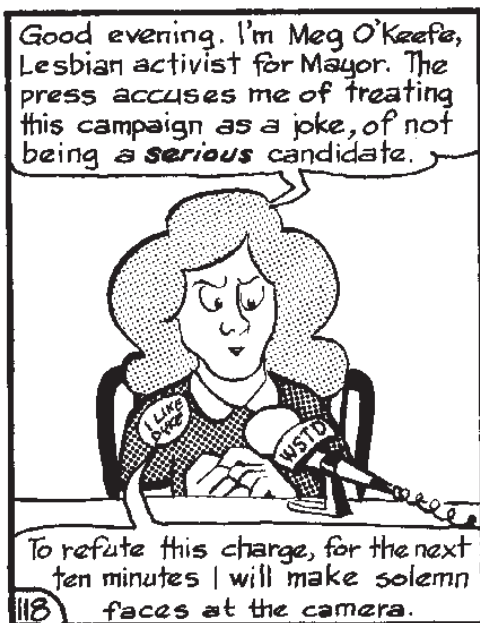
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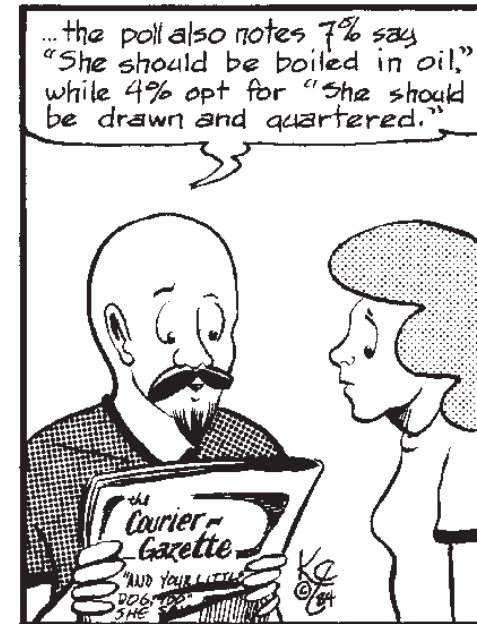
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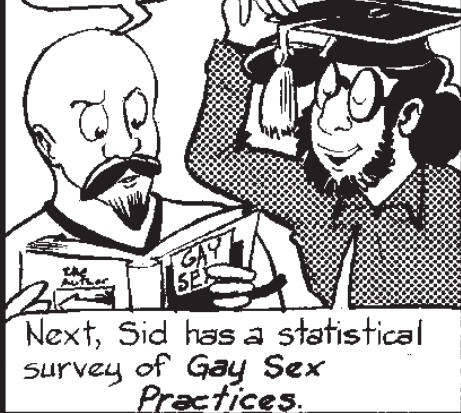
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As Resident Book Addict at Murphy's Manor, I have been asked to present a *Gay Pride Week* bibliography. Murf, who is a librarian, will assist.



This book includes a correspondence course to make the reader a *Master of Gay Sex*.

They only teach you to be a Master?

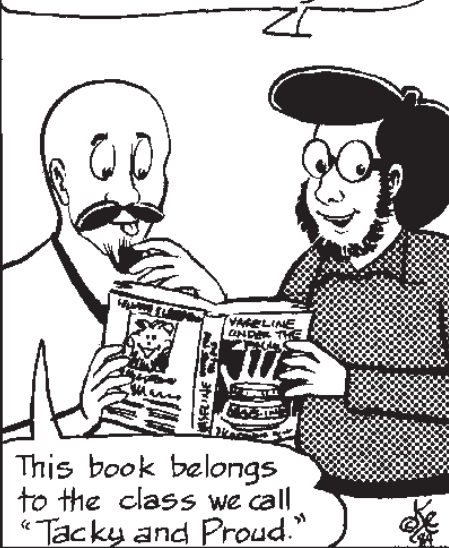


The *Fire Island University Report* researchers used no survey forms. They just went down to the Baths and took notes. Uh... this book is stained.



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It's called *Vaseline Under the Palms*. The title says it all.

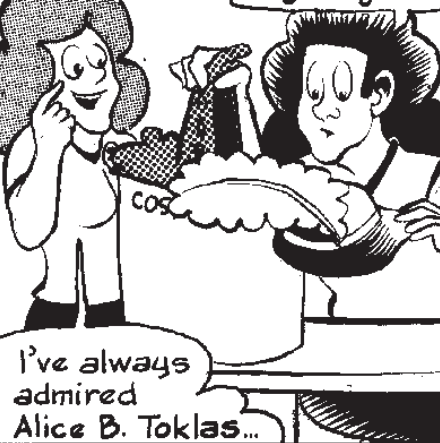


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Face it, Meg, if you're going to get elected Mayor, you need an expert *Image Maker*. You need Mr. Clem the Hairstylist.



