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Report: SWAT member thought FBI agent was bank robber

During the arrest of suspects thought to be involved in a string of violent bank heists, one FBI agent may have mistook Special Agent Barry Lee Bush, 52, for a robber and fired the shot that killed him, according to the Star-Ledger of Newark. The operation occurred at a Readington Township bank. AP

# The way, the truth and the Limelight

## Nightclub hosts interactive Easter event

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### Real estate

Transmission organizers initially hoped to make Avalon their new home. "It was on the market and no one wanted to buy it," Everett said. "It needs a new roof." Rumors circulated that H & M and American Apparel were interested. Everett said his group had been working with the Episcopal diocese on trying to buy the space, but were unlikely to come up with the \$50 million asking price. Transmission, which is outgrowing apartment gatherings, have been talking to St. Marks in the Bowery about using that East Village building's basement.

**CHELSEA.** It wasn't just another club night yesterday at Avalon, even though music was thumping and people crowded the dimly-lit dance floor. Instead, the former church — best known as the notorious club, Limelight — was home to an interactive Easter event with artists and sex workers.

It was organized by Transmission, an independent church established in August that's currently couch surfing from apartment to apartment.

"We feel no need to have a pastor or be authorized by anybody," said co-founder Isaac Everett, 25, a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary. "People of my generation don't trust institutions. They don't trust the church, the government or

corporations."

He and co-founder Bowie Snodgrass, 29, "aren't pastors," he said. "We're producers."

**THE EVENT KICKED OFF** with a live band singing the Monkees' "I'm a Believer" and Madonna's "Like a Prayer" before Jake Goodman, of Jewish performance group Storahtelling and a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, told the story of Jesus Christ's resurrection. (Communion was distrib-

uted to small groups with matzoh since organizers knew Jewish people observing Passover would be in attendance.)

Then Tracy Quan, author of "Diary of a Married Call Girl" and member of Prostitutes of New York, discussed Mary Magdalene.

"We don't know if she was a call girl," Quan said. Her origins are clouded, like "the thousands of prostitutes who keep secret their status."

Everett explained that



Tracy Quan spoke to the crowd gathered at Avalon about Mary Magdalene for Transmission's Easter event last night.

**"I grew up in the church and this is very different. It's at another extreme. A lot of people aren't comfortable going to church. This is more of a safe space to be yourself. It's making it more real."**

Audience member Lena Lasarzewski, 33

the building itself had a "radical history with the sex industry."

William Augustus Muhlenberg, who built the now-

landmarked building in the 1840s as the Holy Communion Episcopal Church, started a ministry and is said to have helped brothel work-

ers and abandoned mistresses start new lives. Muhlenberg later earned a place on the Episcopal calendar of feasts and fasts — the equivalent of sainthood. His feast day was yesterday.

Everett's guiding force in Christian liturgy is that "God is within us," and he hoped people embodied that last night. "We want people to go beyond labels and interact with each other as people."

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