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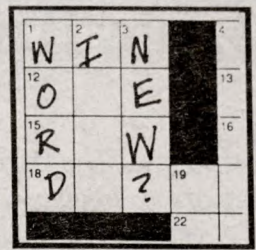
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The True Story of Larry Eyler



*There doesn't seem to be a big
gap between today's basher
and tomorrow's Larry Eyler*

by Al Cotton

When we hear the term "serial murder" we don't think of hate crimes. We think of Ted Bundy, John Wayne Gacy, Wayne Williams, Juan Corona. We don't think of Henry Hodges, the man who confessed to the murder of a man in the Marriott Marquis last summer. And we don't think of the gay people whose murders over the last three months have dotted the local papers.

The reality, though, is that serial murder is a simply repetitive hate crime pushed to its gruesomely logical conclusion—random killing because characteristics of the victim represent something the basher or killer cannot reconcile in himself. He tries to eradicate that part of himself by beating or killing it when he sees it in others. Perhaps the only difference is how successful he is. Does he only bash or does he actu-

ally kill. And then escape to kill again?

The connection between serial murder and hate crimes becomes even clearer in a timely book about the Larry Eyler case, called *Freed to Kill: The True Story of Larry Eyler*, by Gerald Kolarik, with Wayne Klatt (Chicago Review Press, \$18.95). Eyler is on death row in Illinois, convicted of one murder but suspected in more than 20 mutilation murders of young men whose bodies were found dumped along highways between Wisconsin and Kentucky in the early 1980's. Kolarik is the reporter who broke the case for Chicago's WLS-TV.

The fact that you aren't familiar with Eyler's name is a subtle form of hate crime in itself. Eyler's victims were not beautiful coeds (like Bundy's) or adolescent white boys from good neighborhoods (like Gacy's), but rather street hustlers, hitchhikers and patrons of midwestern leather bars. Kolarik notes that, because of the homosexual nature of the murders, Eyler was never "nicknamed," like the Hillside Strangler or the Zodiac Killer. Without the sympathy of Bundy's and Gacy's "innocent victims," society's motivation to publicize and solve these murders was not strong.

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GETTING A HANDLE ON HATE CRIMES

A statewide hate crimes bill is an integral part of the solution to the increasing murders and bashings of gays and lesbians.

Atlanta—In August, 1989, Thomas Germain was savagely attacked with a sword. He has spent over \$100,000 in medical expenses and lost his job as a result of subsequent disabilities. Germain was attacked because he is gay.

In April, 1990, Milton Crews, a transvestite dressed as a woman at the time, was killed in a drive-by shooting at the corner of Ashby and Parsons St. Witnesses say three young men were in the car. Police and witnesses believe that this was an anti-gay shooting.

In August, 1990, Kris Hunt was attacked without apparent provocation by an off-duty Fulton County Deputy serving as a security guard at the Krystal on Ponce de Leon Ave. Before and during the incident the officer was heard referring to Hunt as a "bulldagger" and a "damn dyke." Hunt was arrested on charges of abusive language (the incident started because she said "shit"), trespassing, and obstruction of justice. The charges against her were dropped.

In September, 1990, B-B pellets were shot through the front windows of the *Southern Voice* offices and the Metropolitan Community Church on North Highland. Both incidents took place late at night.

And of course between Christmas and New Year's two metro Atlanta gay men and a transsexual were brutally murdered.

These are but samples of gay-related hate crimes in Atlanta that have been reported to either the police or the Bias Crimes hotline. Many suburban gay men and lesbians say they live outside the perimeter because they feel safer. They see intown neighborhoods as dangerous because the more concentrated community of lesbians and gay men makes an easier target. Two gay men discovered this recently, walking down Piedmont Ave., when a man and a young boy drove by, rolled down their windows and simultaneously screamed, "faggot!"

What can be done to stop this violence and abuse? The enactment of a tough, statewide Hate Crimes Bill is one of many tactics being pursued in the battle against bias crimes. Such a bill will be introduced in the Georgia legislature this year. Last year a similar bill was defeated by right-wing legislators because it included lesbians, gay men and the HIV-infected in its language. For more on this important issue please see page 5.

LOBBY DAY PLANNED FOR REPEALING GEORGIA'S SODOMY LAW

McKinney: "The Legislature is slowly changing and old ways of thinking are no longer working. Time is on the side of the Georgia Privacy Coalition. Through tactical maneuvering and educating our elected officials, the sodomy law will become history."

by David Vandergriff

Atlanta—The Georgia Privacy Coalition has designated January 28, 1991 as an official "Lobby Day" at the General Assembly to repeal the state's sodomy law. Organizers hope to flood the capitol building with citizen lobbyists urging the legislature to abolish Georgia's most archaic law.

The Georgia Privacy Coalition is composed of members from a number of organizations (including GAPAC, LEGAL, the ACLU of Georgia, and Georgia NOW) who also intend to support enactment of a comprehensive hate crimes bill and progressive AIDS legislation as well as protecting legislation which gives women full reproductive choice.

GAPAC's Nick Danna said that his organization is excited about the upcoming lobbying effort to insure that the state representatives and senators his group helped elect hold true to their campaign promises. Jeff Corrigan of LEGAL also stressed his group's enthusiasm about the Lobby Day. "Given our success of electing over ninety delegates to the state Democratic convention

last year, we will again demonstrate to the legislature that this issue will not go away until it is repealed."

Judd Herndon of the ACLU emphasized the importance of Georgia citizens to speak out against this unjust and unconstitutional law. "The Supreme Court upheld the right of

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states to regulate sexual behavior between consenting adults in the *Hardwick* decision in 1986...in order to get these archaic laws off the books, citizens would have to lobby their state legislatures to repeal them. Since the *Hardwick* decision arose out of Georgia, it was imperative that the Georgia Privacy Coalition form and work towards that goal." Privacy Coalition member Samantha

Clair of Atlanta NOW encouraged everyone concerned to participate in the Lobby Day. "Lobbying is simply asking your legislator to support your position on a particular issue," Clair explained. "In the case of the sodomy law, we're asking the legislature to support Representative [Cynthia] McKinney and [Jim] Martin's bill to repeal the law."

The bill to repeal the sodomy law in last year's General Assembly was sponsored by Reps. Cynthia McKinney and Jim Martin, both of Atlanta. Although the legislation did not pass, Rep. McKinney—who with Martin will reintroduce the bill at this session—says she is confident it will pass this year.

"The Legislature is slowly changing and old ways of thinking are no longer working. Time is on the side of the Georgia Privacy Coalition. Through tactical maneuvering and educating our elected officials, the sodomy law will become history," McKinney commented.

Following the Lobby Day Workshop on Sunday, January 27, the Georgia Privacy Coalition will hold a benefit. Privacy Coalition member Rob Walton coordinated a similar benefit recently which netted over \$2,500. According to Walton, "the benefits help us meet our legislative goal by raising necessary money and awareness of the issue."

The hotline number will provide the time and location of the benefit, as well as any additional information updating the status of the sodomy repeal effort.

REPEAL THE SODOMY STATUTE

Four simple steps you can take to help overturn Georgia's most archaic law:

1. Get The Facts: Call 286-2358, The Georgia Privacy Coalition's Hotline for daily information on a variety of bills dealing with the repeal of the sodomy law, the hate crimes bill, AIDS policies and pro-choice issues. Also information about how to lobby, by phone or in person.

2. Know Who to Contact: If you know who your state representative and senator are, or what district you live in, call the General Assembly's public information office at 656-0028 to get phone numbers and addresses. If you don't know who either of them are, or your district, call your county Voter Registration Office (Clayton—477-3372; Cobb—528-2300; DeKalb—371-2241; Fulton—730-7072; Gwinett—822-8787), and they will tell you who your state representative and senator are, and give you their phone numbers at the state capitol.

3. Take Action: Lobby Day—Monday January 28 at the General Assembly—is an organized effort of concerned citizens to flood the Gold Dome, asking the state legislature to end the criminalization of private, consensual adult sexual behavior. Meet at room 514, in the Legislative Office Building on Mitchell St., in front of the Capitol, anytime on Monday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to participate.

4. Learn How: Lobby Day Workshop—Sun. January 27 at Central Presbyterian Church from 3 to 6 pm—is for those potential lobbyists who are new, or might feel uncomfortable in the midst of the political machine at work. Sponsored by the Georgia Privacy Coalition, the workshop will cover the basic skills of lobbying and how to talk to your legislator about sodomy repeal. Donations to defer the cost of the workshop will be collected. Since only 40 spaces are available, participants are urged to make reservations on the Coalition hotline, 286-2358. Enter the church from Washington Street, the facility is wheelchair accessible.

TWO MORE GAY-RELATED MURDERS DIM THE HOLIDAYS

by Patrick Garvey

Atlanta—The body of the tenth gay-related murder victim of 1990 was found in her apartment hidden under a pile of clothes on Jan. 3. Police say that Edna Brown was killed on or shortly after Christmas Day. The body of John Termini, the first gay-related homicide of 1991, was dumped in Buckhead's Frankie Allen Park on New Year's Day.

Brown (a transsexual) died after having been stabbed in the chest some time after she was last seen by her neighbors on Christmas Day. Her blue Ford Tempo was discovered on Friday, Jan. 4, on Lawrenceville Highway in Decatur. On Jan. 8, police arrested Sanders Taylor in connection with Edna's death, according to Captain Calvin Wardlaw, of the Atlanta Police Department's Homicide Unit.

Known to her friends as "Madam," Brown was active in the gay community. "We will miss Madam," commented Joan Garner of Atlanta's African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance, where Brown worked as a secretary, and co-edited the newsletter. "She touched a

lot of people...and she challenged a lot of people to look at themselves."

One memorial service was held at Loretta's night club on January 7, where Brown worked as a performer. A second memorial was held at the E. Congregation on January 9.

Termini was stabbed in the neck and dumped from his pickup truck in Frankie Allen Park, after being seen with another man shortly before the stabbing. Termini called for help when his assailant began attacking him, but witnesses said that they were not able to get to his truck in time to be of assistance or to prevent his murderer's escape. The assailant escaped in Termini's truck; police have not released a description.

Termini managed the fish department at Bruno's Finer Foods. His sister, Kathy Simpson, described him as a gun collector, a scuba diver and an avid sportsman.

Please see this issue's editorial on page 6 relating to these murders.



EVETT BENNETT

Rhetoric on tour: Philip Morris' Jerry Walsh describes his company's proud sponsorship of the Bill of Rights tour.

company's support of Helms and the promotion of the Bill of Rights was an "odd contradiction."

More contradictions were evident: inside the auditorium, plaques commemorating individuals who have championed freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights—Roger Baldwin, the founder of the ACLU, and A. Philip Randolph, organizer of the first black labor union, and Margaret Sanger, who wrote a book for women on the use of birth control in 1910—were displayed.

Outside, the Cobb County Police restricted the rights of demonstrators. Taggart Patrick, a spokesperson for Philip Morris, explained why it's in the corporation's best interest to back Sen. Helms and his political agendas. "We have a number of facilities in North Carolina and he [Helms] has supported us," she said. "We don't always agree on every issue...but that's what makes America great—the diversity of opinion."

Commenting on the protests the tour has experienced in nearly every city it visited, Patrick added, "Because it is the Bill of Rights, and it is an object of controversy, we expected people to use this as a forum to voice their opinion."

The organizers seemed well prepared for demonstrations: security personnel inside the

ACTIVISTS CHALLENGE PHILIP MORRIS CITIZENSHIP

Company rep replies: "We don't always agree on every issue, but that's what makes America great—the diversity of opinion."

by Patrick Garvey

Marietta—Protesters greeted the nationwide, Philip Morris-sponsored Bill of Rights Tour on its opening day here. ACT UP/Atlanta demonstrators were joined by health care and anti-smoking activists in the cold Thursday morning drizzle January 3 at the Cobb County Civic Auditorium to object to the corporate conglomerate support of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Cobb County Commissioner Chairman, Philip Secrist's speech at the ceremonial ribbon cutting was interrupted by ACT UP member Brad Harden who shouted "Why does Philip Morris support Jesse Helms?"

An eerie silence overtook the crowd of about 200 as representatives of Philip Morris looked about uncomfortably.

A professor of history, hired by Philip Morris to consult for the tour and who asked that his name not be used, admitted that the



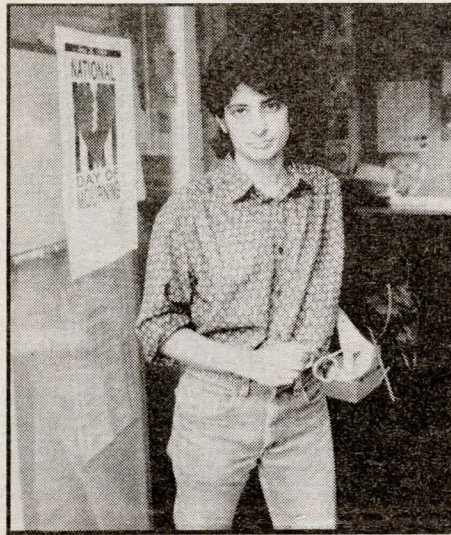
EVETT BENNETT

Edna Brown at AALGA's recent awards banquet.

GEORGIA COURT UPHOLDS OBSCENITY LAW

A Federal Appeals court has upheld a Georgia law that prohibits the public display of material which might be seen by minors and which depicts "sexually explicit nudity, sexual conduct or sadomasochistic abuse," according to the Atlanta *Journal/Constitution*. Offenders face a maximum one-year prison term and \$5,000 fine. The three-judge panel insists that adults' access to such material would not be significantly infringed upon, saying that sexually explicit magazines can be sold as long as they are exhibited in racks that hide their covers. However, U.S. District Court Judge Marvin H. Shoob who originally ruled against the statute, said that it would "reduce an adult's selection of reading materials to a book list suitable for a fifth-grade class."

Gay Minister Calls for Change in Methodist Church: An openly gay minister of the United Methodist Church has announced that he will challenge his church's ban on the ordination of "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." "This action is probably one of the foremost ways that lesbian and gay clergy can push for change within the church," Rev. James R. Hawk of Nashville, Tenn. told *Dare*. Hawk was placed on mandatory leave of absence earlier this year after he announced his sexual orientation to his bishop. Rev. Pat Albright of Mount Lebanon, Pa. says that Hawk's chances of being reinstated to the congregation are "doubtful."



CLIFF O'NEILL

Stonewall Pays Off: A foundation established by Chicago futures trader Paul Anderson has presented its first set of Stonewall Awards to: San Franciscan Martin Delaney of Project Inform; Thom Dombrowski of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago; and Urvashi Vaid (pictured) of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. But unlike most awards in the lesbian and gay community, Anderson's prizes are backed with a financial wallop—\$25,000, no strings attached. The foundation's sole purpose, according to Anderson, is "to create a national platform where individuals... will be honored for their efforts on behalf of gays and lesbians."

HIV Testing Is Still Mandatory: The California Law requiring court-ordered AIDS testing of convicted prostitutes was upheld by a three-judge state appeals court panel, said the *N.Y. Times*. Eleven prostitutes—nine women and two men—challenged the law after they were convicted in San Francisco. Under the law, those

who test positive for HIV antibodies are given the results. Any subsequent convictions are treated as felonies.

A New Law For Anybody Who Wants One: The city of Cambridge, Mass. has instituted a new law that requires all public businesses to install condom vending machines before next November—but only if they want to. According to this college town's new "anti-AIDS measure," schools and any other establishment who objects to this law are exempt.