So you'll set the standard for losers. Hmm... you'll need a role model. A vivacious Auntie Mame? A saintly Florence Nightingale?



I've got it! You'll be *Joan of Arc*, valiantly rescuing the city from fiscal disaster.



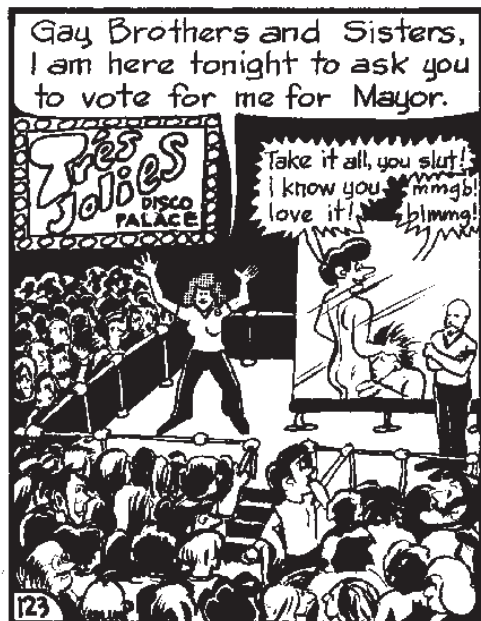
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What am I running for Mayor of? *The Metropolitan Opera*?



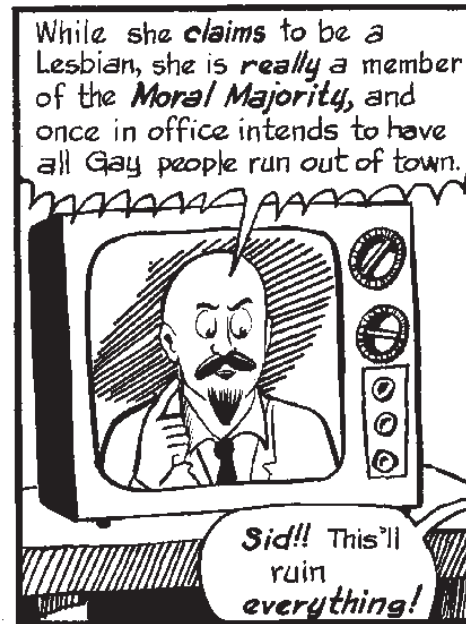
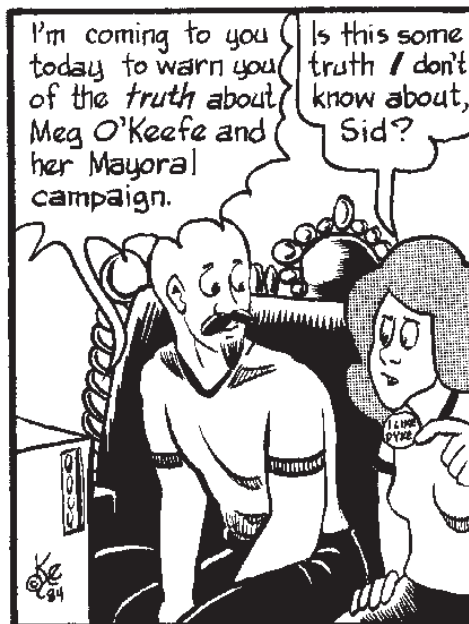
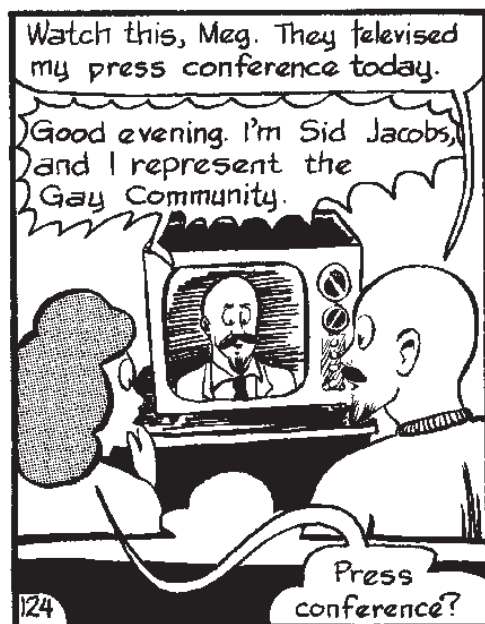
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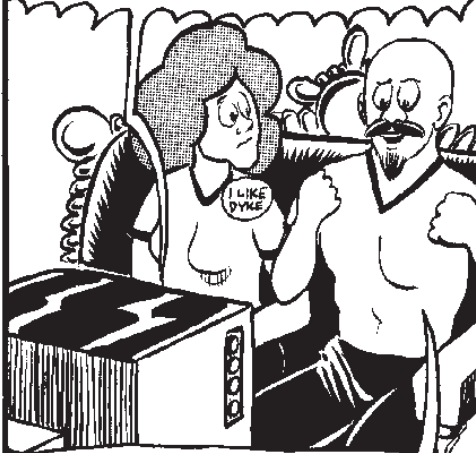
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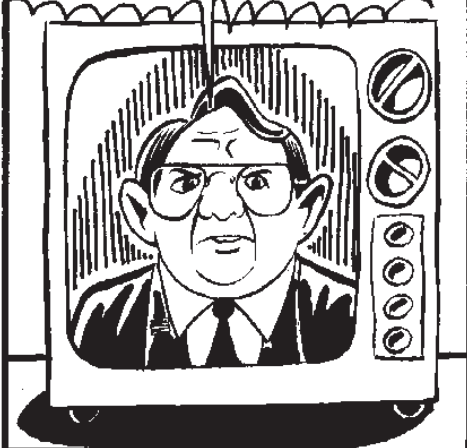
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...And now for a WSTD-TV editorial on the Mayoral Race.



