Finding Aid to the Tim Barela Leonard and Larry Comic Strips, 1983-2003
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Physical Description: 6.25 linear feet. 5 flat archive boxes.
Date (inclusive): 1983-2003
creator: Barela, Tim, 1954-

Historical Note
Tim Barela is a Los Angeles cartoonist and creator of the gay comic strip Leonard & Larry. He was born in 1954 in Temecula, California. He began work as a cartoonist in the mid-1970s. In the 1980s he created the comic strip Leonard & Larry, which focused on the life of a middle-aged gay couple living in West Hollywood. Leonard & Larry first appeared in Gay Comix in 1984. The strip then moved to the Advocate magazine in 1988 where it ran once a month for two years. In 1990 the comic moved to Frontiers magazine where it ran every other week for 12 years. The comic has since been published by Palliard Press in four volumes: Domesticity Isn't Pretty (1993), Kurt Cobain and Mozart Are Both Dead (1996), Excerpts From the Ring Cycle in Royal Albert Hall (2000), and How Real Men Do It (2003).
The strip focuses on the domestic life of Leonard and Larry and their increasingly diverse group of friends. Leonard is a fashion photographer and Larry owns a leather shop in West Hollywood. The characters age in real time as the strip progresses and follows the couple as they deal with everyday domestic problems, such as parenting; but it also touched on issues that came up in the national media, such as gay celebrities outing themselves.

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Acquisition
Gift of Timothy J. Barela, July 12, 2011.
Preferred Citation
Processing Information
Collection processed by Sarah Wilson, April 2014.
Scope and Contents
The collection comprises original ink comic strips and cover art from Leonard & Larry, 1983-2003, a gay comic strip created and written by Tim Barela. Included are the comic strips that were published in Gay Comix, Gay Ink, Advocate, and Frontiers; as well as cover art from Barela's four book collections of Leonard & Larry comics.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged chronologically.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Alternative comics
Cartoons and comics
Comic books, strips, etc.
Comic strip characters
Gay cartoonists

Tim Barela comic strips
| Box 1 | *Leonard & Larry* unused and promotional art 1983-1992 |
| Box 1 | *Leonard & Larry* 1984 |
| Box 2 | *Leonard & Larry* 1984-1988 |
| Box 3 | *Leonard & Larry*, #1-113 circa 1984-2003 |
| Box 4 | *Leonard & Larry*, #114-206 circa 1990-2002 |
| Box 5 | *Leonard & Larry*, #208-303 circa 1990-2002 |
| Box 1 | *Domesticity Isn’t Pretty* cover art 1993 |
| Box 1 | *Kurt Cobain and Mozart Are Both Dead* cover art 1995 |
| Box 1 | *Excerpts From the Ring Cycle in Royal Albert Hall* cover art 1999 |
| Box 1 | *How Real Men Do It* cover art 2003 |