Lone Star Lawman Murders Gay: An accomplice in the shooting death of a gay man at a Texas rest stop has testified that a former law officer spent months teaching him how to target homosexuals for crimes, according to an AP wire story. John Yarbrough, a former Fort Worth, Texas police lieutenant and Wise County chief deputy sheriff, was convicted of capital murder in the shooting death of Jerry Shaw. Milton Brumfeld, an accomplice testifying as a prosecution witness, said Yarbrough spent five months teaching him how to identify and victimize gays.

Scondras to Introduce Domestic Partnership Bill: Openly gay Boston city councilor David Scondras plans to introduce a bill seeking validation of lesbian and gay and heterosexual live-in relationships, a move that has been adopted by other major cities, according to an AP story. The bill, dubbed the "American Family Act," will include health and insurance benefits to domestic partners and extended family members of municipal employees. The ordinance will also allow domestic partners to be permitted to visit hospitals, prisons, schools and day-care centers without challenge from personnel at those institutions. Scondras said the domestic partners and extended family members could register relationships at City Hall, and would pay a fee "equal to that of a marriage license."

Women Dominate Minnesota's Top Court: Minnesota is now the first state with a supreme court where women are the majority. Gov. Rudy Perpich has appointed state Appeals Court Judge Sandra Gardebring, a family friend and longtime political ally, to the Minnesota Supreme Court, giving it four women among its seven members. A survey by the AP showed that Minnesota now has at least twice as many women on its high court as any other state. Only Michigan and Oklahoma have two women on their high courts; 26 states have one; and the remaining 21 states have none. Dorothy Beasley is the only woman in Georgia's Supreme Court.

NEA Gives Grants to Finley and Hughes: The National Endowment for the Arts has approved grants to Holly Hughes and Karen Finley, two performance artists whose work includes strong sexual content and who were denied federal funds last year. When her grant was denied last June, Hughes told the *N.Y. Times*, "I think the reason my work was overturned is because it is a chock full of good old feminist satire and, secondly, I am openly lesbian." Hughes said that she hopes her new work, "No Trace of the Blond," will be "everything that Jesse Helms fears." Haleakala Inc. which is sponsoring radical feminist Karen Finley said that it is pleased about the NEA's decision.

Music Teachers Play A Sour Note: Two women are suing Central Point schools of Medford, Ore. and state art organizations after losing their contract to teach music to kids because of the women's association with a play about a lesbian softball team, according to an AP wire story. Sue Carney and Patricia O'Scannel performed music for the play *The Amazon All-Stars*. "For them to say that a couple of established musicians can't teach Renaissance music because they're associated with a play that's about a lesbian softball team is ridiculous," said the women's lawyer, Renee Jacobs of Portland.

Doctor Won't Give Out Names Of AIDS Patients: In a case likely to have national repercussions, a prominent AIDS researcher in Colorado is defying a state law that requires him to report the names of HIV-infected study participants and has asked the U.S. government to help him protect their confidentiality. Twenty-three states currently require health-care professionals to report the names of individuals infected with HIV, and the Colorado case is believed to be the first time a researcher has refused to comply. Dr. Robert T. Schooley, head of the infectious disease division of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, told the *L.A. Times*, "This information belongs in a doctor's office, not in a mainframe computer data base."

AIDS Virus Can't Keep Visitors Out: People infected with HIV will no longer be prevented from entering the United States beginning June 1. Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan has taken AIDS off the list of dangerous contagious diseases that is used by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to exclude visitors from the country. Until June 1 people infected with HIV will continue to be barred unless they declare that they are infected and seek a waiver; those who carry the waiver are required to carry a stamped paper in their passports saying they have sought the exception and thus identify themselves as carriers of the virus.

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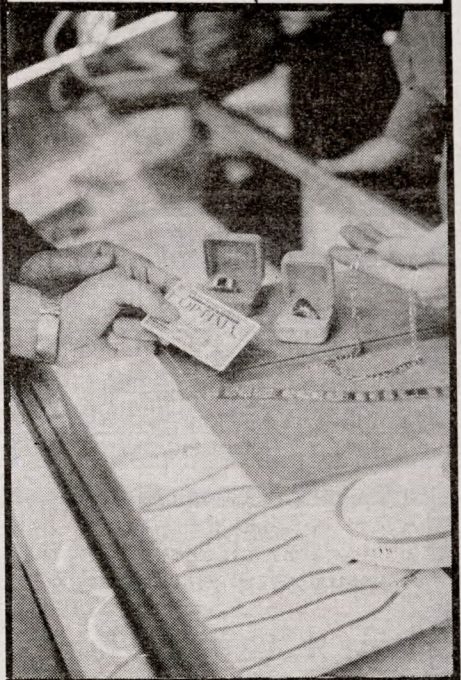
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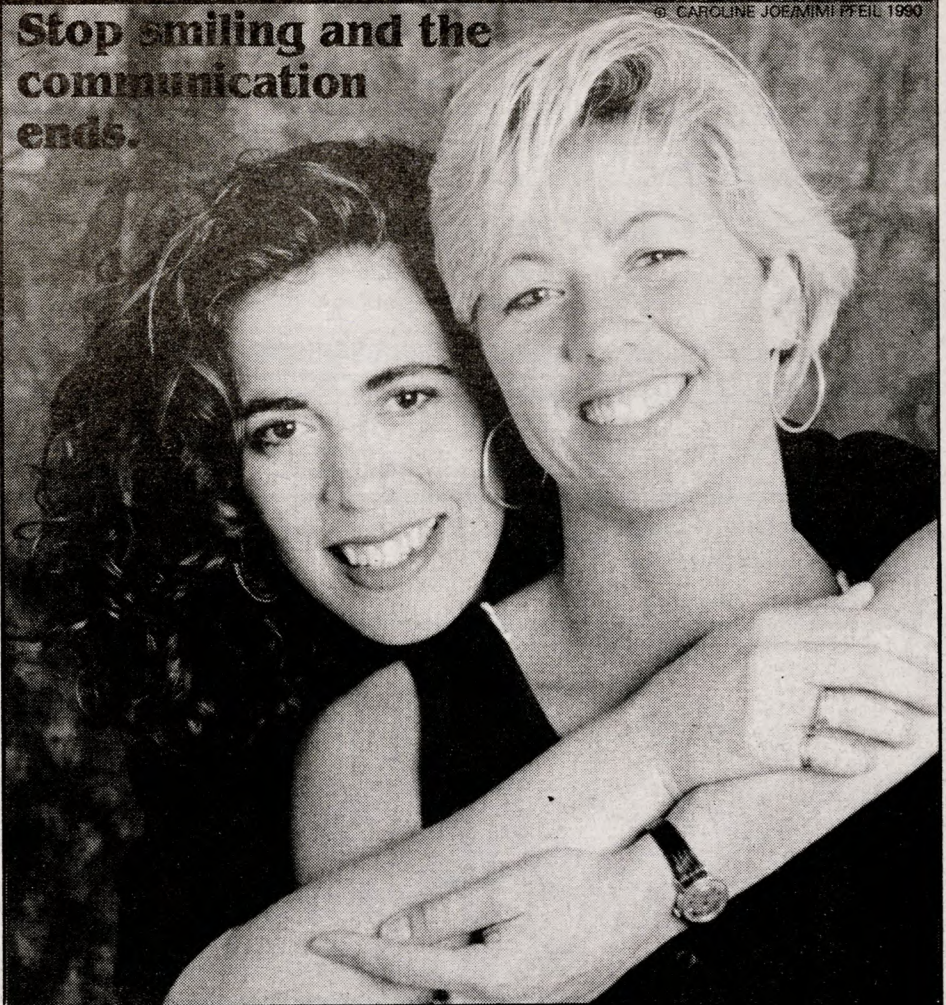
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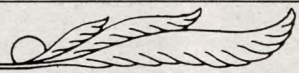
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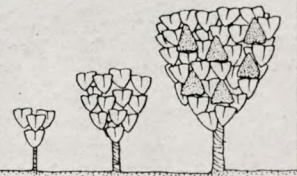
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Getting a Handle on Hate Crimes

by Debbie Fraker

Sometime in the next few weeks Georgia's proposed Hate Crimes Bill will be introduced to the General Assembly for the second time. Last year it was defeated by right-wing forces because lesbians, gay men and the HIV infected were included in its protected groups. But, despite such opposition, sponsors feel that their legislation has a good chance of passage.

The Hate Crimes Bill—which defines a bias crime as one that is motivated by the status of the victim or victims—has three parts. It would provide for the collection of statistics on bias crimes and for training police officers to collect those statistics. It provides for enhanced penalties for perpetrators of bias-motivated crimes. Finally, the bill provides for civil remedies and injunctive relief for the victim. You can sue your attacker.

The coalition that constructed and sponsors the Hate Crimes Bill is made up of representatives from the American Jewish Committee, the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR), and the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter.

State Rep. Nan Orrock, the bill's sponsor in the House says firmly that "the coalition is united in its determination not to accept any compromise on the bill that would attempt to eliminate anything from the status category." (At press time it was undecided who will sponsor the bill in the Senate, but Lt. Governor Pierre Howard indicated strong interest in and support of the bill last year. Governor Zell Miller has also expressed his support.)

Sunny Stern of the American Jewish Committee echoes Orrock's sentiment saying "selective bigotry is not acceptable." According to Daniel Levitas "the Center for Democratic Renewal considers it of the utmost importance and an extremely high priority that protection for gays and lesbians be retained in the bill."

This year Sabrina Sojourner will also be involved with the coalition as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. She emphasizes that "it is important to understand that the bias crimes movement started in the lesbian and gay community, both nationally and at the state level. It is paramount to the effectiveness of the bill that HIV infection and lesbian and gay status be included or it's not going to do the community any good. To leave sexual orientation out of hate crimes legislation is to side with the perpetrators of hate crimes."

Georgia is not the only place where there is concern over the inclusion of les-

bians and gays in hate crime legislation: the Independence, Mo. City Council recently voted to exclude gays and lesbians from its hate crimes bill by a 5-2 vote.

Similar hate crimes bills in Ohio, Michigan, and Washington, D.C. have recently been challenged on the basis of unconstitutional "vagueness." None of these cases has been decided. Asked about the possibilities for challenging the Georgia bill, Levitas replied: "I think we've drawn up a legally sound piece of legislation. This is not to say it won't be challenged, but it will probably hold up." Levitas added confidently: "Chances are slim to none that this bill could be overturned as unconstitutional."

The national Hate Crimes Statistics Act was passed in February 1990 after attempts by Sen. Jesse Helms to dilute or neutralize it. It provides only for data collection, and is, by itself, essentially useless until enough state bills are passed to provide data to be collected. According to Levitas, two thirds of the states must pass data collection bills in order for the national legislation to have any realistic impact. So far only twelve states have passed such bills.

Most of the controversy surrounding hate crimes legislation has been over which groups are or are not included. The national act does not, for instance, include gender as a bias status. The National Organization for Women (NOW) lobbied to have gender included in the legislation and has encouraged state billmakers to include gender. The omission of women from the federal statute caused tension between NOW and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a leading force in the coalition supporting that bill.

This tension seems to have been set aside and the two organizations recently released a joint statement of their common concern over civil rights issues. Peri Jude Radecic of NGLTF says that gender and rape were purposefully excluded. "Rape is always a hate crime," Radecic says, and NGLTF did not want an individual police officer filling out a statistics form to have the option to declare any rape *not* to be a hate crime. Locally, NOW lobbyist Vicky McLennon is gratified to see that gender is included in the Georgia Hate Crimes Bill. She adds that "women as a group are probably the most hated group in this country."

Neither the Georgia bill or the national act includes the elderly or the disabled, though many other state bills do. Georgia law already provides enhanced penalties for many crimes against the elderly, but hate crimes against the disabled are not covered by any other state laws. Levitas says that the



MARILYN HUMPHRIES

NGLTF Board Member Sabrina Sojourner: "To leave sexual orientation out of hate crimes legislation is to side with the perpetrators of hate crimes."

disabled were not intentionally excluded from the bill, though he questioned the real need for inclusion. "I haven't seen any incidents of crimes against persons who are disabled because of their condition." (He does make a distinction between crimes committed because a person can't defend themselves and specific bashing of the disabled because of their status.) He did indicate, however, that the coalition might consider including the disabled in this year's draft of the bill.

Atlanta City Police were empowered to collect statistics on bias-motivated crimes in June, 1989. The first report, from January to June, 1990, reported two assaults that were designated as gay-related. The Lesbian/Gay Police Advisory Board (a project of the Georgia ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter) has also been collecting statistics on bias-motivated crimes directed at gay men and lesbians in Atlanta. For the first six months of 1990 they report six physical assaults, four verbal or physical assaults by police officers, and seven homicides motivated by gay-related prejudice. The statistics gathered since that time show more than 50 gay related bias incidents for 1990.

When asked about the amazing differences in these numbers, Marion Lee of the City Police Public Information Office speculates that perhaps victims are not identifying themselves to police as gay men or lesbians (It's not difficult to understand not admitting to the police that you are someone who repeatedly breaks Georgia's sodomy law.). Lt. Jackson of the Special Investigations Department also speculates that police officers do not make reports for the simple pur-



KC WILDMOON

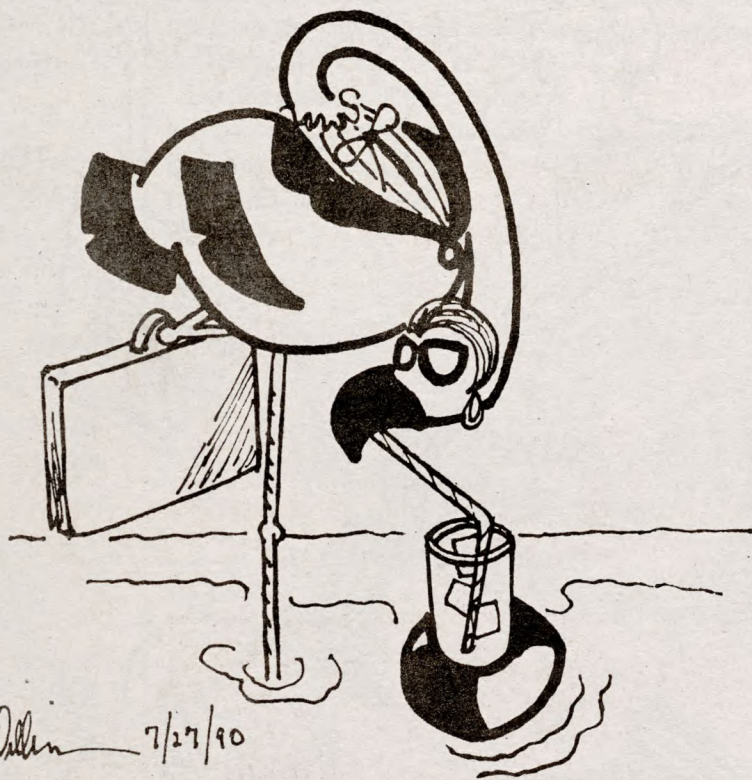
State Representative Nan Orrock: "The coalition is united in its determination not to accept any compromise on the bill that would attempt to eliminate anything from the status category."

pose of collecting data. "If an officer puts down that the motive is hate or bias the department has to be able to defend that or it will make the case harder to prosecute." Cathy Woolard, of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Police Advisory Board, adds a hopeful note: "It's obvious they didn't get off to a very good start, but we continue to help them keep in touch with the community and we hope the end of the year report is much more sophisticated."