Just watch, Meg. He'll talk about my force of a press conference. And voters (25) always seem to follow WSTD.

Until the recent press conference of Mr. Jacobs of the Homosexual Community, this reporter took Meg O'Keefe, the supposed Lesbian Candidate, as a crackpot.



But since Mr. Jacobs spilled the beans on Miss O'Keefe's ruse, it is clear she is an astute, quick witted, pro-family candidate who is showing how sick our society is.



How sick is our society, Meg?

We therefore urge you to elect Meg O'Keefe Mayor.

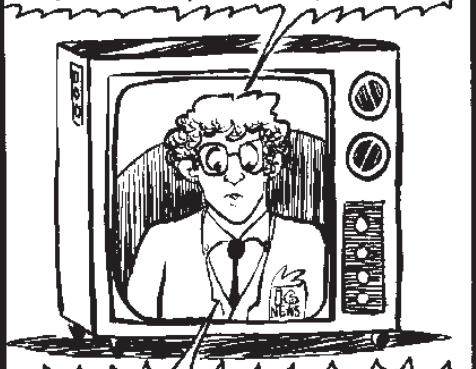


But he's got it all wrong - I *am* a crackpot!

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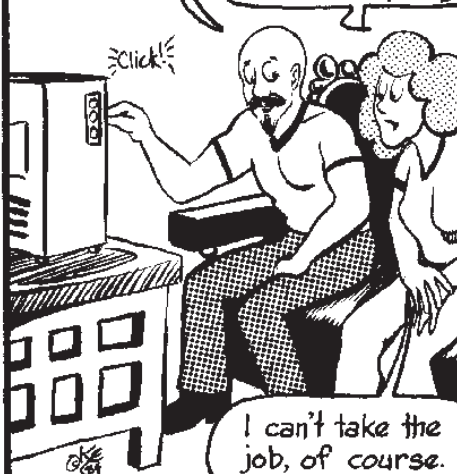
With 72% of the precincts reporting, Lesbian Feminist Meg O'Keefe leads the Mayoral race. Mayor Edith Sorella, Republican, follows; and Delbert Weipenschein, Democrat, is last.



WSTD-TV now projects O'Keefe (26) as the winner.

Well, there you have it, Meg. Congratulations.

If I hadn't counted on losing, I'd have planned a celebration party.



I can't take the job, of course.

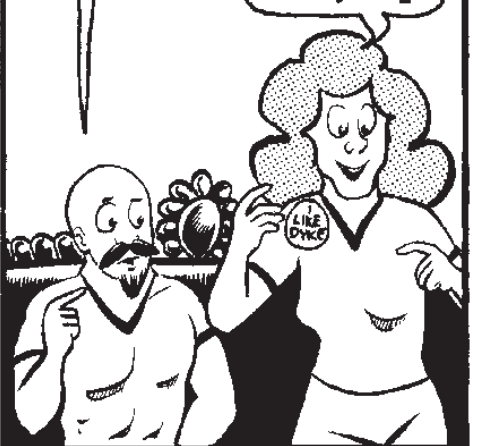
Why not?

I only won because the Public thinks I'm *really* a Moral Majority crusader. Besides, I don't know the first thing about running a city.



Meg, this means \$5000 more than you're making now.

Right. Get me Ed Koch's phone number. I want a crash course in Mayoring.



