

Police bomb squad called out to defuse practical joke

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DALLAS — A police bomb squad was called out to defuse a practical joke that backfired Monday, officials said.
A device, which "had all the earmarks of a bomb," was mailed from the post office in the Earl Cabell Federal Building in downtown Dallas, a postal inspector said. But there was no explosive material.
"Apparently it was a little

practical joke between a couple of pretty good friends," he said, adding that he had spoken to the Dallas man who mailed the package to a friend at an Army base in Germany.
"It was mailed in the post office in the Earl Cabell federal building," a postal inspector said. "Shortly after it was mailed at about 10:30 a.m., it began to emit an unusual sound, similar to that of a smoke detector. Of

course, this caused the station people to become concerned."
The station manager carried the brown manila envelope outside and called postal inspectors and the Dallas Police Department's bomb squad.

Police spokesman Bob Shaw said when the bomb squad arrived at the scene at about 11 a.m., the envelope had been taken from the building and

placed in a trash can on the sidewalk.

The bomb squad blocked off one street and used a water cannon to take the package apart without incident. Inside the envelope was a small plastic box with a note which said, "Do not open without protective eyeglasses and earmuffs," Shaw said.

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The myth of the eighties

I am 32 years old. I laugh, I cry. I express joy and sadness, love and anger. I am an attorney, I pay my taxes and bills. I believe there is a God—and I am at peace with that understanding. I am also a homosexual—and I don't want it any other way!
poster at gay rally

New Perspective

The claims of satisfaction and inherent happiness in the gay lifestyle are common ones—the term gay itself promotes this image. With the advent of the sexual revolution in the past two decades, society is confronted with the question of sexuality as never before. People are now more willing to accept homosexuality as a legitimate alternative to heterosexuality.
Recent studies, such as the Kinsey report on homosexuality, have made great strides in convincing the public of the respectability of such a lifestyle. But what are the realities for someone who chooses this way of life?

Emotional Implications

Although Kinsey's report painted a favorable picture of the homosexual society, *Newsweek* magazine (March 27, 1978) noted that "the statistics hardly add up to a picture of lives lived in tranquility, and the text sometimes seems at cross-purposes with the book's conclusions."

Among the findings:

- A quarter of the gays interviewed believed that homosexuality is an emotional disorder.
- The average homosexual reported sex acts with hundreds of men. 28% of white males had more than 1,000 sex partners, most of them one night stands with virtual strangers; 40% had more than 500; 25% as adults, had performed sex with boys under 16.
- Homosexuals contemplated or committed suicide more frequently than heterosexuals. One out of five gay men surveyed had attempted suicide. Of course, successful suicides couldn't be surveyed.
- Gay males and females had been arrested more often than heterosexuals (these were not fenses).
- Homosexual males showed more signs of emotional damage in nine areas of psychological distress, from depression to paranoia.
- The happiest and best adjusted homosexuals were those in a "close-coupled" relationship, the equivalent of a good heterosexual marriage. However, these same affairs, the durations of which were typically from one to three years, had an almost 100% divorce rate.

A Canadian psychiatrist at the University of Toronto, Dr. Daniel Cappon, has treated several hundred homosexuals. In his book *Toward an Understanding of Homosexuality*, he states:

"Homosexuality, by definition, is not healthy or wholesome... the homosexual person, at best, will be unhappier and more unfulfilled than the sexually normal person... at worst, the homosexual will die younger and suffer emotional, mental and physical illness more often than the normal person. The natural history of the homosexual person seems to be one of frigidity, impotence, broken personal relationships, psychosomatic disorders, alcoholism, paranoia psychosis, and suicide..."

The word "gay," as sociologist Dr. Tim LaHaye noted in his book *The Unhappy Gays*, "is more of a propaganda word than a definition, an illusion to hide the loneliness their way of life imposes upon them... anyone requiring loyalty, fidelity, and oneness, is doomed to disappointment in the homosexual lifestyle."