Opponents of the Georgia Hate Crimes Bill will, no doubt, rally again this year around this legislation which many of the radical right seem to find so dangerous. In February, 1990, Citizens for Public Awareness released an Alert on "The Danger of 'Hate Crimes' Legislation." The alert states: "We oppose 'special protection' granted to anyone based on their sexual preference. 'Hate Crimes' is simply a back door attempt for further so-called 'homosexual rights.'"

The privilege of walking down the street without being verbally assaulted, beaten, or shot because of one's race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, color, national origin, HIV infection, age, or disability is due to everyone. The majority of lethargic middle America rarely assaults anyone, but until the statistics are collected on these incidents they will not be convinced how big this problem has become.

For information on how to get involved in passage of this bill, call the Center for Democratic Renewal at 221-0025.



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EDITORIAL

ENOUGH, ALREADY!

Atlanta was already the gay-related murder capital of America, but three murders in one week sends a message that we cannot ignore.

The story on page 2 about the murders of two more members of the gay community makes it abundantly clear that, both individually and as a community, we have got to take some action to stop these most virulent of hate crimes.

It would be easy to lay blame on the police department and demand that they get their act together and prevent such crimes, but we fear that the answer is not that simple. In fact it's arguable that the only way the police could have prevented these crimes (or any of the eight murders of gay men last year) would have been to substantially curtail our civil liberties. Nobody wants that.

The simple and unfortunate fact of the matter is that all three of the murders

that occurred between Christmas and New Years involved scenarios where folks were killed by a hustler or a trick picked up off the street. The circumstances of virtually every one of last year's murders is similar. We don't know why what start out to be acts of connection then become violent. But we can guess that the most vicious kind of homophobia is at work here—*internalized* homophobia. The cruelest wages of oppression are surely those that cause us to harm those in whom we see our own images reflected.

(For a chilling example of how one man's self-hatred can wreck havoc in a community, take a look at the review of Gera-Lind Kolarik's *Freed to Kill* which

begins on the cover of this issue.)

So what can we do? Short of sweeping the bars and streets of hustlers and further outlawing sex between men, how can we stop, or at least slow, the rate of killings of gay men in Atlanta?

It would be easy for us to suggest that *this* group should take *that* action or that a particular law be passed. But it is unlikely such action would result from our suggestions.

What we will suggest is this: That every gay/lesbian group; every therapist, doctor or healthcare provider; every gay/lesbian business owner or manager; and every gay man or lesbian in metro Atlanta spend at least 15 minutes thinking about what he or she can do to see that fewer of us are killed in 1991. Then we would ask that you write to us and tell us what you are going to do—what commitment you are willing to make to see that Atlanta is not the gay murder capital of America again in 1991.

Several groups have already gotten together and made a commitment to hold

a news conference and some kind of public demonstration on Wednesday, March 6, the day that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force releases its bias crime statistics for 1990. We'll announce plans as they are finalized.

We don't want to sound like a nagging nanny or a stuck record, but please hear this: sex with strangers—especially hustlers—can be dangerous. If you are attracted to this kind of danger, we urge you to seek help from a therapist, counselor or support group. If you know someone who is into this kind of sex, please tell him that you are concerned about him, that you have no need to control his life, but that you are equally opposed to attending his funeral.

We're committed to repeating messages like this and examining the issues that surround them until the deaths stop. Please write to us and tell us what you intend to do.

BLIND ASSUMPTION

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial comment about the ongoing controversy involving AID Atlanta and Mike Wilson of the Atlanta Gay Center. I would like to offer my personal observations on this issue.

First, the Atlanta Gay Center has been in existence for quite some time. They were around long before AID Atlanta and will probably be around long after AID Atlanta's services are no longer required. In addition to being a social service organization, its leaders have long been active in being a strong advocate voice for the gay community. People seem to forget that the end of police harassment in the Midtown area was not the result of these officers and supervisors suddenly becoming self-enlightened, but was the direct result of ongoing efforts of the Gay Center and its leaders. It is this track record of advocacy that I believe qualifies the Center to now assume an advocacy role for services for PWA's.

Secondly, my personal experience in getting records from DHR (on a different agency) was similar to that experienced by Mike Wilson. I was given the runaround for several weeks and the records (about 15 pages) were only produced after my calling the Attorney General's office. Their tactic is to inconvenience you enough in the hopes that you will just go away.

Thirdly, AID Atlanta's annual budget is now in the vicinity of \$1.8 million. It has grown from a group of volunteers to a *bureaucracy* that may eventually be housed in both Fulton and DeKalb counties. It is funded from a variety of sources which includes public funds and extensive solicitation from the gay community. It selectively releases information about itself (only to those who will write good things about it) and is funded, in part, by a state bureaucracy that historically won't release information.

Lastly, it appears that your paper blindly assumes that AID Atlanta, by their very existence, is spending their annual budget in a manner that will best provide services for PWA's and that anyone who questions this has gone off the deep end.

In the absence of an objective, indepen-

dent review by a standard-setting organization, which a lot of social service agencies and institutions are evaluated and governed by, AID Atlanta's budget and the way it conducts business is currently only being reviewed by one person. If your paper is against such an inquiry, then who should conduct it? Are you saying that it is OK for any agency, let alone AID Atlanta, to take \$1.8 million and only be accountable to itself?

It is my impression that there are many dedicated and caring people working for AID Atlanta; however, with budget cuts at all levels of government and with the economy in the midst of a recession it is not unreasonable to demand that every dollar spent by AID Atlanta be accounted for. My concern is that as the epidemic and the bureaucracy at AID Atlanta grow, it will get like other bureaucracies: unresponsive and aloof. Open access and periodic evaluations can prevent this from happening. This would include being able to ask questions without the threat of being denied access to records.

Bill Ilott

Mr. Ilott is pursuing a degree in Social Work at Georgia State University and did a 10-week internship at AID Atlanta last fall. His statement that "your paper blindly assumes that AID Atlanta, by their very existence, is spending their annual budget in a manner that will best provide services for PWA's and that anyone who questions this has gone off the deep end" is incorrect.

What we have said is that: 1. If the Gay Center or Mr. Wilson have suspicions about problems at AID Atlanta, they should share their questions with someone who has access to the agency's records. 2. That it is not the work of non-profit, tax exempt social service agencies with overlapping missions and client bases to investigate each other.

Mr. Ilott's concern with how services are delivered to people with AIDS is an important one. AID Atlanta has repeatedly invited us to examine their records and ask whatever questions we have about the operation of the agency. We have agreed to do both and will publish our findings.—Ed.

CREDIT IS DUE

To the Editor:

Your December news story about Fireman's Insurance Co. of Washington D.C. being the first insurance company in the nation to recognize domestic partnerships contradicts that fact that Consumers United Insurance (also based in D.C.) was chosen several years ago by the National Organization for Women to provide members with comprehensive health and life insurance based on unisex rates. (NOW MED and NOW LIFE)

The company is owned and operated (primarily) by women and minorities. It was the *only* insurance company in America that testified before Congress in favor of the Economic Equity Act which would have ended discrimination against women in insurance. Their testimony included statistics on same-sex partnership coverage. "Named partner eligibility" is their term for domestic partnerships and is defined as "covering your partner under NOW MED regardless of marital status or the sex of your partner."

We applaud that another insurance company is following in the footsteps of Consumers United.

Samantha Claar
President, Atlanta Chapter NOW



OMNI AWARD RESULTS

The following is a complete list of winners of the 1990 Omni Awards presented January 10 at the Hellenic Center. The Omni Awards are the concept of Deana Collins and were established to recognize the talent and contributions of the lesbian community.

- Businesswoman—Outstanding business owner or manager: Linda Bryant/Sherry Emory, Charis Books & More
- Writer—Outstanding published author: Rebecca Ranson, playwright
- Entertainer—Outstanding public performance: Jacque & Joyce
- Best Artist—Outstanding creative talent: Linda Vaughn, Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus
- Athlete—Outstanding achievement/ability: Sherri Dupree
- Bar Employee—Above and beyond the call of duty: Alicia Bridges, Tower Lounge
- Best Bar—Most attentive, community supportive and fun: Deana's One Mo Time

- Living Legend—Most community support over longest time: Dot Elliott
- Unity Award—Most efforts to bring community together: Bev Cook, BOA
- Professional—Occupations requiring advanced degrees: Toni Rossi, M.D.
- Community Service—Most efforts to better community: Deana Collins, Collins House
- Tradeswoman—Non-advanced degree occupations: Kathy White, Radio
- Volunteer—Most non-compensated hours spent in service: Jackie Farrell
- Woman of the Year—Most service to all by one person: Sandy Thurmond, AID Atlanta
- Gentleman of the Year—Most service to all by one person: Jeffrey Laymon
- Hall of Fame Award: Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF

GUEST EDITORIAL

CONSPIRACY OF VOICES

Some lesbian political prisoners in U.S. jails may be on their way to isolation

"I woke up with a start because my cell door was open and a young woman was saying, 'Susan, Susan, get up, give me your cup. I know you need coffee.' And she smiled at me and said, 'You look exhausted. You work too much.' And I stepped outside my cell all rumped, trying to stretch my cramped self and another woman said, 'Susan, where were you yesterday? Are you okay?' And I had to smile because prison, this horrendous jail, is my community of women."

—Susan Rosenberg

"I feel the urgency of people around the world suffering because of this government; I feel inspired by their will to win liberation, and I want to add all my energies to theirs, so victory will come sooner."

—Linda Evans

describe its various programs) of the HSU was to destroy the political and social identities of women political prisoners through isolation and psychological torture."

We have a responsibility in the South to raise our voices in opposition to the proposed transfer of this 'mission' to the federal prison in Marianna. We cannot let the government disappear our sisters. As Mary K. O'Melveny says in the introduction to *Conspiracy of Voices*, a collection of poetry, journal excerpts, essays and drawings by Rosenberg, Evans, Buck and Whitehorn, "Repressive regimes depend upon their ability to silence political prisoners—through isolation, torture, disappearances, censorship, criminalization of them and their ideals with the help of the mainstream press—to silence political opposition and resistance."

And why, do you ask, does this concern us? While in Washington, this group of four women and two men have been able to organize resistance. A tremendous amount of their support has come from lesbians and gay men. This support work happened, in part, because some of the women are lesbians. But also, because during the past decade, as lesbians and gay men have become militant in demanding change, visibility and an end to oppression, we have come to clearly see the radical ties that connect us to all liberation struggles. If political prisoners are silenced then we all are silenced. It is in the government's best interest to frighten us away from women and men who are doing critical analysis and revolutionary work because that work challenges the very economic and governmental system that keeps all of us disenfranchised.

How can you be involved? It is important to educate ourselves. There are many articles and videos available. *Conspiracy of Voices* is powerful in its reflection of their experiences, in the calling out of critical voices and in the vision for a just world. It's a good place to start.

Another way to find out more is to write directly to the prisoners. They would like very much to hear from you.

—Sue Gambill

In the time since Ms. Gambill wrote this piece Linda Evans has been sentenced to 10 years and Laura Whitehorn to 20 by U.S. Judge Harold Greene, who sentenced Adm. John Poindexter to six months probation for lying to Congress and enabling the war in Nicaragua. —Ed.

For a copy of *Conspiracy of Voices* send a check or money order for \$6.25 to Women in Support of Political Prisoners, Box 565, Madison, Wisconsin 53701.

For information on articles and videos or for the addresses of the women write Sue Gambill, Post Office Box 10286, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

There are between 150-200 political prisoners in the U.S. Many of them are women, some are lesbians. Though the government refuses to acknowledge their political status, the women are singled out, given extraordinarily long sentences (often after being framed by the FBI) and harsh treatment. Repeatedly they are told they must denounce their beliefs and associations.

Prisons are one avenue through which the government attempts to control, isolate and destroy opposition in the U.S., by silencing and disappearing radical people. As lesbians and gay men we are well aware of the effects of such invisibility. Heterosexism, sexism and racism, as means to divide and destroy people, are honed into their most extreme forms within those prison walls.

The struggle for environmental survival, for justice for disenfranchised people and for the end to U.S. intervention are all intricately entwined with the call for justice for women, lesbians and gay men. The government knows this and has targeted groups actively organizing resistance.

During the past two years Marilyn Buck, Linda Evans, Susan Rosenberg and Laura Whitehorn, along with political prisoners Tim Blunk and Allen Berkman, have been in the Washington, D.C. jail. They were charged with conspiracy "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the U.S. government concerning various international and domestic matters" and the bombing of the U.S. Capital after the U.S. invasion of Grenada. The case has recently been resolved and some or all of the women may soon be transferred to the federal prison in Marianna, Florida. As the four women recently explained in a letter to the Tallahassee, Florida community, "The Marianna 'Shawnee Unit' for women is the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) response to the exposure and subsequent closures of the now infamous Lexington High Security Unit (HSU). The Lexington HSU for women was the first isolation unit built explicitly for political prisoners in the U.S. The 'mission' (the term used by the BOP to

CARBON COPY

Sen. Sam Nunn
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Nunn,

One of your responses to Samantha Claar was published on the Viewpoints page of *Southern Voice*, an Atlanta area gay newspaper. In it, you state, "I do not support the adoption of federal civil rights statutes to afford protection to individuals on the basis of their sexual preference."

How can you possibly, in good conscience, make that statement? Why should I, an American citizen, one of your constituents, have fewer civil rights than other Americans? I am a living, breathing, feeling, and loving human, just like you.

Without this protection, the fact that I love another man means I can be fired from my job, not allowed to buy or rent places to

live, and denied health insurance. In refusing to support Civil Rights for gay people, you are sending out the message to closed minded red necks everywhere that is open season on gays.

As a tax paying American citizen, I cannot believe that my senator could say such a thing. I would like a response; not just a typed form letter stating your position on certain bills, but an actual answer as to why you think I should have fewer civil rights protections than you have.

Brian Helder

Sen. Nunn's Atlanta office phone number is 331-4811. —Ed.

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Freed to Kill

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People who study hate crimes have learned that they occur because society teaches that some groups are less valued than others. *Freed to Kill* tells of a call received by Indiana's task force hotline. The caller suggested that police keep out of the case, asking "Why waste our tax money; let [those fags] all kill each other." We also see officers skipping hand-in-hand down the office hallway to diffuse the ribbing they got from other policemen. Note how society reacts when a murderer kills the "right people."

Other problems made Eyler even harder to stop. The gay communities—of Chicago, and especially Indianapolis—did not have media access or respect from law enforcement agencies in the early 1980's. Their ability to assist police or attract attention to these crimes was minimal, far less than Atlanta's African American community during Wayne Williams' case. Eyler also dumped bodies in different jurisdictions, making it harder for police to detect a pattern. Had Kolarik not taken an interest in this case, how many more bodies might have accumulated along Highway 41?

Freed to Kill has many pluses. It is a good story in the "true crime" genre, and thoroughly documents how homophobia helped Eyler's spree. Its view of gay S&M life in Chicago is accurate and, with the exception of the account of one squeamish officer's trip to Touche's, free of negative stereotyping. And since its publication, this underreported case has hit the news in a big way. Enough evidence was uncovered to help Indiana extract a guilty plea from Eyler (who confessed to one murder to avoid a second death sentence in a state more likely to execute him than Illinois), and an accomplice has been indicted.

But the authors sensationalize the fact that Eyler was released once because of illegally discovered evidence, going on to kill again. It is true that civil liberties vs. society's interests

is a tough question, made more troubling when police ineptitude results in death. And the first judge's verdict was amazing—Eyler is the only indicted serial murderer ever to leave jail. But a society with respect for civil liberties must occasionally free guilty people. The cornerstone of American justice is "innocent until proven guilty" with legally seized evidence. One mistake does not invalidate our entire judicial system. Kolarik should respect that, but doesn't.