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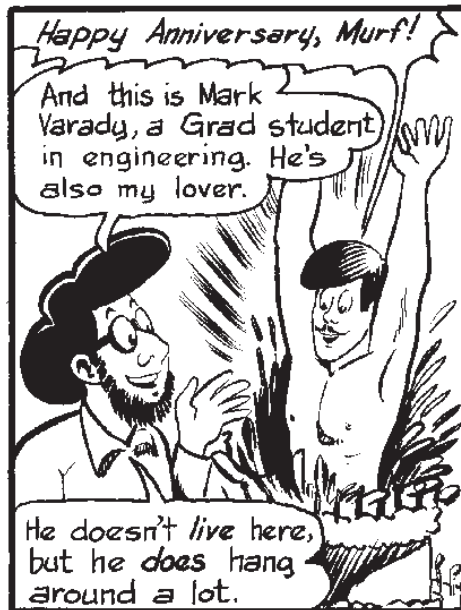
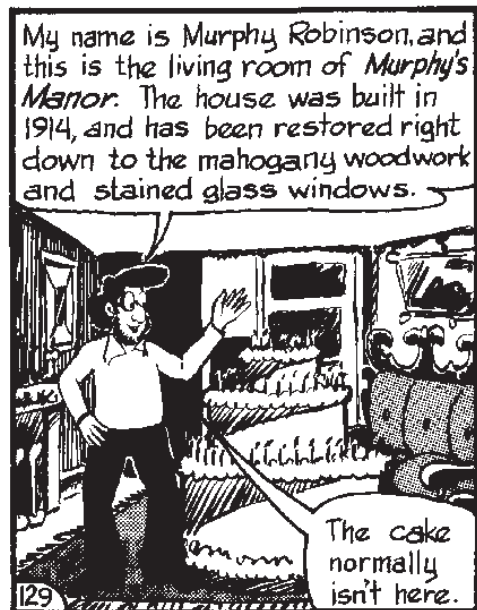
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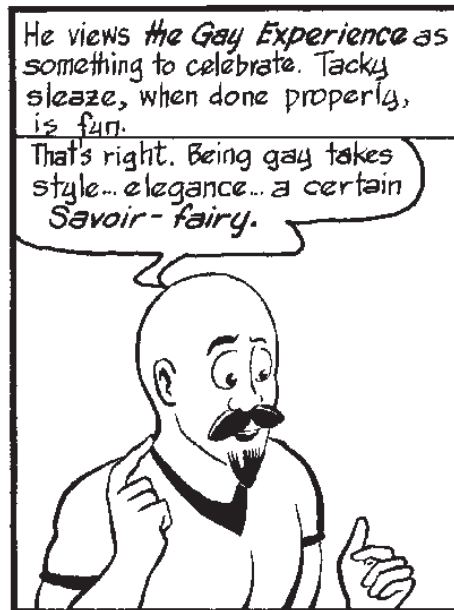
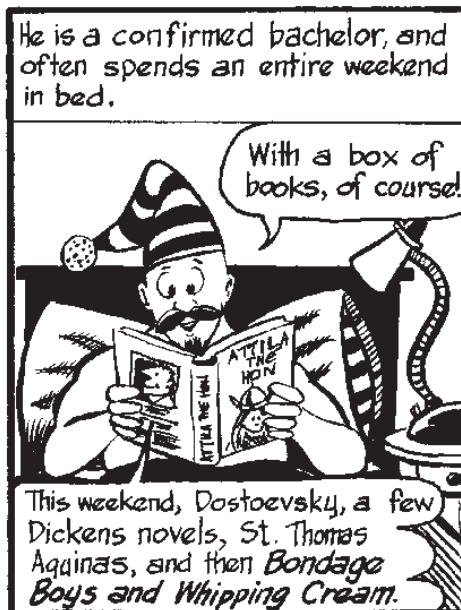
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Jeff Sorensen also lives at Murphy's Manor. He's a one-man walking party.

Did I chew him out for it? Of course not! I was mad at him!

Mary, I wouldn't give that one more than a 6%.

I am not over-sexed. Despite my best efforts.

You're related to that!?

I was precocious. I learned on popsicles.

I had mono... so I stayed home and listened to the stereo.

Mahler's okay, but he's just not a Strieisand.

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He loves to be daring and try new things.

I pick a page at random, and that's what we do, okay?

THE JOY OF SEX

THE JOY OF GAY SEX

Jeff is very active in the Gay Community.

The Gay Pride Week March, the Community Hotline, the Bake-Sale-

Sounds like you're ripe to become a burnout.

Great! How do I sign up?

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And in the meantime, Jeff continues to search for That One Man, the Love of His Life.