Atlanta gay activist Frank Scherren, in a *Time* magazine interview (July 4, 1983), admitted that "the tradition in the gay community is that you have sex first, then talk."

In the same article, New York psychiatrist Norman Levy says that he sees more gay patients in therapy these days because "they have become aware that they had become addicted to anonymous sex as a way of coping with stress and tension."

Medical Considerations

While anonymous and casual sex results in psychological and emotional disorder, it is also a major health hazard. One such hazard that has attracted much public attention is the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). While experts are unclear about what causes the syndrome, it is clear that it is found primarily among homosexuals.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta says that AIDS victims fall into four general groups:

- 75% homosexual men
- 25% intravenous-drug abusers
- 6% Haitian immigrants
- .5% hemophiliacs.

Time (September 6, 1982) reported that in one Los Angeles area study, 9 out of 13 AIDS patients had had sexual contact with one another. It found that AIDS had been traced from one sexual partner to another. Several months later, *Newsweek* (April 18, 1983) reported that "the nightmare rumors that swirled the homosexual communities of New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles almost three years ago have become cruel fact...the disease's drawn-out incubation period has thousands of gay men sweating in terror, seeing every bruise as a Kaposi's sarcoma lesion; every cough, the onset of *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia."

A Boston psychiatric social worker, whose case load is 70% homosexual, said that "nine out of ten calls I get are related to AIDS, and anything will set these men off—a lingering cough, a blotch on the skin, you name it. Talk of suicide is not

unusual at all. The common response is, 'If I get AIDS, I'll kill myself.'"

A 33-year old gay in San Francisco said, "Sure I'm frightened. But there isn't much I can do about it. That's the scariest part; you just sit around hoping you won't be next" (*Saturday Evening Post*, October 1982).

In addition, the same article stated that it is well recognized that homosexual men have a much higher incidence of venereal diseases than the general public. They also have a much higher rate of hepatitis, and recently the incidence of a number of other viral and parasitic diseases has been on the upswing. Even the Kinsey report on homosexuality admitted that two-thirds of the homosexual men interviewed had contracted venereal disease at least once. In spite of these dangers, many homosexuals are still unwilling to give up their lifestyles.

"Some gays don't want to change and continue playing Russian roulette," said Los Angeles physician Joel Weisman (*Newsweek*, April 18, 1983).

A Gift of God?

Many homosexuals feel that they are unable to change because they believe it is a genetically inherited condition. The predominately homosexual Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) teaches that homosexuality is "a gift from God" and that there is nothing immoral about gay relationships.

Yet scientific experts deny that homosexuality is a genetic condition. Sociologist Dr. LaHaye said that "to date there is no scientific evidence to support the notion that homosexuality is inherited." Other researchers agree.

"There is no evidence that homosexuals have faulty hormone levels, or that their sexual orientation can be changed with hormone injections," states Dr. Evelyn Hooker, famous for research on homosexuality.

Homosexual researcher Dr. Charles Wahl said that "the vast preponderance of evidence clearly indicates that homosexuality is a learned disorder, and is not genetically inherited." It is true that because of various exposures and erroneous thinking patterns, ones may have a greater "predisposition" toward homosexuality. This simply means they have more of a tendency toward homosexual practice. However, this is true in all areas of life. Due to upbringing and exposure, one may have more of a tendency toward stealing, fighting, and murder. But this never makes the action right. It is just as wrong, regardless of the predisposition.

Since these conclusions deny that one is born a homosexual, it would be ludicrous to assert that a learned disorder is a "gift from God."

In addition, the Bible clearly states that one who practices homosexuality violates God's commandments.

"Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor HOMOSEXUALS, nor thieves, nor the covetous nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (*I Corinthians 6:9-10*).

Lest anyone consider this to be harsh, one needs only to look back to the Old Testament and see how God deals with the issue of homosexuality—execution was the order of the day. However, many homosexuals question the accuracy of the English translations of the Bible. They assert that the original Hebrew and Greek words of the Bible do not really deal with homosexuality—but rather with hospitality and luxuriant living. One need not be a Hebrew scholar to understand the following passage: "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death" (*Leviticus 20:13*).