Freed to Kill also underscores how important our community's debate over hate crimes really is to society as a whole. The profiles of the victims of hate crimes and serial murder are strikingly similar—women, African-Americans, gay men, children and the homeless—and they come from among marginalized members of society. There must a message going out, subtly or overtly, that these people are disposable. The recent case in Florida, where the victims are straight, white males, may be the exception that proves the rule—here the killers are thought to be women, also a first. The roots of hate crimes are firmly planted in the soil of patriarchal power.

How could hate crimes legislation help? If a basher becomes a serial killer because he doesn't get caught and punished by society in time to stop his violence from becoming obsessive, then tracking hate crimes could stop killers. We know that in Marriott murder, Hodges had also killed in Nashville and had a violent reputation in both cities. Might Michael Whisnant be alive today if hate crimes had been monitored for the last five years, alerting us earlier to the danger Hodges represented? Are the unsolved cases in Atlanta the effort of a serial murderer?

There doesn't seem to be a big gap between today's basher and tomorrow's Larry Eyler. That makes the work being done by our community's legislative lobbyists and by our anti-violence projects and hotlines even more important, not only to our efforts to change society, but to our very survival.

OBITUARY

Serge Bernstein

On Thursday, November 29, 1990, Serge Bernstein, 40, died of AIDS-related complications. A member of Congregation Bet Haverim and its representative to MACGLO (Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations), Serge was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He came to this country in 1959 after Nasser forced Jews out of the country. As long-time chairperson of Bet Haverim's fund-raising committee, he was responsible for many activities to which non-Jews came as well as Jews, including Spring costume balls near the time of the Jewish holiday of Purim, hay rides, comedy and modern dance performances. Serge spoke French and Arabic and on occasion tutored French. A devout Jew, he read Hebrew. He was vice-president of M. Bernstein Metal Company, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Michael Bernstein (Loretta), brother Guy and sister-in-law Jenice, niece Maury, and many friends. Two of his last major activities in Bet Haverim included attending the World



Confrence on Gay and Lesbian Jews in Amsterdam, Holland, and along with his family, purchasing a beautiful Torah for Congregation Bet Haverim, in memory of those who have died of AIDS.

OUT LINES

Age: 21

College: Georgia Tech

Major: Computer Science

School Year:

Senior, graduating this spring

Works Part-Time: at Technology Dynamics, a software firm. He was their first paid employee.

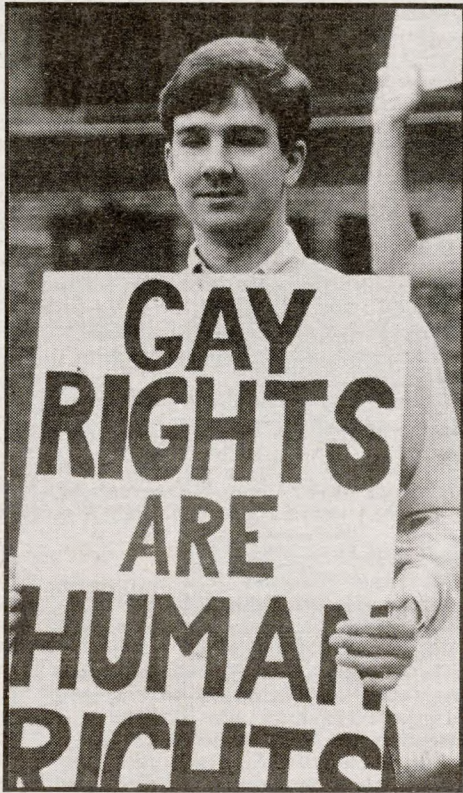
Hobbies & Interests: Computers and electronics, "and hiking and camping when I get the chance."

Latest Movie Seen:

The Tournee of Animation

Favorite Reading Material:

"Fantasy literature." One of his favorites is the *The Rose of the Prophet* trilogy written by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. One of the main characters is a gay wizard who is from a different society, and has to learn to survive in a totally different culture.



EVETT BENNETT

KYLE ROGERS: Reluctant Activist

"I thought I'd never become an activist when I came [to Georgia Tech], says Kyle Rogers. "After I came out, and talked to other gay and lesbian students, I learned there was a lot of injustice against us. And I learned something needed to be done."

In the spring quarter of Kyle's freshman year, he and several friends started Tech's first Gay and Lesbian Alliance. GALA ran into a lot of opposition from the student body in the process of becoming a recognized student organization.

But that opposition was nothing compared to the flack that Kyle and other supporters of GALA got this past fall after they held a demonstration against the Undergraduate Student Council's refusal to fund GALA's trip to attend a lesbian/gay/bisexual conference in Boston.

Kyle has found himself gradually becoming one of the most open and outspoken representatives of Tech's gay and lesbian community. It is a role he proudly accepts, often going to class wearing shirts and buttons with positive gay messages: "Read My Lips" (with a picture of two men kissing); "I like boys"; and "Sodomy". He explains that he doesn't intend to disturb or offend Tech's straight community, he just wants them to realize that gays exist. "...It's for the people who are gay and are afraid to talk about it; and to let them know that they are not alone—and that it's okay."

Kyle believes that there are a lot of closeted gay men and lesbians on Georgia Tech's campus. He estimates about 10% of the student body is gay; an official campus survey which shows that 1000 students identified themselves as gay or lesbian confirms his suspicions. But not many are open about it and even fewer are involved with GALA.

Predictably, Kyle finds Tech's students mostly intolerant of gays and lesbians. Individuals may be accepting, but when they gather in groups homophobia too often arises. He tells of his experiences at Tech's Activities Day, where representatives from all student organi-

zations set up tables to inform the community of what they are doing. People would walk up to GALA's table, look at him derisively and laugh. In his sophomore year—the first year the organization was represented at Activities Day—members of a campus fraternity came up and verbally harassed GALA members. "They were saying things like 'Why y'all do it with guys?' and other things I don't want to remember," explains Kyle.

Being openly gay at Georgia Tech also makes it harder to make friends. Kyle sometimes finds straight people ("probably closet cases" he says) afraid to talk to him, fearing others will think they are gay.

Kyle's roommate at Tech's Brown Residence Hall this quarter hasn't moved in yet. "He was in here and brought some of his books, but he hasn't come back yet. I'm sure he knows I'm gay," he explains, pointing to a bumper sticker that says "Gay America Loves You" and a few posters of alluring men.

If this roommate fails to materialize it will not be the first time he lost a dorm mate.

In his Junior year, Kyle lived in "Suite," a small two bedroom, one bath unit. His lover at the time was one of the men sharing the second bedroom. Five men moved in, then out during the winter quarter alone. "I can't have my father meeting my suitemate," was the response of a football player who was assigned to their rooms. Two more people moved out in the spring quarter, leaving Kyle and his boyfriend the suite all to themselves—a privilege given to practically no other student, gay or straight, at the "North Avenue Trade School."

Kyle graduates from Georgia Tech at the end of the spring quarter of this year. He hopes to find work at a company doing software development. Until then he will continue to make coming out easier for the gay and lesbian students at Tech.

—Patrick Garvey



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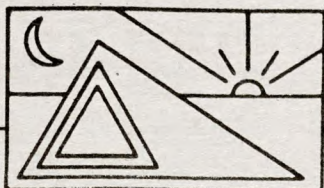
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The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—Meets 2d Mon. of month, 874-8969.
National Association of People with AIDS/ Atlanta—A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.
The Names Project/Atlanta—A National AIDS Memorial. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. 286-6263.
The Names Project Quilting Bee—For those interested in creating a panel or helping others working on a panel. Thurs. 7:30pm at First MCC. 872-2246.
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Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—A community-oriented choral group of women's voices. Membership open to all women interested in singing. Practice each Sunday. 294-8983.
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Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—Arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those of the lesbian/gay community. 881-0817.

DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL

ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 523-6201.
AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM Little 5 Points Comm. Center. 286-6247.
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Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition—Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.
Human Rights Campaign Fund—The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. Field office, 373-6330. Annual dinner committee, 365-8766.

Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians—A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at Ptree Library. 286-7476.
Queer Nation—Direct action countering homophobia and educating the public. Meets 2d and 4th Mon. at Little 5 Points Comm. Center. 286-7476.

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Circle of Healing—Open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570
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First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appointment. Same sex Holy Unions performed. Sun. at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Also Weds. 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-2246.
Gay Catholics of Georgia and Friends—Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends. Meetings and activities vary. 390-0739.
Integrity—Ministry of Gay Episcopalians 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 642-3183.
Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. 636-7109.
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Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—A non-profit, non-partisan, organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016.
African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. Meets 1st Sunday of each month. 4pm, Ashby and Gordon Streets. 349-3739.
Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—Contact P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368.
Atlanta Couples Together—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. 365-2455.
Atlanta Gay Center. Offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational out-reach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372; Coming Out Group 4pm Sat; Young Adult Support Group 6:30pm Tues; HIV+ Group Fri. 8pm, Sun. 6pm; Clinic 6-9pm Mon., Tue., Wed.

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Women of Wisdom—Offers timely programs, reaches out to older women and women with special needs. Usually meets Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester. 723-1112.

ZAMI—Women who work together as friends and lovers, a support group for women of color. Meets 2d Fri. of each month at Charis Books. 315-7684.

STUDENTS

Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—Meetings every Wed., 7:30pm, Room 362E, Dobbs University Center. Emory Univ. 727-6692.

Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 434-7826.

Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance—Weekly meetings. 676-0183.

Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance—Support group for the gay and lesbian community at Ga. State. Meeting and activity times vary call. 378-1370.

S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—Networking group for lesbian and gay student groups. 634-2524.
Young Adult Support Group—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street, 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.

MAB SEGREST: Fighting Racism One Day at a Time

by Gale Reter

People from other parts of the country often assume that racism is as southern as pecan pie or black-eyed peas, and thus that Southerners are more racist than residents of other regions.

Not so says Mab Segrest, well known anti-racist activist. "The South," she explains, "is often scapegoated for its racist patterns because of its past history of slavery and because Southerners are viewed as lower class and are assumed to be stupid and uneducated. It's true that we are racist, but other parts of the country are racist too. In the Southwest racism towards the Chicano originated, and in California, racism towards the Asians. If the South has a tradition of racism, we also have a proud tradition of resistance to it, and it's that tradition that I want to build on."

Racism is something Mab has studied and worked against since she first became aware of it in the '50s. "Growing up in Alabama, where people were acting out racism in a terrible way made a great impression on me. It was an area that continued to involve me as I made my home in North Carolina when I went to college."

Durham has been her home for over 20 years, and her studies in racism and sexism prompted the writing of her book, *My Mama's Dead Squirrel: Lesbian Essays on Southern Culture*. Currently she is one of the editors of an upcoming anthology from Kitchen Table Press, *The Third Wave: Feminist Essays on Racism*. Mab will present a weekend of anti-racist activities here in Atlanta Jan. 26-27.

The weekend seminar is sponsored by ALACC, the Atlanta contingent for the National Lesbian Conference (NLC) coming up in April. NLC has made anti-racism a primary issue in its planning process.

"The country is moving more and more towards the right," says a concerned Segrest. "Things are polariz-

ing. The government heads have a real interest in stirring things up to control the population. This means not only are divisive issues like class and race becoming more visible, but homophobia, too, is being used to divide Americans. Gays are still seen as the opposite evil to the moral majority's white 'traditional family.' They attempt to define themselves as right against a backdrop of gay perversity. The increase in hate-crimes is only one symptom of the growing white right-wing attitudes."

The weekend promises to bring home the links between and among sexism, racism, homophobia and class exploitation. And while attendance at the seminar is limited to women, Mab emphasizes that it is not necessarily for white women only. "While the activities are directed at white racism, we can also deal with the internalized racism of people of color." And though she hopes to help white women sort through personal racism, she believes that "dealing with guilt is important, it is also important to understand the difference between guilt—I made a mistake—and shame—I am a mistake."

Mab describes her style as non-confrontational but admits the weekend may not be an entirely easy one. "Some people may feel discomfort as we look at the operation of racism but I like to end the workshop with people feeling glad that they came. I want them to leave with a lot to think about, and a lot to do. More than that I hope they have a motive to actually take some real actions against racist activities, and to take that action, not out of guilt, but from a feeling that they want to do it, knowing that it helps them too."

"Racism," she continues, "is not something you just wake up one morning and it is gone. It must be worked against continuously. Like recovering alcoholics who live there lives one day at a time, racism is only con-



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quered by vigilant attention to our day-to-day activities. Anyone who thinks they are over it needs to come, because they're not."

The Mab Segrest weekend will be held on January 26 & 27 at Chrysalis Women's Center. There will be a sliding scale of \$60-\$80 for the activities, with scholarships available. Call 522-5623 or 377-5948 for more information.

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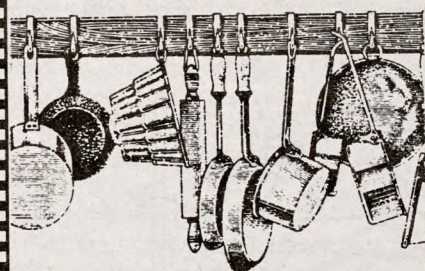
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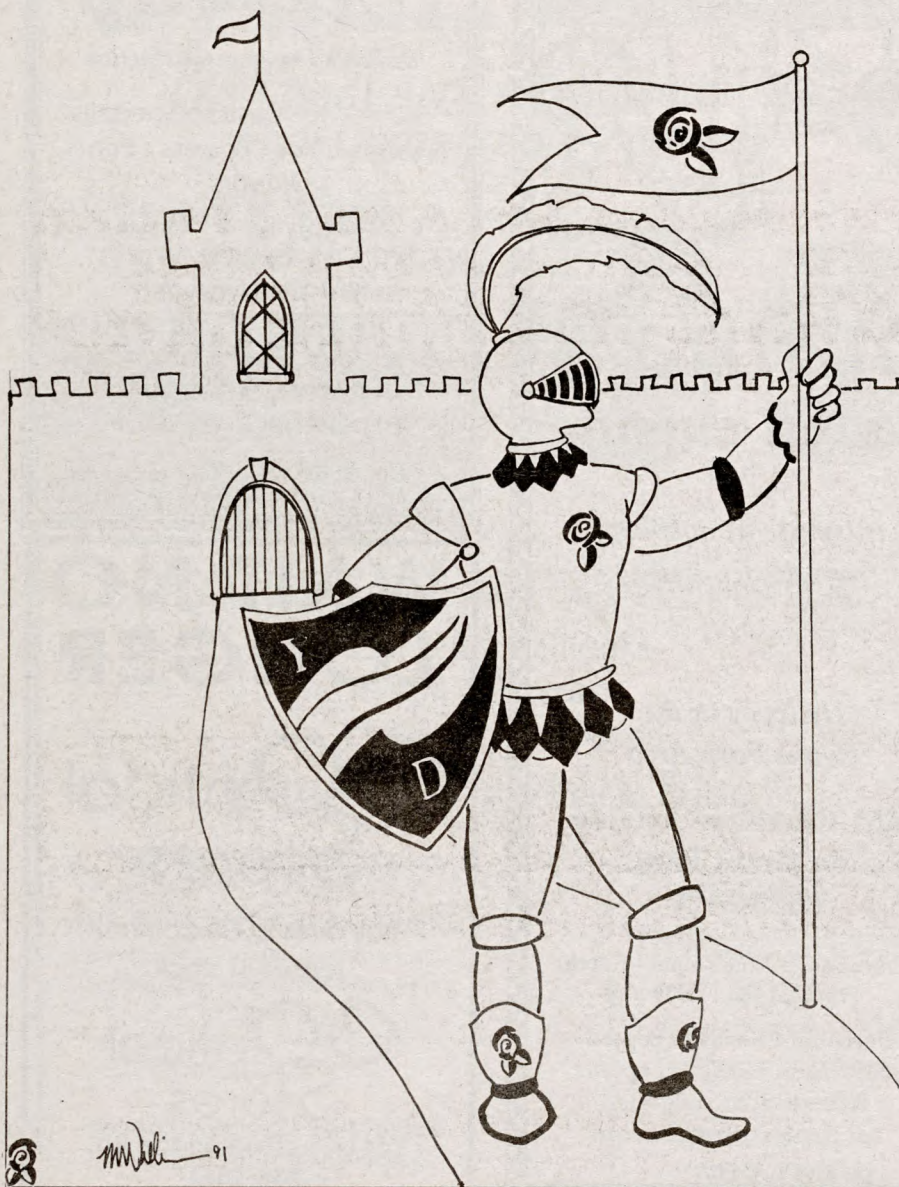
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by treble yell

If you walk blindfolded into my workplace, the audibles found might be mistaken for a wholesale tire outlet or an electrolysis parlor. There are sounds of heavy metal objects being dropped, human cries of anguish, and 96-Rock. I am in the weightlifting business, not to be confused with a tanning or toning center, and we do not do aerobic classes. This place is a state of the art strength facility and, at the same time, antique in its philosophy of the pumping iron game. In all of my wanderings, here is where I have met the most delightfully bizarre people of my life.