I'll find him yet—just you wait. It's all a matter of cruising technique and really tight jeans.

KEEP CLEAN, YOU TRASH

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Meg O'Keefe is a woman whose life has been filled with diverse experiences.

And exciting. Don't forget exciting.

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She's been an opera singer, and later blew up buildings for a living. Then she was elected Mayor.

Edith Sorella, a lawyer, is her lover.

I always knew I was a Lesbian. When Meg ran for Mayor against me openly as a Lesbian, I admired her courage.

When she won, I no longer had a reason to hide.

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Meg is devoted to the liberation of *The Community*, which, she believes, must include both men and women.

Yoo-hoo! Girlfriend!

It is trying at times, though...

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Not all our characters live in Murphy's Manor. First there's George, whose favorite past-time is scheming in the name of *Gay Liberation*.



Watch what you say about me if you don't want *super-glue* in your *crisco*.

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Duval Capet III, a distant descendent of Louis XIV, is better known as "*The Duchess*." He is an expert on lovers.



Honey, I should be. I've had dozens of them!

He's a well-established pillar of the Community, recently voted a Historic Site by the Gay Landmark Society.



They put up the plaque in The Scenic, by the bar, where I picked up my first trick, in 1949!

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And then there's Mr. Clem, the hair stylist, The Tackiest Queen in Town. Clem is *straight*. Face it, Mary. In some professions they *expect* you to be gay!



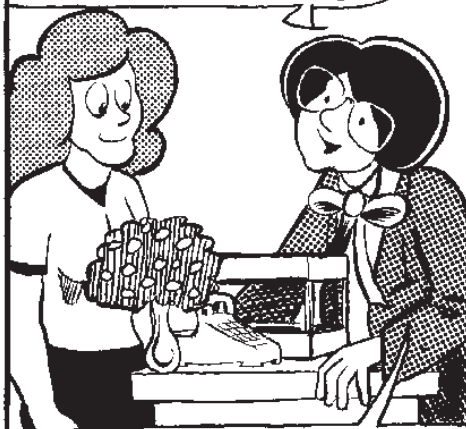
Actually, I learned hairstyling in the Army.

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Good morning, Miss O'Keefe. I'm Phyllis Sniffington, Chairman of *Fundamental Family*.



Congratulations on winning the Mayoral election.

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We were so relieved to hear this business about you being a Lesbian was all a put-on, and you're *really* one of us.



Ke 64

We've outlined a clean-up program we'd like you to execute. Get rid of the porn shops and abortion clinics. Close the homosexual bars and orgy clubs... and Dignity and Metropolitan Community Church.



But I am a Lesbian. I always said I was.

In that case, Miss O'Keefe, we'll circulate *recall petitions* at your inauguration. On your way out, kindly ask the receptionist to have your chair taken out and burned.



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I'm grateful you beat me in the Mayoral election, Meg. I even voted for you myself.



If I'd won, I'd never have had the courage to ask you for a date.

I don't have a political career to protect anymore, but still, I haven't told anyone I'm a Lesbian. Somehow, I *must* tell my husband and kids.



Well, coming out is often a difficult struggle. Give it time.

I'm so glad you understand. I want to take you to this quaint little Japanese restaurant I know, where nobody will see us together.



Where is this place?

Tokyo. I hope you weren't planning on doing anything important tomorrow?



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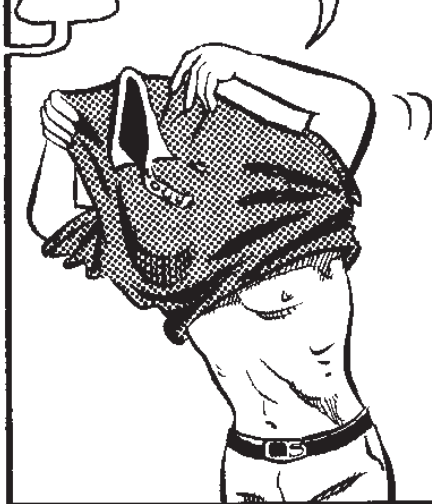
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Here comes a green Imperial. Isn't that what he said he drove?



My trick's here! And I'm not dressed yet!

He's getting out of the car. What's he look like?



Just like you asked for in your ad: six feet, about 180 pounds.... blue eyes; dark, curly hair.



You just forgot to specify one thing.

What's that?