In an effort to justify their practice, homosexuals point to the fact that there were many Old Testament laws that are no longer practiced today. This is true in some areas. However, it's important to see that the Old Testament contained various types of laws, some social and some moral. While many of the social laws are not repeated in the New Testament, the moral laws clearly are. God's standard of morality has never changed, including his forbidding of homosexuality.

Commenting on the UFMCC, Dr. LaHaye said "that like most movements based on erroneous teaching, the homosexual church has developed a man-centered theology instead of a God-centered doctrine."

Like many, they have used the Bible to simply justify their personal preference rather than as a source to discover the mind of God and then adjust accordingly.

The four young men sat in the semi-darkness of the deserted ward waiting for their weekend shot of interferon at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. They tried not to look at the fifth man, the law professor. His face was swollen and disfigured by purple Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) lesions; his frail body, wracked for months by pneumonia and other recurring infections, weighed no more than a child's. He was beyond hope, beyond terror. They fought not to see their fate in his. And again they fought the old fears and doubts. Their life-style was not sinful. AIDS was not a gay plague sent down upon them. "God doesn't do things like this," said Alan, a quiet Southerner who works in a bank and sings in church choirs. "I'm not being punished for anything. It's bad luck or fate or something I have done that has caused this to happen."
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Eddie (Gary Bristol), Jim (Mark Rust), Jackson (Henry Gross), Rhetta (June Gable) and Prudie (Donna Watson) sing about Highway 57 in "Pump Boys and Dinettes" Monday night in Rudder Theater.

Pump Boys and Dinettes A concert with a theme

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"Pump Boys and Dinettes" was more of a concert with a theme than a musical play.
The musical was a tribute to roadside America. The audience was given a glimpse into the lives of the four "pump boys" at L.M. and Jim's Gas Station and Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, waitresses at the Double Cupp Diner.

Jim stood Rhetta up to go fishing with the boys. Prudie lamented the best man she never had, L.M., who had always had a secret crush on Dolly Parton. Both of them got their men in the end, though, when they took a break from work to cruise to Florida.

And that's about the extent of the plot.

The music was the strong point of the performance, and the cast made the most of it, squeezing twenty musical numbers into less than two hours.
The instrumentals were first-rate. Henry Gross' jazz solos on the steel guitar were consistently excellent, especially in the slow, bluesy ballads. William Swindler boogied on the piano. Gary Bristol backed them up with a consistent bass beat, and Mark Rust played the acoustic guitar.

The dinettes were the rhythm section with spoons drumming on pots and pans—a down-home touch.
Vocal talent varied among the cast members. June Gable, as Rhetta, had a deep throaty voice that carried one of the best numbers of the show—a

threat to her suitor, Jim—"Good or Be Gone."

Donna Watson, as Prudie, and Gable blended beautifully in their duet parts. The pump boys sang a nice quartet arrangement in "Fisherman's Prayer."

Transitional dialogue between songs was minimal. William Swindler, with the weak voice in the cast, provided the best laughs as L.M., the star owner. With thin hair grown back from a shiny balding pate, pants that cleared the floor at least five inches, rimmed glasses and perpetually squint, he was the typical nerdy comedy numbers of the highlight of the play, "Night Dolly Parton Was a Mine"—sung with neon light flashing around a picture of a star above his desk—was a hilarious look at one man's fanatical Swindler's best number, "Farmer Tan"—a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the red neck and white chests of the old clad.

Even with its lack of plot, outstanding dialogue, the musical was entertaining. "Pump Boys and Dinettes," while a standing ovation material, was fun.

Huntsville warden demoted

United Press International
HUNTSVILLE — A Tennessee Department of Corrections warden was demoted Tuesday from the department's management on the use of excessive force, officials said Monday.
Norman K. Ramsey, 35, had been warden of the Rutherford II unit in Brazoria County, Texas, demoted Friday to an administrative position of technical supervisor. Ramsey has been with the agency almost 15 years.

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