The first thing I do in the morning is "straighten up a bit." Ever "straighten up" a junkyard? There are millions of iron plates laying around like doughnuts at the Krispy Kreme. I use this ritual as a lower back workout, softly humming the old ballad "Sixteen Tons."

The gym owner is far from fanatical about cleanliness, in fact, he rather likes the feel of a room knee deep in books and barbells. (The main reason I take the task on is that we have one brave, blind man who trains with us. He is amazing as he comes charging through with incredible radar.)

Professional wrestlers come here to workout presenting a few special nuances. One brings his pit bull. I discovered this while strolling out back to empty the trash when I caught something moving out of the corner of my eye. It was 90 pounds of fang quickly taking the

slack out of a large rope; thank Atlas he was tied to a pipe.

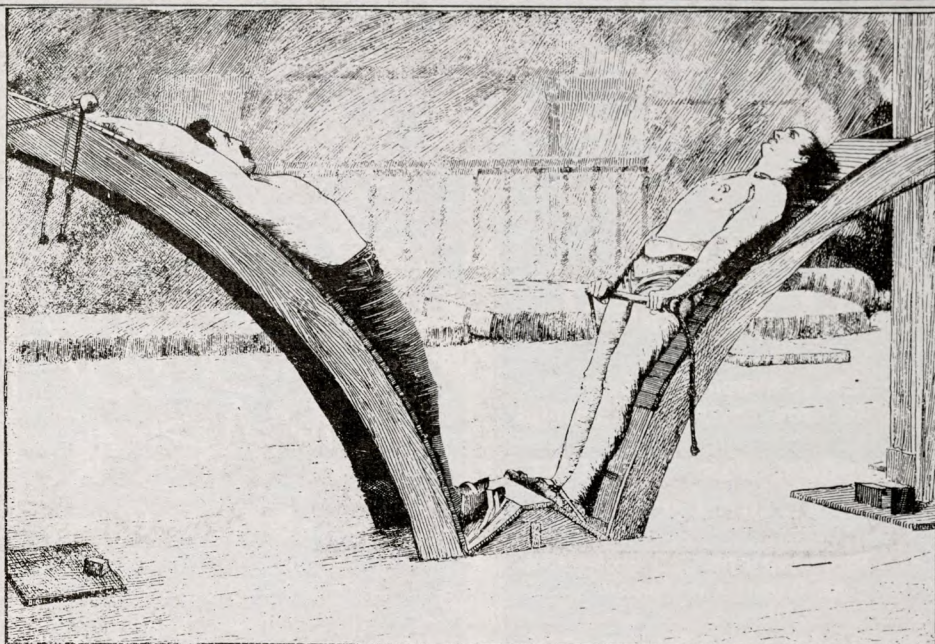
People are enthusiastic about their training here at the tonnage ranch. One fellow has a ritual when he does heavy back squats. The rack he uses is in front of a big mirror, and just before he does a set he bashes his forehead on the bar. This seems to generally draw blood which runs down his face during the exercise. As he exhales, he decorates the mirror with type AB+. What a sweetie.

A lot of strippers, men and women, lift weights here, and a surprising number are gay. (Bet we were the only gym in town to get a Christmas card from the Cheetah III.) Not to mention, we now have four, count 'em, four women who have gone on to become *Gallery* centerfolds, and could crack walnuts with their inner thighs.

Our place is famous internationally for training women olympic style weightlifters. The youngest is 20, weighs 114, and can lift 200 lbs overhead.

Another favorite of mine is a couple, mid 60's, whose son is their trainer. I mean, have you ever heard a certified silver-haired, great grandma discuss, with her 40 year old son, technique in the bench press? Another older lady comes in once a week with her *daughter* to back squat. The family that squats together, stays together.

The guy hailed as "The Strongest Man in the World" used to train at our gym until he died last summer in a car wreck. He could deadlift 900, squat 1000, and bench press over 600, and not wearing



his seatbelt probably killed him.

A world champion BMX bicycle racer, now 20, has been training with us since he was about 13. The 5th ranked discus thrower in the U.S. drops in from time to time when he's not out selling asphalt.

There are guys so caught up with their looks that they put the makeover parlor crowd to shame. One has had cheekbone implants, calf implants, pectoral implants, and wears contact lenses the color of Aqua Velva. Another, a world class body builder, has had numerous plastic surgical procedures, with his surgeon using an 8x10 glossy of Michael Jackson as a guide.

Then there is the office, where you can find some of the most interesting reading material in town. Flannery O'Connor's photography book, Wilhelm Reich, *A Field Guide to Dinosaurs*, and an autobiography of Little Richard are

among them.

This place is home to me. I find fascination and comfort in the opportunity to work with people so intimately. I see them come in week after week dedicating time to respect their health and strength. And it doesn't matter the age, sex, size, or sexual preference, we are all able to work side by side creating an androgynous atmosphere that is accepting.

Ten years ago there was more of an imbalance, women were more intimidated by lifting weights, men more intimidated by interactions with strong women. Women are coming in to get strong, disgusted from the frenzy of boob bouncing aerobics. Men are being more health conscious by including flexibility movements and excluding steroids. Remind me sometime to tell you about the guy who started growing horns from an overdose of testosterone, or the woman who had a clit the size of...

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PEARL CLEAGE/MAD AT MILES. Thurs. Jan. 17, 7:30pm. This local author's new offering subtitled "A Blackwoman's Guide to Truth," takes on topics as varied as domestic violence and self-nurturing without missing a beat. A no-holds-barred evening of reading, discussion and booksigning with Pearl. At Charis Books, 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

NOW HEARINGS: COMMISSION FOR A RESPONSIVE DEMOCRACY. Sat. Jan. 19, 10am-3pm. A debate on the effectiveness of our two-party system. Perhaps now is the time to form our own political party since the powers that be don't seem to want to include us in theirs. Location to be announced. Call for info 523-1227.

CHRIS BURNS—ANTI-VIOLENCE WORKSHOPS. Sat. Jan. 19-20. Gay erotic film star Burns will offer workshops on street self-defense and show his new video *Take Back the Night*. The free workshops will help to combat violence against gays and lesbians and promises the opportunity to meet and talk to Chris, who has appeared in more than forty erotic male films. At the Atlanta Gay Center, 876-5372.

62D BIRTHDAY OF OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. & 6TH NATIONAL HOLIDAY. Mon. Jan. 21. Celebrate the legacy of the man who fought racism with a dream and a prayer. Several lesbian and gay groups are marching, join them between 12:30 and 1pm at the corner of Peachtree & Houston Streets. Easiest way to get there through the S.E. exit of the P'tree Center Marta Station. Let freedom ring. Call 524-1956.

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PRO-CHOICE LOBBYING WORKSHOP. Jan. 24, 6-9pm. A workshop for those who believe in a woman's right to choose will give new approaches to standing pat in the face of the immoral minority trying to push us back into the biblical times. To register, call Mary Hickey at 607-7959.

RECEPTION FOR MAB SEGREST. Friday, Jan. 25, 7:30. A pot luck dinner and pleased to meet you gathering to welcome the well known author/activist to Atlanta. One need not be attending the scheduled weekend workshop to come and enjoy food and friendly faces. Sponsored by ALACC. Call 688-1954 for details.

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ANGEL MOTTER/CAROLINE AIKEN. Thurs. Jan 31 9:30pm. Local faves make some mighty fine music and there's no cover charge. At Trackside Tavern, 313 E. College Ave in Decatur. 373-9170.

Spirituality

SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY. Sat., Jan. 19, 7:00pm. A vegetarian dinner and discussion to explore traditional and esoteric religious experiences from a feminine perspective. Whatever your religious persuasion, even if you're an atheist, this evening will give new meaning to the word faith. For Women only. Please call for reservation. First MCC, 800 Highland Ave. 872-2246.

Art

POSTER ART OF THE SOVIET UNION. Thru Feb 8. 80 contemporary post-glasnost posters reflect the changing Soviet scene as propaganda is packaged for public consumption. At the High Museum at Georgia Pacific Center and Schatten Gallery of Emory University. 577-6940 and 727-6861.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINT EXHIBIT. Thru Feb. 23. An unusual opportunity to see the works of over 64 African-American artists from the Cochran Collection. Exhibit includes etchings, lithographs, monoprints, engravings and other interesting techniques on paper. New Visions Gallery, 999 Peachtree St. 874-3881.

THE JOHN L. JACOBS JAPANESE PORCELAIN COLLECTION. Thru Feb. 24. Ceramics dating back to the 1600's provide a remarkable look at the originals that became the yardstick of porcelain perfection. In the High Museum. For more info, call 892-HIGH.

CELESTIAL VISIONS. Thru Jan. 26. An out of this world show featuring original acrylics by Jeff Adams and the well adjusted Stephanie Miller. Also photographic work by Bill Binger and paper abstracts by Cyndi Mylynnne. A low gravity, high fiber display. At BurnNoff Gallery, Clearcreek Center, 875-3475.

BODIES IN BLACK N' WHITE. Fri. Jan 25-Feb. 15. Kim Garcia presents her stunning black and white images. Opening reception 9-10pm, Jan. 25. At Candide, 3055 Peachtree Rd. 231-1574.

THE BLACK MUSEUM. Jan. 25-Feb. 22. A look at the rise and fall of the Black Liberation Movement of the 60's and 70's through the eyes of New York artist Danny Tisdale, complete with 60's artifacts. Nexus Gallery, 57 Forsyth St. 688-1970.

Dance

LIZ LERMAN AND THE DANCE EXCHANGE. Fri. Jan. 18-20. Liz Lerman/Exchange bring an enlightening dance experience to Little 5 Points. Performing in tandem with Dancers of the Third Age, a group of senior performers ranging in ages from 60-90, they explore the issues, ideas and emotions that are part of everyday life. Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. 688-1970.

FINDING HOME/STORIES & SONGS. Tues-Weds, Jan 29-30, 8pm. Louise Runyon Bath presents a blend of dance, dialogue and singing. Her work examines woman's carnality and spirituality and the issues of nurturing and abandonment. A premiere performance of "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad" is included in the evening's offering. At Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid. 523-7647.

Direct Action

GEORGIANS FOR CHOICE. Jan. 22, 12:00 noon. Commemorate the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision with a pro-choice rally. Let your legislature know you still care with your presence, or send a letter to the political person of your choice. State Capitol, Rotunda.

SODOMY REPEAL LOBBY DAY. Mon., Jan. 28, 9am-5pm at the State Capitol. Join members of the Georgia Privacy Coalition in an all-day effort to tell your legislators that the sodomy law is the perversion and not the act itself. Come to room 514 of the Legislative Office Building on Mitchell St. across from the capitol for a briefing. Call 286-2358 for information.

JANUARY 30

AIDS HEALING SERVICE. Thurs. Jan. 24, 7:30pm. A spiritual offering providing an opportunity for renewal and refreshment specifically geared toward the needs of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. The Right Reverend Douglas Theuner, Bishop of New Hampshire will preach this quarterly service. At the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2477 Peachtree.

AIDS PRAYER VIGIL. Fri. Jan. 25-27. An AIDS workshop and prayer vigil led by Dr. Stephen Peters, UFMCC, who has been living with AIDS for seven years. Informative and uplifting, a special weekend for those who face an uncertain future. At First MCC of Atlanta, 800 N. Highland, 872-2246.

WEEKEND WITH RABBI SHULA GHELFISS. Fri. Jan. 25-27. 3 days of events with the esteemed Rabbi. From the 8pm Shabbat Services to a Sunday 10am Brunch, the weekend's events promise a cultural and spiritual feast. At 1053 Juniper St. 642-3467.

Sports

ATLANTA TEAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION. Sun. Jan 20 & 27, 7pm. Come play or watch a game in which the word love has a major role. Play is now indoors at Eastlake Tennis Center. And the newly formed women's division plays at the same time as well as new Friday night matches. Call 892-8335 or 622-GAME.

FRONT RUNNERS. Weds. Jan. 16, 23, 30 at 6:30pm in Piedmont Park. Also every Saturday 9am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) or Lynn Patterson (438-1421) for info.

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Theatre

SAINT JOAN. Thru Jan. 26. George Bernard Shaw's version of the fiery cross-dresser features Lindy Wood in her critically acclaimed interpretation of the Maid of Orleans. At Atlanta Shakespeare, 499 Peachtree, 874-5299.

DRINKING IN AMERICA. Thru Feb. 2. Off-Broadway opens just west of Little Five Points with Eric Bogosian's critically acclaimed one-man show performed by Atlanta actor Scott Higgs. Chris Coleman directs this rapid, raucous, rousing, romp about twelve of the most pathetic, funny addicted and addictive characters in contemporary American society. At Actors Express, 221-0831 for tickets.

MURDER AT THE VICARAGE. Thru Feb. 2. This Agatha Christie mystery was the first to introduce the Miss Marple character to the world who adopted her as their maiden aunt. Makes *Murder She Wrote* look like a bargain basement knock-off. At the Neighborhood Playhouse, 373-5311.

WHAT EVERY COWPOKE KNOWS. Thru Feb. 9. The world premiere of Patty Lynch's hilarious revenge comedy shoots ten-gallon holes in some of our long-cherished cultural myths, sexual stereotypes and movie cliches while scoring bulls-eyes about intolerance today. A routin', tootin' evening. At Horizon Theater, 584-7450 for tickets and info.

THE DINING ROOM. Jan. 23-Feb. 24. A richly humorous offering explores the evolution

of the family unit as seen through the changing status of the household dining room. This off-Broadway hit by A. R. Gurney promises an amusing look at eating rituals. Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, 422-8369.

EDGAR ALLEN POE FESTIVAL. Weds. Jan. 16-Feb. 16. A full-length evening for Poedephiliacs with poetry readings featuring some of Atlanta's finest actors. Especially chilling: *The Fall of the House of Usher*, the tale of a tomb with a view adapted by Jim Grimsley performed with macabre music. This will be no evening dreary. At the Theatrical Outfit, 872-0665.