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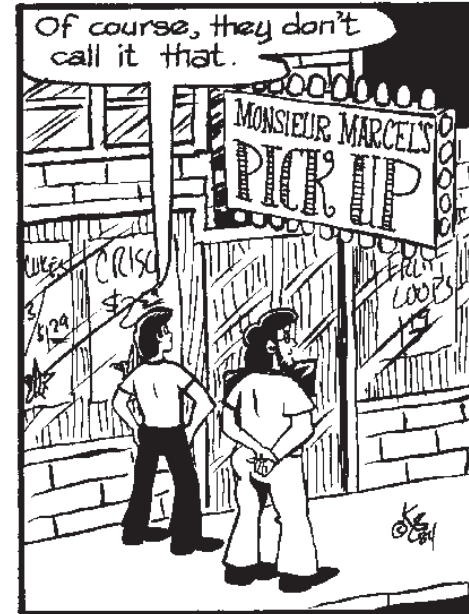
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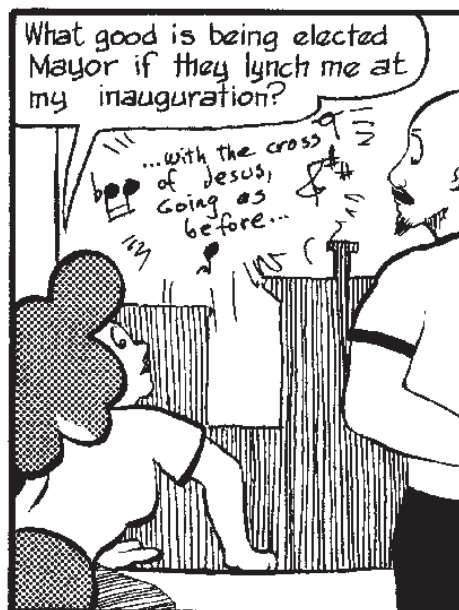
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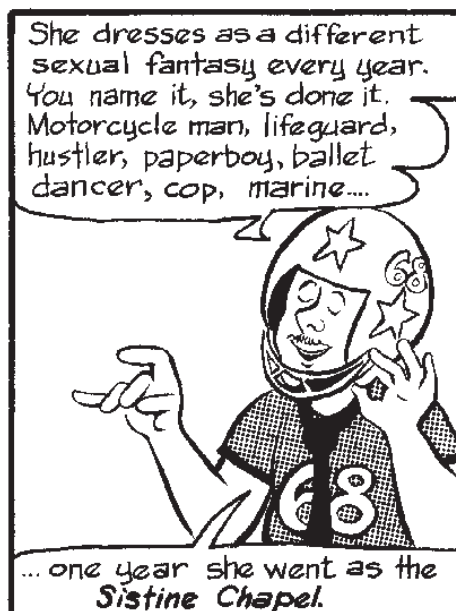
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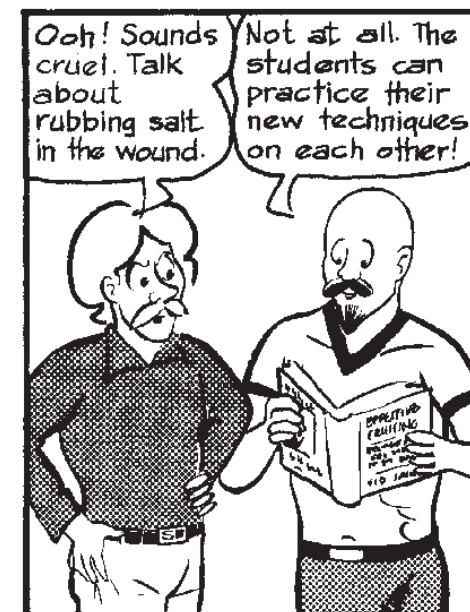
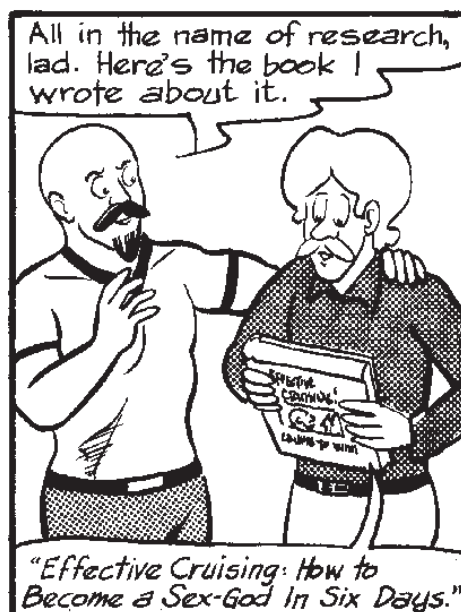
