



**Finding aid to the Michael Goldberg Papers
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Descriptive Summary

Title

The Michael Goldberg Papers

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Bulk: 1988

Inclusive: 1984-1996

Creator

Goldberg, Michael J.

Extent

1 folder (.01 linear feet)

Repository

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Abstract

This collection contains comics (“poems with pictures”) most of which were written and illustrated by Michael Goldberg.

Administrative Information

Acquisition

Access

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Biography

Moving to San Francisco from the East Coast in 1979, Michael Goldberg joined the ranks of San Francisco gay cartoonists when his first strip, "Clonedereella," was serialized in the *Bay Area Reporter* in 1981. Becoming good friends with new *Gay Comix* editor Robert Triptow, Goldberg contributed his popular gay "funny animal" character, "Swishy Fishy." Goldberg's other comic work has appeared in *Choices* and *Strip AIDS USA*, as well as several volumes of *Meatmen*. In 1991 he moved to Portland, Oregon. An avid collector of 20th century "stuff," Goldberg applied his writing and editing skills to books about collectibles. His publications include *Collectible Plastic: Kitchenware and Dinnerware: 1935-1965*, as well as *Groovy Kitchen Designs for Collectors* and a book on collecting men's neckties, *The Ties That Bind*. He contributed text for *Alberto Vargas: The Esquire Years* and a book on vintage calendar illustration for Collectors Press in Tigard, Oregon. Goldberg is a regular contributor of articles on antiques and collectibles for *Antique Trader Weekly*, *Collector Magazine* and *Today's Collector*.
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Collection Scope and Content

This is a collection containing seven comics by Michael Goldberg. One of the comics, "Acquired Pronoun Deficiency Syndrome" credits Goldberg with the art and Peter Keane with the story. Most of the pages are loose, though they appear to be in sequence. Several are "Swishy Fish" comics: "Love Bait," "Swim Back to the 60's," "Rave & Return". Other titles include: "It's Attitude," "The All-Unkind," "Acquired Pronoun Deficiency Syndrome," and "The Good Old Days". All black and white.

Indexing Terms

Swishy Fish

Gay comic strips