FUNNY THAT WAY, GAY IMPROV COMEDY TROUPE. Thurs. Jan. 24, 9pm. The perfect end to perk up a dreary Thursday. Lots of laughs with Atlanta's funniest gay and lesbian jokesters. Bring a friend and a grin. Tower Lounge, 735 Ralph McGill, 688-5463.

GAY DECEIVERS. Jan. 24-Feb. 10. The East Coast premiere of a musical that features everything from gangsters to drag queens; sort of a godfather meets Victor/Victoria set in the thirties with lots of big band music and a divine drag diva. Genesis Theatre of the 14th Street Playhouse, call SAME at 881-0817.

Upcoming

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NATIONAL BLACK GAY AND LESBIAN CONFERENCE. Feb. 9-18 in Los Angeles. The fourth annual conference will also feature this year a black gay and lesbian cultural arts festival which will be held concurrently. Call (213) 666-5495 for particulars.

WOMEN ONLY RUN. Feb. 20. Run for fun instead of away. A special Front Runners event for flying feminine feet. Call Lynne Patterson at 438-1421.

NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS. San Francisco, Feb. 15-17. The theme of this 7th annual event is: "Celebrating Our Diversity, Celebrating Our Unity". A national gathering for those interested in a liberal, non-credal religious or spiritual experience. Local contact is George Adams at 688-2242.

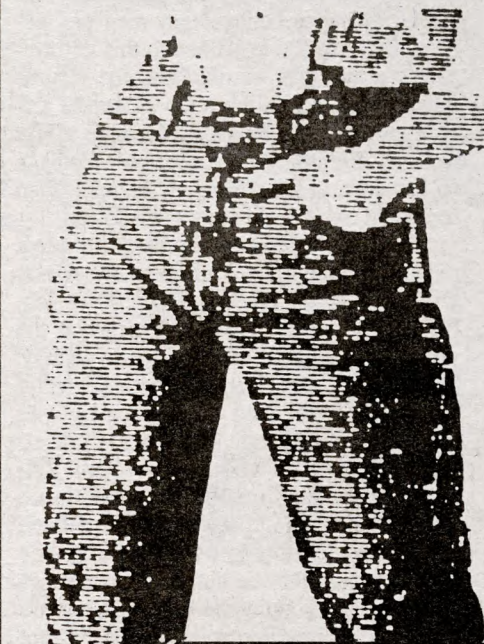
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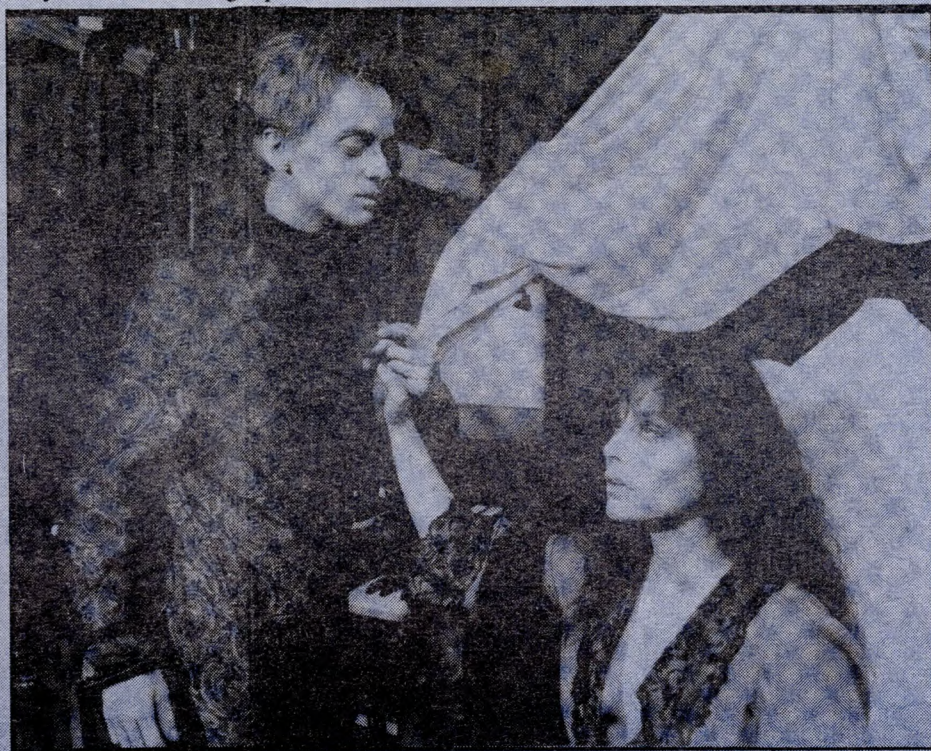
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1990: A Look Back In Anger

Wouldn't it be grand to watch Ed McMahon award ten million American Family Sweepstakes dollars to a queer who just wants to build a home for himself and his lover and donate the remaining millions to ACT UP?

by David Salyer

Think about how much time you spend wired to the media. No longer are we what we eat, we are what we watch and read. We binge on information and images all year until finally this cultural bulimia culminates in a purge characterized by the media's somewhat anal-retentive practice of neatly categorizing all the year's highlights under a best or worst heading.

Let's try a different approach. Think about 1990. How did it affect you as a lesbian or gay man? What made you angry? Did you laugh even when you felt it was politically incorrect? What changed you?

For many, anger was the predominant emotion underlining daily life in 1990. My own fury swelled early on after spending an appalling "few minutes" with Andy Rooney. Whoever suspected the curmudgeon was a closet homophobe capable of delivering uniformed diatribes on homosexuality and AIDS? Rooney believes gay men are victims. Has anyone explained to this unfortunate creature that we only become victims when someone chooses to victimize us? Perhaps this year Rooney will send a few minutes discussing the irreparable damage he has done in his role as victimizer. Then he should retire. And *not* write a book.

Fortunately, Rooney is only given a few minutes of tube time. Unfortunately, ABC's wretched Rock Hudson biography last February took two hours and emerged as the year's best example of televised hypocrisy. The network used Hudson's homosexuality to attract viewers, then avoided dealing with the subject in all but the silliest context. What are we to think of a film that unabashedly examined Hudson's romance and short marriage to a woman, but defined his gayness by filming a ridiculous all-boy pool party and allowed him only chaste hugs with the man he called his lover? When are we going to see two men kiss on a network program? Or two women?

To be fair, television does raise more gay and lesbian issues than any other medium. *L. A. Law* recently presented a show depicting a custody battle involving a gay man stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease; the man's lover and his parents both sought custody. The episode was particularly effective because it reminded us that AIDS is not the world's only villain. And, although the so-called gay episode of *thirtysomething* showing two men in bed enjoying post-sex banter

did not get rerun, it remains a milestone in that it did get on the air at all.

Those are isolated examples, however. Lesbians and gay men on TV are predominantly seen pouring their hearts out to Oprah and Phil, dressed up and marching for gay pride, or making the obligatory appearance in prime time as this week's person with AIDS. What a joy it would be to watch a sitcom where the lesbian next door pops in on the star and emerges as the next Rhoda.

So what was the most memorable bit of queer business on TV in 1990? FOX Television's *The Simpsons* accomplished what scores of well-meaning sitcoms have attempted for years: it gave us a gay character who was only incidentally gay and not the plot, an issue, or the comic relief. Harvey Fierstein supplied the voice of Carl, a secretary assigned to newly-promoted Homer Simpson. Carl took Homer under his wing and boosted his confidence. When Carl and Homer must part, Carl plants a kiss on Homer's lips. A charming, sweet moment. Male cartoon characters kissing. What next?

Did you go to the movies in 1990? Did you see positive gay images up there on the screen? There was *Longtime Companion*. Hailed by many as the first major motion picture on gay life and AIDS, *Companion* is indeed an unflinching account of the epidemic. But, ultimately the film equates gay life with AIDS, and no matter how wise or unexpectedly funny, *Longtime Companion* succeeds more as catharsis than entertainment or drama. Oscar nominations are assured; Hollywood loves issues and suffering.

What of the printed word in 1990? In October, *The Advocate* decided to become the national newsmagazine for gays and lesbians. Outing threatened to become a national trend and even spawned a magazine. Apparently, however, most folks still prefer to discover the sexual orientation of the rich and famous scanning tabloid head-

lines at the check-out.

Throughout the year *Newsweek* continued its coverage of lesbian and gay Americans, but inexplicably allowed *Chicago Tribune* writer Eric Zorn to pen a condescending column demanding homosexuals return the word "gay". Zorn even suggested adopting "fab" in its place. What are we to do with straight white male journalists?

What events would you like to have competing for valuable memory space at the end of 1991? Wouldn't it be exciting if Supreme Court Justice David Souter and New Kids on the Block burst from the closet? Don't you wish some network would produce the *Tales of the City* books and they'd be as popular as *Dynasty* in its heyday? Do you ache for a time when the news media embrace an honest to God homosexual person with AIDS as they did Ryan White? Is it just too hateful to hope for a scandal involving Jesse Helms, a prostitute, and Depend undergarments?

Is there any chance someone will discover a secret cache of Robert Mapplethorpe photos? How about a well-adjusted lesbian nurse who doesn't wield a catheter on *General Hospital*? Is a gay Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle out of the question?

Isn't it about time condom ads were as commonplace as those for oat bran? Don't you think *Sports Illustrated* would certainly boost its subscriber base if it offered the Jeff Stryker Dildophone?

And imagine surviving all of 1991 without hearing the words "traditional family values" hurled as weapons.

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by Stephanie Miller

A '50s red plaid, puffed sleeve, school dress; a seven-year-old girl's only remembered meeting with her father, in court, seeking child support. A little girl's idea of how to connect: "Louise wants to know...if you will have lunch with us...at Chock Full O'Nuts"; an offer refused. These are components of Louise Runyon Barth's dance-theatre piece, "My Only Living Memory," one of six solos she will present in *Finding Home/Stories and Songs: A Dance Concert* on Jan. 29 and 30 at Seven Stages Theatre.

Barth will perform two other dances based on childhood experience. "Sam Ho" is the story of a violent threat to a mother through the eyes of her 5-year-old daughter; it contrasts bride's-doll fantasy with butcher-knife reality. "My Father's Funeral" is about the loss of possibility—the death of a fifteen-year-old's father whom she has never known.

In *Finding Home*, Barth goes back, both to key events and to the cultures of her childhood. To premiere will be three pieces combining country-folk-gospel singing with movement. Utilizing "Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad," "Goodnight, Irene" and three Shaker songs, Barth celebrates the music and the cultures from which the songs come.

"Come Life, Shaker Life" celebrates the values of sexual equality and fine craftsmanship that the Shakers embodied. "The Shakers worshiped a female second coming, Mother Ann," says Barth. "They were also totally celibate." Costumed in red, the piece juxtaposes a full-bodied, female carnal image to the lyrics "Shake, shake, out of me/All that is carnal." Barth says, "It's not about sexiness or flirtation—it's about the simple fact of carnal beingness; it's about beingness and self-acceptance."

"Goodnight, Irene" is a song of my childhood, a lullaby, a waltz, an incredible love song," says Barth. "And if Irene turns her back on me/I'm gonna take morphine and die...Goodnight, Irene, goodnight, Irene/I'll see you in my dreams"—it's a song of *undying* love."

Barth's dance inspired by this song deals again with abandonment. "It's about closing off, both of the abandoner and the abandonee. There's toughness, bravado and belting out of the song, and there's also incredible tenderness, nurturing and love. I'm a woman singing a man's song; I'm also a little girl. Genders and generations are confused, because

that's reality. What we experienced as children we play back and carry with us as adults. And we all have both sexes in us."

The first woman to work at Atlantic Steel Company since World War II, Barth has consistently drawn her work from personal experience and from the collective experience of women. She choreographed her first piece in 1980 based on 6-1/2 years as a steel worker.

The nuts and bolts of Louise Runyon Barth's choreography are not arabesques and pirouettes, but the relationships and non-relationships of father and child; sweat over red-hot steel; self-acceptance and sexual equality.

Louise Runyon Barth's Finding Home/Stories and Songs: A Dance Concert, Seven Stages Performing arts Center/Mainstage, Tues. and Wed., January 29-30, 8 PM. Tickets available at Charis Books; 523-7647 for reservations.

Comedies, Musicals and Melodramas With Gay Appeal Crowd the New Year

by Dave Hayward

Several shows with appeal to gays and lesbians open this week and next: a cowboy sex comedy, a Grand Guignol updating of Poe by a prominent gay writer and an appearance by Dark Shadow's Jonathan Frid, and Southeastern Arts & Media Education's latest fling into gay and lesbian farce.

The world premiere of Patty Lynch's *What Every Cowpoke Knows* at the Horizon Theatre sounds zippy: a politically correct Hollywood actor (is there such?) and her gay set designer trap their "teen hormone" flick director in a showdown. "They think they're signing on to do a new feminist Western and it turns out the director has other plans (such as throwaway breast-baring climaxes), so they take revenge on him," chuckles director Lisa Adler, whose gift for screwball shenanigans lit last year's *Beautiful City*.

Just returned from Los Angeles herself, Deborah Anderson-Polston should bring poignance to her role of an actor of a certain age who wants to make art, not sleaze. Familiar Atlanta face Jeroy Hannah appears to have a field day as

Joe vamping his macho director in drag; it's a plot device, not another instance where a gay man is automatically made a drag queen.

It'll be provocative to see how Horizon and Hannah play it. Like other gays on the fast track, this is Joe's big break as a set designer, and there's a conflict between being in the business and giving the Man the business. Horizon has its own cold feet, since some of their publicity camouflages the character's gayness. Do gay characters still turn away straight Atlanta theatergoers?

Playing the sexist pig director David DeVries should be great fun, his performance in *Eastern Standard* brought comedy directly out of his wimp character, rather than slapstick. Minneapolis-based playwright Patty Lynch opens *Cowpoke* at her own Brass Tacks Theatre in February.

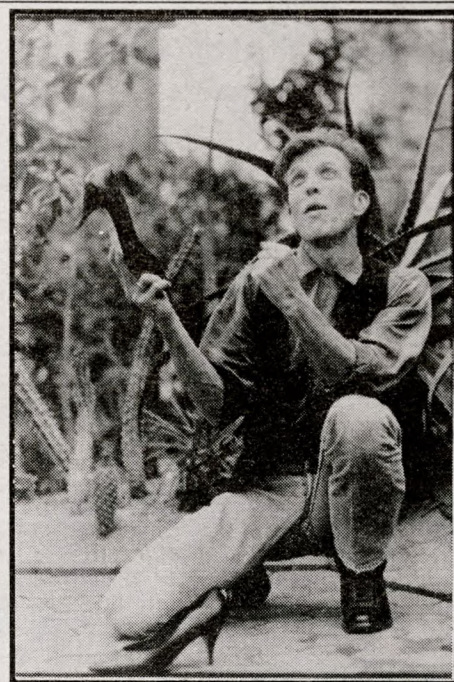
The Theatrical Outfit initiates its Edgar Allan Poe Festival Wednesday with Phillip DePoy's adaptation of *Angel of the Odd* and a revision of *The Fall of the House of Usher* by award-winning playwright Jim Grimsley featuring Bryan Mercer, both of whom are openly gay. Grimsley has "really goosed up the horror quotient" crows co-director (with Pamela O'Connor) Bill Yates. "He's faithful to the story but he's added outrageous stuff, like a tooth-pulling scene between two servants while having sex." Charming, we're sure.