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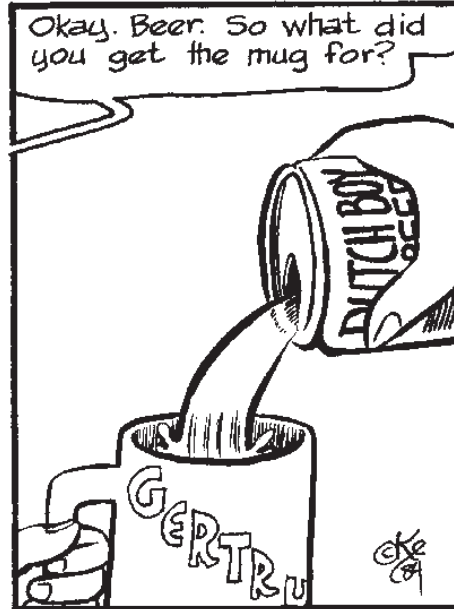
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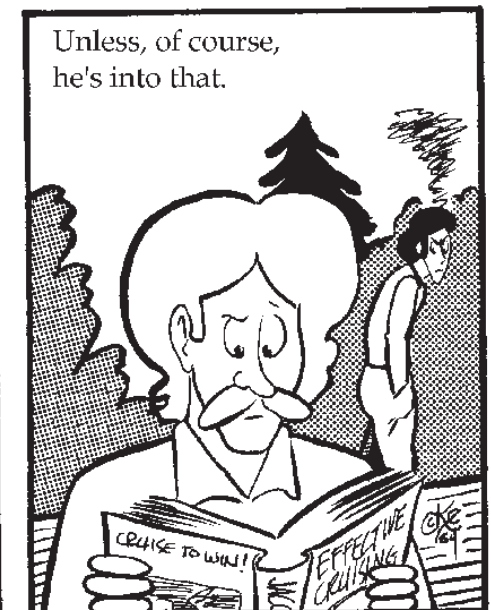
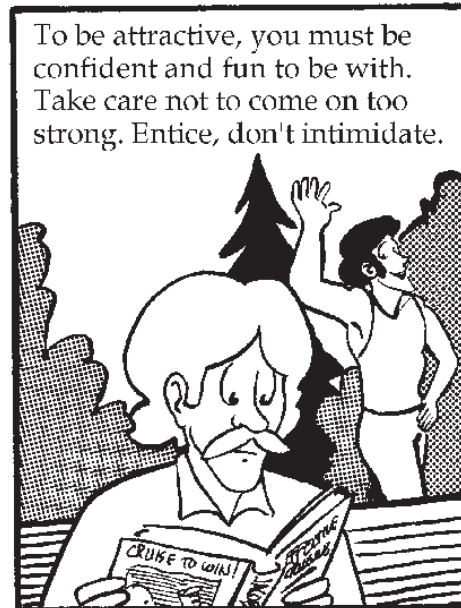
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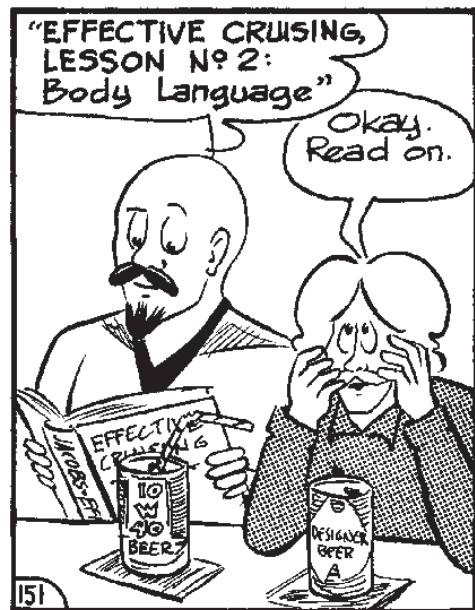
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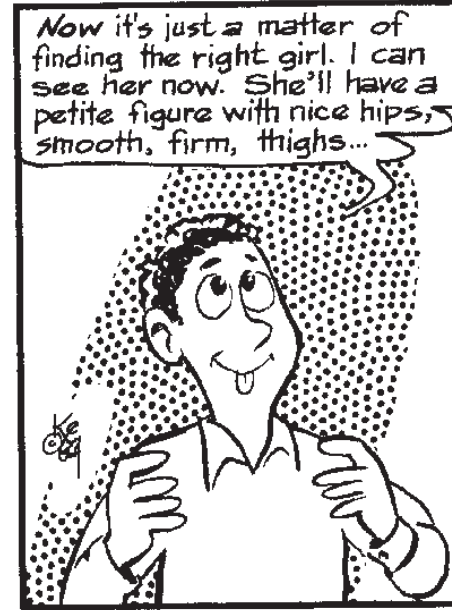
