

*This is the case they wanted me to write but Ruckelshaus is handling*

# Sex teacher faces suit for high school performance

## SUZI WHO?

Suzanne "Suzi" Landolphi, who is coming to Washington March 16 to address a conference of the American Medical Student Association, gives shows on AIDS awareness and sex education. She has also:

- Graduated from Middlebury (Vt.) College with cum laude degree in theater and dance;
- Volunteered with a small AIDS organization in Boston from 1982 to 1988;
- Developed a one-woman presentation on sex education and AIDS prevention and founded the production company Hot, Sexy and Safer Inc. in 1987;
- Given about 200 shows a year, mostly on college campuses, since January 1988;
- Appeared on ABC's "Home" and other talk shows;
- Hosted the Boston teen-agers' TV talk show, "Raparound";
- Co-owned Condomania stores, which carry dozens of brands of condoms and condom-related items, since 1990;
- Married her fourth husband, Guy Crudele;
- Started work on a book, "Hot, Sexy and Safer," to be published this summer by Putnam Publishing Co.

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"What we're going to do is we're going to have a group sexual experience here today. How's that? Is that good? With audience participation!"

With that exciting promise, sex educator Suzanne "Suzi" Landolphi spent the next 90 minutes showing high school students in Chelmsford, Mass., how to masturbate, ogle teen-age boys' groins and lick a condom.

Some of the kids cheered and whooped. Others decided to sue.

Three students and two sets of parents filed a \$3.5 million lawsuit against Miss Landolphi and the school officials who hired her.

The parents said school rules were violated because they were not informed beforehand about the program and "opt out" permission slips were not issued. Instead, students were required to attend one

of Miss Landolphi's two performances on April 8, 1992.

The students claim they were sexually harassed and their rights to privacy and free exercise of religion were infringed.

"When schools force teens to be exposed to indecent and offensive programs like this, they become the kind of 'enclaves of totalitarianism' prohibited by the Supreme Court," said Craig Parshall, a lawyer with the Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Va., and a counsel for the plaintiffs.

The defense is scheduled to file a motion to dismiss the case today, said Sarah Wunsch of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, which is defending two of the school officials. "We don't think the plaintiffs' civil rights were violated," said John Foskett, another defense attorney.

"She is an AIDS educator and has done these programs for years. We stand by her perform-

ance," said Neila J. Straub, a Salem, Mass., lawyer who is co-counsel with the Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders for Miss Landolphi and her Hot, Sexy and Safer production company.

Miss Landolphi, who is coming to Washington March 16 to address a conference held by the American Medical Student Association, was advised not to speak about the case, Miss Straub said.

The students, who were 15 and 16 at the time of the show, were offended when she "simulated masturbation," used lewd and lascivious language for body parts and excretory functions, and closely inspected a male student's "butt," according to court papers.

"The hypocrisy is incredible," said Greg Hession, an attorney for the plaintiffs along with Mr. Parshall and Paul F. Galvin of Dedham, Mass. "If an older man did the same thing to a teen-age girl, he'd be called lecherous."

The lawsuit cites a 1966 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that says, "A high school assembly or classroom is no place for a sexually explicit monologue."

According to a transcript of the show, the 43-year-old entertainer advised the teens not to take drugs, drink and drive, smoke tobacco or engage in anal sex.

She also talked at length about orgasms and "private parts," occasionally with help from the teens.

For example, Miss Landolphi asked a student to participate in a demonstration, and, holding a condom on one hand, she handed another condom to him. She slowly licked her condom and asked him to do the same.

Then, saying, "I don't want to waste this condom," she invited a teen-age girl to come down.

Miss Landolphi told the boy to kneel and instructed the girl to take the condom and place it over the boy's head.