Also appearing in the "total environment of the Usher manse surrounding by stuff" will be *Dark Shadows'* Barnabas Collins, Jonathan Frid, who's on hand January 19th for Poe's 100-plus birthday and a one-man show *Fools and Fiends* January 22nd. "It's a wonderful way to get my rocks off as character actor" declares Frid from New York. "It's great because I get to play all the parts, parts I would never be cast in, like a little girl or an old man."

The self-effacing Frid cries, "I'm really a frustrated comedian," so there's comic overtones to *Fiends* and another of his shows, *Fridiculousness*.

With the new *Dark Shadows* now airing in primetime, Frid reveals, "There's hints about my doing something on it" but "I'd want script approval and lots of money." Its resurrection cheers him, though. "I'm delighted they're doing it again, I hope to hell it works."

Opening latest in the month is SAME's East Coast premiere of *Gay Deceivers* on January 24th. Originated



KATHRYN KOLB

Jeroy Hannah plays Joe D'Angelo in Horizon's comedy with a message, *What Every Cowpoke Knows*.

by Seattle's Alice B. Theatre, *Deceivers* enjoyed an extended run out West capturing full houses, "50% of whom were straight," says the show's Atlanta director Rebecca Ranson.

Ranson discovered *Deceivers* at the first National Gay & Lesbian Theatre Festival in July, and "I was very positively impressed. The show really was fun and showcased a lot of talent, and there aren't that many gay musicals."

Co-creators Rick Rankin and Peggy Platt's musical camp unfolds in an underground Prohibition bar dubbed Gay Deceivers. Overseen by Big Mama hostess Sally J. Robertson, *Deceivers* is the coming out portal for white bread ingenues Trish Land and Lee Bryan, the former a television vet and the latter a Six Flags star.

Orchestrated by Jefferey Shanks and choreographed by Jeffrey Laymon, Land and Bryan endure puppy love agony and ecstasy in a score absconded from George Gershwin, Noel Coward and Cole Porter. Sailors, gangsters and Cruella DeVilles vie for their virtue as parodied by Lenny Lasater, Mark Young and Charles Smith among others.

SAME may be on a roll with a proven out-of-town hit, and sharp comedian Sally Robertson can croon a stunning anthem. Now that SAME is ensconced at the 14th Street Playhouse with the first dibs on its downstairs stage, the South's only overtly gay/lesbian company may enhance its theatrical track record.

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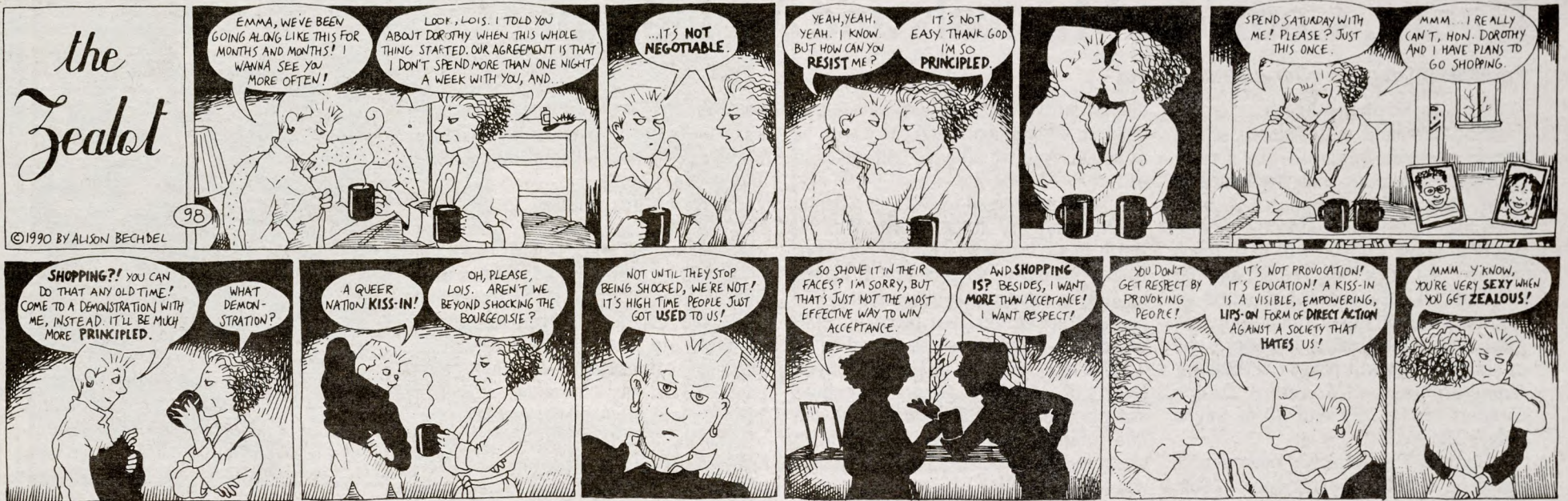
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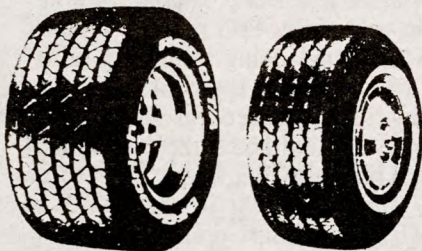


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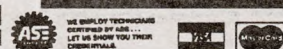
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Terrible Truth: Dish was in Hartford (Connecticut) last week and saw *Marvin's Room*, a black comedy by Scott McPherson. This is not a play about AIDS, per se—it tells the story of an unmarried, middle aged woman who has devoted her life to caring for an ailing aunt and a decaying dad only to be diagnosed with leukemia herself—and Mr. McPherson was unknown to us. But after 15 minutes of his hilarious and touching play, we were sure that McPherson must be gay. Sure enough, there it was right in his notes in the program: "Now I am 31 and my lover has AIDS. Our friends have AIDS. And we all take care of each other, the less sick caring for the more sick. At times, an unbelievably harsh fate is transcended by a simple act of love, by caring for another." Dish commends Mr. McPherson for his bravery, recommends *Marvin's Room* and hopes that an Atlanta theatre company will see fit to produce it.

Terrible Truth II: A couple of weeks ago while V.P. Dan Quayle (he who legally dodged the draft during the late unpleasantness in S.E. Asia) was doing Rah-Rah-Sis-Boom-Bah duty with the troops in Saudi Arabia, Chief Warrant Officer Tom Ducan (who is from Atlanta) told the *N.Y. Times* that he believed that most the troops didn't even know about Mr. Quayle's avoidance of active duty during the conflict in Vietnam. "...we're just glad the Vice President cared about making the trip" concluded Mr. Ducan. Sure makes Dish sleep more soundly, how about you?

Terribly Tacky: If the state of mind of the average heterosexual is at all accurately reflected by the following recent tidbit from the *A/J-C's* Peach Buzz, then that particular community is in deep trouble. It seems as though Noonday co-host Steve McCoy dropped his microphone behind the sofa on which he and co-host Jill Becker lounge as they ride herd on their TV extravaganza. Mr. McCoy (claims Buzz) reached behind Ms. Becker to fetch the errant microphone (thus wrapping his arm around Ms. Becker's back) just as the cameras came back from a commercial interlude. Salacious viewers swamped the switchboard wanting to know if the two were an item. Girlfriend, please!



Britain's Prince Harry (second from left) is going to cause palpitations in the palace if he doesn't give up holding hands with boys when he gets older

Terribly Tacky II: The latest issue of the *Globe* headlines the shocking story that: Elton John had a "gay affair;" "had orgies with young boys;" "used mountains of coke and pot;" "asked pals to call him Sharon;" "boasted he bedded female star." This is news? But more sensationalist and homophobic by far are the picture and caption reproduced here. The picture is precious, but the subtext is ill beyond words. The damage that this kind of crap creates in the minds of the melodrama addicted masses makes Dish think it may be time for GLAAD to do some serious pow-wow work with the tabloid publishers.

Brave Words: The editorial board of the *San Francisco Examiner* has called for the legalization of lesbian and gay marriages in California. Marriages, not domestic partnership legislation! Radical stuff? Not really. The S.F. Board of

Supervisors has urged the change of marriage laws to accommodate queers and the S.F. and California Bar Associations have given approval to the idea. In fact State Assemblyman John Burton says he's going to introduce legislation to make it happen. Dish sometimes fears that the distance between San Francisco and Atlanta is far far greater than a four hour plane trip.

Roseanne or Arsenio? You Decide: If you were not a Roseanne Barr fan, you probably are now if you caught her hour special on January 5 on HBO. Dish has always admired the irreverent gutsy Barr and after seeing the special is convinced she is one of the best friends queers have in show biz. What she lacked in humor (the first 30 minutes were unfocused and downright stupid at times) she more than made up for in her on-target jokes and references to lesbians and gay men. She spoke with obvious inside information, and the jokes were too good to be offensive. Rosie put the icing on the cake when she went after Arsenio Hall for his tired and insipid Roseanne fat jokes. Dish can't repeat the language she used but trust us, she nailed him. After the show, she and hubby Tom Arnold took calls from around the country. Barr confirmed to a caller that she has lesbians and gay men in her own family, that we are a "much maligned" group of people and that she completely supports all demands we make for equal rights and treatment. Woof, woof.

Bad News, Brides: Then again, maybe marriage isn't such a hot idea. The latest issue of *Modern Bride* magazine (which would surely have some problems with its format if lesbian and gay marriages were legalized) contains the results of a survey that shows that *Modern* brides are marrying the same kinda' men that their mom's did: jealous, bad tempered and insecure. An article in the *A/J-C* about this suggested that the brides spend some of the many \$\$\$ their families fork out for weddings on therapy. Not a bad idea, Dish thinks, but it sure seems to let the guys off the hook.

January 17 - January 30

RULING PLANETS

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Happy Birthday Aquarius! The Sun enters your sign on Sunday, Jan. 20, as Mars re-enters Gemini creating a trine of electrical and mental energy. There is a Full Moon lunar eclipse on the 30th.

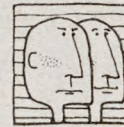
ARIES—The next few months may involve unexpected or sudden change in your career status or plans, so be patient and try to look before you leap impulsively in any situation. Also a good time for focusing on community or charitable causes.



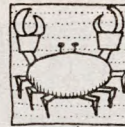
TAURUS—Still more psychological and internal change ahead, but also opportunities for personal growth and improved relationships. Flexibility is an important quality to develop. Avoid decisions based on fear or apprehension.



GEMINI—Mars moving back into your 1st house of personality and physical appearance should give your energy a boost, but it is important to be focused in relation to career, finances and living situations. Clarity is important now.



CANCER—The emphasis shifts from your 7th house of personal relationships to understanding your own sexuality and exploring ways of spiritual growth. You may want to hibernate for a while after the activity of the past month.



LEO—The Sun joins Venus in your 7th house of personal and committed relationships which also includes business partnerships, making this an excellent time to work with others to create productive alliances.



VIRGO—Mars re-enters your 10th house of career and status in the world, possibly fueling your ambitions and your need for recognition. If you are asked to take on more responsibility, be sure you are compensated in some way.



LIBRA—With the Sun and Venus in your 5th house of creativity and self-esteem, you may need to find new avenues of personal expression. Doing something out-of-the-ordinary may give you a new appreciation of yourself.



SCORPIO—The Sun and Venus are now in your 4th house of home, family relationships and parents, so you may need to make adjustments in your living situation or the amount of time you spend care taking. Don't ignore your own needs.



SAGITTARIUS—The Sun and Venus move into your 3rd house of communications and transportation, trining with Mars in the 7th to create opportunities in business partnerships and improved personal relationships.



CAPRICORN—Life may be a little calmer now, so use your time to regroup, plan for the next 3 months and take care of your physical and emotional needs. Allow yourself to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labors.



AQUARIUS—The Sun and Venus are in your 1st house of personal identity and appearance making. This is a good time to update your wardrobe, pamper yourself with a holiday, a massage, and a celebration with friends.



PISCES—As the Sun joins Venus in your 12th house of the higher self and the unconscious, you may be entering an intense period, so be sure both feet are on the ground even if it feels like your head is elsewhere.



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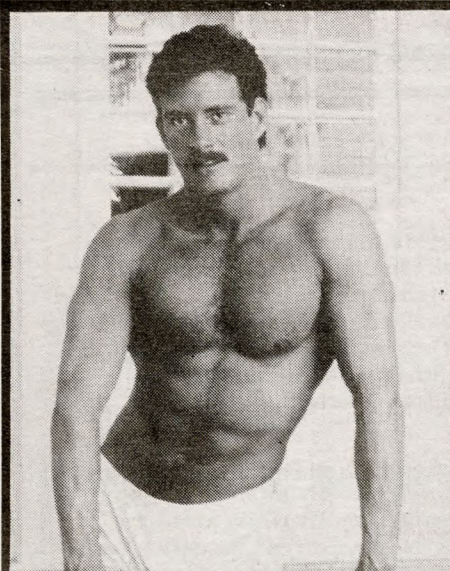
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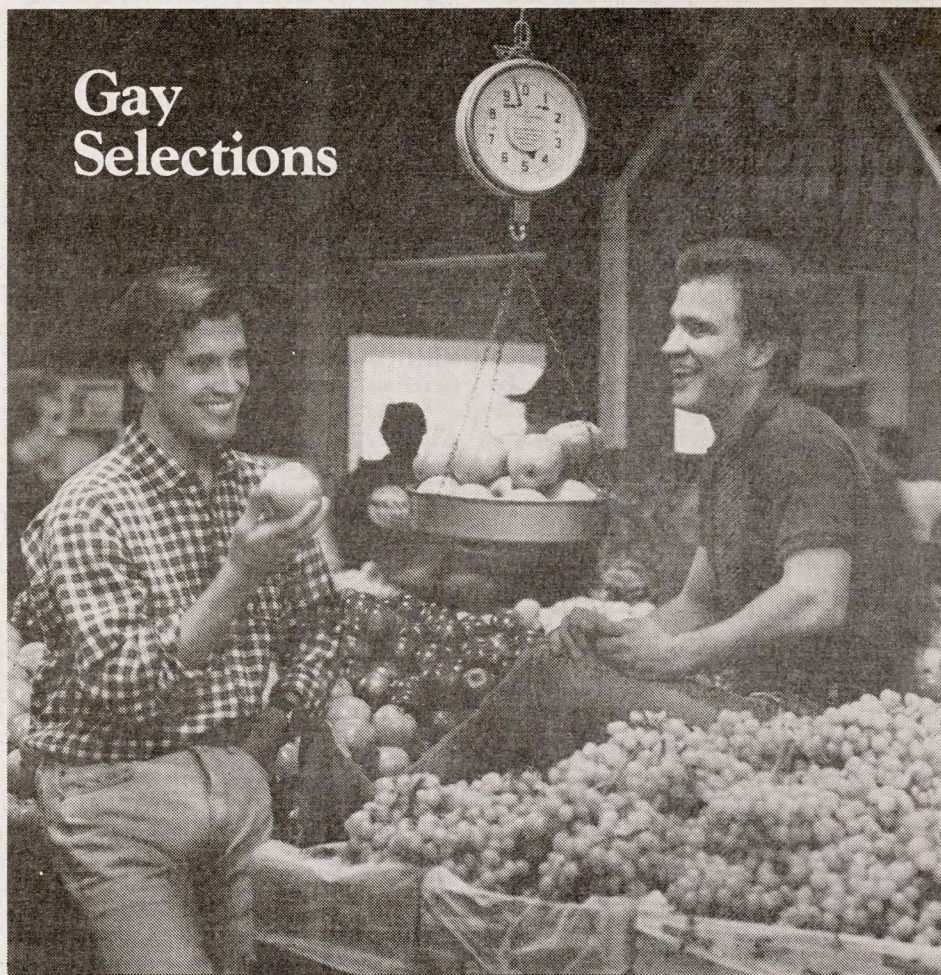