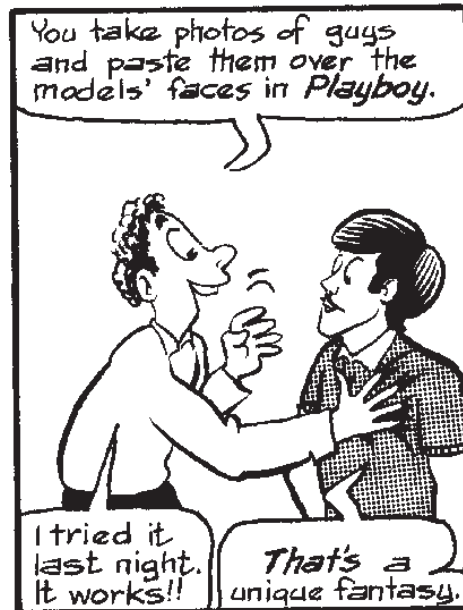
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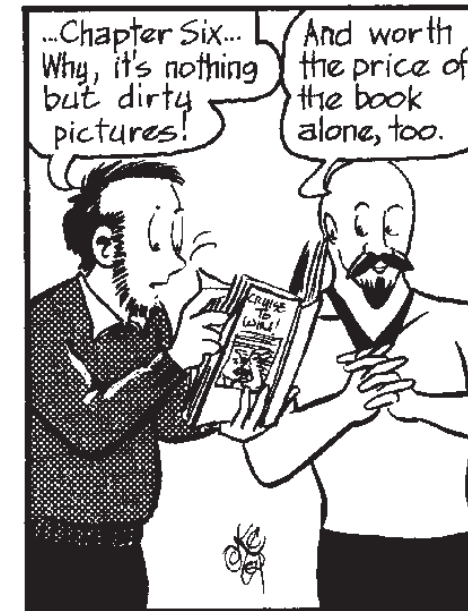
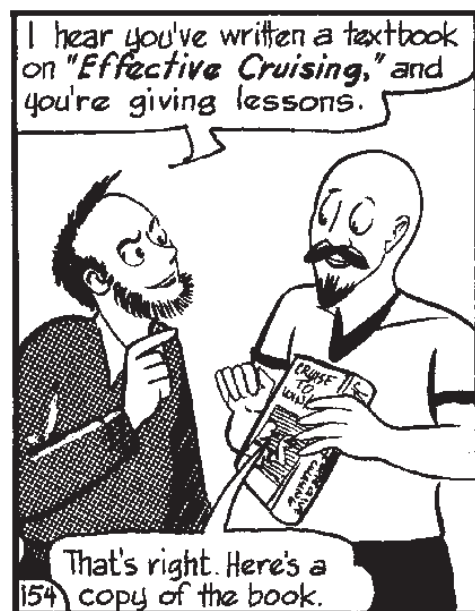
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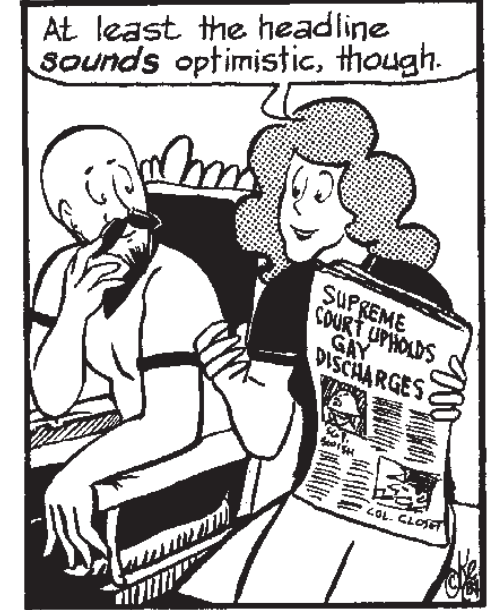
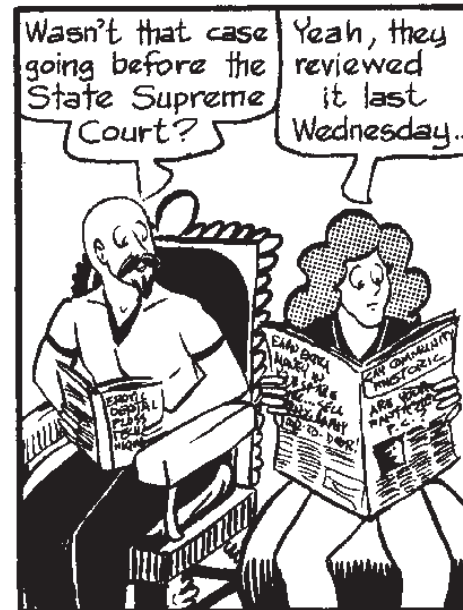
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