

Manchester, NH Club Burned on Pride Weekend

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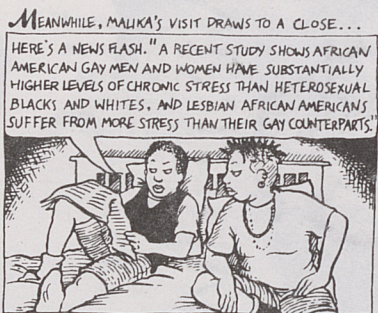
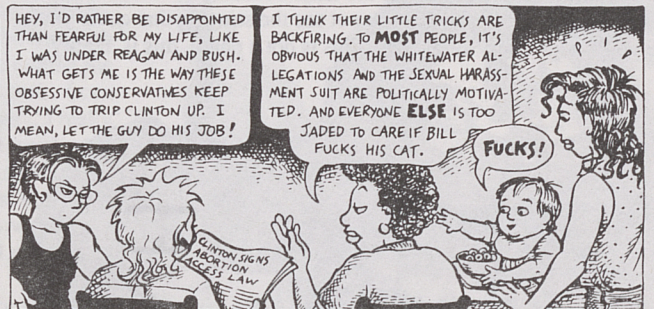
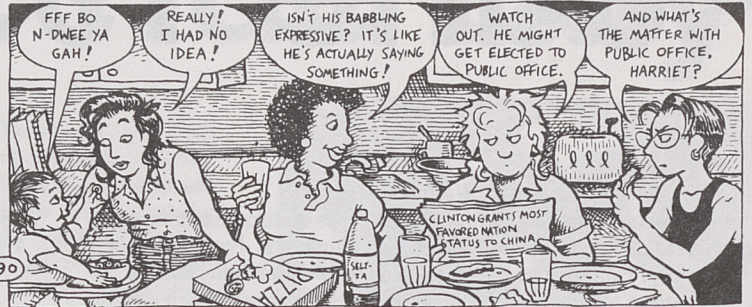
On Sunday morning at approximately 4:30 a.m. the Manchester Civic Club (a.k.a. The FrontRunner) was extensively damaged by a fire. The Manchester Fire Department has (as of press time) yet to comment on the nature of the fire. It appears to have started on a basement wall facing an alley in the rear of the building, and appears to have spread up the back of the building, destroying the rear of the second floor and most of the roof. The rest of the building suffered some damage from smoke and water, but the Manchester Fire Department did a good job of containing the fire. There were no reported injuries, although the adjacent residential buildings were evacuated as a precaution. The Front-Runner Club was one of two dance clubs in New Hampshire (The other is Members, a members only private club in Portsmouth.) and one of the three gay bars in Manchester. It is also, like Members, a members only club (a way of existing in the otherwise restrictive atmosphere of conservative N.H.). It had been at its current location for 5 years, and has been in existence for almost 14 years as a gay owned and operated establishment. The founder, George Mitoulas, is also the founder of the New Hampshire Aids Foundation and is quite active in local politics. ▼

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