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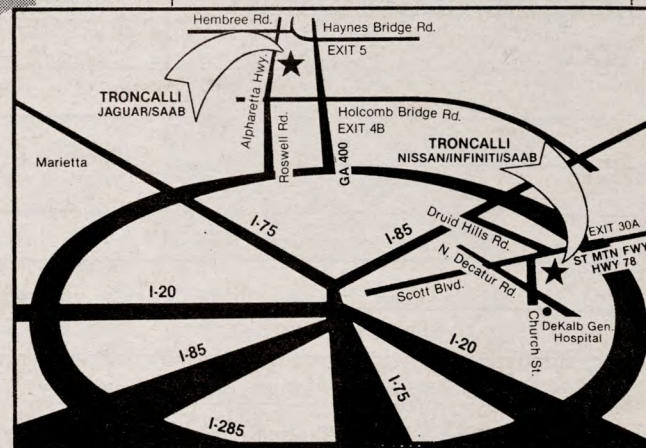
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GWF - 35 - seeks GWF for outside fun, camping, going to beach, plus all the other things that spring fever will bring. Let's get ready for spring. No Bi's. No drugs. "BLT", P.O. Box 1933, Lawrenceville, GA 30246. (V4,#3)

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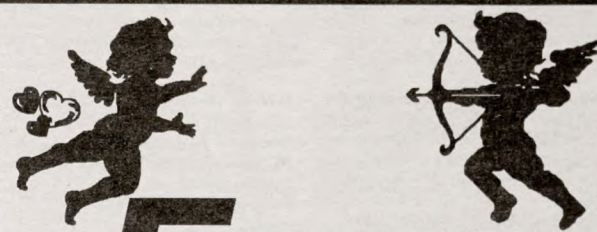
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GWM, 33, 5'10", 150 lbs, non-smoker, non-drinker, educated, playful, into travel, exercise, long walks, museums, tired of bars and games, seeks similar for fun / friendship / relationship. SV Box 2343 (V4,#3)

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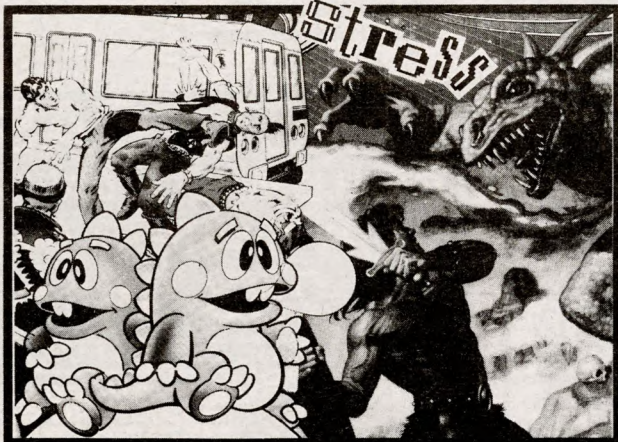
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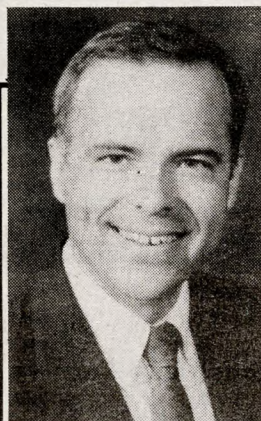
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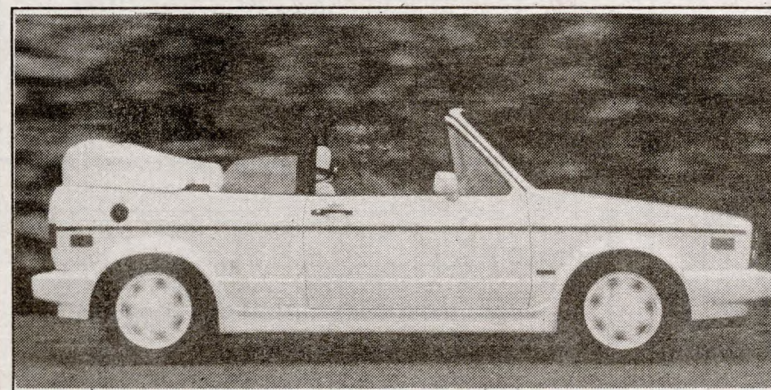
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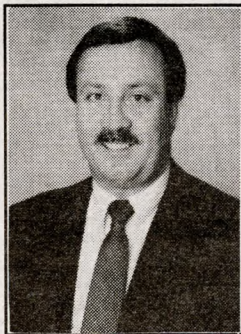
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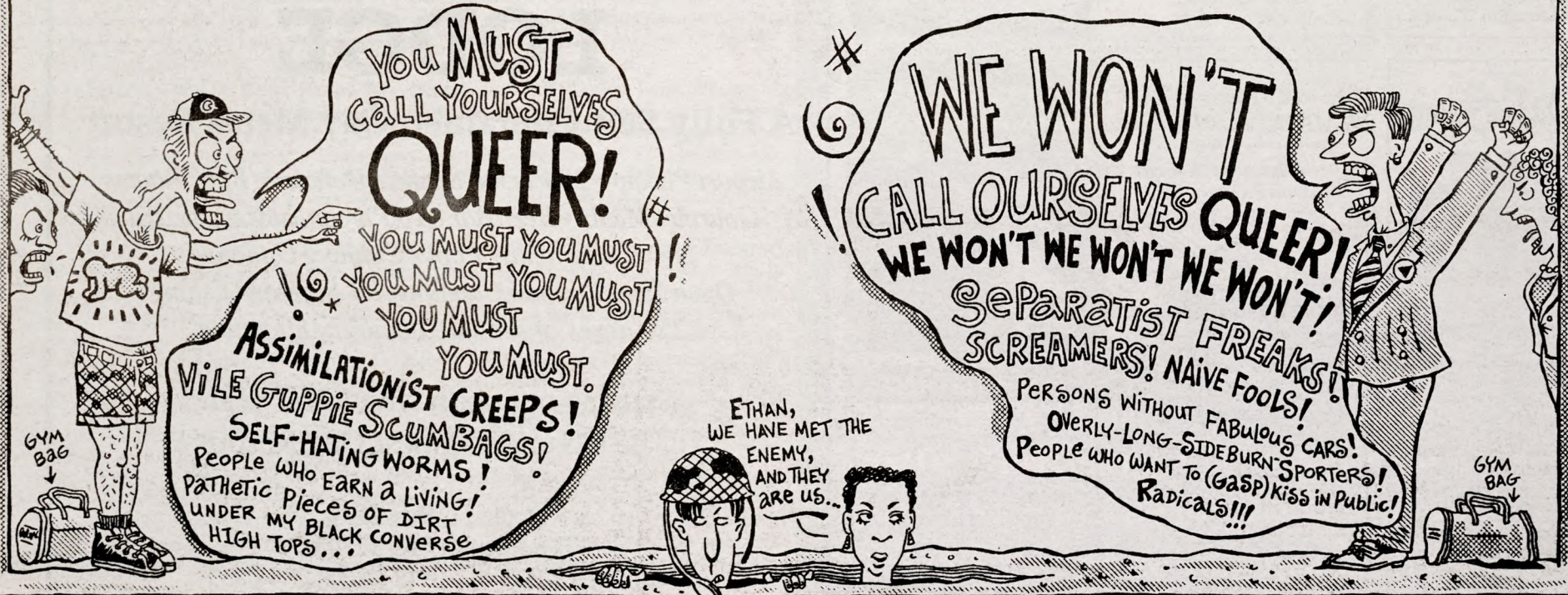
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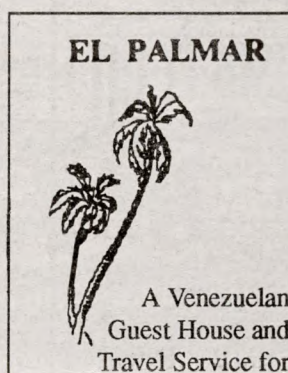
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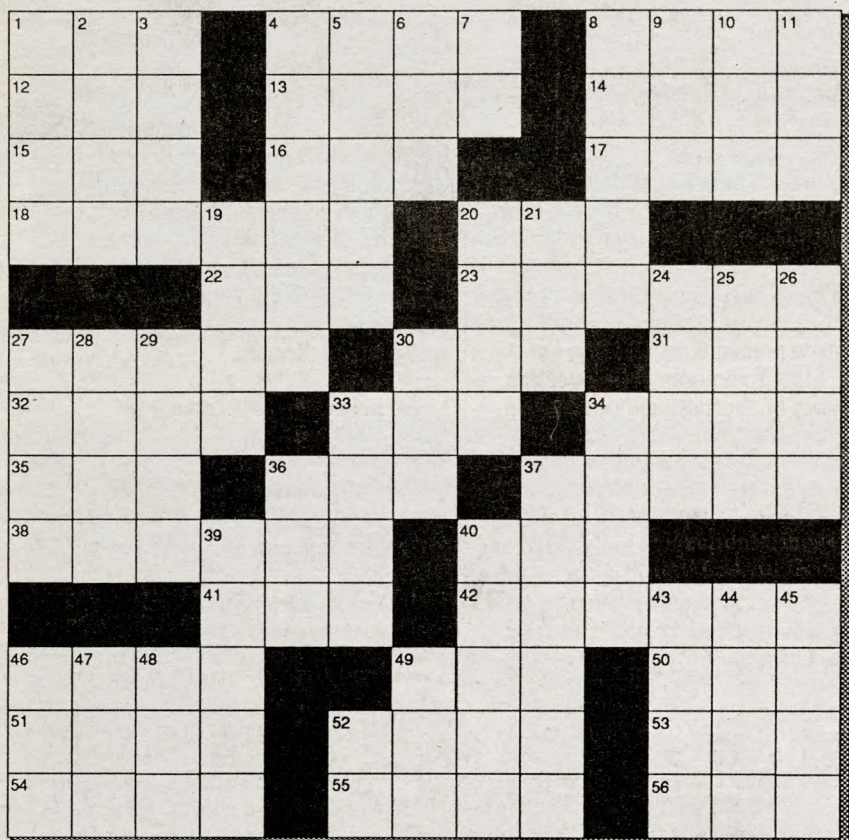
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WORD GAYME # 1



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1. Soviet News Agency
2. Actor Baldwin
3. Home of Chaucer's "wife"
4. Capote
5. Tricks
6. Some are like washboards
7. *Mortal Enemy* by Willa Cather
8. Anita Bryant called it forbidden
9. Bronze (Gk)
10. One Spanish card game?
11. Neither's partner
19. Mild oath
20. Summer coolers
21. Composer Rorem
24. "Equal" to Colette
25. The Green Hornet's buddy
26. Butch neckwear
27. Big mama
28. Melange
29. Fragrant ointment
30. Spoil
33. Prohibitionists
34. Russian chicken
36. I love Latin
37. Dr. and Mr.
39. Playwright subject of *Prick Up Your Ears*
40. Gertrude's "Pussy"
43. Beige
44. Hollywood hunk Hudson
45. Indian groom
46. English article
47. Poet McKuen
48. Cockney's castle
49. Tiny entertainer
52. Egyptian sun god

ACROSS

1. Polyester's Hunter
4. Trolley
8. Nijinsky's afternoon dancer
12. In the manner of
13. Rita Mae Brown's fruit
14. City in *Desert Hearts*
15. Navratilova's wins are game, _____, match
16. United States Ship (abbr)
17. Survival choice, "It's _____ them." (2 words)
18. Plot
20. Black cuckoo
22. After "natural" or before "mask"
23. What Nyla Wade does
27. A barbarian
30. Color of radical feminist stockings
31. Happy in Paris
32. A. E. Housman's Shropshire boy
33. Not the don'ts
34. Lesbian comedienne Clinton
35. What to call your top

ACROSS (Cont'd)

36. What the right wants to censor
37. Places for grain or missiles
38. Homosexual acts
40. Fossey friend
41. Roscommon (abbr)
42. An army of these cannot fail (Plato)
46. Horses are hot to do this
49. Twitch
50. Sounds like goldfish is shy
51. *Ecce* _____
52. Proprietor of the Cafe Americain
53. Dignity's church (abbr)
54. James Dean went east of here
55. Iowa town
56. Instrument of 49 down

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In the fall of 1988, *Partners*, a newsletter for lesbian and gay couples, undertook a major survey to develop an accurate portrait of lesbian and gay couples in America. The information seemed vitally important, given the major forces shaping the gay and lesbian community.

Southern Voice is pleased to be able to reprint the results of that survey in this and subsequent issues.

Kids Still Rare

Even among lesbian couples, talk of a nationwide baby boom is probably premature. Most of the couples surveyed are in families of two. And although 21% of female couples and 9% of male couples reported "caring" for children, most were from a previous marriage.

However, many more couples are planning or considering children (or more children). In fact, kids are planned or under consideration by 30% of lesbians and one-third of all couples under age 35.

Number of children

	women	men
None	79%	91%
One	10	5
Two	8	3
Three	2	1
Four or more	2	1
Average number	.4	.2

Partners

Kids and Assets

(By definition, these figures exclude most or all adult children of older partners.)

Couples with children expressed a stronger commitment and had somewhat more sex than average. On the other hand, they also reported many more arguments than other couples.

Source of children

	women	men
Previous marriage	74%	79%
Alternative insemination	13	0
Adoption	7	8
Foster parent program	3	6
Other source	11	11

Most lesbians whose children were conceived through alternative insemination were politically very liberal (60%) or liberal (23%). In addition, 56% of them planned or were considering additional children.

Plans for children (or more children)

	women	men
Not planning	60%	68%
Considering	20	9
Planning	10	4
No response	10	20

(Because of the survey's design, "no response" to this question probably meant the couple was not considering children.)

Of those couples planning or considering children, 82% do not currently care for children.

Couples Cover Their Legal Assets

In the United States, same-sex couples have none of the automatic legal protections that are routinely conferred on married couples. Consequently, lawyers generally recommend that we execute certain legal documents to protect ourselves and our partners. Most commonly mentioned are wills, powers of attorney, and partnership or living together agreements.

Generally speaking, a will can ensure that your wishes are carried out in the event of death. With powers of attorney, you can assign your partner the right to act on your behalf under specified circumstances, such as incapacitating illness. Partnership or living together agreements allow you and your partner to record the ground rules of the relationship, including how it will be dissolved, if necessary.

In all, 43% of the couples had executed at least one of these legal documents, and 54% had planned to complete at least one. However, only 5% had completed all three. Predictably, couples together one year or less were not as likely to have taken legal steps.

Legal precautions were far more likely among partners who had experienced rela-

tionship discrimination. Legal preparedness also correlated with higher levels of commitment, relationship longevity, income and education.

In addition, legally prepared couples were more likely to live together, share income and have carried out some kind of relationship ritual. They also gave their relationship higher quality ratings.

"Other" legal arrangements mentioned by respondents included trusts and living trusts, nominations of guardianship (for one or both partners' children), and the adoption of one partner by another.

Women appeared better informed about powers of attorney, since 69% had or planned to secure this power, as compared with 56% of the men.

Legal arrangements (men)

	Done	Planned
Will	39%	40%
Power of Attorney	27	29
Partnership/Living Together Agreement	10	13
Other	3	1

Legal arrangements (women)

	Done	Planned
Will	32%	46%
Power of Attorney	28	41
Partnership/Living Together Agreement	9	18
Other	6	4

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